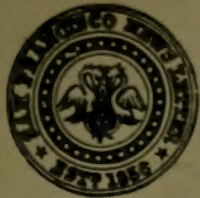




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Ella Wheeler Wilcox is to write a play. No need of that—Ella is a whole show in herself.

A scientist from Yale is living at the Waldorf in New York on \$1 a day. Great is science!

Boston practically refuses to stand for a poultry exhibition in Faneuil Hall. How about an eagle show?

A New York infant is addicted to naps that last twenty-four hours. Who wouldn't have a baby like that?

The race at Ingleside is not to the strong, but to the one who has a proper understanding with managers and bookmakers.

Our "Happy New Year message" to our sister Republic, the United States of Colombia, will be written on a thirteen-inch shell.

Two million dollars went to Europe this year on the "Christmas steamers." Santa Claus will soon be trading his sleigh for an airship.

Chicago has reached such a point of civic righteousness that she has decided to name no more of her public schools after saloon-keepers.

Snakes killed 22,810 people in India during 1901. How fortunate that the serpents most familiar to the Caucasian do not bite, but merely terrify.

Believing that it is better to "boost" than to "knock," Congress is getting ready to pry Livernash out of the seat that does not belong to him.

Parkhurst, New York's purifier, rises in his pulpit to thunder that "Parsifal" is blasphemy. And godless Gotham goes right on paying \$10 a seat for the show.

Though Chicago has raised \$600,000 for the permanent housing of its orchestra, the wits and wags of New York keep on poking fun at lakeside table manners.

That long-range prophet and philanthropist, W. R. Hearst, shrieks in anguish over a massacre of Jews which he predicts for a Russian village on January 7th. Take another peep behind the veil, William, and see what the Democratic Convention is going to do with you in the early summer.

The artist who tried to blackmail Rockefeller out of \$50,000 should have reflected that he was dealing with the world's greatest artist in acquiring and hanging onto wealth.

A Chicago man, having quarreled with his wife the other day, over the supplement of a Sunday newspaper, killed her and himself. This is yellow journalism turned crimson.

What author would not envy M. l'Abbe Loisy his chance of being listed in the Index Expurgatorius? He is sure of at least a paragraph in future editions of "Who's Who?"

A despatch says that a Kentucky mob gathered in Jackson and fired hundreds of shots into the ground. Don't believe it: Kentuckians don't waste ammunition in that way.

In this season of "Peace on earth, good will toward men" even the gentlemen engaged in the shipbuilding combine have left off trying each to prove the other a swindler.

Two Oregonians tell of an aerolite that missed them so narrowly as to scorch the hair on their heads. There's nothing the matter with the lying industry in Oregon.

Too bad that W. J. Bryan did not meet Emperor William. There would have been a "talkfest" that would make a phonograph parlor sound like a deaf and dumb asylum.

The Ohio young man who fell heir to \$80,000 and carpeted his rooms with bills of large denomination, so that he might walk on money, will soon be subsisting upon the memory of it.

Ohio C. Barber, president of the Diamond Match Company, was among the rich and prominent citizens who sawed wood in Akron for the Salvation Army's benefit. He is handier with the coupon scissors than the bucksaw.

Joe Richardson, of Colfax, Washington, wagered that he could drink twenty glasses of beer in succession. He died at the seventeenth, thus avoiding payment of the bet he had made. Some people have more luck than sense.

It is telegraphed far and wide and a South Dakota man has been set free after serving a fifteen-year term in State's prison for robbing a mail carrier of a two-cent stamp. An inconsequential detail is that he killed the postman.

An Indiana preacher is so wrought up over the indicacies of the waltz that in grim sarcasm he suggests as a substitute sofa hugging to appropriate music. He ought not to be unpopular with the gouty members of his flock.



THE KISHINEF BUBBLE.

It may be that the Christians of Kishinef are making ready to celebrate their Christmas on January 7th by another wholesale butchery of Jews. This is the season when the Hebrew-hating sons of Adam-zad spur their souls to high endeavor with the sharp-toothed vodki, which a thoughtful Government manufactures and sells to them. The baiting of Jews at this time of year is a seasonal manifestation, to be looked for in Kussia as certainly as one looks for cold weather in January. Thus far, however, the actual indications of a bloody Thursday at Kishinef have been visible only to the jaundiced eye of William R. Hearst, who is afflicted with visions, waking and sleeping. Moved by Mr. Hearst's interpretation of his own bad dreams and by some knowledge of Russian predilections for Christmastide atrocities, this Government has made inquiry, and has found, as was expected, that there has as yet been no trouble at Kishinef. The information gathered by the State Department so far convinced the Jewish leaders in this country that they decided at once not to trouble the Government at Washington nor that at St. Petersburg with petitions until they had reliable news that atrocities were in contemplation.

And yet Mr. Hearst keeps on affrighting all who will give him ear with tales of butchery already begun. He keeps on urging President Roosevelt to ride rough-shod over the courtesies prescribed in the dealings of nation with nation, and to make it a personal matter with the Czar. He keeps on telling how the Jews of all Christendom are begging himself and President Roosevelt to take the Muscovite bear by the throat and pull his teeth. All the time he keeps on printing letters and resolutions of thanks to himself for what he has not done and cannot do, but wants the Government to do for him.

Mr. Hearst would be amusing if he were not so malicious and so fatuously persistent. He has insulted and abused Roosevelt as man and as President, missing no chance to revile him. If there should be a massacre of Jews at Kishinef during Roosevelt's term of office, Mr. Hearst will say that the blood of the slaughtered is on the President's hands; if there should be no massacre, Mr. Hearst will garland his own brow with new laurels and say "I prevented it."

When he goes so far as this in self-glorification, playing tricks with the sympathies of men, misusing the name of humanity for his own cheap, unworthy ends, Mr. Hearst ceases to amuse his audience and fails to gain pity. It is highly probable that the Democracy of the country will before long turn down its thumb at him, and so do its part in suppressing him. This Kishinef scare is but one of the many contemptible things he has done in trying to exalt himself from the ranks of American nobodies. It is hardly possible that even in his most foolish moments he hopes to be nominated. Mention on the floor of the Democratic convention would overjoy him, since what he is really after appears to be advertising and a pretext for singing his own praises. Up to now he has achieved this purpose by posing in his own limelight as the champion of labor, the protector of the poor. By dint of preaching discontent and anarchy he has won a certain standing among the mislead masses of working men who have hearkened to the false gospel of unionism. Seeing now that the people, aroused at last, are pulling down the pillars of that temple, he moves on to another, and sets up a shrine where he may worship himself as the patron saint of the oppressed in all lands. Just now he is playing the part of Providence in the protecting of the Jews at Kishinef from real

and imagined peril.

Very certainly this Government will protest as strongly as any Government can against barbarities at Kishinef or anywhere else, but what Mr. Hearst says or does in the matter is of no importance or interest, except in so far as it reveals him further for the pretender and charlatan he is.

WATER GAS POISON.

It is of vital importance to the people of San Francisco that the gas company be required to comply with the spirit of its franchise and supply consumers with coal gas instead of the deadly water gas, which the company persists in doing. Of course water gas is supplied because it is very much cheaper to manufacture, which in turn yields the company enormous profits, as compared with coal gas, but it is at the expense of the health, and already of many lives, of every one who uses it.

Certainly coal gas will kill when inhaled for any great length of time, but if escaping coal gas is detected before it causes asphyxiation, no serious consequences obtain, or at least no permanent results follow. But it is not at all so with water gas, because of its deadly poisonous substance—a chemical compound so penetrating and disastrous to healthy physical conditions that to breathe it but for a moment is to threaten the whole system with physical weakness, and permanently impair the brain cells more especially. The law should make the manufacture of water gas for commercial uses a crime, for it is a continuous attack upon the lives and health of every one who comes in contact with it, and naturally so, for its component properties are constantly at war with healthy germ life, nor does it need to go to the limit of its death-dealing power and asphyxiate. A mere whiff of the murderous stuff often so undermines the health forces in the one who breathes it that ever thereafter his health is impaired.

The reason why water gas is such a deadly foe to human life and health is because the process of its manufacture necessarily makes it so. To make the vile stuff, decomposed water in the form of steam is forced over beds of red-hot coke, resolving it into hydrogen and carbonic oxide, the oxygen being absorbed. Then the hydrogen and carbonic oxide are driven through a retort in which is vegetable matter, including the residue of turpentine distillation, called resin, going through the process of decomposition. From this mass of decomposed matter the "water gas" absorbs enough carbon to render it luminous when burned. Thus it is that water gas is a compound of the deadliest of the poisons produced from the decomposition of water and vegetable matter, and that is why the mere inhaling of a small quantity of it is pretty sure to undermine one's health for all time.

Coal gas is quite a different article. It is the product of dry distillation of coal, the residue being coke, but it costs more than water gas, and because it does, the gas company is giving the city the most poisonous of compounds, that its profits may be greater. The trail of this death-dealing monster is observable in the daily reports of its havoc in all parts of the community. Of course, the Board of Supervisors could, if they would, oblige the gas company's officers to comply with the spirit of their franchise and supply gas extracted from coal, but it may take a whirlwind of public indignation to awaken the Supervisors to the enormity of the crime the gas company is perpetrating every day. If so, they should know that just such a whirlwind is already in process of formation.

THE WAY IT IS.

The once-convicted criminal, Mrs. Botkin, is given a chance to prove that the testimony, direct and circumstantial, the rulings of the court and the conduct of her trial generally, which convicted her of murder, were all in error from start to finish. In other words, she is permitted to try to show that the court that sentenced her was a combination of legal stupidity and judicial paresis; that the witnesses against her were liars, and that the jury was composed of a compound of putty and decayed brain cells, and hence impervious to the goo-goo eyes of feminine voluptuousness in charming presentation. Meanwhile, or, rather, while her appeal for a new hearing was pending, very much of the evidence that convicted her has been "lost, strayed or stolen," with no reward offered for knowledge of its whereabouts or its return. Great are the technicalities of the law! That is to say, they are great in the work of defeating justice by the hooks and by the crooks of a sort of alleged law or court practice which annuls the purpose and intent of law and paralyzes the hand of justice.

It is under such conditions that legal technicalities have brought convict Botkin smiling and confident into court again to hear herself proclaimed an innocent, virtuous, charming and much abused specimen of glorious womanhood. But will all this legal trickery and debauchery of the high and honorable profession of the law avail the Botkin woman anything? The chances are that it will. It is simply capable lawyers with doubtful codes of ethics on the one side, scheming to defeat the operation of law, and public indifference on the other side, with a far too low appreciation of the sanctity of the mission of courts by courts in the middle. The atmosphere in and about most of our courts, the criminal courts more especially, is not surcharged all the time with that high sense of honor which the laws of the land provide for. The elevation of a lawyer from the bar to the bench is often more political than sentimental. Not many judges in this community are able, seemingly, to understand that a judge when upon the bench is not of politics nor of social life, nor of friendship's bonds, nor of any ties that bind him to his fellow human beings. He is there as the representative of the best, the truest and the loftiest thought of the community as expressed in the letter and in the spirit of the community's highest standard of conduct of life to see to it that justice between man and man be done. As to the average jury, well, history and experience does not encourage boundless faith in the wisdom or in the integrity of the average jury, and because that is true, and because some judges cannot rise to the heights of separateness from personal likes and dislikes, and make their court truly and honestly and faithfully a court of oyer and terminir, the Botkin and similar offenses against law and order are permitted to use the law to prevent the law's administration.

A BRUTAL AND MURDEROUS SPORT.

At best, prize-fighting is a brutal and foul sport. However "square" it may be, or however scientifically blows are given, the whole business appeals only to the lowest and most depraved nature of those who participate, either as principals or spectators. But low and beastly as was prize-fighting in the long ago, its march has steadily been from degradation to degradation, and now, in truth, it seems to have reached the very bottom where principals and spec-

tators are vicious and heartless animals in human form without one tiny thread of human worth or moral sentiment to cover their true selves. "Birds of a feather flock together" should be emblazoned in letters of fire over the door through which men pass into the arena of the prize-fight. Figs do no more grow on thistle bushes than does the Recording Angel go to a prize-fight in search of piety, moral sense or self-respect. And what emphasizes the brutal nature of the spectators is that they will pay large sums of money, and submit to perplexing inconveniences, that the lowest life principles in them may have a feast of bruises and blood.

At one of these exhibitions of brute physical power in Sacramento quite recently, one of the principals was so seriously pounded that he died the next day, and in that act he disgraced himself in the estimation of those who saw him receive the fatal blows. He should have died in the ring, and in his last breath made an effort to kill his opponent. He cheated the on-lookers out of that much "sport," and he will always be remembered by them as a defaulter. The man in the ring who gave the fatal blows was the principal murderer, but were not the howling spectators who inspired him by cheers of appreciation to redouble his brute force and deal the fatal blow participants in the murder? And are the governing authorities of the city of Sacramento altogether blameless for the man's murder? On the face of the fact that the legally constituted authorities of Sacramento graciously granted permission for such an exhibition of brute force and a possible murder, a stranger would have the right to conclude that the moral sense and standard ethical conduct of the authorities were no higher nor no lower than those of the prize-ring. It is hypocrisy of the rankest sort when municipal authorities condemn that which they cheerfully permit the doing of. And this applies to San Francisco and to every other community that permits prize-fighting; besides, legalized prize-fighting is, as in the case of the man killed in Sacramento, legalized murder, or rather the privilege of committing murder by a blow with the fist, is granted. If prize-fighting is brutal, then those who permit it and those who patronize the business are brutes. That is the logical conclusion. Always the social conventions of a community may be used to determine the level of moral worth and integrity upon which that community is dwelling.

A nineteen-year-old school girl of Chicago has been selected to represent the Windy City in a New York beauty show. The Chicago press goes into distressing detail in describing her charms in terms of linear measurement, but maintains a dignified silence concerning her feet.

It was a mighty mean man who paid Senator Tillman a bogus \$100 bill for a lecture at Savannah, Ga., on the race question and it was quite decent of the bank on which the bill was drawn to make the amount good to the South Carolina satesman.

The Dutch parliament has voted \$1,750,000 to buy Krupp cannons. Let there be a prompt revision of that lusty song whose refrain says, "Down with the Dutch, they don't amount to much."

An author of the present day, R. W. Chambers, has bought him a house in New York for \$55,000. And still the great army of literati wails in chorus that there is no money in writing.

THIEVES RUN TO EARTH.

County Clerk Mahoney has been indicted, as have a lot of his aides and strikers, for robbing the funds of which he was the official custodian. So far so good. But what will be the outcome of it all? The law is quite ready to open very wide the doors of the penitentiary for the entrance of these plunderers of the public's money, but Mr. Mahoney and his fellow culprits only laugh when punishment for the crime they have committed is suggested. They seem to think themselves superior to the law of the land, and that it is impudence on the part of the public to ask what has become of its money. It is a reflection upon his official and personal integrity. What if he and his fellow cracksmen did absorb for their personal use about all of the total receipts of the County Clerk's office. Did they molest or try to sell the office fixtures or rent the room for social gatherings and pocket the money?

But there is a deep meaning in Mr. Mahoney's laugh of derision and contempt when punishment is intimated for his crimes and misdemeanors, and the meaning is that he has the strings of the "push" and the "pull" too well in hand to fear any adverse operation of the criminal laws of the commonwealth. It means that Mr. Mahoney believes that the City Hall ring dare not disturb him lest they, too, become involved. It means that he believes in the mightiness of thieves standing together. It means that he and his fellow plunderers of public funds believe that the courts will find it easy enough to exonerate them. It means that the City Hall gang do not intend that one of their fellows shall be punished for robbing the city or county strong box. This makes the issue between the law of the land and the Mahoney gang, as to supremacy, quite clear and plain. If the operation of the law may be crippled to complete inefficiency, why, Mahoney must be recognized as one who is superior to law, and one who is not bound by law, decency or conscience to respect the property or rights of the body politic. On the other hand, if public sentiment and the courts insist on administering exact justice, and do administer it, Mr. Mahoney and his co-partners in crime will sojourn for a number of years in the penitentiary. There is no middle ground. Either Mahoney and his following are superior to the criminal laws or they are subject to them, and in determining the matter, a big lot of law-abiding public sentiment most vigorously expressed will exert an influence in criminal court circles which no judge or jury would care to antagonize. The question at its last analysis is: Shall a robber of the public's money be decked with the epaulettes of public commendation or with the prison stripes of honestly administered criminal laws?

GOOD MAY COME OF EVIL.

The parading of several young women up and down the sidewalk before a Market-street restaurant, and appealing to patrons of such places to boycott that particular eating house, presents a spectacle that is both disgusting and humiliating. The young women who are making their union's appeal to the public in voices that set nerves on edge, naturally draw crowds of curious and rough men, who indulge freely in coarse wit and doubtful suggestions, and these crowds also block the sidewalk very much to the annoyance of pedestrians. Not one in ten-score of such idlers know or care to know anything about the merits of the dispute that caused the effort at boycotting. An opportunity to exhibit their vulgar mannerism is presented, and that is all they want to

know about the trouble. As for the girls who parade the walk and sing of the arbitrary and cruel refusal of the boycotted restaurant keeper to let their union run his business for him, why, they unsex themselves every time they open their mouths. The absence of what is known as "woman's native modesty" is conspicuous, and more is the pity that these "persuaders" or "barkers" do not seem to mind putting on the necessary bold and persistent facial expression.

One good, however, is likely to come of it all. It is beginning to dawn upon both organized employees and associations of employers that but for the walking delegates of the unions and certain members of the Employers' Association it would be an easy matter, generally speaking, to adjust differences between employers and employees, with little or no loss of time to either side.

The plan suggested is yet crude, but it seems to have the elements of success. It includes the recognition of the unions by the Employers' Association and the recognition of the Employers' Association by the unions. The next step is to appoint a joint conference board composed of an equal number of the two organizations in interest. This board shall meet once a month and discuss the present and possible future conditions of their joint interests. This plan would, not a few believe, so operate to bring employer and employee closer together in each other's confidence, which in turn would inspire and stimulate both sides to work in accord to suppress disturbing influences, even before they evolved into a force. The idea is to teach both sides that the doctrine of "give and take" in a spirit of earnest purpose to more clearly emphasize their independence and yet recognize the individual rights and award just dues to each one in interest. The plan will provide for the complete elimination of walking delegates—a class of men who encourage discontent because discontent is the tool of their trade—and for a board of appeal, arbitration and adjustment. As is seen, the plan provides for full recognition of labor unions and of employers' associations as the basis of their mutual efforts to avert strikes by uprooting the cause before it bears fruit. To this extent, then, good may come of the spectacle of young women parading the sidewalks as enemies of law and order, and the rights of man.

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A DEN OF THIEVES.

The revelations of rascality in the New York post-office surpass anything of the kind in the history of the country. All, from the lowest cuspidor scrubber to the Postmaster himself, which include about 6,000 employees, seem to have acted either the role of thief or victim. The Postmaster not only neglected his duties, but permitted another man to draw and appropriate his salary. A little syndicate of officials got up a scheme to rob the other employees by the monthly assessment plan. This device alone netted \$18,000 a year for the little syndicate's pocket change account. Sub-stations were hired at rentals several times above the asking price, thus securing a large monthly rake-off. In fact, the inspector finds that every department of the office is steeped in thievery, and that scarcely a man holding a position that could be used to increase his income by dishonest methods was found to have conducted his trust honestly. The pay-roll was found stuffed with hundreds of names of people who had no existence at all. Perfidy, false swearing, bogus vouchers, bills for goods that were never purchased and scores of other devices and methods to plunder the Government were discovered everywhere. And yet the authorities at Washington have known for years that the New York Post-office had become a den of thieves.

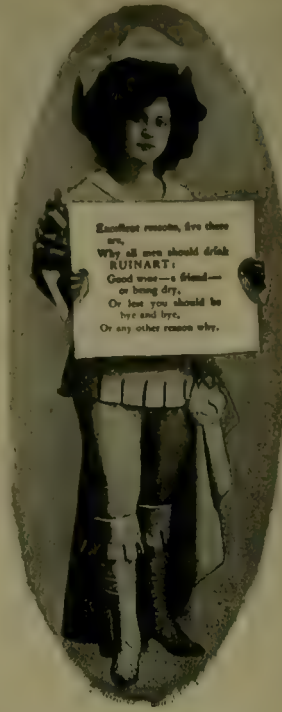
ENCOURAGE HOME MANUFACTURE.

The News Letter has for years advocated the policy of patronizing home industry, and not without results. If all consumers of manufactured articles kept this fact in mind, California would rank high as a manufacturing State. Mr. Carl L. Schalitz, proprietor of Sanders & Company's Copper Works of this city, gives us valuable information bearing upon the much-discussed and often-advertised subject of patronizing the home industries and increasing the manufacturing importance of the Pacific Coast. Sanders & Company have impressed this upon our local brewers, and incidentally of the entire Coast, and have succeeded in a marked degree in deviating a large amount of money, which in past years went East, to the local firms. Keep the money at home, and keep the local manufacturer busy. We quote Mr. Schalitz's words in part:

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BY THE LOBBY GHOST

If we but remain patient we will get all the Fitch plays. "The Girl with the Green Eyes" is another frothy tid-bit by this most prolific of authors. It is in the usual "smart" vein, and the genius for novelty is shown at every twist of the action. The story is one of a jealous girl, who makes herself most unhappy. She is suspicious of her husband, and sees every action of his from her own point of view. Of course, in the end, she is changed, and when the positive evidence against her husband is explained, she sees how silly she has been. The dialogue of the piece is interspersed with the brightest of sayings, and the wedding scene in the first act is prettily staged. Fitch is at his best when picturing society people and their ways and "Jinny" Austin, her husband, and her friends, are easily recognized as belonging to the ultra "smart set" that they are supposed to represent.

Fitch's plays lack weight, logic and argument, but they are trimmed so prettily that they are restful. They contain no problems and are successful in that they do not compel people to think. They are to the drama what William Dean Howell's school of writers is to literature.

The re-opening of the Tivoli in new quarters is worth more than a passing note. On Wednesday night last week the initial performance was given, and the old favorites and some new people were most enthusiastically welcomed. Mayor Schmitz made a sort of dedicatory speech and expressed the sentiment exactly when he said that if the new house but sustained the reputation of the old it would be supported willingly by the music lovers of the town.

The piece is a conglomeration of fact and fancy, by Ferris Hartman, called "Ixion," and is redolent with Hartman atmosphere. There is wit in the lines, melody in the songs, and the augmented chorus is well trained. The picture afforded by the transformation scene is very beautiful, and the light effects are fine.

The piece is a typical Tivoli extravaganza, and the people are well suited to their roles. The cast numbers many old friends. Anna Lichter and William Schuster are familiar faces, and received a rousing welcome. Bessie Tannehill, one of the new ones, is more than a singer—she can act. She has very little to do, but she has the temperament that promises something good in the future. Wallace Brownlow, the Australian barytone, has perhaps the best-trained voice in the company. With two such fine voices as his and Cunningham's, we should hear some fine solos in succeeding pieces. There is no reason in the world, with the friendly backing it has, why the Tivoli should not reach unlimited success. The infusion of new blood into the company should work wonders.

A word for the building itself: It is an airy, cheerful place, with lots of room. The seats are comfortable and the acoustics perfect. The decorations are not prodigal, but they are good, and the elevator to the top floor is an innovation.

The second week of "Blue Jeans" at the Alcazar

continues to attract a large audience. The piece is staged perfectly, and a more finished production could not be asked for. Eleanor Gordon, as the Dutch slavey, has a perfect dialect, and shows her remarkable advancement in character work. Harry Hilliard, as Ike the Hoosier boy, throws his dignity to the four winds, and makes up as the homeliest, silliest person to be found in a day's travel. The leading people all assume their roles in excellent form, and Miss Starr is the most womanly of ingenues. The scene she has with her little baby is very affecting, and she is never off key for a minute. She runs the whole gamut of emotions, from the hoyden to the poor wife and mother. The villainy of Miss Block is more convincing than most melodramatic ones, and the thrill of the buzz-saw scene makes the up-stairs people happy.

The "road show" is in its second and last week at the Orpheum, and is greatly improved by Victor Moore and Emma Littlefield in their skit, "Back to the Woods." This same act was seen last year, but it is so novel that it is not like a re-hash. The rest of the bill is of uniform excellence.

A great treat will be offered to the patrons of the Grand Opera House the week beginning to-morrow matinee. It will consist of the famous comedian, Joe Kelly, the pipe-dreamer, and his merry bunch of players, in the musical comedy, "The Head Waiters," which for several seasons has been one of the greatest theatrical successes of the East. The engagement is limited to one week only. Sunday matinee, January 10th, "In Convict Stripes," a pleasing play of the people of South Carolina, will be presented.

"I-O-U" will be presented another week only at Fischer's, as the management has decided to close its phenomenal run on January 10th. The production has met with substantial appreciation from amusement lovers, and seems to have lost none of its power to please. The piece will be succeeded by "The Beauty Shop," a purely local burlesque, written by J. C. Crawford, one of San Francisco's best newspaper men. The presentation of "The Beauty Shop" will introduce several new principals, including Miss Helen Russell, a handsome soprano, in feminine leads, and John Peachey, a baritone, who can act as well as sing.

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The second and last week of "The Girl with the Green Eyes" will begin at the Columbia next Monday, January 4th.

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Novelty galore will abound at the Chutes this coming week. Mason and Filburn, comedy sketch artists, will make their first appearance here, as will also the Prampkins, colored musical comedians, said to be especially clever in their line. The Harrison Brothers, whose sketch, "A Matrimonial Agency," is a scream from beginning to end, will reappear, and Joe and Sadie Britton will sing new songs. Gardner and Stoddard will offer a new skit, and Mabel Lamson, the popular contralto, will be heard in new illustrated songs. The animatoscope promises a new and amusing series of moving pictures, and the amateurs will appear on Thursday night.

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"Ixion" will run but one week longer at the Tivoli, and will be succeeded by "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," the most successful American comic opera ever written.

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There will be a complete change of programme at the Orpheum this coming week, and the features announced are all of a high order of merit. Fred Hallen and Molly Fuller, Dumitrescu, Van Auken and Vannerson, Charles and Minnie Sa-Van, Charlotte Guyer George, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Deaves, Joan Haden's "Cycle of Love," Ernest Hogan and Mattie Wilkes will be the new bill.

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"That the examples of the success of Christ's teachings should be so few is due to the fact that they have been so rarely lived. Count Tolstoy is making the experiment to-day, and no one who has visited him at his home, as I have had the privilege of doing, and has looked into his searching eyes under their heavy brows, can for a moment doubt his sincerity. He has stripped his house of everything superfluous; there is not a rug on the floor, not an ornament on the table; his dress is the peasant's blouse; he has become a vegetarian, and touches neither coffee nor tea nor sugar nor tobacco. . . That there is a vein of asceticism in all this I am not disposed to deny. A German admirer of his has called him the John the Baptist of the new religion of the Spirit, and if sometimes we are inclined to criticise him for denying himself unnecessarily and for making the externals of his life a little too bare, we should remember that there was room in the world for John, whose food was locusts and wild honey, and for Jesus who came eating and drinking, and that wisdom is justified of all her children. There is a place in our economy for the Tolstoys as well as for the Ruskins and Morrises. And if there seems to be little art in the exterior appearances of Tolstoy's life, it is not because he is not an artist and has not faced the question of art and answered it to his own satisfaction. But he denies to the art of the day, the luxurious plaything of the exploiting few, all claim to be considered as art at all.

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The nature of "The Science of Study," by James G. Moore, is explained by its title. Hinds & Noble, New York. \$1.00.

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G. E. Burgin's novel, "The Shutters of Silence," is a romance of life in and out of a monastery. Smart Set Publishing Co., New York. \$1.50.

Boys will delight in "Ahead of the Army," a war story by W. O. Stoddard. Lothrop Co., Boston. \$1.00 net.

"Irish Life in Irish Fiction" is a very interesting discussion of novels dealing strictly with Irish life. It is by H. S. Krans.

The Macmillan Co., New York.

"From Empire to Republic," by Arthur Howard Noll, is a history of the political transformation in Mexico.

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Senmas McManus is the author of "The Red Poocher," a collection of Irish gamekeeper tales. Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York. 75 cents.

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D. Appleton & Co., New York. \$1.00 net.

If you can digest the sub-title, "A Manual of homiletics, promeniatics, archagics, pedagogy, sociology," you may be able to tackle the contents of the book itself, which is called "Modern Practical Theology," by Professor Ferdinand S. Schenck, D. D.

Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York. \$1.00 net.

"The Alphabet of Rhetoric" is "intended as a familiar companion for all that care to speak and write correctly." It is by Rossiter Johnson.

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In "Borlase & Son," by T. Baron Russel, several of the characters are in a former novel, "A Guardian of the Poor," though the latter book is not in any way a sequel to the former.

John Lane, London.

"Until Seventy Times Seven" is a religious story published anonymously.

Thomas Whittaker, Bible House, New York. \$1.

"The Art of Living Long" is a new and improved English version of the treatise of the celebrated Venetian centenarian, Louis Cornaro, with essays by Joseph Addison, Lord Bacon and Sir William Temple.

William F. Butler, Milwaukee.

George Gardner Smith has edited the diary of Spencer Kellogg Brown. It reflects the early life of Kansas.

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"Dramana," by Anna Arrington Tyson, is a poor attempt at a story of stage life.

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SHAKESPEARE OR DANTE.

A communication has been received by the editor of this paper, poorly written and signed with an assumed name. The News Letter in this case departs from its rule not to answer anonymous communications for the simple reason that the questioner recognizes the News Letter as authority which is the one sensible thing in the letter, which is as follows:

"There is a question before several young men as to whom is greater and more famous, Dante or Shakespeare? It was decided to ask the opinion of the press, and this is the reason that your judgment is earnestly requested on this matter. Kindly publish the answer as soon as possible in your paper."

Dante is as famous for his Beatrice as Shakespeare is for his Anne; in fact, to borrow a phrase, "they mutually surpass each other." It is the same old

question in another form: which is the greater power, wind or water; or, which is man's best friend, the dog or the gun. The nonsense of the discussion is only equaled by the lack of sense on the part of the propounders.

"Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's." Those who like polenta will still indulge and smell of garlic, and swear by Dante to the Inferno, and those who swear by roast beef are not in any danger of transferring their affections from the Bard of Avon.

—The appetizing things that come from the broiler at Moraghan's Grill, in the California Market, are responsible for the crowd that goes there for luncheon. It has become a regular business men's exchange. The quality of the chops, steaks, oysters and game served cannot be surpassed. More than that, the wants of the guests are attended to by perfectly trained waiters.

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The problem which has been pored over since the days of '49 of saving flour gold from auriferous sand and soil has, after years of study, been solved in a scientific manner by Mr. C. A. Peer, an expert chemist residing at Watsonville, Cal., U. S. A. The perfection of the invention at once interested the leading financiers of that wealthy city, the result being the formation of the Pacific Coast Chemical Gold Mining Company of Watsonville, Cal. Its origin was unheralded by any notoriety, but the merit of the invention forced it into notice so promptly that outside of plants in the United States its fame has spread abroad, and negotiations are about closed for the erection of a large number of plants in Guatemala, C. A. In January, Mr. C. A. Peer, the inventor and president of the company, accompanied by Mr. George W. Sill, Consulting Director, will sail for Australia to close negotiations with a wealthy syndicate which owns an invaluable concession granted



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The fact that this process can and does save gold of microscopic fineness is being demonstrated every day, and that this corporation affords a mine of wealth for mine owner and capitalist is proved every

hour. The gross average of the gold saved, which has hitherto been unavailable, is 95 per cent, which at once stamps this process as being practically perfect.

Pleasure's Wand.

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The Alcazar has selected "A Lady of Quality" for the first week of the New Year. It was in this powerful and picturesque drama of romance that Julia Arthur kindled a blaze of enthusiasm at Wallack's, New York, six years ago. "A Lady of Quality," with its romantic costuming, clash of steel and tragic intensity, will also give capital opportunity to the members of the cast. For January 11th there will be a beautiful production of "The Moth and the Flame," a play which has not been equaled for genuine power and feeling in any of Clyde Fitch's other efforts.

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It is gratifying news that arrangements have been made for the appearance in this city of Miss Alberta Gallatin, in "Ghosts," at the Columbia Theatre, on Sunday night, January 10th. The special tour is a great success, and the only regrets is that it is to be allowed only one performance.

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The great society theatrical event of the season will be the engagement of the "Jersey Lily," Mrs. Langtry, at the Columbia Theatre, commencing Monday evening, January 11th. It will be her first appearance here for many years, and she will be supported by the Imperial Theatre Company of London. The first of the repertoire of plays to be presented is Percy Fendall's modern comedy, "Mrs. Deering's Divorce."

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Alexander Dumas's immortal drama, "Monte Cristo," with Herschel Mayall in the great role of Edmond Dantes, and the accomplished actress, Eugenia Thais Lawton, in her favorite part of Mercedes, will be presented at the Central Theatre next week. The production of "Monte Cristo" will be complete in every detail, and it will undoubtedly take rank as one of the popular triumphs of the Central Theatre.

The best bit of realism on the Metropolitan Opera House stage yet is to be credited to the donkey that was assigned to draw the cart for Sembrich. Instead of which, the animal simply squatted down on the stage and refused to budge. So the curtain had to be rung down. And yet some of the ill-humored critics say the donkey failed to come up to the level of the other artists in the cast. What a lack of appreciation of the real thing!

Co-incident with the coming of Tammany into power, religious revivals on a big scale for young men will be held in Manhattan. But Tammany, in spite of the plain inference, cares not who holds or attempts revivals, as long as it handles the revenues and the jobs, for Tammany relies on the practical superiority in the moral line of interest over principle.

Connoisseurs of wine are unanimous in the fact that G. H. Mumm Champagne is the acme of perfection. It is to be found at the leading clubs and cafes.

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Some of the stores instituted a reign of terror during the holiday season in their well-meant but ill-directed efforts to suppress petty larceny. I was in one of the largest of these stores a few days ago, when a lady carried a piece of dry goods away without its being wrapped up, the crush being so great at the counter that she could not afford the time to wait. She was immediately pounced upon by a floor walker, who accused her point blank of stealing, and demanded that she proceed to a certain room to be searched. All her denials were met by the most brutal and coarse rejoinders. Finally she bethought herself to show the salesman the check for the goods which she had taken half-unconsciously. He was not satisfied with this, but haled her to the clerk who had made the sale, and who fortunately enough remembered her. Of course, my friend vows that she will never put foot in the store again. There is a tremendous amount of stealing, that is true enough, but there is also such a thing as reasonable discretion.

It seems that every crazy scheme can find people ready to help it out for the sake of a little personal advertising. It is this human weakness upon which Hearst and the yellow papers rely. They can start any idea, however absurd, and find prominent citizens to help it along. Look at the list of distinguished Jewish leaders who have fallen into the trap and been used to make space. Dr. Voorsanger, however, does not bite as easily as the others, and reading between the lines of his contribution one can find a piece of very delicate irony at the expense of the International Gumboge.

"The first wife to the rescue!" Such, I opine, would be a good title for the sort of farce comedy which is being played with one Dr. J. A. Fritz in the leading part. His wife Lizzie Fritz had sworn out a warrant against him for threats against life. Thereupon his first wife, Mary Fritz, from whom he had been formerly divorced, went on his bonds. Now, why did Mary do this? Was it for love of the doctor, or to mark her approval of his threats against the life of her supplanted? In any case, it would seem to show that the doctor made a bad exchange, and that love's young dream may still have some actual cash value.

Here is a new crime which owes its origin to the imagination of the attorney for the Western Miners' Federation. John D. Ackerman, attorney and agent for the Yellow Aster Mining Company, is accused of the direful act of importing laborers into the Randsburg district under false pretenses. He has been charged once before with the same offense and released on habeas corpus proceedings. Surely an action for malicious prosecution should lie against the union.

What is going to be done about that turn-table at the foot of Market street? As things are, it is a hideous nuisance. The cars are stopped for two blocks and a half, very frequently, and people are obliged to get out and walk in the wet and slush over some of the worst pieces of street in the city. The whole management is an outrage and would not be tolerated in any less easy-going community than this.

I dropped into Department Two of the Superior Court the other afternoon, and there were no less than five attorneys all busily engaged in trying a case, the value of which to the victor in the suit would be about three hundred and seventy-five dollars. Do you think that all these disciples of Coke were eagerly endeavoring to get at the rights of the matter? Not they! They were trying to get lawyers' fees allowed on the three thousand dollars for which suit had originally been brought, which suit has offered to be compromised at the rate of ninety cents on the dollar. A more disgusting commentary on the morals of the local bar would be hard to find.

The force of habit or of instinct, it would be hard to say which in this case, was never more clearly shown than in Market street this holiday season. A number of peddlers had mechanical toys which they were showing off on the pavement, among them some mice. It was no uncommon thing to see a woman jump three or four feet to one side away from the imitation rodents. I heard several scream during a stay of a few minutes, and a boy told me that one had tried to climb the store window in her fright. The boy had red hair and squinted, and upon cross-examination would not state positively whether the woman ran from him or the mouse.

Will somebody explain why a charge of disturbing the peace is not brought against the raucous-voiced females who clamor outside of the boycotted restaurants? Picketing is, I believe, allowed by the laws of this State, but violent and abusive language, even when uttered by a woman on the public streets, is a misdemeanor. Why does not one of those people who are insulted when entering the restaurant swear out a complaint? It is our abominable laziness which makes the violation of the law so easy and so profitable. One arrest followed by a conviction, and the trouble would be at an end. But would the arrest be followed by the conviction? There's the rub.

There is evidently more wrong at the University than is generally admitted by the authorities. The President appears to have lost his hold upon the institution. Even the attitude of the students when they meet him on the cars or in the street shows that very plainly. A President who does not keep the ungrudging respect of his students cannot accomplish much, and somehow or other this respect seems to be lacking to the President of our most important institution. Why is it? Is it possible that ghosts can really queer people?

There is no end to the resolutions of the Board of Supervisors, but I should be glad to see them set to work really to abolish the masher nuisance. It has been more obvious this year than for some time, and country girls here shopping for Christmas have been subjected to all sorts of annoyances which they resent but do not know how to show their indignation. Unless the police intervene, male relatives will have to do so, though it is not to be expected that citizens should do their own scavenging.

Father Wyman says that the cure for this world's ills is matrimony and a large family. The good father is in no danger of trying his own medicine, and prescribing for other people is not at all disagreeable. Let the reverend gentleman be confronted with an overworked wife and a group of little ones whose need for shoes is more apparent even than their need for Christmas gifts, and he will find that marriage and a family may be good discipline, but not altogether joy. Priests' marriages are very like old maids' children—too ideal for practical existence.

How San Francisco Looks to Me.

By Fernauld Travers, Tourist.

Editor News Letter—I have traveled somewhat in my time in many countries, and tarried in many cities, but for a chaotic, non-conglomerate mass of men, women, and customs, San Francisco appeals to me as being next best or worst to Port Said or one of those places east of the Suez on the road to Mandelalay. The main charm of the Occident is the go-as-you-please customs of the fair sex and devil-may-care habits of the men, neither of which are overburdened with extra scruples regarding morality or virtue. They both, however, like San Francisco, aim to maintain the outward decorous form of an inward and spiritual grace by conforming as strictly as may be to the forms exacted by society at home in London or in my birthplace, New York.

Since I have been here I have noted one thing in San Francisco's incongruities that appeals to a traveled man. I refer to the hospitality offered, some of which I found to be genuine and some of which was pure and simple toadyism. In the one case it was a compliment to the gentleman and the scholar; in the other case it was a sort of morbid desire to capture and display me as a social lion.

I do not object to being lionized; it is due me; I am used to it. My position in the social world warrants it, but I claim the right to choose the cage in which I shall be shown. I have been put up at the clubs. I trust I shall not be inflicted by being compelled to register at any more of some of the rooms I have been taken to, which I was gravely informed was the So and So Club. Of course, you have one fairly decent club which approaches my own best in London, but you also have some that are the comic operas of true clubdom. One chap who lives at his club asked me to dine and spend the night with him at the jinks. I did so, and enjoyed it somewhat, but when he sent his man to attend me in my room before retiring, the beggar had a mustache! Think of a gentleman's man being allowed to cultivate a mustache! It is such bad form that it positively shocked me. The same fellow added insult to injury by appearing in my room with my peg next morning in his slippers—beastly bad manners. I thought of my Alexandria and Said experiences, where such things are not too common, and at once made up my mind that San Francisco clubmen needed a few hints in the art of culture.

The most amusing experience I have had for many years came to me at the opening of your opera house, the Tivoli. I was invited to be one of a box party. I was told that San Francisco's hall-mark of the select set is to go late to the theatre and make a noise while you are being seated. That this at once stamps you as being *comme il faut*, and also intimates that your coat is a good fit and the frocks of the gentlemen are imported.

The Mayor, not a bad looking fellow, made a "few remarks," in which he said he had been called a "musical Mayor" by some one who had opposed his election. I am sorry for the bad taste displayed by the nominator, but horrified at the worse taste shown by the nominee in commenting on it. The remarks of the speaker were, however, in tone with the actions of the audience. There was nothing but gabble, chats, and over-tone remarks all through the evening. It called to mind one of my great-aunt's charity bazars which she holds occasionally at Beechwood,

York, England. The gentlewomen flock there in their finest plumage, and all talk one against the other until the bazar, the opera in this case, is entirely drowned in the ocean of sound. Yes, the city, to one well-bred, is so full of incongruities and inconsistencies that instead of going on I shall remain and enjoy them. I told my man to secure me some proper apartments, and then I expect I shall have to educate the incongruous how to do things as things should be done. My letters and credentials are ample, as has been proven by the attentions afforded me since my arrival, and I am so much amused and delighted that I want to show you your idiosyncrasies, your bad manners, and I want to do it in good faith.

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Of all the notable New Year's Eve entertainments given by Mrs. de Young, that of this year takes the lead. It was enjoyed by a large company of young folks and a few married friends of the hostess. The ballroom, with its handsome stage, partially destroyed by fire a few months ago, was restored in good time for the festivities of the holiday time.

When Mrs. de Young returned from the East early in December she brought copies of a number of the latest songs, the catchy things that New York is humming and to which it is keeping its toes tapping. To introduce them, Ernest S. Simpson and Will H. Irwin wrote a play called "My Colorado Belle" that has proved a most satisfactory setting. Charles H. Jones of Fischer's Theatre staged the performance; Dr. H. J. Stewart had the direction of the music, and Miss Alice Duffy wrote words for the New Year's song.

The play, with its specialties, served to bring out a lot of first-class talent among the society folk. Mrs. Mark L. Gerstle, who took the part of the heroine, gave a performance that the professional world would have regarded as above par. Equally successful was Mrs. John D. Spreckels, Jr. Her singing of "Cora" and "O! Isn't It Perfectly Lovely to be on the Stage" were the cleverest kind of imitations of the singers who have made such success of them. The cast in full follows:

Gentle C. Breezy, Belle of Cripple Creek, Mrs. Mark L. Gerstle; Bella Donna, a Prima Donna, Mrs. J. D. Spreckels, Jr.; E. Z. Breezy, a Colorado Millionaire, Mr. Adison Mizner; Jasper Green, a Dramatic Author, Mr. Frank L. Owen; I. Collier Down, a Broken-Down Actor, Mr. W. H. Smith, Jr.; Sudden Smith, Owner of the Tin Bucket Mine, Mr. J. C. Wilson; Reginald Fitznoodle, That's All, Mr. Joseph Rosborough; Tottie Tiptoes, a Front Row Favorite, Miss Ethel Hager; Dottie Dimple, Miss Pearl Landers; Sarah Mony, Miss Constance de Young; Allie Mony, Miss Helen Wagner; Consie Quently, Miss Mabel Cluff; Apple Sisters (Cora), Miss Kathleen de Young, (Seedy) Miss Jane Wilshire; Evva Dentily, Miss Lucie King; Cora Spood, Miss Ardella Mills; Cissy Rhinestone, Miss Frances Stewart; Eddy Fie, Mr. Charles A. Shea; Benny Fitt, Mr. Charles de Young; Tommy Hawk, Mr. Paul Jones; Jay Byra, Mr. J. D. Spreckels, Jr.; Jack Pott, Mr. Roy M. Pike; Dan Deligne, Mr. Burbank G. Somers; Dickie Bird, Mr. Power Hutchins; Quess Knott, Mr. Emerson Warfield; Si Clone, Mr. Leslie Harkness; Chauncey Footlight, Mr. N. T. Messer.

The new songs introduced were "The Maid of Timbuctoo," "I'm On the Water Wagon Now," "Egypt," "Cora," "Little Street in Heaven," "Mamie O'Hooley," "On the Boulevard," "Drinking Song," "O! Isn't it Perfectly Lovely to be on the Stage," "Say, You'll be a Friend of Mine," "Mr. Breezy," and "Hoop La."

When the New Year arrived it found the guests at supper waiting to give it a rousing welcome.

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Harold S. Curtiss is a young New Yorker at present in this city, who, in company most of the time with a young man near his own age, in all probability

holds the unique record of seeing "Dolly Varden" the most times. The history goes back to the wonderful nights at "Herald Square" two winters ago. At that time Lulu Glaser was singing herself into a new immortality with the New York public. "Dolly Varden," a go from the first, was not of the hurricane sensation sort. "She stole into the hearts" of the inhabitants of Manhattan. The tales of her winsome charms appeared to be a story that was passed on personally by the public. And one day the town woke up to the knowledge that Lulu Glaser had made good with the great.

Early in the game, young Curtiss and his chum drifted into the Herald Square. They were struck with the utter daintiness of Dolly. After that, not a week passed without the pals present in front seats. Members of the company began to observe the punctuality. The young men were easily able to repeat large sections of the book. The attendance was the more remarkable for being a devotion to the ever-recurrent melody of the opera.

After the expiration of the New York season, Curtiss saw Dolly Varden for runs in Philadelphia, Baltimore, return to the Victoria, New York, again at the Grand Opera House, that city, west to Denver, and out to this Coast. On the opening night here he and his friend were invited in by the company's representative in recognition of long and honorable attendance. Thursday the two men from the East saw dainty Dolly on the boards for the twenty-fifth record time.

Curtiss thinks it significant that the big Sunday stories which are devoted to every phenomenally successful show in New York did not come out about "Dolly Varden" immediately after its first night, but following shortly the time he and his companion became regular attendants.

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Oakland society has rebelled against the new finger-bowl fad, or rather what was supposed to be new. Recently a swell dinner was given in that "Athens of the Pacific," and instead of the usual finger bowl at the plate of each guest, there was nothing. A large bowl of scented water was handed round, and each one dipped fingers into it with some misgivings. Yet no one balked at this unusual ceremony, not knowing whether it was intended as a joke, a new fad, or whether the servant girl had broken the finger-bowls and this was used as a make-shift. But after discussing the matter, the ladies have decided that this innovation is not in good form, that it is de trop,

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and otherwise objectionable: that it is too promiscuous and most of all, it is a Chinese custom. In fact, it is more promiscuous than the Chinese custom from which it was evidently borrowed. At the high-joint dinners in the Chinese quarters, there are no individual finger bowls, but several large bowls are placed near the door, where each departing guest dips his fingers into one of them. But all of them do not use one bowl, as was the case in the modern Athens, and perhaps that is one reason why the esthetic have tabooed the fad.

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I find that the average Alamedan is not ungrateful, and that the citizens of the Island City are thankful for the action taken by the Board of Harbor Commissioners at the instance of the News Letter. The wires are now connected, and there is a splendid arc light in the Southern Pacific waiting room at the Ferry, and Alamedans read their papers in peace, and there is no more groping around in the dark in an effort to recognize friend or relative.

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The President of the Pacific Coast Commercial Travelers' Association is picturesque in language, if not in figure. In regard to an assessment for a free bed at hospitals, he uses the following verbal flow:

"If a traveling man will not spare the small sum of 50 cents a month, the association's dues, with few exceptions, he is either a nickel-in-the-slot artist, a natural-born miser or a high-born aristocrat, whose cowardly nature, in places where he cannot be detected, scorns joining an association where religious lines are not drawn."

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Professor Sir William Ramsay, L. L. D., D. Sc., Ph. D., F. R. S., who has been invited to visit California next year and deliver a course of lectures on chemical subjects at Berkeley, is sure to become very popular here. He is one of the greatest living scientists, a man of splendid character, and is extremely affable. The writer for several years had the honor of studying chemistry under him in his laboratories at University College, London, and knows him intimately. His visit will draw great attention to the University, and in the course of his lectures he will most probably make public the results of some remarkable experiments he has been conducting for some months past.

Sir William is the son of the late William Ramsay, a distinguished civil engineer of Glasgow, and the nephew of Sir Andrew Ramsay, the celebrated geologist. He graduated as a doctor of philosophy at the University of Tubingen in 1872. For many years he was an assistant Professor of Chemistry in the Glasgow University. In 1887 he was appointed Professor of Chemistry at University College, London, and holds that position still. He is a prolific writer on chemistry, and a great experimenter. Recently, by a series of brilliant researches, he discovered argon, helium and crypton, three new gaseous elements, in the atmosphere, and he is now experimenting on radio-active elements. He is an officer of the French Legion of Honor, a Member of the French Academy of Science, and of the Academies of Berlin, Holland, Bohemia, Turin, Stockholm, Geneva, and of the Royal Irish Academy. All the leading scientific societies of Europe have bestowed their highest medals on the great scientist.

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If my memory serves me right, I once wrote about the Adjuster. At that time I had learned that he, to be successful, had to possess a multiple of the genius of a Hawkshaw as a detective and a lawyer, to say nothing about a degree in chemistry. The New York Journal of Commerce a few weeks ago published in its fire insurance columns the following item which it called a new special hazard:

"The manufacture of formaldehyde, extensively used as a preservative by dairymen, brewers, embalmers and others, involves a decided fire hazard as the following process will develop. In the regulation plant wood alcohol is fed by gravity from a 500 gallon capacity steel tank to a half dozen steam-heated stills, capacity of each 25 gallons, temperature of stills the boiling point of water 212 degrees. The Alcohol is rapidly vaporized at this temperature, the vapor is then forced by air pressure through a 2-inch iron pipe which is heated by a strong gas flame located immediately above stills—allowance being made for combustion expansion by quadruple pipes fitted in the trunk line, also a relief valve with a weight counterbalance connected with a 4-inch pipe, leading to outside of building. After combustion is produced in the aerated alcohol vapor by the gas-heated pipe, it is condensed in a water jacketed condenser; the resultant liquid is further strengthened by re-distillation in steam-heated copper stills and again condensed, the product being commercial formaldehyde. It will be readily observed that vaporized wood alcohol under air pressure in a room with open gas flame is an extremely serious fire hazard."

The information, if not the article itself, was furnished by Inspector Tolley, and while worthy of reproduction in the special interest of fire insurance men and adjusters, shows how varied must be the knowledge possessed by the successful Adjuster.

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I do not know why, but one week I run into a lot of life insurance stories (some of which I have written and some only), and the next week it is all fire insurance news, or news connected with the agents who devote their money getting ability to that end of the profession.

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This week I find the managers all a-buzzing over the organization of the Special Agents' Association of the Pacific Northwest.

The Special Agents, or most of them, are in the city for the holidays, and if the war paint which they wear will stand the Sun and Water, there will be some tomahawks out in January at the annual meeting of the Pacific Underwriters' Association.

The Pacific Underwriters' Association has been venerated on account of its age; it dates back to the

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big Nevada fire, but in later years it has drifted into a sort of one-man power, and the new and younger and equally as able brains object to the continuance of the one-man idea.

So in a spirit of semi-rebellion, and in a whole spirit of independence, the men behind the guns (i. e., the Special Agents) organize their own association.

It is necessary to a full understanding of the condition that it shall be known that several managers covertly fostered the formation of the new association, for the simple reason that they did not wish their specials to come to San Francisco from Seattle and Portland to attend an annual meeting of the association when they could do the same thing at half the expense by being members of the new association of the North, and they are equally disgusted with the one-man state of affairs.

Fire insurance Special Agents as a rule are a bright lot of fellows, and encouraged by their employers they did not need a second hint to get together and organize.

Their principal howl is that their present secretary seems to have a mortgage on his position, and that they can't get any public notice except through him. On the other hand, I learn that he is a most estimable gentleman, engaged in the profession of Independent Adjusting, and also is statistician for one of the insurance monthlies.

The same monthly was chosen by the association at a poorly-attended meeting to be what is termed the official journal of the organization.

Hence the war-paint on the faces of the Specials. They are tired of their affiliation with the older body. They want a new deal, and their employers are willing they should have it, and the insurance editors are up in arms about the selection of an official journal, so that the true inside facts of the case may be exposed by one or both of the other journals.

The annual meeting of the Underwriters' Association used to be held in February, but this year, after it was put to a vote, it was decided to hold it a month earlier, or in the middle of January, the Northwest Specials being in the majority, ruled by their votes that it be held in the first month of the year, which would enable them to enjoy their holidays in the city and attend the last meeting of the old Fire Underwriters' Association, and at one and about the same time.

Whether the Fire Underwriters' Association can get along and exist without the membership which the new association comprises, remains to be seen, but wagers are offered, I am told on the street, that this is the last annual meeting of the parent society.

The objects of the new association are, as defined by the following, identical in principle with the objects of the older association:

1. The fostering of good and correct practices.
2. The upholding of the honor of the profession.
3. The promotion of good fellowship among the field men of the Pacific Northwest.
4. The extension of knowledge of advanced methods in the insurance business.
5. The maintenance of Association headquarters, where business and social meetings may be held.
6. The keeping on file of the latest and best insurance literature, and records of value or interest to the members of the Association.

7. The recording of suspicious losses and unsatisfactory claims in this field.

8. The general welfare of the fire insurance business.

So why the need of two bodies?

After talking with many managers I have reason to think that the move is not any more on the part of the Specials than on the part of the Managers; that they, also, are tired of existing conditions and expenses, and are going quietly to shelve the old association, which has simply deteriorated into a ring, and that they take this means of unloading without friction.

The one unlucky insurance publication which the new association elected should be their official mouth-piece damns the new regime by faint praise tautologically, thus:

"The constitution and by-laws of the association are probably the most concise and the most flexible which were ever gotten up for any society. This is right. It has been done on purpose. Their brevity makes them elastic, and their elasticity gives power for expansion. Hence, the sphere of the good to be performed becomes limitless. It encourages every member to stimulate the activity of the society. Every member is expected to take the initiative. No one will have to depend on the action of the officers of the institution. Every one will know that the officers are simply elected to attend to the few administrative duties. For real work, for elevating the association to its true standard, every member occupies the same rank."

When it is understood that this journal is the organ of its advertisers, the fire insurance companies on the Coast, the reports and views that the old association is dead or to be killed are easily understood, for the journal in question only writes phonographically. The new organization is not the move of the Specials unaided, but of the Specials and Managers, and the meeting on January 19th will tell the story. The king is dead—long live the king!

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The year of 1903 about to close has been rather an uneventful one in local financial circles, in the matter of market changes. Business in the Board has run along in the most placid manner, too placid entirely to suit the ideas of brokers who carry on a strict commission business. The panicky conditions which have shaken the money center of New York failed to break the monotony of the zephyrs which breathed so gently in the frequented haunts of the local kings of finance. It is years since the severity of their surroundings has been broken in so rude a manner, and the last financial shake-up of the kind seems to have played such havoc with the vitality of speculators as to act as a sure preventative of another outbreak of a like serious nature. With money so plentiful as it is with the savings banks, reflecting the unprecedented prosperity of the working classes, the vast accessions to the corporate wealth of such corporations as the Gas and Water companies, represented by a new issue of millions in bonds, can be accounted for readily. Had local investors confined their operation to the local line of bonds and shares, instead of patronizing Wall street so magnificently as they did, there would have been a good deal more money to credit up to this community at the close of the period under review.

The only real feature of the year outside of a possible increase in the number of banks, owing to a brief repeal of the banking law, which left the bars down for a while, and the extraordinary increase of capital referred to above, was the merger of the big powder-making plants on the Coast, all of which, with one or two exceptions, are now controlled by an Eastern syndicate. The tendency seems to be in this direction, and the incoming year will likely see many more industrial plants of one kind or another in combine, under the manipulation of Eastern capital. Viewed in a certain light, the changes which will certainly follow in business methods may be generally considered a blessing in disguise. The methods of finance in vogue here at present are a little primeval for the rapid evolution now going on in the transformation of a provincial burg into a great metropolis.

The Comstock Market, which has lain in a slumber for many years, has given signs during the twelve months now about ended of an awakening, which cannot come too soon. For a long time past the management of the mines at Virginia City have been modernizing the system of operation of leading properties on a scale which will permit them to compete in regard to cost of mining and ore reduction with any of the most progressive companies in the world. The result must be that improvements of the kind will eventually promote an activity in the market, with better prices for the stocks of all the leading companies. A good lively market for Comstock shares would be a veritable benefaction for the city, and put more surplus money in circulation in a month than the "securities" of the so-called legitimate description would in a year. San Francisco has been a slow place since Comstock speculation fell flat, and attempts to arouse the same spirit among

speculators on other mining and oil boards has resulted at all times in a flat failure. This may seem strange, but it is true, nevertheless.

During the past week the Comstock Market expanded a little again, as if to show its steam-making possibilities which all the power the shorts can bring to bear does not seem qualified to interfere with. The north-end stocks as usual gave tone to the market, and the leaders have an undertone which indicates a current of strength which it would not take much to develop into a vigorous vampire on the up-grade. The outlook in Ophir is generally believed to be exceptionally bright just now, and this would appear to be amply justified by all that can be learned from the mines, which is now producing a very handsome grade of ore on a highly liberal scale. The middle mines and the Alpha-Bullion group are gradually beginning to loom up as a powerful factor in bringing about and supporting a more active condition of affairs in the market. At the present moment indications are such as to warrant the inference that this activity is not so very far away as the talent on the bear side of the business might suppose.

Local Securities Rule Quiet.

The California Gas and Electric Corporation's statement for November last shows a net surplus for the month of \$37,236, about the average net monthly earnings for the past nine months, which amount to \$275,736. Trading in the stocks has been light during the past week, and the same might be said of everything on the entire list of the Stock and Bond Exchange, which is only natural, considering it is a holiday season, when only miserly souls keep up their money-grubbing. People of means, who are above the sordid methods of the hungry-eyed squad of professional nickel-chasers, do not pretend to take much interest in the ordinary investment markets at this season of the year, which accounts largely for the dull times among the stock-broking fraternity. Another financial statement which has appeared is that of the North Shore Railroad for the month of November. It shows a deficit for the month of \$16,897. The net surplus for nine months past to November 3d amounts to \$89,608, an increase of \$3,200 over the same period last year.

The Tonopah Share Market.

The market for Tonopah shares shows more activity than it has done for some months past, on the strength of the assurance that railroad communication will soon be secured with the outside world, affording facilities for the cheap transportation of ores which has been lacking ever since the mines were first opened up. It will make a material difference when this camp gets in touch with reduction works, and the owners of small mines are placed in a position where they realize on their ores. It will enable them to open up their properties to good advantage, and bring money into the camp. The only trouble with the share market is the immense issue of stock which nearly all of the leading companies are laboring under. It weighs them down and will be a bar to manipulation at all times. At least that was the experience of the men who ran the Comstock Market in the years gone by. They could never have managed matters as they did, had the share issue amounted in the millions, or to any larger figure than they now do. Just imagine a company with a million shares floated, in the public

getting the necessary quorum together to hold an annual meeting or elect directors. It means one board, good or bad as it may be, holding over year in and year out, whether or not it may be desirable to the principal holders of the stock. The management of the mines ought to consider this matter and judge for themselves if things would not work to better advantage by a reduction of the capital stock.

The Federal Government has knocked one mining fake in good style, unfortunately, however, not until a great deal of money has been lost by investors all over the country. The property involved lay in what is known as the Wichita Mountains, Okla, which have been boomed for some months past "as a gold-bearing County." Under the direction of the Department of the Interior, a Government assayer visited the ground, and after an examination, reported that "none of the assays showed ore in the proper sense of the word, and that the region has no present or prospective value as a mineral producer."

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. Paul Gerson begs to state that in response to numerous requests he will, on January 1st, open a Juvenile Department in connection with his School of Acting, and has secured the services of a teacher of experience especially qualified for this work, Miss Lillian E. Muscio. One of the features of the department will be the dancing-class in charge of Signora Matildita. In order that each one may have his or her proper time and attention, the class will be limited to twenty-five. Mr. Gerson will give his personal attention to every pupil. For terms, etc., call or address the Juvenile Department of The Paul Gerson School of Acting, Native Sons' Building, 414 Mason street.

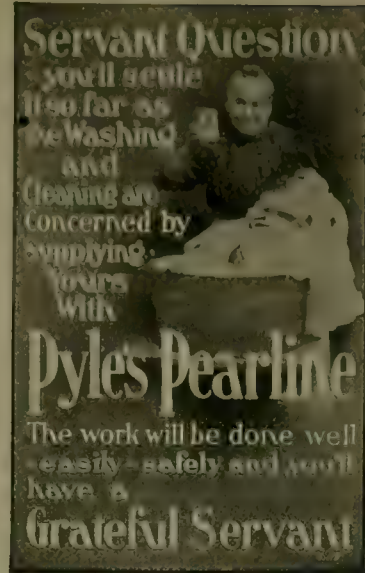
The fourth of the series of matinee performances by students of the School will take place Friday afternoon, January 29th, at Fischer's Theatre. A brilliant programme will be presented. The School will be assisted by the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, this institution hereafter combining its artistic interests with the School of Acting.

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MOUNTAIN MEADOWS MASSACRE.

The massacres in Turkey recall the infamous Mormon massacres of a half century ago. In this historic massacre, men, women and children were killed. When the Mormons were driven from Nauvoo, Illinois, for coveting their neighbors' cattle, and because of their immoralities, they settled at what is now Salt Lake City, and soon organized an independent Government, styled Deseret. Immigrants from the States were plundered as they passed through Brigham Young's territory; gold-seekers were driven out of the country, and many of them were lost in the mountains, supposed to be the work of that murderous band styled the Destroying Angels. Brigham Young prohibited prospecting for gold, prophesying that the development of the mines would cause the country to be overrun with the accursed Gentiles. In this he foresaw the loss of power, and that of the Church authorities, over the ignorant fanatics. His prediction was almost fulfilled. Finally, the Prophet issued an order, so history states, that no more Gentiles should pass through his territory on their way to California. The Nauvoo Legion knew what that meant.

Soon afterwards, in the fall of 1858, there arrived at Salt Lake two trains of immigrants—one from Mississippi and the other from Arkansas. They had united for protection, and numbered about one hundred and thirty-five.

The immigrants left Salt Lake by the southern route, with the assurance from the Mormon officials that they would be given all possible aid. In the meantime, a detachment of the Mormon militia, known as the Nauvoo Legion, was ordered southward, under the command of the infamous John D. Lee. Orders had also been sent along the road to the farmers prohibiting them from selling provisions or grain, or even giving water, to the accursed Gentiles, the enemies of the Mormon Church.

The disheartened and starving immigrants camped at a beautiful meadow about two hundred miles south of Salt Lake, to graze their stock and possibly replenish their almost exhausted store of provisions. This is a beautiful and picturesque spot, about a mile in extent, with a spring at the base of the hillock. Early one morning the immigrants were attacked by men dressed as Indians. They wheeled their wagons in a hollow square, and defended themselves. The camp was surrounded and the supply of water from the spring was also cut off. At the end of two days a white flag was seen. The immigrants believed that relief was at hand. The flag was borne by Mormons, who informed the immigrants that they were surrounded by an immense number of Indians; that their condition was hopeless, and that it would be better for them to surrender. The immigrants, unfortunately, placed faith in the Mormons, who had agreed to escort the Gentiles out of the country—if they would also surrender their arms. This the immigrants also unwisely did. The immigrants were then formed in lines—the men in one line and the women and children in another. They were marched out of their encampment, with an armed Mormon on each side. After reaching a point in the woods a short distance, at a signal each Mormon turned upon the man, woman or child at his side and fired. The work was finished with the bowie-knife. The cries of the women pleading for their children and babes were piteous, and would have moved the heart of any one save a fanatic. Mothers pleaded that their children might be spared, offering themselves as a

sacrifice. These pleas fell upon hearts of stone. Children were stabbed to death while clinging to their mothers for safety, and babes were taken from the mothers' arms and their brains dashed out against a tree. Women were violated, and then murdered by the same brute, just as the Turks are doing to-day. Finally, the vengeance of the fanatics was appeased and the massacre ended. Of the one hundred and thirty-five immigrants, only seven or eight were spared, and these were babes and children under ten years of age. The children were placed in Mormon families, their names changed and identity lost, with the exception of a few instances. One of the eldest of the children was reserved by avenging Justice to appear as a witness in the prosecution of the leader, John D. Lee, nearly twenty years afterwards. Lee was convicted, and shot on the meadow where the massacre occurred.

The Mormons had disguised themselves as Indians, and for many years it was believed by the outside world that it was an Indian massacre. But the accumulation of evidence and the confessions of some of the participants, convict the Mormons of the massacre. Furthermore, books in which were written the names of some of the murdered immigrants, and Masonic emblems belonging to them were found in Mormon families. It was charged by some of the assassins that the order to slay the Gentiles was issued by the Prophet of the Mormon Church. Copies of this order have been printed, while others contend that no such order was issued, at least in writing. However that be, there is no doubt that the massacre was committed by an armed body of Mormon fanatics, who believed that they were acting in the interests of their Church as the Turks are now doing. And this in free America. Small parties were subsequently massacred by bands of Mormon fanatics, individuals who opposed Church authority were "blood-atoned," and life was unsafe there, until the Government stationed troops and batteries of cannons in this modern Turkey.

It is a blot upon the civilization of the world and a disgrace to that country that can never be effaced. Humanity shudders at such massacres. It is the moral duty of the world to prohibit such outrages among any people. The vicious or half-civilized people should be put under such controlling power as to render such butcherings impossible.

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The members of the Automobile Club are doing all in their power to help the Government authorities compel reckless drivers to pay more attention to the speed limit, and it has been suggested that an "auto-light-patrol" be placed inside the reservation so that the offenders will be unable to escape the arrest and punishment deserved. A few arrests would be the most effective cure.

The Automobile Club of California, through its president, Mr. F. A. Hyde, is engaged in the commendable effort to stop reckless driving by automobile owners and chauffeurs. We do not believe that any member of a reputable club will indulge in such reprehensible practice, but it is certain that unless it is stopped automobiles will be barred from many places, and notably from the Presidio. President Hyde is sending out a letter from Colonel Morris, Commandant at the Presidio, and this letter, together with President Hyde's reply, will be posted in all salesrooms and garages, and incidentally notice made of same in all papers. President Hyde is to be warmly commended for the stand he has taken in the matter. Only irresponsible and foolish people endanger their own and other people's lives, and some means should immediately be taken to restrain them.

Three entries of American automobiles, sufficient to form a team, have been made for the international Cup race in Germany in 1904. In addition to the entries of the Sampson and Peerless machines, already noted, a third was nominated last week by Peter Cooper Hewitt, of the Automobile Club of America. Entries closed at the club at seven o'clock, December 19th, without any nomination from Alexander Winton, who had been credited with the statement that he would be represented on the American team if professionals were permitted to drive.

The entry of Mr. Hewitt came as a surprise, few of the club members even being aware of the fact that he was having a racer constructed from designs of his own. In his entry Mr. Hewitt named the Trenton Iron Company as builders of his machine, and its conditions as practically completed.

Mr. Hewitt later described his machine as being not unlike the new Hotchkiss in some of its features, though in designing it he had not followed any model. It had been built unusually low, and the center of weight is below the hubs. The total weight of less than 2,200 pounds is well distributed. The gasoline engine of four vertical cylinders is of fifty to sixty horse-power normally, but capable of high development. The drive is direct and similar to the Napier

system. From the engine to the wheel the only bearings that carry weight are those at angles. Magneto ignition is used.

The Massachusetts Highway Commission has licensed 3,872 operators and registered 3,206 automobiles in the three and one-half months that the automobile registration and licensing law has been in force. Professional chauffeurs to the number of 678 have been licensed. The Commission anticipates a considerable increase after the first of the year when people begin to purchase the new models. Beyond a circular which was issued some time ago by anti-automobile forces, nothing has been done that would indicate further automobile legislation. Automobileists are satisfied with the law and will probably not ask for changes this winter.

The gala performance given at the Opera in Paris on December 16th, by the Automobile Club, proved a great success. A novel feature of the evening was the ballet with automobiles, which was a gorgeous affair. There were four allegorical automobiles, representing the principal European countries. At the conclusion of the ballet there was a grand tableau, representing the apotheosis of the automobile.

The question of repairs has caused owners to meditate and prospective buyers to hesitate in making a purchase. Experience is proving that much of the repairs is due to the cheap construction of the machines. It is the saving in repairs that is causing the American automobilists to buy foreign cars. The Mobile Company is adopting a policy which will be welcomed by purchasers. This company, which has Coast agencies for French cars, the Arrow touring car, Pierce Stanhope, and the Decauville, will guar-

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The Mobile Carriage Company has opened its branch house at Los Angeles, which will carry the same line of cars represented there. Their new warehouses and garage are at 331 to 333 South Main street, adjoining the Van Nuys Hotel. Mr. L. H. Johnson, one of the oldest automobile men in Los Angeles, has been appointed manager of the branch house. It is the purpose of the Mobile Carriage Company to develop a plant similar to the one in San Francisco.

Pioneer Notes—

As predicted by some of the automobile dealers in San Francisco, the standard touring cars are going to be very hard to get this season. Several sales of Winton touring cars have been made in Boston at premiums of from \$200 to \$300 for early delivery on 1904 machines.

Mr. H. D. Morton, a director of the Pioneer Automobile Company, has just returned from an extended trip throughout the East, which included the inspection of the different factories represented by this company. He states that interest in the automobile is greater than ever before. All factories manufacturing standard machines have been taxed to their limit, and their entire output has been sold. Mr. Morton particularly investigated the automobile as applied to trucking, and has decided that the auto is the future vehicle for freight transportation. He states that the Automobile Show to be given in Madison Square, New York, in January, 1904, will probably surpass the annual show which was held in Paris.

Mr. J. Parker Whitney, the well-known capitalist of Boston and San Francisco, has just returned from the East, and has placed his order for a 1904 Winton, to be sent to his Spring Valley ranch at Rockland. Mr. Whitney stopped over at the Winton factory in Cleveland on his return to San Francisco, and is very enthusiastic over the 1904 models.

Mr. M. L. Goss, General Sales Manager of the Baker Motor Vehicle Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, is spending a few days in this city, and is making his headquarters with the Pioneer Automobile Company. Mr. Goss says that his company has done a very satisfactory business during the past year, and that the use of electric vehicles is on the increase.

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The Pacific Motor Car Company has also added to its line of cars the Crest Manufacturing Company's Runabout; also the Crest Tonneau Car of same make, with forward motors. The same will be on exhibition at the Pacific Motor Car Company's garage shortly.

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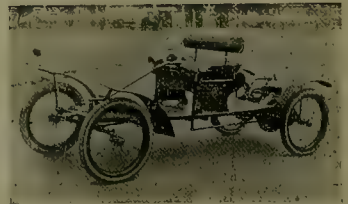
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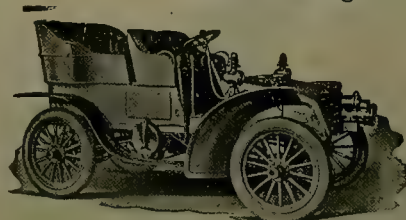
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The very excellent photographs tell the story of his trip in an attractive and amusing manner. We can especially cite the picture called "A Soft, Restful Spot for the Tires," which makes us wonder how on earth the venturesome doctor ever got out of such a dilemma. The "Pictures of Roads Through Oregon" and "Approaching the Rockies" both testify to the splendid qualities of the Goodrich Clincher Automobile Tires.

Following is a list of names handed to this department as being recent purchasers of Locomobile cars: N. M. Brittin, New York City; W. J. Kingsland, New York City; P. F. H. Eisenmeyer, New Haven, Connecticut; Edward S. Warren, Bridgeport, Connecticut; Frank H. Holt, Staunton, Va.; Dr. Stuart McGuire, Richmond, Va.; M. Victor Vallade, Paris, France; J. W. Thompson, Yokohama, Japan; B. C. Wheeler, Shanghai, China; George Henning, Auckland, N. Z.

Among recent purchasers of Oldsmobiles across the bay are Dr. Lill of Oakland and Dennis Diamond of Alameda.

OBITUARY.

With the passing of Judge Haynes, who died on December 22d, the community suffers a distinct loss. He was a man of wonderful personal power, and his strength in this direction came from his self-contained mentality. In every situation in which Fate placed him, from adult days to old age, he was prominent and a power.

He was formerly a law partner of Judge Holmes, former associate of Roscoe Conkling, at Ithaca, New York. In 1876 he began the revision of "Estee's Pleadings and Forms." He was then a resident of San Francisco. His health compelled him to remove to Arizona. Here he became the attorney for the Copper Queen Mining Company of Biber; attorney for the Tombstone Mining Company, the Santa Fe Railroad, and several other important corporations. He was appointed County Judge, but declined the honor. In 1887 he removed to Los Angeles, where he practiced law until his appointment to the Supreme Court Commission. He was always an unassuming and approachable gentleman.

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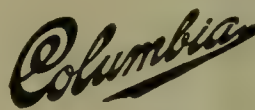
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COLLINETTE.

By John Winwood in *The Smart Set*
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 Tripped lightly through my door.
 And lo! The walls were hung with silk
 And silken-piled the floor.

My cupboard held a beggar's dole—
 A crust and scanty wine—
 Till, 'neath the hand of Collinette,
 My bread was food divine,
 My wine the nectar kings might sip
 From carven cups and fine.

My Muse was but a beggar maid
 Who whined for scanty fare,
 Till Collinette had draped her robe,
 And filleted her hair;
 And now, behold, a goddess stands
 Who bids me do and dare!

I mocked at Love—an infidel!—
 With sorry jests and quips,
 Till Collinette upon my eyes
 Laid Love's own finger-tips;
 And smiled upon me with his smile,
 And kissed me with his lips.

Oh, you who starve in loneliness,
 Beggar or king, my kin,
 One prayer have I for both of you,
 One hope you yet may win:
 That, some day, through your open door
 Your Collinette trips in.

HIS AMBITION.

By S. E. Kiser in *The Cosmopolitan*
 She thought he rose to make her proud,
 To raise her high above the crowd:
 She thought he went pursuing fame
 And striving after wealth to make
 Her glad that she had shared his name—
 She thought he won for her sweet sake.

He strove with all the wit he had
 To make one who had scorned him sad;
 He rose above the common crowd
 That sorrow might eat out the heart
 Of one who had been cold and proud—
 To make her weep, he played his part.

One day when Death stood near, he told
 Them why he won renown and gold,
 She that had shared his wealth and fame
 Fled, broken-hearted, from his side.
 And she that scorned him was aflame
 With foolish joy and worthless pride.

PRESCIENCE.

By Rose Mills Powers in *Good Housekeeping*
 Love, hear the burden of my prayer:
 'Twill not be always thine to woo,
 And lifeless fingers have no care
 If laid therein we rose or rue.

Love, hear the burden of my prayer:
 Give me to-day to hear thee vow
 How dear my eyes, my lips, my hair,
 Nor wait for Death to teach thee how.

Love, hear the burden of my prayer:
 Lock me to-day in thy embrace!
 Too late when striving candles flare
 To rain thy kisses on my face!

Love, hear the burden of my prayer:
 Walk with me gently down the days,
 Lest Death come on us, unaware,
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 VINCENT NEALE, Secretary.



Dear Bessie: How am I to begin to tell you of all that has taken place since I last wrote to you? There has been so much that I have actually wished some of it could be placed in cold storage to draw upon when the dull times come by and bye. There have been Sunday teas and week-day teas, luncheons, dinners, "at homes," theatre parties, and dances—enough to keep up going every minute of the time.

The Hyde-Smith cotillion came off all right, and was one of the pleasantest affairs of the season, which you may believe when I tell you I didn't get home till nearly five o'clock in the morning. First we had dancing, then supper, and last of all the cotillion. The decorations of the ballroom at the Palace—where it was given—had a decidedly Christmas flavor, with its evergreens, red berries and green lights. Gertrude, who led with Ed Greenway, wore white crepe de chine, and the favors were pretty, though nothing very wonderful, and I got so many I am thinking of starting a small curiosity shop. Kitty has done nothing but talk of the lovely dance at the Occidental on Christmas eve, which was almost exclusively military in character, though all the navy chaps that could be mustered were there, and just a few civilians to top off with.

How full this week has been! So full, half its glories cannot be done full justice to in this epistle, and I shall have to spin some of them over to next week's letter. Let me see if I can remember it all. First on the list comes the theatre party at the Tivoli—the new house—on Monday night, which was the first real big theatre party of the season, and for its inception the thanks are due to Baron von Horst, your friend Philip Paschal (who has come quite rapidly to the front of late), and Lieutenant Fuchs. The idea was first started by them for a comparatively limited number of guests, but by degrees it grew and grew, till the list of those who took part increased to sixty or more, with Mrs. Eleanor Martin, Mrs. Bowie-Detrick, Mrs. H. A. Huntington and others as chaperons. It was a very pleasant affair, ending with supper at the Palace. For Tuesday night there was the winter picnic at Mrs. Bowie-Detrick's, and we did have the loveliest, jolliest time. The whole house was wreathed with evergreens, lit with electric lights and red lanterns, and we danced in the hall and dining-room—the rest of the rooms were for resting between dances—and iced lemonade was dipped from a well placed in a nook of the stairway. Nearly all the guests were in duck, and its delightful informality added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. The Friday Fortnightly came off on Wednesday evening, and we all missed Mrs. Salisbury, who was not well enough to take her usual charge of it, her place being filled by Mrs. Pomeroy, and Christine led the cotillion.

These were the more important events of the week. Now for the minor affairs, if one may dare call them so. Cora Smedburg gave a little tea on Monday, and it is nice to see her coming out of the shell in which she seemed to ensconce herself of late. Mrs. Lansing had another big luncheon, and Maye Colburne gave Polly McFarlane a dinner on Tuesday; on Wednesday there was Mrs. Adams's luncheon of a hundred or more for Kate Voorhies Henry, and Mrs. Harley gave one, too, for Florence Gibbons,

with Mrs. George Boardman's tea for her prospective daughter-in-law, Bernie, to wind up with. Mrs. Kittle's tea on Thursday was for her daughter, Mrs. Lewis, who is here on a visit to her from Portland. Such a lot of teas and egg-nog parties as there were yesterday, and to-day Mrs. George Gibbs gives a big tea for her newly-arrived niece, Stella Kane.

We are to have two more army weddings ere long, Kate Selfridge and Ethel Kent having announced their engagements to Lieutenant Kellond and Lieutenant Gilbert Allen respectively, both of the 19th Infantry. Both prospective grooms have been down here from Fort Wright, Washington for the holidays, and, with their fiancées, been much congratulated. Then the wedding of Mabel Cluff and Jack Wilson, who announced their engagement at the de Young rehearsal last Sunday will, it is said, come off very soon; Kate Du Val and Oliver Dibble are to be married in February; and think of Kathro Burton being engaged to Lieutenant George Lee of the 4th Cavalry! But her wedding will, of course, take place in Washington City, where the Burtons are stationed at present.

There have been several gatherings at the Presidio, some exclusively for the wearers of gold lace and their families; others where the civilians were also made welcome. There was the jolliest kind of a hop the same night as Gertrude's cotillion (worse luck, for I couldn't go to both), and the 10th Infantry gave a hop Christmas night for the "military only." A good deal of talk has been going on all through the holidays of the leap year party the army girls were to give at the Presidio soon after New Year's, and the date has now been set for the 8th of January. So many innovations promised, new ideas to be carried out were gossiped of, it has set every girl on the anxious seat to be there, and I felt like doing the two-step down Market street when I heard that my name was on the invitation list, so you shall hear all about it in the fullness of time.

Tessie Oelrichs has come and gone again, making such a flying visit that but few of her friends saw much of her, and many entertainments planned had to be given up. Mrs. Will Tevis captured her for a luncheon; she dined at the Smiths' and also at the de Youngs', and appeared in all the glory of a wonderful ball gown at the last Greenway dance; she was one of Mrs. Eleanor Martin's family dinner party on Christmas, and she gave a small dinner herself at the Palace, and all is told.

There is any quantity of things being arranged for

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the edification of the Peter Martins, who are expected here almost any time now. A lot of people have come back again recently; the MacArthurs and the Requias returned from Honolulu last Sunday; Mrs. Huntington is home from her visit East, and Dr. and Mrs. Hopkins arrived last week from their long absence in foreign parts; the Harry Poetts are also back from their honeymoon trip to the Hawaiian Islands. The Jules Bretts, who returned recently from Japan, are off again, this time for Cuba, and leave for the East en route next week. Beatrice Fife is looking fine since her return from her trip East, but seems very glad to be home once more.

But oh, dear me, isn't it too bad that all our lovely button beaux are going to be sent off to the wars—which, being interpreted, means Panama. What shall we do without them? I do hope the Presidio dance I told you of will come off before they leave—it promises to be such fun. —Elsie.

The delightful weather was a great drawing card for the Hotel Rafael, San Rafael. Several dinner parties were given there during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie entertained the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Institution at dinner at the New Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C., on the evening of December 8th. Among the guests were Dr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Gilman, and Judge and Mrs. W. W. Morrow. Dinner was served in the Cabinet room, and the floral decorations were chrysanthemums, roses and ferns. Secretary Hay was unable to be present.

"A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

That is the greeting which one hears on every side these days. Happiness for the year to come is the thing that all desire, and the greater the regard for your friend, the greater happiness you wish for him. Happy homes form centers for the dissemination of happiness. Several wise people have discovered lately that as happy a home as one can find, with none of the vexations of tradesmen or of servants, is the Hotel del Monte. Under new plans and new management arrangements have been made at this resort for the especial accommodation of families. Three San Francisco households well known in society have gone down there recently to spend several weeks, and there are several families from far away who have been there several months. It is getting to be the popular thing—this life at Del Monte—and the exercise and recreation that comes from golfing, driving and riding is bound to bring health and happiness.

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Has declared a dividend for the year ending December 31, 1903, of 5 per cent on ordinary deposits, 6 per cent on term deposits and 8 per cent to stockholders, free of taxes. DR. WASHINGTON DODGE, President. WM. CORBIN, Sec. and Gen. Manager. Office—301 California St., San Francisco.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

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For the half year ending December 31, 1903, dividends upon all deposits at the rate of three and one-quarter (3 1/4) per cent per annum, free of all taxes, will be payable on and after January 2, 1904. FRED W. BAY Secretary. Office—222 Montgomery St., Mills Building.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

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At a regular meeting of the board of directors of this society, held this day, a dividend has been declared at the rate of three and one-fourth (3 1/4) per cent on all deposits for the six months ending December 31, 1903, free from all taxes, and payable on and after January 2, 1904. ROBERT J. TOBIN, Secretary. Office—Cor. Market, McAllister and Jones Sts., San Francisco, December 28, 1903.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

Savings and Loan Society.

Has declared a dividend for the term ending December 31, 1903, at the rate of three and one-quarter (3 1/4) per cent per annum on all deposits free of taxes, and payable on and after January 2, 1904. (Signed) CYRUS W. CARMANY, Cashier. Office—101 Montgomery St., cor. Sutter.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

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For the half year ending with the 31st of December, 1903, a dividend has been declared at the rate per annum of three and one-half (3 1/2) per cent on term deposits, and three (3) per cent on ordinary deposits, free of taxes, payable on and after Saturday, January 2, 1904. LOVELL WHITE, Cashier. Office—532 California St., cor. Webb, San Francisco.

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**Moves and Countermoves.**

Politics, of course, like business, suffers from the holiday dullness, and yet there is always something doing. It is only little more than a week now before the Mayor will tell a waiting world whom he proposes to place in charge of the several departments of the city Government. The Governor, too, has several prizes in his gift to be awarded soon. President Fitzgerald of the Prison Board reaches the end of his term on the 12th ulto, and there are several ambitious gentlemen who are anxious for his place. It is said, however, that the Governor is more than inclined to re-nominate him. It is urged against him that he is a Democrat, and that the Boards should be Republican. But though nominally Democratic, the fact is that the Board has been for years simply the reflection of the Governor, and the appointments have been made from the executive chamber at Sacramento, whether Budd, Gage, or Pardee was Governor, and the private political views of the members have amounted to nothing. Fitzgerald has always done what he was told to do; no man, even if he had voted for Fremont, Lincoln and so on down the list to McKinley, could have done more. Besides, if Fitzgerald is re-nominated, it will not make as many enemies for the Governor as if he gives the place to a Republican and thereby disappoints a dozen other Republicans who want the nomination and cannot get it. Senator Belshaw wants it, but Belshaw and Wilkins of San Rafael, both come from the same Senatorial District, and were rival nominees for State Senator in the Eleventh District in 1902, and to put them both on the same Board would be to create endless rows, and Pardee is a man of peace. Some man of experience in criminology ought to be put on the Board, and the Southern end of the State should not be ignored if a new man is to go on, and Belshaw is neither a student of criminology nor from the South. Dr. Walter Lindley, at present a director of the State school at Whittier, would be at once an appropriate and wise selection. Will the Governor show his wisdom by naming him?

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The rumor is revived that Assemblyman Prescott of San Bernardino is to be given the position of Adjutant-General. He is anxious for the place, is devoted to military life, is a veteran of the late unpleasantness with Spain, and is a good disciplinarian. The condition of the National Guard is such that a change in the office of Adjutant-General is imperatively demanded. General Stone is too busy selling cement to give much time to the Guard, and the opposition to the militia is such that it cannot afford to drag along as it is doing now, or the first thing that happens there will be no militia, and no one knows when it will be needed, as troubles where it might be useful are not improbable in the near future. Not only is it in bad shape from the standpoint of discipline, drill, etc., but there are a number of other irregularities that have been allowed to creep in that must be suppressed. Thus the officers of some of the companies, without a shadow of authority, have borrowed money on the credit of their companies. The amount in some cases is large, and in at least one incident, it is said, the company could not wind up its affairs because a debt of this character hung over it. The Attorney-General has also held that the militia cannot exceed its monthly allowance any more than any other State institution, and that means very serious embarrassment if some one who understands business methods, and who has the time and the desire to put them into practice, is not at

the head of the Guard. For those and other reasons a new Adjutant-General is needed, and will soon be named.

Speaking of the illegally created debts in the National Guard reminds me that it is said that the Regents of the University, at least those who were responsible for the auditing of the accounts, may be asked to make up what the State has lost through the defalcation of the Secretary. The Secretary had no bond as Secretary; his bond was given while he was Assistant Secretary, and therefore does not cover even in part his more recent stealings. The law requires him to give a bond, and it is held by some attorneys that those who failed to see that the law was carried out should make good the loss to the State.

I learn from Santa Clara that the possibility of naming a candidate for Congress from that part of the Fifth District on the Republican ticket is causing much discussion, and that among other names that have been suggested is that of Dr. A. E. Osborne, at one time the Superintendent of the Feeble Minded Home at Glen Ellen. Dr. Osborne has an establishment at Santa Clara for the care of patients similar to the Glen Ellen Home, and has been very active in politics since he left the State service. He is a member of the Santa Clara town council, was a delegate to the State Republican convention, and has been for some time more or less prominently mentioned as a candidate to succeed Louie Oneal as State Senator. Oneal wants to go back to Sacramento as Senator; he and his friends the ex-Mackenzieites would favor running Osborne for Congress to get him out of Oneal's way, and as Osborne is persona non grata with the Hayes contingent, he could probably get the united support of the Republicans of the county. He has strength in this city, where he is well known, and those who are booming him for the place think he will make an ideal candidate, and give Wynn a good run for his money.

I was quite amused to see Congressman Wynn, by the way, on the streets during the holiday season. As an opponent of the monopolies of the country and of the Southern Pacific Railroad in particular, it was funny to see him, accepting a pass from them to come home for Christmas. A few years ago Wynn would have hesitated to have gone to San Jose for Christmas, but then he had to pay his fare. Now when he has only to ask to receive he comes across the continent in a palace car, to eat his turkey in San Francisco on Christmas. I do not blame him, of course. He is wise to get all he can out of his position while it lasts, but how can his labor constituents reconcile traveling on passes with his professions on the stump before election? But probably they do not try to reconcile them. Consistency is not a thing that worries them much, as a rule.

Besides the position on the State Prison Board, the Governor will have the place of Commissioner of Public Works at his disposal in March, and the fight for the place is already active. It is a place in which there is nothing to do but draw your salary. Under Budd, the brother of Sam Leake who is the efficient editor of the Woodland Mail, was the Commissioner. Frank D. Ryan has the place now. Usually, however, it goes to editors. But the fact that newspapermen and lawyers can fill it successfully shows what a sinecure it is. W. D. Pennycock of the Vallejo Chronicle thinks that the salary would help out his editorial income very much, and George W. Pierce of Yolo would like the \$3,000 that it represents, also, and of

course there are one or two candidates in Oakland, but the Governor has given no hint whom he will appoint.

During the last city campaign, McCarthy, the head of the Building Trades Council, was very conspicuous in his advocacy of Henry J. Crocker for Mayor. It is now said that he will be rewarded by the Governor with the position of Labor Commissioner, a position now held by F. V. Meyers, whose term expires in April. McCarthy, while not a success at swinging his followers in line for Crocker, is nevertheless a strong man in labor circles, and his appointment would be popular among that element, who certainly should be recognized in the naming of the Commissioner. It is said the push and those who represented the Republican ticket in the late fight, will do all they can to persuade Pardee to give McCarthy the place.

If rumor be true, John P. Irish expects to leave his present position very shortly, and ex-Congressman Woods may get the place he so much desires. It is said that the Employers' Association, which it is claimed numbers several thousand members in this city, has offered him the position of manager at a salary said to be \$10,000 a year, with a guarantee of five years in the place. It is proposed to make a fight against the unions if they become too aggressive this summer, and Irish has been selected as the best man that could be secured to lead the fight. He is considering the proposition, but as the salary is much larger than that he is now receiving, and the duties are congenial to him, it is thought he will accept the offer.

The new house bought by the State for the Governor in Sacramento nearly resulted in killing him and his family. He noticed that the house had a very bad odor, and concluded that it was from sewer gas. Two Sacramento plumbing experts, however, examined the premises, and declared it was not sewer gas in the cellar, but bats in the garret, but the Governor took no stock in the bat theory, and sent for a San Francisco expert, who at once located the trouble. The Governor and his family narrowly escaped an illness, and if he had not been so persistent, there is no question but that he and his family would have been stricken down.

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During the siege of Mafeking, one of the officers organized a concert or "singsong" to keep up the spirits of the men. He discovered, according to the story as it is told in V. C., that the men had cause enough for low spirits. Hear of a sergeant in the Highlanders who was a good performer, he asked the man to contribute to the concert. "I'm sorry, sir, but I cannot." "Why?" asked the officer. "You play some instrument, don't you?" "I did, sir." "What was it." "The bones, sir; but I've eaten 'em."

"Is there anything that I might do for you," asked the chauffeur, after having demolished the grocer's store front. "Yes," came the caustic reply, "you might give me a pane."

"Is it true that you act under instructions from that great corporation?" "It is emphatically untrue!" replied Senator Sorghum with indignation. "I think I can claim by this time to know just about what that corporation wants without any instructions whatever."

Kippax—And who is your favorite author, Mrs. Softly? Mrs. Softly—My husband. Kippax—Pardon me. I didn't know he wrote. Mrs. Softly—Oh, but he does, and so nicely—checks!

"I'd like to know," began the Eden street little boy. "Well, what would you like to know?" asked his mother. "I'd like to know why sweetbreads haven't any bread in 'em and sweetmeats haven't any meat in 'em."

"So you want a divorce," said the lawyer. "Yes, sir, and if I don't get it quick I'll land in the insane asylum." "What are your grounds?" "My grounds are that my wife plays the piano from morning till night. Week days and Sundays it's all the same, and it's just about enough to drive a man crazy. Why, I haven't the nerve to look the neighbors in the face!" "But, sir, you could hardly call music a sufficient cause for divorce; what does she play?" "Hiawatha." "Just a minute till I speak to the judge," said the lawyer, making a wild lunge for the door. "I'll get that divorce while you wait."

"I'm so glad you chose the subject of 'Chinese Women,'" said Mrs. Flushly to Mrs. Gushly, who

had just finished reading her paper. "The subject is so interesting I never tire of hearing about the poor things." "Mercy," thought the author of the paper. "I hope no one else stops to congratulate me before I get home. These new shoes pinch me so I can't stand it another minute."

"Now that we are engaged," said the amateur magician, "I must begin to save up for the wedding."

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Daughter—Mr. Penn draws very well, doesn't he, papa? Father—His pictures are not so bad, but the checks he draws are no good at all.

"I knows fer sartin' Christmas can't be fur off now," said the old darkey, "kaze I been in Marse Tom's room dis mawnin' an' de jug wuz gittin' mighty low." "How come you knowed dat?" "Kaze it tilted so easy."

Maud—Every one I meet says I look ill. Ida—It must be your new hat, dear. You don't look well in it.

"It certainly is raining hard," remarked the sweet girl. "I'll just get an umbrella and have it handy for you." "But surely," protested her favorite beau, "there's no hurry." "You can't tell when you may need it. Father's home tonight."

Tourist—Yes, I knew Bill Lifter before he came West. He is dead, you say? Cactus Cal—Yep. Tourist—Did he—er—die a natural death or— Cactus Cal—Sure, he died the natural death of a horse thief.

Br'er Johnson—You is accused, Mistah Jones, ob bettin' on t'ree-card monte an' losin' \$90 ob de festible money. What has yo' to say? Br'er Jones—Well, we is all human, an' de game am werry excitin'!

"You're not going to bar me out, are you?" the newly-arrived spirit pleaded. "Oh, no," replied St. Peter. "You're the street railway magnate, aren't you?" "Yes, sir." "Well, just hang on to one of those straps for an eternity or so."

Ned—Your Literary Circle is making a study of Shakespeare now, I believe. Bess—Yes, indeed. Ned—And what do you think of him? Bess—Oh, we all think he's just cute.

Her Papa—And if I say no? The Suitor—Well, I confess it won't have the same effect on me as if your daughter said it.

"They say that he is a fortune hunter." "I don't believe it. Why, he has proposed to several girls who are not worth more than a million apiece."

"Faith, Mrs. O'Hara, how d'ye tell them twins apart?" "Aw' tis aisy. I sticks me finger in Dinnis' mouth, an' if ee bites I know it's Moike."



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"No," came the decisive answer.
 "Oh, I beg your pardon, but it is natural, from training, for me to take for granted that any one who enters my sanctum has need of my services as an optometrist. If there is nothing wrong with your eyes, what, then, may I ask?"

"Glasses."
 "Ah, for some one else or repair, perhaps," I ventured glad that at last I had landed on the right track.

"No, not for some one else, nor any repairing. I want a pair of glasses—those that hook behind the ears, and have rims all around, for my own dear little self," he went on.

"But," said I, "you just said that your eyes needed no aid—may I make an examination?"

"No, I know that my eyes are right, I tell you; I just want a pair of glasses."

"You've got me." And he had; that was true.

"What do you mean—where is the trouble?"

"Well, your eyes, you say, are perfect; you do not need glasses, but you want them for personal wear. What number shall I give you? What do you want them for?"

"To make me look honest."

That settled it. I gave him a pair of riding bow frames, for which he paid me \$6, and he went away happy. I was stumped

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7:04 A	Benicilia, Sulston, Elgin and Sacramento	12:15 P	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations
7:30 A	Vallejo, Napa, Calistoga, Santa Rosa, Martinez, San Ramon	4 15 P	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations
7:30 A	Niles, Livermore, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton	4 30 P	Hunters Train, San Jose only, San Jose and Way Stations, Returning from Los Gatos Sunday only
8:00 A	Shasta Express (Via Davis), Williams (for Bartlett Springs), Willows, Fruto, (Ted Bluff, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle)	7:55 P	From SAN FRANCISCO, Foot of Market St. (Ship) - 7:15 9:00 11:00 A.M. 1:00 3:00 5 15 P.M. From OAKLAND, Foot of Broadway - 10:00 10:45 11:00 12:00 2:00 4:00 P.M.
8:00 A	Davis, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville		COAST LINE (Broad Gauge) (Ship and Lowered Streets)
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8:30 A	Port Costa, Martinez, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Visalia Bakersfield	7 00 A	San Jose and Way Stations
8:30 A	Niles, San Jose, Livermore, Stockton, (Millon), Loma, Sacramento, Placerville, Marysville, Chico, Red Bluff	8 00 A	New Almaden (Tues., Frid., only), The Coaster—Stops only San Jose, Gilroy (connection for Hollister), Pajaro, Castroville (connection to and from Monterey and Pacific Grove), Salinas, San Ardo, Paso Robles, Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo, principal stations thence Surf connection for Lompoc; principal stations thence Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Saugus, Los Angeles
8:30 A	Oakdale, Chinese, Jamestown, Solora, Tuolumne and Angels	8 00 A	San Jose, Tres Pinos, Capitola, Santa Cruz, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Luis Obispo and Principal Way Stations
9 00 A	Atlantic Express—Ogden and East	10 30 A	San Jose and Way Stations
9 30 A	Richmond, Martinez and Way Stations	11 30 A	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations
10 00 A	The Overland Limited—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, Chicago	1 30 P	San Jose and Way Stations
10 00 A	Vallejo	3 00 P	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove (connects at Santa Clara for San Jose, Boulder Creek and Narrow Gauge Points) at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Castroville for Salinas
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3 30 P	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations	6 15 A	San Jose and Way Stations
3 30 P	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno and Way Stations beyond Port Costa	8 00 P	Palo Alto and Way Stations
3 30 P	Martinez, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi	11 30 P	South San Francisco, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park and Palo Alto
4 00 P	Martinez, San Ramon, Vallejo, Napa, Calistoga, Santa Rosa	11 30 P	Mayfield, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Lawrence, Santa Clara and San Jose
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7 00 P	Vallejo, Sunday only		
7 00 P	Richmond, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way Stations		
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8 10 P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only)		

—don't quite see the point yet. He was rational, I feel sure—no freak, but really convinced that glasses would make him look honest. I dreamed of that chap, and in my dream I saw a great, magnificent concourse of men, each an optometrist, each with a fine physique and bearing, and each and every one wearing—well, they may have been solid gold riding bow spectacles.

The goddess of liberty on the American coin uttered a hasty exclamation, "My land!" she exclaimed in a shrill voice. "They will be calling me a Panamamma next."

He was a middle-aged, rather seedy looking fellow, who stopped to gaze at the casts of Greek statuary exhibited in the shop window. "That fellow's likely-looking," he ventured to remark to the stranger who happened, like himself, to be studying the statuary. He pointed to a small discobolus. Then he was silent for a moment. Finally, as he turned away, he burst out: "Gosh! What things they do get up nowadays!"

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"Fireproof," when applied to theatres, appears to be synonymous with "fire-trap."

Canada wants to buy Greenland. All right, if she will put her torrid little temper on cold storage there.

Having heard the venerable diva in still another "farewell concert," let us all pity Patti.

An Oakland lady is criticised for marrying her coachman in a season when chauffeurs are the only fashionable thing.

Right after Christmas Pierpont Morgan has the hardihood to say that wealth is more evenly distributed than ever. This is too much!

And now the unblushing Creelman is busy selling all over again eye-witness stories of the war in the Orient which he never saw.

Only ninety lynchings in the United States for 1903 as against ninety-six in 1902. What is this—the work of civilization or of the Cordage Trust?

A Philadelphia skiographer has discovered that the X-ray will bleach the blackest negro. Farewell, then, to the color line.

Pennsylvania boasts of a hen that invariably lays double-barreled eggs. Pennsylvania is also the only State that has a Judge Pennypacker.

Some Chicago statistician has figured out the charitable, educational and similar bequests of the United States for 1903 at \$76,934,978. Good! Now tell us how much we spent in alimony.

Another "old prospector" has blown into San Bernardino with a map of the lost "Pegleg" mine. He is being extensively "grubstaked" in spite of his admission that he got the document from a medium.

"The only girl switch-tender in the United States" is the title proudly worn by a young lady on the historic "Baltimore pike." How about the females in the hair stores?

That Admiral Cevera, over whose capture Sampson and Schley displayed such memorable modesty, has sent Christmas greetings to the Americans, whose acquaintance he made while a prisoner at Annapolis. We may outdo the Don at fighting, but not in courtesy.

Norway's Parliament has "turned down" female suffrage by a unanimous vote. Who was it called the Norwegians "square-heads?"

Only drummers who are church members can join a new order of travelers called "Gideons," and devoted to practical Christianity "on the road." What would they do to a "Gideon" down in Arizona?

A mirror that pictures the faces of the dead is interesting the good people of Bowdoinham, Me. If we were addicted to the pie-for-breakfast habit, doubtless we, too, would believe the story.

While Grand Army men are objecting to the exhibition of Quantrell's bones in a Kansas museum, the soul of that man-tiger keeps on burning—that is, if there be any material hell.

The Pope has promulgated the somewhat caustic comment that there is too much operatic singing in the churches and too little real worship. No sinner may climb to heaven on the chromatic scale.

A group of estimable ladies will run for one day an evening paper conspicuous for its predatory methods. Who will have charge of the "graft" department?

An Alameda drummer with a feeble imagination tells of having shot a hawk with four legs. Why didn't he take one more bowl of egg-nog and make it six?

Science tells us that out of fifty skeletons measured the left legs of twenty-three were longer than the right. Evidently there are many of us who contrive, to conceal our pulled legs, even after death.

The New York Court of Appeals has decided that a rich man need not pay more than a poor man for "the services of a housekeeper, nurse, secretary and companion." Oh, fudge! The poor man is generally married to his housekeeper.

A Chicago newspaper which does not like Mayor Harrison, jumps on him because he was out duck-hunting when the Iroquois theatre fire took place. Where it wanted him to be was in the theatre, so that it might give him a tender obituary notice.

An Omaha girl paid a midsummer bet by sitting in the snow in her front yard on Christmas day, with the mercury at zero, and eating a pint of ice-cream. There is one Nebraska girl, we make sure, who does not care for anything manufactured in a freezer.

The gifted Henry Watterson has revenged himself upon Professor H. Thurston Peck for a yellow journal book review, by calling him "H. Tootsey" Peck and classifying him as "an ass and a hoodoo." Go it, Kentucky!

THE FERRY NEWS STAND.

Public attention has been drawn once more to the men and the methods of the Harbor Commission by the partially smothered controversy over the news-stand privilege in the Ferry depot. The facts are these: For years, Foster & Orear have held the privilege at a rental of \$400 a month. Recently President Spear, head of the Harbor Board under the Pardee administration of State affairs, notified this firm that it must get out. It is declared that he said bluntly when pressed for a reason: "I want it for Rooney, my brother-in-law." Rooney has never been a business man farther than his employment as a clerk in a wholesale grocery store. Foster & Orear are said to have offered at once to pay for their privilege whatever increase of rent the Board decreed, inside the profits of the business. But no: President Spear did not want more rent. He wanted the privilege for his own family. Then the news-men offered to sell brother-in-law Rooney a one-third interest in the business. This was declined on sight. At last week's session of the Board, President Spear offered a resolution awarding the concession to his brother-in-law at \$600 a month, and then Foster & Orear bid \$1180 a month for the privilege. This was not accepted, President Spear declaring the amount to be absurd. He tried again to jam the Rooney award through, but this was too much for even the seasoned politicians of the Board, and the matter went over.

Here, if we mistake not, is material for a pretty scandal. Presumably the holders of the privilege are responsible men; presumably they would not have bid \$1,180 for what is now costing them \$400 unless they figured on a profit above the advanced figure. The people will not care who gets the concession, but they will insist that the person or persons to whom it is awarded shall pay not less than \$1180 a month for it. Most likely, if Foster & Orear continue to hold this valuable monopoly at the increased rents, they will be nagged and harassed into giving it up, and then President Spear's needy relative may get his chance at it. If, on the other hand, the Board gives the news-stand to the Spear family at \$1180 a month, the public will want to be assured that there is no rebate—that every dollar of it goes where it belongs. Should the Commission accept President Spear's novel view that the high bid is too large and give the privilege to his relative for any smaller sum, we predict acute unpleasantness for the Board, and for the Pardee administration the worst scandal it has had to face.

The full and detailed truth about the Harbor Commission would make interesting reading. It is the last stronghold of State patronage in the metropolis. Theoretically, it may be correct that the State and not the city should control the city's water-front, since the State, as much as the city, is concerned in the commerce that flows through this, California's principal port. Practically this system has resulted in making the harbor of San Francisco notorious the world over for its excessive port charges. It has resulted in the creation of a political machine, an asylum for the shelter of politicians and the relatives and dependents of politicians, all at salaries far beyond the value of their services. It is stuffed with men who could not earn a living elsewhere. Most of the vast revenue it squeezes out of our commerce is expended in salaries for men who do little work or none at all, and in contracts and purchases of supplies that stink with fraud.

Lately, a politician who never did and never will do an honest day's work was without a salary. The Harbor Board created for him the position of Audi-

tor at \$200 a month. This farcical fraud upon the public attracted little attention. Now comes a still greater piece of jobbery, revealed and checked only by the clumsiness or boldness of the manipulators. We hope it may serve to uncover the obvious rottenness of the water-front administration.

SWINDLED AND ROBBED.

A few months ago the News Letter exposed the working and purpose of the so-called "Vril Association," and warned the public to pass it by. A great many took the advice, and now they are glad that they did. But not a few, mostly women, went headlong into the trap and invested all their money—poured all they had into the rat hole—and now they mourn as only those can mourn who find themselves penniless because they permitted themselves to be inveigled into a glaring swindle. They deeply regret that they did not heed the News Letter's warning, the more so because they knew that it is one of the missions of the News Letter to expose frauds and ventilate schemes that are intended to hoodwink and rob unsuspecting people.

The Vril Association is out of business. The several thousand dollars that went into its "treasury" are exactly where the getter-up and manager of the swindle intended at the beginning they should find their strong-box. He is not in the city. He does not want to be in the city, nor has he wanted to be in the city for several weeks; besides, he does not make known his whereabouts, nor does he intend to. Several "lone women" put in their all—some of them "investing" as much as \$1,000—under an agreement that they should not only make enormous profits, but draw a fat salary meanwhile for their services to the Association. For a while the pay roll was large. Why not? The dupes were simply being paid out of their own investments, but all they received in salary amounted to only a small percentage of what they had invested. And in what did they invest? In the word of a stranger, who is an accomplished hypnotist, with a tongue that can "wheedle with the devil" when it comes to persuasive language, promises and mannerism. But his work is done; he has harvested his crop; he has gone with the golden sheaves, and his dupes have only the stubble as their own. It is said that the net profits that accrued to the "dear, soulful and personally disinterested humanitarian" aggregate about \$8,000. He does not like the climate of California, so he will return to the scenes of his conquest no more forever. The scheme was born at a spiritual seance in Denver.

ROUGH AND RAGGED STREETS.

About the only thing that San Francisco is doing calls for criticism—and severe criticism to the point of condemnation—is indifference to the condition of some of the principal streets. Rough and untidy streets do not really reflect the taste, culture or desire of the city, but simply displays the incompetency of those authorities whose business it is to remedy the evil, and indirectly may be attributed to downright neglect of the people in general to demanding what is their due in the way of clean, well-appointed and substantial thoroughfares. The streets of a city are the arteries through which the currents of business and social life flow, and to clog these currents with holes and ridges and ponds of water and filth and stray cobble stones and dilapidated and straggling curbs is to commit a crime against decency, self-respect and convenience.

Take, for instance, California or Sacramento or Bush or Sutter streets, say as far out as Larkin, the

condition of not one of them could be justified by any sort of an excuse save the one excuse that those whose public and official business it is to see to it that such rough, ragged and inconvenient conditions do not obtain. And the wonder is that property owners residing on these thoroughfares do not make life a burden to the negligent authorities until proper repairs are made. If the resident property owners on these streets did but know it, they would see and feel that such dilapidated highways in front of their houses are a reflection upon their taste for the beautiful and the convenient. Culture and refinement do not stop at book-learning, nor at an assuring bank account. It includes what is pleasing to the eye, what is not distressing to the nose and what does not remind one of the gullies and ruts and rocks of a neglected mountain road when walking or driving. The plain fact is, there is altogether too much indifference displayed by residents on neglected streets to stimulate the authorities to any active sense of their duty. What is needed is a vigorous protest of increasing vigor and earnestness until these thoroughfare evils are remedied by complete and substantial renovation. A lick and a promise should not be accepted. Let only smooth, even and clean streets satisfy, and since residents are entitled to just such highways, it follows that if they do not have such, the fault is largely their own.

THE FAR EAST MUDDLE.

A state of war already exists between Japan and Russia, but no conflict of arms has yet taken place. Russia is maneuvering diplomatically for time, and Japan is impatient almost past endurance. Both sides understand that the question at issue must sooner or later be debated and settled by shot and shell. Japan is ready and anxious to go to the field of battle, but is restrained for the moment by what is called diplomatic courtesy, which enables Russia to augment her military and naval strength on the ground. But the inevitable is admitted by all observers, and only a humiliating back-down by the one or the other could avert a clash of arms, and neither nation would submit to that. Wild rumors of the movement of troops and warships come thick and fast, but no overt act has yet been committed. A black smoke is ascending, and where there is smoke there is fire close by; besides, neither side is disposed to extinguish the fire.

What international complications are likely to grow out of it all is now the main question. Germany and France do not conceal their purpose to give their moral support to Russia. The sympathy of England and the United States is decidedly with Japan. Of course, it is not sentiment but commercial reasons that are actuating these outside nations, but just how far they can be interested without becoming involved to the extent of armed participation is a problem that no one is able to solve at this time. It is tacitly admitted by all concerned that Russian supremacy won by a victory over Japan would mean a serious handicap on British and American trade and traffic in Manchuria, Korea and Siberia, with satisfying advantages for Germany and France. Japanese supremacy would exactly reverse this order of things. It would seem, therefore, that Germany, France, England and the United States are almost sure to become actively involved as a matter of self-protection in a commercial way.

Should China join with Japan, as she is morally and politically bound to do, lest a victorious Russia should absorb still more territory of the Celestial

Empire, there is no doubt that the entire family of nations would be directly or indirectly involved before the "Eastern question" is settled upon a permanent basis. The Washington Government's "manifest destiny" doctrine, together with its rather conspicuous identification with the "concert of the powers" is likely to yield a harvest of bitter fruit at an enormous cost.

CALIFORNIA'S NEED.

What California is very much in need of is a board of fruit inspection—inspection that inspects and classifies on merit without fear or favor. There is no doubt at all that California fruits suffer in reputation and in market values in the East because the packages arrive without any sort of official classification or marks to designate their quality. Fruit growing has become an enormous business in California, and it is destined to multiply in volume many times over in the not very distant future. But unless the business is safeguarded at every point by rigid and competent inspection of these products, the general standard of California fruits in Eastern and foreign markets is likely to be low.

This is conspicuously true of grape fruit. Some of the grape fruit shipped to the East is pulpy and unfit for marketing, but they are being used to represent the best product of the State, nor can this commercial dishonesty be overcome by mere protest, nor yet by asking that judgment be based upon comparison. Outside consumers want satisfying evidence that a package of California fruit is exactly what it claims to be, and since such guarantee would be of little value unless coming from a disinterested official source, it would seem to be clear enough that if California fruit is to command the full confidence of outside consumers and secure their patronage on the merits of the consignments, growers should have the protection of disinterested inspection by authority of the State, which would mean the separation of the goats from the sheep; which would mean, too, that spades would be labeled spades, and that the inspector's stamp on a package would designate correctly the quality, variety and quantity of its contents. The importance of such inspection is becoming so self-evident that fruit-growers should move as one man to secure the needed legislation, for they certainly should know by experience that the marketing of the lower grades of fruit abroad as the best products of the State is gradually creating shadows of doubt upon all fruit products of California. This is not a surmise, but an actual condition, which will grow in disastrous influence if not overcome by proper official inspection.

There is another reason why grape fruit more especially should be amply safeguarded. Pulpy and otherwise low-grade grape fruit from the Southern States and the Mediterranean region is offered in Eastern markets under the brand "California." Doubtless this is done to discredit California grape fruit in the interest of other localities; but no such misrepresentation could be made if California grape fruit had the official stamp of the State upon it. It would be a criminal act to counterfeit it or in any way palm off worthless stuff as the real article from California. It is not denied by Eastern dealers in foreign and Southern grape fruit that the California grape fruit is the equal if not the superior of offerings from other countries, but they are handlers of other fruit, and the California article is too strong a competitor. Let there be an inspection and the official stamp of the State determine the quality and excellence of California's fruits.

WATER GAS: A DEADLY POISON.

Since it came into the enjoyment of a monopoly in the lighting business the San Francisco Gas Company has been decreasing the pressure, as well as the quality, of the article supplied through its mains, and has been increasing the pressure in its literary department. While its gas burns more and more dim and deadly, it pours out upon its patrons a flood of cheap talk in printed form. Every few days householders who use gas are afflicted with tracts from the gas company, in which they are told with effusive friendliness how much they do not know about gas and its uses, how pleased the company will be to hear their suggestions and complaints, how rejoiced it will be to sell them cook stoves and heaters, and how, to facilitate their visits, street cars will let them off at the door. It is the era of glad hand and bad gas.

But the monopoly's glad hand, like its gas, is bogus. The citizen with a bill to protest or a complaint to register, finds the company's ear as deaf and its eye as unseeing as ever. The purpose of its tracts seems to be to soothe a rebellious people into acceptance of their lot without complaint. The gas purveyed by the monopoly is so wretched in quality at all times and so lacking in pressure at the times when people want to use it, that it would be dear at half the price. To burn it is to court blindness; to breathe it is almost certain death. Hardly a day passes that the Coroner's men do not gather in the body of a victim of the lethal carbon monoxide, and most of these "gas cases" are accidental. A jet gone wrong, a heater tube worn out, a feeble flame blown out by the wind, and somebody pays with his life for the gas company's criminal disregard of the law and of the public's rights—pays with his life the profits that the company pockets. Time was when a double asphyxiation was an event of sensational proportions; now "gas cases" come doubly and even in triples without provoking more than passing interest.

And cheap gas is not cheap, after all. No ratepayer finds himself paying a smaller bill at 75 cents or \$1 per 1000 cubic feet of the detestable "water gas" than he did when the price was \$2 per 1000 cubic feet and the gas was honestly made from coal. Many citizens find "water gas" much more expensive and far less effective. The old joke about lighting a candle by which to see the gas flame is almost a reality these nights in San Francisco.

The gas company may think that it can keep the people honey-fuddled by its fool pamphlets into acquiescence in its new policy, and it may rely in an extremity upon the fact that it has no competitors, and that the people must have gas. If it proceed much farther on these assumptions it will hear something drop. The people know the remedy, and when they have made up their minds it will be applied.

AN UNJUST FINE.

If San Francisco sinned when it re-elected Schmitz as Mayor, its punishment has already begun.

This week the three Union Labor members of the Police Commission, Drinkhouse, Hutton and Reagan, constituting a majority of the Board, found Patrolman James P. Fogarty guilty of "using unnecessary force in making an arrest," and fined him \$10. The other member, Howell, dissented, holding that the charge of assault and battery and of unlawful arrest were not sustained, and that the accused had shown courage, coolness and fidelity in his conduct on the occasion in question.

The Fogarty case was an outgrowth of the Cloakmakers' strike. On the night of December 5th, Sol.

Levitus, a member of the striking union, was one of the principals in and in front of a Market street restaurant, into which a man and woman, erroneously supposed by the Cloakmakers' pickets to be patrons of a boycotted shop, had been followed by a mob of unionists. Single-handed, Patrolman Fogarty quelled an incipient riot, arresting Levitus and one other, after a sharp struggle, in which he was obliged to use his club and to handcuff his prisoners. The case against Levitus was so plain that a Police Court, notoriously tender toward unionism, convicted him of disturbing the peace. Now comes Schmitz, and through his tools in the Police Commission, convicts the patrolman and fines him for doing his plain duty.

The consequences of this damnable piece of business will probably be serious. No policeman who wants to keep his star will interfere with the pickets and "wrecking crews" and "flying squadrons" and "educational committees" of organized labor unless he sees them actually killing people or setting fire to houses. He would be a fool if he did. From this on, as long as Schmitz and his pack are in power, the unionists can do as they please so far as the police are concerned—that is, until the tornado of public sentiment fast forming shall break and whirl them out of the way of our peaceful progress.

The police courts have rarely failed to turn loose union labor men arrested for violating the laws. The police have kept a semblance of order by occasional use of their clubs and by occasional arrests. Now that the Police Commission has plainly informed the force that there must be no interference with organized labor, even when it assaults peaceable citizens and engages in riots, what will happen? We can only hope that while their Schmitz has his day the unionists will be too busy doing something else to take advantage of this situation. If not—well, for a time San Francisco will not be a pleasant place for decent men and women to live in.

After we have disposed of Schmitz as Mayor of San Francisco, after we have flogged organized labor back into respect for the law and for the fundamental rights of men, let us not forget the Drinkhouses and the others who have snarled loudest in the union pack. And let us not by any means forget Patrolman Fogarty. Let us one day give him back that \$10 piece, and with it a medal that shall be at once a testimonial of public esteem for a good man most unjustly humiliated, and a souvenir of an occasion when he did his duty most excellently as a citizen and as an officer of the law.

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University Gossip

By the Undergraduate.

The faculty youngsters at Stanford have a new pastime that is fascinating as well as thrilling. A railroad track has been laid along the back yards of the faculty houses, and the other day Professor Adams of the History Department was horrified to see his own youngest-born and two other midgets indulging in a novel game. They were seeing which one could stay on the track longest when the engine was coming, without getting run over. The engine was only a few feet away, and Adams was afraid to shout for fear he would distract the children's attention. They scurried off at the last minute, and when the professor was through administering the rod, he asked:

"What would you have done if that engine had struck you?"

"Done?" exclaimed the boy, with a look of fine scorn on his small face, "I'd just 'a laid down and let the thing pass over me. Shucks! didn't you ever see a tramp riding on a brake-beam?"

And the queer part of the incident is that the child really had faith in his ridiculous theory. The faculty is now petitioning the railroad to erect a fence along the track, and the railroad is petitioning the faculty to hobble the babies.

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The Berkeley telephone subscribers are airing a grievance that is not a novelty in some other communities. They want to stop flirtations over the telephone. Householders, doctors and business men complain that often they can't get the line after seven o'clock in the evening because a host of sissy Johnnies and baby Marys utilize the time in striking up acquaintanceships over the wire. Even "Central" has been known to grow wrathful over some of the inane blubberings that are transacted through the receiver for hours at a time—and Berkeley "Central" does not rise to action on small bait.

Telephone dates are quite the rage in Berkeley. "Ring me up at eight, sure, and tell me what you are thinking about," pleads Tommy Traddles to Simpering Sally, '06; and doctor, lawyer, merchant and chief are forced to hold back until Tommy receives voluminous electric assurance of her well being. And for a "new acquaintance" to be struck up over the 'phone requires even a longer period. One irate merchant established himself a detective on the line, and is still at work. He takes down the 'phone numbers of the would-be new acquaintances, and vows he will make complaint to the proper authorities. No other remedy has been offered to abate the nuisance. Rubbering over the 'phone is not a pleasing pastime for a busy man, but the merchant swears he will call on the young ladies himself, and put them to the blush, and will send a policeman to the young men. He wants to know if he can't have them arrested for disturbing the peace!

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During the recent diphtheria scare at Stanford, one of the students packed up his grip about examination time, and appeared at the parental abode with the intelligence that there "was a fever scare at Stanford and he thought best to clear out." The old gentleman was on; he looked down the youngster's throat, and announced to the family that "he had it sure." Therefore, the absconding student was locked up and quarantined, minus tobacco, and was put on a soft diet. His fraternity brothers learned of his pre-

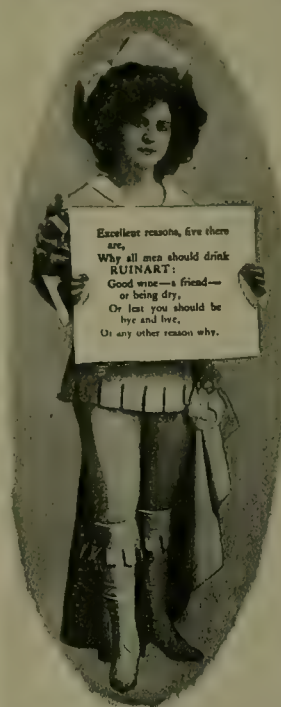
dication, and a few of them called on the old gentleman to expostulate.

"Lord!" exclaimed the bland parent, "you couldn't drag him out now, if you wanted to. The joke of it all is, he really thinks he's got it, and he won't eat unless we feed him through a tube. He's a rare study in Christian Science, and I've never known where he was at before for two weeks at a time."

The boy's leave of absence is still in session.

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The Looker-On

That eminent statesman and perpetual kicker, Sammy Braunhart, is once more upon the warpath; and his little axe, which seems undulled by the hard knocks of time, is swinging violently around his head, seeking the top-knots of those who have dared to smile when Sammy has spoken of the "wices" of this "vicved" world. Samuel's long suit, be it known, is "wirtue"—not political "wirtue," necessarily, but "wirtue" as a general theoretical proposition. Having been in public office a decade or more, he has seen much of it, no doubt—in others—and thereat has marveled greatly. Just now he is seeking to instill "wirtue" and "wigor" into the Civil Service Commission—and with good reason, from his standpoint.

For the past four years many of the Braunhart push have been enjoying life at the public crib. It may not have been a roisterous life, but it was easier than cigar peddling. During the days that are gone, Braunhart has seen no reason to complain against the retention in public office of his particular "temporary employees," but now that his people are about to be cast out, there is much gnashing of the Braunhart teeth. 'Tis not that Sammy cares whether the mattress-makers, the sheet turners, the mush-cookers and the others of the army of petty job-holders are classified and examined, or not, but that the new administration should capture all the patronage—there's the rub. So the Braunhart has induced the Supervisors to adopt a resolution demanding that all the petty jobs—worth from \$5 to \$30 a month—shall be classified, and all the applicants therefor be required to tell what they know of the history of politics "South of the slot," and of the men that make San Francisco great. Sammy is a true friend of his country. Being unable to hold the jobs himself, he turns reformer, so that if he can prevent it, the other fellow may not have the feeding of many mouths. List' to the Braunhart Civil Service chorus:

The butcher, the baker, the candlestick-maker,
Are all on the classified list.

The watchman and fireman, the cook and the pie-man,
Must do just as Braunhart insists.

The porter and painter, the plumber and waiter
Are examined when he demands.

Oh, he is getting them all; they come at his call,
And he's right up behind the band.

The kickers and knockers, and growlers, you know,
May roast him with greatest of ease.

But Schmitz hasn't a show for municipal dough.
List' to Sammy; he says: "If you please,

No official nor clerk, with a shirk to his work,
Can bluff Sam with frown or glad hand.

Oh, Braunhart's getting them all; they come at his
call,

And he's right up behind the band.

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Remember W. H. Daly, "King of the Dudes," who used to order six canvasbacks for dinner at the Palace Grill, and who incidentally ran the Copper King plant? Well, I understand he will soon be headed this way again, with shekels in every pocket of his many suits of clothes, ready to prove to the satisfaction of any court that he is a very much abused individual, and that those English stockholders have really deprived him of his mess of pottage. Daly is reported to be sojourning at the Waldorf Astoria

where, it is said, he has nearly succeeded in astonishing the New Yorkers—and that is more than enough satisfaction for the ordinary man. Moreover, it seems he has interested capital in his tale of woe, and he will precede quite a strong array of bank books in an endeavor to do things up at the Copper King. As the tale is told, a number of the water rights, rights of way and other easements, all of which are of great importance to the mine, are in Daly's name. When he was superseded, and his attorney transferred the title, deeds and other papers to the manager sent out from England, these easements were overlooked, and Daly continued to hold them. Now, it is said, he proposes to show that the lawyer who turned over the papers to the new manager was the personal attorney of one W. H. Daly, and not the legal representative of the corporation; wherefor, says the famous interner of ducks, the aforesaid lawyer exceeded his authority, and his actions were illegal. For all these reasons, Daly says they will have to "show him." Whether his return to town be followed by a law-suit or not, the Daly presence would do much to cheer the hearts of those who ardently admire the beautiful in nature. Verily, W. H. has not lived in vain, for he hath done much to add to the gaiety of nations.

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That great and glorious institution, the Monticello Club, is on the toboggan. Time was when its halls were filled by those who could not crowd into the assembly room to extend the glad hand to "the canny Scot," and his chief lieutenants. The club has really known nights when even the waving of the Murphy bandanna would not flag enough card players to get up a three-handed game. But "States fall, arts fade," and political fame passes as the fog in the night. Those who once were seekers at the Highland court are now running far afield, nosing out new places wherein to gain a foothold near the hearth. The Monticello halls are deserted; the faithful old steward nods before the fire, and dreams of the nights when there was ever a crowd around the punch bowl, and sighs wearily. He is gray and scarred with the marks of many battles (bottles, too, mayhap); his years sit heavily upon him, and ever and anon, in very pity of his lonely old self, he rings up the bar register and drinks to the "dear departed." Charles is about the last of the Mohicans.

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The turning of the Lane was the beginning of the end at the Monticellos. It was a long Lane—a monstrous long Lane—but it's a long lane, you know, that has no turning. This Lane of the Monticello turned so suddenly that the deflection made a break in the road. Consequently, many of the so-called Democrats who had habituated themselves to the path, were switched off at an acute angle, and never since have they found their way back. In brief, the Monticello Club, once the home of the high joints of Democracy, is in the sere and yellow. Around its rooms are heard the hollow rumblings that precede dissolution. Its members have apparently lost interest in the organization, and of course no longer have interest in its objects—for both of these latter were buried under the ballots of last November. It may be—it is but a surmise—yet it may be that the location of the club has more than a little to do with its present de-

crepitude. You see, it is on the floor above the California Jockey Club, and to reach its portals, one has to pass the Jockey Club door. Now, Democrats, particularly when out of office, are violently virtuous men, and for such to be required to pass the door of the headquarters of the easy money combination to reach the quiet rooms in which the most violent suggestion is a picture of Judge Lawlor—oh, it was too much! Hence, to avoid temptation, for contamination may be in a "touch," the virtuous Democrats gradually fell away, until now there remain only a dozen statesmen to uphold the power and the name of the club; likewise, to stall off the collector of dues.

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To a man up a tree, it seems that little Tommy Walsh, recently Registrar, knocked down the big persimmon in that tilt with the Mayor over the trip to Washington with the Kahn-Livernash ballots. Walsh was not looking for glory; that statement may seem strange, if you know the diminutive Thomas, but this time it is true, just the same. He was after the mileage and the per diem. Your Uncle Samuel, remember, has plenty of money in the bank, and when he sends 'way cross lots for a man, he is willing to have his guest travel in state. For insisting on answering that subpoena from the House of Representatives, and standing boldly up for the paramount dignity of this great and glorious country, little Tommy Walsh will draw down at Washington something like \$1,200. He will get mileage both ways—how many miles is that?—at twenty cents a mile—say about \$800 or \$900. Then he will be paid \$10 a day while in Washington, and if he can't manage to drag that contest along for at least thirty days, why, then, Thomas will be a sore disappointment to his friends. I think the Government will also pay his hotel bills. If it doesn't, it should, anyhow, for it is not every day that the law-makers from the backwoods of Maine, and the wilderness of Manhattan can look upon the likes of our little Tommy Walsh. A trip to Washington, \$900 mileage, ten per and all expenses, why shouldn't Schmitz want to beat Tommy to it? Can you blame him? Who? Why, either of them.

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The Public Works Commissioners, with the exception of the late Mr. Manson, inspected all the local theatres in town during the week to determine for themselves just what additional precautions should be taken to prevent the repetition of the Chicago horror in this city. I think they were satisfied—with the exception, of course, of the late Mr. Manson—that our theatres are in good condition so far as exits and fire protection go. Speaking of fire protection, San Francisco should be thankful for the fact that it has an honest man as Chief of the Fire Department. Sullivan's business is to put out fires, and he does put them out—excepting, of course, that of the late Mr. Manson, which is unquenchable. Two firemen serve every night on the stage of every theatre in town, and if they are caught trying to graft, even in a small way—bounce—to the woods go they. In Chicago it was, and is, different. There, graft is King. But in this city, so far as Chief Sullivan's end of the fire business goes, graft is dead. Do you remember how Sullivan refused to accept a donation of \$1,000 from the Fire Commissioners when he started on his Eastern trip? Well, that's his way. A few months since, he went to the box-office of a theatre, accompanied by a friend, and put down the money for two seats. The manager of the house was in the office, and recognizing Sullivan, handed him

two tickets and then shoved back his money. The Chief flushed up, thrust the tickets into the theatrical man's face, threw the money back at him, and stalked away. He has never been at that house since, and he scowls when he sees that manager a block away, and the manager can't make it out! That any one, and especially a public officer, should refuse theatre tickets is too much for his comprehension. But it is that very superiority to graft in any form that makes Sullivan the man he is. If as much could be said for some of the Fire Commissioners, the town would have occasion for even greater thankfulness.

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When old John Swett said that the recent convention of school teachers was a fake, he spoke the simple truth, and every school teacher in town knows it. I bank on old John Swett. He knows his business, and he is not afraid to call a spade a spade. The trouble with the teachers of San Francisco is that the great majority of them do not consider their occupation a life work; they look on it as a hard, necessary drudgery, from which, they hope, they will be released some time—by death or marriage. There are some who are above the crowd—men and women with ideas. But what good are their ideas to themselves or to any one else? If they dare to publish them in the press, or even, forsooth, if, uninvited, they should suggest them in writing to the Board of Education; what happens? Why, they are sent for, taken into executive session, grilled, roasted and bastinadoed, kicked out, and told to go away back and sit down. The result, of course, is that the teachers are in a constant condition of terror. It is not surprising, therefore, that the recent convention was a flat failure. Future conventions, also, will be fakes and frosts, unless the existing conditions change. The martinets in the City Hall are "the responsible parties." If they would arouse the teachers to the possibilities of their profession, the Directors should treat them decently, and not like a lot of empty-headed poll parrots who have no ideas beyond vacation, flirtation, dollars and dress.

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To attempt to review these volumes in the space at our command would be to attempt to summarize the principal events of English history lying between the date of Gladstone's election in the year 1832 to the year 1894, when he retired from Parliament and political life, the world's greatest citizen and England's "Grand Old Man."

These volumes exemplify that Gladstone was all things political. That no single tribute to his greatness should carry more weight than the fact that his political positions changed with the changes of conscientious belief. How he was able to retain his following through all those changes is sufficiently explained in the letter from Spurgeon, which we find quoted here: "We believe in no man's infallibility," he wrote, "but it is restful to be sure of one man's integrity." We did not need to be convinced of Gladstone's greatness, but we did need an unbiased and enthusiastic review of his life. Mr. Morley's gives us a new significance of the greatest political figure of modern times.

P. N. B.

Novels and Essays by Frank Norris.

Doubleday, Page & Co. have issued a beautiful "Golden Gate" edition in seven volumes of the novels and essays of Frank Norris. The publication, after death, of the complete works of so young an author is warranted not so much by Norris's literary worth, but because he belongs to the existing order of things, and consequently still lives.

In these days of the "get-rich-quick" methods, Norris is a voice crying aloud in the wilderness against the gods of Chance and Greed. Believing that the novelist is a teacher whose supreme obligation is to the struggling men and women around him, not to the "cultured few," he preached the need of a literary conscience, "the responsibility of the novelist toward the plain people."

"It is the demand of the people that produces the great writer," he declares, and "the attitude of the novelist toward his fellowmen is the great thing; not his inventiveness, his ingenuity or verbal dexterity."

Holding strongly to his belief that an immoral man could not be a great writer, Norris lived up to his creed as a way of proving it. That this assertion can easily be proved a heresy mattered not to him for his ambition was to dwell upon the hill-tops of life. As a critic, he was "a Spartan in morals, an Athenian in democratic sentiment," but as an interpreter of men and conditions he was "a Pagan dominated by the conviction of an ever-coming fate." His imagination was bounded by this idea of the inevitable, and his characters struggle hopelessly against a relentless destiny.

At twenty, his first article, "Ancient Armor," ap-

peared in the San Francisco Chronicle, followed seven years later by a series of letters from South Africa concerning the Uitlander insurrection. During the next five years he wrote for the Overland Monthly short stories and poems, besides contributing occasionally to Eastern magazines. In 1903 he published "The Octopus," a book that caused much contradictory criticism. But Norris paid no heed to the critics; he was launched upon his life work, the trilogy that he called "The Epic of the Wheat."

The second volume of the trilogy, "The Pit," was under way and went to the publisher before his death. The third volume would probably have been written upon the same lines, for Norris had ever before his eyes the fortunes of the Plain People, the playthings upon this Chequer-board of Nights and Days. Right or wrong, Norris felt that he had a message to give, and it is the living power of the West that has lost an interpreter.

Doubleday, Page & Co., Publishers.

French Faience.

In a volume of 172 pages, Mr. M. L. Solon has condensed a history of French Faience from its creation to gradual decay and comparatively recent revival. With great care he has searched biographies and records for facts that may be of historical value to the lovers of ceramics, but only where beauty of form or color, or the peculiar touch of the potter warrants it, does he describe in detail. The history of Faience is a record of failures and struggles, for as a ware for the people it could not compete with the more delicate porcelains. It is an interesting fact that the ware as it left the hands of the potter has little that is characteristic of the period or the maker. Only in glazes and ornamentation can the difference between the many faiences produced in France be detected, and only in the color and the style of decoration can the true be distinguished from the counterfeit. Therein lies the fascination of this ware to the collectors.

Cassell & Co., Publishers.

French and English Furniture.

The question has been often asked: "Why is the furniture of the present day so inferior in character and form to that of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries?"

A satisfactory answer is to be found in a book by Esther Singleton entitled "French and English Furniture." It divides the subject into the following periods: "Louis XIII," "Jacobean," "Louis XIV," "Queen Anne," "Early Georgian," "Louis XV," "Chippendale," "Louis XVI," "Adam," "Heppelwhite," "Sheraton," and "Empire." The general historical and social conditions are outlined in each chapter, and the characteristics of the furniture and furnishings are described.

There are many interesting facts in the book, which is more for the use of people desiring to furnish their homes correctly than for the use of collectors.

McClure, Phillips & Co., Publishers.

In "The Outlook" of December 3d, Mr. Jacob A. Riis begins his talk upon President Roosevelt, with the assertion that he does not intend to write his "life," but to speak of Theodore Roosevelt as he knows him "of his own knowledge or through those nearest and dearest to him."

Society

Dear Bessie: This has been another lively week in our swim, and though the dances have not been so numerous as those of last week, the youngest—or rather, I might say, the least seasoned—of the girls are commencing to show signs of fatigue. But first let me hark back a bit and tell you of the festivities which ushered in the New Year. I do not know which of the New Year teas I enjoyed most, for I was at all of them; that is to say, of those in our set, which included the Huntington's, Gertrude Dutton's, Mrs. Redding's, Agnes Buchanan's, Mrs. Ed. Schmiedell's, Amy Gunn's and Mrs. George Martin's, where egg-nog was the beverage dispensed; the day was lovely, and every one seemed to be having a good time. The most gorgeous of them all was the Huntington's, where Marion made her formal debut, but possibly the one I liked best was that of Mrs. Schmiedell, which she gave for her sister-in-law, Mrs. Geo. Howard, who looked just as sweet and lovely as when, as Nettie Schmiedell, she was one of the best-liked girls of our set, and oh, what a lovely gown she wore! Amy Gunn had with her a very pretty girl from Los Angeles, Elizabeth Gibson by name, who is on a visit to Amy.

Just as I knew it would be, the New Year's eve fancy dress party at the Navy Yard was just too perfectly delightful for words to express. Christine says she never enjoyed anything so much in all her life, and that some of the costumes were very pretty and others were very odd. Betty Moody's poppy dress was much admired, and so was Lucy Coleman's flags of all nations, as well as a lot more. The girls from town all stayed there over New Year's, and as everyone at the Yard kept open house and received calls, it must have been very like New Year's calls of long ago that Aunt Susie is always talking about nowadays.

Aunt Susie and I had a fine time at Mrs. Gibbs's tea on Saturday. As Aunt Susie says, to think of all the years Mrs. Gibbs has wasted living so quietly without giving the faintest hint of what a charming hostess she could be, which she has so delightfully demonstrated the past three years. Stella Kane, for whom the tea was given, has been here before, and was much liked, so of course she received many words of welcome.

There has been a little of everything done this week, though of dancing not so much as we had in its predecessor. Mrs. Grayson Dutton had a luncheon party of twelve at the St. Dunstan, to open the week on Monday afternoon. Then, owing to the uncertainties of the weather at this time of year, as well as the fact that some of the men invited would find it difficult to go up to the Navy Yard, the Gaiety Club decided to hold its meeting in town instead of at Mare Island. Miss Stella McCalla played the hostess at Century Hall, on Monday evening, and a delightful time was enjoyed by all lucky enough to be asked. Of course I went to Mrs. Horace Davis's first "at home" on Tuesday to greet her daughter-in-law, Norris's wife; she will give another party next week. But the great event of Tuesday was the gorgeous dinner Mr. Jim Phelan gave in the Red Room of the Bohemian Club for his niece, Alice Sullivan; nearly all the buds of the season were among the guests, who numbered sixty or more. Mrs. Joe Donahoe had her first "at home" on Wednesday afternoon, and there were more there than I anticipated, while for the evening there were several events on the cards. One

was the wedding of Carrie Ayres and Dennis Searles, which took place at the Ayres temporary home on California street at nine o'clock. It was rather a quiet affair: only just their most intimate friends, with May and Frank King as sole attendants, and Doctor Clappett performed the ceremony.

Thursday was full to the brim of good things. Mrs. Gus Costigan was one of the hostesses, giving a luncheon at the St. Dunstan for Margaret Wilson. Bertie Bruce Stephenson gave a tea for Newell Brown, Maye Colburne following suit with one for Polly Macfarlane. Dr. Gibbons and Ida gave a dance at Cotillion Hall in the evening for the loveliest debutante of the season, Florence Gibbons. Yesterday Nellie Oxnard gave one of her delightful luncheons for Mrs. Lewis, who is here from Portland on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Kittle; and a gang of us met at Ollie Palmer's second at home. I had also to give a look in at the reception at the Sketch Club, and do the first at home of Mrs. Frank Sullivan for Alice, and Mrs. Sam Knight's first tea, and finished up with the dinner given by Mrs. Irwin for the Norris Davises. There is to be a Leap Year tea at the Presidio, with Lieutenant Lewis as host, and of course all are on the qui vive as to what it is to be like. There were two card parties on Thursday of last week. Mrs. L. L. Baker was hostess of the six-handed Euchre Club, and Agnes Buchanan had one of fifty guests to play seven-handed euchre, with Gertrude Dutton as guest of honor.

Terpsichore will have an inning next week, as Ruth and Bessie Allen have a dance on Monday evening, which opens the week famously. Tuesday is to be a white letter date, for that night Florence Whittell is to be given a ball by her uncle George, for which the cards were sent out last week. Among other things on the carpet is the tea to be given for Polly Macfarlane by Mrs. Chris. Reis, on Thursday, and another tea for the same little lady on Saturday of which Gertrude Palmer will be the hostess. Mrs. Frank Deering will also give a tea on Saturday from four till seven.

The Cluff-Wilson engagement is not to be a long one, for already the wedding day is named for the 10th of February. It will be an evening ceremonial at the Palace Hotel, with Mrs. Jack Spreckels as matron of honor, Pearl Landers, Carrie Cluff, Helen

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and Constance de Young to officiate as bridesmaids, and will be quite an elaborate affair. Preceding it will come the wedding of Louise Harrington and Lieutenant Leahy, which is named for the 6th, I believe, but am not quite sure of the date, and we may expect to hear of the cards for Bernie Drown and Sam Boardman's wedding being out almost any day now.

The arrival of the Peter Martins will become an accomplished fact next week, and the gossip is that one of the grandest affairs of the season will be given by Mrs. Eleanor Martin—who has been keeping it up her sleeve all these weeks—to give them welcome. They are to stay with her, and we may look out for lots of good things in every shape and form once they are actually here. —Elsie.

The reception of the Papyrus Club on the last day of the year, with an interesting programme, in charge of Miss Ella McCloskey, was attended by many. The Press Club Quartette, Messrs. King, McMillan, Hunt and Keene, rendered "Annie Laurie," by Bruck, and Lacy's "Simple Simon." Mrs. W. S. Leake and Mr. Dorville Libby told some acceptable stories, while Alice Carey's "An Order for a Picture" was spoken by Mrs. W. B. Buckingham, and Mme. Caro Roma and Mme. de Seminario sang very entertainingly. Benby's "Serenade" was sung by Miss Pearl Hassock, with Miss Elma Woodbridge as accompanist. Mrs. Louise Battles Cooper, Mr. Charles Sweigert, Jeanne Morrow Long, Mme. Tojetti, Grace Loring Williams, Mesdames Briggs and Cornwall, Miss Flynn and Miss Helen Sutherland, filled the balance of the programme very much to the satisfaction of the audience.

Among the arrivals at the Hotel Rafael during the past week are the following: Mrs. and Mr. B. M. Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. M. Posner, F. W. Young, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McDermoth, Harry Gerdes, Mrs. Gironard, Mrs. Chamblor, Mrs. J. M. Todd and sons, John F. Elliot, H. A. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, Mort Lawton, W. B. Moore.

HOTEL CLARENDON.

The past twelve months have been the hotel era of San Francisco. Many good, and some very superior, apartment houses and hotels have been erected, but the leader of leaders is easily accredited to be Hotel Clarendon, which opened in June, and which has steadily advanced in public favor. The appointments of the hotel are so thoroughly modern, and the conveniences so many, that a homelike atmosphere pervades every floor and every room. The cafe is without exception the best in California, and nothing, even in best club life, can compare with the quiet elegance of the swim and surroundings. Try the Clarendon, and you will thank the News Letter for the suggestion.

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GREAT PICTURE IS SHOWN HERE.

The celebrated painting, "The Blacksmith," by Hubert Delorme, is again on exhibition at the Emporium, where it will be shown for a limited time and will doubtless attract much attention. The picture is one well worth seeing many times, both as a work of a master painter and a piece of realism. Delorme's reputation would be secure if he had never painted any other picture than this.

"The Blacksmith" is not a huge canvas crowded with figures and overdone by startling effects: nothing but a smithy of the old style, with the smith bending over his forge, waiting for the iron to reach proper heat. He is the old country blacksmith about whose shop you used to play when you were a boy, and he wears the same old leathern apron. There, too, are the double-end anvil, the barrel filled with scrap iron, the heap of old horse shoes and other odds and ends, the glowing fire, shooting sparks in every direction as the smith pulls on the bellows cord.

Upon this simple background the figure of the smith himself stands out as if alive. Apparently you might walk around him as he prepares to draw the hot iron from the fire. You can almost see his hairy chest heave and the sweat drop from his brow, so real is the effect of Delorme's treatment, and you find yourself waiting and wondering why he does not turn from the forge to the anvil and take up the hammer lying there on the old splintered block. And over this homely and familiar scene streams the sunlight through door and window, lighting up the figure of the smith and meeting the warm glow from the fire.

Delorme's great picture needs no technical knowledge of art to enable the spectator to enjoy its beauties, yet it appeals both to the artist as a masterpiece and to the layman as a story told with brush and canvas and color in the keynote of sympathy for human life. One of the artists who spent an hour studying it said: "Not one painter in a thousand could duplicate the fire reflection upon the face and arms of the blacksmith, or the glow of the flame itself. Delorme had to battle with the sunlight effect from the windows and the firelight from the forge, and his success was genius in its most perfect achievement."

The picture is owned by F. F. Galbraith of Toronto, and is valued at \$50,000. The painter, Delorme, was born at Givors, France, in 1842 and died in Paris in 1874.

—The epicure knows that an oyster should be eaten as near the oyster bed as possible, and that the least possible time should ensue between the time the oyster is "tonged" to the minute of consumption. Moraghan's Oyster House in the California Market is world-famed as the place best to secure the succulent bivalve. The "chef" is pre-eminent as a master of the art of cookery, and no one seeking satisfaction in oysters will ever do aught but praise Moraghan's.

—One goes naturally to Swain's on Sutter street for a good luncheon. There is nothing in town that can compare with this place as a place of rest and refreshment after the toils of shopping. They are always ready to deliver ice-cream and pastry—always the best, and their promptness can be depended upon.

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By Order of the Board of Directors, J. B. SHAW, Secretary.
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It is well known and to be regretted that dishonesty is rampant among the university students. Scandal after scandal has come and gone; the library has complained of stolen books; the students of stolen money, clothes and books, and the lack of straightforward manliness has become such a problem that the introduction of the honor system is being seriously debated. In other words, the college authorities, despairing of disciplining the students, are asking the latter to discipline themselves. What is the reason? Partly the lack of a strong head. A President who calls on the Lord publicly whenever he has to face an emergency, and tells twenty-year-old boys that he feels as if he could cry every time that he is called upon to reprove them, cannot instil any robust manliness into those whom he is supposed to lead. Just imagine the head of a great firm who has been obliged to administer a warning to a careless clerk adjuring him to be good, and wringing his hands over the sin of the youth and the painfulness of the situation? It is small wonder that our college men, on the completion of their course, are less manly than their brothers who went to work in the world. Robust leadership of a strong man would clear things up morally at Berkeley.

The days of the lazy student are coming to an end. The standard is being raised at both the Universities, and henceforward men must work for their degrees. It is none too soon. For several years the University students have had a disgracefully easy time. The competition between the two Universities has degenerated into the merest advertising and scramble for numbers. Methods of touting which might have been justifiable in the case of a small auction, but were absolutely out of place in university matters, had become more and more the rule, till a line had to be drawn somewhere, for the reason that the depths of vulgarity had been sounded. Now the heads of the colleges appear to have awakened to the fact that scholarship may serve as well as foot-ball games and glee clubs. Henceforward, the class room will be of more importance.

It is not often that pathos troubles the hard heart of the Town Crier, but in the case of the death of Professor Paget, which was followed so soon by that of his wife, his voice cannot be altogether silent. Their love is a lesson to all, and a comfort in these hard times, when the villainies and the hypocrisies of our would-be leaders and exemplars take up too much of our notice. The professor devoted his life to the payment of a debt which he voluntarily assumed, and died poor, as fools count poverty, but richer in all that good men respect than most of those whom nearly everybody envies.

There is much disgust in virtuous Oakland over the fact that white girls have been discovered in a notorious Chinese place. There is a whole lot of bosh talked about the girls being lured there by a Chinaman. Any girl who could be lured into that sort of thing by a Celestial photographer is not worth much of a fuss. There is very much jubilation in the city across the bay that the girls were from San Francisco. For once in a chequered career, Oakland is entitled to congratulations.

When a policeman does his duty as did Fogarty, the community will not stand by and see him punished. The judges are afraid of the unions, and henceforward it will be impossible to secure any justice for the officials who stand for public order in the face of violence and abuse. The most that can be done is to pay their fines for them, and see that their good deeds do not entail any suffering. Let it be known that wherever a peace officer is punished by the local Dogberries for carrying out his duty and protecting the citizens, the money will be forthcoming to pay his fines and to keep him from suffering, and we shall be able to maintain the outward semblance of decency, at all events, in spite of the efforts of our officials and the perjured cowardice of the Police Court Judges.

There is a report, probably malicious, that Mrs Schmitz makes her children call their father "Mayor." At any rate, something must be filling his musical soul with swelling waves. His idea that he could successfully grapple with the Federal authorities could only have been born of colossal vanity or an equally enormous ignorance. Probably both had a share, for the Mayor is a handsome man, and has been a little spoiled in his time. It is a pity he did not persevere. To have lined up against Congress would have taught him his limitations, as it has many abler and bigger men. It is getting time that our local politicians began to learn that there is a power in the country, and that their little schemes do not include the whole universe.

We are to be treated to another exposure in the matter of the Clunie estate. It is a queer thing that our attorneys cannot put through a simple piece of business without making everybody who has any connection with the deceased ashamed and annoyed. The pettifogging which is spreading like a malignant disease through the bar of California and particularly of San Francisco, will yet destroy the profession. The sharp practices which were formerly confined to the shyster part of the profession are too generally invading the better class of law officers, and the whole structure of the legal profession is weakened. All this is of comparatively recent growth, for it is not many years since our local bar was one of the finest and cleanest in the world.

The Town Crier would like to know how so many professional men of standing can find time to be always at the race-track. If you are at the Ferry Building, you can see them dropping off the cars one by one and making their way to the boats. Watch them at the races, and they are hanging about the bookmakers' stands. When these races can have such a disturbing influence upon men who have sufficient balance to have acquired a certain standing, what must be the effect upon the callow and the weak? There is something unhealthy in our make-up when the racing microbe can get so strong a hold; and the racing is, generally speaking, not straight, either.

What's a restaurant? An eating place. What's a French restaurant? The answer may be found in the list of things to be sold on account of the closing of the Maison Riche for running illegal gambling games. There are a few pots, pans and kettles in this inventory, but it consists mostly of bed-room suites, mattresses, sheets, pillow-cases and like fittings. All of which proves what I have always maintained—that French restaurants are indecent places, unfit for the patronage of respectable people.

How San Francisco Looks to Me

By Fernand Travers, Tourist

No. 2

It's awfully jolly to me to be able to say something which I know to be right and which the other fellow says is wrong. Wrong only because the statement hits the objector in a spot which is tender to the touch. I mean pressure and not "touch" in the vernacular of the Coast, which I learn is a slang synonym for asking a temporary cash accommodation from a fellow clubman or a friend. In my mingling with San Francisco's best of clubmen I learned to my cost the definition of "touch." I did not know it before, but I do now. I have acquired a collection of autograph cards that in event of any one of the artist signers becoming famous I shall recoup the what to me looks like a loss. I am really only out a few hundred dollars, and have had sufficient fun studying the various methods used by the autograph sellers to compensate me for the expense. I am not, I flatter myself, as simple as I look, and I expect the "autographs" to be purchased by the San Franciscans who made them at cost prices. If not redeemed, I shall treasure them as mementoes of my visit, and as an evidence of poor judgment. My man has not as yet been able to find apartments which suit me, and I am terribly unsettled. It is bothersome to a man to be compelled to put up with the unhomeness of the hotel and the perfunctory "Good evening, sir," of the waiters and hall boys at the clubs. I hope to get settled quickly, and my own establishment started, and then I shall be better able to enjoy the funny things I see done by the barbarians of society at this place.

I had quite expected to have a lonesome New Years. I was a stranger in a strange land, and had been taken in. A cablegram from the pater, which I received in the evening, set me on my feet. I called Roger, my valet, dressed and thought I might perchance find some friend at the club who would dine with me and help to drown my solitude and end the year. I had barely handed my hat and stick to the hall-boy when I was greeted by a "Hello, Travers!" from a chap whom I met in Scotland, and who is a Christ Church-Oxon-Man and an Honor man. We dined at my expense, and then called a cab and went down to Market street to see the old year die. The cabby would not drive fast, and the horse walked up one side of the beastly street and then down the other. When we finally got to the hotel, I said, "Pay him, and let's foot it for a while."

We did. The experience was anything but pleasant—the men were so illy-bred that they made vulgar remarks because two gentlemen in evening dress were taking a walk. I resented it once, and called a "bobby." I repeated to him the insulting language of the man who had made himself offensive, and requested his removal. But all the satisfaction I received from the peace officer was a remark which sounded like "G'wan!" I have formed my opinion of San Francisco's constables, and I think they need some of England's Scotland Yard Inspectors to sharpen them up. I also formed my opinion of the young women I saw. They are not a bad-looking lot in this city, but I fear that the most of the complexions I noted would not stand a rain-storm. The women were athletic enough in appearance, rather too much so, but their gowns were neither fit for kettledrum, tea or dinner, and much less for the street. I think they were all good women. I think this in spite of their high-heeled shoes and high-held

skirts. They were not the class to raise a nation or to make a wife. The lack of suggestion in either look or action pleased me, but the taste displayed in their costuming was simply perdition. I was told by my chum that New Year's eve in your city is a sort of Mardi Gras. I found out later that it was worse. My pocket was picked of a pair of Dent's and a couple of silk handkerchiefs, while my friend was relieved of a diamond-studded locket which he wore on his job. After we got back to the hotel, through the horn-blowing, confetti-throwing mob, and sat down to discuss a bottle "frapped," I even confessed that I had enjoyed myself. I had seen an innumerable lot of pretty girls "en passant"; I noted their carriage and gestures, and they were girls with stride and action, with trim hands and ankles, such as I am convinced is indigenous to San Francisco and California. I realize that they were not, of course, the kind or class that I could know, and I do not desire to meet them. I may look at them and admire them as I do my horse for his points, or my dog for his affection—but nothing more for Travers.

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Patti did not attract a fashionable crowd at the Grand Opera House Thursday night. The audience did not show disappointment in the weakness of her voice—the voice that once demanded recognition from the world—but it was weak nevertheless. The "wise old owl," as Ferris Hartman would say, makes no attempt at the higher or lower notes, and sings only in the middle scale. There was nothing grand nor nothing sweet in her rendition of the programme, and yet the audience applauded—applauded Patti, not her voice.

Although the possessor of a repertoire numbering thirty-odd roles, it is a fact that Mme. Adelina Patti has never turned her attention towards the classic operas, as "Zerlina," in Mozart's "Don Giovanni," is the only classic role which she ever essayed. Masters of singing will point out that her avoidance of the heavier roles in grand opera is the cause of the long preservation of her marvelous voice. Mme. Patti will be heard for the last time in San Francisco at the Grand Opera House Monday afternoon, January 11th, at 2:15.

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Adele Block as Cho in "A Lady of Quality" is a very pleasing personation. The carpingly critical might say that there is a dead level in the voice of the Wildan's Diana, but I find on consultation with many of those on the foreside of the footlights the "eternal feminine" and the rhapsodical youth, that a dead-levelism and intense earnestness are supposed to possess consanguinity. Adele Block is sweet, winsome, tragic and tantalizing. She has a magnetic temperament, which is easily transferred to her audience.

Durkin is such a villainously good villain that you sorrow at his demise.

Harry Hilliard is but a poor Lord Osmonde. He lacks vim, and his dialogue lacks the bubbles of brightness necessary to make it interesting. "The Lady of Quality" has been presented here on two other occasions, and the Alcazar Company's version is as good as any we have seen.

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Clyde Fitch might have written "The Girl with the Green Eyes" for Ida Conquest and company, it is so well given at the Columbia. Mrs. Thomas Whiffen easily shares honors with Miss Conquest, and Robert Drouet is an associate of which any star might be proud.

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"Ixion" still holds the boards at the Tivoli to large houses. The staging and scenery are excellent. The Bothwell Brown's dancing class might well be dispensed with in favor of a professional chorus. The dancing class, although well trained, did not give satisfaction at the Grand, in "Cleopatra." It does not take an audience long to feel the difference, and

this is because of the lack of professional swing. The performance is a generally pleasing one, however, and fills the house nightly.

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"Monte Cristo," at the Central, pleases the lovers of the 1-2-3 drama, and Herschel Mayall received the plaudits of a breathless audience. Eugenie Thais Lawton gave a fairly good piece of stage work. Her transition from youth to old age shows much painstaking study. The setting is good.

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Fischer's Theatre, with "I-O-U" in its last week, has been well patronized. The play is not up to the standard of this house, and the company seems to be suffering from a sundering of relations. The new company, or rather the old company, with a few new faces, will take up "The Beauty Shop." This is announced as a roaring local farce, with a plot, and was written by Mr. J. C. Crawford, a San Francisco newspaper man. The only evidence, and the best at hand, of the taking qualities of the play is the enthusiasm of all, from scene-shifter to manager. Helen Russell will make her first appearance, and judging by her photographs, the title of Madame Voluptia, the Beauty Doctor, fits her well. Mr. Dill will personate the president of the Pretzel Trust, Mr. C. Schwabber Pilsener, while Kolb becomes Mr. Jay Bierbump Culmbacher. The names in the play bill should be enough to fill the house.

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At the Central, "The Moonshiners" will be put on. This is a melodrama with impressive scenes and magnificent scenery. The play is located in Virginia, and it is said to have had great runs in the the East and South. A new comedian will make his initial appearance as "Eph, the African."

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A story of cross purposes and conditions gone awry is afloat about Fischer's. It is said Barney Bernard undertook to obtain a raise in salary that would have enabled him to own a string of horses. He was signed for a Los Angeles house, and report says the Angeleno audiences gave him the frozen face. He resigned, and was looking longingly toward Fischer's again. He knew the public wanted him, and he knew Fischer wanted him. Fischer knew this, too, but he had the Actors' Union on his hands. Amber, Dill, Kolb and Winfield Blake were all howling for a raise. There should be a Hague Tribunal of Arbitration for disgruntled actors and managers with Flashton Grievance, he of the interviews, as chief arbitrator.

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"Als ich Wiederkam," a sequel to "At the White Horse Tavern," will be presented at the Columbia by the Alameda Lustspiel Ensemble. The cast is large, and the very acceptable manner in which "The White Horse Tavern" was presented is a guarantee of a satisfied patronage. "Als ich Wiedenkam" is said to be a very amusing comedy.

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"The Moth and the Flame," one of Clyde Fitch's earlier works, a social problem and a play of polite manners, is to be the attraction at the Alcazar. This play is a strong one, and it should receive excellent treatment from the unusually intelligent company. Durkin will essay the juvenile, and Mr. Conners will take up the part of the villain. The rest of the company is nicely cast, and should give a good account

of itself. This house has "Mrs. Jack" in preparation. "Mrs. Jack" ran for nearly the whole of last season at "Wallack's," and is by Leo Ditichstein, author of "Are You a Mason?" and other popular plays.

Alberta Gallatin "on special tour" will be presented January 10th at the Columbia in Ibsen's "Ghosts."

Hoyt's "Trip to Chinatown" is the bill for next week at the California.

Stanislaus Stange and Julian Edwards have collaborated to write "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," and this is to be the next Tivoli bill. This distinctly American work is said to have scored great success in the East. There is a splendid plot, a climax and anti-climax. The music is a blending of the themes of the North and the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Deaves will present their "Merry Manikins" for the entertainment of the Chutes' audiences this coming week, and young and old alike will have ample opportunity for laughter. La Drew and La Zone, "The Daffy Dame and the Tad," promise an amusing act, and the Girdollers, society acrobats and equilibrists, will contribute the athletic portion of the entertainment; Luce and Luce will offer a comedy sketch, and Mabel Lamson will be heard in new illustrated songs. Joe and Sadie Britton, the colored dancers, will appear for the fourth and last week of an unprecedented engagement, and the animatoscope will complete the programme with interesting and amusing moving pictures. The amateurs will appear on Thursday night. The babies in the life-saving incubators are thriving, and the collection of animals in the zoo is constantly in receipt of rare additions.

The Orpheum bill shows a new company, with Henry Thurston, "the man who mystified Hermann," played up strong. Walno and Marinette, Austrian grotesques, and Asra, the juggler. Asra is a specialist with billiard balls. Fred Hallen and Molly Fuller, in their last appearance, will give Cohen's successful comedy, "His Wife's Hero." The bill throughout seems good, in the advance notes, but it will have to be more than good to beat the "Road Show."

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Click, click, click, went the typewriter. Marion Wesley paused and pushed back her hair from her forehead with a tired gesture. Office hours were over, but she was clearing up work in connection with the employment agency in which she was part manager. Suddenly there came a sharp rap. The door opened, and a girl whirled in all flying laces and chiffon, and flung her arms round the neck of the soberly-clad figure behind the desk.

"You dear old thing," cried the apparition in a slightly high-pitched voice, "I've found you out at last. I'd given it up as a bad job when a cute young policeman gave me the cue. Fancy if I'd had to return to New York without seeing you. Not that I should have returned. My dear, I cut myself adrift. Behold a pauper."

And the girl in a peach and gray confection swept her friend a deep curtsy. By this time Marion had recovered her presence of mind and touched the electric bell. A grimy-looking office boy appeared in answer to her ring.

"Jones," she said, pulling out her purse, "go across to the A. B. C. shop and bring over tea for two and bread and butter, and do not forget the cream."

"Wahn't you 'ave no kyke?" inquired the youth, with an amazed stare at the dainty vision in the chair opposite.

"Yes; cake, of course, and strawberries," promptly responded the newcomer. "Nasty little boy! Why do you keep him, Marion?" asked the vision, otherwise Pauline Augusta Vanderheim, step-daughter of Jabez D. Barnes, of New York.

Marion Westley smiled at the question. "I think I keep him for the same reason that I bought these office chairs—both are cheap. Employment agencies do not run into wildly extravagant dividends at the end of the year."

"So times are bad, eh? Well, it's lucky I've come along to bustle them up," remarked Miss Vanderheim. "Now, little boy, you will spill that cream. Ah! I knew it." She started up and rescued the tray. "I will pour out for you. Sugar and cream, dear? As I told you," she resumed, "I've burned my boats—cut the painter—that's the English expression, isn't it? And now I'm on my own. You see," she continued, sipping her tea serenely, "poppa tried on what I hear is a common dodge with parents this side. He wanted to fix me up with a husband."

"And you did not like his choice?" asked Marion, edging in a word with difficulty.

"My dear, I've never seen him. It was some rich, stuck-up Englishman—begging your countryman's pardon. I was just to be packed off like a bale of dry-goods. I declined even to be introduced to him under the circumstances. I told poppa he would certainly object to my choosing a new mamma, and I had equally strong objections to his selecting a son-in-law."

Marion Westley laid her hand on her friend's arm. "I will do my best for you, dearest, you may be sure, in memory of the happy days we spent together in America. But I used to think that, perhaps, there was some one else. Are you sure? Quite sure?"

The young visitor's face flushed crimson and she snatched her hand away. "You are altogether wrong. There never was anything between us," she said hotly. "As for earning my own living, I never

thought it was so stupid, but I guess there are only two things I can do well—ride a bicycle and drive a motor car."

Marion laughed. "Yes, I know your qualifications as a chauffeuse. I have them all recorded here, and the races you have won for your father. He was proud of you, Paula, as proud as though you had been his very own daughter. Can't you forgive his ambition for you?"

Marion was doomed to interruptions that afternoon, for hardly had Pauline Vanderheim driven away (her ideas of pauperism not being precisely practical) than there was another knock at her inner door.

"Come in," she called somewhat impatiently. "Oh, Donald, is it you?" and her voice changed. "Come in. I am glad to see you."

"So it would seem," answered her cousin, Donald Mainwright, discontentedly. "You have taken pains enough to avoid me, I think, shutting yourself up in a poky little hole like this. Pray, how long is this farce to continue?"

"Farce?" timidly echoed Miss Westley.

"Yes, farce, Marion. What is the good of humbugging about with an employment agency when you know I am only longing to give you anything you want?"

"Now, Donald, do give up prowling around," she continued, smiling. "My work is quite respectable. I assure you. Lots of women do this sort of thing nowadays. Sit down and tell me about yourself. Who is the latest? A little bird whispered that you were very nearly annexed in the States."

"Nonsense!" he protested angrily. "People will talk. It was all a mistake. She never cared for me."

Marion looked at him, smiling at the ingenuous confession. What a boy he was, after all! So she encouraged him to talk, and soon had drawn out the whole of his pitiful tale. "She was the most charming being in the world. But she would have nothing to say to him. 'I'm not good enough for her; she is so clever and all that,' he concluded sadly. Marion listened patiently to the end. "You shall go in for some hobby," she counseled. "Why not cultivate your tenants? The proper study of man is man, not woman."

"There now, Marion. That's too bad to hit a fellow when he's down. As it happens, I have taken up motoring. I've just got an electric car, a real beauty, but I can't find a decent driver. I've advertised and hunted around for a week. All the fellows who apply are such awful cads that I should hate to ride with them. I suppose now that sort of thing is not in your line?"

Marion laughed. "Well, hardly," and then she paused. A wild idea had flashed into her brain. "It happens strangely enough, though, that I have heard of a driver only this very afternoon. The—person has won several races and has qualifications that are quite unexceptional."

"What is the fellow's name?"

"Vanderheim."

"Oh! American, I suppose? Well, so much the better. I wish you would send word to him to come up for a trial trip to-morrow. By Jove, Marion, what a brick you are!"

"For finding you a chauffeur? Well, I hope it

may prove so."

"Please, sir, the car's at the door."

Donald Mainwright looked out on a dense fog depressing to every sense. But he was anxious to try his new toy. "All right, I'll come," he answered. "Is the new chauffeur here?"

The valet coughed discreetly. "The new—? Oh, yes, sir! if that is the name, sir. And a rummy name it is, and the rummiest go I ever knew," he added in a scandalized aside as he helped his master into his big fur and coverall.

The electric light was switched on in the hall, and as Donald Mainwright stumbled out into the gloom he felt almost blinded by the sudden transition. "All right; go ahead," he said, and away they rushed. "I say, do you think it's safe to make quite such a pace in the darkness?" he inquired anxiously.

"Quite safe."

The words were simple enough, but he started and peered anxiously across at his companion on the driving seat. He could make out nothing but a dark mass surmounted by a white peaked cap. "You have won three races in America, I understand."

"Yes."

"And you feel quite competent to drive in London?"

"Quite."

The machine swerved by a hair's breadth, thus just avoiding a lumbering 'bus, and pursued its rapid course. They were leaving the crowded streets behind them and the fog was lifting.

"What nationality are you?"

"American."

"How long have you been a chauffeur?"

There was a perceptible pause, and then, "I don't know!"

"You don't know! Whom have you driven for?"

"My father."

"Your father? Why, then, how old are you?"

No answer.

"How old are you?" he repeated impatiently.

"Come, I have a right to know," and he laid his hand on the driver's arm.

It nearly cost him an accident, for the jerk of the hand on the wheel caused the machine to swerve suddenly aside and nearly sent it against the curb-stone. The driver righted it in the very nick of time and sent it flying ahead at an increasing pace. Both were trembling, but not from fear. In that instant they had run under an electric light and caught a glimpse of each other's faces.

"By Jove! It's little Lena," muttered Mainwright, and then fell silent in sheer amazement.

She slowed down the machine and turned to him. "Let me tell you how it came about," she said. "It was Marion. She sent me your address. I did not know who you were. Oh, you must believe that."

"Of course I believe it. You always did avoid me," he answered ruefully.

She nodded in a gratified manner.

"Well, I saw you under the electric light as you came out of the hall, but you did not see me in the fog, and I hoped to get back before you found out."

"But now I have found you, and you cannot possibly escape, and leave me in the lurch. I cannot drive myself. Lena, do you remember those days in the mountains?"

"I can't," she said. "Not now. I'm too busy," but the car was slowing down and was almost at a stop. "There is something wrong. The battery is giving out. I wish I had looked at it before we started."

"I don't," said he, "for now you will have to wait until you have answered my question, and then—why, there is a fresh charge in my bag."

She sighed resignedly. "Well, what is it you want to ask?"

"Do you remember those days on the mountains?"

"I'm not likely to forget them, I should think," she answered, demurely, "considering whom I met there."

"Ah, you mean—"

"Marion Westley, of course."

"Oh, Marion! Yes, she is a dear, good creature: still I do wish you had said—"

"Who?"

"Why, me!"

"You? The idea! Why should I remember you?"

"Ah, why indeed?" he sighed. "I dare say you forgot all about me long ago. But I never forgot you. Lena, and I wouldn't even look at any of the New York belles. Why, there was one old fellow—he'd heard I was heir to a title, I suppose, for he was a millionaire—who actually proposed to me for his daughter. I would not even meet her."

"What was her name?" asked the chauffeur, trembling.

"His name? Oh, Barnes; Jabez Barnes. What is the matter?"

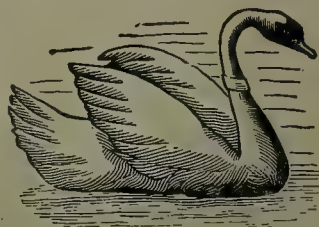
Lena had grown very white. "Then it was you whom he meant," she gasped. "I—I never asked your name, but I did not want to meet him—the Englishman—and so I ran away and came here and asked Marion to find me work, and I couldn't be anything but a chauffeur, and Marion sent me to you."

"By Jove, she did! Well, I always said she was a brick, but I never knew just what a brick she was!" exclaimed Donald. "And now, let's get in a new charge, and ride along and tell her."

Half an hour later the fog had lifted. Marion Westley, glancing out of her office window in Little Portland street, saw a motor car glide up and stop at her door. There was a girl on the driving seat dressed in a big coat and a white peaked hat. A man sat beside her.

Marion sighed and then smiled. "It is quite right," she said to herself. "She will steer the car for Donald now and always, but he will not know it. So, best for both."—Sunny South.

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The Sweepstake Deal Winds up in Court.

The inevitable has come to pass again. Eastern folk get a California mine handed out to them for \$6,000,000, and they snap it up as a bargain. The fact that mines of this value are few and far between in any part of the world did not serve to render them at all shy of the proposition, and the sale of a practically undeveloped claim at such an extraordinary price was heralded all over by that portion of the press which would undertake to defend Satan himself if he paid for it. Now they are inclined to the belief that the mine was salted. Tricks of this kind have been played before in California, which is no saying, of course, that the Sweepstake property was salted. The ruin of the Frenchmen who bought the old Succor Flat mine one day and found that it was salted within the next twenty-four hours, is still fresh in the minds of a good many people. Again, the late Melville Attwood had his samples salted on him at the time they were doing up the bankers of Narbonne, building flumes upside down and playing all sorts of pranks down at the Quartz Mountain mine. Fortunately, Mr. Attwood was too clever to be caught napping, placing little trust in the locks and bars on doors and windows of a newly built assay house, even although every precaution was taken in the way of sealing them up for the night. He took pains the next morning to run the samples through the same mesh sieve he had used the night before, and to his astonishment found particles of the yellow metal which would not pass, on account of coarseness, and yet the seals were intact on doors, window and chimney. How these samples were salted, under the circumstance, was something which puzzled the distinguished geologist of over 50 years' experience, until the day after his death. Strange things do happen in mine promotion sometimes.

The market for Comstock shares is beginning to develop a tone which suits everybody

in the business except a few short sellers who would "bear" a stock for the possible profit of a copper cent. These people are, as a rule, outside of the pale of legitimate speculators. No one will attempt to deny the right of an operator to play any side of the market he may choose. There could be no "bulls" on 'Change were there no "bears;" the one is of as much vital importance to the market as the other. It would not be proper, however, to include the so-called "bears" of Pine street in the same category. They are, as a rule, wreckers, pure and simple, striving eternally to tear down what others are working to build up with the recourse always open of laying down their cards when the financial strain becomes too heavy, and then it is a case of "What are you going to do about it?" in so far as the men on the other end of the string are concerned. The end of a number of these people is in sight, and the street will be cleared of them in a few short months. Ophir is now giving evidence of the reserve force in store in the Comstock market, backed by something that money on the short end cannot beat, and that is ore. During the week the news that the ledge has been widening on the 1800 level, two of the last cars of the ore shipped to Selby's giving returns in gold equivalent to \$111 per ton. This is the same vein that has produced so well in the Con.-Cal.-Virginia

mine, and which is working north, through the Ophir ground, opening out in size and value all the time. Active trading and higher prices along the entire list may be anticipated for months to come, with a marked increase in the output of bullion from mines along the lode, many of which have been idle for years.

Local Stocks and Bonds.

Business continues dull in the local market for stocks and bonds, the only feature of the week being an overplus stock for sale of the S. F. Gas and Electric and a decidedly weak tone in Alaska Packers. The stockholders of the Gas Company do not seem to have profited much from the recent manipulation, which struck the Board of Directors as such a capable bit of work that they rewarded Mr. President Brown with a small fortune and a raise in salary of \$25,000 a year. Without attempting to enter into the controversy now going on between the Company and its clients over the quality of the gas it sells, it would strike a man up a tree that there is more heft at the managerial end of the business, and that perhaps trouble may result from a retrenchment in wages to counterbalance the high salaries paid the men who fill leather-backed chairs and travel in Europe on leave of absence. One would naturally consider that, after undertaking the contract to pay interest on about three times in excess of what a good serviceable plant would cost, that it would behoove all concerned to devote their energies toward the conclusion of work which was far from being finished by the operation of tagging on a number of millions to an already immense capitalization. All facts considered, the wonder is that the stock holds up as it does. As a combination, our re-constructed Gas Company is anything but a success, and a question suggests itself as to what the majority of the present management knows about gas making anyway. In bonds there was little done during the week and prices show no particular change.

American Production of Precious Metals.

California ranks second in the annual statement of the approximate distribution by producing States and territories of the yield of gold and silver of the United States for the calendar years of 1902 and 1903. The output of California for this term is estimated at \$16,535,525 in gold and \$497,664 in silver, trailing along after the heels of Colorado, which is credited with a yield during the same period of \$22,000,000 in gold and \$7,517,812 in silver. Utah comes third with a yield of \$5,036,599 in gold and \$8,000,000 in silver; then Montana, with a record of \$4,134,367 in gold and \$5,400,000 in silver. Alaska is only credited with an output of \$6,921,157 in gold and \$16,540 in silver. The States which show an increase for the year in the production of gold are Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Washington. Alaska, Colorado, Montana, South Dakota and Oregon show a decrease. The total output of gold for the period under review was \$74,425,340, and of silver \$30,520,688. This, in comparison with the previous year, shows a total net decrease in the gold production of \$5,575,000 and a net increase of \$1,110,000 in the production of silver. The Klondike produced in round numbers \$12,000,000 in gold against \$14,000,000 during the previous year.

The decrease of gold production in Alaska is attributed to a short season of water supply. In Colorado the decrease is attributed to the miners' strike, which interfered with production. It is not difficult to assign a cause for the decline in the California yield. Mining has been practically at a stand-still all over the State owing to labor difficulties, and it is probable that the production will be still less before the trouble is definitely settled. As it now stands, it is ridiculous to expect that capitalists will risk an investment with the chance of finding themselves tied up some day by the miners, who aim to dictate in all things the management of the mines. Tyranny is the only term to apply to the actions of the men, who, if the truth were told, are mostly foreigners, with views upon the subject of American liberty bordering so close upon license that they will have to be toned down considerably before they will make the more desirable class of citizens. It only requires a modicum of success upon the part of a company or proprietor, and the screws are promptly applied, as at the Royal mine in Calaveras County and the big copper mines at Keswick. Such a condition of affairs cannot last for all time, that is certain.

The annual statement of the financial condition of the Hibernia Savings and Loan Association at the close of business December 31, 1903, appears in this issue of the News Letter. It shows another progressive year, and a continuance of the prosperity which has ever attended the operations of this powerful financial institution, and its sagacious management. The total assets are now increased to \$61,466,590, representing a gilt-edged holding of property in the form of real estate and high-class stocks and bonds. Itemized, the assets consist of \$29,237,007 in promissory notes secured by first mortgages on real estate; \$1,151,400 in promissory notes, secured by bonds and stocks; \$19,776,933 in bonds of the United States; \$8,282,700 in miscellaneous bonds; \$324,686 in interest accrued on bonds; \$763,000 in real estate; not included in the land and office building valued at \$517,199, with cash on hand amounting to \$1,960,012. The reserve fund now amounts to \$3,283,914.80. With such a financial showing and a reputation for conservative, while at the same time liberal management, it is little wonder that the Hibernia Bank maintains the confidence of the public as it does.

The gross earnings of the United Railroads for the month of November, 1903, show an increase of \$44,367, or 9.07 per cent, while for the eleven months to November 30th, the gross earnings increased \$659,209, or 12.12 per cent.

The German-speaking element in our community have suffered a distinct loss in the death of Frederick W. Barkhaus. He was one of our best-known citizens and well beloved by all who ever came within the circle of his genial influence. He came to California around the Horn in 1853. The first few years of his life in California were spent in mining. His store was a center for a long time for all the culture of San Francisco. His great specialty was books in the German language, and by this means many of the German citizens were thus brought to more than a passing acquaintance with the old gentleman. He was a Mason and a member of the German Benevolent Society, besides being a director of the German Hospital. He was 67 years of age at his demise.

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VINCENT NEALE, Secretary.

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Deposits, December 31, 1903.....	\$33,232,908
Guarantee Capital, Paid up.....	1,000,000
Reserve and Contingent Funds.....	899,516

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Moves and Countermoves.

The Secretary of State has issued a very excellent volume, or Blue Book, that will be of interest to politicians all over the State. It is very well gotten up, and though it is very "fat" matter from the printer's standpoint, that is the business of the State Printer and not of the Secretary. It is a veritable directory of Who is Who, in the political line in this commonwealth, and except the employees of the State Printing Office, who for some reason have not appeared in the pages of any Blue Book for several years, it contains the names of all the State, Federal and Municipal employees, from the President of the United States to the driver of the police van in San Francisco. As a rule, the addresses of the office holders are given; that is to say, the place from which they were appointed, but as the printer evidently had not enough type to set up the words "Oakland" or "Alameda" any more frequently, they were omitted when the lists of Harbor Board, State institutions, and some federal employees were given. The list, however, contains 138 names with the residences in Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda, not counting, of course, those connected with the University, and their salaries and wages reach the very handsome total of \$197,540. When the employees of the Harbor Board, of the Customs House, etc., are added, no doubt those figures will be very nearly doubled. Not only does Alameda County figure in the list of persons holding positions, the work of which is to be done in this city, but she has proven a perfect octopus in grasping offices all over the State, north of the Tehachapi. Thus we have Alamedans on the Board of Trustees at the Mendocino State Insane Asylum, and at Napa they are the only managers of the Blind Asylum, and of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind. The State University would appear to be a mere local institution, as there is only one Regent south of the Tehachapi, and only two for the San Joaquin Valley. All the rest are either San Franciscans or Alamedans. Berkeley is represented on the Board of the new Polytechnic School at San Luis Obispo, and the Superintendent of that institution hails from the same classic town. Now as the distance from Berkeley to San Luis Obispo is generally supposed to be about the same as the distance from San Luis Obispo to Berkeley, I would respectfully request the powers that be to explain why there is not a single man from the Coast cities on the Boards of any institution except the Polytechnic School? Why not put some Southern men on the Adult Blind Board? Why not put some representatives of the great Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys on that Board, or on the list of Regents to the University? Certainly they would not prove themselves any more incompetent than the distinguished gentlemen who have allowed the Secretary of the University to walk away with what is now said to be \$140,000.

I beg, also, to call the attention of the Governor to the fact that the terms of three of the Trustees of the Home for the Feeble Minded have expired. His friends say that the Governor has been only waiting for a chance to straighten things out there. Here is his chance. He cannot pass the responsibility to any one else. Let him put men in there who will give their attention to the work, who will not pass over in silence the suicide of its inmates, who will protect poor, unfortunate girls when they are unlawfully removed from the institution.

The defalcation at the State University is likely

to reach seven times the amount that was originally named. Dozens of persons have paid the Secretary money and never bothered about it since, and to-day, even if they recall the fact, do not care to say anything about it, because they object to the notoriety that would result. While every effort is being made to find out what the loss is, the investigation is hampered by absence of records. Everybody who has any known financial transactions with the University is being questioned, but even that laborious method is proving far from satisfactory.

The appointment of George Adams in the place of Registrar Walsh was not unexpected. Adams was Assistant Secretary of the United Republican League but left that organization when the municipal campaign began carrying with him the records of the primary league. He became nominally Assistant Secretary of the Schmitz Club on Ellis street, but really its chief executive officer. He is an energetic man, and should make a good officer in his new place.

The conflict that I predicted between the Governor and the Mayor over the appointment of a successor to Justice of the Peace Percy V. Long is on, and the courts will have to decide whether Walter E. Dorn, whom the Mayor appointed, or Isadore Golden, whom the Governor named, is the rightful incumbent of the place. Incidentally, the court will decide the question whether the Justices are city or county officers. The Mayor relies on a late decision of the Supreme Court to sustain him, the decision which practically gave him the right to remove the Health Board. The Governor claims that he has the right to name the Clerk, Justices and so-called county officers as he is entitled to do in other counties where a vacancy occurs.

Long has named Partridge and Brobeck as his chief deputies, as was announced shortly after his election in this column. His other deputies are all men who have not been very prominent in politics, and who have to a large extent their spurs to win. It is understood that they were his personal choice, and that the "push" had nothing to do with the selections, although Long offered them the right to name their men.

Ex-Deputy Clerk Deane is to be the chief deputy of Clerk Grief. There will be a number of other changes in the office of County Clerk, though Casey will remain at the Probate desk, and several of the court clerks are to hold over. Grief expects all his men to work over-time until the books are up to date, and no one will be appointed who only wants a place to draw the salary.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Spring Valley Water Company will be held at the office of the company, No. 126 Stockton st., at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday, the 13th day of January, 1904, for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

PELHAM W. AMES, Secretary.

San Francisco, Cal., December 30, 1903.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The German Savings and Loan Society.

For the half year ending with December 31, 1903, a dividend has been declared at the rate of three and one-quarter (3 1/4) per cent per annum on all deposits, free of taxes, payable on and after Saturday, January 2, 1904. GEO. TOURNY, Secretary.
Office—526 California Street.

Mrs. Kalling—You haven't got that splendid butcher now? Mrs. Parvenu—No, he was a fraud. Mrs. Kalling—Indeed? Mrs. Parvenu—Yes, he forgot himself once and neglected to drop his "h's," so we discovered he wasn't English at all.—Philadelphia Ledger.



By THE AUTOCRANK

The Governors of the Automobile Club of California held a meeting on January 5th, and matters of interest affecting the club were discussed. Mr. C. C. Moore was appointed a committee of one to investigate and report at the next meeting of the Board the desirability of holding an automobile exposition at the Pavilion some time in the spring. Before any definite action is taken, the Club desires to know whether sufficient interest will be taken therein by the dealers, and must be assured that sufficient space will be rented to render it profitable. The exhibition will include all kinds of sporting goods, launches and automobile accessories. It is proposed to hold the exhibition during the whole of one week some time within the next three months.

The question of good roads was discussed, and the Governors passed a resolution endorsing the restoration of the ancient highway known as El Camino Real or the King's Highway, from San Diego to San Francisco. Southern California is very much interested in this project, and a convention will be held in Los Angeles on the 30th inst. to discuss the matter. The convention has been called by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and consists of the Board of Trade, County Surveyors, the Landmarks Club and the Los Angeles Highway Commission. Their efforts will be to build a grand boulevard from San Diego to Santa Barbara, and it will be left to Northern California to continue the road to San Francisco. The Automobile Club of California is taking an active interest in the matter, and a similar convention will undoubtedly be called in San Francisco. There is strong hope that the Brownlow Bill appropriating \$22,000,000 to aid good roads throughout the United States will be passed at this session, and if so, it is expected that the Legislatures of the various counties through which this road will pass will lend assistance and hasten the completion of the road. The old Mission Fathers not only selected their locations with wisdom and foresight, but they chose the easiest route for building the roads from Mission to Mission. In the desire for straight lines, these routes have not since been followed, and if El Camino Real is restored, it will afford the most delightful tour from San Francisco to San Diego, avoiding many of the hills that are now en route.

If such a road is completed, there will be stopping places all along the route for tourists, and the road will be used not only by automobilists but by vehicles of all kinds. An Eastern traveler coming to San Francisco can by easy stages see the most delightful parts of California, and carry back with him favorable impressions of the country between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Another interesting subject discussed by the Governors was the matter of a club badge. It was suggested by the President that there ought to be some way of identifying the members of the club while touring. An esprit de corps among them is in many ways beneficial. While there is generally a friendly feeling between automobilists, there should be a sort of free masonry among the members of the club. It makes club membership more desirable and a spirit of sociability is created. Mr. R. P. Schwerin left

for New York Wednesday morning, and while East he will decide upon a suitable design for a club badge, the same design to be used for a plate to be attached to each automobile. Members meeting on the road will thus be able to identify each other, and will be expected to render assistance in case of trouble. There will be three badges of the same design, but differing in size, one for the cap, one for the lapel of the coat, and one for the automobile. Over a year ago a committee was appointed to select a club badge and submitted several designs therefor, but the club did not seem to be sufficiently interested in the matter at that time. The Governors are now taking it up seriously, and some design will be adopted in the near future.

The Board of Directors of the Automobile Club have presented Mr. J. Kruttschnitt a petition asking him to modify the present rule which prohibits the transportation of automobiles on the regular ferry boats. This petition has not as yet been acted upon, but strong arguments have been brought to bear, and it is confidently believed that increased privileges will be granted in the near future, and as soon as the Southern Pacific lines act in the matter, there is no doubt but that the other ferry lines will make the same concessions. This will be an important gain to automobilists, for at present there is no way to reach San Francisco from Oakland between 4 p. m. and 8 p. m.

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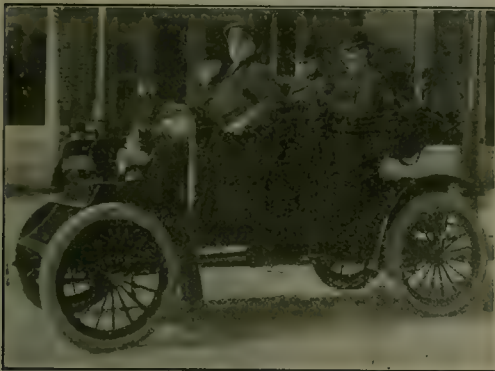
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Christie Iron Works, of New York City, which has been given its first tests of speed and endurance within the last few days. Mr. Walter Christie is the designer, and his creation possesses more novel features that look like good features than anything of its kind that has been turned out in this country for a long time. Equipped with a thirty-five horse-power motor of Mr. Christie's construction, the machine has been timed over a measured straightaway mile in 55.25 seconds, which is at the rate of sixty-five miles an hour. The remarkable feature of this will be better appreciated when it is understood that the machine, in racing trim, weighs only 1,250 pounds.

Mrs. Henry Meyers, of 1802 Pacific avenue, gave an automobile luncheon Sunday in honor of her daughter. The party consisted of 20 young ladies and gentlemen, who assembled at the residence about 11 o'clock and awaited the arrival of the cars of the Mobile Carriage Co., which were used for this occasion. The trip included the Park, Ocean Boulevard, Ingleside, Cliff House and Presidio, the party returning about 1:30, when luncheon was served.



James Whitcomb Riley in a Haynes Apperson surrey.

We quote the following from a local contemporary: "Jack Winter, the well-known express agent at Truckee, Cal., has purchased and installed the first auto in Truckee, Cal. The town has suddenly become auto struck, and more machines can be sold there. No light-power cars need apply, as the district is mountainous." Now, this is all very well except for the interesting fact that Mr. Winter's machine is the very lightest that is made, being no other than the Orient Buckboard. It might almost be said that nothing but light cars need apply, as Mr. Winter's success has led to a number of orders for Buckboards being taken in that vicinity.

Mr. Byron Jackson, of this city, has just returned from a visit to the Olds Motor Works at Detroit and Lansing, Michigan. He says that the company has doubled the capacity of their factory, and will be in a position to turn out forty machines a day. They will offer to the public three models. First: the regular runabout. Second: another runabout, which will be larger and have more horse-power; and third: a tonneau, which has a carrying capacity of five persons.

Mr. Max L. Rosenfeld is a late purchaser of a 1904 Winton.

Mrs. V. L. Clement has just returned from a week's trip to Santa Barbara, making the trip both ways in her new Winton.

Mr. E. P. Brimegar and Mr. John F. McLain, of the Pioneer Automobile Company, will leave on Thursday next for New York. It is their intention to spend several days at the different factories which the Pioneer Automobile Company represents, and arrive in New York for the opening of the automobile show.

The Northern Manufacturing Co. of Detroit, builders of the Northern runabout, state that their new 1904 touring car will be ready for shipment about February 15th.

The Mobile Carriage Co. has been advised by the George N. Pierce Co., manufacturers of the four-



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cylinder Arrow (French type) touring car, that these cars will be shipped to them about the first of May. This car has four cylinders, which will develop 35 horse-power and a speed when loaded of over sixty miles an hour. It is the purpose of the manufacturers to turn out a car which will come up to all requirements. The price will be \$4,200 in San Francisco. The Mobile Carriage Co. says it will be in a position to put up races during the coming season which will be well worth the price of admission.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Moore, Jr., have returned from New York, and their beautiful four-cylinder Locomobile is at the Pioneer Automobile Company's new garage. They made a trip to Haywards Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will leave shortly for a trip to Santa Barbara in their auto.

The following list of names, recently handed to this department, are purchasers of 1904 Locomobile gasoline touring cars: Dr. A. E. Hansen, Salem, Mass.; George P. Brown, Chicago, Ill.; J. D. Mac-Calmont, Franklin, Pa.; C. C. Warren, Waterbury, Vermont; C. R. Hooker New Haven, Conn.; Pierpont B. Foster, New Haven, Conn.

JEAN'S REVENGE.

An avenger need not necessarily be a naturalist, but there are cases where he would take his vengeance more to the purpose if he knew the habits of his victim. Lippincott's Magazine tells a story of Jean, the French-Canadian gardener who was found stamping on a little mound of fresh earth and chuckling to himself.

"Ah, m'sieu," he cried triumphantly, "I am not a one to be trifled with! I am a cr-r-uel man when once I am arouse. M'sieu will remember the mole that has long time ravage the strawberry beds of madame? Every morning madame she say, 'Jean, why catchest thou not that mole?'"

"But the mole was wise; 'e was queek. Always I look and look, but never can I find heem. But at last, thees very morning, I catch heem. I hold heem tight in my hand—so—and I say: 'Aha-a-a! Is it thou, then, that has vexed madame, and ravaged her beds of the strawberry? Aha-a! You shall repent of thees wickedness.'

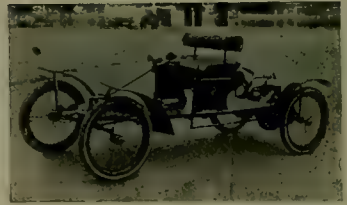
"Then I wonder how I shall kill heem. He must be punished as well as killed. I wonder and wonder, but at last I have the grand idea. Ah, it was cr-r-uel, m'sieu, that way I kill heem! But what would you? Did he not deserve of the worst? But he will vex madame no more. I fix heem. I bury heem alive!"

The New Year's edition of the San Francisco Chronicle is at hand this week, and it is better than ever—which is saying a great deal. For a quarter of a century the Chronicle's has been the standard annual of the Pacific Coast, but this number is the best on record. It is devoted to a consideration of the future of California, showing ways and means by which the State may gain a population of twenty millions in a century. On this theme, some of the most thoughtful men of the State, including several professors of the University of California, have contributed interesting and seasonable articles. In art work, in typography, in make-up, in all the mechanical factors of a newspaper, it is undoubtedly the best thing of its kind ever issued on the Pacific Coast.

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THE PURPLE ROSE.

By Barker in The Cosmopolitan

Rose of the purple petals, I would know
The secret that has darkened every vein
And fibre of thee. Was it the dull pain
Of some strange passion in the long ago?
Was there some boon the wind would not bestow?
Some nightingale who never came again
Into thy garden? blossom, thou hast lain
All night against the dark, in nameless woe.

Sister of mine, O Rose, I know thou art!
As thus I hold thee with caressing hand,
I feel thy being with perfume expand.
I kiss thy quivering petals wide apart
And lay my lips upon thy golden heart;
For I perceive thy soul and understand.

A VISION.

By William Canton in Chamber's Journal

Grasp my hand!
Hold me fast!

For I stagger and reel
At the tumult and splendor of life rushing past
In a whirlwind of fire, dust, vapor, and thunder;
For above me and under,
Upon this side and that, all the sea and the land,
All the skies, and the gods' starry seats in the skies,
Spin and spin on the axle of time like a wheel.

O my soul in what region unknown,
Far removed beyond thought, did I see
The vast shape of a Woman who sat all alone
With the wheel at her knee!
And I saw that the wheel was rotation of time,
And the wool of her spinning
Was life—but the fleece
Was a secret withdrawn beyond winning.

HOPE.

By J. S. Redmayne in Chamber's Journal

No wintry silence—be it e'er so long—
But springtime wakes it with the birds' sweet song.
No day so drear but after frost and snow,
E'en in far North, the sweetest roses blow.
No night so long but daylight comes at last,
And the pink dawn forgets the darkness past.
No work so toilsome but the task begun
On earth is finished with the Morning Sun.
No way so rugged out, the wanderer's feet
Shall walk unwearied in the golden street.
No parting ever but the God of Love
Shall join the parted—in the land above.

TO-DAY.

By Venita Seibert in McClure's

O thou, close-wrapped, a goddess in disguise!
It needs but one determined, fearless stroke
To tear aside thy gray and homely cloak,
When lo! like splendid lamps shine thy deep eyes
On him who has the gift to recognize.
To-morrow's beauty pales beside thy face
And Yesterday sinks to her rightful place,
Forgotten stars that fade at thy sunrise!

To-morrow is a dream, she is not mine,
And Yesterday is dead and tear-wet clay—
But thou, born new each morn, deathless, divine,
Thou rulest life and fate, O great To-day!
For to the door of Opportunity
Thou and thou only holdest forth the key.

A MAXIM.

By Fannie Herron Wingate

Live for to-day! Why anxious for the morrow?
Why load to-day with burdens that you borrow?
Each day, yea, and each hour its own work brings;
That work well done may lead to better things.

A simple rule I give to you,
Though simple, good and true:
"Just do your best and trust the rest"—
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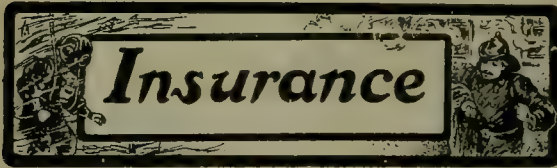
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VINCENT NEALE, Secretary.



The remarks in last week's Insurance Department of the News Letter about the organization of the Special Agents' Association of the Northwest has been characterized as untimely and indiscreet, and the objectors are mainly members of the old association. The younger blood in both the managers' chairs and in the field, are ready either to fight or secede at the early annual meeting of the parent association, which is to be held on the 12th and 13th. It is safe to prophesy that the Special Agents will carry more than one point, and that the new association will keep growing.

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It seems that the News Letter is the only insurance journal in the city that had the courage to give the inside facts of the organization of the new association, the so-called insurance journals up to this writing have been silent. It appears, after further investigation, that the fight is not alone amongst the Specials, but that the real secessionists are a coterie of managers who desire to storm the Sumpter fort of the ring power which controls the Fire Underwriters' Association, and fired their first shot by the organization of their respective Specials into an independent body.

These insurgents say the rule of the big five must be broken, and if not broken in California, the new organization will smash it in Oregon and Washington.

The News Letter is not taking up either side of the what has hitherto been a private fight, but since it has been the means of giving publicity to the affair, it is willing to give both sides of the story.

If you talk to some of the managers, there is nothing in the shape of friction; the sand-paper element is eliminated, and conditions in the Association are as smooth as the surface of a mirror. Talk to the next lot, and they tell you that there will be something doing at the annual meeting.

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The row is loud and deep. It seems to be a carefully well-laid plan to burst what is termed a ring, and the insurrectionists are matching their younger brains and diplomatic methods against the entrenched power of the older men and managers, who for years have dictated the policy and practice of the old association.

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The outcome may create some feeling, but if it does, the finality will be a settlement of the smouldering differences between the ins and outs, which has finally flashed up into the twinkling blaze of the new organization.

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To quote last week's News Letter: "Why the need of two bodies?"

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Mr. Stephen D. Ives, vice-president of the Home Fire and Marine Insurance Company, has been confined to his home for some days with an attack of La Grippe.

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If there be any Special Agent whose manager is in San Francisco who is not in town, it is because he is adjusting or out of mileage.

The Maryland Casualty Company of Baltimore has re-insured all of the Accident, Health and Plate Glass business of the Union Casualty and Surety Company throughout the United States, and thus added a large volume of business to that which it already had on its books. The Union Casualty and Surety Company has liquidated and is winding up its affairs as rapidly as possible. The Union's business in California is of a favorable character, and under the management of the Maryland's energetic president, can be relied upon to make a profit. The deal was made very quietly between President Stone of the Maryland and President Halls of the Union, not a breath of it getting to the public until New Year's day, when arrangements had been completed, and all the Union policyholders and the agents of both companies were officially notified of the change.

The news came as a surprise, and the sudden, though not unexpected ending of the Union made a flurry in insurance circles on California street.

In 1899 a similar re-insurance deal was effected between the two companies, whereby the Maryland took over all of the Liability business of the Union.

Among insurance men it is generally believed that the second coup would not have been so long deferred had not the Union found that it took more time than they bargained for to settle the outstanding claims on their old Liability business.

Just what the "consideration" paid amounted to in the recent deal is a matter of conjecture, but it is understood that the Maryland received a neat sum for extending its protection to the policyholders of the involved Union.

These policyholders should congratulate themselves upon having behind them the resources of the Maryland, a company with two and a half times the surplus of the Union. It is learned that it is the intention of the Maryland to push for a large business in all its lines. It is well-equipped for the effort. Its individual Health policy, the "Acme," is a popular favorite, and its "combination accident" policy is so liberal that it is the best of sellers. The office of the company's General Agent in the Haywards Building is a busy center just now in taking care of the excess business caused by the Union's re-insurance.

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The News Letter prophesies a change in the management of a big life insurance company. The present incumbent has done well in the way of furnishing his offices, but failed in the way of furnishing business. The real active life man can get a chance now for a State agency of a life company, which, while not being one of the three giants, is a right close fourth.

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D. Myers, one time president of the Manhattan Fire Insurance Company, which was known on California street for a brief time, has been acquitted by a jury in New York of the charge of larceny from the company of some \$40,000. Another indictment hangs over him, and better luck is hoped for in the next trial.

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Mr. Fred Bennion has been at the top of the list for four consecutive months as a producer of business for the Conservative Life.

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Mr. Harry A. Hunsaker has been appointed manager for California for the Travelers Insurance Company. Mr. Haskell will remain with the company.

UNNECESSARY REMOVAL.

Dr. H. A. L. Ryfkogel, well known as a bacteriologist, has written an exhaustive brochure on the "Sanitary Condition of Laurel Hill Cemetery." It should not have been necessary to call in the aid of a sanitary expert of Dr. Ryfkogel's standing to prove a self-evident fact. Any one conversant with the condition of the soil, the situation above sea-level, the fact that there are no springs in the neighborhood, the water of which is used for drinking purposes; that the cemetery is exposed to strong winds, knows the impossibility of contagion or infection.

The conditions of Laurel Hill Cemetery are entirely different from most burial places. When a body is buried in a grave at Laurel Hill, ample space is left below for drainage and above for aeration, reduction and absorption of escaping gases. Repeated visits were made to the cemetery for the purpose of detecting odors of putrefaction, but at no time could any such be detected.

Disinterment of bodies that have been buried from one month to twenty years were witnessed, and odors were only detected when the coffin was exposed. Decomposition in the sandy soil of the cemetery is usually complete in three years.

To meet and refute the charge against Laurel Hill Cemetery, contained in the Preamble of said Ordinance, its Trustees have, at considerable expense, had a careful examination of the cemetery lands, its methods of burial and disinterment, its location and drainage, its soil and water, its atmosphere and prevailing winds, and obtained a full report thereon. The examination by the expert and his assistants extended over a period of ten months, and they were upon the cemetery lands at all hours of day and night, and had full and free opportunity to make a thorough and unbiased examination.

Altogether, Laurel Hill Cemetery is ideal, and, further than this, it cannot be said that there is any popular clamor for a change. The action of the Supervisors in passing Ordinance No. 25 is not above suspicion, and there are those who claim that some expert on "cinch" measures has picked out the Laurel Hill Cemetery people as proper prey.

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A CORPORATION

And Where Said Assets Are Situated, Dated December 31, 1903.

ASSETS.

1—Promissory Notes and the debts thereby secured, the actual value of which is.....	\$29,237,007.58	
The condition of said Promissory Notes and debts is as follows: They are all existing Contracts, owned by said Corporation, and are payable to it at its office, which is situated at the corner of Market, McAllister and Jones streets, in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and the payment thereof is secured by First Mortgages on Real Estate within this State 28,720,007.58		
And the States of Oregon (\$242,000.00) and Washington \$275,000.00). Said Promissory Notes are kept and held by said Corporation at its said Office, which is its principal place of business, and said Notes and debts are there situated.		
2—Promissory Notes and the debts thereby secured, the actual value of which is.....	1,151,400.00	
The condition of said Promissory Notes and debts is as follows: They are all existing Contracts, owned by said Corporation, and are payable to it at its Office, which is situated as aforesaid, and the payment thereof is secured by "Northern Railway Company of California First Mortgage 5 per cent Bonds," "Northern California Railway Company First Mortgage 5 per cent Bonds," "Pasadena and Mt. Lowe Railway Company of Los Angeles, California, 4 per cent Gold Bonds," "San Francisco and North Pacific Railway Company First Mortgage 5 per cent Bonds," "San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railway Company 5 per cent Bonds," "Southern Pacific Branch Railway Company of California 6 per cent Bonds," "Southern Pacific Company 4½ per cent Gold Bonds," "Southern Pacific Railroad Company of Arizona First Mortgage 6 per cent Bonds," "Southern Pacific Railroad Company of California Series 'A' 6 per cent Bonds," "Southern Pacific Railroad Company of California Series 'F and G' 6 per cent Bonds," "Southern Pacific Railroad Company of California First Consolidated Mortgage Series 'A and B' 5 per cent Bonds," "Sierra Railway Company of California 6 per cent Bonds," "California Street Cable Railroad Company 5 per cent Bonds," "Market Street Railway Co. First Consolidated Mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bonds," "Los Angeles Railway Company of California 5 per cent Bonds," "Los Angeles Pacific Railroad Company 5 per cent Bonds," "Pacific Electric Railway Company of California 5 per cent Bonds," "Park and Cliff House Railway Company 6 per cent Bonds," "Powell Street Railway Company 6 per cent Bonds," "The Park and Ocean Railroad Company First Mortgage 6 per cent Bonds," "United Railroads of San Francisco 4 per cent Bonds," "United States 3 per cent Bonds," "Contra Costa Water Company 5 per cent Gold Bonds," "Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company 5 per cent Gold Bonds," "Oakland Water Company 5 per cent Gold Bonds," "Pacific Light and Power Company of Los Angeles, California, 5 per cent Bonds," "Pacific Gas Improvement Company First Mortgage 4 per cent bonds," "San Francisco Dry Dock Company 5 per cent Bonds," "Spring Valley Water Works First Mortgage 6 per cent Bonds," "Spring Valley Water Works Second Mortgage 4 per cent Bonds," "Spring Valley Water Works Third Mortgage 4 per cent Bonds," "United Gas and Electric Company 5 per cent Bonds," "Forty-two Shares of the Capital Stock of the Bank of California," and "One Hundred and Thirty Shares of the Capital Stock of the California Street Cable		
Railroad Company," the market value of all said Bonds and Stocks being (\$1,451,759.50.) Said Notes are kept and held by said Corporation at its said Office, and said Notes, Bonds and Stocks are there situated.		
3—Bonds of the United States, the actual value of which is		19,176,933.67
The condition of said Bonds is as follows: They belong to said Corporation, and are kept and held by it in its own Vaults and are there situated. They are "Registered 4 per cent of 1907 (\$16,000,000.00) and 4 per cent of 1925 (\$2,000,000.00) United States Bonds," and are payable only to the order of said Corporation.		
4—Miscellaneous Bonds, the actual value of which is		8,282,700.46
The condition of said Bonds is as follows: They belong to said Corporation, and are kept and held by it in its own vaults, and are there situated. They are:		
"Market Street Cable Railway Company 6 per cent Bonds"....\$1,121,000 00		
"Market-street Railway Company First Consolidated Mortgage 5 per cent Bonds"		
	340,000 00	
"Sutter-street Railway Company 5 per cent Bonds".....		
	150,000 00	
"Powell-street Railway Company 6 per cent Bonds"		
	158,000 00	
"The Omnibus Cable Company 6 per cent Bonds"		
	82,000 00	
"Presidio and Ferries Railroad Company 6 per cent Bonds" ..		
	26,000 00	
"Ferries and Cliff House Railway Company 6 per cent Bonds" ..		
	6,000 00	
"Los Angeles Railway Company of California 5 per cent Bonds" ..		
	145,000 00	
"Pacific Electric Railway Company 5 per cent Bonds".....		
	300,000 00	
"Northern Railway Company of California 6 per cent Bonds"....		
	584,000 00	
"San Francisco and North Pacific Railway Company 5 per cent Bonds"		
	389,000 00	
"Southern Pacific Railroad Company of California 6 per cent Bonds"		
	1,326,000 00	
"San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railway Company 5 per cent Bonds"		
	111,000 00	
"West Shore Railroad Company of New York 4 per cent Bonds" ..		
	500,000 00	
"Spring Valley Water Works First Mortgage 6 per cent Bonds		
	123,000 00	
"Spring Valley Water Works Second Mortgage 4 per cent Bonds"		
	462,000 00	
"Spring Valley Water Works Third Mortgage 4 per cent Bonds"		
	1,020,000 00	
"City of San Luis Obispo 5 per cent Bonds"		
	18,000 24	
"The Merchants' Exchange 7 per cent Bonds".....		
	400,000 00	
"San Francisco Gas and Electric Company 4½ per cent Bonds" ..		
	500,000 00	
5—Interest on Miscellaneous Bonds Accrued to January 1, 1904		\$324,686.77
6—(a) Real Estate situated in the City and County of San Francisco (\$391,420 95), and in the Counties of Santa Clara (\$186,982.69), Alameda (\$159,966 15) and San Mateo (\$24,630 23) in this State, the actual value of which is		763,000.02
(b)—The Land and Building in which said Corporation keeps its said office, the actual value of which is		
		517,199.24
7—Proportion of Taxes for the Fiscal Year 1903-		

1904 chargeable to next half year 53,649.92

The condition of said Real Estate is that it belongs to said Corporation, and part of it is productive.

8—Cash in United States Gold and Silver Coin belonging to said Corporation, and in its possession, and situated at its said Office, actual value 1,960,012.61
Total Assets 61,466,590.27

LIABILITIES.

1—Said Corporation owes Deposits amounting to and the actual value of which is \$58,182,675.47
The condition of said Deposits is that they are payable only out of said assets and are fully secured thereby.

2—Reserve Fund, Actual Value 3,283,914.80
Total Liabilities 61,466,590.27

THE HIBERNIA SAVINGS AND LOAN SOCIETY.
By JAMES R. KELLY, President.

THE HIBERNIA SAVINGS AND LOAN SOCIETY.
By ROBERT J. TOBIN, Secretary.

State of California, City and County of San Francisco, ss.:
JAMES R. KELLY and ROBERT J. TOBIN, being each separately duly sworn, each for himself, says: That said JAMES R. KELLY is President, and that said ROBERT J. TOBIN is Secretary of THE HIBERNIA SAVINGS AND LOAN SOCIETY, the Corporation above mentioned, and that the foregoing statement is true.

JAMES R. KELLY, President.
ROBERT J. TOBIN, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2d day of January, 1904.

GEORGE T. KNOX, Notary Public.

In and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

Mutual Savings Bank of San Francisco.

For the half year ending December 31, 1903, a dividend has been declared at the rate of three and twenty one hundredths (3.20) per cent per annum on all deposits, free of taxes, payable on and after Saturday January 2, 1904.
GEORGE A. STORY, Cashier.
Office—710 Market St.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The Continental Building and Loan Association.

Has declared a dividend for the year ending December 31, 1903, of 5 per cent on ordinary deposits, 6 per cent on term deposits and 8 per cent to stockholders, free of taxes.
DR. WASHINGTON DODGE, President.
WM. CORBIN, Sec. and Gen. Manager.
Office—301 California St., San Francisco.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

Security Savings Bank.

For the half year ending December 31, 1903, dividends upon all deposits at the rate of three and one-quarter (3 1/4) per cent per annum, free of all taxes, will be payable on and after January 2, 1904.
FRED W. RAY Secretary.
Office—222 Montgomery St., Mills Building.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

Hibernia Savings and Loan Society.

At a regular meeting of the board of directors of this society, held this day, a dividend has been declared at the rate of three and one-fourth (3 1/4) per cent on all deposits for the six months ending December 31, 1903, free from all taxes, and payable on and after January 2, 1904.
ROBERT J. TOBIN, Secretary.
Office—Cor. Market, McAllister and Jones Sts., San Francisco, December 28, 1903.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

Savings and Loan Society.

Has declared a dividend for the term ending December 31, 1903, at the rate of three and one-quarter (3 1/4) per cent per annum on all deposits on ordinary deposits, free of taxes, payable on and after Saturday, January 2, 1904.
(Signed) CYRUS W. CARMANY, Cashier.
Office—101 Montgomery St., cor. Sutter.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

San Francisco Savings Union.

For the half year ending with the 31st of December, 1903, a dividend has been declared at the rate per annum of three and one-half (3 1/2) per cent on term deposits, and three (3) per cent on ordinary deposits, free of taxes, payable on and after Saturday, January 2, 1904.
LOVELL WHITE, Cashier.
Office—532 California St., cor. Webb, San Francisco.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

California Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

For the six months ending December 31, 1903, dividends have been declared on deposits in the savings department of this company as follows: On term deposits at the rate of 3 6-10 per cent per annum, and on ordinary deposits at the rate of 3 per cent per annum, free of taxes and payable on and after Saturday, January 2, 1904. Dividends uncalled for are added to the principal after January 1, 1904.
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"Is it possible, Miss, that you do not know the names of your best friends?" "Possible? Why, of course it is. I do not even know what my own name may be a year or so hence."

Inspector—What do you see above your head when you are in the open air? **Scholar**—The sky. **Inspector**—And what do you see when the sky is covered with clouds? **Scholar**—My umbrella.

"Didn't I order two portions of chicken, waiter?" "Yes, sir." "Then why is there only one cockroach?"

Deacon Jones—Did Mr. Skrimper say anything about a donation for the cause? **Deacon Brown**—Oh, yes, he talked beautifully about it. **Deacon Jones**—It is almost as gratifying to hear

Brother Skrimper talk about the duty of doing a thing as to have him do it. **Deacon Brown**—I have sometimes thought that to him it is an even greater pleasure.

"I owe my success in life to hard work," said the great magnate. But he neglected to add that it was largely the hard work of other people.

The Parson—Dis am mos' positively de mos' 'stremely juiciest chicking I eber put in mah mouth, **Brer Jackson**. **Brer Jackson**—Yes, sah, pahson; dat chicking wuz raised an' brung up on water-millions, sah.

"Gracious," sighed Mr. De Spelsey, "I wish I could acquire an appetite." "For goodness sake!" exclaimed his wife, "what do you want with an appetite? It would only give you more dyspepsia."

Bracer (tentatively)—No, he's hard. Now, with a good friend like you it's different. If, for instance, I should tell you I needed a dollar, I know I'd be welcome to it. **Newitt**—Well-er-I don't know that you'd be as welcome to it as it would be welcome to you.

Lucile—Were you not embarrassed when young Dr. Jones asked you for your hand? **Ethel**—

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Dear me, yes! I hardly knew whether he wanted to take me or my pulse.

"Doesn't that cook scare you when he looks this way?" asked the Belgian hare of the young chicken. "No," replied the Broiler. "but later on I have no doubt he will make me quail."

"Isn't that young Mr. Cleriker a clever talker, Laura?" "Do you think so, dear! I couldn't help

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overhearing a part of what he said last night, and it struck me as being idiotic." "If you overheard what he was saying last night then you know that he was praising me." "Well, yes, dear, I gathered as much."

Willie—Mamma, I told Aunt Helen she grew homelier each day. Mrs. Slimson—You didn't tell her I said so, did you? "I had to or she would have whipped me."

"I wonder why Katherine wears three veils wrapped around her hat and none over her face?" "You wouldn't ask if you saw the hat. She trimmed it herself."

Mother—Why don't you behave better to your teacher? **Tommy**—Why, I'm as kind to her as I can be. **Mother**—You are? **Tommy**—Yes'm. Every time she licks me I cry out as loud as I kin so's to make her believe she's hurtin' me.

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PARABLES IN SLANG.

A very discriminating and critical professor at Harvard has decided that slang is pernicious "only when it is used to pose vulgarity." For example, we may assume, when an English girl assures her Canadian sister that she has "bats in her belly," she is using language at once "strong and poetic." Certainly it is not vulgar to have bats in one's belly, though we should think it would be very unpleasant. The professor warmly commends such expressions as the glad hand and the marble heart, and asserts that if such phrases had been used in the story of the prodigal son, the literature of the Bible would have been even more highly commended. Let us see how the conclusion of the parable would have been touched up in up-to-date English, according to the latest approved Harvard methods:

"But the father said to his servants: Bring forth the glad rags and put them on, and put a sparkler on his hand and shoes on his feet.

"And hustle up that fatted calf and kill it, and let us feed our faces and have a jamboree."

As for the "elder son," he might have been pithily disposed of. We may picture him standing moodily in the background ejaculating "Rats!"

"I don't know now exactly how it happened," Reggie was telling his best friend over a game of billiards. "I never meant to propose, you know—that is, not just yet. I wanted to knock about a little more. But after we got home from the theatre and sat in the parlor discussing the plot of the play, I ventured out on thin ice and broke through before I knew where I was. It came as a deuce of a shock, just as I should imagine breaking through real ice would be.

"But Jessie was all ready for me. She was expecting it. First thing I knew she had me by the collar and landed me on safe ground again, but I was engaged. No doubt about that. Anyhow, I am glad I've got her. Might have lost her through some slip if I'd waited. But I don't want to read any more stuff about bashful fellows stammering out proposals. It's all too easy"

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Yeast—Did you ever notice that when the question about obeying is put to women in the marriage ceremony some of them answer louder than others? **Crimsonbeak**—Oh, yes; I've noticed it. The ones who say "Yes" the loudest are the ones who know their husbands will never dare to ask them to obey.

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An evening paper stated last week that some years ago a "Tory orator" attacking a speech of Mr. Chamberlain's, "repelled the allegation and scorned the alligator." This slip was really made some 70 years ago in the House of Commons by Joseph Hume. There is something marvelous in the effrontery with which such venerable anecdotes are now raked up and presented to the credulous public with a new dressing.

John C. Sheehan employs a large number of laborers. Most of his foremen are Irishmen, but the underlings embrace men of all nationalities. The other day one of the foremen had use for a maul on a certain piece of work. He said to a green Irish laborer who was near: "Go up where that other gang is working and bring the maul." In a few minutes the Irishman returned with about twenty-five laborers. "What did you bring these men here for?" asked the foreman. "Sure, you told me to bring 'thim all' and I brought ivery mother's son of thim I could find," was the reply.

"Yes," asserted the admirer, "she is an advanced woman. She is a credit to the age. None of the fads and foibles of latter day females attract her. Why, she is head and shoulders above dresses and bonnets and matinees, and all that sort of thing." "I don't know about the bonnets and matinees, but I saw her last night at the theatre and she was head and shoulders above her dress, just as you claim."

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LEAVE	FROM	DEPARTURE	ARRIVE
7:00A	Vacaville, Winters, Rohnsburg	7:55P	
7:00A	Benicia, Suisun, Elmira and Sacramento	7:25P	
7:30A	Vallejo, Napa, Callistoga, Santa Rosa, Martinez, San Ramon	8:25P	
7:30A	Niles, Livermore, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton	7:25P	
8:00A	Santa Clara Express (Oakland, Hayward, Williams (for Bartlett Springs), Willow Springs, Red Bluff, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle)	7:55P	
8:00A	Davis, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville	7:55P	
8:30A	Port Costa, Martinez, Antioch, Byron, Tracy, Stockton, Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Armona, Hanford, Visalia, Porterville	4:25P	
8:30A	Port Costa, Martinez, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Gosben Junction, Hanford, Visalia, Bakersfield	4:55P	
8:30A	Niles, San Jose, Livermore, Stockton, (Milton), Lone, Sacramento, Placerville, Marysville, Chico, Red Bluff	4:25P	
8:30A	Oakdale, Chinese, Jamestown, Sonoma, Ukiah and Angels	4:25P	
9:00A	Atlantic Express—Ogden and East	11:25A	
9:30A	Richmond, Martinez and Way Stations	6:55P	
10:00A	The Overland Limited—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, Chicago	6:25P	
10:00A	Vallejo	12:25P	
10:00A	Los Angeles Passenger—Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton, Modesto, Raymond, Fresno, Gosben Junction, Hanford, Lemoore, Visalia, Bakersfield, Los Angeles	7:25P	
12:00M	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations, Sacramento River Steamers	11:00P	
11:00P	Benicia, Winters, Sacramento, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville and way stations	10:55A	
3:30P	Hayward, Niles, Way Stations	7:55P	
3:30P	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno and Way Stations beyond Port Costa	12:25P	
3:30P	Martinez, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi	9:25A	
4:00P	Martinez, San Ramon, Vallejo, Napa, Callistoga, Santa Rosa	9:25A	
4:00P	Niles, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi	4:25P	
4:30P	Hayward, Niles, Irvington, San Jose, Livermore, Sacramento, Los Banos, Mendota, Fresno, Tulare, Bakersfield, Los Angeles	11:55A	
6:00P	The Owl Limited—new in Los Banos, Mendota, Fresno, Tulare, Bakersfield, Los Angeles		
6:00P	Golden State Limited Sleeper, Oakland to Los Angeles, for Chicago, via C. R. 1 & P.	8:55A	
6:00P	Port Costa, Tracy, Stockton	12:25P	
15:30P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose	7:25A	
6:00P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose	9:55A	
6:00P	Eastern Express—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and East. Port Costa, Benicia, Suisun, Elmira, Davis, Sacramento, Rock Hill, Auburn, Colfax, Truckee, Boca, Reno, Washworth, Winnemucca	5:25P	
6:00P	Vallejo daily, except Sunday	7:55P	
7:00P	Vallejo, Sunday only		
7:00P	Richmond, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way Stations	11:25A	
8:05P	Oregon & California Express—Sacramento, Marysville, Redding, Portland, Paquet Sound and East	8:55A	
8:10P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only)	11:55A	

COAST LINE (Narrow Gauge)

Foot of Market Street	Time
Newark, Centerville, San Jose, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Way Stations	5:55P
Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations	10:55A
Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and way stations	10:55A
Hunters Train, Saturday only, San Jose and Way Stations, Returning from Los Gatos Sunday only	17:25P

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COAST LINE (Broad Gauge)

Foot of Market Street	Time
San Jose and Way Stations	6:30P
San Jose and Way Stations	6:55P
New Almaden (Tus., Frid., Sun.)	4:10P
The Coaster—Stops only San Jose, Gilroy (connection for Hollister), Pajaro, Castroville (connection to and from Monterey and Pacific Grove), Salinas, Santa Ardo, Paso Robles, Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo, principal stations thence Surf (connection for Lompoc), principal stations thence Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Saugus, Los Angeles	10:45P
San Jose, Tres Pinos, Capitola, Santa Cruz, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Luis Obispo and Principal Way Stations	4:10P
San Jose and Way Stations	1:20P
Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations	7:30P
San Jose and Way Stations	8:55A
Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove (connects at Santa Clara for Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek and Narrow Gauge Points) at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Castroville for Salinas	12:15P
Tres Pinos Way Passenger	10:45A
San Jose and Way Stations	10:00A
San Jose, (via Santa Clara) Los Gatos, and Principal Way Stations (except Sunday)	19:00A
San Jose and Principal Way Stations Sunset Limited—Redwood, San Jose, Gilroy, Salinas, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Deering, El Paso, New Orleans, New York. Connects at Pajaro for Santa Cruz and at Castroville for Pacific Grove and Way Stations	7:10A
San Mateo, Beresford, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, Palo Alto	16:48A
San Jose and Way Stations	6:38A
Palo Alto and Way Stations	1:15A
South San Francisco, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park and Palo Alto	9:45P
Mayfield, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Lawrence, Santa Clara and San Jose	19:45P

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"Say, pa," queried little Billy Bloombumper, "what's an echo?" "An echo, my son," replied the old man with a sigh long drawn out, "is the only thing that can flimflam a woman out of the last word."


Miss Youngbud—Did you enjoy the play? Miss Elderleigh—Yes, indeed—especially the third act. Miss Youngbud—Oh, yes, that was the act in which the heroine told how she induced her husband to propose.

The Lady—I gave you a piece of pie last week, and you've been sending your friends here ever since. The Tramp—You're mistaken, lady. Them was my enemies.

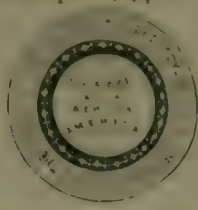
"Yes," said the sharper who had just succeeded in obtaining change for a bad ten-dollar bill from a guileless old clergyman, "if there's anything I like it's pastoral simplicity."

Crabshaw—Miss Purseproud has taken up philanthropy. Crawford—Does she really associate with the poor? Crabshaw—Well, of course she draws the line at her poor relations.

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So Patti and Langtry had a quarrel. At their age, too!

Soon after the House Committee on Contested Elections gets to work, it will be Kahngressman Kahn again.

Bryan is home again, and the Eastern press records the interesting fact that highwater mark on the Atlantic seaboard is no higher than usual.

Panama's unit coin, the 50 cent piece, is made of tin alloy and is worth 16 cents in gold—and the people are cheaper than their money.

Picture cards and candy are used to lure Indiana people into revival meetings. It will need more attractive bait than that to catch grown-up sinners.

Only wicked and abandoned men will preface a spicy story with "Here's one that comes from the Papyrus Club."

Tar and feathers, liberally applied by an outraged Oregon community, turned the leaders of the "Holy Rollers" into pickers and scrapers.

What matters it whether Joan of Arc was French or Italian? Saintship has nothing to do with citizenship.

While the Government is shooting live dogs out of torpedo tubes from its submarines, permit us to suggest that the men responsible for the Chicago theatre fire are still on earth.

Kentuckians are exercised over what they think is a young volcano blowing chunks out of Sugar Loaf Mountain. "Moonshine" will make a man see more alarming things than that.

Max Nordeau, who is a specialist in the matter of national consciences, sees dark days ahead for the United States. Did somebody sell the venerable philosopher a block of U. S. Steel, Common?

The Housemaids' Union of Orange, N. Y., does not ask much—only eight hours' work a day, Sundays off, and a half holiday Thursday, use of the parlor three nights a week, and use of the piano at all times. The family may be permitted to receive company in the basement and get its music from a phonograph.

J. S. Parry, we learn, has put \$5,000 into a San Jose hotel project. If this be our Parry, it might be pertinent to inquire what was the matter with the colt-peddling industry.

Out of 70 violent deaths in San Francisco during December, 14 were accomplished by gas—9 accidental and 5 suicidal. Very well might the monopoly's poisonous product be called "The Silent Slayer."

Mr. Hearst, learning that the Democrats of Massachusetts wanted Olney for their standard-bearer, thrust fits in all of his newspapers, shrieking treason through the foam on his lips.

His Holiness, Pius X, says his remark to the dean of the diplomatic corps about not admitting to the Vatican women in low-cut gowns, was largely a jest. Even Popes do not care to dictate what miladi shall or shall not wear.

"Prince Cupid of Hawaii," whose real name sounds worse than it looks, spent a night in jail at Washington trying to convince the police that, as a delegate to Congress, he was exempt from arrest. Not "Prince Cupid" hereafter, if you please, but "Prince Stupid."

Here are the women of France offering us a bust of Washington and the Germans grumbling because we are a little slow in accepting the Kaiser's gift of a statue of Frederick the Great. Speak up, Russia and Japan.

A German editor is doing three months in jail for saying that the Kaiser's sole function was to draw \$10,000 every time he signed a law. What an evil day it will be for the press of the Fatherland when the Emperor hires him a mind reader!

A Federal court has decided that Stratton's Independence mine at Cripple Creek was not "salted" before it was sold to an English syndicate. The investors, however, still suffer from that briny taste in the mouth.

Missouri is all puffed up over the fact that she stands first as a careful steward in handling public money last year, having a postoffice shortage of only \$10.31. In our last war Missouri was proud of her lone white mule.

A Portland paper has a touching article about "the evening grosbecks, the pretty little birds which usually visit this city during the winter." That's nothing. Every winter, especially when there's racing, a lot of birds visit us—jailbirds.

William Randolph Hearst, having devoted much time and type to pointing out his own likeness to Andrew Jackson, now disinterestedly advises the American people to choose as President that one of themselves who most resembles Jackson. Whom can Mr. Hearst mean?

THE NEW CITY ADMINISTRATION.

Less than ten days of our new city administration have passed and already the Mayor whom, in our inscrutable folly, we re-elected to the headship of the municipality, is defending himself against a Board of Supervisors whose first official act was to notify him and the public that there would be no more charter-smashing, no more "grafting" in the Mayor's office. And already Schmitz is in a bad way. His attempt to fill the Health Department with his henchmen, calling the move "re-organization for the sake of economy," is likely to cost him dear in political prestige. The Supervisors took prompt cognizance of the charter violations involved in this greedy grab for patronage, and followed up a vigorous denunciation by an order for an investigation, which the Civil Service Board was not slow to obey. At the same time the Supervisors adopted a report which virtually convicted one of the Mayor's pets, the Pound Keeper, of out-and-out crookedness, and then rode at a hand-gallop over his veto and took away from him the Public Pound, which had long been for him and his following a prolific source of dirty money. Schmitz had, perforce, to sit in his high place as presiding officer of the Board while all this was doing. He lost his head and his temper, and through his whiskers shouted "Liar!" but to no avail.

And this is but the prelude. The Supervisors may or may not be acting wholly with a view to protecting the city from the rapacity of Schmitz, but, at all events, the public will accept the result and ask no questions about the means. For, in truth, the Supervisors and nobody else can saddle and bridle the city's broncho of a Mayor. The charter which he professes to revere and proceeds to reverse, borne out by the reasoning and ruling of the Supreme Court gives him power ample enough to please the most extreme advocate of one-man authority in municipal Government. The Mayor has shown no delicate hesitancy about using that power. For political purposes he may truckle to organized labor, but in reality the unionism which he practices is based on a union of which he is all the officers and all the members as well. Save for such checks as the Supervisors may put upon him, he may do pretty much as he pleases for the next two years.

And the strength of the Supervisors in this issue is at once simple and irresistible. It has no hand theoretically in the spending of the city's money, and yet it has the first and the last word in making the appropriations. Early among the effects of that strength, applied in the right place, will be, we predict, a transfer of allegiance in the Commissioners from the Mayor to the Money-voting council, since without money no man and no Board will try to do the city's business. It will not be long, we repeat, before the Mayor, having filled all his places, will be able to devote most of his time to curling his beard and rehearsing the speeches that his able attorney, Ruef, writes for his public appearances.

CONCERNS SAN FRANCISCO MOST OF ALL.

How much does San Francisco, or indeed any American city, profit by the annexation of the Philippine Archipelago to the United States? The question is pertinent because this country is spending good money and sacrificing the lives of many of its people to hold these islands. The query is not propounded at this time because any objection is made to the policy of expansion, but because it seems we are neglecting to secure such benefits as ought to flow from that policy.

Under the present system of administration the

United States is getting trade with the Philippines amounting to about 50 cents per head of the population of the island, and the reason why it is not more is that we have built a tariff wall around our new possessions that makes of them a foreign country. We are putting ourselves to all the expense of administration, defense and policing of the islands, and at the same time we shut ourselves out from the advantages and profit that ought to flow from the investment of the national funds.

This is the most ridiculous policy that could well be devised. We have given to Porto Rico free trade with the United States, and the result was that our business with that island at once jumped to \$15 a head of the population. We have given Cuba important tariff concessions, and the same results are sure to follow. But the Philippines are left to stay out in the cold, and San Francisco is the greatest sufferer from these unreasonable restrictions on trade.

Now, this is a most important matter for consideration of all the Pacific Coast delegations in Congress. Oregon, Washington and California are all interested equally in creating the trade with the Philippines that properly belongs to us. It is a matter for united action, and a statement of the case should carry conviction. We do not doubt that Congress will act in this regard, and follow the precedents established for Cuba, Hawaii and Porto Rico the moment that a united demand comes from the Pacific Coast for a more enlightened policy, establishing more liberal relations with a territory of such vast potentialities.

THE SUPERVISORS' DREAM.

The memorial addressed by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to Congress, asking for water rights on the Tuolumne river in the Yosemite Park, is based on a falsehood. The assumption on which the whole process of reasoning rests is contained in the following paragraph: "Whereas it has become manifest that the water supply of this city must sooner or later be increased by the addition of a supply from the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and the securing of this supply should not be delayed."

In what way have these facts been made manifest? If any such demonstration has ever been made, the people of San Francisco have never been advised of it. What does "sooner or later" mean?

As a matter of fact, every householder in the city knows that the present water supply is good and sufficient. The Supervisors know, because it has been proved to them and their engineers that the Spring Valley Water Company has made provision to increase the existing supply so that when occasion arises there will be sufficient for all the needs of 2,000,000 people. The Calaveras Valley watershed in Alameda County comprises 600 square miles. The water from that source is of equal quality with any to be found in the Sierra. It comes into the reservoirs filtered through gravel—cleansed and purified in Nature's filter. This source of supply is close at hand and materially lessens the chances of failure, owing to the bursting of pipes carrying the supply more than two hundred miles under heavy pressure, as must be the case if brought from the Tuolumne.

Congress is petitioned by the Supervisors to set aside the ruling of the Secretary of the Interior refusing to grant water rights in the National Park to the city of San Francisco. For many reasons that ruling of Secretary Hitchcock is wise, and the Supervisors in their memorial failed to meet his reasoning. In fact, Congress is petitioned to act on vague and

sloppy allegations of the "sooner or later" order—allegations that the most casual examination demonstrates to be false.

There is another and a higher reason why Congress should refuse the petition. The water of the Tuolumne is needed for a more beneficial use than any to which San Francisco can put it. Half a million acres of semi-arid but fertile land in the San Joaquin Valley are dependent on the Tuolumne river supply for their development. That land is worth comparatively little in its present condition. Under a proper irrigation system its value will increase at least tenfold, and twenty acres will support a family in comfort where now they find it difficult to scratch a living on 300.

The scheme contemplated by the Supervisors calls for the investment of at least \$50,000,000. Engineers estimates may be something less, but the city would be fortunate if that sum were not exceeded. It is therefore proposed to duplicate without improving the present supply at a cost greater than the Spring Valley Water Works has invested. That would be a criminal waste of capital to which a practical people like the citizens of San Francisco will never give their consent.

The whole scheme is politics—a political dream of half-baked socialists and fanatics working in combination with others who have axes to grind or private revenges to satisfy.

NOTHING WILL GET AWAY.

Mayor Schmitz announced with a flourish of trumpets that he meant to reduce current expenses of the Board of Health by \$30,000 a year. The manner in which this promise was carried out offers an instructive example of present administration methods, and based on the theory that the people are all fools. Schmitz has simply cut off \$2,500 a month in one place—that makes \$30,000 a year—and has added \$1,800 a month in another. If there has been any saving whatever it is only the difference between \$1,800 and \$2,500 a month. But when the end of the fiscal year comes it will be found that the appropriation is exhausted, just the same, to the last dollar. If the Mayor allows anything to get away it must be like the razor-backed hog of the South—able to outrun a nigger.

LONG-RANGE "AUDITING."

As the daylight filters into the dark and dusty places in the management of the State University, matters grow less and less pleasant for the gentlemen and others concerned. It is apparent that "pull" and politics have played an important part in the affairs of the Board of Regents. Otherwise so ordinary a thief as the miserable McKowen would not have been able to go on stealing for years, until he had transferred from the funds of the institution to the leather coin-sacks of the race-track bookmakers a sum admitted to be in excess of \$50,000. One of the convincing proofs of improper influences at work in the handling of the University's business has come out in the development of the McKowen scandal. It is the employment as auditor of one J. J. Herr, who has kept on living in Southern California while drawing a salary of \$300 a year for keeping his expert eye and hand on the University's finances. Long range "auditing" of that kind does not seem to accomplish much, somehow. It is not of record how such a place as Herr holds came to be given to a man living five hundred miles away. This smells obtrusively of practical politics. Even the Regents

have been compelled to take notice of the delinquent Herr while checking up the sum of McKowen's stealings. We observe with satisfaction that they have shut down on his salary warrant for last year. This is not much, measured against McKowen's stealings, but it will serve at least to make the Southern California man move carefully in dealing with the next job he gets.

Meanwhile, it is no secret that there is a swarm of applicants for the place that McKowen filled with such profit to the race gambling ring. The delay of the Regents in making the appointment would seem to point plainly to more politics. Let the gentlemen of the Board be advised: the public is taking a lively interest in the affairs of the University which its money supports, and it will not hesitate to censure them if they fail to put the right kind of a man in the place of the one now in jail. It will not stand for the bestowal of the job on any mere politician or politician's pet. Neither will it take kindly to the appointment of any man who, having failed to earn a living by independent toil, subsides on patronage from friends or relatives with political influence. What is wanted is a man young enough to be keen and energetic, old enough to have been proved in his honesty. The salary is not large, but it is big enough to secure a man of that kind. No other will do.

A MESSAGE OF IMPORT.

No sounder, saner text for a sermon can be found in all the gospels of all the world's religions than the New Year's resolution of a Chicago woman's club. Here it is: "There is so much of good in the worst of us and so much of bad in the best of us, that it does not behoove any of us to say anything bad of any of us."

A trifle more of polishing and this pregnant sentence might have been brilliantly epigrammatic in form. As it stands, it comes near to being a highly condensed composite of the Golden Rule, the Ten Commandments, and the Sermon on the Mount. The more we read it, the less we think of the wits who joke and the philistines who sneer at the Lakeside City for its crude modernity and its imperviousness to refining influence. A creed like this bespeaks a culture moving itself aright in the place whence all culture must proceed—the heart. Lived up to, it would eliminate from organized society most of its malice, much of its lying; it would deliver us from the scarlet sin of hypocrisy and commit us to gentle speaking and gentle doing; it would send to the limbo of fashions forever laid aside the meaningful lift of the eyebrow and the shoulder-shrug which is even more wicked than the spoken word; it would banish the sting and the stab of the false compliment and the polite double entendre through which many women and some men wreak their ill-will; it would be the end of the "one hears" and the "they says" tittle-tattle compound of venom, envy, spite, conceit, and all uncharitableness.

We know nothing of what this particular women's club does with itself from year-end to year-end. Quite possibly it is no better in its actual achievements than any other of the leisured-class organizations, but we shall thank it for at least this one uplifted moment when it was above all pettiness and gave concrete expression to what stirs vaguely in the breasts of us all at holiday time and then is so swiftly forgotten. Even if it be by now no part of this club's propaganda, yet it cannot have failed utterly of good. Messages of such import are certain of delivery to somebody somewhere.

A PAIR OF PROFESSIONALS.

The State Federation of Labor in session at Fresno fought shy of politics and of the plan to entangle the organization in the schemes of ambitious politicians, but at the same time the body stultified itself by first voting down the minority report permitting officials of the Federation to accept political preferment and then electing Harry Knox, of the Carmen's Union of this city, to be State President of the Federation. This action was taken in the face of a distinct statement made on the floor of the convention by Knox that he expected to receive a political appointment under the municipal administration—an appointment which has since been given him by Sheriff Curtis.

Apart from this stultification of the Federation, the choice of Knox serves to illustrate the present temper and spirit of organized labor in this city. Knox is the disturbing element of the Carmen's Union, and almost persuaded his union to go on strike at the time the question of wages and hours was raised with the United Railroads last spring. It was only by the strongest representations urged by men in other unions who were convinced that the strike would have been unreasonable, unjustifiable and without public sympathy that the Carmen were persuaded to reject the counsels of violent action and accept the plan of arbitration offered by the street car company. It is an open secret that a strike on the local transportation lines was narrowly averted at that time, and it might have been better had it come, because Knox and other extremists like him would in that case have been taught a lesson that they seem to need.

The choice of Knox for President is fitly supplemented by that of G. B. Benham for Secretary-Treasurer. Benham is a professional labor agitator who, as President of the local Labor Council, attempted to use his position for his personal political advancement. Last year he incurred a vote of censure from the Council of which he is President, by writing a letter recommending Mayor Schmitz for re-election. Of course, he expected to get his reward in the shape of an easy, well-paid job under the city Government, but this attempt to use his position for personal gain was too much even for his associates, who are not usually squeamish in such matters. In consequence of this episode and others of which more will be heard later, Benham became so much discredited among the professional labor crowd that Schmitz could not see his way to appointing him to anything. Nevertheless the Federation saw fit to elect him to the second office in its gift. Knox and Benham are an interesting pair.

GREAT SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco does no blowing, no spectacular advertising, no "what great things I am going to do," but goes right along in commercial expansion, industrial growth and financial strength upon a solid, lasting and profitable basis. And in this mighty upward and onward movement the machinery and conveniences of business life are correspondingly improved and enlarged so that every new demand of the constantly widening channels of trade expansion is anticipated and the needed facilities ready for employment. That is the reason why San Francisco is the recognized commercial and financial center of the Pacific Coast. To be sure, nature has given San Francisco extraordinary advantages as to geographical position and boundless harbor limits—the one natural point on all the Coast for the accumulation and distribution of goods and wares from and to all parts of the commercial world—and to all this has

been added the required accessorial factors such as transportation facilities, both inland and oceanic, that "reach around the world" and return to the common centre—San Francisco.

But how little is there being said about one of the most conspicuous and picturesque, as well as permanent, additions to San Francisco's expansion. What we mean is the multiplying of mighty business houses and palatial dwellings. The growth in what some call "sky scrapers" is marvelous, and what is more, they are coming to be as common and as numerous as one and two-story business houses used to be. In fact, San Francisco may already be called a "city of sky scrapers," for they are everywhere, either in a state of completion, occupied, or under construction. And what is more, tenants are ready to move in the moment they are ready for occupancy. But the city's expansion in building is by no means confined to business houses. Upon every hand all over the city, dwellings, apartment houses, hotels and flats of unusually large proportions may be seen looming or climbing skyward. And the architecture of these additions to the city's house facilities is as pleasing and attractive as their foundations and superstructures are strong, permanent and convenient. In short, San Francisco is a worthy rival of the best of the commercial centers of the East in the matter of noble and commanding edifices for business, residence and pleasure, and she proposes to keep right on growing in that as well as in all other directions of supremacy.

BUILDING THE POLITICAL MACHINE.

It is not very long ago since Mayor Schmitz told one of the officials of the city Government that he was convinced that the people of San Francisco did not believe in the enforcement of the merit system of appointments under civil service rules. Mr. Schmitz gives a pregnant example of action based on this belief by his appointment of Williams to be one of the Civil Service Commissioners. Williams has no fitness for this special function. In fact, his training has been such as to unfit him for a position that demands a wide knowledge of men and affairs. Williams is doubtless an excellent book-binder, but he knows nothing else. This appointment is simply a political job, and was inspired by the fact that he happens to be President of the Book-binders Union.

This appointment is simply a flagrant example of the use of administrative powers to build up the political machine. In the operation of such a system it is not surprising that men like Mershon get on the Municipal Commission.

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Notes From the Opera

By Harold Ronald

Whatever pro and con opinions people may hold about Mme. Patti's farewell tour, there can be but one opinion about her singing of that outrageous farewell song. The fact that she sings it at all is a pitiable acknowledgment of the commercial side of this journey throughout the United States. It is an open secret that when Madame Patti steps foot upon the liner bound for home that she will be just \$300,000 richer than when she landed. The reason for her singing the "Last Farewell" has not been told, but there could be no doubt about it in the minds of any one who saw Madame Patti leave the stage after singing it last Monday afternoon. Before she was out of sight of the audience, she held her hands up to her ears, as if to shut out the applause the people considerably gave her for it, and when she had reached the wings her hands were over her eyes as if for very shame. Those who bought seats on the stage saw this, and those near the wings heard her say: "There!" as she threw the music on the director's table.

The words are inane, and the music worse, and Madame Patti sings them horribly. How could she do otherwise! Why, oh why! did she keep to her contract?

Here is the story of the outrage. The man who wrote this atrocity also wrote "After the Ball." He has money, plenty of it, and is in a measure backing the management of the Patti tour.

He wrote a letter to himself, asking himself to write a song for the tour. Then he sat down and wrote as rapid a thing as ever passed through the press. Madame Patti agreed to place the farewell in her repertoire, thinking that surely nothing could be written so bad that she could not put something into it to make it acceptable. In holding to the agreement, she has made one of the mistakes of her life—a petty one, to be sure, but one that even she cannot afford to do—particularly when she is three-score years old. The author should be sentenced to life imprisonment. He need not think that Madame Patti can sing him into fame.

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The story of Duss and his decoration has not been told until now. When the New York millionaire raised his baton over the New York Metropolitan Orchestra in this city every one wondered at the decoration he wore on a gay ribbon in place of his necktie, after the fashion of an ambassador from France. The critics took a shy at it, but no explanations were forthcoming, and the decoration remained a mystery. Well, it belongs to Duss all right, because he helped to pay for it; the remainder was collected among the musicians who play under him and who rest contented en route because they know that their salary is always as good as paid. Duss always squares accounts.

The decoration came about in this way. One of the "first violins" in the orchestra came to him and said that the men were desirous of making their leader a present, and he thought that it might be well to make it something that Director Duss would really appreciate, and it was thought that the best way to find out was to go directly to him. When the question was put to Duss, he said that above all he would like to have a decoration. The messenger from the men was dismayed; there was not money enough in the purse to get the ornament of distinction, and

the man knew full well that his confreres had already taxed themselves to the limit of their purses. Duss seemed to realize the predicament, and said promptly and generously: "If there is not money enough on hand, I will make up the difference." This the millionaire leader did, and as his taste ran to fine designs, adequately jeweled, he had to draw his check for several hundred dollars. Who says that Duss is not entitled to wear the elegant thing?

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Storm signals are up at the Tivoli Opera House. Annie Myers, the peppery soubrette of certain age, does not see why the management had to engage Eugenia Barker to sing the role of Cordelia Allen in "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," and is not afraid to say so. She insists that she was already of the company and quite willing and capable to take the part. As her contract does not admit of taking issue in the matter, she has had to swallow the lumps of indignation in her throat and put on the little white breeches that Robert Pemberton, the Southern lad, must wear. At any rate, the plump Annie may comfort herself with the thought that very few women of her age or any other could don a boy's tight-fitting white suit and look like anything. In it, she is "Just too Sweet for Anything," and no one will deny her the title of the fat little l'Aiglou of comic opera.

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It is not an original thing to say that an actor resembles a soldier on the firing line. In this, more than any other, professional duty claims many a sacrifice. George Osbourne, of the Alcazar Stock Company, exemplified the old Spartan when, on last Monday night, after receiving notice of the death of a son in an Eastern town, he went on with the rehearsal and at night nerved himself to give the audience the best piece of acting even so finished an actor as himself could give. The company extended full measure of sympathy, but a sense of responsibility to the public did not allow the audience to see the immense cloud of grief under which each member swayed like storm-swept ships.

Next door to the Alcazar, at Fischer's, Mr. Kolb had been under a doctor's care all night and all day, from nine in the morning until five, with a doctor in the dressing room, he heroically went through his lines. He said afterwards that when the public gave such a generous reception to the work of his team in "The Beauty Shop,"—he said to himself: "Work, damn you, work, if you die for it!"

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs

The situation in the Far East is more complicated than a week ago, yet it is easier of solution. In the face of Russia's opposition, China has signed a treaty of commerce with the United States and also with Great Britain, in which those two Anglo-Saxon countries are placed upon an equal basis with the most favored nation, particularly so in Manchuria. The signing of these compacts by China is the equivalent of the repudiation of Russia's claims to either ownership or protectorate of Manchuria. This in the face of the fact that Russia is in possession of Manchuria with a large army upon the ground to emphasize her presence is significant. But what is still more audacious is a recent declaration of the St. Petersburg Government that the Manchurian ports would not be opened to the commerce of the nations. The situation, therefore, is this: China claims the ownership of Manchuria and has granted the United States and Great Britain commercial rights therein, but is unable to deliver the goods, so to speak, by herself. If, then, Great Britain and the United States want the great commercial advantages which the treaty grants they will have to strengthen China's arm against Russia. But it so happens that Japan's interests in Corea are so important and valuable that she is obliged to lead in the dislodgment of Russia in Manchuria. In assuming leadership Japan can count upon the moral support of the United States and Great Britain and a more or less active support from China. But these allies of Japan will be obliged to stand ready with something more substantial than moral support if she is likely to fail in the conflict against Russia, for Japan's failure to bring Russia to terms would mean the annulment of the new treaty of commerce and the shutting of the United States and Great Britain out of Manchuria at once, and out of other Chinese territory in the future. War, therefore, between Russia and Japan is inevitable unless Russia backs down and retreats from every diplomatic and military position she has taken upon Chinese territory. Meanwhile, the United States and Great Britain will have to keep close to Japan with plenty of moral support, and ready to substitute shot and shell for moral support should occasion require it.

Germany has officially announced that she will maintain strict neutrality in the event of a Japanese-Russian war, but the German war lord is too anxious to see himself marching away to war at the head of a great army, and Germany's commercial and territorial interests in the Far East are too extensive and valuable to be left to the tender mercies of the uncertainties of war to make the declaration of neutrality effective more than one day at a time. In fact, it is believed by many of the most astute statesmen of Europe that a Japanese-Russian war would bury the animosities of centuries between France and Germany, and that they, with Russia, would form a tripple offensive and defensive alliance against the Anglo-Saxon nations in every field of commerce, even to the extent of armed conflicts, if need be. For the present, and probably for some years, the Far East is the battle ground for commercial competition. After that South America will be the bone of contention. Already Germany is quietly establishing colonies in Argentine and other Latin-American States for a purpose that no one could mistake.

The Senate has ratified the Panama Canal treaty, and there is now nothing to hinder the French-American canal ring calling at the Treasury Department and pulling out \$40,000,000 for division among themselves. The work of construction of the canal may be undertaken at any moment the syndicate decides to go ahead with a Government-backed business enterprise that can be made to last for thirty years with millions and millions of dollars flowing annually from Uncle Sam's strong box to the syndicate's pocket. The Panama Canal job is the most gigantic Government swindle that history gives any account of. In this connection it may be observed that the inside history of the "uprising" of the people of Panama, which culminated in the founding of the "Republic of Panama," has been revealed. The "uprising" was confined to eight political agitators out of a job, and the mass meeting" and subsequent "convention of the people," which proclaimed Panama's independence, were composed of those same eight patriots. They put the machinery of Government in place under the protection of the guns of a conveniently present United States warship, and in just three days from the eight's declaration of Panama's independence, President Roosevelt recognized the new Republic and immediately despatched a minister plenipotentiary thither to represent the Washington Government at the seat of the new nation. But there is more to follow if Roosevelt is elected next November. Panama is to be declared a territory of the United States upon substantially the same basis that Porto Rico enjoys. The "manifest destiny" wedge will then have entered the Central American States to split off other territory as President Roosevelt's appetite may crave more outlying possessions. However the ides of November may change the programme.

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Senator Foraker's attempt to excuse the President for his haste in aiding and abetting the Panama revolutionists is lame, weak and impudent. He says the President's quick interference was to "prevent the horrors of a civil war," but the assertion is an insult to the intelligence of the people, and the President should not feel like thanking his Senatorial mouthpiece for his monstrous perversion of facts. The Republic of Colombia had a large standing army at the time of the "uprising" of the eight revolutionary leaders quartered in the other States of the Republic. The entire military strength of Panama then under arms was less than 200 men, and only a small percentage of them sanctioned the revolution. Senator Foraker, therefore, either deliberately falsified the affair or was densely ignorant of the facts. Now, as a matter of fact, and the evidence justifies the assertion, the Panama rebellion, the declaration of independence, and the officering of the new Government, were all planned and started in their execution at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York under the protection of the police of that city. All the preliminary work was done in that hotel by agents of the Washington Government and three or four Panama "Generals." Haste was then made to issue the proclamation from Panama soil, but not until United States warships had reached the spot to force Colombia into the background. In fact, the first act of the Panama Government was at the Waldorf-Astoria

hotel. All this Senator Foraker knew, and he knew that not more than 100 of the Panama "army" of 200 men would have taken up arms for the new Republic, and that public sentiment in Panama was decidedly in favor of preserving the integrity of the United States of Colombia, and Senator Foraker knew, too, that the Panama revolutionary leaders were after the \$10,000,000 bonus which the United States had agreed to pay for concessions; he knew furthermore that the whole scheme was concocted in Washington official circles, perfected in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York, and put into execution in Panama under the protection of United States warships. The wonder is how Foraker dared to utter such a bare-face falsehood.

AN UNFAIR BOYCOTT.

The spectacle of one businessman calmly facing the concentrated fire of unionism would be enough to stir the Americanism in any breast, one would think. Add to it the spectacle of uniformed officers of the law standing by while crowds of ruffians do their vilest to keep business away from the single-handed champion of free labor, and it is almost enough to make men doubt the efficiency of our institutions.

These things are to be seen daily and nightly on Market street. The one man pitted against all unionism is M. Johnson, keeper of a restaurant. His offense against organized labor is not that he pays less wages than it demands, not that he refuses to employ union men, but that he has put above his door the placard "This is an Open Shop," and declares that he has the right to employ and will employ union and non-union help without discrimination. For this, raucous-voiced men and women "picket" his place. "Picketing" means shrieking lies about the victim and his business, jeering his patrons, threatening them, jostling them, assaulting them if the police do not interfere—and often there is no interference.

The following was one of the statements posted in Johnson's window:

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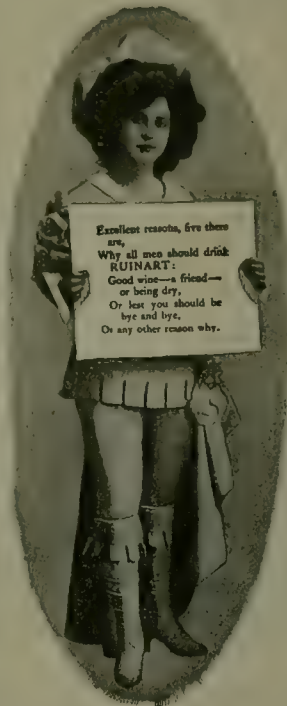
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Varied Types. It is unfortunate for Mr. Chesterton that he made a reputation as a journalistic critic through his epigrams, which happened to catch the public taste as they appeared in the columns of the Daily News. His *Life of Browning* in the "English Men of Letters" series proves that he is not merely a writer of glittering paradoxes, but a critic with imagination, of all critics the rarest type. His new book is not only filled with stale epigrams, but the same ones are used again and again. The man who makes epigrams should have a long memory.

Mr. Chesterton is extremely modern, and adores his own century and abhors any one who would fain live in any other. It would be well for him to acquire a more finished style—and to get rid of the haste that has caused him to allow so many typographical errors in this present volume.

"Varied Types," by G. K. Chesterton. Dodd, Mead & Co.

"Sweater" Literature. "Borlase & Son," considered as a novel, is dull, but as a treatise on London's poor, the sweat-shops and the chicanery of commercial life in the neighborhood of South Camberwell, it is an accurate and valuable contribution to "sweater" literature. Borlase & Son is the firm name of a drapery emporium which stands as a type of a shopping institution known all over London, where the employees board on the premises. The conditions of life portrayed are, the author declares, absolutely veracious. Several of the characters made their first appearance in a book entitled "A Guardian of the Poor," and published in 1867 at the Sign of the Bodley Head by Mr. John Lane, but there is no connection between the two volumes.

Ponkapog Papers. Part of this little volume is devoted to short studies for essays, or mere suggestions that leave the reader to fill out. Here is one that opens the door to wildest conjecture: "Imagine all human beings swept off the face of the earth, excepting one man. Imagine this man in some vast city, New York or London. Imagine him on the third or fourth day of his solitude sitting in a house and hearing a ring at the doorbell." There is a charming study of Herrick, and a criticism of Emily Dickinson, to which her admirers will not agree. Through all these Papers runs a vein of humorous leisure that reminds one of the gentle Elia who would have enjoyed the thought that out of Ponkapog could have come so good a book.

"Ponkapog Papers," by Thomas Bailey Aldrich. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

The Ultimate Moment. Those who read W. R. Lighton's story, "The Ultimate Moment," during its serial publication in Harper's Bazaar, will remember it for its unique point of view of the value of simplicity in living. The best portions of the book are the descriptions of life on the Nebraska farm, but the Omaha scenes are not so well drawn, although some of the incidents are stirring and pathetic. The inequalities of the story perhaps add to its charm by pointing out the beauties more effectively, and its style is refreshing throughout. The illustrations by A. I. Keller are exceedingly well drawn and appropriate to the text. It is published by Harper & Bros.

The Daughter of a Magnate. "The Daughter of a Magnate," by Frank H. Spearman, has already appeared in serial form in a popular magazine, and is

so good that it is welcome in book form. In this latest and best story of Mr. Spearman the foundation is real railroading on the largest and most expensive scale, and in it the author shows his intimate knowledge of the great problems of engineering, tunneling mountains and filling valleys, and tells of the skill of the men whose brains have planned the bridges and the trials and daring of those at the lever and the throttle. Through the story runs the love romance of a typical American hero and heroine; but Mr. Spearman knows more of bridge building than he does of love-making.

He paints the picture of a railroad man's life in the following terse sentences: "A hundred times and in a hundred ways we gamble with death and laugh if he cheat it, and our poor reward is only sometimes to win where far better men have failed. So in this railroad life two men stand * * * luck or ill-luck, storm or fair weather, together. And death speaks for one; and whichever he calls it is ever the other must answer. And this is duty."

Charles Scribners Sons, Publishers, New York.

Letters Home. The novel of letters is unquestionably the most difficult narrative form, yet Mr. Howells manages it with delightful ease and vivacity. The individuality of each writer is well defined, without confusion of point of view or style. Each one, besides keeping up the story, liberally contributes himself glimpses of his past experience, observations on the world about him; so that from these self-revelations the reader enters sympathetically into half a dozen stories. In life, people are always coming temporarily together through common interest in an actual drama, while at the same time all are busy about their own affairs and ready to drift apart as soon as the play that has attracted them is over. The representation of this perpetual movement of life is so difficult that few novelists ever dream of trying it. Mr. Howells has shown himself accomplished in such representation over and over again, but has perhaps never come so near perfection as in "Letters Home." From the purely outside standpoint this is the best study of New York that has ever been given in fiction, and perhaps Mr. Howells is the only author who could give it.

"Letters Home," by W. D. Howells. Harper & Brothers.

In "Barbe of Grand Bayou" Mr. John Oxenham has written a thrilling melodrama, and has thrown an atmosphere of reality around it so that the story stands out as one that is exceptional in more ways than one. It is the best novel yet from the pen of Mr. Oxenham.

Dodd, Mead & Co., New York, Publishers.

Albert Lee's latest novel, "The Baronet in Corduroy," is of the usual style of historical romances. The story is in the time of Queen Anne, and Addison, Steele and Defoe are introduced to give an air of reality to the tale.

D. Appleton & Co., Publishers, New York and Boston.

PLEASURE'S WAND

A TRUSTY TIP TO YOU ON THEATRICALS.

COLUMBIA—Langtry in "Mrs. Deering's Divorce." Highly enjoyable.
FISCHER'S—"The Beauty Shop." Best play since house opened.
ORPHEUM—Good show. Ten good acts.
TIVOLI—Splendid staging and catchy music.
CALIFORNIA—"A Trip to Chinatown." Very funny.
ALCAZAR—Excellent performance, "The Moth and the Flame."
GRAND—"In Convict Stripes." A melodrama of the South.
CENTRAL—"The Moonshiner." Ordinary.
CHUTES—"Deaves Merry Mannikins." Excellent.
LYRIC HALL—Burton Holmes' Lectures. Good.

The Jersey Lily has improved. Her acting is so far superior to her attempts in the same direction when she was here before that there is no comparison. Mrs. Langtry, while she does not effectually hide her age, is really better looking. If, as one writer has put it: "One grows to look like the things one looks upon," Mrs. Langtry must look upon things that are good and wholesome.

The English appreciation of what makes for crushing beauty was never an American estimate, and yet Mrs. Langtry is certainly a very attractive woman, and may to-day be classed as a splendid actress. A French philosopher has it that "women never learn anything that they have not learned ere thirty-five." Mrs. Langtry certainly has learned much more than anyone could expect, and yet she has not mastered the art of graceful locomotion. She walks in as charmingly an ungraceful manner as of yore.

It is said, in extenuation, that to walk with mis-mated feet is an English prerogative. The Lily made a splendid Lady Deering, and Mr. Truesdell's Captain Deering leaves little to be wished for in his version of Fendall's lines. The rest of the company is as good as we have seen for many a day.

Patti has come and gone, and the poor old song-bird is only a memory. The pity of it is that the lust for money should permit the exploitation of this really nice old lady of pleasant memories. People went to see Patti, not to hear her sing. And they were not disappointed, for she did not sing at all. The New York syndicate will be raking over some old ladies' home next in an attempt to discover a great attraction.

Fischer's was crowded to the doors on the first night of "The Beauty Shop," and I will predict a continuance of the same good business. The new star, Miss Helen Russell, is of the first magnitude, and, as a vocalist, easily outshines Amber. Mr. Peachey's rendition of "Obstinate Lizzie May" was good, and the chorus work excellent. Kolb and Dill are excruciatingly funny throughout the new play, and the prize-fight, with Ben Dillon as Professor Brannagan and Carl Yoho as Pugsy McGenk, is a corker. Miss Russell's entrance in her automobile costume is as stunning a thing as can well be imagined. She is a statuesque woman, and good to look upon. At the same time I'll give her a tip to change dressmakers.

Her song, "Navajo" and Strauss's Waltz Song are things that stay with you. Miss O'Ramey gave a highly artistic and finished performance as Sapho Sweeney. The music, by Miss Adah Clement, is quite pleasing, and the "Matutinal Medley" beyond the ordinary. Mr. Crawford, the playwright, is to be

congratulated on the great success of a play produced under the stress of the most trying circumstances.

At the Tivoli, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" is a generally good performance. From a musical standpoint we find splendid chorus work and stirring words, but the solos are weak. As a play, it is better than the usual run of operas. The scenery is magnificent and "worth coming miles to see." "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" will have a long run, because it touches the "humanities." What it lacks in the music (in spots) it makes up, and gives you measure, overflowing, elsewhere.

Howard Thurston, at the Orpheum, advertised as "the man who mystified Hermann," does some astonishing stunts in the line of prestidigitation. All the tricks are well done, and there is an astonishing smoothness in his work. There is a black face turn in which White and Simmons are the laugh-makers. The Tobin sisters are very attractive young persons, and the Viennese dancers, Walno and Marinette, are clever in their own specialty. There are ten good numbers in this week's programme.

The Grand Opera House management has a number of good things in preparation. "One Night in June," which is the next bill, tells a beautiful story of Vermont. As there is a large contingent of the Green Mountain people in San Francisco, there ought



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to be a good attendance. Laughter and tears are closely intermingled, and there is an interesting plot. The scenic effects are especially fine. There is a church scene, a Vermont farm scene, and a beautiful June night. The play will be interpreted to the public by Miss Grace Turner and company. This will be followed by W. H. Turner in "David Harum."

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Mrs. Langtry's engagement at the Columbia Theatre will have a change of bill during the latter part of next week, as it is announced that only the first three nights will be devoted to "Mrs. Deering's Divorce," and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and at the matinee on Saturday, "The Degenerates" will be staged. It will be the first presentation here of Sydney Grundy's modern society comedy, and as many have inquired as to the possibility of Mrs. Langtry appearing in it here, a series of crowded houses may be expected.

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The next Columbia Theatre attraction will be "A Chinese Honeymoon." It has the biggest record as a musical piece of the present epoch. The company is large, and there is a galaxy of good names in the cast.

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The Central is producing one of the old-time piff-bang-bing shows that goes with a vim. "The Moonshiners" does not lack in noise and powder smoke, and the interest does not wane from start to finish.

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"In Convict Stripes," at the Grand, is drawing a crowd. It is a well-acted play, and the staging is especially good.

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The Alcazar keeps up a rattling Gatling fire of good plays. San Francisco has rarely seen a company giving a more finished performance. Next week "Mrs. Jack" will be presented. This is a wildly farcical frivolity by Grace Livingstone Furniss, odd in device, and compelling laughter by sheer absurdity. Those who like George Ade's slang and Hoyt types of farce comedy characters will grow merry over "Mrs. Jack."

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Theatre-goers of San Francisco will enjoy a surfeit of things, if advance agents are to be believed. Among the new attractions for the Central for the week beginning next Monday night will be that tremendous New York success, "A Bowery Girl," with its great scenic environment and its multitude of Gotham street characters. If you want to know how politics is done on the Bowery, a liberal lesson is afforded by the boss of the Fourth Ward, who is also the father of the leader of Bowery society. The cast introduces the heir to a Dutch brewery, with foaming ambitions; the unscrupulous lawyer, with an eye peeled for questionable business; the Italian padrone and the Bowery Chinaman; the lost heirless, the plug-hatted villain with a neglected wife and child; the tough girl, with original packages of slang, and the street gamins, with their Bowery vernacular. A magnificent spectacular production of "Quo Vadis" is in preparation for the week of January 25th.

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"When Johnny Comes Marching Home" has captured the community, and the Tivoli holds large and well-pleased audiences. The music has caught on, and "My Own United States," "Kate, my Southern Rose," and "My Honeysuckle Girl" is puckering the lips of those that whistle. Ferris Hartman continues

the great favorite, and his song, "I was Quite Upset," is a great hit.

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Barr and La Salle, who are said to present a most amusing skit in "The Expressman's Reception," will make their first appearance at the Chutes this coming week. Natalia Delgado, a daughter of sunny Spain, will be seen in the fascinating and sinuous dances of her native land, and the Girdellers will continue their wonderful acrobatic and equilibristic performance. La Drew and La Zone, "the daffy dame and the tad," will introduce new eccentricities in their act; Mabel Lamson, the popular contralto, will be heard in new illustrated songs, and Deaves' Merry Mannikins will continue to amuse both young and old. The animatoscope will show many interesting and novel moving pictures, and the amateurs will appear on Thursday night. There is no more pleasant place in San Francisco in which to spend an hour than in the zoo at the Chutes.

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Although there is no safer house of its size in America, the management of Fischer's Theatre has leased at a big rental an entire store on Powell street in the rear of the house, and will cut through to have a large exit from the stage and auditorium, as well as from the main entrance. This will make Fischer's Theatre one of the safest houses in America.

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The Stein-Bretto family, comedy hand-jumping acrobats, who created a sensation on their first visit to this country two years ago, will reappear at the Orpheum this coming week. They perform many novel feats, not the least of which is accomplished by the woman of the troupe, who carries the three male members of the organization off the stage at one time. Harry C. Stanley and Doris Wilson will present their little sketch, "Before the Ball." Mr. Stanley does clever character work and imitates a clarionette to perfection, while Miss Wilson is talented and pretty. Kelly and Violette will return with a new lot of songs and a wardrobe that is simply daz-

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ling in its beauty. This popular duo of San Franciscans have been meeting with great success on the circuit. Irving Jones, the unique little colored individual who writes and sings his own songs, will be one of the contributors to the funmaking. Howard Thurston promises new surprises. White and Simmons, the good old-fashioned negro minstrels, will present a new act in "A Pleasant Evening's Rest," and Walino and Marinette will vary their terpsichorean evolutions. Asra, the European comedy juggler, and the Orpheum motion pictures, showing the latest novelties, will complete an unusually interesting programme.

On the occasion of the third anniversary of the death of the great Italian composer, Giuseppe Verdi, a commemoration under the auspices of the local Italian "Daily l'Italia," will be held at the Alhambra Theatre on the evening of Saturday, January 23d, the proceeds of which will be entirely given to the fund for the Verdi monument to be erected in our city. The main attraction will be the first appearance of the Rivalta Royal Italian Band, directed by the distinguished leader after whom the band is named.

OF BENEFIT TO CALIFORNIA.

The Chronicle Annual for 1904 has met with an enthusiastic reception by the public, and the mails to the East are burdened with the weight of copies going to far away friends and intending settlers. This number of the Chronicle has the merit of being timely despite the passing of time, and it is the best exposition of the advantages of California we have yet seen. Mr. Isidor Jacobs contributes one of the best articles in the number, "How Canning of California Products has Grown into a World-Famous Industry." This article is statistical, and yet not dry, and it is divided under various heads in such a way as to make it intelligible to any reader. The Chronicle Annual should be sent to all Eastern friends at the earliest opportunity.

William McMurray, who for many years has occupied the position of agent of the Southern Pacific Information Bureau, has just resigned in order to accept the appointment of representative of the new St. Francis Hotel, which opens March 1st. Perhaps few men in the West have come in contact with a wider range of travelers of all nationalities, and he has warm friends in every part of the world. While not a native son, Mr. McMurray is as enthusiastic a Californian as any man who has been born and bred in the Golden State. Through his efforts many large and important conventions have been held in San Francisco, including the recent Bankers' National Conventional. Mr. McMurray has always been very popular, and his genial spirit and natural ability insure his success in his new position.

—Few come to San Francisco without paying a visit to Zinkand's, which has done so much to establish our city's reputation as the best restaurant town in the United States. It's the favorite after-theatre resort.

—Mothers, be sure and use "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for your children while teething.

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The soldiers at the Presidio are trying the new, ready-made army hash, warranted to keep in all climates, to be appetizing and filling, and to be good for jaundice and sore eyes. The Germans have a playful way of marching their soldiers scores of miles on a vest-pocketful of pills, chemically concentrated food, and even if a few men die under the strain, the course of science and army reform is considered vindicated. We, with our vestiges of the Anglo-Saxon appetite, demand a more filling diet. It must not be forgotten, however, that the rations are sample rations, and so of extra fine quality. When waf comes and the soldier absolutely requires his rations, they will in all probability be found to be just as rotten as was the famous preserved beef. Unfortunately, neither the Russians nor the Japanese eat hash.

A minister earns his fee so easily by performing the marriage ceremony that he might be expected to see that he conforms to the statute. In the Pederson case at Oakland it appears that the license for marriage was issued in Oakland and the ceremony performed by Reverend J. Fuendeling of the German Lutheran Church in San Francisco. It should be well known to a minister that a marriage can only be performed in the county in which the license is issued. It is gross professional negligence on the part of a minister to allow any woman to run a risk of this kind, when a mistake may have such terrible consequences for her.

In one of Gelett Burgess and Will Irwin's latest stories there was the account of a San Francisco woman who paraded Kearny street on Saturday afternoon as the advertising agent of a certain women's suit-house. Quite a number of young men must be following that occupation in the city at present. The street corners and the cigar-stores abound in flashily-dressed, insolent youths, without visible means of subsistence, who insult women, and seem to have a pull with the police. I wonder if any promises were made to this class of loafer prior to the election. Every worthless element in the community seems to have been seduced in some way.

What a strong lot, full of personality, were those old Californians. The death of the old colored woman, "Mammy" Pleasance, with all her force and originality, recalls some of the most prominent. Senator Sharon, Sarah Althea Terry, Judge Terry, Justice Field, even Dave Neagle, they were all typical Westerners, fiery and ill-balanced, perhaps, most of them, but endowed with that most uncommon of qualities, independence. The old colored woman who began life as a cook was a remarkable character. Overbearing, self-willed and exceedingly charitable, she was quite a person in her own queer way, one of the characters of a California which is passing very fast.

It would be just in accordance with the way in which we manage our affairs if the bill for the creation of a new Federal Judge for the Circuit of the United States Courts should fail because the Californians are unable to settle on what they want. Four separate bills from four separate California legislators dealing with the creation of one office for the good of the State are a little too many. Some agreement will have to be reached or the scheme will fall through again.

Mayor Schmitz, it strikes me, is having a hard time of it trying to serve two masters. The case of John Partridge is one in point. The Mayor's statement regarding the Pound Master, as vouched for by Mr. Partridge, cannot for a moment be doubted by anyone who knows that gentleman. The Mayor in his haste to find jobs for every Tom, Dick and Harry who peddled tickets for him at the last election, has put his foot in it. He is credited with calling Partridge a liar. When it is remembered that Mr. Partridge had witnesses to the conversation referred to, and that Mr. Partridge is a respectable business man, well-known, and that his word is as good as his bond, and that the Mayor is practically unknown save for broken political promises, a politician under the influence of professional politicians, the public will not be slow to judge.

Nobody hates humbug worse than I do, but there is a limit in the mater of a wide-open town, or there should be one, even under the regime of the present Mayor. It's all very well to restore the side doors and to rebuild the partitions. The people who go to those places generally know why they go and whither; even the resurrection of the old gambling is not a matter to weep over. But some limit ought to be placed upon the cinematographs and picture shows. One of these on Kearny street makes the Galveston flood an excuse for showing a picture of scores of men and women in a disgusting state of nudity. The thing is utterly devoid of art value, and should be stopped.

Why should the tradesmen on California street chose the particular time when the crowd of commuters is greatest to run their wares out of their stores upon the sidewalk? It is funny, but not otherwise agreeable to see elderly gentlemen and demure typewriters dodging barrows and trucks, and being genially abused by hurried workmen. Of course, it must be said in defense of the tradesmen that the blocks are stupidly left unprovided with an aisle. Still, one would think some other time might be chosen for trundling their wares, along the sidewalk.

Major Charles L. McCawley, "star dancing man" of the Marine Corps, has tripped his way merrily into the social service of the Government, being relieved of all duties except helping President and Mrs. Roosevelt at entertaining. There may be no heroism about the two step, but it leads to soft snaps.

Having been buoiced by an astute bank agent into buying a sixty volume set of historical works, "Uncle Joe" Cannon paid the money, but indorsed on the check: "The books are not worth a —, and are high at that." Which didn't help his bank account, but eased his mind.

That high-priest of fakers, John Alexander Dowie, is on his way to Australia, via San Francisco. The Antipodeans are welcome to him and to all the money he is suspected of having sequestered before his "Zion City" was turned over to a receiver.

Some of our local men would give much for the ability of William F. Brown of Oakland, who was arrested for begging. He is described as a beggar and a gentleman. It is remarkable how often the two things seem to go together.

They are going to decorate the streets of Oakland with palm trees, and the Call rejoices thereat and claims all the credit. It would be just as well for the Call to wait and see the palm trees first.

And so, men are to receive at teas. Farewell, then, to the tea-party and hail the he-party.

How San Francisco Looks to Me

By *Fernand Travers, Tourist*

No. 3

Really, I am quite proud; there are three of us in San Francisco just now, all attracting a deal of attention. We are all from England, and not one of us born there. I am here, Baroness Cedarstrom and Mrs. Langtry, and what a sensation we are creating and how we are toadied to! It is awfully flattering; still the American always recognizes the better class, as well as genius.

I was hipped the morning after New Year's evening. My man Roger had also been out, and when I rang for him, my tub was not ready, my linen was not laid out, my tweeds were not forthcoming, and my boots were still on the tree. I would have dispensed with Roger on the spot, but I did not know if I could replace him. He is an excellent servant. He once was man for an officer in the Guards; and let me tell you that is the only school for a gentleman's man. So far as I allowed him, Roger begged me to pardon him, and said I had dismissed him for the night after I dressed. He then took a walk and some American Scotch whiskey, and added that it had overcome him. My bails were off when I learned this, and I explained to him the awful effects of drinking American Scotch whiskey, which is on the average as much like Scotch as paraffine is like eau de cologne, especially in places where Roger would buy it. I found out by my headache next morning that tipping American Scotch is bad for a chap's stomach. I finished my breakfast, and then took Roger to examine some apartments at which he had looked. Things went wrong again, and I told him I ought to kick him. He did not resent it. That is where army training shows. He stands it because he knows that if I did kick him it would not hurt him very much, and would afford me a small amount of mental pleasure combined with a slight sensation of physical exercise.

He caused me to waste the entire morning viewing impossible cubby holes with higgledy-piggledy entrances, dark halls and passages, and low ceilings—really admirable places for one's nieces to play doll's house in, but hardly suitable for a Draper's Clerk and his wife.

The tub room of the best out of the lot was there for ornament and suggestion only, and no sane architect ever dreamed of any one really bathing in it. It's rather a reproach on San Francisco. It looks as if your citizens regarded their morning tub as a task and not an enjoyment. There was not a wine closet in the whole of the places we visited, nor was there a Mews within easy distance. There was, however, attached to each place an impossible fellow who called himself janitor. Not one of them knew their places. They all knew what I wanted better than I did myself, and when I explained to them that Roger would attend to me they seemed to think their prerogatives were being usurped. I can't understand why the need of a janitor in bachelor apartments occupied by gentlemen who keep their own men. The apartments I viewed all seemed to be gotten up for appearance, being adapted to the wants of those persons who desire to convey the impression that they receive a good income while having a very small one. The same shoddy effect which I have noticed so much before. There must be correct apartments here somewhere with the conveniences needed by a gentleman, a room to wash in, a room for exercising, a dressing room, a place for Roger, a spare

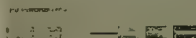
room for a friend, a sitting, bed and smoking room for me—and without the attachment of a fellow with shiny knees and over-run heels, and smells of onions, who calls himself in three or four disgusting brogues the janitor. One of the nicest chaps I have met at your clubs says he can put me on to the right thing in a short while, a house complete, which is owned by a friend of his who is going to Europe for a run. Really, if what I have seen in the way of places (and I am tired looking at them) be a specimen of the whole lot, I am impressed that the San Francisco gentleman either does not know how to live or can't afford it if he does. When I get settled and find a right servant or two, things will be different. Of course, select society, as I know it at home in England or New York, is limited here, but I have met some gentlewomen that are peerless by their own right of beauty and grace, only lacking the ancestry, and I have met some men who, riding in the Row, would make the chaps on the walk pause and stare. You have some good horsemen here. The merchant class, I imagine, is more or less transient. At home my tradespeople keep to their shop generation after generation. Here I notice in the papers and know by the signs on the shops along your principal streets that about one in three is holding a closing out sale. Really it looks bad. The classes can't get used to their shopkeepers in a day or two, and if the shopkeepers are a flit-by-night lot, it seems there would not be much confidence between the seller and ourselves. I can't understand it. Do they not do enough trade? Are their bankers hard on the poor chaps? Or is it a game? If it is a game, it is in bad taste; it causes one to doubt the honesty of the tradesman and the stability of the city. Maybe the fellows who are retiring from business are going to start again, or maybe they desire to get a fresh location. 'Pon my word, I don't blame any of them much for wanting to get off your main street. It is disgustingly dirty and wretchedly paved, and the stone walks are half wood and it is always dusty if not muddy. Maybe that this is caused by the lack of attention of your Aldermen, but that, as my friend Kipling says, is another story.

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Dear Bessie: Do you bowl? If so, I am sure you will envy us the new club which was opened this week and promises to be a success. It is on the Golden Gate avenue side of Jefferson Square, and only the wives and sisters and daughters of the members, who are all clubmen—and I suppose their cousins and their aunts—are eligible for the privilege of playing the game. Greer Harrison is the President of the Club and Ed. Greenway is one of the directors, so you see it is to be very swell. And now, having the place to play, parties are being made up to enjoy it, and before long there will be one or more clubs in full swing for every day in the week.

When I bunched up all the Thursday teas last week I omitted to tell you what a charming little hostess Bertie Bruce made as Mrs. Ferd Stephenson, and her home on Steiner street is such a pretty one. Newel Drown was the motif for the pleasant affair, and helped her to receive. Another thing I omitted to enlarge upon was the Gibbons dance, which, though not large, was an exceedingly pleasant one; just enough to make dancing comfortable, and the supper was delicious.

Bridge was the game selected by Mrs. Hinckley Taylor for her card party on Wednesday, and the forty ladies who played it seemed to take to it as naturally as ducks take to water; it will be all the rage soon, you take my word for it. The buds, at least quite a number of them, were given a luncheon by Mrs. Sullivan and Alice on Thursday; Norma Castle gave a large card party in the afternoon. I went out to make my tea call at Mrs. Swift's, and found her rooms crowded. What a lovely woman she is, in looks one of, if not the handsomest of all our society dames. Pretty little Helen Bailey is having a good time and enjoying herself thoroughly. Mrs. Austin Sperry holds her first large "at home" to-day; and to-night Susie Kirkpatrick gives a "kid dance" at the Palace—something like what La Jeunesse used to be when first started.

The newly-engaged couple, Mabel Cluff and Jack Wilson, are going the usual round of being entertained by their friends. Mrs. Cluff gave them a big dinner last week; the Blacks a Patti concert and supper party; the Warfields a dinner and theatre party; and Mrs. Jack Spreckels a luncheon and matinee party to Mabel on Saturday. Their dinners this week included one at the Alexander Wilson's on Monday; Pearl Landers gives one next Thursday, and Ed. Greenway one on the 2d of February, while Jack himself will play the dinner host to thirty of his friends on the third. Mabel Hogg's tea last Friday was the medium chosen for the formal announcement of Florence Callaghan's engagement to Vincent de Laveaga, which has been suspected for some time. It was quite a pleasant tea, and the floral decorations which were chiefly red, among the prettiest of the season.

Miss Carrie Gwin had only married ladies at her card party last Saturday; there were three tables, and at the game of seven-handed euchre Mrs. Mayo Newhall, Mrs. Smedburg and Mrs. Casey won the first prizes at each of them. I devoted half an hour—all I could spare—on Saturday to the 20th Century Club Concert at Lyric Hall, and missed hearing Carrie Little sing, which I regretted, for I hear she has improved very much during her stay in Paris. She was obliged to postpone the recital she was to have given, but I believe it will take place before long.

Gertrude Smith crops up again as the "entertained" at a luncheon to which I have been asked by Mrs. Eugene Lent next Tuesday; Mrs. Ritchie Dunn gives a luncheon at the University Club on Wednesday for Polly Macfarlane, and Maud Mullins Clarke has a card party for Polly on the 21st, all married folks of the younger set. Belle Smith gives a tea on Friday, and there will be the Friday Fortnightly dance in the evening, and Fanny Harris a big luncheon on the 28th. The last of the Assembly parties comes off on the 29th, so you see there is plenty to do all the time.

I told you I thought the wedding day of Louise Harrington was to be the 6th of February, but instead it is to be on the 2d, and will be, I hear, even quieter than was her sister Mary's. By the way, the new appointment of Commander Niblack will entail a four years' residence in Honolulu, so it will be some time ere we see Mary again.

It has been quite a fad here of late to entertain members of the "Girl with the Green Eyes" company; the Jolliffe girls had a tea for two of them, Miss Emmett and Miss Bell, and Margaret Mee had Frank Deklin as her guest at a small dinner of eight. There was regret that Patti could not accept any invitations, but Mrs. Langtry is here now, and she may be induced to take what the other was obliged to decline, as her stay here is to be for some little time.

Don't you remember all the nice affairs Mrs. Girard was so constantly planning when she was at the Presidio, and what pleasant parties she gave? Well, I am so glad she is back again, and as her husband is to be the new chief surgeon when he comes back from Manila, we may look forward to lots more pleasant times. She and her daughter, Mrs. Bush, are here already, and are at Fort Mason, where Kitty and I are going out to see them to-morrow. Katherine and Edith Bull came back from their Oriental travels by the transport Sheridan which arrived this week, and which brought the new regiment that is to be stationed at the Presidio, the 28th Infantry, and about the officers the girls feel no end of curiosity.

Bessie Ames has gone from our gaze for awhile; she and Mrs. Jack Casserley left for New York last

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Tuesday, and Bessie at least will not be back for several weeks, as she will spend February with her sister, Mrs. Wood, in Baltimore.

The Peter Martins are here at last. They arrived last Monday, and now we shall see what we shall see! The chatter is that they are to remain here a long time—perhaps for good and all.

Only think of my nearly forgetting to tell you that the long suspense is ended, and after many false alarms the cards for the wedding of Bernie Drown and Sam Boardman are out at last. It seems that Bernie was awaiting the arrival of Stella Kane, who is to be one of her bridesmaids, the other three, Susie Blanding, Charlotte Ellinwood and Linda Cadwallader, with her sister Newell as maid of honor. The marriage will take place at St. Luke's Church at high noon on Saturday, the 30th, and a reception afterwards at the Drown residence on Jackson street.

Constance de Young will make her formal debut at a tea to be given by her mother next Saturday afternoon, the 23d.

—Elsie.

The Art Association of San Francisco will hold its annual masked ball at the Hopkins Institute of Art, on Mardi Gras, which comes this year on Tuesday, February 16th. A beautiful invitation has been designed by Albertine Randall Wheelan, and is now in the hands of the engraver. A preliminary meeting of the decorating committee, which is composed of Mr. John M. Gamble and Harry W. Seawell, has been appointed for next week to lay out the scheme of color treatment, in ornamenting the halls and dancing rooms; while Henry Heyman has been given charge of the music.

The wedding of Miss Anita Claire Walsh of this city and John T. Tyner of New York took place in the Swedenborgian Church Wednesday night, and was one of the prettiest affairs of the season. The bride is a very popular young lady and has participated in many charitable affairs in this city. The groom is a son of J. R. Tyner, and nephew of Assistant Attorney-General Tyner at Washington, and is a junior member of W. L. Growall & Company. Miss Marie Aline Walsh, the bride's sister, acted as maid of honor, and James E. Knauss as best man. The ushers were Dr. William Ellis and Dr. Harry Sohr. The wedding reception was held in the parlors of the Colonial Hotel, where Mr. and Mrs. Tyner will reside on their return from Southern California.

The little daughter of Albert L. Farr, the rising young architect, passed away on the night of the 13th inst. The sympathy of all who know Mr. and Mrs. Farr is with them in their sad bereavement. The child was one year old and one of the sweetest and most loveable of children.

Arrivals at Hotel Rafael during the past week were: A. Feist, W. L. Dreyfus, Dr. W. L. Louisson, M. A. Bremer, Louis Ferrari, R. M. Burgess, O. Holmquist, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Hale, Mrs. F. H. Stout, Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs. Shimer, Mrs. Farr, G. F. Simonds.

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The Looker-On

Jim Smith—he of the coal, coke, and pig-iron trade—now rests from his labors within the aristocratic precincts of the Pacific-Union Club. And thereby hangs a tale. Smith, be it known, is one of the big men in the commercial world. When the steamship companies, the big hotels, or the large manufactories want to increase their visible stock of fuel, they have to consider the wishes of this quiet, athletic-looking gentleman, who, in his California-street office, holds not a few of the strings whereby the output of the coal mines is controlled. He has devoted so much of his time to acquiring fame and fortune in the business world that, although a member of the Bohemian and other organizations, he has had but little leisure in which to enjoy the comforts of club life. But most of his intimates, men like Jack Wilson, R. P. Schwerin, A. B. Spreckels and others are enthusiastic club men. For a long time they importuned Smith to permit them to post his name in the Pacific-Union. He demurred, for he cares but little for the artificialities of life.

Finally, however, he consented, and his name was put up. Now, that eloquent orator and reformed politician, Horace Platt, is one of the leading lights in the big club at Union Square, and he considers it his bounden duty to scrutinize carefully the list of proposed members, and to investigate to the smallest detail the character, reputation and social standing of all men that appear asking admittance. In the old days, when Horace and Chris Buckley ran the town together—that was before Platt discovered the gross iniquities of Democracy and switched—the blind boss impressed upon all his followers the importance of finding out everything possible about newcomers in the arena, and the necessity of barring those who did not bear the ear-marks of subserviency. Platt saw nothing in the Smith physiognomy to indicate that the coal dealer would fall down and worship when Horace appeared. It is said the arbiter of the club also feared that Smith lacked that full appreciation of polished humor and graceful wit that is needed to appreciate the subtlety of the Platonian bon mots. Then, again—frightful discovery—it was learned that once in the aforesaid Smith had had his habitat south of the slot. That was enough. Platt instituted a campaign against the unsuspecting dealer in pig-iron.

"Fate tried to conceal him by calling him Smith. Ha! Ha!" said Platt. "He is fuel in which I shall temper the bright blade of my wit."

But Smith's friends are cold, ha-a-rd men. When they start in on a proposition they usually see it through. So they told Mr. Platt. They also said something about society dudes not being the whole works. Platt simply shrugged his shoulders and answered: "I fear me your friend is not to be of the select. He has lingered so long in the marts of trade, it is now too late for him to be an ornament to this organization. We want clubable men. He is only a delver after dollars."

Then the trouble began. The Smith forces girt up their loins for battle; Platt threw off sarcasms and witticisms, but they glanced from the armor of the enemy. The day for the vote of the directorate approached. By this time, it was understood that one blackball against Smith would be considered a very serious affront by his friends; and those same friends are not men who may be affronted with impunity. Platt commenced to take counsel with him-

self. It was apparent to him that he had started a losing game, for Horace, remembering the instructions of his political teacher, quietly quit. Smith was elected by the unanimous vote of the eleven directors.

Now, the question is: What constitutes a clubman? If education, good manners, good taste and business success do not make a man eligible to join the elect, what does? Mr. Platt, it is said, will write an essay on the subject. It will be put in the box under the cornerstone of the new club house, so that in the years to come, future historians may learn something of the advanced condition of cultured society of the present day, from the standpoint of one who has walked along every level in the social structure.

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I was looking over a copy of Addison Mizner's "Cynic's Calendar," the other day. In my humble opinion, it is the poorest apology for what it was evidently intended to be that was ever perpetrated on a confiding public. Not an original idea is between the two covers. Most of the stuff is as flat as stale beer. "It's a strong stomach that has no turning," says Mr. Mizner. You can see him look around with a modest smirk; you can see him pause for applause. "A little widow is a dangerous thing," he says in another place, with the calm complacency of one who is working off a gold-brick. If the sylph-like, gentle Addison would own up and acknowledge how much of his stuff he first stole, and then spoiled by bad handling, it might make interesting reading under the title: "How I tried to be funny, and failed," by "One of the many Mizners."

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What has come over Judge John Hunt? Once upon a time he turned a pretty phrase, and his bright things illuminated a club room with a brilliancy that rivaled "the bright and the balmy effulgence of the morn." But I fear tongue or pen—or both—have lost their cunning. He is responsible for the Family Club's invitation to its Christmas feast. Those invitations to Christmas jinks are usually stilted things at best. They are forced, the humor is flat, and the idea is unprofitable. But these facts do not explain Hunt's failure in this game of forcing wit. In a wild endeavor to give a flavor of Christmas-tide to the club's invitation, he dragged in that poor, unfortunate little fellow, "Tiny Tim." Not once, but thrice, was reference made to the diminutive Timothy, and "green banks" also appeared four or five times in as many lines. As a wind-up, the card-writer said: "And as Tiny Tim says in 'The Christmas Carol,' 'God bless us all, every one.'"

Now, did Hunt think the members of the Family Club were unaware that Tim may be found in the "Christmas Carol?" If he did think so, why didn't he add some information about the Carol? Did he mention the "green banks" so frequently because he is a fisherman, or did he want to go a-caroling over them? As a friend of young unfortunates, as a protector of children, doesn't John Hunt think Tiny Tim has suffered long enough? If so, why pull him out at every opportunity? I think it would be a fitting punishment if Hunt were assigned to conduct the Juvenile Court—unless he can satisfactorily answer my questions and explain his fall from grace.

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Did you know that no licenses for new saloons have been issued for the past three months? And

did you know that if a saloon keeper becomes the bondsman for a man under arrest, the saloon keeper is liable to lose his license? The Police Commissioners think there are about enough saloons in San Francisco, and they have decided to call a halt. If one wants to go into the saloon business these days, he must buy an interest in an established place, or wait until some liquor seller loses his license. None of them ever quit. The Commissioners have also shut down on the straw bond business. Years ago the saloon keepers in the Tenderloin made large sums of money by furnishing bail bonds. None of the professional criminals reformed in jail more than an hour or two after arrest, so complete was the machinery of the bail bond bureau. But now, the saloon keepers have been given a quiet tip that the appearance of their names upon bail bonds will be taken by the Police Commissioners as an evidence that they are trying to interfere with the successful operation of the Police Department—a reason sufficient for a refusal to renew their licenses. There is much complaint in the Tenderloin, but the Police Commissioners are on the right track.

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I have been waiting for some of the daily papers to tell that old tale about the flight of John Benson to Denmark, years ago. He was mixed up in some kind of a land fraud, and suddenly decided that a trip to Europe would be very beneficial. He wandered around in Europe for some time, and while he was quietly resting in the Kingdom of the Danes, some Government sleuth came along, tapped him on the shoulder and said Uncle Sam was anxious to see him in Washington. Benson appreciated the good intentions of his Uncle Samuel, but he said he liked Denmark so much he did not wish to move—just then. The usual extradition proceedings followed, and Benson came back. That must be over ten years ago. Benson was then in business in this city. He beat out the case, and came back to San Francisco. He knows the land laws backwards, and it is probable that the present charge against him will fail of proof.

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The principal of the Berkeley High School is out against the deadly cigarette. More power to him! Now, if the University authorities would start a crusade against tippling, all the school men would be afforded protection against the temptations that beset those that go down into Egypt. Benjamin Ide is an authority on the manners of the ancient Greeks; likewise, he knows things about the old Romans; therefore, he is well aware that "ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey," where the students of the humanities, the leaders of the thought of to-day, the coming apostles of the "isms" of to-morrow, cannot carry home a proper load of rich Falernian without attracting the notice of their less learned brethren. Knowing that the Benjamin of Berkeley is held in high esteem in this land of his adoption, I am confident that an edict issued by him upon the evil effects of promiscuous indulging would attract wide attention. As a student of men and manners he knows that bad examples may be set, unwittingly, by instructors in the schools who are not able to cope as bottle men with the hard-headed men of commerce whom they may meet at the festal board, and it is shocking and sad to see one filled with dead languages, ancient roots and fizz, spilling things as he makes geometrical designs in an endeavor to catch a train. Not that such things have happened. Oh,

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dear, no! But then, they might, you know, and warning in time may prevent a multitude of possibilities.

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Old "Mammy" Pleasance has passed to the Great Beyond. She was one of the shrewdest women of her race. For decades in this city, she was more than a match for lawyers, detectives, newspaper men, and all whose business it was to try to ferret out the many deals in which hers was the hidden but directing hand. She was as close-lipped as a double-barred, burglar-proof safe; in habit of life she was retiring, and the many women, now prominent in society, or whose mothers may have been prominent during the past thirty years, who may have been aided by the keen colored woman, need have no fears of what she might have told. Her secrets went with her to the grave. That she befriended more than one fair struggler in the social swim, both with money and influence, is well known. To some, she gave generously in the days of her wealth, but to others she was like a leech, draining their very last dollar in pursuit of what she considered her rights. To the present generation she was best identified as the mistress of the unfortunate household of the late Thomas Bell. To the men and women of twenty-five and forty years ago she was a bright, ready-witted, sharp, bold manipulator of anything from a clam-bake to a stock deal; from a small tea in a lodging house to an attack upon a millionaire's stronghold in the Palace. Withal, she was one of the most unusual characters San Francisco has known. Certain it is, we shall never see her like again.

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Financial Review.

The Western Type of Financiering.

Inflation seems to be the order of the day, and the infection has evidently spread to San Francisco, which can now point out a financier or two to visiting strangers as additional evidence in substantiation of the allegation that this city has at last outgrown the swaddling clothes of infancy, and is now bounding over the sands of time full of the redundant spirits of youth in its spring-time. We can now point to quite a number of daring efforts in the line of finance achieved here, even if we cannot boast of a right to file a patent upon the original conception process. Our leading industrials have suddenly assumed the attitude of the fabled frog who wished to attain the proportions of an ox. Take San Francisco Gas for example: it has been inflated with enough air to swell its properties from \$9,000,000, in itself a pretty steep figure for a time-worn plant, up to thirty millions of dollars. Why was this done? The new management, gathered from many different walks in life to become full-blown gas experts at a moment's notice, will possibly account for this undue excess of hot air by an explanation that the money is to be utilized to acquire an additional supply of plants, etc., and for what? To supply the place of a plant which could be installed to-day of modern type at first hand for less than the over-valued old rack of patchwork which formed the nucleus of a transaction which must make the ordinary man of affairs pause and ponder over the ways of the great local financiers. Supposing some one now starts in to erect a new nine million dollar plant, what would become of the hot air in the thirty million dollar San Francisco Gas and Electric Light Company. It is not particularly strong on its pegs now, as the market shows for itself, and the fact that the whole public, outside of the few who have some stock and confidence in a management which has so far been accredited with nothing outside of a \$25000 a year President, who is now earning it by doing the grand in a distant land; a list of high-salaried officials, and an output of gas which in point of quality does not speak much for the reputation of the management as gas-makers. Would it not have been better to have thrown the weight of expenses into the practical end of the business, instead of putting it out in salaries at a juncture in the history of a concern, weighted down with financial responsibilities like this \$30,000,000 local exhibit in the art of unsatisfactory gas making is now, after passing through the hands of the Western financier?

Local Stocks and Bonds.

The volume of business for the week has shown some improvement in bonds, and considerable trade has been done in Spring Valley and Southern Pacific issues. In the share list, Gas and Electric and Alaska Packers have had the floor. The former is in poor condition, evidently. When the inside props are withdrawn, down go prices, and when a rally comes under the stimulus of inside buying, enough stock pours in to convince one that if higher prices prevailed, outside holders would not take any chances on the city standing the raise of interest on the inflated capitalization of \$30,000,000. If such a very transparent artifice upon the part of financial jugglers were allowed to prevail, any bogus scheme masquerading as a public

utility could build up its capital to any extraordinary pitch by the inflation of prices and expect permission to collect a certain rate per cent upon the amount of the alleged investment. As for the Alaska Commercial, the vagaries in that stock are not easily explained. Nothing has happened to warrant a decline in share values, and the following reactions are only natural, only on a minor scale. Spring Valley has shown a stronger tone during the past week under a very light demand. Other securities show few changes, and they are only nominal.

Dividends Paid and Declared.

The following dividends by local corporations were paid on the 11th inst.: First National Bank of San Francisco, regular semi-annual, at the rate of 10 per cent, amounting to \$75,000; Marin County Water Company, regular quarterly, 75 cents per share; Giant Consolidated Powder Company, regular monthly, 50 cents per share; California Wine Association, regular monthly, 60 cents per share. The Spring Valley Water Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 63 cents per share, payable on and after January 20th. The People's Home Savings Bank (on liquidation) has

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declared a dividend to depositors of two per cent. This payment will make a total of 46 per cent of the deposits returned to the depositors since the failure of the institution; there are still some assets which are in litigation, from which it is hoped that from 5 to 10 per cent more will be paid.

At the annual meeting of the Nevada National Bank the following directors were re-elected: James L. Flood, H. F. Allen, F. W. Van Sicken, C. de Guigne, Leon Sloss, C. H. Mackay Robert Watt, Isais W. Hellman, William Haas, I. W. Hellman, Jr., and John F. Bigelow. The net profits for the year were \$339,384, out of which dividends amounting to 7 per cent were paid, amounting to \$219,000. The balance, \$129,384 was carried forward to undivided profits. At the close of business, December 31, 1903, the total assets amounted to \$17,392,573. The following officers were re-elected to serve for the ensuing year: Isais W. Hellman, president; John F. Bigelow, vice-president; I. W. Hellman, Jr., vice-president; George Grant, cashier; W. W. Gavin, assistant cashier.

At the recent annual election of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce the following Board of Trustees was elected: George A. Newhall, president; E. R. Dimond, vice-president; C. H. Bentley, second vice-president; Frank L. Brown, W. J. Dutton, J. A. Folger, William L. Gerstle, Rufus P. Jennings, H. D. Loveland, William H. Marston, Thomas Rickard, James Rolph, Jr., Henry Rosenfeld, James B. Smith, William R. Wheeler, trustees.

At the first annual meeting of the shareholders of the Spring Valley Water Company the following directors were re-elected: Charles Webb Howard, A. H. Payson, A. Borel, Homer S. King, J. M. Quay, F. J. Symmes. Frank B. Anderson was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Samuel C. Bigelow.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the San Francisco National Bank the following Board of Directors was elected to serve for the ensuing year: C. S. Benedict, William J. Dutton, H. E. Huntington, William Pierce Johnson, George A. Newhall, George A. Pope, W. H. Talbot, James K. Wilson, L. I. Cowgill. The Board subsequently organized by electing James K. Wilson president; William Pierce Johnson, vice-president, L. I. Cowgill cashier, and W. W. Wolfe assistant cashier.

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Moves and Countermoves.

The first evidences of the effort that the Honorable Mark Hanna is making to secure the Republican Presidential nomination for himself reached this city last week. Letters have been received by a number of prominent Republicans, some of them members of the Union League Club and others holding federal offices, asking what the feeling is towards Hanna's candidacy, and expressing the hope that the delegation to the National Convention would go un-instructed. Copies of an Ohio paper, containing bitter attacks on the President and glowing eulogies of Mark, have reached every newspaper office in the State, and private letters have been sent to men prominent in the financial world asking them to use their influence to defeat Roosevelt on the ground that he was an enemy of capital and the great money interests of the country. So far, however, there is no sign of any break in the solid Republican column in California. Reports sent back to the Hanna boomers are that the people of this State demand Roosevelt, and that it would be political suicide to attempt to elect an anti-Roosevelt delegation to Chicago. A prominent member of the Union League told me that, while there might be some of its members for Hanna, that they were very few and were not conspicuous in their advocacy of him. The country papers have paid no attention to the literature sent them from Ohio in Hanna's interests, and the moneyed men say that Hanna could not be elected, and that the election of a Democrat would unsettle the business interests for years.

The failure of the National Committee to call for the election of delegates to the National Convention is delaying the issuance of a call for a State Convention, and it will not now be held until late in May, and probably not until June. Every one must register to vote at the primaries, and since Hanna is an avowed candidate for the Presidency, the primaries are of much more interest and importance than they promised to be when Roosevelt had no opposition.

The Democrats are at sea as usual. They do not seem to know whom they want for President, and the fight in their lines will be pro and con Hearst. Ex-Governor Budd is to be the leader of the Hearst forces, and he is a very shrewd politician. Just who will lead the opposition is not yet decided.

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The Minnesota Secretary of the new Board of Corrections and Charities has already distinguished himself in a very remarkable way for an expert who was imported to teach the good people of California the principles of economy in their public expenditures. The curious will see in the Blue Book that he is put down as of "St. Paul, Minnesota," an extraordinary confession of the incompetency of all Californians, since they had to go so far to get a man for the place. Having been elected to the place through his Chicago pull, as previously explained in this column, he proceeded to bring his family out here, and then was about to present a bill to the State Treasury, amounting to some \$500, for their removal. But the Board refused to allow that expense bill, although they agreed to allow another for his personal expenses, amounting to \$104.05. It will be noticed that he must have come around by the Horn or via Siberia, as most people could make the trip from St. Paul to San Francisco for much less than that figure. However, the cruel Board of Examiners would not even allow him the personal account bill, and he has been forced to bear his own traveling expenses. Considering the way in which this expert has started out to save the State money, it might be well for the

Board of Examiners to scrutinize carefully his financial accounts, or he will get rid of all his appropriation before he gets started at his work, if he ever does any.

The readers of these columns will recall the case of Rosa King, the poor girl who was taken out of the Feeble Minded Home by one of the trustees, who refused to return her when she pleaded to go back, and how she finally in despair committed suicide. They will remember that no investigation of the matter was ever held by the trustees of the Home, and that one of them, the Reverend Mr. Baine, charged the Attorney General's office with having delayed to inform the Board if it could get the girl back by habeas corpus a charge which the Attorney-General absolutely denied and showed that the unfortunate girl was the victim of the neglect of the Board of Managers to perform their duty. It appears, however, that the King girl and another who was taken out by the same trustee are not the only girls that have been taken out of the Home by persons who had no legal right to do so. Annie Kallaway, a Honolulu maiden, is another case to which I respectfully call the attention of the Board of Trustees of the Home for the Feeble Minded, and especially of its two clerical members—the Reverend Mr. Lyons and the Reverend Mr. Baine. This girl had been removed some time ago by an employee of the Kip orphanage. Her utter unfitness for outside life is known to Mr. Holbrook formerly of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and Sister Julia, who is well known to the charitable persons in this city as the manager of an Episcopalian Magdalen Home. I presume also that Dr. Osborne and his wife, the former Superintendent of the Home, and Dr. Lawler, can give some information about the girl, since, if I am correctly informed, they both refused to allow the girl to leave the institution. Do the trustees know where she is now or what has happened to her since she left, or who authorized her to be taken out? If they do not, they should inquire at once.

Unless all rumors are untrue, there is another scandal worse than any charged against Dr. Lawler that needs their investigation. Why should not the Governor himself give some time to this matter? Is it not his interest and duty as Chief Executive of this State to look after the welfare of the wards of the State, and he can easily ascertain the details of the case from the persons named above even if the daily papers do not publish them before this article appears in print.

If the Board of Trustees of the Home will not act, the Governor can remove them and should remove them. Their terms have expired, and he is the principal person to blame if proper trustees are not now managing the institution. We believe the Governor is too humane a man, and loves his own children too much not to protect the unfortunate children indirectly confided to his care. This is more important than finding out why a Sacramento plumber did not know the difference between sewer gas and bats.

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In my search for automobile news I dropped in to see President Hyde of the Automobile Club of California, and asked him how the club was prospering. His remarks were as follows:

"As to membership we are doing very well, indeed, as we now have over 180 on our rolls, and it will soon be 200. We are, however, somewhat particular whom we receive, and it is not every applicant who is successful. While we are not a social club, we ought not to have any in our ranks with whom we cannot associate on terms of equality. The main purpose of our club organization is to promote the cause of automobiling and to protect ourselves against hostile legislation, but incidentally we can enjoy a club run, or a dinner, now and then.

"There are not many, even in the club, who realize what a powerful agency for the protection of automobilists this club has been. When the new machines were first introduced, there was a universal prejudice against them, and the first impulse of the public was to demand legislation against their use on the country roads. Transportation companies were afraid of them, and even the country hotels discouraged them. Against these discouragements our club has made a battle. We have employed attorneys to defend our rights before Supervisors and in courts, and many an enemy of automobiling has been turned into a friend by a little judicious attention at the proper time. A person traveling on the county roads can maintain a comfortable rate of speed because this club has been vigilant and made his fight against four miles an hour when such legislation was threatened. He can travel in our city streets at 8 and 12 miles an hour, can ride through Golden Gate Park and travel on the ferry lines mainly because there has been a strong club organization to look after his interests.

"Ten men organized as a club and working in the name of the club can do more effective work than a hundred men can, working singly. I have seen the Legislature led to a radical departure in legislation in a certain case at the demand of a so-called 'club,' which was formed in the interest of one person, and numbered, all told, not more than four.

"Any person who owns an automobile or is in any way interested in the sport, ought to belong to the Club. The dollar a month is the smallest consideration. It is numbers that gives influence, and we will need powerful influence during the next few years to protect our rights and accomplish the objects of our organization. We ought to have a State automobile law, but it would be folly to attempt it until we can feel sure that we would not fare worse than we do now.

"It is a sad fact, but it is true, that our worst enemies are among the automobilists themselves. It is the conduct of a few that makes trouble for the majority, and the influence of the club is more powerful than the law to prevent the reckless speeding and handling of automobiles.

"I want to see 250 members in our club within the near future. They are here, and if the present members will exert themselves, we can have the desired number."

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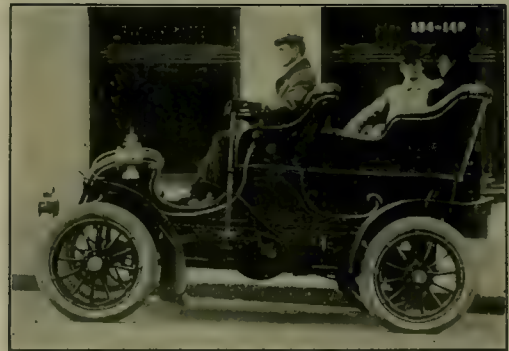
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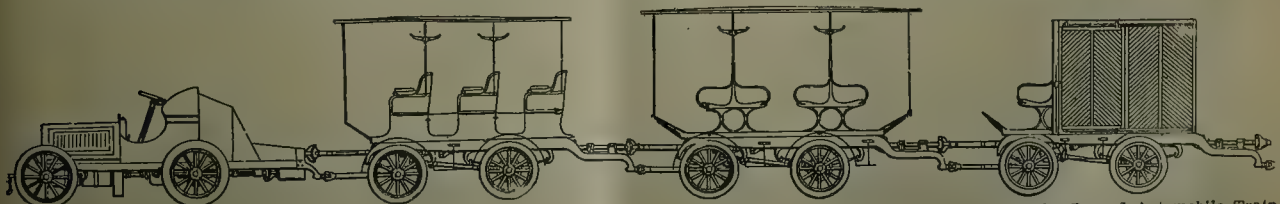
The building will be completed and occupied between February 15th and March 15th. The directors are as follows: J. A. Marsh, president; H. C. Tilden, Livingston Jenks, C. K. Harley and C. L. Tilden.

Mr. H. E. Skinner has severed his connection with the H. E. Skinner Company. The company will disincorporate and start under a new name, while Mr. Skinner, with his two sons, intend opening up a new establishment under the firm name of H. E. Skinner & Sons. The new firm will carry all makes

and latest models of fire arms, sporting goods, etc. Mr. Skinner has been identified in this city for many years in the sporting goods line, and is well-known throughout the Pacific Coast, being one of the most popular men in this line of business in the city. During the past 30 years Mr. Skinner has made many friends among sportsmen, always ready and willing as he is to give them pointers as to the different qualities of ammunition and fishing tackle, used in different sections of the State for various species of game and fish.

Many of his friends have not heard of the change which has taken place, and will be informed through these columns in the near future as to location of his new establishment. It is safe to say that Mr. Skinner is one of the best posted men in the country on game laws and the different materials used for hunting and fishing in the various lakes and hunting reserves, and has always been ready to impart information valuable to the sportsman.

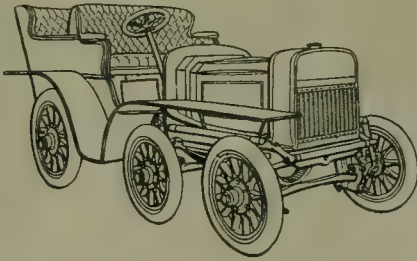
An interesting exhibit at the automobile show in Paris was the Renard trackless train, consisting of a number of passenger vehicles drawn by a 60 horsepower tractor. The tractor is not exhibited, but the method by which the rear wheels of the cars are mechanically driven is shown. An overshaft, universally jointed wherever necessary, runs the entire length of the train, and communicates the drive to under-inclined and universally-jointed propeller



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Charles Schmidt, on the Packard Gray Wolf, covered the mile in 50 2-5 seconds, and five miles in 4:21 3-5.

Schmidt also covered a mile on this course (wind blowing) in 46 2-5 seconds, or two fractions from the world's record on a straight-away track, same being held in France.

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To find their way to God?

The candles that I gave to light
That darksome road for him,
He did not bring with him last night,
And my left eyes were dim.

I shut the door against the child
I would have died to kiss;
What if those feet, by earth defiled,
Their backward way should miss?

If any child again might come,
Though he in tatters dressed,
I'd take him in my empty home
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High in the East the new moon hung;
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I'll hie me to the lilac,
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I'll wander in the starlight,
And lie among the leaves,
And dream to the night-raindrops
That beat about the eaves.

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Swept clear of love, and you,
Who stole me from my lilacs,
Stole stars and lilies, too.
You stilled the sighing forests,
You broke the wind's control,
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When you were in my soul.

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The affection which Alice bestowed on Gipsy was a source of wonderment to the other girls, who would have thought it much more natural had she been repelled by Gipsy's brusque and wayward manner. But friendship of a strong and lasting character is most frequently found between those of contrasting dispositions, and this well-known fact must be held as accounting for the fast and firm friendship which had sprung up between them.

Gipsy's relatives were much better off than those of Alice, and after the school days were over her time was mainly devoted to holiday making. She remembered her little friend with sufficient interest to write her lengthy accounts of her continental wanderings and her many holiday jaunts. They were sources of the greatest delight to Alice during the period while her parents were anxiously debating the question of her future; for Alice's father was but a poor country parson, and it was necessary that she should choose a profession.

The choice was at length made, and Alice opened a "Translations, Correspondence and Typewriting Bureau" in Leicester street. It was a decision arrived at in accordance with her own wishes, and when she was fairly installed as proprietress of the two rooms which constituted the bureau, she pluckily set herself to work up a clientele. In this endeavor she was loyally assisted by all her old school chums who had connections in London, for they recommended the new venture to their acquaintances, and by this means helped "Gipsy's friend," as she was generally called, to a promising start.

Gipsy wrote to the bureau several lengthy letters in the few months following its starting, and then there was silence. A silence for nearly a twelve-month, during which Alice prayed for her wayward friend, and wondered what she was doing. And then one day a stranger called at the bureau and asked to see Miss Marchant. Alice had succeeded so well by this time that she employed two lady clerks, and

did not see callers herself unless by appointment.

"The lady said her business was personal, Miss, and she has sent in this message." The clerk handed a scrap of paper as she spoke. Alice looked at the paper. On it was scrawled in pencil:

"Gipsy."

A moment later her quondam friend was shown in, and Alice impetuously rushed into her arms. It was the old dog-like, blind devotion, the old unthinking gladness at her presence. It was the same ecstasy a faithful dog might show at the return of a loved master. And then, when the first greetings were over, Gipsy had a terrible story to tell, which sent her poor little friend into a shiver of apprehension and dread.

"I have no one to rely on, Alie, but you," she said, when her story was told. "It is no use advising now, for it's all done and over, and it's no use blaming either, for, God help me! I should have to do it, if the past year had to be lived all over again. I wanted to make a sacrifice for his sake to prove how passionately I loved him."

There was a moment's silence.

"Where is it?" asked Alice, in a terrified, husky whisper.

"At my rooms."

"And you want me to keep it?"

"I can think of nothing else, Alie, and I can think of no one but you to help me. My people have no idea of what has happened. You know what they are, and I simply dread to think what exposure would mean."

"Oh, Gipsy, Gipsy, how sorry I am. I could blame you very much, but that I pity you, my poor Gipsy, so much more. But he——"

"He loves me, Alie. We are simply injured by fate. If he could he would marry me. If I could only marry him, heavens! how happy I should be. You will help me, Alie?"

"Yes, Gipsy, I will."

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Business grew apace at Alice's bureau, and then came the great story of her life.

He was a lawyer with a growing business, and he made her acquaintance by a chance visit to the bureau when he brought some documents to be copied. The work was rather particular, and he saw Miss Marchant about it. Conversation drifted from the work in hand to topics in general, and Alice chanced to mention Chilcote High School.

"My sister was at school there," said he.

"Your sister!" exclaimed Alice; and then, remembering his name, "Not Gipsy, surely?"

But it was Gipsy. The fact led to a closer acquaintance, the acquaintance to intimacy, and intimacy to love; and then the demon "Rumor" interposed his poisonous head.

"God knows, Alice," said he, "I love you as I do my life, but I love my honor even more. I have written to my mother about you, but I have only written what my love for you dictated. Why cannot you see yourself the anguish this is causing me, and come to my rescue by telling me everything?"

"Show me the letter," she said, stonily.

It was an anonymous letter, the poignard of the civilized assassin. It read:

"Has Miss Marchant confessed to you that she has a child nearly two years of age? Is she a widow? Who is its father? Ask her."

She looked at the cowardly epistle a moment; then at him.

"Gerard," she said, "it is true that I am rearing a child, but its history is a secret, and I cannot tell it even to you, nor even to save myself. But I swear to you that it is not my child, and that I have not sinned as you suppose in act or thought."

"But you must tell me the truth."

"I cannot."

"Even though it parts us forever?"

"Even though it parts us forever."

"So be it."

A month passed—a month of such anguish and suffering as Alice never thought the human heart could endure, and she had to face all the terrible years to come without a hope or consolation, save in the thought that she had spared her friend, and saved her lover the humiliation of learning his sister's shame. And then one morning she had a visitor; a dear, white-haired old lady, in whose sweet features the traces of recent suffering appeared to be ineffaceable.

"I am Gerard's mother," said she, "and I have come to ask you to forgive him. Hetty—Gipsy you call her—could not bear to see you and him suffer for her sin, and she has confessed the truth to us. How noble of you to suffer so much for a friend! God has taken one daughter from me, but He has given me another. I, his mother, beg you to forgive my son."

"And you will forgive Gipsy, too. Ah, yes, you will; together we will read the stories of sin and forgiveness in the old Book, and learn something from them. Perhaps we shall learn there the lesson of mercy, which is greater than all the wisdom of the world."—London Free Lance.

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DIVIDEND NOTICE.

Hibernia Savings and Loan Society.

At a regular meeting of the board of directors of this society, held this day, a dividend has been declared at the rate of three and one-fourth (3 1-4) per cent on all deposits for the six months ending December 31, 1903, free from all taxes, and payable on and after January 2, 1904.

ROBERT J. TOBIN, Secretary.

Office—Cor. Market, McAllister and Jones Sts., San Francisco, December 28, 1903.

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Savings and Loan Society.

Has declared a dividend for the term ending December 31, 1903, at the rate of three and one-quarter (3 1-4) per cent per annum on all deposits free of taxes, and payable on and after January 2, 1904.

(Signed) CYRUS W. CARMANY, Cashier.

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DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The German Savings and Loan Society.

For the half year ending with December 31, 1903, a dividend has been declared at the rate of three and one-quarter (3 1-4) per cent per annum on all deposits, free of taxes, payable on and after Saturday, January 2, 1904.

GEO. TOURNY, Secretary.

Office—526 California Street.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

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For the six months ending December 31, 1903, dividends have been declared on deposits in the savings department of this company as follows: On term deposits at the rate of 3 6-10 per cent per annum, and on ordinary deposits at the rate of 3 per cent per annum, free of taxes and payable on and after Saturday, January 2, 1904. Dividends uncalled for are added to the principal after January 1, 1904.

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She read my palm, and from her eyes
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"Fear not," said she, "though long you drop,
Some day you'll shine way at the top."

For weary years I toiled away;
I worked by night, I strove by day.

Yet fame and wealth seemed just as far
Ahead of me as any star.

All else I bore, nor thought to grieve,
Until my hair began to leave.

Oh! then I wept and cursed the day
That palmist maid had crossed my way.

When at the glass I chanced to stop—
Behold! I shone upon the top.
—Chester Firkins.

It is love of virtue, not fear of law,
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Mamma—Tommy, didn't I tell you the other day never to let me hear of you playing with those naughty boys again? Tommy—Yes, mamma; but you needn't blame me if you heard it; I didn't tell you.

Teacher—Johnny, why can't you lift yourself by your bootstraps? Johnny (promptly)—Because I wear shoes.

Little Margie—I have a new changeable silk dress to wear next Sunday—**Little Elsie**—Pooh, that is nothing. All my dresses are changeable.

Little Dot—The paper says they are going to build more sky-scrapers in Chicago. What's a sky-scraper? **Smill Willie**—Oh, a sky-scraper is a machine the weather man uses to scrape the clouds off the sky.

Sharpe—I wonder why it is that minstrel shows are always so prominent in autumn? **Whealton**—Because autumn is the chestnut season.

Somehow, it is hard to look up to and admire a man who takes little, short steps.

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"Don't you think that woman's clever?" "Clever? Why, she's so clever she can make all her clothes without other women knowing it!"

Mr. Sparks—I have a terrible pain in my—aw—head. **Miss Sniffers**—There! I knew Sallie Mifkins had wronged you. **Mr. Sparks**—Aw, beg pardon. What did she say about me. **Miss Sniffers**—She said your head had nothing in it.

She—When you ask papa, the first thing he will do will be to accuse you of seeking my hand merely to become his son-in-law. **He**—Yes? And then—**She**—And then you must agree with him. He's a lot prouder of himself than he is of me.

"It was one of the most pathetic plays I ever saw," said young Mrs. Torkins. "I don't see why you go to the matinee if it makes you cry." "Just because I feel bad is no sign I haven't had a good time, Charley, dear. You know how much you enjoy going to the races and coming back with the blues."

"Now," said the lecturer, "suppose you had been called to see a patient with hysterics—some one, for instance, who had started laughing and found it impossible to stop—what is the first thing you would do?" "Amputate his funny bone," promptly replied the new student.

"Well," said Mr. Polk, for the fourth or fifth time, "I must be going." "What a queer delusion," replied Miss Bord; "you're really quite stationary."

Husband—You don't appear to like Mrs. Sweetie. **Wife**—The horrid thing! I hate her! Next time we meet I'll kiss her only once, and I shan't ask after her baby.

A woman thinks she is having a real good time when she can find something to cry over without actually feeling bad.

"You say you saw my sister at a recent wedding?" "Yes. It wasn't very long ago." "But I don't remember that she mentioned seeing you." "Very likely. I was only the groom."



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Tommy Tucker had been hurt while performing the act he called flipping a freight train. "Will he get well, doctor?" distractedly asked Mrs. Tucker; "is he out of danger?" "He will get well, madam," replied the surgeon, "but I can't say he is out of danger. He will probably do the same thing again the first chance he has."



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Bookkeeper—That new messenger spends all his time reading such books as "The Boy Bandit," The Proprietor—I can see his finish. The Bookkeeper—Where. The Proprietor—On Wall street.

Nurse—You'd better not go out of the house after dark again, Johnny. The bears might get you. **Broker's Son**—Huh! I ain't afraid of 'em. My pa says it's the bulls what are making the trouble now.

"How did your nephew's wedding pass off?" "Just splendid." "Were there any contretemps?" "I don't think so. I didn't see any. You see, we had the church thoroughly cleaned up just before the wedding took place."

Ernie—No, she isn't going to marry Claude, after all. Ida—But they say he can quote Emerson and Browning. Ernie—Yes, but the other man can quote sugar and steel.

"They say that Henry was awfully frightened when he reached the altar." "I don't wonder. Did you see the way the bride had her hair dressed?"

Cumso—Well, young Frisbie will make his way in the medical profession. **Cawker**—Has he got a good start? **Cumso**—I should say he had. He was such a prime favorite in the college that they made him surgeon to the football team.

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7:00A	Vacaville, Winters, Ramsey	7:55P	
7:00A	Buena Vista, Suisun, Elmira and Sacramento	7:25P	
7:30A	Vallejo, Callotago, Santa Rosa, Martinez, San Ramon	6:25P	
7:30A	Niles, Livermore, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton	7:25P	
8:00A	Shasta Express—(Via Davis), Williams (Fort Bartlett Springs), Willows (Fruita), Holt Bluff, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle	7:55P	
8:00A	Davis, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville	7:55P	
8:30A	Port Costa, Martinez, Antioch, Byron, Tracy, Stockton, Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Arimona, Hanford, Visalia, Porterville	4:25P	
8:30A	Port Costa, Martinez, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Visalia, Bakersfield, Los Angeles	4:55P	
8:50A	Niles, San Jose, Livermore, Stockton (Milton), Sacramento, Placerville, Marysville, Chico, Red Bluff	4:25P	
8:50A	Oakdale, Chinese, Jamestown, Sonoma, Tuolumne and Angels	4:25P	
9:00A	Atlantic Express—Ogden and East	11:25A	
9:30A	Richmond, Martinez and Way Stations	8:55P	
10:00A	The Overland Limited—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, Chicago	8:25P	
10:00A	Vallejo, San Jose, Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton, Merced, Raymond, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Lemoore, Visalia, Bakersfield, Los Angeles	7:25P	
12:00M	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations, Sacramento River Steamers	3:25P	11:00P
11:00P	Buena Vista, Winters, Sacramento, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville and way stations	10:55A	7:55P
3:30P	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations	7:55P	
3:30P	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno and Way Stations beyond Port Costa	12:25P	10:25A
3:30P	Martinez, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi	10:25A	
4:00P	Martinez, San Ramon, Vallejo, Napa, Callotago, Suisun	9:25A	
4:00P	Niles, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi	4:25P	
4:30P	Hayward, Niles, Irvington, San Jose, Livermore	8:55A	11:55A
5:00P	The Owl Limited—Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Fresno, Tulare, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Golden State Limited Sleeper, Oakland to Los Angeles, for Chicago, via C. P. & P.	9:55A	12:25P
5:00P	Port Costa, Tracy, Stockton	12:25P	
5:30P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose	12:25P	
6:00P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose	9:56A	
6:00P	Eastern Express—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and East, Port Costa, Buena Vista, Suisun, Elmira, Davis, Sacramento, Rocklin, Auburn, Colfax, Truckee, Boca, Reno, Wadsworth, Winnemucca	5:25P	7:55P
6:00P	Vallejo, daily, except Sunday	5:25P	
7:00P	Vallejo, Sunday only	7:55P	
7:00P	Kitchmond, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way Stations	11:26A	
8:05P	Oregon & California Express—Sacramento, Marysville, Healding, Portland, Puget Sound and East	8:55A	
8:10P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only)	11:56A	

COAST LINE (Narrow Gauge)

Foot of Market Street

8:15A	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Way Stations	5:55P
12:15P	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations	10:55A
4:15P	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations	10:55A
4:30P	Hunters Train, Sunday only, San Jose and Way Stations, Returning from Los Gatos Sunday only	17:25P

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7:15	9:00	11:00 A.M.	1:00	3:00	5:15 P.M.
11:00	OAKLAND, Foot of Broadway	10:30	12:30	4:00 P.M.	

COAST LINE (Broad Gauge)

Third and Townsend Streets

6:10A	San Jose and Way Stations	8:30P
7:00A	San Jose and Way Stations	5:36P
8:00A	New Almaden (Tues., Frid., only)	4:10P
8:00A	The Coaster—Stops only San Jose, Gilroy (connection for Hollister), Pajaro, Castroville (connection to and from Monterey and Pacific Grove), Salinas, San Ardo, Paso Robles, Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo, principal stations thence Surf (connection for Lompoc), principal stations thence Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Saugus, Los Angeles	10:45P
9:00A	San Jose, Tres Pinos, Salinas, Santa Cruz, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Luis Obispo and Principal Way Stations	4:10P
10:30A	San Jose and Way Stations	1:20P
11:30A	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations	7:30P
1:30P	San Jose and Way Stations	8:58A
3:40P	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Salinas, Santa Clara for Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek and Narrow Gauge Points at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Castroville for Salinas	12:15P
3:30P	Tres Pinos Way Stations	10:45A
4:30P	San Jose and Way Stations	18:00A
5:00P	San Jose, (via Santa Clara) Los Gatos, and Principal Way Stations (except Sunday)	9:00A
6:00P	San Jose and Principal Way Stations	9:40A
6:40P	Sunset Limited—Redwood, San Jose, Gilroy, Salinas, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Denning, El Paso, New Orleans, New York. Connects at Pajaro for Santa Clara and at Castroville for Pacific Grove and Way Stations	7:10A
6:10P	San Mateo, Beresford, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, Palo Alto	16:48A
6:10P	San Jose and Way Stations	6:38A
8:00P	Palo Alto and Way Stations	10:15A
11:30P	South San Francisco, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park and Palo Alto	9:45P
11:30P	Mayfield, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Lawrence, Santa Clara and San Jose	19:45P

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Nodd—There are times when a man has to lie to his wife. **Todd**—And that isn't the worst of it. **Nodd**—What is? **Todd**—There are times when he has to tell the truth.

Mrs. Crawford—Ain't you got an old, torn-up suit to put on the scarecrow? **Mr. Crawford**—No; I'll wait till Hiram gets through the cane rush up at college and let him send down one of his suits.

A four-year-old youngster while at supper the other evening requested his brother to help him to something and was told that he should say, "If you please." So he said: "Pass me some of that if you please."

"Long hair on a man used to be considered a sign of strength." "Well, long hair on some men indicates that they are too strong to work and earn the price of a haircut."

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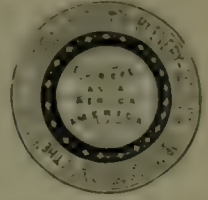


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"Citizen" Train has pulled out for the other shore.

The book trade notes a falling off in the Japanese demand for bear stories.

Friction among the directors is making things warm in the National Ice Trust.

With the Boers colonizing Montana, there will be even better times for Oom Clark.

It's a lucky town that has managed to escape a Carnegie library and a Hearst newspaper.

If you think it true that "the soft answer turneth away wrath," just ask the telephone girl.

In this tough season for actor people everybody in the "perfish" is walking—except the ghost.

Hetty Green's rent is \$19 a month. The luxurious tastes of the very rich may well alarm the socialogists.

"High finance" in the gas monopoly has caused it to fill its stock with hot air and its pipes with cold poison.

William J. Bryan is crouching right next the Hearst barrel, gripping firmly a brand-new bung-starter.

Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, says the negro's curse is education. We thought it was the color of his hide.

"Flinch" is the latest ladies' game at the East. We hear that it is not played with a hat pin, and leaves no black-and-blue marks.

There is no ground for alarm in the report that the eyeglass trust has advanced prices—the announcement is entirely speculative.

When he faces more than four of his fellowmen, Hearst is tongue-tied and his knees knock with fright. He proposes to let his money do the talking.

Professor Gayley of Berkeley, sometimes called "Gayley, the Troubadour," has slapped co-education on its pretty wrist, barring out women from some of his lectures. Having read some exemplars of the Gayley English, we congratulate the ladies in the case.

Duke, the tobacco magnate wears a celluloid collar—probably for the same reason that he puts chopped straw into some of his brands of cigarettes.

A boycotted restaurant man has been arrested for kicking a camera out of the hands of a pestiferous union picket. He should be fined for not kicking the picket.

An anxious mother wants the Oakland police to find her son whom she describes as "very polite and red-headed." Come to think of it, that is an unusual combination.

It is not surprising to learn that a woman figures largely in the Mountain Copper litigation. There's always a woman in it—even at the bottom of a copper mine.

Mayor Schmitz's choice for the head of the City and County Hospital may not wipe out the evils, but his presence will tend to subdue the newspaper critics. He is an unreformed prizefighter.

"Elijah" Dowie came to town in a palatial private car, sought the seclusion of the best rooms of the Palace and ate a lunch that cost \$7.50 a plate while "those devils" of reporters cooled their heels outside. Now we understand why the press loves Dowie so.

That sad wag, Colonel J. "Ham" Lewis, greeted Perry Heath merrily at Washington the other day with "Hello! You rascal." The postoffice and the telegraph companies refuse to let us know Heath's reply.

A linguist with a Teutonic name is suing millionaire Charles T. Yerkes for \$300 for translating a Persian prayer woven into a \$150,000 rug. He had to stand on his head to earn the money, and now he must get down on his knees to collect it.

That West Virginian professor of literature who killed himself because a newspaper criticised his writings harshly, did not know when the gods were being good to him. Many an author pays for all the "roasts" he gets.

A fly-by-night sheet of New York, devoted to socialism and labor unionism, describes "Big Bill" Devery as "a calm, cool, collected, firm, dignified, courteous, frank, bright, intelligent a sturdy and earnestly patriotic American." Devery can't talk much, but evidently his money can.

The regeneration of wicked New York goes forward a-whooping. Now come the "Daughters of the Faith," including women of the best families, who will not stand for low gowns, divorcees, bridge whist, or any of the joyous beverages. And they do say, too, that the Tammany tiger is as meek as a reformed tom-cat!

THE WATER-FRONT SCANDAL.

Governor Pardee will do well to give his early attention to the scandals that are ripening in the State Board of Harbor Commissioners. Politically the Governor is responsible for this Board's management of the city's waterfront. Personally, as well as politically, he is responsible for Commissioner Spear, now President of the Board. Governor Pardee appointed Spear, and he has tolerated "Johnnie" Mackenzie, whose appointment was one of the worst things charged up against the Gage administration. Both of them are professional and practical politicians. Both seem to be working the waterfront for all it is worth, and if there is anything in the way of "graft" that they do not know about, it is a thing with no prospect of profit in it.

The News Letter has already called attention to President Spear's proposition to take away the ferry news-stand privilege from a firm which has held it for nearly twenty-five years and give it to his brother-in-law, John F. Rooney, whose best job heretofore has been a clerkship in a wholesale grocery store. Spear suffered a set-back when the tenants offered \$1180 a month for the concession against \$600 bid by brother-in-law Rooney. He refused to permit the introduction of a resolution of acceptance, crying out that the bid was "absurd"—that nobody could afford to pay such a sum. At last week's meeting Spear put in and then accepted Rooney's bid of \$1200 a month, blocking a higher bid from the tenants by notifying them that there could be no auction of the privilege. It is plain that though there really is a brother-in-law Rooney, he is only the figurehead for Spear and Mackenzie.

Another dirty piece of business begins to show itself with regard to the public scales on the waterfront. Nominally the holder of this privilege is one Lortzen, better known in crooked politics as the "Banjo-eyed Kid." He is not big enough to hide the figures of the "business men" of the Board—Spear and Mackenzie.

Yet another putrid spot in the Harbor Board's affairs is in the handling of the "privileges" granted to fruit hucksters, whose wagons were driven off the down-town streets by the Board of Public Works. How much they pay for being allowed to do business on the State's property and to whom they pay it are matters upon which the Governor might enlighten himself and the public.

Beyond these things is the fact that the Harbor Board's payroll is stuffed with useless employees—men who would not know how to work if they wanted to, men who know nothing about the waterfront except where the secretary's office is, and that only because it is the place where they get their pay for doing nothing. It is significant that a number of the men who draw fat salaries for little or no work are Democrats, kept in their places by the sinister influences that have made the Harbor Commission a refuge for active and broken-down job-hunters. Perhaps the most flagrant case of all is that of Percy Henderson, for whom was created the snug berth of "Auditor" at \$200 a month. The grim humor of this appears when it is understood that after the alleged stuffed salary roll is paid, after supplies that are not needed—and, as claimed by some, often not delivered—are bought at a stiff percentage above the highest market price, after the favored contractors have had their rake-off, there is so little left for permanent improvements that they can be had only by discounting the Board's revenues. Moreover, if there were any real auditing to do, no sane person

would select a man like Henderson to do it. The intimation is strong along the front that Henderson's activities are confined to keeping shippers and shipmasters and holders of privileges from overlooking the fact that the "business men" of the Board must live somehow.

When Spear, Mackenzie, et al., are questioned about these things on behalf of the public, they reply, "What are you going to do about it?"

Now, speaking for the people of the State, the News Letter asks Governor Pardee: "What are YOU going to do about it?"

BEMIRED RESPECTABILITY.

It is time somebody told to the California Club ladies who are going to run the Bulletin for a day, to their husbands and to the public, a few unpleasant truths. This "woman's edition" scheme is quite in keeping with the policy of the most depraved of newspapers. It is a bad-faith bargain by which, in exchange for a cloak of respectability to hide its naked vileness, the Bulletin promises out of its ill-got revenues a small sum toward building the ladies a clubhouse. The victims of this piece of trickery might with equal propriety, take charge for a day of almost any uptown bar-room on a similar guarantee. There are few drinking places that do not stand higher, in point of morals, than the Bulletin; there are few saloon-keepers who are not of better repute than the Bulletin's owners. We can understand how a group of respectable women might be imposed upon in this fashion, because, happily, such women know little about the baser things of the city's life. But what are their husbands, fathers and brothers thinking of that they permit their women-kind to be deluded into such a contaminating alliance, even for one day?

Harlotry is too polite a term for the Bulletin's business. In politics, in public and private affairs, where there is a corrupt dollar to be had, it is now on the one side, now on the other—it has not even the decency to stay bought. The merchant who refuses to advertise in it knows what measure of abuse and obloquy to expect; the candidate for nomination, election or appointment who will not pay its price is sure of it rancorous hostility; its unclean and itching hands are laid upon every citizen who has a lawsuit to prosecute or defend, whose business or private life has been touched by scandal or misfortune.

It is a matter of common knowledge that no sporting event of consequence comes off here, no prize-fight is conducted, without either substantial payment to the Bulletin or endurance of its malignant attacks.

Besides payment in cash, there is only one way for people of standing to get even fair treatment from the Bulletin, and that is by personal association with and consequent social advancement of its managers. Most people who are forced to this alternative prefer to pay the money. Bad as the Bulletin is, according to the not too exalted standard of newspaper morals, it is no worse than the men who make its policies. They are of the kind who, for money or for social advantage, rejoice over the wanton assailing of law-abiding citizens and fulsomely bepraise the cowardly wielders of pistol and "black jack"; they are of the class who make heroes of adulterers and martyrs of women caught at their scarlet sinning. And it is into an office which houses a policy like this,

which is infested by men like these, that a company of respectable women is to go!

One man, husband of a lady prominently mentioned in connection with the "woman's edition" scheme, is reported to have withheld his permission until it was promised that her portrait would not be published with those of the others trapped by the Bulletin's bunco game. This was a mere compromise with conscience. A braver, wiser man would have refused altogether, inasmuch as no woman who respects herself or wishes others to respect her, can afford to have anything to do with the disreputable Bulletin or the disreputables who run it.

NO HEREAFTER FOR THE SINNER.

A reverend gentleman of this city, Dr. John Phillips, addressing his brethren of the cloth at the Congregational Association, announces that there is no future place of punishment for the wicked. Their souls, if indeed they have souls, are simply extinguished, blotted out, annihilated. Obviously this is a comfortable belief for the sinner, but it does not appear commercially sound, or part of the platform, shall we call it, of the church. If the wicked are permitted to believe that there is no hereafter for them the inducement to hire a pew becomes slender and not persuasive.

Twenty years ago his brethren would have tried the reverend gentleman for heresy, and would have almost torn him limb from limb in the name of God. To-day they smile with tolerant patronage of an amiable weakness which cannot do any harm and may amuse an idle moment. Why this change? Simply because the churches no longer base their appeal on the nameless terror of the Great Perhaps. They have become clubs and places of entertainment.

"Our guess doll netted us over \$400. No one guessed the name and I still have the doll," said the Reverend Mr. Scaddleberry.

"It must have had an odd name. What was it?"

"I didn't name it at all," returned the reverend gentleman, with a face that beamed with pious regard for its owner's clever business sense.

With such harmless diversions do the descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers amuse themselves. There is just as good money in guess dolls as in preaching hell-fire.

FUNCTIONS OF THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION IN POLITICS.

The people of San Francisco have been given in the current month an inside view of the methods of building a political machine. They have seen the political ring at work without the smallest disguise and in direct violation of law, creating that machinery by which they hope in the future to manipulate and control the primaries that will constitute the delegates to the party conventions. The clean sweep of minor officials made by the Board of Health in direct contravention of the charter was candidly described under oath by the President of that body as simply "a turn of the political wheel." It did not appear to Dr. Ward, so far as his testimony showed, that he considered it a matter of much importance that the charter in letter and spirit positively prohibits the use of municipal offices as wheels in the political machine. In fact, Dr. Ward testified that he had not concerned himself about the charter provisions in this regard at all.

As we have said, there is no disguise about the methods in use other than the petty and transparent

subterfuge of abolishing certain offices classified by the civil service rule, and re-creating the same offices under other names, for which no classification has yet been provided by the Civil Service Commission. The only possible conclusion from this action is that the Board of Health had a guilty knowledge that they were breaking the law, and sought to screen themselves behind a quibble on names.

We rejoice to see that the Merchants' Association, acting through its President, Frank G. Symmes, has taken advanced ground in this matter. The Association is fully aware that the spirit of civil service rules and the merit system has not been honestly observed in the past, but the body has waited in a conservative and temperate manner until some definite example of lawbreaking was afforded—one that could be proved beyond question in a court of law. That example is given by the Board of Health in making a clean sweep of civil service employees with the single purpose of creating a political machine.

Directly and indirectly there are something like 2,000 workers dependent on the Board of Public Works. The Board of Health controls some 300 active political partisans. These form the nucleus of the machine. With these and the police and fire departments under general control, it can be seen how formidable may become the organization that is now being built.

It is this kind of politics which the charter was expressly framed to prohibit and prevent, and that is the sense in which the Merchants' Association has acted.

AN OFFICIAL CENSOR OF MORALS.

Mayor Olney of Oakland has directed his policemen to raze out from the billboards of that charming city the written "damn." He will not even permit the half-hearted d——n which is a sort of whisper in print. It appears that the Oakland billboards are for the moment emblazoned, or shall we say painted red with a high-toned picture showing a scene from the forthcoming performance of the "Fatal Wedding" at one of the local theatres. Under this picture was inscribed the words of the heroic policeman who appears as the protagonist of the scene, and he is saying: "I am damned if I will arrest that man." It was a noble sentiment, but the official censor of morals could not stand for it all. To satisfy the Mayor's nice sense of propriety, strips of white paper were pasted over the wretched policeman's profanity, and Mrs. Grundy, who votes in Oakland, is appeased. It must have been some man like Olney who edited American history and made it look foolish in the case of Ethan Allen and the surrender of Ticonderoga. The amended version says that when the English Governor demanded of Allen: "In whose name?" the American commander replied in the stilted and ornamental phrase so appropriate on the battlefield: "In the name of the great Jehovah and the Continental Congress." What Allen really said was: "Come out of there, you damned old rat." That is convincing. The other is absurd. But Mayor Olney may take consolation with Bishop Taylor, who said when he was reproached for his violent treatment of plain English: "My verb has lost its nominative, but I'm bound for the Kingdom of Heaven just the same." Mr. Olney's nominative has lost its verb, but his calling and election is assured.

BARTERING THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

"Seeking the Presidency with cheek and check book" is the way a Democratic statesman is quoted as hitting off William R. Hearst's impudent pretensions to this high office. That Hearst has actually named the price he will pay for the Democratic nomination is the conclusion of one of the ablest and fairest observers of national affairs. This critic states the figure at \$2,000,000—nominally his contribution to the Democratic campaign fund in case of his nomination, really his bid for the privilege of leading the party which he has done and is doing his utmost to destroy. Sometime in 1900, it is reckoned, Hearst's Presidential campaign was conceived—about the time he discovered his middle name and began to blazon it in his own newspapers and in such others as would sell him space. And \$2,000,000 is only part of the price Hearst would pay. Already he must have spent a sum running into at least six figures in organizing "clubs," buying endorsements, and erecting and maintaining an immense bureau.

Incidentally Hearst has been trying hard to live down the odium that came to him for his share in the Buffalo crime. The hand of the disciple, Czolgosz, struck the blow that made McKinley a martyr, but the hand of the prophet, Hearst, still drips with the blood of the murdered President. Since then his ensanguined talons have been carefully gloved. He has touched men and things with rare delicacy. His papers have breathed unctuous good will to all men. He has stopped preaching the gospel of deringer and dynamite. He has paraphrased Roosevelt's epigrammatic advise so that it reads: "Speak softly and carry a big purse."

Hearst has the money. He has been so successful in buying the brains and bodies of men and women and all else that his caprice fancied that he has come to believe that there is nothing that is not for sale—not even the honor of the nation. He seems to have had assurances that his \$2,000,000 will buy whatever honor the leaders of the Democracy own. That may be so. It took some diplomacy to keep the convention from going to Chicago, which Hearst had selected as the place for the delivery of the goods. When St. Louis was named, Hearst shrieked in his papers: "Aha! They were afraid of me!" He will send his millions and his mercenaries to St. Louis the White House. All his money will not be enough Democracy. If the convention name Hearst then and there will be an end of a party that has stood always against all that Hearstism signifies; if it shall tell him to go home and devote himself to the joys of his numerous firesides, Democracy will once more symbolize the national aspirations of a vast body of intelligence and patriotic Americanism. The virtue of Democracy will be the issue at St. Louis.

Hearst may be able to buy the nomination, and then begin his march at the head of his rabble of purchasable labor leaders, bridge-burners, bomb-throwers and boycotters. But he cannot buy his way into the White House. All his money will not be enough to purchase national forgetfulness that he is still the Hearst of the Sausalito orgies, the Hearst who for all these years has given his days to public and his nights to private debauchery, busy polluting the spirit of the press and the morals of the people when he has not been cuddling amorously with such as the "Sassafras Sisters." He cannot gild himself so thickly as to hide the leprous immorality of his life as man and boy. No amount of gold will make an eagle of this vulture.

AN EXAMPLE OF LABOR UNION METHODS.

The evidence produced in the United States Circuit Court in support of the petition for an injunction to restrain the striking miners at Hodson, Calaveras County, from committing acts of violence against men in the employ of the Royal Consolidated Company, offers a striking example of union methods. The testimony produced shows that a reign of terror exists at Hodson, the creation of the miners' union, and there is so little concealment about this condition that the affidavits filed on behalf of the strikers show but little respect for the court. It is in evidence that Charles Wilson, a teamster, was forcibly taken from the barn of the company by 25 of the strikers, who led him to a pond and there ducked him by way, presumably, of "peaceful argument," to convince him that it was not healthy to work for a boycotted employer. In reply to this testimony the strikers have filed an affidavit deposing that Wilson went voluntarily with his captors and adding that "thereupon one of the affiant's companions suggested to Wilson that inasmuch as he had opposed his fellow-workingmen, he, Wilson, could show his sincerity better by washing himself clean of all past acts by walking into an adjoining pond of water, which Wilson thereupon did, without any force or threat made toward him whatsoever."

Comment is unnecessary on this sort of evidence.

ON DANGEROUS GROUND.

It seems to the impartial observer that the Senate of the United States is venturing on dangerous ground in the case of Reed Smoot, the Senator from Utah. The action of the body is obviously inspired by a loud popular clamor, which, on examination, does not appear to be intelligent. It is not alleged in any part of the indictment that Smoot has committed a crime. It is proposed to make him an outlaw on moral grounds because he is believed to hold opinions favorable to polygamy. It is not clear how those opinions are to be brought home to Smoot and if it should prove that he is guilty in this regard it is scarcely in accord with American ideas that a man should be punished for the opinions he holds. In fact, if Senators are to be excluded from their seats on purely moral grounds, it may be feared that the exclusion act might cover many besides Smoot. The Senate has involved itself in the old-fashioned confusion between sin and crime, which has caused thousands to be burned at the stake because of their heretical opinions. But it seems rather late in the day to go back to that.

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Retrospect on William the Witless

Editor News Letter—According to the revelations of a lady-in-waiting at the German Court, a Mme. von Eppinghoven, those that dubbed the present Emperor of Germany "William the Witless," were not very wide of the mark. He is described as a man who is almost afraid of his shadow, a man haunted by the fears of hereditary disease and cursed with the sores of ancestry. The Hohenzollern blood shows its Divine origin in many ways. "They that the Gods love they first make mad." There is a Divine running ear and a Divine shriveled arm, a Divine temper which swears at the "help" and damns all republics. This divinity calls himself "the anointed of God" and the German Empire the "ally of God."

In one of his prolonged flights in the realms of the daffy it seems that William conceived the brilliant idea of forcible and armed interference in Cuba, in behalf of Spain, just prior to the late unpleasantness between the United States and the Dons. This was prevented by the cool-headedness of the Chancellor of the empire. The revelations of Mme. von Eppinghoven throw a new light on the movements of Admiral Von Diederichs of Manila fame. It can easily be conceived where the Admiral obtained the courage to insult so repeatedly the Americans in general and Admiral Dewey in particular. "Like master like dog!" A Chancellor's well-timed interference, it would seem, saved us the trouble and expense of administering a lesson to the Teutonic race, for it was well known in Austria and in Germany that the Kaiser did look with disfavor on our policy in Cuba and the Philippines.

It will be remembered that an Austrian corvette arrived in the harbor of Manila at a time when relations between Dewey and Von Diederichs were just a little strained. The corvette was a training ship, and instead of stopping to secure anchorage from the ranking Admiral (Dewey) it passed on up the bay until it had attained a position opposite the only Austrian war vessel in the harbor, and there proceeded to anchorage.

In a few minutes an officer from the Olympia presented the compliments of the Admiral, and this was the message which brought the corvette back to salute the Olympia and the American flag:

"Was it intentionally that the usual salute was omitted or was it through ignorance of custom?"

No explanation was expected, and the only possible apology was made. The corvette received her instructions as to anchorage from the American naval commander, and it was "damn the republic" from the Kaiserin Augusta down, and the Austrians and the Germans drowned their sorrows in Teutonic beer.

Mme. Von Eppinghoven's stories are classified as lies and as lese majeste. There are many, no doubt, that have doubted the truth of the statements made by those that have returned from Manila. There are but few who are willing to believe that the German Admiral placed his best gunners at the disposal of Jaudenez, and that the guns at Malate were placed in position by German officers. There are but few willing to believe that the German Admiral landed a whole ship-load of flour, on the pretense of helping his starving countrymen, and then sold the flour through a Swiss firm to the Spaniards at the rate of twenty-seven dollars a sack.

Further than this, there are but few who would be willing to believe that when an American, a Mr. Brown, agent of a Milwaukee beer firm, having obtained leave (through Mr. Wildman, then Consul-General at Hong-Kong) to travel on the Kaiserin Augusta from Hong-Kong to Manila, he was subject to all sort of indignity, and told that he must remain in the limit of his cabin, as the United States and Germany were on the verge of war.

There are few of us, if the records were not in existence, that would give credence to the story that Von Diederichs despatched the Kaiserin Augusta to Hong-Kong, after the fall of Manila, against the express wish of the American Admiral and contrary to all the rules of international courtesy. And this was why Berlin had the news before it reached Washington.

There are some people who will deny all these things, but there are thousands of men who will remember them, and these are the men who took Manila and the men who marched to Peking.

There are but few, even in the army, who have access to the "dossiers" of the Intelligence Department. It is in these confidential reports that our relations with a country that has no love for us, and that is ruled by an Emperor who has a mania for devouring republics when he is not busily engaged in throwing a fit or making some compact for the amusement of himself and God, are to be found. Hoch der Kaiser! —Bec-de-Fer.

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs

Events in the Far East the past week have given birth to peace rumors that seem, at first glance, to be founded in fact, but since all of them come from St. Petersburg or other Russian sources, there is a suspicion in military and diplomatic circles that the Russian Government is merely presenting another side of her accustomed perfidy and hypocrisy. The signing of a treaty of commerce with the United States and England by China was a severe jolt to Russia's plans, for the treaty recognizes China's and not Russia's ownership and jurisdiction of and over Manchuria. For months Russia had fought against the signing of this convention, and the belief was pretty general that China would yield to the St. Petersburg pressure. But in that Russia received a greater defeat and a more severe diplomatic shock to her ultimate purpose than the sinking of a whole squadron of her battle-ships would have inflicted, for the compact openly and positively binds England and America to China's cause in Manchuria. Naturally, Russia would scheme for more time, and she is doing it under the guise of a "peace sentiment" proclaimed from the throne, but all that is contradicted by the rushing of troops to the disputed ground, and the "rush" orders for commissary stores from the United States and other countries to Port Arthur for inland distribution. The Japanese Government is placing little or no faith in Russia's peace promises, and is rushing preparations for an armed conflict, which all nations admit is inevitable, unless Russia backs down and relinquishes her hold upon Manchuria. That is the situation at this writing. Certainly Russia's new diplomatic play is likely to postpone an overt act on her part until Viceroy Alexieff's demand for 300,000 troops and more than 100 warships is complied with, which the Russian war and naval departments are hurrying to do. But will Japan be inclined to wait for the arrival of Russia's re-inforcements? That is the one great question of the hour.

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A Mexican high in official and social life is anxious about his country because of Yankee aggressiveness. He reasons that at the present rate of absorption of the agricultural, commercial, industrial, mining and transportation agencies of the nation by Americans, together with the steady increase in marriages between Americans and Mexicans, the time will come when Mexico will be so thoroughly Americanized that it will become a part and parcel of the United States as naturally as it is natural for an apple to fall to the ground when ripe. Well, our Mexican friend reasons logically, but because Mexican Texas became an American State with more than 3,000,000 in half a century, it does not follow that the same results are likely to obtain in old Mexico at the same or one-tenth that ratio of "Americanization," as he calls it. Still, should such results as he fears ever obtain, Mexico would be the gainer. There is no doubt about that.

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Some time ago the powers ordered the Sublime Porte to pour a lot of the oil of peace upon the wild human billows in Macedonia, Bulgaria and the other troubled waters in the Near East, but the troubled human waters refuse to be quieted. They want war—bushwacking war—and they announce

that they have no notion of letting up on the Turk until he relinquishes all authority over them. But, as a matter of fact, the relinquishment of Turkish authority is exactly what they do not want. They are essentially a people who love the life of the free-booter, the highway robber, and the all-round criminal, and Turkish rule is the excuse for keeping up bands of wandering robbers. No, the life and the salvation of most of the inhabitants of that region is Turkish rule and Turkish brutality. It is their stock in trade in their "national independence" business. Law, order and honest avocation do not appeal to them. This every missionary who has preached to those people knows well; so do the powers, and that is why the powers do not interfere. It is dog fighting dog, and in time both dogs will be killed by their own teeth.

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The creditor nations of Colombia have recognized the Republic of Panama because the United States has agreed that Panama shall pay her pro rata of Colombia's national debt, and also settle with individual creditors. The \$10,000,000 which Panama gets for canal concessions are not, however, to be diverted from the pocket-books of the patriot revolutionists. Money for debts abroad will be raised by taxation. Boiled down, it simply means that the United States agreed to become collector for foreign creditors of Panama, and in part of Colombia, in consideration of recognition by foreign nations of the independence of the Republic of Panama, and give her a small horn to toot in the concert of the powers.

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Fully, if not more than half of the Jews in the world are Russian subjects, and like the Armenian subjects of the Sublime Porte, they are the bankers and the force behind the great commercial enterprises. They, as well as the Armenians, are the business brains of their country, and it is jealousy of their thrift and business sense that is at the bottom of their persecution, and not because they are Jews or Armenians, but that is the excuse. It so happens, too, that when the Czar or the Sublime Porte wants to float a loan, the Jew or the Armenian is the first one to be invited to finance the scheme. Ingratitude is the basest feature of the human heart, and Russia and Turkey have more of it than all the other nations together.

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The Transvaal country is enjoying a degree of prosperity and internal tranquility that is not only surprising but exceedingly satisfying to the Boers. In fact, the Boers now fully realize that British administration of their national concerns means national protection, national as well as individual prosperity, and the development of the country's vast resources with the Boers themselves the chief beneficiaries. Unlike our treatment of the Filipinos, the Boers were given prompt protection from land sharks and wandering "promoters," and every proper encouragement was given to them to build up their country upon a solid basis for their own good and advantage. The consequence is that practically the entire Boer population is glad that events brought them to the high level of identity with Great Britain's mighty family of colonies.

A CONDITION OF ANARCHY.

Readers of the daily press of San Francisco do not get any idea of the conditions of anarchy and flat rebellion that prevail in Cripple Creek, Telluride and other Colorado towns, whose population is chiefly made up of members of the Western Federation of Miners. We do not get the facts from a cowardly press, because the newspapers, so-called, fear to give those facts lest they themselves should undergo the terrorism exerted by organized labor everywhere, terrorism that is the chief and almost the only method in use by the unions to compass their ends.

Some of these facts, however, are given in a statement issued by the Colorado Mine Owners Association and printed in the Congressional Record of January 13th as part of the proceedings of the Senate on a resolution calling for an investigation of industrial conditions in Colorado. These facts are sufficiently striking and even astonishing, as to call for notice. The conditions in the mines for a period of ten years are summed up in the following paragraph:

"No parallel can be found for it in the labor history of the world unless it be in the Molly Maguire organization, which maintained a reign of terror in the Pennsylvania coal fields prior to 1877. During times of comparative peace the career of this organization has been marked by nocturnal assaults and secret assassinations, while now and again they have broken out into open warfare amounting to insurrection. Whenever a mine owner has assumed to stand against their aggressions or to employ as laborers men not members of this organization, his life and his property have been forfeit. Criminal, cruel, untiring, militant, political parties have obeyed their behest, honorable judges have been retired to private life for decisions to them obnoxious, courts have yielded to their dictates, and sheriffs and other peace officers, often selected from their own number, have been their willing agents. When an executive has been found big enough and brave enough and patriotic enough to rise above political expediency and take a firm stand in favor of law and order and the preservation of those rights guaranteed by the Constitution, as did Governor Steunenberg, in Idaho in 1899, and as Governor Peabody is doing in Colorado to-day, protests such as that embodied in the resolution under consideration have gone up from certain quarters, either inspired by sympathy with the acts and purposes of this organization or with the hope of obtaining some political advantages through them, or, as we trust is the case with the present resolution, by ignorance of the facts which have engendered the condition."

By way of further specifications in support of these general charges, the statement goes on to tell how in 1901 during the strike at the Smuggler-Union mine in Telluride, an armed body of union men attacked the mine and killed and wounded several persons, taking forcible possession of the property. Manager Collins of the mine was shot in the back and killed as he sat at his library table with some friends.

This cowardly assassination does not by any means stand alone. On November 21, 1903, while Charles McCormick, superintendent, and Melvin Beck, shift boss, of the Vindicator mine were going into the sixth level, an infernal machine was exploded, by which both men were killed.

If space permitted, these specifications of crime could be extended at considerable length, but for the present these will suffice by way of indication of the alleged law-abiding and peaceful methods of organized labor.

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Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY 1904, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on FRIDAY, the 4th day of March, 1904 to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale. By order of the Board of Directors,
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The Library Table



The Story of a Soldier's Life. Lord Wolseley tells the story of his early military career from 1853 to the conclusion of the Ashantee campaign in 1873. It is to be hoped that in time he will write of the more recent events and of his connection with the Boer war. In writing of the Crimea—that endless succession of blunders—Lord Wolseley asks: "What about that civil government of ours which sent an army to the Crimea without any means of carrying either food or wounded men? If the curses of brave men affect the future life of those who have injured them, many members of the cabinet that sent us to the Crimea must now have uncomfortable quarters somewhere." Neither does he spare the Generals and their aides who, in the battle of Inkerman, showed their incompetency: "I was shown the graves of many gallant leaders who had fallen at Inkerman, the battle where we were surprised and our army only saved from destruction by the timely arrival of French troops to help us. Good heavens! What Generals then had charge of England's only army, and of her honor and fighting reputation! They were served to a large extent by incompetent staff officers as useless as themselves! Almost all our officers at that time were uneducated as soldiers, and many of those placed upon the staff of the army at the beginning of the war absolutely unfit for positions they had secured through family or political interest. There were, of course, a few brilliant exceptions, but they made the incompetence of the many all the more remarkable."

The work is full of entertaining personalia, and while not a great military biography, is a straightforward view of a soldier, vigorous and ingenuous; the language is dignified and the narrative is stamped with patriotic fervor and the enthusiasm of military glory.

"The Story of a Soldier's Life" (Scribner's), by Field Marshal Viscount Wolseley.

The Sailor King. This is not a tale of the sea, but a moving panorama of the courtiers, poets, writers, players, women famous for beauty or talent, beaux, wits and club gossips of Great Britain in the time when William the Fourth was king.

One chapter deals with the theatre—Macready, Fanny Kemble, Edmund Kean—and the first production of "The Hunchback." Another tells of the struggle in the House of Lords before the passage of the "Reform Bill," that saved the country from the revolutionary wave of '48. Although much of the material in these volumes is familiar to the general reader, and the lack of an index is a serious defect, there is not a dull page in the work.

"The Sailor King: William the Fourth: His Court and his Subjects." By Fitzgerald Molloy. 2 vols. Dodd, Mead & Company, New York.

Those that admire the great Russian writer, Tolstoy, will no doubt welcome "Esarhaddon." This is, in a measure a parable of the Kichinef atrocities. It is also, by means of a published correspondence, a record of personal opinion by the sage of Yasnaya Polyana. Needless to say, the opinion, as expressed in this compilation, does not agree with the published reports of the Russian Government.

Funk & Wagnalls, New York. Price, 40 cents.

The Macmillan Company announces in a late bulletin these books: "London in the Time of the Stuarts," by Sir Walter Besant, \$10.50 net. This volume is uniform with "London in the Eighteenth Century." Fully illustrated from contemporary prints and portraits, and containing a map. Macmillan's Pocket American and English Classics. Poems by Edgar Allan Poe, edited and annotated by Charles W. Kent, 25 cents net. The Yellow Plush Correspondence James's Diary. The Great Hoggarty Diamond, etc., by William Makepeace Thackeray, with illustrations by the author and John Leach. \$1.00.

There is another volume (this by Blanche M. Burbank) published by A. M. Robertson. It is called "Reed Notes," and is full of ambitious verse. Some of it, indeed, most of it, is good. Witness ye:

September in a warring mood

Has hung a signal in a wood—

A maple branch as red as blood.

Earth's grief, like Rachel's, soon will sound

Through naked boughs, a wail profound

For her dead children in the ground.

A. M. Robertson, San Francisco. 75 cents.

"The Testimony of the Suns and Other Poems" is a bit of recent verse by George Sterling. It is a voice singing in the desert. What a pleasure it must be to an overweighted mind, the mind of a busy business man, to find solace in song. Mr. Sterling is good at versification, and if he finds one-half the pleasure in phrasing and meter the reviewer finds in reading his verse, he can safely count that he has attained his end. He plays upon a lute of silver without a rift.

W. E. Wood, Publisher. Price, \$1.25.

A book that should be tabooed and kept from children is "The Rover Boys on Land and Sea." It is one of the Rover Boy's Series, and if this is a sample of Mr. Winfield's work, as a writer for young people, the quicker the reviewer reads him out of business the better. The tale is an impossible one, loosely put together, and will give boys a wrong impression of life. It is poorly printed on poorer paper, and is no credit to the publisher's discrimination or workmanship.

The Mershon Co., Rahway, N. J. Price, 60 cents.

"Proverbs of the People," by Lorenzo Sosso, is at hand, and the reviewer is disarmed at the outset by the preface of the author, in which he lays no claim of originality. Marshall Douglass is the designer of the ornamental pages, and A. M. Robertson is the publisher. It is a bundle of aphorisms and proverbs charmingly modernized, and the book is a bibelot that will ornament any study table.

The News Letter is in receipt of "Municipal Reports 1901-1902," from Charles W. Fay, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. This report is exhaustive in detail, and is of inestimable value to any one interested in the city's welfare. The binding of this volume is a piece of art work, and reflects great credit on the municipality.

A rub at the Post St. Hammam will do you good.

Society

Dear Bessie: How on earth all the dances are to be enjoyed, as they deserve to be, next week is something of a problem, for there will be one every night, and then there are a lot of other affairs, such as luncheons and teas, to fill in the hours of the afternoon. Would you believe it is six years since the "Borel ball," which some people talk about as though it were the only one which had ever taken place in this little village? Well, it was a pleasant affair, and the reason why it has not since been duplicated is that the family spent two years in Europe soon after, and since then have been in mourning. But now there is another one on the tapis, this time to be given in the new ballroom at the Palace, and of course all who are asked are delighted, and will be on hand, you may be sure. But let me begin at the beginning and tell you a little of what is on the bills for next week.

Frances Harris, whose engagement to Mt. Stunt is considered an assured fact, though not yet formally announced, gives a tea on Tuesday, and in the evening the Barry Colemans give a dance in Century Hall for Lucy, and Christine Pomeroy. On Wednesday night there is the Borel ball at the Palace. Mrs. John Simpson will give her first large entertainment this season on Thursday, and instead of a tea as usual, it is to be a euchre party, and a large one; and in the evening takes place the ball which Mrs. Homer King is to give in honor of Miss Herrick. On Friday night comes the Assembly dance, and on Saturday the two weddings. Don't you think we shall be tired by Sunday?

I managed three of the teas last Saturday. At Gertrude Palmer's, which was given for Polly Macfarlane, Hattie Currier announced her engagement to Walter Hale, and was of course the center of a congratulating throng all afternoon. From there I went to the Livermores, which was a telephone gathering and extremely pleasant. Then Betty, Mollie and I finished up at Mabel Craft Deering's, where we had a jolly time, and shall I tell you why? She had a lot of men to help in receiving and doing the agreeable to the women, and you should have seen some of those dear fellows how they did lay themselves out and seemed delighted to do it, too. And now mark my words, her example will be followed, and hereafter men, when they can be got, will be a feature of the receiving parties at teas, and how much more pleasant it will be for all concerned.

We have all been kept pretty busy this week with functions, both large and small, and "at homes" nearly every day in the week, which take up much of one's time to do. Theatre parties have also been quite the vogue during Mrs. Langtry's engagement, and I have had to refuse becoming an item in several from sheer inability. Did you ever know such dear people as the Huntingtons? They do so love to entertain, and they do it so delightfully. This week they had a lovely dinner dance on Monday night for Helen Bailey—a dozen to dinner and about fifty more for the dance afterwards. There is to be another in two weeks, when Margaret Newhall will be the honored one.

Then on Tuesday there was Mrs. Lent's luncheon for Gertrude Smith. Julie de Laveaga Welch made her initial bow as a hostess on Wednesday, when she gave a tea at the Welches; it was quite a large affair. Mrs. Ritchie Dunn gave a luncheon at the

University Club for Polly Macfarlane, and Mrs. Foote was also a luncheon hostess on Wednesday, and in the evening the Gaiety Club had their dance at Christine Pomeroy's. The card party given by Maud Mullins Clarke on Thursday was for Polly Macfarlane, and yesterday Belle Smith had a tea. I was asked to join a party to go to Del Monte last night for the ball which the officers of the 15th Infantry gave there in honor of their Colonel, and Mrs. Warde, but had to decline, and oh, was I not sorry! But I had promised to go to the Friday Fort-nightly. To-day Constance de Young has her coming out tea, and for to-morrow Mrs. Jack Casserley is to treat her friends to a musical tea, something a little out of the common run of such affairs, and no doubt it will be enjoyable. There has only been one wedding this week, that of Caroline Rixford and Covington Johnson, and it was a very quiet home affair, on Monday afternoon, only relatives and connections being among the guests, but those of Mr. Johnston were quite numerous, including all the Pringles, Campbells, Averys, Mrs. Meezes, etc. Bishop Nichols officiated, and the bride, who was robed in white satin, had her cousin, Katherine Rixford, for her sole attendant; Covington Pringle was his uncle's best man. But next week there are to be two, and both on Saturday—Bernie Drown's at St. Luke's and Jacqueline Moore's in Oakland, and as luckily the hours do not conflict, I shall be able to do them both. Jacqueline is to be married at the Church of the Advent at three o'clock; it will be a lavender wedding, with a whole string of attendant maids—

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eight in all. Bernie's is to be at noon, and I hear the church decorations are to be something exceedingly fine, but the home reception will be very limited in size. What a stunning bride she will make! She is so popular, and has such hosts of friends, I hear that the presents are so numerous they completely fill a large room.

Mrs. Eleonor Martin has been doing the honors for Mrs. Peter in what she calls a quiet way, but you know what her quiet way means. Her telephone tea last Friday had all the elements of a more formal affair, and the coming dinner will be a fine one. I understand Mrs. Peter has been favorably impressed, and thinks life here for awhile may not be so bad after all—but not for a continuance; oh, dear, no!

Among other dinners of the near future is the one which Mrs. George Boardman gives next Monday night for her son, Sam, Bernie and the whole of their bridal party. By the way, I wonder if Frank Winn will arrive in time for it? You know he is coming down to be Sam's best man, and Sophie told me at the Woods' tea last Tuesday, which was a very pleasant one, that there were to be a whole lot of them before the dances next week. Apropos of dances, the Chesebroughs are to have one on the third of February; the last of the Greenway dances comes off on the twelfth, and is, I hear, to be even better than either of its predecessors, if that can possibly be. Mrs. Joe Grant, who is spending the winter at the Palace, gives a big dinner that night, so that all her guests, of whom yours truly expects to be one, will have to do will be to walk from the dining room into the ball room. Won't that be grand? Mrs. Tim Hopkins is also to have a big dinner early in February.

Alice tells me that Mrs. Horace Hill, who gave a luncheon party last week—her first appearance as a hostess since her return from her long visit East—intends to have a dinner dance ere the season ends, which is pleasant news to hear. Mrs. Coolidge, who gave so many pleasant parties at the Presidio, and later at her home on Van Ness Avenue, last year, has again entered the field with a card party given last Monday afternoon, when the popular bride was played.

There have not been many arrivals or departures of late to note; Miss Jennie Flood has gone East on one of her periodical trips over the road; and Eleonor Davenport is back from her rambles in Oriental countries, and will have so much to tell of all she saw and enjoyed, of which she gave a faint taste in her letters, I am impatiently waiting for time to get to see her.

—Elsie.

Automobile parties are very numerous at Del Monte, enjoying the beautiful, oiled roads. A few of those present last week were; L. F. Douglass and party, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Holton and Mrs. Harry P. Miller, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chase, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Moore, San Francisco. Special trains with tourists from the East have commenced to arrive. One very fine party reached Del Monte last week, consisting of Commodore and Mrs. E. T. Gerry, Mr. Peter G. Gerry, Miss Gerry, Newport, R. I.; Dr. Robert C. James, New York City.

List of arrivals this week at Hotel Rafael: A. Feist, W. N. Drown, A. McBean, W. A. Sexton, Mrs. F. D. Madison, Mrs. John Partridge, W. Detring, J. E. Tomin, A. F. Chamont, A. Cavalari, E. J. McLaughlin, J. J. Garland, H. H. Rosseau, Harold Bolle, M. Welcker and wife.

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and unstinted in its denunciation. It is always the exception that proves the rule. The public has long ago acknowledged the sterling merit of United States District Attorney Woodworth, but it remained for the Solicitor General of the Treasury Department to give this praise in official form. In his report for the fiscal year ending June, 1903, it is found that Minnesota heads the list for the year, the United States District Attorney's office having collected \$34,000 in fines, forfeitures and penalties in cases wherein the United States was plaintiff. The Northern District of California, Mr. Woodworth's office, stands second, with \$29,000 collected. During the fiscal year 1901-1902 Mr. Woodworth collected \$70,000. The Seventh District of New York comes third, with \$28,000.

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Johnny and Emma Ray, popular entertainers, will begin a limited engagement at the Orpheum this coming week. They promise something entirely new and are assured of a rousing welcome: Cordua and Maul, who give a most wonderful exhibition of hand balancing on the double wire; Duffy, Sawtelle and Duffy will appear here for the first time in a comedy sketch entitled "Papa's Sweetheart"; Oliver T. Holden, lyric tenor, formerly with the Castle Square Opera Company, and Miss Winifred Florence, soprano, who is a niece of the late W. J. Florence, will present a romantic comedy operatic sketch, "The Fairy of Killarney."

In next week's offering, "The Masqueraders," at the Alcazar, Henry Arthur Jones has contributed a vital and virile drama of the emotions even more convincing than his "Dancing Girl," "Judah" and "The Middleman." He has torn the mask from fashionable English society and revealed the people of his story all very real and human, in the nakedness of their natural impulses and passions.

What promises to be the most brilliant of the series of professional matinee performances yet given by the students of the Paul Gerson School of Acting, will take place at the California Theatre Friday afternoon, February 12th. Among the many novelties to be offered will be the first performance in the West of the third act from Ibsen's "The Doll's House," and which will serve to introduce the gifted young California actress, Miss Mabel Duffey in the part of Nora. "The Jade," a one-act comedy by Ada Lee Bascom, will have its first presentation in this country. This little playlet made a genuine success in London, where it was played all of last season. "The Mouse Trap," a one-act comedy by William Dean Howell, is another offering; also the first presentation in the West of a scene from Lord Lytton's beautiful play, "The Rightful Heir." A fantasy in one act by Ada Lee Bascom, entitled "Bacchante," will have its first performance in this country, and will prove a decided novelty. Owing to the length of the programme, the curtain will rise promptly at two o'clock.

There is joy in the camp of the automobilists, and among those who drive good horseflesh. This joyful feeling has been brought about by the opening of a new hotel, The Anona, at 2910 San Bruno Avenue. The opening occurred on the evening of December 19th, and was attended by many lovers of good cheer. Among those present at mine host Gillet's board were: Colonel A. H. Crane, Harry Patrick, C. S. Lahanier, R. D. Kennedy, Harry Corbett, A. L. Schubert, M. A. Miller, E. K. Earl, D. L. O'Brien, Major J. Bean, A. L. Crane, Fred Purdy, W. G. Long, George Shaw, C. W. Muller. There was speech making an address by the Honorable Harry Mulcrevy and a good supper and dancing. Dr. Milo J. Gillete deserves all the success promised the house.

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The news that the conduct of the United States Marines at Seoul is unsatisfactory will not come as any surprise to those who have observed the deterioration in the conduct of all arms of the service in San Francisco. I am a friend of the United States Army and Navy, but as such am obliged to state that the condition of the streets leading to the Presidio from the city is disgraceful in the early hours of the morning. It is no excuse to say that garrison towns are always so, for they are not. Soldiers may be expected to get drunk, but not to go straggling over the streets after midnight. Their resorts are well known, and a corporal's guard to gather them in before midnight would confer a favor not only on the citizens but the soldiers themselves. Much more might be said on this subject, but it will be taken up later.

The eternal feminine must be plotting some new mischief. These constant collisions with burglars are getting to be monotonous, and, as the professors would say, are rising to the importance of social phenomena. Two school-teachers find a burglar in their room and let him go—happy burglar. An attorney's wife catches a burglar in the house and swats him—happy attorney, for he gets an ad. Free? I don't know, but I have my doubts. A singer, engagements perhaps slack, whacks a highwayman with her umbrella in classic Berkeley—again an ad. and her picture. All this happens in one week. When we seek for the common factor in these cases by eliminating the variables, we find, we blush as we find, advertisement. Can this be it?

In Oakland they are troubling their heads about the disposal of the city garbage. I fancied that that question had long been settled, and that most of the Oakland garbage found its way into the Oakland restaurants. Such an aggregation of poison-shops were never collected under the term restaurant. Ambrose Bierce used to say that one could never get anything decent to eat in the town, and things have not improved since his time. There are an everlasting number of people in Oakland who are keen to look after the souls of its people. Won't some one pay some attention to a less dignified but very necessary part of the ordinary human?

A certain Robert Goldman of Oakland has been acting as Governor of Bockloc in the Philippines. He went out to the islands intending to farm, but has returned dissatisfied. Quite right, Mr. Goldman. The only thing worth farming in the Philippines is the revenue, and that can be done better here:

Our island possessions it's useless to roam—
For real paying graft, there is no place like home.

Mrs. Martha E. Bowers, who is charged with murdering her husband, has either too great a sense of humor or too little. She testifies: "My husband and I were like two big kids. I always loved him. He was always a sickly man, suffering from liver and kidney troubles. He had bad night sweats." This is just the sort of man that a young woman could love. The amount of affection producible by means of liver and kidney troubles, not to speak of night sweats, should be of a quality which the muse of Swinburne would toil painfully to describe.

The Stanford students do not like good music. Only about two dozen of them turned up to a classical concert and the long-haired are wailing. Of course the vast majority of healthy, husky young animals which constitute the student body of the University do not care for the classical concert. It would be the merest humbug on their part to pretend that they did. If we subtract from the ordinary concert audience the fashionable, the pretentious and the merely imitative, we shall find that the Stanford two dozen were after all a pretty good average, and there is nothing really to complain about. Who would exchange a healthy kid for a Grosvenor Gallery esthete?

Professor Gayley is holding separate classes for men, but declares that he is not opposed to co-education, whereupon the wise spinster remarks:

Too much you protest, doctor dear,
'Tis all prevarication.

No boys! It surely must appear
There's no co-education.

Trades unionism has still further terrors in store for us. According to an affidavit presented by Judge Maguire in the Circuit Court a non-union man voluntarily gave himself a bath in a pond to purge himself of the sin of non-unionism, and as a pledge of future good behavior. If all the trades unionists turn Baptists, the prospect will be appalling. The walking delegate as a minister of grace would be the crowning touch of American humor. There is one thing, however, to be said in favor of the innovation—it will necessitate an occasional bath.

"Easy come, easy go," must be the idea of Mrs. Gardner Howell, who has howelled herself into notoriety because her husband stayed away one night. Now everybody knows, and the lady must be immensely pleased with herself. But her husband? Four days' courtship was all the work he had to do. Now he must recognize the truth of the proverb which the Germans sum up so tersely in the expression "billig und schlecht."

I wonder what is getting into the youngsters. The pilfering at the Berkeley High School has grown to such an extent that strong measures have to be taken to put it down. I have already called attention to the same feature in the State University, and our political life shows the same tendency. The Forty Thieves are here all right, but where is Ali Baba with his boiling oil? An imprisonment or two might straighten matters out.

Professor George Lemuel Ayres will go down in California history as a pedagogue who could not stand punishment. His wife, a Santa Rosa society girl, practiced physical culture upon his corpus vile, and used a spoon with such effect that she cut his scalp. This latter action would serve to show that it was scientific curiosity rather than vindictiveness which impelled her. She was looking for the professor's brains.

The Actors' National Protective Union has resorted to egg-throwing as a re-inforcement of the genial boycott. The ready employment of this particular missile shows at once the sort of offering best known to the trades union actors. They have all been recipients of the like in their time, and their use of the missile in question springs from a personal knowledge of its effectiveness.

Reverend Mark Guy Pearse of London says that we in San Francisco do not know what poverty means. When the new bond issue is done with, and the Mayor has retired satisfied, we shall be convinced in the words of the late laureate, "that a sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering happier things."

How San Francisco Looks to Me

By Fernald Travers, Tourist

No. 4

One of my friends at the club said to me the other evening that I was correct in my opinion of the unspeakable badness of your principal thoroughfare, and that the residents of San Francisco also objected to its ramshackle condition. This caused me surprise, as from what I had noted, I was convinced that the San Franciscan will put up with anything if he can do as he pleases.

The next day my friend escorted me to the City Hall. I met some of your Aldermen, and saw some which, thank heavens, I did not meet. Then I understood the whys and wherefores of many things. You people do things in a manner which is not an improvement on the manner with which I have been familiar in the larger places in England. There the men who go in for being Aldermen do so for the sake of the honor, and because they are well educated and desire to help to govern their city in a manner which will reflect credit on themselves and on the town or city in which they live. Here I learn that it is quite different. The better classes do not care to go in to be elected for any position, since there is not any honor in it, but only abuse, and the other class not appreciating this element go in on the make. The sums of money which have been spent on municipal street improvements in your city have cost a great deal too much, and the result is plainly and painfully noted by a stranger. Here the beautifying of your city is no one's business, and hence the ragged tatterdemallion appearance. In your shopping district, little one-floor affairs, with tumble-down back parts and plate glass fronts, exist right next door to brick and stone buildings. Ragged sunshades over the windows of your stores, with glaring advertisements on them, spoil the appearance of the street. Horrible piles of planking, nailed up like a wall around vacant premises covered with the most unsightly kind of nightmarish-colored advertising bills, show how a place can be ruined. Old men on the street, sweeping up the trash with a broom and scattering mud or dust in every direction, makes one feel sorry for the poor beggars. I saw a butcher's wagon full of beef the other morning following along behind an ash wagon, and the smell of the wagon and the dust blowing back over the beef behind was simply a lesson on vegetarianism, with an emetic sort of feeling added. Among the duties of the modern and semi-parental form of city Government is the education of the masses as well as the protection of the classes.

If your citizens do not know any better than to tolerate this kind of thing, they should be taught better. I followed the wagon for two or three squares and expected to see a plain-clothes man at least put the beef ahead of the ashes, but no, and the people going down to their shops and offices never noticed it at all. Awful, isn't it?

I have talked with some of your policemen, and I find them quite a decent lot, but not up to the English force in point of politeness or desire to accommodate the questioner, but far ahead of any in London in point of brogue. I tried one chap, an Italian, and he spoke the language. Another addressed me in good French, and I offered one man a quarter of a dollar in return for his directions, and he refused it. Maybe I should have offered him a half.

There is a similarity, however, in one point.

The pretty girl is most carefully escorted across the street here, the same as elsewhere, and the others are allowed to shift for themselves.

You are giving up your time here to making money, and that is a bad habit to become fixed upon a growing city. It takes all the attention from other things which go to make the life of a gentleman pleasant. Here you don't breakfast or lunch or dine—you just eat. Your residences are in family hotels, and the occupation of Gardener is forgotten. No one keeps a Gardener, so no need of Gardeners. The hotel life and the money making craze detract from the appearance of those who acquire it, and the city and its men put on a makeshift, slovenly air, and your better growth ceases. You make money, but you don't have homes, and when you make your pile you'll go abroad or to New York to spend it, which you wouldn't do if you builded homes and a beautiful city.

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"The Beauty Shop" continues the attraction at Fischer's, and the management and company are to be congratulated on the visible improvement made in "an already smooth production." The pruning that has been going on since the first performance is appreciated by the public, for the attendance continues very large and enthusiastic. Little Dorothy Crawford is to be credited with the suggestion that Dill kick Kolb on their emergence from the "thinning" and "fleshing" works of Madame Voluptia's shop. Miss Crawford is a charming maid of twelve years, and is the playwright's daughter. Her brother disputes the idea with her, and it may be that the scheme of retributive justice came from both of them.

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At the Alcazar, the best stock company ever organized in San Francisco is giving a finished and evenly balanced performance of "Mrs. Jack." Miss Block is the personification of the author's ideal, and the rest of the company are so nearly letter perfect that there is room for praise only, and that unstinted.

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Mrs. Langtry, at the Columbia, grows on one with further acquaintance. You find yourself catching little intonations in the rich voice, something to admire in the awkward walk, the set of the head crowned with her lovely way of dressing the hair, allures, and take it altogether, she becomes to you the embodiment of an English beauty. There is a subtle magnetism about her, a feline attractiveness, that captivates. Mrs. Langtry has one quality, and indeed this entire company possesses the same attribute, a clearness of enunciation that it is a never-ending pleasure to the audience.

The widow of Windsor's son has risen in my estimation, I used to think he had execrable taste. This was because of some male friends of his "that I have met." There are other men who have raved over the Lily of Jersey in time that is past, and I sat back, half closed my eyes in a retrospect of nearly twenty years, and I am gray and old, and I open my eyes and before me is a woman, fifty at least, and looking the ideal of Balzac's woman of thirty. And it was she who looked much the same so long ago. Mrs. Langtry is certainly a wonderful woman.

Mrs. Langtry's company deserves the thanks of theatre-goers for their conscientious work. The performance of Mrs. Deering's "Divorce" was excellent, and the same good swing and splendid acting pervades "The Degenerates."

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At the Central "The Bowery Girl" is being given to good audiences, and there is fun a-plenty, a fire scene, and the usual powder smoke. This time it is a dynamite explosion.

The Stein-Eretto family, Stanley and Wilson, Kelly and Violette, Irving Jones, Howard Thurston, Wallno and Marinette, Asra and White and Simmons continue to entertain the Orpheum audiences. There is a vast amount of entertainment in the acts of this goodly company, and the house is crowded nightly.

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"When Johnny Comes Marching Home" has marched to some good purpose for the management of the Tivoli. The house is packed with enthusiastic audiences. Whatever shortcomings there may be in the music are made up in the acting and in the swing of the martial airs. Anna Lichter's solo, "Fairyland," is a hit, and the magnificent tableaux and scenery are a constant source of gratification to the theatre goer.

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At the Grand Opera House, "One Night in June" is giving pleasure to large audiences. It is a pretty play of the old "Green Mountain State," and Mr. Holmes and his company give a very acceptable performance.

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After weeks of preparation, "Quo Vadis" is to be put on at the Central. The large stage of this house lends itself easily to spectacular effects, and it is expected that the performance will give the admirers of Herschell Mayall and Thais Lawton scope for hysterics.

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At the California the "Eternal City" will be put on. Fortunately this play is under the management of Liebler and Company of New York, and this surely is a guarantee of improvement over the lamentably miserable work that has been heretofore presented to the public by the local management.

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A magnificent programme will be rendered at the Alhambra to-night by Rivelas' Royal Italian Band, assisted by a few vocalists, under the auspices of "L'Italia," in commemoration of the death of Verdi. The proceeds of the fund will be given in its entirety to the Verdi monument fund. The monument will be donated to the city of San Francisco, and will be an additional beauty in one of the parks.

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The Alameda Lustspiel Ensemble is making elaborate preparations for Sunday night's production at the Columbia, and there is every reason to believe that the comedy will make one of the biggest hits ever known here. The lines are bright and the situations highly complicated and amusing. Seats are selling very rapidly, and a big house is assured.

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A programme filled with novelties is announced at the Chutes for the coming week, one of the acts of importance being Montague's Cockatoo Circus birds that do everything but talk—and some of them do that. Koplín, Fowler and Koplín, society acrobatic marvels, will make their first appearance here, as will also Dealy and Shean, very clever and original singing and dancing comedians. Barr and La Salle will present a comedy paper tearing act, and Mabel Lamson, the popular contralto, will be heard in new illustrated songs. The marionette entertainment provided by Deaves' Merry Manikins, and new moving pictures shown by the animatoscope, will

complete the programme. The amateurs will appear on Thursday night. The American, Chinese and Philippine babies in the incubators are great favorites, while the baby leopard in the Zoo attracts great attention.

"A Chinese Honeymoon," which gives its initial performance in San Francisco at the Columbia Theatre next Monday evening is a clean musical comedy, different from musical comedies that have been seen here this season. It does not depend wholly on one or two characters for its success, as the company contains about twenty principals and carries a chorus of over eighty voices. The costumes and scenery are said to be the handsomest seen on the stage today. The music of "A Chinese Honeymoon" is the work of Howard Talbot, and the books and lyrics are from the pen of George Dance. A feature is the grand ensemble numbers, particularly the finale of the first act, which is the wedding scene, and the finale of the second act, "The Feast of Lanterns."

Frederick Belasco, who is now in New York securing plays for his stock companies, wires the important announcement that he will shortly make the first San Francisco production of "Parsifal," a dramatic version of Wagner's great religious opera, originally produced at Bayreuth and recently such a sensation at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York. The dramatization, he adds, is nearly completed. As Mr. Belasco is in daily touch with his brother, David Belasco, it seems probable that the project, when fully announced, will prove one of exceptional importance.

Kolb and Dill remain first favorites with San Francisco's lovers of stage fun, and the work of the two comedians in "The Beauty Shop" has immeasurably enhanced their popularity. Ben T. Dillon has also strengthened his hold upon the admiration of the folk who appreciate artistic versatility. His impersonation of Professor Hercules Brannigan is one of the cleverest low comedy bits ever witnessed in this city. Georgia O'Ramey loses none of her artistic charm in the unenviable make-up of Sapho Sweeney, and the Althea sisters are better than ever in their songs and dances. It is the general belief that "The Beauty Shop" will equal, if it does not eclipse, the longest run ever scored at Fischer's.

The Tivoli management announces the production of Strauss's "Gypsy Baron," after "Johnny" will have made his farewell march. The stage in the new house will lend itself admirably for this opera. The "Gypsy Baron" will prove a treat to the patrons of the Tivoli.

"David Harum," with its New York production and an extremely strong cast, will be presented at the Grand Opera House the week commencing Sunday matinee. All of the scenes are laid in Homeville, New York, and the play is divided into three acts. From appearances it is not unlikely that the play will meet with a warm reception here, and its presentation will be largely attended. Sunday matinee, January 31st, Joseph Arthur's latest success, "Lost River," will be elaborately presented.

Another new and well-known girl is coming to Fischer's Theatre shortly. She is Nellie Lynch, one of the cleverest soubrettes in America.

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THE LOOKER-ON

A veteran police official was discussing crime with me the other day. Every man, you know, talks shop, more or less. The conversation had wound around from the city's remarkable growth during the past decade to the numerous crimes of high degree recently committed.

"Men in our business notice the city's growth," said the policeman. "We know that criminals are flocking here, and that high-grade malefactors are increasing in San Francisco. This is no longer a village. It is a great city, and our population is not less than 340,000. It is on the increase, too. For this very reason, there is immediate need for new laws giving the police department greater power for the suppression or detection of crime. I have been engaged in a number of cases of mysterious murder, and I have found that so many opportunities for escape are afforded assassins, that it is very difficult to prove their guilt. The hard cases are those in which people, not of the criminal class, remove others on whose lives they may have insurance, or by whose death they will be benefited financially in some other way. These murderers take very good care to destroy all evidences of their crimes, and their very first act is to destroy the body of the dead. This is most easily done by cremation in one of the local crematories.

"The papers referred the other day to the Hume case. I know nothing about this affair, except what I read; but as I recall it, it was alleged that an investigation into the cause of death was demanded. The body, however, had been cremated, and an autopsy was, therefore, impossible. The ease with which it is possible in this city to cremate bodies is of great assistance to persons who may commit murder by the administration of poison, for instance, or by some other means, which would leave no marks of violence. It is easy enough to get a death certificate from a physician looking for a fee. The issuance of a permit from the Health Office is a mere formality, and it takes not more than a day to remove all possibility of discovery by causing the body to be cremated. It seems to me that the Supervisors should pass an ordinance requiring that all bodies about to be cremated should be subjected first to medical inspection, and to an autopsy, except in cases where physicians of good standing have been in attendance for some time prior to death, and are able to vouch personally that death resulted from natural causes. Cremation is altogether too popular with heirs to large estates, and with others who desire an urn of ashes to remind them of the rapid passage of those who left their coin behind. It presents an avenue through which the most dangerous kind of criminals may practically foreclose the possibility of detection. Some of the prominent men in the police department and some of the private detectives who have been engaged in famous murder cases, have given this matter considerable attention, and do not be surprised if an ordinance along the lines suggested is soon introduced in the Board of Supervisors. The certainty of detection and punishment is the most valuable deterrent in the prevention and suppression of crime. We must have legal proofs before we can hang a man, and those proofs must be obtained before the door of the incinerating chamber is closed upon the bodies of the dead."

The Democrats now have absolute control of the

Board of Supervisors. They have the fourteen votes necessary to pass bills over the Mayor's veto, and they intend, therefore, to make Schmitz as unhappy as possible during his second term. The test vote was on the pound business. The fourteen votes developed, and it is said one more might have been had if necessary. Sanderson, Eggers and Alpers are now counted with the Democrats, and Baxton may join the bunch. Sanderson is a life-long Republican, the son of former Mayor Sanderson and brother of the late Supervisor Sanderson. The Democrats did not have to ask him to come in. He joined them only too willingly. Eggers is a Crimmins man. He was opposed to the Primary League during the recent campaign, and trained with the regular organization. He was placed on the Police Committee, which handles all the big prize-fight permits. Knowing he can get nothing from Schmitz, Eggers has joined the opposition. It is said that Alpers has been promised some sort of patronage to keep him in line. He is playing a more desperate game than Eggers, for Alpers has a couple of saloons, and the Police Commissioners could shut him down almost any time if he became too objectionable in the Board. Baxton is inclined to the Democratic majority, because it is also a question of patronage with him. He can get what he wants only through the majority.

Brandenstein will be the majority leader in the Board. Braunhart wants to be, but the others preferred Brandenstein. Braunhart is a good parliamentarian, and he has many excellent ideas, but his unfortunate and frequently offensive manner makes him impossible for leadership. When Brandenstein announced at the first meeting of the Board that the Supervisors were the whole thing, and that they would take no back talk from the Mayor, he outlined a policy that will make the coming two years very strenuous for the Supervisors on the one hand and the Mayor and all his appointees on the other. Brandenstein would not hesitate to cut off the supplies by reducing the appropriations for all the Schmitz boards, if by doing so he could control the Mayor and the Commissions. It will be a very vigorous fight. One object will be to discredit Schmitz, so that his re-election as Mayor will be next to impossible. That result would cut him out as a possible candidate for Governor. Brandenstein refused the Democratic nomination for Mayor last year, but, it is said, he now thinks he sees a chance to make the Democratic nomination in 1905 equivalent to an election. He certainly has a great opportunity to show what he can accomplish.

District Attorney Byington has not yet made those changes in his staff ordered by McNab on the first of the year. The Democratic office holders are surprised. They did not think Byington had as much backbone as he has shown. He has withstood McNab for at least three weeks, wherefore men marvel. The Scotchman demanded the heads of Porter Ashe, little Johnny Greeley, Hanley and some others. He wanted them all served with the blood of decapitation hot upon them, but the axe has not yet swung. Byington sharpened the edge, but he cannot make up his massive mind for the delivery of the blow. He is in the usual Byington condition—funk. His safety is in delay, he thinks. Therefore he delays. But McNab urges danger in delay. Then Byington promises the heads on the morrow. He gathers

fresh courage one night, and so far no heads have fallen. Meanwhile, the District Attorney and his staff maintain a state of armed neutrality.

Grief, the new County Clerk, deserves more than a little praise for his fortitude in withstanding the demands made for the restoration of Mahoney, Prendergast and others of the barnacle type. Crimmins could do nothing with him in behalf of the discredited men. Grief has a splendid opportunity to make a good record. He knows the business; he has competent assistants, and he can give a business administration. But—remember this prophecy—he will wander back to Crimmins before the year gets very old, or I am much mistaken.

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The Union League is getting to be a big organization. If it takes over the old Pacific Union building it will have the finest quarters, and will be the most pretentious of all the political clubs of the Coast. George Pippy has been very successful as President, and deserves his re-election. Pippy, it is said, is in training for a big Federal job in the event of Roosevelt's re-election. You remember, he was quite close up when Teddy was here. Either Collector of the Port or Postmaster will satisfy Pippy. Of course, Fisk has just taken the latter job, but that does not concern Pippy's calculations. Fisk would rather go to Congress from the Fifth than continue in his present place, and now that Loud has been killed off and Wynn has been lost in the shuffle at Washington, a trade might easily be arranged whereby the Postmaster would get into the Congressional fight and leave the Postmastership for some one else. "That some one else is me," says Pippy. The rise of the President of the Union League should be an example to young men in politics. It is not so long ago when Pippy was a courtroom clerk at the City Hall. He was not a remarkably brilliant clerk; in fact, he is not, in any respect, a remarkably brilliant man. But he did his work well enough and held his job. Then he got into the law, but I have not heard much about him as a barrister. He was at first Secretary of the Union League, and was re-elected a couple of times. Then, finally, he became President, and is now in his third term. Pippy is a genial fellow, and by giving the club a good deal of his time has made himself strong and popular in the organization. But it is not all for the greater glory of the "Grand Old Party." Not if George knows it. Everything comes to him who waits. He has been waiting about long enough, he thinks, and when the big loaves and big fishes are next distributed, you will see Pippy's name prominently mentioned among the names of those that are claiming rewards for long and gallant service.

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The Jefferson Square Club is the very latest. It seems to be a private corporation organized for the purpose of showing the newly rich, who can afford to ride in automobiles, just how and when to do the proper thing. It occupies the upper floors of a new building out on Golden Gate avenue, and it has all the appointments of a swell club. William Greer Harrison appears as President, and among the officers are Colonel Jo. Howell, Judge Kerrigan, Henry J. Crocker and Eddie Greenway. There are no dues and no initiation fees, but cards of membership have been issued to many hundreds of men who are considered what Horace Platt might call "clubable." It strikes me that the "club" must be a private business enterprise. I regret to see my old friend Green-

way going into business at his time of life. Of course, he and Patti may not have been children together, but Eddie's top works show plainly where the passing years have exposed the bald scalp of Time. He is not as young as he used to be, and it is more than passing sal to see him chasing the elusive dollar down a bowling alley, or from a kitchen to the cashier's desk, when he might be so much more pleasantly engaged. This new club, you know, has a grill, and all sort of appointments. It may be all right, Eddie, but the selling of chops looks very much like "trade."

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Every month, in the Maple Room at the Palace, a score or two gentlemen gather at an informal dinner to discuss current events. They form the Commonwealth Club. They do not parade their sayings or doings in the press, but every now and again they issue pamphlets in which are published some of the best papers read at the monthly dinners. This club numbers some of the most progressive men in town. Among them are Mr. Weinstock, of Weinstock, Lubin & Co., James D. Phelan, Professors Wheeler and Jordan, Dr. Burke, Dickie the shipbuilder, William Greer Harrison, John McNaught, William R. Wheeler, and others. For the men composing it, and the topics they discuss, it is the most modest organization of the kind the town has ever known.

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"Elijah" Dowie has "came." Dowie was here years ago. In fact, upon his arrival from Australia, he builded in San Francisco his first stepping-stones to fame and fortune. He lectured at the Y. M. C. A., and succeeded in interesting a few professional Christians in his schemes for reformation, with Dowie as chief reformer, selling tickets at the gate. He has been repeatedly denounced as a faker, but as a business man he could give a year's start in a new field to most of our local merchants and then beat them out. During the past few months either he has been losing his grip or he has been calmly preparing for a grand coup. He has sent his family to Europe; his great settlement near Chicago is in financial distress, and it is said he is headed for Australia, where he expects the fatted calf to be killed upon his return home. His successors will be that new sect in New England, reported in the papers this week, whose basic principle is to grow long whiskers. Why? So they may "raise the wind."

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A new Richard has entered the field, ambitious to control the destinies of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company. A change of any kind could only be for the best, and there is one thing to be said for the new aspirant, Mr. C. O. G. Miller, that his experience has been such as to justify the belief that he knows something about the business and would be a practical manager. Mr. Miller expresses himself as opposed to the policy which allows a President of the corporation \$25,000 per annum and grants him the privilege of touring Europe at a time when the services of every officer of the corporation is particularly needed. He evidently does not favor the introduction of men as heads of departments from other walks in life, which certainly do not suggest the most intimate acquaintance with the manufacture of gas, even if the results of their highly-paid labors up to date had not shown that very clearly, to consumers of a product which is the worst ever turned out from the gas-works in this city since they were constructed. Any citizen who is forced to wend his way home late at night from his business will corroborate this statement, if he has not already commented upon the subject, after one glance at the dismal little glare, "greenery yallery" in color, which only serves a turn in making the murky darkness visible, and the surroundings doleful in the extreme. The statement of the company's financial claim for public support will be of interest when it is filed with the Board of Supervisors in due course. The extent to which the late inflation of capital will be utilized to tap the public purse will be interesting, outlining, as it doubtless will, the intentions of the promoters to define a valuation of a concern which is only really worth what it would cost to replace the present plant by new and modern machinery, allowing, of course, for the wear and tear of years. No one, of course, can attempt to take the figures of \$30,000,000 as a basis of valuation seriously, a bubble which will collapse on the first indication of a bona fide proposition to establish a new plant. That this will come in due time may be confidently expected, owing to the very marked unpopularity of the new management of the old concern. The only thing that can possibly check a movement of the kind will be a clean sweep of the present officials at the forthcoming election, and the shareholders will see that this takes place if they have a due regard for their own pockets.

Wild-Cats Begin to Peter Out.

The Federal authorities are doing some good work in rounding up the promoters of wild-cat mining schemes all over the country. The postal authorities have just put under arrest the Jaegers of Chicago on a charge of using the mails to defraud. According to the papers, more than \$800,000 is involved, which will give an idea of the magnitude of the financial scoops of some of these operators. Irrespective, however, of the Government action, money is not coming in so rapidly now. It only takes time and rope enough for a wild-cat concern to hang itself, provided its members do not decamp too hurriedly in the belief that the jig is up. A mine that has no ore developed nor ore to develop, cannot pay dividends, a proposi-

tion which will not require much verification. They may materialize for a time, by robbing Peter to pay Paul, the money received from sales of stock being used to bait the trap for a constantly growing crop of fools. When this source of supply is stopped, the stockholders can whistle for their capital, let alone talk of dividends. There are a number of the wild-cat flotations nearing this stage in their career; if they have not arrived at it, and from now on there is likely to be music in the air. Quite a number of complaints are now heard from stockholders, who, filled with alarm at intimations of coming disaster, are now writing the papers from all over the country inquiring whether or no this proposition or that is safe; and if the management can be trusted.

Local Stocks and Bonds.

Business on the local Stock and Bond Exchange was particularly active in bonds during the past week, an indication that the appearance of the tax collector is about to make his annual passage across the local stage. Many transactions took place, as will be found on reference to the list. An upward tendency is noted in the Gas Company's shares, which suggests the approach of the election, and also that money is likely to cut quite an important factor in determining the result. In other quarters, the market showed some strength, and the spirits of operators have risen somewhat above the zero mark. On Wednesday last Spring Valley paid its quarterly dividend of 63 on the capital stock of the company, and the California Powder Company its regular monthly dividend of 50 cents per share.

Pine-St. Market.

Ophir came within an ace of touching \$10 during the past fortnight and the balance of the market showed a material improvement. The advance was too much for the ubiquitous "knocker." However, one thing that no so-called "knocker," singularly or collectively, has ever been able to do, is to block the Comstock market for long when its activity is based upon a genuine ore development. According to Mr. Clarence Sharon, one of the ultra conservative mining men on the Comstock lode, who recently examined the improvement on the 1866 level of Ophir, says that the ore body had a breadth of 14 feet in the face of the drift, and that values ran as high as \$400 per ton, the average value being \$100 per ton. As it now stands, the ore body by measurement is said to exceed in value the Hardy vein in 1878, when Ophir was quoted at \$60. It has, now, greater dimensions than that found in Con.-Cal.-Virginia in 1886, which sent that stock up to \$65 and Ophir to \$35. This statement appears in the Virginia Report, which is edited by men who have grown up with the lode and know whereof they talk.

This would indicate that, so far as Ophir is concerned, dividends are more likely in the near future than assessments, and it would not be surprising should one be declared within the coming week. The price of the stock has declined recently to more normal figures. There is nothing unusual in the flare-up, which carried the price on a spurt to the recent high figures. When a stock reacts sharply, as Ophir did, from a low basis, the public is apt to jump in and send prices kiting, taking the market for the time being out of the hands of inside operators who

are generally supposed to control affairs. This, it will be remembered, was the case in 1886, when Con.-Cal.-Virginia got beyond all control, acting in such an ungovernable manner that the wealthiest broker firms on the street were placed in such a position that some of the most solvent of them would have been forced to the wall, while the weaker concerns went down like nine-pins, owing to the panicky conditions. Affairs eventually worked into such a state that the late James C. Flood had to be recalled from a visit to New York to restore the equilibrium of business by the weight of his personal and financial influence. Had it not been for his prompt and skillful action at that time, there would have been few of the most powerful operators on the street who would have survived the crisis, and that, too, on a "bull" market. Of course, as the leader goes, so follows the smaller fry, and the balance of the list now shows a corresponding decline in sympathy with Ophir. The development in Ophir justified a sharp advance in the price of that stock, and now that the market has steadied, it will undoubtedly respond in turn to the showing in the mine, and be regulated in its fluctuations by the appearance of the mine as the work of opening up the new and promising ore body proceeds. The find in itself is one of the greatest importance, and there is no telling what it may yet develop into in the course of exploration in the lower levels of the mine. One would naturally conclude that a discovery of the kind would be one of congratulation on the street, instead of being an object of attack. Friends of the Comstock will naturally hope that in dimensions it will yet open out into a veritable bonanza.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. Paul Gerson begs to state that in response to numerous requests he will on January 1st open a Juvenile Department in connection with his School of Acting, and has secured the services of a teacher of experience specially qualified for this work, Miss Lillian E. Muscio. One of the features of the department will be a dancing class in charge of Signora Matildita. In order that each one may have his or her proper time and attention, the class will be limited to twenty-five. Mr. Gerson will give his personal attention to every pupil. For terms, etc., call or address the Juvenile Department of the Paul Gerson School of Acting, Native Sons' building, 414 Mason street. The fourth of the series of matinee performances by students at Paul Gerson's School of Acting will take place at the California Theatre on Friday afternoon, February 12th. A brilliant programme will be presented. The school will be assisted by the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, this institution hereafter joining its artistic interests with the School of Acting.

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W. R. Hearst has telegraphed Gavin McNab, asking him to come to Washington to consult about the delegation from California to the National Democratic Convention, and he has gone East accordingly. It is understood that when he returns he will bring with him a list of who are to be delegates-at-large to the Convention, and also the list of delegates from this part of the State. He will not be back for several weeks.

The announcement that Boss Murphy of New York is going to try to force Mayor McClellan on the Democratic party as its Presidential candidate raises a very interesting point of constitutional law. McClellan was not born in this country, but in Germany, though, of course, of American parents. The Constitution says only Americans by birth are eligible to the Presidency, and makes no mention of those who are Americans by virtue of the nationality. When Crisp was Speaker of the House of Congress he was talked of as a Democratic candidate for the Presidency, but he was dropped as soon as it was pointed out that he was born in England. His parents were Americans also. There is not much chance of McClellan being nominated, and still less of his being elected, as the people of the country are hardly prepared to hand over the Government to Tammany, but if he were, the question of his eligibility might have to be settled by the Supreme Court, and for months would be a subject of excitement all over the country.

The latest news of the Hanna boom is that it has not been a success, and that the Ohio Senator has concluded to keep his word and remain out of the fight. The efforts to get votes for him in the National Convention have disclosed the solidity of the West for Roosevelt, and even in his own State it is said he cannot get the delegation. The only votes he could secure would be those from the South, which once more raises the question whether the system of electing delegates is not all wrong, since it gives the South too much power in naming candidates to whom she never gives a vote. That the South should have 302 votes, or nearly one-third of the convention, is creating great dissatisfaction, and a representation based on votes cast and not on Congressional representation will be demanded by many of the Western States at Chicago this year.

While Mr. Rooney is securing, by grace of his brother-in-law, the right to the exclusive use of the depot news-stands, his brother-in-law and Johnnie McKenzie of San Jose, also a Harbor Commissioner, have formed a company with ex-State Senator Percy Henderson, who has been wharfinger to do all the weighing of freight on the State wharf property. They have formed two companies: the North-side and the South-side Scale Companies, and are collecting six and one-quarter cents for every ton of freight that goes over the scales. They have as manager of the company a thrifty politician from the last regime known to local fame as the "Banjo-eyed Kid," but who in private life is H. Lorentzen. Everybody wondered when Welch was given Henderson's job why the latter was kept on the payrolls, and a new place created for him at \$200 per month. Henderson is a Democrat, and there seemed no good reason why Republicans should give political jobs to Democrats. But now the cause of the extra \$2400 added to the State payrolls is evident. Charlie and Johnnie were taking care of their partner. It is

said that they make nearly \$200 per month each out of the scale company, after paying the kid for his services.

My Democratic friend who edits the Oakland Tribune is angry with me, and takes me to task for saying that Metcalf was Gage's candidate for chairman of the last State Convention, and declares that he was loyal to Pardee. The two statements are not as inconsistent as they might seem to be, because loyalty to Pardee seems to have meant disloyalty to every one else. Pardee himself set the example when, after pledging himself to Flint, Edson and Preston in the Palace Hotel, to stand against Gage, the latter threw them down and formed another deal with the then Governor. Metcalf was Gage's candidate, and every one knows that had he beaten Neff for the chairmanship Gage would have been nominated. Perhaps he did not want to be chosen chairman for that reason, and the Pardee forces secretly defeated him. That is a new version of what happened behind the scenes at Sacramento, and as it comes from an Oakland paper, deserves attention both by the Gageites and their opponents. It would appear from the Tribune statement that Metcalf was put forward to prevent the Gage men selecting a candidate for chairman who could win, but with the secret understanding that he was to be defeated, so as to hurt Gage's prestige. That is the only possible explanation of the Tribune's statement that Metcalf was true to Pardee and really wanted to defeat Gage. Metcalf ought to pray to be delivered from his friends and their explanation of his conduct.

CULLED FROM "THE MOTH AND THE FLAME."

Katy—Marian looks charmingly, but then she isn't so old.

Ethel—Perhaps not so old as she usually looks.

Mrs. Lorimer (thrice divorced)—I've a perfect duck of a lawyer! He made up every bit of evidence about my last husbands, and, my dear, it just happened to turn out to be true.

Mrs. Lorimer—It's an awful care having a posthumous child!

Marian—A what?

Mrs. Lorimer—Why, one born after its father's divorce.

Mrs. Lorimer—Which of the ushers were you engaged to?

Ethel—I forget. I flirted with them both so long; but I think it is the right-hand one!

Servant—You've lost two husbands—Grippe, ma'am?

Mrs. Lorimer—Not exactly; another kind of epidemic—the law!

Marian (disposing of her wedding gifts)—It's like the death of some one, isn't it? And after they are buried, you have to sort out and put away their clothes. This is the death of my marriage and these gifts are its clothing!

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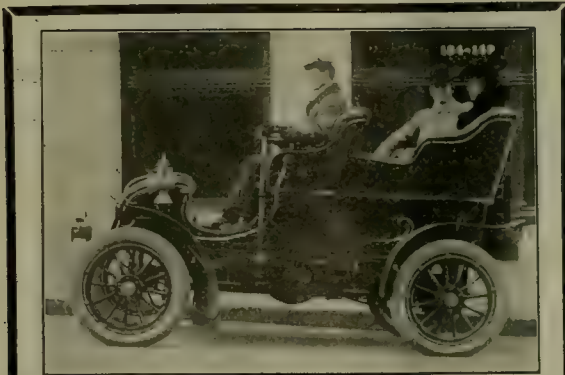
The Park Commissioners have at last decided to extend further privileges to automobilists. Although it has not yet been officially announced just what these privileges will be, nevertheless, whatever they are, they will be greatly appreciated by owners of the horseless vehicle. The Automobile Club of California is determined to see that these privileges are not abused. The privileges extended automobilists at the Presidio for some time were about to be withdrawn, but through the efforts of President F. A. Hyde and the Governors of the Club, and the systematic way in which they brought pressure to bear upon the reckless drivers, saved many a lover of the sport from losing the greatest pleasure in and about San Francisco—that is, driving along the excellent roads of the Government reservation.

Much interest among automobilists is being taken in the coming Automobile Show to be given by the Automobile Club of California this spring. Many members of the club, non-members and prospective buyers, are waiting to see what improvements are to be exhibited, and the new 1904 models, before purchasing.

The "Autocrank" has inquired of a number of prospective buyers as to which automobile he prefers, and from every one the answer is the same; "We are waiting for the show."

The "Autocrank" suggests to those anticipating a future purchase, and to those now owning machines, not belonging to the club, that they make application for membership to the club at their earliest convenience, as much valuable information and material assistance is given a member by a brother member. This is invariably the case where one is unacquainted with the automobile, and desires to obtain information from those who know and are not in the business. The Automobile Club is the place where one can meet enthusiastic automobilists, and receive many valuable details which would be of great help to the prospective purchaser. Besides this, material assistance can be given the inexperienced owner when he is unfortunate enough to meet with an accident on the road, or is unable to remedy a fault in the working of his machine. This assistance will be largely increased when the new club emblem (which will be introduced shortly) is attached to each member's machine, permitting the tourist to recognize another member on the road who has met with an accident.

Foreign cars are gradually entering San Francisco, and ere the summer begins, San Francisco society



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Thomas Magee, Jr., has recently purchased a French Renault, which is en route to this city. Mr. Walter Hobart will return from Europe with a powerful Mors, such as is driven by Mr. George Whittell, Jr.

Mr. Peter Martin has ordered a big Panhard, which will also be here shortly.

I did not hear whether Mr. Hobart intends starting an auto-polo team or will drive his machine at the next race meet.

Ex-Governor James H. Budd has just received his 28 horse-power, four-cylinder French Mors. According to American standard, this car will rate at least 45 horse power. Ex-Governor Budd was an early automobile enthusiast. He has owned several machines and has given much attention to the automobile. As a result, he decided to pay the high price necessary to secure a French machine. He speaks highly of the Renault and De Dion-Boutong, which are precisely the same car as the French Arrow. Ex-Governor Budd has also imported a French chauffeur.



The new White Touring Car equipped with limousine body.

Mr. J. A. Marsh purchased from the Mobile Carriage Company last week a French Arrow touring car, two cylinder, 25 horse-power, American standard. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh were among the first automobilists on the Coast. When the little steam run-about appeared, they secured one of them. When it served its usefulness, it was replaced by a large steam touring car. Mrs. Marsh became proficient in the handling of both cars, making trips to the Santa Cruz Mountains, to the Yosemite and to Nevada City. It was an object of interest in the early days to see an automobile, and especially when skillfully handled by a lady. San Francisco can rightly claim for Mrs. Marsh the distinction of being the most skillful lady operator on the Coast. It is predicted that during the coming season there will be many a spirited "brush" between the French Arrow and other cars.

E. J. Phelps, President of the Minneapolis Automobile Club, sailed from Boston on the White Star liner "Republic" on January 2d, taking with him

his 1904 Knox Touring car. Mr. Phelps will join his family at Nice, France, and from there, with his wife and two children, will make a tour of Europe on his new machine.

Mr. E. P. Brinegar and J. F. Lane of the Pioneer Automobile Company, and Mr. F. T. Dorman of the Pacific Motor Car Company, Courtney Ford of

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the National Automobile Company, C. A. Hawkins of the White Automobile Company, and Cuyler Lee of the Cadillac, are now in the East, where they went to attend the big shows at New York, Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia and Cleveland, and also the race meet at Daytona, Florida. They will undoubtedly make arrangements with the various companies they represent to make large exhibits at the San Francisco Automobile Show. It is not the club's intention to give this show as a money-making proposition, but rather for the purpose of interesting non-owners and affording opportunities of studying the various makes and types of cars.

A gentleman of Salinas, who already has several automobiles in his stable, recently purchased a four-cylinder Franklin runabout, in which he left San Francisco on Thursday of last week for his home.

The National Automobile Company reports a very satisfactory business for the week past in Knox, Toledos and Franklins. They also report that they have a car of four-cylinder Pope-Toledos (the mile-a-minute car on the road), which they expect to receive the latter part of this month.

Mr. Norman W. Church, of Los Angeles, representing this company, has received the first two-cylinder Knox touring car, and reports several sales.

The Mobile Carriage Co. has contracted with the St. Francis Hotel for the exclusive right for all automobile business in connection with their hostelry. In addition to the large passenger service for the accommodation of guests, a buss line will be run from the St. Francis to all trains and boats for the accommodation of guests.

Another carload of Pierce Arrow touring cars have been received by the Mobile Carriage Company. These are in every sense the 1904 model, having the Mercedes hood and honeycomb radiators. The finish is automobile red with black stripings, and makes a very handsome appearance.

"The Anona," a new hotel at 2910 San Bruno avenue, recently opened by Doctor Gillete, is becoming the rendezvous of the owners of automobiles. It is easy of access, and there are all sorts of conveniences. It is a fine auto ride to this resort; the best of care is taken of machines, and there is an experienced mechanic always at hand to attend to the wants of the public. The accommodations in the hotel itself are very comfortable, and all who have tasted of his viands speak very favorably of the genial doctor as a boniface.

—The appetizing things that come from the broiler at Moraghan's Grill, in the California Market, are responsible for the crowd that goes there for luncheon. It has become a regular business men's exchange. The quality of the chops, steaks, oysters and game served cannot be surpassed. More than that, the wants of the guests are attended to by perfectly trained waiters.

—If you want to eat the best, drink the best, and be among the best people, go to Techau Tavern, which is second to no restaurant in San Francisco. It is the favorite after-the-theatre resort, and deserves its fine reputation.

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 Only one soul from another soul
 Steadily drifting away.

Only a man's heart striving
 Bitterly hard with its doom;
 Only a hand, tender and bland,
 Slipping away in the gloom.

Nothing of doubt or wrong,
 Nothing that either can cure;
 Nothing to shame, nothing to blame,
 Nothing to do but endure.

The world cannot stand still,
 Tides ebb, and women change;
 Nothing here that is worth a tear.
 Nothing between but the cold world's screen,
 Nothing to lose but a heart.

"THE HEAVY MISTS TRAIL LOW UPON THE SEA."

By M. J. Savage in The Century

The heavy mists trail low upon the sea,
 And equally the sky and ocean hide,
 As two world-wandering ships close side by side
 A moment loom and part; out o'er the lee
 One leans, and calls, "What ho!" Then fitfully
 A gust the voice confuses, and the tone
 Dies out upon the waters faint and lone,
 And each ship all the wide world seems to be.

So meet we and so part we on the land:
 A glimpse, a touch, a cry, and on we go
 As lonely as one single spar in space.
 Driven by a destiny none understand,
 We cross the track of one 'twere life to know,
 Then all is but the memory of a face.

SONNET TO SILHOUETTE.

By Harvey Peake in the House Beautiful

O Ancient Dame of high degree,
 Grandmother many times removed,
 What is your story? Has it proved
 A blessing or a curse to me?

Was happiness your legacy?
 Or did you sin and woe bequeath?
 Did Passion poisoned tendrils wreath
 About my noble ancestry?

What disposition did you make
 Of Heart? And in long hours of night
 Heard you, at times, Soul's bitter cry?
 Speak you! And my dimmed senses wake!
 Bare all the past and make it light!

* * * * *
 By mocking Silence you reply.

THE RIVAL.

By Dorothea Moore in Century

To the church on her flowery way,
 She tossed me a coin in the throng.
 O white little bride, do you think to pay
 With this for a woman's wrong?

I picked her gift from the dust,
 Kept it close night and day;
 O white little wife, you can trust
 My hate to find out a way.

A baby's fingers, aye,
 His baby upon her breast,
 Have stolen all my hate away—
 Rest, little motaer, rest.

"Ehjah" Dowie may be very "set" in his ways, but on one point at least he has changed his mind quickly. A few weeks ago, telegraphs the Chicago correspondent of the New York Sun, "Dowie was railing at the Jews, declaring them unclean and unfit to help restore Jerusalem. To-day (December 13), in a sermon in Shiloh Tabernacle, he praised them and said that Jews are among the best people on earth." A possible explanation of this change of opinion is indicated by a check for \$82 sent by the Overseer of Zion to the publishers of the "Jewish Encyclopedia" for a copy of that work, which gives a record of the tremendous service rendered by the Hebrew race from the days of Abraham to the present. Dr. Dowie received the five volumes so far published a few days before his change of view was proclaimed.

Visitor—Your church is a beauty. That handsome house next door is the parsonage, I presume? Deacon De Good—N-o. Fact is, the parsonage is some distance up town, but we intend to make an offer for one of these near-by residences soon. "The price will be high, no doubt." "Um—I think not. We shan't try to buy until after our new chimes are put in."

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 VINCENT NEALE, Secretary.

Insurance

The fire business of California for 1903 is given in the accompanying table. These figures speak for themselves.

The December number of the Conservative says another claimant for the original idea of Combination Life Insurance has been heard from. There is enough to go round for all the companies, so it resolves itself into the question of which can get the most of the combination pie. Mr. Tupper may not or may have originated the idea for the Conservative Life, but whether he did or not, he applied it, and the result is that the company of which he is the manager came pretty nearly leading the list for business written in California.

It will be remembered that Mr. Tupper was the author of a splendid advertising scheme which he floated by the publication of a pamphlet on Rebate, and about which he was vigorously complimented and as vigorously assailed by the insurance press.

Mr. Tupper is too brainy a man in the life insurance business to care what was said about him individually, but he enjoyed what was said about the Conservative Life, and next to Mr. Torbell of the Equitable he has demonstrated himself as good as they make them in working the press.

The fire at the Iroquois Theatre in Chicago closed up the theatres until they were inspected by the authorities and found safe. San Francisco theatres are being looked after, and it may be that on some of them the insurance companies will cancel their lines and then they will be made safe for the public.

While the resorts of the ungodly are under the glare of the limelight of municipal inspection, why not go a little further. There are churches, concert halls and other halls in San Francisco which in event of a panic in a crowded house would cause a deadly disaster. It is better to waste an ounce of prevention than administer a pound of cure, and while the mood of "safety for the public" is on, make a clean sweep and make every place of public gathering, secular or religious, Jews or Gentile, safe for those gathered or close them permanently.

CALIFORNIA COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Company, Agent, San Francisco Premiums, California Business (Amount Written, Premiums), Losses Paid, Ratio. Includes Firemans Fund, Home Fire and Marine, Pacific Underwriters, etc.

FOREIGN COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Company, Agent, San Francisco Premiums, California Business (Amount Written, Premiums), Losses Paid, Ratio. Includes Aachen & Munich, Alliance, Atlas, Austrian Phoenix, etc.

COMPANIES OF OTHER STATES.

Table with columns: Company, Agent, San Francisco Premiums, California Business (Amount Written, Premiums), Losses Paid, Ratio. Includes Eta, American, Boston, Agricultural, American, N. J., etc.

	California Business			
	San Francisco Premiums	Amount Written	Premiums	Losses Paid Ratio
Grand Totals for 1903	\$7,641,715	\$19,199,714	\$4,230,942	24.800-0-4 22.9
1900	\$2,234,804	\$191,956,657	\$7,866,194	\$1,749,683 27.9
1901	\$2,643,696	\$31,534,424	7,691,143	2,431,394 31.3
1902	1,921,645	294,273,689	5,961,184	2,470,343 41.0
1903	1,842,069	248,229,918	5,620,218	2,913,642 52.1

Tables loaned by courtesy of Pacific Underwriter

The statement of the Pacific Coast Casualty for the first year of its business shows how a California company, backed with ample and unimpeachable assets and managed with ability and energy, can be made to grow. The Pacific Coast Casualty Company had a premium income for the year of almost \$103,000.00. This business was secured at full rates, and the secret of its acquisition is the influence brought to bear through and by its stockholders, whose names are synonymous with wealth, financial strength and business success. The company commenced operations with a capital of \$200,000 and a surplus of \$50,000. It has added to the latter \$8,715 as the result of the first year's business. When it is considered that this is in addition to the extraordinary expenses necessary to organization and to the placing of a new company in the field, and that it is carried to surplus as the net after setting aside an ample reserve for losses which may arise, and paying losses incurred, it is a truly remarkable feat, and one which stamps President Green as among the leading financiers and Casualty Underwriters of California. The admitted assets of the company aggregate \$315,098.00, or \$65,098.00 over and above the capital and surplus paid in. It is evident that the new comer in California's Casualty companies is not to be overlooked, as good, straight, hard competition by the older companies doing business on the same lines.

The New York Life, in continuance of its efforts to secure federal recognition, has asked Secretary Cortelyou, of the Bureau of Commerce, to join with the Insurance Department of New York in an examination of its affairs.

There are several Accident, Casualty, Surety and Life companies which failed to file their preliminary statements with California's Insurance Commissioner on the date prescribed by the California law. The penalty is a fine of one hundred dollars per day.

The News Letter regrets to chronicle the death of the respected father of Insurance Commissioner Wolf. As a tribute of respect, the office of the Commissioner was closed for two days.

The Fireman's Fund held its annual election of officers on the 19th. There was but one ticket, and the officers were all re-elected. The usual congratulations were extended, the usual increase of surplus and assets shown.

—Mothers, be sure and use "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for your children while teething.

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 Pacific Coast Department: 204-208 Sansome St., San Francisco.

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Whisperings from Alameda

Isn't it a caution, as our grandmothers used to say, that every one, or almost every one, is suspected of stealing, in the virtuous cities across the bay? It is not many days since the society women of Oakland instituted a crusade against those who stole purses and baubles from the guests at fashionable functions among the elite, and now the principal of the Berkeley High School, Professor M. C. James, calls the students together and rakes them over the coals for stealing from each other. It does look as if no good thing could be expected to come out of Alameda County. Mr. James, after a lecture upon the heinousness and vulgarity of such a crime, said in plain and unpoetic language that it had to stop. What the worthy professor proposes to do is not said, but it is unfortunate that you cannot go either to school, if you are growing up to know something, or to a party after you have "developed into a charming belle" without losing all your traps and fripperies.

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Consternation reigns among the members of the School Board in Alameda. They are unable to keep a woman teacher, even until the end of the first term after she takes her seat in the chair of authority. And it is all their own faults. It is not long since they heartlessly and arrogantly dismissed every woman teacher who had passed twenty years of age. They held that a woman-over twenty had developed a hard expression and was not up in the latest fads of education. The Board said, too, that education signifies "to lead out," and that the more settled "school-ma'ams" had grown to imagine it meant to "drive forth." But they are meeting a just retribution, or the old teachers say they are, and of course they know, for they themselves gave that as a reason why they should have been retained. They say, calmly, and, I am sure, impartially, that they "knew everything there was to know about teaching and teachers."

It is said that every young girl teacher in Alameda is engaged to be married, and there is a prospect of empty benches staring the School Board in the face long before the Easter vacation. The youngsters are enjoying the fun immensely. And they know all about it. You can trust them for that! Every time dainty little Miss Smith blushes as Johnny Green hands her the letter that she has dropped when she heard the Superintendent of Schools coming, don't you suppose the whole infant class sees it? I do. And there is a ripple of merriment among the parents, too. It is not so long since many of them were young, and some of them were teachers, too.

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Oakland society is in a fever of apprehension. The exclusives across the bay fear that they may be asked to associate with Miss Mary Agnes Redford, a little telephone girl who has lately fallen heir to a fortune of \$3,000,000, through the death of a grizzled old miner of British Columbia. The miner, deep in his tough old heart, held the sentimental memory of a courtship between the girl's lovely mother and himself many years ago in the wooded wilds of the British territory upon the Sound. There was a quarrel, and the woman, in petulant anger, married another and came to California. Here she sickened and died, leaving the baby girl to the care of a cousin, a Mrs. Mary Hallahan of Oakland. In the simple home with the three young daughters of her foster

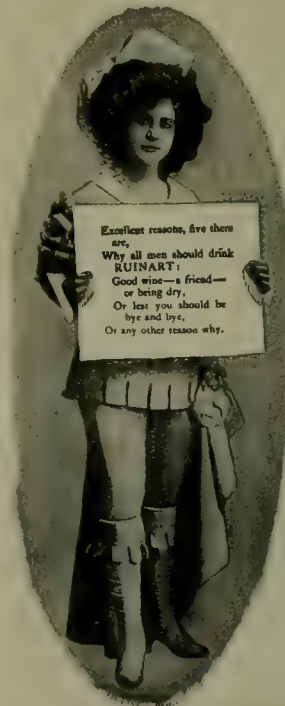
mother, the child grew to girlhood. She is now sixteen years of age and as pretty, dainty and innocent as it was her mother's dying prayer to the good Lord to keep her. She is the picture of what the mother was when she turned her back on the faithful lover in the woods of British Columbia. And that is why she will be an heiress, for the miner never married and had cherished the memory of a boyish love affair through all the dreary years, and his dying wish was to endow the girl with money enough to make the world her playground if she wished.

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Now that the Roman Catholics and Episcopalians are both down on the Reverend Ernest E. Baker, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Oakland, it seems that his stay in that clannish town is only a matter of time and endurance. Already the pews of his church are more often empty than full, I am told, and I also hear that the evening special services that used to be so popular and on which occasions the big church was wont to be crowded and made as light as dazzling electric bulbs could make it, is now as dreary as a tomb. It is whispered among the naughty ones that the lights are left low so that the shadows may look like people. Well, you cannot blame him for that. Mr. Baker was always a great one to put the best possible light on everything, and a dark lantern would be the best in that event.

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PROPOSED RAID ON THE PUBLIC TREASURY.

"We the undersigned respectfully petition the 58th Congress to fix the salaries of the following Government officers at the amount indicated under the column headed "Proposed Salary," to take effect December 1st, 1904:

	Present	Proposed
President	\$50,000	\$75,000
Vice-President	8,000	15,000
Each Cabinet Officer	8,000	10,000
Chief Justice	10,500	15,000
Associate Justices	10,000	12,000
United States Senators	5,000	10,000
Members of House of Rep'sent's.	5,000	7,500

The above is a petition being forwarded to every newspaper and magazine in the United States by an Eastern advertising firm.

The name of a publication is used, "The Sentry Box," to foster this raid on the public treasury. The claim is made that our federal officials are too modest to make a demand for a raise of salary, but that they must perforce appeal through the medium of a third party to the people of the United States. It is presumed that a certain success attained by the proponent of this extraordinary graft, in securing patronage for a cereal food, is tantamount to equal success in obtaining a raise in salary for our public servants. One of the main arguments used is that living in Washington, forsooth, is double in cost to anywhere else in the United States. Let those who set this rapid pace curb their aristocratic desires. Let the public servant live within his income. The agency which is backing this propaganda for the over-modest officials is using a club over the publications addressed in the shape of advertising patronage. The inference is that this patronage will be withdrawn unless they get in line behind the raiders and push the good (?) work along.

CUBA AND SENATOR PERKINS.

The speech of the Honorable George C. Perkins on Cuban Reciprocity has been received at this office. Senator Perkins has been the recipient of congratulations of those of all shades of politics for his consistent and continual advocacy, and the splendid speech made by him on this subject.

It may be said of him that while many may doubt the wisdom of the policy advocated, there are none who doubt his integrity and his support of any measure is a tower of strength.

The Savage Arms Company of Utica, New York, is sending out a beautiful art calendar which is a fine replica of an oil painting by Rungins. It represents a hunter and horse, with a stag in the foreground. It is one of the best examples of reproduction we have ever seen. In the same line the J. Ayer & Son advertising firm have issued a calendar which calls for commendatory mention. This is done in the colors of bronze, and represents work in relief, showing the two sides of a medal.

Dr. Decker,

Dentist, 806 Market. Specialty "Colton Gas" for painless teeth extracting.

—Allen's Press Clipping Bureau has removed to the rooms, formerly occupied by Bradstreet's, at 230 California street, San Francisco, Cal.

L. & M. Alexander & Co. are located as before, 110 Montgomery street, and rent and sell typewriters.

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SUNBEAMS

(Stolen from Thieves)

"What's the matter?" asked the rooster; "more absentmindedness?" "Yes," replied the hen; "I can never find things where I lay them."

Doctor—Well, Pat, did you take the box of pills I sent you? Pat—I did that, yer honor, but I don't feel any better; I expect the lid hasn't come off yet.

Ethel's mother told the grocer to send her a dressed turkey, and when it arrived the little miss said: "Mamma, the turkey isn't dressed at all; it's perfectly nude."

Johnny—They must have an awful big baby over at Meeker's house. Pa—What makes you think so? Johnny—Why, I heard ma say to-day that every one in the house was wrapped up in him.

She—Isn't it lovely? Papa consents. He—Does he, really? She—Yes. He wanted to know who you were, and I told him you were tape clerk at Shrimp & Co.'s, and he seemed real pleased. He—I am delighted. She—Yes, and he said we could be married just as soon as you were taken into the firm.

Schoolmaster (to Smith Major, who has paid a visit to his old school)—Yes, you big men are sometimes successful, but it is often a case of froth rising to the top. Smith Major (seizing the opportunity to pay off old scores)—But the dregs always remain at the bottom.

The millenium won't get here in our time, but that is no reason why we shouldn't try to hurry it along.

"Why did you let him get away from you?" thundered the chief. "He—er—took a mean advantage of me," replied the green detective. "He ran across the grass in the park, and—" "Well?" "Well, there was a sign there, 'Keep Off the Grass.'"

She—Oh, Dr. Pillsbury, I'm so anxious about poor Mrs. Perkins. She is in your hands, is she not. Dr. Pillsbury—She was, but I have left off attending her, for the present. She—Oh, that's good! She's out of danger, then!

The Suitor—They say that Love is blind. The Heiress—But nowadays he has a marvelous sense of touch.

The true poet has a lively imagination, and so, too, has the mere verse writer, for the latter is apt to imagine that he is a poet.

Again we hear of the incorporation of a railroad company for the construction of a line from Hudson's Bay to Argentina. There will be a branch line to Mars via the moon.

"**Josiah**," said Mrs. Chugwater, "have you ever seen a bureau of information?" "Yes." "What does it look like?" "You've seen a table of contents, haven't you?" replied Mr. Chugwater, somewhat irritably. "Well, it looks like that, only it's larger."

Young Ardup was looking over his accounts. "I find," he muttered, "I spent last year \$165.45 for beer and cigars and \$75 for clothing. I must try to get along with fewer new clothes this year!"

"**You don't mean** to tell me you rescued a young lady from drowning and didn't stop to learn her name." "That's what I did. My wife was there when I got the girl ashore."

"**Bridget**, did you hear the bell?" "Yessum." "Why don't you go to the door, then?" "Sure, mum, I'm not expectin' anny one. It must be somebody to see you."

"**But you don't think** he's mercenary, papa?" "Why, yes, I do! I'm afraid he regards marriage as a get-rich-quick scheme!"

"**This**," smiled the fond young wife as she passed a plate of dessert to her husband, "is cottage pudding. I made it myself." The man tasted of it. "I'd have known it was cottage pudding," he asserted. "You would?" she asked delighted. "Yes. I can taste the plaster and the wall paper. What did you do with the shingles and the bricks for the chimney?"

"**Ah**," she sighed, "the great men are all dead." "But the beautiful women are not," he answered. Then she looked up soulfully into his eyes and told him she had said it just to be contrary, and not because she thought it for a moment.

Benedick—A man naturally requires a helpmate. I tell you, the young man in business who is not married is seriously handicapped. Sharpe—Quite so! He is at the mercy of his creditors, being unable to put his property in his wife's name.

Towne—I could scarcely refrain from laughing at Dumley's fiancée when she remarked that he was so versatile. Browne—Well, he is rather versatile. Towne—What? He's a regular idiot. Browne—Yes, but he's so many different kinds of idiot.

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Husband—I really think you you might have had that ball dress made a little higher in the neck—to say nothing of the back. Wife—I'll have it changed if you wish, but this stuff costs \$10 a yard.

"**Then** the reverend gent wanted ter know if we wuz a law-abidin' community." "And what did you say to that?" "I said of course we wuz law-abidin' and we'd lynched many a feller that wasn't."

"**What's the crowd** doing down at the courthouse?" inquired the stranger. "Oh, they're trying the case of Mose Johnson," replied the Southerner. "Why, that was the man they lynched yesterday, was it not?" "Yaas, but to-day some of the boys got teched with a foolish curiosity to know whether he was innocent or guilty, suh."

Gull—That man you introduced me to was telling me how rich his people are. Newitt—Who? Hot-tayre? Oh, that's his way. Gull—He says they'll be famous in the financial world if they don't suffer a change of fortune. Newitt—Well, there won't be any change in their fortune unless he changes his mind.

"**I spent a week** in New York recently, but it was a disappointment to me." "Why so?" "Was not in a subway explosion accident all the time I was there." "Shake! I was in Chicago for three days and wasn't held up once. These big towns aren't what they are advertised to be, by a long shot."

Mr. Occident—Was there any conclusive reason why the Vigilantes should have hanged that poor negro? Quick-Drop Dan—I should say there was! There was a tree just outside the coon't cottage and one of the committee had brought a rope with him.

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Lena—What made Fred act so funny when I accepted him. **Emma**—Oh, he's just in love with you, dear. He'll soon get over that.

"And she said there was worse to tell, but she wouldn't say what it was." "Oh, I don't believe there could be anything worse—if she wouldn't tell it."

Mabel—Did Gladys have a fashionable wedding? **Maude**—Very. Why, her wedding dress was nearly torn off before she got inside the church.

Mother—Now, Bobby, you must not get into any fights with the neighbors' children. **Bobby**—But, mamma, I've got to get acquainted with them some way.

Gyer—I hear there is to be another postal investigation. **Myer**—What's the matter now? **Gyer**—It is reported that a man in one branch of the department had a chance to acquire a few extra dollars and didn't.

"And when you have got the number of hours in a working day down to the minimum, what then?" asked the manufacturer. "Oh, then, we'll go in for a thirty-minute hour," remarked the walking delegate.

"I have looked over the whole field," said the young author, "and the only thing that pays is a good novel." "Wrong again," said the philosopher. "What pays better?" said the author. "A bad novel," said the philosopher.

"When an enemy smites me," said the pious-looking hypocrite, "I always turn the other cheek." "Why?" asked the man who knew him, "do you want your enemy to go around with both hands disabled?"

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Elmer (aged five)—Mamma, my stomach says it's time for dinner. **Mamma**—Well, dear, go and see what the clock says. **Elmer** (a moment later)—The clock says my stomach is ten minutes fast.

"Pa," said the boy, looking up from his book, "what does a man's 'better half' mean?" "Usually, my son," replied the father from behind the evening paper, "she means exactly what she says."

Applicant—And if we want certain changes made in the flat—**Janitor**—Well, when people want 'em very bad they generally move.

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"Well, **Freddy**, how do you like your dinner?" asked the hostess of a small guest. "Oh," replied the little fellow, "we don't have any better at home, but there is more of it."

"Madam," said the facetious boarder to the landlady, "are these storage eggs?" "I think they must be," replied the lady; "you appear to have stored away five of them."

"Say, pa," began little Willie again, "why—" "Now, see here," his pa interrupted. "I told you I wouldn't answer any more questions. Let this be the last, now. What is it?" "I just wanted to know, pa, why you don't want to answer my questions. Is it because you're ignorant, or jest because your indigestion's coming on?"

Critic—No, Mr. Smearly, you will never succeed as an artist. You can't draw. **Smearly**—Can't draw? What's that got to do with it? Ain't I in society.

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3.30P	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations	7.55P
3.30P	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno and Way Stations beyond Port Costa	12.25P
3.30P	Martinez, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi	10.25A
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10.30A	San Jose and Way Stations	1.20P
11.30A	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations	7.30P
1.30P	San Jose and Way Stations	8.58A
3.00P	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Principal Way Stations, Santa Clara for Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek and Narrow Gauge Points at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Castroville for Salinas	12.15P
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4.30P	San Jose and Way Stations	18.00A
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8.00P	Palo Alto and Way Stations	10.15A
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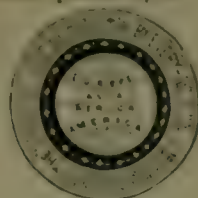
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The San Francisco Gas Company goes right along relieving the fears of those who worry about over-population.

Men who wear No. 6½ hats are rejoicing over the announcement that "Citizen" George Francis Train's brain weighed six ounces more than the average.

Administrationists who applauded the Panama gobble return thanks to the Creator who made Hay while the sun shone.

Leap year may be the open season for hunting bachelors, but the huntresses should not forget that there is still a "bag limit" law.

Senator Hanna ate two big dinners in one evening, and then sent for the doctor, who politely called it a case of grip, instead of gluttony.

Statistics show that the tendency of mankind to fall off the water-wagon is the chief cause of grass widowhood.

Mirza Ali Asgar Khan, lately Grand Vizier to the Shah of Persia, is traveling for his health in any country where his royal master can't catch and bow-string him.

Now that the bills are coming in for Langley's lame duck of an airship—a contraption that could neither fly nor swim—the statesmen at Washington have decided that he hypnotized them.

A device by which you can look down the throat and into the stomach has been invented by a Chicago man. Let's hope that it will help to check the "breakfast food" habit.

Lieutenant-Governor Willard of Virginia has out-run a rabbit in an impromptu footrace. It will be a rapid office that gets away from him after this exploit.

While we rejoice over the dying out of the feud that kept the Crocker spite fence standing, let us also bear in mind that thereby we lose one of our too few historical landmarks.

An estimable Kansan named Hoch has put away the crown of the Republican nomination for Governor with such firmness that the papers of the Sunflower State with one accord said of him: "Hoc der Caesar."

Two Kentuckians have upheld the honor of their country by thrashing four footpads in Paris so effectively that only two of the Gauls were able to run away.

An out-of-town scribe abuses shamefully an urban Colonel because of his too-abundant locks and whiskers. We suspect the scribe of hairlessness as well as malice.

A Chicago woman has been adjudged insane and there is incidental mention of the fact that for years she had smoked a package of cigarettes a day. Cause or effect?

Hearst's New York papers have been awarded the city printing. In San Francisco this is a job that only the poorest sheet of the lot will accept.

President Roosevelt and his admirers are said to be anxious to get rid of M. Bunau-Varilla as Minister from Panama. By all means. We never did care for these black-and-tan diplomats, with names that sound like some kind of flavoring extract.

Andrew Carnegie offered the American Society of Civil Engineers \$1,500,000 for a new building, but when the Engineers said that there was a condition with every dollar they sidestepped adroitly. Poor, rich old Carnegie!

A scientist with a microscope has found 6,000,000 bacteria on a \$1 bill. A Morganized public is not interested in the bacteria, but it clamors to know where he got the bill, not believing that there is so much money in general circulation since the bottom fell out of the Steel Trust.

The bright lads of a Pennsylvania district school tied their woman teacher hand and foot and threw her into a shed, where the temperature was around zero while they wrecked their temple of learning. Mercifully, the teacher escaped alive; and, unmercifully, so did the boys.

The "Sage of East Aurora," who has become rich, if not respected, and notorious if not famous, by an impudent manner of criticising the morals of his betters, has married the lady who was named as co-respondent when he was sued for divorce. They will honeymoon in Timbuctoo to avoid souvenirs from his disciples in the shape of eggs and brickbats.

An evening paper is fussing about an unnamed lady who is accused of trying to break into society by inviting to her "functions" people who do not know her. Why not? It is thinkable that the people who do know her might not come. And, again, society can always adjourn and call the meeting to order somewhere else—a practice not unknown in politics.

GRASPING FOR CITY PATRONAGE.

That tin angel which tops the City Hall dome should be thankful for the fact that hers is a job without a salary. Otherwise she would have been pulled down and somebody else re-classified and re-titled into her exalted place. The marionette who executes the will of the Mayor is not permitted to overlook anything that looks like patronage. As the News Letter foretold, the Supervisors have put the Schmitz combination on record as deliberate charter-smashers. It has exposed their rapacity and their chicanery, and with the same movement has done its best to keep them out of reaching distance of the public treasury. What these pilloried pillagers have had to say in their own defense has not helped them. It is no excuse for the Health Board foray to say that this Supervisor who opposes it has a mother-in-law in the pay of the city or that this other one has found municipal jobs for a bunch of cousins and friends. And if the ingenuity of Ruef has devised any better apology than that for what his creatures have done in their scramble for the trough, he has not divulged it.

The crux of the situation is the order of the Supervisors to the Auditor and Treasurer holding up the pay of those henchmen of Schmitz found to have been unlawfully appointed by the Health Board. Auditor Baehr has already shown his distrust of the Mayor's shifty Civil Service Board, and we believe that he will not be coerced or cajoled into aiding Schmitz in his scheme of misrule. The order of the revenue-voting body should and probably will suffice for him. This will throw the burden of proof upon the charter-wreckers.

While the city awaits the untangling of the puzzle it need fear no damage through lack of an active and efficient Health Board. The illegally appointed crowd will go through the motions even if they draw no pay, partly for the prospect of a decision favorable to them and partly because of the promises of the administration, and going through the motions is about all any Health Board ever does. The poor devils of men and women whom necessity drives into the City and County Hospital cannot fare worse than the inmates of that foul, mismanaged rookery have fared for years. The unregenerate prize-fighter to whom Schmitz handed the office of "deputy warden and custodian" will hardly dare to make punching bags of the helpless and poverty-cursed patients who come under his authority while his chance for a salary hangs in the courts.

Whatever the courts may do in the premises, the people look to Auditor Baehr to stand fast. If he pays any attention to the threats and persuasion of the charter-wreckers, it will be as bad for him as for them when the time for reckoning comes.

A LESSON FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

According to the Customs House returns, tabulated by the Treasury Department in Washington, the exports from the port of San Francisco in 1887—a fairly average year—were valued at \$32,711,507, and in 1903 they were worth \$33,502,616. From the same source of information it is learned that the exports from the Puget Sound district, including Seattle, Tacoma, and some minor ports, in 1887 were \$1,770,429 and in 1903 they amounted to \$32,499,828, or nearly as much as the export business of this port in that year.

Making comparison of the import trade, a somewhat similar condition is observed. In 1887, the Puget Sound import trade only footed up \$347,818, while in 1903 it had mounted to \$12,177,243. In San Fran-

cisco the imports in 1887 were valued at \$40,707,708, while in 1903 they were reported at \$36,454,283.

These figures are misleading in some degree, for the reason that for the past three years the Customs House has not included in its returns for this port the Hawaiian export and import business, which is done almost exclusively here. It is estimated that \$6,000,000 in round figures should be added to the total of San Francisco exports in allowance for the Hawaiian export business, and that the import trade from the islands amounts to about \$10,000,000 annually. Thus, in 1900, before Hawaii became domestic territory, the exports from San Francisco were \$40,368,288 and the imports \$47,869,628.

Making all these allowances, we submit that the figures still present a startling showing, and one that should be matter of grave concern to the merchants and shipping men of San Francisco. If the treasury returns are true, the port of San Francisco has made a comparatively insignificant growth in export and import trade since 1887, while in the same period Seattle and Tacoma have advanced from a negligible quantity to a position where they nearly equal our business. This city is doing a splendid business. Of its prosperity there is no question, but our good fortune has come to us almost without effort of our own. It should be far greater if our people would put more work and energy in it. San Francisco is the spoiled child of fortune, and has ever been. Long ago Bret Harte wrote that the city stands by the gateway of two continents, "serene, indifferent to fate," waiting for trade to come her way, but not putting out her hand to grasp it. Seattle is different. That city is nowise indifferent to fate, and is a natural born reacher. Therein San Francisco may learn her lesson.

'THE INFINITE VARIETY OF GRAFT.

The infinite variety of official graft was illustrated by a recent debate in Congress on an amendment to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriations' bill offered by Representative Charles B. Landis, with a view to preventing the abuse that has grown up in the departments of providing for the use of subordinate officials' horses, carriages and liveried coachmen, which are employed not on Government business, but for social purposes. In offering his amendment, Mr. Landis said that if "the horses and carriages," with their coachmen, paid for out of money appropriated by Congress, were lined up on Pennsylvania avenue (Washington) they would extend possibly from the White House to the Peace Monument."

Of course, no specific appropriation for any such purpose has ever been made by Congress, but Mr. Landis explained how the thing was done in these words:

"The expense that is now borne by the Government in this regard has attracted the attention of the country, and unless Congress puts some limitation upon the expenditure, it promises to become a national scandal. I am informed that in the estimate made by the head of one of the Departments for the coming year, the estimate being made by a gentleman who had not in that capacity made an estimate before, there was a provision for seven coachmen.

"Had he been onto the ropes he would have had the estimate specify 'seven laborers,' and after he got them would have assigned them to do duty as coachmen. This is the way it has been done by the heads of other departments for years—'laborers' have been metamorphosed into 'coachmen,' have been equipped with silk hats and with boots and

placed upon the box, where they have done service in approved fashion for persons other than those mentioned in my amendment; and unless the Congress takes some action in this matter it is only a question of time when all the assistant secretaries, all the chief clerks, all the clerks—in fact, all people on the Government pay roll, except Senators and Representatives, will be riding in carriages guided and directed by coachmen, and all the expenses paid by the Government."

Seven coachmen for one department is a pretty fair allowance. In these stylish equipages, paid for by Uncle Sam, it was stated on the floor of Congress that the wives of subordinate officials might be seen any day in Washington making their round of social calls.

NEGLECT OF PACIFIC COAST INTERESTS.

We have had occasion more than once in these columns to dwell on the need of united action among the Pacific Coast delegations in Congress touching questions that affect the industrial life of the great region west of the Rocky Mountains. The resumption of the duty on coal offers an instance in point. The coal output of the Pacific Coast States is comparatively insignificant, and what we use we are compelled to carry long distances. As if the cost of transportation of this fuel were not a sufficient burden on our industries, we are now compelled in addition to pay a duty of 67 cents a ton on every pound we use. We say advisedly on every pound, because that part of our fuel which is mined in the United States pays the duty just the same as that which comes from British Columbia or Australia, for instance. The only difference is that the 67 cents goes into the pockets of the mine owner instead of the national treasury. The duty is added to the price of the home product, because, being sold in competition with the foreign coal, any cause which increases the cost of one has a similar effect on the other.

This is a matter of very considerable importance to the industries of the Pacific Coast, and yet there was not a word of protest in Congress from any of our Representatives. What they need is a steering committee to watch the interests of this region as they are affected by legislation, and call for united action when occasion demands. As things are managed, Pacific Coast interests are permitted to go by default for want of concerted action. Under the present system or lack of system, the Pacific Coast delegation in Congress is nothing better than a fortuitous concourse of jarring atoms.

NATIONAL PEACE (?) ASSOCIATION.

There seems to be something queer about the latest element to inject itself into the local industrial situation. It was incorporated on January 6th, and christened the "National Peace Industrial Association." Some excellent and prominent citizens stand as sponsors for it, but there is a suspicion of the syndicate about its begetting. Nominally the responsible parent is P. H. Scullin, who came here unbidden from Seattle three months ago. He has described himself as being vice-president of the Carpenters' Union in the town he hails from, is the author of a labor arbitration bill which failed of passage in the last session of the Washington Legislature, and is the self-appointed eliminator of boycotts and sympathetic strikes from the arsenal of organized labor.

The aims of the Scullin scheme are beyond cavil. No sensible man will object to any bona fide endeavor to bring about peace between employer and em-

ployed. But it is the good faith of this association that we doubt. Frankly, we do not like the manner of Scullin's advent; we do not like the readiness with which Mayor Schmitz has endorsed his "Peace Association;" we do not like the choice for its presidency. "George H. Foulks, Attorney-at-Law" is the official description of the gentleman who heads the Scullin scheme. Now, this Mr. Foulks is more of a teacher in a public school than he is a lawyer. He is generally known to be one of the smaller of those handy men who do the odd jobs of the Schmitz regime. We suspect strongly that this "Peace Association" is a clever device of the false prophets of unionism; that their real object is to use it for the splitting of the Citizens' Alliance to which the industry of the country has turned for relief from its dire affliction. Organizer Scullin, with his union labor credentials, and his invisible means of support, looks to us like a gift-bearing Greek. When we see in the chair of his praiseworthy "Peace Association" a factotum of that Mayor who has so bitterly denounced the Citizens' Alliance for daring to organize against organized labor, we are reasonably certain that the gift he is preparing to hand us is a hot one.

DANGERS OF THE EIGHT HOUR LAW.

The address issued by D. M. Parry, president of the Citizens' Industrial Association of America on the eight-hour law is a valuable contribution to the literature of the labor question, thoughtful, temperate and judicious. Mr. Parry sees in the agitation for a law pledging the Government to an eight-hour day on all work done for the national administration not only an attack on the liberty of the citizen but likewise a menace to the industrial supremacy of America.

The most telling argument against the legislation demanded by the labor unions in this regard is stated by Mr. Parry in the following paragraph:

"I wish also to call attention to the fact that to the degree eight-hour legislation is effective to that degree is the ability of our industries to compete abroad diminished. This means less production in this country and therefore the employment of less labor. Again, the artificial tampering with hours of employment in private enterprise inevitably means higher prices for commodities for general consumption. The cost of production cannot be increased without a corresponding advance in prices."

In a word, the unions demand that American labor shall be shorn of 20 per cent of its productiveness, and at the same time they desire to add 20 per cent to the cost of production. That is the spendthrift fashion of burning the candle at both ends, and it must prove disastrous to American opportunities for foreign trade. This country has got beyond the point where the home market was all sufficient to absorb the national output of manufactures. We are already selling goods all over the world, but the prime condition of that business is that we can produce as cheaply or more cheaply than our competitors. How long will that condition continue if we increase the cost of production by 20 per cent? There never was a business in the world that could stand such waste.

If it be urged that the bill only affects work done for the Government, the answer is that the disguised endeavor of organized labor is to extend the restriction to all classes of work.

Hearst will never have any difficulty in determining who was his original and most enthusiastic supporter for the Presidency.

SPARE NEITHER MAN NOR WOMAN.

Molly Maguire rules in Colorado. Not since the days when that name of terror carried its mysterious menace of violence, outrage and assassination to the people of Pennsylvania has a like condition prevailed in any American commonwealth.

We had occasion recently in these columns to enumerate a few of the crimes of violence and assassination committed by agents of the Western Federation of Miners in Colorado. In these outrages the victims were men. In the latest instance the agents of the Miners' Union have attempted to assassinate a woman.

Mrs. Leonel Ross Anthony is the publisher of a weekly paper in Denver. She is outspoken and fearless, and is quite as ready to tell the truth about capital as about labor when she believes that either is doing wrong. But it seems that in Denver no man and no woman is free to write or print the truth about the crimes of organized labor. The penalty is death, to be carried out by the hand of the assassin.

Mrs. Anthony had received numerous threatening letters—anonymous, of course, as is the cowardly habit of the slinking assassin—and in these she was warned that if she continued to expose and condemn the crimes of the Colorado strikers, her life would pay the penalty. To these warnings Mrs. Anthony paid no attention, and continued to tell the truth in her fearless way.

Mark the sequel. On Sunday night, January 10th, Mrs. Anthony answered the doorbell of her house in Denver. It was quite dark, and when she opened the door, the unknown agent of the union, who came there with murder in his heart, fired two shots at her from a forty-five calibre revolver. Fortunately the shots missed their mark, and less fortunately the murderous agent of the strikers escaped in the dark.

That was in Denver, the principal city of Colorado. The police report on the crime says: "From all the evidence we can gather from the surroundings, we are of the opinion that the man who did the shooting was some one not known to Mrs. Anthony, and that it was done for revenge with intent to murder."

In the issue of her paper, the "Polly Pry," following this attempted assassination, Mrs. Anthony explains the causes that led up to the crime, and she says:

"I do not know who shot at me. Aside from the antagonism these articles may have caused, I have no personal enemies that I know of. I have never tried to injure any man, woman or child?

What is my crime?

I have dared to tell the truth about some of the labor leaders who are trying to keep Colorado in a ferment.

That is all.

I believe that the plain American working man wants to know and ought to know the truth about the leaders who own him body and soul. The truth is not always pleasant either to him who hears or him who tells, but I am going to tell it, Mr. Workingman, and if you are the honest, sensible, self-respecting man I take you to be you'll thank me for it.

There is not one daily paper in Colorado that dares to tell the truth about the labor situation in this State."

The News Letter may add that there is not one "daily paper" in San Francisco that dares to tell the truth about the labor situation in California.

UNSANITARY RESIDENCES.

How little the public gets for the \$60,000 a year it spends on sanitation may be learned from the testimony of any one who has done his own "house hunting." Sinks that sicken with their stench, bath-tubs too filthy to wash a dog in, conveniences too profane in odor and appearance to be described, are to be found in outwardly decent houses in decent neighborhoods where the "To Let" sign invites inspection. Basements dank and mouldy, with rotting boards and the refuse of unclean years, and back yards that seem never to have been dry or clean, are even more common than defective plumbing.

Much of the responsibility for this state of affairs belongs to careless agents rather than penurious owners, since there are many non-resident holders of rented property and many who live here but do not take the pains to inspect what they own unless it remain too long unoccupied. The one class must depend and the other chooses to rely on others, generally real estate firms, to take care of the houses, looking to them to keep the income up and the expenses down. Not unnaturally, the renting agent is content to "let things slide," as long as he can keep premises rented a reasonable part of the time, and as long as the Board of Health does not bother him. And Boards of Health are generally too busy with doing politics and drawing salaries to nose around in houses about which there has been no complaint.

An easy remedy for what is an evil growing worse as houses grow older occurs to the News Letter: Let the Supervisors by ordinance make it obligatory upon the Health Board to inspect every vacated house or other building as soon as it is empty, and prohibit its further occupancy until it shall have been put into such sanitary condition as will satisfy the Board's inspectors. Prospective tenants will not hesitate to take advantage of such a regulation, either by insisting upon compliance with it before they move in or by reporting dereliction on the part of the Health Board.

This suggestion we offer not by any means as a full or satisfactory solution of the civic problem involved, but as a half-way measure that will help to make this a better city to live in while it is thrashing out its domestic difficulties. It seems to be feasible, and we think would be acceptable to all people who rent houses and most of those who own them.

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AS TO OFFICIAL INSPECTORS.

The Iroquois Theatre fire at Chicago has called the attention of municipalities all over the country to the various defects in city Government. The lack of protection to the public is apparent in many directions, and in San Francisco, as in other cities, attention has been called to the lack of proper safeguards to protect the thousands who daily use the public elevators. It is true there is a company engaged in insuring owners of buildings against loss, through damage suits induced by accidents. And in these particular buildings there is a rigid inspection of the service. This is a voluntary act on the part of the landlord and is a measure of self-protection.

There should be a municipal inspector of elevators whose duty it shall be to inspect all of these public conveyances. This appointment should be at the disposal of insurance companies and elevator contractors. A mere politician would do more harm than good, but an honest and energetic person who is thoroughly acquainted with insurance and buildings would be invaluable.

A step in this direction is sure to be taken after a terrible accident has occurred, and many have been maimed, crippled or killed. The city of San Francisco is guilty of gross carelessness in many directions in the care given the public. Hundreds of our elevators have not been inspected since first installed; many depend on the strength of one flimsy Manila rope, while others are utterly unacquainted with any attempt at a safety clutch. It is high time that those whom the public have entrusted with their welfare took so important a matter in hand.

There is a law on the statute books of this city making it mandatory on boarding house and hotel keepers not to turn off the gas at the meter during the night. The force of gas should remain on all the time, and the only protection afforded the consumer is to see that his gas fixtures do not leak and that the gas is used in moderation. This law was revived not long ago, just long enough to obtain "back-sheesh" from a few of the owners of second or third rate lodging houses in the poorer part of the city. Many of the fashionable apartment and boarding houses "north of the slot" are managed and owned by men and women of such avaricious nature that they hold life cheap and gas high, and to-day the law is a dead letter. This practice has been the cause of many deaths, and the law should be impartially and strictly enforced. Who is it that is so lax in his duty toward the public that one fashionable house after another flagrantly breaks the law and boasts of it? Surely some officer of this city is responsible for these deaths. Surely some one is culpably conniving with these proprietors of fashionable boarding houses to circumvent the plain intent of the law. Let each one pass it up; let us finally get to the Mayor, and ask him, in these measures devised for the public's safety, to see that the Czar-like power given him by the charter is enforced.

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Defense of Kaiser Wilhelm

The editor of the News Letter regrets that the following letter was not accompanied by the name of the writer. Anonymous communications are not as a rule accepted. The subject matter, however, renders a departure, in this case, possible. However, the editor is not responsible for the statements of the contributor.

Editor News Letter: The appearance in your paper last Saturday of a certain article entitled "William the Witless," by a certain somebody hiding his little identity under the pseudonym of Bec-de-Fer, speaks for the free, wide-open policy of the News Letter. Therefore, we trust, there can be no objection to the admission of an answer to the poor scurrilities of the aforesaid Bec-de-Fer.

Taking for his stock of "spit-balls" the sensational slanders of an angered, disgruntled "Countess," published by a renegade German in New York, and the slight unpleasantness between Dewey and Dietrichs at Manila, this parietic peasant expectorates stream after stream of venomous abuse upon the German Kaiser, whom he evidently considers as a personal enemy. It has been long since we have read so disgusting a display of the inflated ignorance, the narrow conceit and brutal blackguardism of the great American jingo. As a true American, in the name of true patriotism, we protest. We call for the merciless suppression of Becs-de-Fer and those of his kidney, clamorous creatures who have too long made us ridiculous in the eyes of enlightened nations. How long this herd of the Know Nothings still survives on the kindly soil of our country!

Germany and Kaiser-baiting have been a particular sport of late with certain English and American papers. The reasons for this we need not discuss—they are obvious enough to all who can see beyond a newspaper—trade jealousies, misunderstandings, lying telegrams forged in London or Paris, and so on; but, as one interested in the good-feeling that should exist between these three great nations, we sincerely deplore it. It is, however, not the fault of the Germans—a kindly, peaceful people. If we have lost their respect and esteem it is due to our yellow press yelpers and the frenzied fanatics they inoculate with their virus—the Becs-de-Fer. We know about this thing. We have studied both sides.

We know about that Manila madness and the rabies it engendered in the minds of the mob. Now and then it breaks forth, as in this case. The truth of the matter, seen from three sides, American, German and Spanish, and not through the hot haze of the high-strung hysteria of the time, was as follows:

Dietrichs did not "insult" the Americans, nor afterwards concede to them any "omitted" form or ceremony. The Germans stood firmly upon their rights—they were there to protect the interests of their countrymen from perils incident to war. After Dewey's cheaply-won victory over the ancient tubs of Spain, the victor Americans, jubilant, drunk with gore and overbearing, as is usual with victors, made themselves very disagreeable to the foreign vessels in the bay, particularly to the German. This was to have been expected from the usual American boast of being able to "lick anything afloat"; the everlasting "chip upon the shoulder," etc. But here Greek met Greek; Dietrich was not to be bullied; he acted

within the law. Uprises on his haunches, daft and delirious, every howling newspaper hyena in the land, foaming for war with Germany—and the small rats and vermin of the press cease not with the cry. Is it a wonder that the Germans have lost their liking for us, that they are "a nation that does not love us?" There is just reason for that; we have met their kindly courtesies and international tenders of friendship with the most ill-bred ruffianism and the outrageous sneers of our delectable journals. We tolerate our unutterable Becs-de-Fer when they mount upon their hind legs, and, waving great lengths of ear, give vent to their brays and battle-yawps! Let us be fair, let us divest ourselves of provincialism; let us be just; let us be Americans. We cannot afford to despise the good opinion of Germany, that land that has given us so great and so good a part of our own blood.

Our foaming friend's idea of Dewey's administering a thrashing to the Germans at Manila arouses a pitying smile. There we have the jingo in all his hideousness, his base and brainless belief that other nations would calmly allow themselves to be whipped for the increase of his glory. Does this festive tooth-Tartar think that in the unfortunate event of a battle between the American and German ships that Dewey would have got off so easily, if at all, as with the degenerate sons of Spain in their helpless hulks? Does he think that the Germans shot their guns with apple-dumplings or cabbages—or heads of Becs-de-Fer? Does he think that, like the poor Spaniards, they cannot shoot straight? Does he know that the German navy is as good and as large as ours, and that, despite jingo belief, its men are better? Does he know that our ships are manned by the depraved and vice-eaten riff-raff of all nations, who desert by scores at every opportunity? Does he know, on the contrary, that the German vessels are manned by clean, sturdy, healthy and patriotic sons of the Fatherland, trained and inured to the sea from early boyhood, with true German thoroughness? But why speak of thinking and knowing with this fine specimen of the genus jingo?

It is tough truth, but in every port of the world the American sailor has the bad name of a blustering rowdy and ruffian. As for Teuton fighting qualities, the last great modern war, we believe, is not forgotten, when German arms triumphed so completely over the greatest military nation of that time—France. We rejoice that both Dewey and Dietrichs controlled their tempers; yet, had they not, an impartial critic could not but have held the outcome doubtful.

As for the launching of his hinder hoofs at the Kaiser, that, too, would cause a contemptuous smile, were it not so sad a sign of the dense prejudice and infantile ignorance concerning the personality of that much-misunderstood monarch. A monarch who, says Ray Stannard Baker (a real American) in his "Seen in Germany," "is not only a great king but a great man." We might cite Poultney Bigelow, or other Americans who have left their native ant-hills and come in contact with this wonderful and versatile ruler, or whose education extends to a knowledge of the German tongue.

The reference to scandals in the Emperor's household, to his designs on Cuba, etc., read like the maun-

derings of a feeble-minded Maori. The integrity and purity of the Kaiser's domestic life cannot be assailed with truth; it is too well-known; it is the clean wholesome life of the true German family. Wilhelm the Second is indubitably a genius among kings—he is truly the father of his people, and his wide sympathies, his culture, his tastes, his keen intellect, his aspirations, but above all the tremendous personal example of the man, have done more to make modern Germany the great nation it has become, than the influence of any other man save that of the Titan—Bismarck! It is not too late to recall the snapping, snarling things that were wont to dart and dash about the feet of that great man, as now they spit and snap around the heels of Wilhelm.

We hold it the duty of every one who knows better, of every American worthy the name, to let in the light, to suppress, where possible, "this coward brood who mangle as they prey"—who villify the great ones of the earth and engender animosities and hide their craven heads behind a Gallic pseudonym. Bec-de-Fer! We suggest that henceforth our furious maligner call himself Bec-de-Gaz, if he knows what that means in French. Excepting its allusion to light, it would indeed be appropriate. We delight in pricking these gas-bubbles, in destroying their bad odors of ignorance and tribal intolerance; it is a duty, a delight.

Let us clear away this rubbish and have air for a free breath or two. Let us reach out and rescue ourselves from the horrible brain disease of Bec-de-Fer, from provincialism, hatred and intolerance.

—A Countryman of Bec-de-Fer.

Mr. George A. Newhall's report to the Chamber of Commerce, as President of that institution, has been rendered. It is a long, interesting and exhaustive document. Mr. Newhall does not give himself due credit for many of the achievements of the Chamber of Commerce. Among the many benefits accruing to San Francisco through his efforts individually, may be mentioned the retention of the transport service for the United States Government, the decision to build a new customs house, and the agitation in favor of a merchant marine. Mr. Newhall is the style of citizen who is a benefit to the community, and his example, in strenuous public effort, should result in other men attempting the same course in public affairs. There are too few really good men who concern themselves seriously with affairs municipal.

Statements have been published that H. Lorentzen, who has a concession from the Harbor Commissioners for a public scales at Filbert street wharf, is in collusion with others for the purpose of graft. Mr. Lorentzen says no one is interested with him in the weighing on the city front. He pays \$20 per month rent for space scales occupy, and all the business done on the scales is obtained through personal solicitation. He does not divide the receipts with Spear or McKenzie. It costs \$100 per month for a clerk to attend the scales, while Mr. Lorentzen is out hustling for orders. The average weighing done over the scales when foreign shipping is moving averages 100 tons per day, so that a fair living is about all they produce. Mr. Lorentzen is a well known politician.

To those of us "who know," the following story is the howlingest joke of the year: "Strange," said Senator Foraker to Senator Lodge in the lobby Monday, "strange how sensitive Morgan is about the Panama ditch." "Yes, very. He couldn't be more so if it were his own alimentary canal."



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The Library Table



The Dynasts.

The Macmillan Company will bring out next week the first part of Mr. Thomas Hardy's dramatic trilogy upon the career of Napoleon. This volume begins with the threatened invasion of England, and ends with the deaths of Nelson and Pitt, and the triumph of Napoleon at Austerlitz. The second part will cover the zenith of Napoleon's power; and the third his decline with the restoration of the old dynasty. The English papers have had much to say upon this ambitious drama, with its formidable catalogue of 19 acts, 130 scenes, and a cast of historical characters too numerous to mention. The deep thought, the patient research, the dignity and power of the Dynasts will appeal to those readers who have a natural love for the philosophy of history and a genuine interest in the great Frenchman's meteoric career, but it is too profoundly metaphysical to be generally popular, or to lend itself, even in a modified form, to stage production. Indeed, the author expressly states that it is intended simply for "mental performance." Nevertheless, there are passages which might be rendered with fine oratorical effect. Such, for instance, is Pitt's soliloquy after the news of Austerlitz:

"Defeated—the Allies—quite overthrown
At Austerlitz—last week."—Where's Austerlitz?
—But what avails it where the place is now;
What corpse is curious on the longitude
And situation of his cemetery! . . .
The Austrians and the Russians overcome,
That vast adventuring army is set free
To bend unhindered strength against our shores . . .
So do my plans through all these plodding years
Announce them built in vain!
His heel on Europe, monarchies in chains
To France, I am as though I had not been!

Roll up that map! 'Twill not be needed now
These ten years. Realms, laws, peoples, dynasties,
Are churning to a pulp within the maw
Of empire-making, Lust and personal Gain!"

"The Dynasts," by Thomas Hardy. Macmillan Company, Publishers.

Fanny Burney.

Although Macaulay, in his review of the "Diary and Letters of Madame D'Arblay," left comparatively little for the gleaners who came after him, yet Mr. Dobson's monograph, admirable in every respect, gives us, surely, the last word upon the subject, while at the same time it demonstrates the excellence of the great essayist.

It is for what she represents, more than for herself, that Fanny Burney deserves a lasting place in the muster-roll of English letters. So well does Mr. Dobson tell his story that we can see the book grow under our eyes, and the career of its author unfold before us like the plot of a well-thought-out novel. "Evelina" is a novel that will never grow old, so vitally does it touch upon the clash of classes, and so keen is its satire upon those who try to shine in the social variety show in inverse ratio to their ability to do so. But whether the reader is attracted or not by "Evelina," he will delight in Mr. Dobson's monograph, for its own sake, and will thoroughly enjoy Mr. Hugh Thomson's illustrations in this handsome edition.

"Evelina," by Fanny Burney. With an introduc-

tion by Austin Dobson, and illustrations by Hugh Thomson. Macmillan Company, Publisher.

"The Mother of Washington," by Mrs. Roger A. Pryor, is a beautifully written and magnificently-bound volume. It tells the story of life in colonial and revolutionary times in an entrancing manner. There are numerous pictures not before published and the reading is exhaustive, well written and interesting withal.

The Macmillan Co., New York. \$2.50.

"Character: A Model Text Book" is a compilation of epigrammatic inanities. It is intended "For the use of preachers, Sunday School teachers, parents and teachers in training youth in the principles of conduct. Also for the use of young people themselves in acquiring a comprehensive basis for true living." The publisher says: "It will be impossible for any boy or girl who studies this book understandingly to become a bad man or woman, although they may not become great." There is a danger, however, that the reader may make a sudden break for an insane asylum after reading three or four pages, and the author and publisher should be restrained by the courts.

Hinds & Noble, New York. \$1.50.

"What is a Kindergarten," by George Hansen, is a brochure which explains the idea of the modern school for "littlest tots." He calls it "the battlefield of man" and "the underground of patriotism." The book is a thorough study and should be of interest to all mothers and to all teachers.


D. P. Elder and Morgan Shepard.

The reviewer is in receipt of a leaflet, author's copy, "Poems of Joy," by Alice Kingsbury Croley. The outer cover bears the title "Crickets Chirping." It is a delightful little volume of verse, and should meet with a ready sale. It is published by the Owl Press, San Francisco, and is dedicated to Ina D. Coolbrith.


Bibliographers will be especially interested in the reprint of a medieval romance, "The History of Oliver and Arthur," in a quarto edition of 300 numbered copies by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. (Special Riverside Press series.) The translation by William Leighton and Eliza Barrett is made from a rare German version of the early sixteenth century, which was made from the old French, and that in turn from the Latin original of an earlier date. In the year 1518 a translation in English was printed by Wynkyn de Worde, but no copy has been preserved. The new edition follows the chief characteristics of the original, being printed in double columns of black letter with rubrication throughout, and is illustrated with numerous engravings re-drawn from the old woodcuts of the original. It is printed on hand-made paper and bound uncut, with paper label.

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Society



Dear Bessie: Oh! what a week this has been, and I do not hesitate to confide to you the fact that I am on the verge of that complete exhaustion which the pursuit of pleasure sometimes—but not so very often in San Francisco—entails. We who are hardened, so to speak, have found it difficult to keep the pace, but some of the poor little buds have fallen in the race and been compelled to retire for much needed rest. The business of the week began with the musicale at Mrs. Jack Casserley's on Sunday afternoon; I took in an hour of it, having first had a cup of tea and chat with Kate Voorhies Henry. Her teas are very informal, but extremely pleasant. Alice, who was there with me, went on to Mrs. Harry Bates's tea, which she has since told me was the jolliest thing out—sissy, but very expressive. The Bender girls gave a tea for Polly Macfarlane on Monday afternoon—who talks of going home next week.

Next in line of charity affairs comes the performance at the Alhambra next Wednesday, which Mrs. McLalla is arranging for the benefit of her pet naval club house at Vallejo.

Frances Harris's tea was the chief event of Tuesday afternoon, when her engagement was formally announced, so there is another big wedding to look forward to. Gastronomy was helped along by the luncheon Mrs. Gordon Blanding gave at the University Club, and the one Mrs. Fred Tallant had for Elsie; and in the evening there was something of a division of attraction between the hop at the Presidio with the new set of officers on view, and the Coleman dance at Century Hall, where Christine Pomeroy and Lucy Coleman shared the honors. There were several luncheons on Wednesday, among them that given by Mrs. Ryland Wallace for Alice Sullivan, and Jennie Blair at the Richelieu for Gertrude Smith and Margaret Newhall, who seem to run in couples as motifs for entertainments, and later in the afternoon came the reception given Mrs. Taft at Century Hall; the J. D. Spreckels had a big dinner in the evening, from which the girls and their guests went to the Borel ball at the Palace, which was one of the best given this season.

Thursday was seemingly a card day, for there were several parties of them, including Mrs. John Simpson's, Gertrude Palmer's and the one which Bessie and Della Mills gave at the Cecil for Polly Macfarlane, and the pleasures of the day wound up with the dance at the Homer Kings. Mrs. George Pope's luncheon that day was for Mrs. Peter Martin, and was Mrs. Pope's first appearance as a hostess this season.

Mrs. Irwin's card party, which materialized yesterday, was for Mrs. Pacheco, who is here on a visit to her daughter, Mabel Tevis, and yesterday was Mrs. Eleanor Martin's second at home for her new daughter, Mrs. Peter; there were dinners galore, with the Assembly dance at night for a finish, and to-day there are the two weddings. And just here let me tell you something. I think I shall soon be telling you of another announcement, and probably the wedding of one of the sweetest and best-liked of last year's buds; in this instance it will take her away from us, and army circles will be the gainers by our loss.

Aunt Susie was among the elderly ladies invited to Mrs. Butler's card party last Friday, which she gave at her daughter's, (Emmæ Breedon) pretty lit-

tle house out on Presidio Heights. Have you ever been in it? It has the loveliest view of the bay from the back windows! I should love to sit in them all day. They played seven-handed euchre, and the prizes were quite handsome. The Wagner house on Jones street has been taken by the recently arrived Mr. and Mrs. Chanslor, who have decided to remain here, and as Mrs. Chanslor is, I hear, fond of entertaining, she will be a welcome acquisition. She gave a big card party this week at the Palace, where they are at present. Apropos of cards, they are increasing in popularity as the season draws near its close; among the parties on the tapis are Mrs. Hopkins's at the Richelieu, two that Kate Dillon is to give on the third and thirteenth of February, and Mrs. Ed. Dimond gives one on the eleventh. There are yet others to be announced, and when one hears of them one is apt to think the cards have it, then luncheons pop up and seem to be in the ascendant. Among others, Mrs. Peter Martin is in line for the usual run of them; Mrs. Walter Martin has had one already for her sister-in-law; Mrs. Pope, also, had one for her sister-in-law, and Jennie Blair is to give one for her next Friday.

Mrs. Casey and Kate Dillon give luncheon parties on the ninth and eleventh of February. Music is not being neglected in the crowd of other affairs, and the Twentieth Century Club's second concert comes off at Lyric Hall on the fifteenth.

There was much disappointment felt at Secretary of War Taft's decision to hurry on East and not wait here for the review of the troops which had been planned in his honor, because reviews are always exciting affairs, and they are so very rare hereabouts. Then, too, there had been several invitations to little luncheons and "cups of tea" at quarters in the Presidio contingent upon the review which of course turned to Dead Sea fruit upon our lips when it was given up. Amy Long, who was at Piedmont during her mother's absence in Honolulu, has gone back to her home in Washington City, but I understand that both she and Colonel Long are to be here in two or three months on their way to a tour in the Orient and the Philippines. Millie Ashe Sewell is here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Ashe, and is already the motif for entertainment. I have not seen her yet, but hear she is looking fine. The Hobarts are coming back, I hear, and it is said will soon be with us again.

—Elsie.

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List of arrivals at Hotel Rafael: J. T. Bowers, Mrs. E. S. Ciprico, Miss F. D. Pratt, Dr. G. S. Millbury and wife, L. M. Upton, Mrs. S. Phillips, Miss M. Phillips, Mrs. E. Bass, Mabel Bass, Mrs. F. Stark, Miss Stark, Dorothy Wood, Bernardine Becker, John Porter, wife and daughter, Miss Bool, W. M. Bool, A. L. Stearns and wife, Mrs. George Riddell, Virginia Braston, S. D. Braston, Mrs. F. B. Cranston, George H. Cutts, E. Herrick Brown, W. A. Allen, Mrs. M. Grogan, Miss E. McGuipe, Miss M. A. McGuire, W. A. Gates and wife, Frank R. Wehe, Henry Gage, N. J. Pickle.

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The California State Conference of State Charities and Corrections will hold its third annual session in San Francisco February 21st, continuing for three days.

Mrs. H. N. Cook, now on a visit to the Orient, was in Yokohama on the 7th inst.

It was like the gaiety of mid-summer at Hotel Del Monte last Friday evening, when the officers and their ladies of the 15th U. S. Infantry gave a reception to Colonel Henry C. Ward and Mrs. Ward. The attractive halls, parlors and ballroom of the hotel were elaborately decorated with greens and the flowers that grow the year round in the surrounding grounds. The very elaborate evening gowns of the ladies and the striking uniforms of the army men combined to form a most charming spectacle. Over eighty officers were present, coming not only from the army barracks at Monterey, where

Colonel Ward commands, but from all the army posts about San Francisco. The music was excellent and the special arrangements made by Manager Snell for the occasion were the cause of favorable comment from all guests. The affair was under the general direction of Captain H. A. Smith, Adjutant 15th Infantry. Among the officers and ladies in attendance were Colonel Henry C. Ward and Mrs. Ward, Colonel and Mrs. E. B. Pratt, Major and Mrs. Charles Lieut. St. J. Chubb, Major and Mrs. Wm. Lassiter, Major and Mrs. Van Vliet, Chaplain and Mrs. Joseph Clemens, Captain and Mrs. Schorffel, Captain and Mrs. Edward Lloyd, Captain John Cotter, Captain and Mrs. William N. Blow, Captain and Mrs. Willis Uline, Captain and Mrs. H. A. Smith, Captain and Mrs. William Brooke, Captain F. M. Savage, Captain C. H. Bridges, Captain and Mrs. T. R. Harker, Captain Bryan Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sargent, Mr. Francis McComas.

The illuminated cover of the invitation to the Mardi Gras Bal Masque (at the Hopkins' Institut of Art on Tuesday evening, February 16th) is a dainty affair. It represents Art in the guise of a butterfly coquetting with a Pierrot. The Pierrot carries the tradiional guitar. The colors are a pale lavender and yellow. The third page gives a list of names of the Executive Committee, Music, Decoration, Floor and Reception Committees.

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BRUTE FORCE IN FICTION

BY ERMENTINE INGLE LONG

After reading Mr. Millard's review of Jack London's last book, "The Sea-Wolf," one gets the impression that brutality, sledge-hammer language, and elemental force, are the characteristics one hopes and looks for in modern fiction. Is it, then, so much worth while to get back to primitive man? Do centuries of hard endeavor to get away from him count for nothing? At the best he is here, close under the skin, ready to reveal himself in all his primeval attributes, at the first unguarded moment. Why hark back to the animal? Is the creature so inviting, so resistless in his magnificent brute strength that one must admire, owing to the feeling of kinship overly strong at the moment?

It is conceded willingly and with enthusiasm that London's speech is powerful, that he goes straight to the point, that he deals with men and things as they are. Could he not give us that force, that virility, without the brutality which seems a salient part? Other writers have written strong books, their intensity carrying one breathlessly from cover to cover; their strength and directness calling upon the keenest emotions of the reader.

Do we want an American Zola to show us the unlovely side of ourselves? Granted that "women squealing like pigs under the butcher's knife" is strong, is that the kind of strength we want that our fiction may be enjoyable? It is true that London's style has the force and directness of Kipling's, the writer who never wastes a word, who gives you a chapter in one sentence. Kipling's strength, however, does not degenerate with brutality. He has, what London has not yet developed, a saving grace of tenderness in the inmost soul of him, which reads human nature to the core. The reasons for reading books are many; but certainly the book has not failed in its mission, whether an intentional one or not, which leaves the reader with better courage to make the desperate fight between good and evil which most of us wage in this warring experience called life. Brute force does not triumph at the end; the man in his primitive strength falls back helpless before the unconquered soul, whose indomitable spirit will not down, though body be broken.

It were a thousand pities if the "divine spark" which is undoubtedly Jack London's birthright should be dimmed in the lower levels. His strength, directness and purity of style will avail him nothing later on unless he finds the heart that beats in the midst of humanity. The analysts, who dissect one's innermost emotions and pry into the thoughts which might have been thought, are not the writers who appeal to full-lived men and women. They write for the introspectives, the motive-seekers, whose blood runs thin and cold in their veins.

Books have been written; and Gilbert Parker's "Right of Way" is one, where the interest holds to the last page. The desired qualifications are there, strength, directness, and more than all, a knowledge of the weakness and aspiration, the despair and hope of a man's soul, which catches at one's heart-strings and brings the tribute of a sigh and wish for something better in one's own ongoing.

Here is a man deliberately throwing away his soul, and then, given the chance, of fighting desperately against overwhelming odds to regain it. He comes from the battle broken and shattered, but triumphant, though victory is dearly won, and no reward follows. With such a book, the "red blood"

has more than one opportunity to thrill, but beyond the thrill is the stimulus which comes from following the struggles of a fellow-being through the storm and stress of an existence sufficiently human to be possible. To find the right thing and hold fast to it, to face the "bludgeonings of chance," and not to be afraid, to stand firm against all opposition, is to possess a strength and force which is the best of incentives. It is a courage far greater than the brute force we are told is so admirable, and the man who is close to the animal shows us no way out of conditions with which we may be hopelessly struggling. The book which comes closest to us, thrill or no thrill, is the one which shows human nature as it is, and following the showing, points a way and gives an impetus to our own aspirations and the dire endeavor of daily life.



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Poor San Francisco made her prayer,
 With a diffident, tremulous sigh,
 To a man who had promised to treat her fair,
 A big, dark man whom she called her Mayor,
 But he answered her plea with a vacant stare,
 And he winked the other eye.

Oh, the years we waste and the tears we waste,
 And the excellent things we planned,
 Belong to the trickster who knew how to lie,
 And now we knew that he knew how to lie,
 And we thoroughly understand.

The case of Attorney Hanlon, against whom one of the morning papers brought wrongful accusations, is a welcome variation of our usual forensic proceedings. The attorney is vindicated (that is very good news) for most of them are badly in need of vindication; the yellow press is sufficiently condemned—confusion to the yellow press! But Judge Troutt, delightful, urbane, rhetorical Judge Troutt! He may be a little shaky on probate, but in smooth oratory of the later classical or post-Ciceronian variety he has "few peers and no equals," as the Irish toast-master said of the late General Barnes. "Your respect for the honorable profession to which you belong, your respect for the Courts of Justice, as well as your innate moral sense, would restrain you from violating the solemn obligation you assumed when you were admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of our State many years ago," said Judge Troutt, and he never winked once.

One Gratiano managed to get himself shot in Oakland last week, and ended his life miserably in the Fabiola Hospital. Gratiano managed very badly. He should not have had the bad taste to possess a name of such merry significance if he could not make better use of it. A Gratiano dead and in Oakland. Why, the thing is absurd. He should be alive, fat, with creases of good humor in his cheeks. As well talk of a thin, teetotal Falstaff as of a dead Gratiano. It is an absurdity, a travesty not to be tolerated, and the Health Officer should be enjoined from signing a death certificate under that name.

Why should a professor of mechanics receive any more consideration than other people, and why should the President of the State University interfere and save a member of the faculty from the punishment which he would have had to undergo had he been merely an ordinary person? These questions, which are agitating the public mind at Berkeley, are not capable of a satisfactory answer. It appears to be another case of gross favoritism. If Professor Wright had not commonsense enough not to practice shooting in such close proximity to the college grounds, a little education will do him no harm in spite of his training as a specialist in mechanics. How unfortunate it is that the present regime at the University should always give the impression that there is one sauce for the goose and another for the gander?

So vermilion is to be the color of the buildings at Berkeley. It is a good idea. The place needs lots of blushing for, and as the President won't do it, it is just as well that the buildings should.

High doings in the Oakland literary set engage the attention of the public nowadays. Herman Whitaker has managed to get himself arrested for carrying concealed weapons, and his case furnishes a beautiful example of the consistency of the local police. The road which Whitaker had traveled is notorious for the number of violent attacks made on pedestrians; in fact, its reputation is so bad that the policeman who made the arrest declined to leave his beat to investigate the origin of a cry of murder which he had heard a few minutes before. He had no hesitation about arresting the writer, however. The moral appears to be that in traveling Oakland roads you must chose between being beaten to death and arrest.

..And so we are to have a combination of undertakers, grave-diggers, hack drivers, florists, and Methodist ministers, all for the purpose of putting an end to funerals on Sundays. A glance at this formidable list of employments shows the economic importance of the Grim Reaper. To abolish death would, like the abolition of alcohol, go a long way towards upsetting our trade arrangements. There seems to be some reason in this restriction of funerals on Sundays, apart from the fact that Sabbath burials tend to curate's sore throat.

Why do the Presbyterians build their new churches to look like financial institutions? Dr. Hemphill's Church would make an excellent Stock Exchange. It has all the qualities of squareness and solidity which should inspire confidence. The solidity of the Doctor's discourse may be epitomized in the structure, but a touch, a slight touch of grace would not be amiss in either. The new First Presbyterian church at Alameda is being constructed on similar lines, and would pass for a substantial bank. It is somewhat of a pity, for we have architects capable of beautiful work.

If ever a man deserved good luck it is George Sterling, and the fact that he has gained applause for his first volume of poems is one of those events which occasionally happen to brighten the gloom of this miserable world. He is a prince of good fellows, kind and modest, and possessed of genuine poetic force withal. It is pleasant to get away from the dirt and slime of our local life and find some quality which will give us a position in the world of men. If every one did as well for the State as its authors and artists, we should need no advertisement.

"We are carrying out the rules of the Civil Service, we are striving for purity," said the genial Mayor, as he flung out a number of trusted old servants of the public and thrust in his satellites. "Yes you are, like —" said the Devil, as he looked up wistful and eager. Seeing how fat the Executive was growing, and noting regretfully the evidences of his robust constitution, Satan retired discomfited, and worked off his feelings in banking his fires.

A diamond thief is said to be operating on the Oakland theatre boats. He must be a pretty bold sort of a thief, but I don't believe he can make anything. The Oakland theatre-goers travel in couples, and sit so close together that not even a pickpocket could get his hand between them. As for stealing a diamond stud out of a man's shirt bosom, that is pure nonsense—there is always something else in the way.

Oakland has passed its garbage ordinance. Amid a scene of confusion, such as that which marked the entrance of Charles I into the House of Commons, Citizen Evans protested against the rule of stinks. Dornin, however, as champion of the smells, set a policeman on Evans, and the latter talked back. Language and odors alike were worthy of the occasion.

How San Francisco Looks to Me

By Fernand Travers, Tourist

No. 9

Really, don't you know, I am feeling quite flattered. I started in to tell you what I think of San Francisco, and San Franciscans, and how they could both be improved, and it seems to me that every one tumbles over the next fellow to follow out my ideas. I don't think that it is so much the News Letter as it is I, Travers. Even the public press, vulgar as it is, has accepted my ideas. The better class of Americans, if there is such, to say nothing of the residents of your town, always recognize quality and follow it and adore it, and since I am the better class, I think I may take some credit and allow the News Letter a little, that I have started the movement for the beautifying of your city. As soon as I had explained what my ideas were as to making your city pretty, your people got together and held a meeting, and really their zeal is commendable and most highly praiseworthy, and if I remain here a sufficiently long period of time, I think I can wake you chaps up. Of course they will call me into their councils and I shall tell these advocates of a city beautiful just what they should do. I can't say that I want to pose as a missionary out here, but really you have so many untamed Ingomars in your so-called social circles that I am doubtful if even English Parthenia could tame them to the point where they would recognize the necessity of not wearing fair leather shoes with a Tuxedo coat. It is all a question of ancestry. The forebears tell! I find out here amongst you folks scrupulous regard for the ancestry of horses and dogs, but when I try to find out who is who, why, no one knows. You have form, books and pedigree books, but I failed to make one of your prominent bankers understand the other day the value of De-bretons. Of course, I know that everything out West is crude and new. You have no antiquities, no good old families, and no halls or country-seats. Ivy on the walls out here is as much a stranger as is a fellow in decent society who eats his fish with his knife. By and by, if you will only settle down, I really think your charming women will make men out of you. Over in England, we say it takes four generations to breed a gentleman. I think in my own mind, I do really, that you ought to do it here in two generations. The first lot of youngsters should be learned that they can't eat with a knife or bite off the end of their soup spoon or call for champagne with the fish, or smoke on the streets when with ladies, or carry their gloves in their hands, or masticate gum in public, or leave the opera between acts to mingle the dram with the drama, or that a top hat can't be worn with a sack coat, and that Oxford shoes with ribbon bows is not the proper caper for full dress. That a Tuxedo coat is solely for a bachelor affair, and that a dress coat is imperative when you dine where ladies are present. That there is a holy commandment that you cannot wear jewelry with an evening suit any more than you could get Roger to give me my patent leather shoes in a squeaking condition; that cigarettes are simply an abomination for the smoking room, and only about two whiffs is permissible then; that scent on a man is unpardonable, and that the odoriferous effect of the hired barber chap is disgusting. When the first lot of your youngsters have learned these things, they will know a whole lot more than their fathers do, and I think that they would learn the second generation. Do you

see? And the seconders would be half decent then, anyhow. Of course, I have not noted all the bad manners I have seen among your men, but I have suggested that the boy children be taught better, and I have noted a few of the coarsest, most obtrusive and unordered, as well as the most common, breaches. The really finer manners of my class can only be acquired after a long association with well-bred personages. I think you are a hopeless mess in this respect. You are too old to learn, don't you know? And I can't learn the whole lot of you, anyway. I am charmed with your San Francisco women. They are far ahead of your men in style and manners, and I am really half afraid of some of them, but the question of ancestry would save me anyway, and if I married an American, my ancestry would cut me off with a shilling. No, nothing serious, don't you know, in the matrimonial line about Travers.

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At the Columbia, the "Chinese Honeymoon" is having a good run. The music has been likened to that of a three-ringed circus, and it is presumed that the author intended to be heard in all parts of the house. The loudness of the orchestration makes it necessary for the vocalists to strain themselves to be heard. Occasionally one of them gets the best of the orchestra. This must, under the circumstances, be a source of great satisfaction to the entire company. Fi Fi, the diminutive waitress at the hotel, is the life of the show. Mr. W. H. Clark (the Emperor Hang-Chow) has a voice in keeping with his stature. It is a cross between a megaphone and the baser notes of a syren. The stage setting is fine, and the Chinese elements in this play lend themselves very happily to beautiful effects. The "Samuel Pineapple" of Mr. Henshaw is good.

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"The Masqueraders," as given by the Alcazar Company, is the strongest piece of acting in the city this week. The first and second acts lead up to the climax in the third, and the fourth is an anti-climax. The third act is tremendous in power. The play is one that makes for good moral tone, and there is just enough of the salacious in the dialogue to give zest to the performance. I have rarely seen anything better than the scene between David Remon, Sir Brice and Dulcie Larondie. Volley after volley of applause greeted this gifted trio, and it was well deserved praise. Harry Hilliard's "Montague Lushington," a most difficult part, was well carried. In the part of Eddie Remon, Mr. Maher showed a wonderful faculty for character work. Mr. Maher is a constant surprise. He is most versatile. The work of Miss Block (Dulcie) where she arraigns the immorality of man, is a piece of sustained emotional acting that stamps her as a star of the first magnitude. In the last act (which, by the way, is an incongruous end) Mr. Durkin falls a little short of the character. He is slightly too lachrymose. This should not be subject to great criticism, as the part calls for unusual emotional power and it is doubtful if the lines will permit any other construction.

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David Rossi's dramatization of Mr. Hall Caine's "The Eternal City" is the go at the California. Any of the Liebler productions may be depended upon as first class. It is a pity, however, that the stage limitations are such that this play cannot be given better setting. The California is a poor place for a good show.

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"The Beauty Shop" continues a prime favorite at Fischer's Opera House. Miss Helen Russell's singing is appreciated by the large audiences. Peachey is singing into popularity, and Georgia O'Ramey is a great favorite. This little girl is very clever. Allan

Curtis's enunciation is improving, and it is hoped that by 1905 he will be able to speak plainly enough to be heard in the fifth row, back. Kolb and Dill continue to excite the risibilities of enthusiastic audiences. It occurs to me that it is a mistake to substitute a new play for "The Beauty Shop" while it is still enjoying such prosperity.

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"David Harum" and its quaintness as a story or play, still holds large audiences at the Grand Opera House. While this play is not given with much artistic finish, yet it is most enjoyable, and Mr. N. H. Turner is a conscientious, painstaking actor.

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At the Orpheum, the Rays, Johnny and Emma, are easily the king-pins. They hold their friends, and are making new ones daily. There is a roar of laughter from first to last. The rest of the company is a fine one and very evenly balanced.

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Rivela's Band at Lyric Hall should draw a large crowd to-night. The Sextette renders Lucia in a fine verve, eliciting salvos of applause. San Francisco has an unusual opportunity of showing its appreciation of fine musical talent. Rivela was formerly Ellery's leader, and has culled the best of talent from the aggregation formerly under Ellery.

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Johnny keeps right on marching at the Tivoli with no abatement in popularity. The house is crowded nightly, and there is the usual enthusiastic audience to welcome Hartman and the rest.

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Wilton Lackaye has scored an enormous success with "The Pit" in Chicago. The receipts at the Garrick Theatre have averaged over \$1300 a performance and the length of the engagement has been extended from the four weeks originally booked to nine. William A. Brady will form a second company to tour other large cities, while Mr. Lackaye divides his time between Chicago and New York. "The Pit" is coming to San Francisco.

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Following "Quo Vadis" at the Central will come a revival of "East Lynne." Herschel Mayall will have the part of Archibald Carlyle, George P. Webster will portray Sir Francis Levison, and Eugenia Thais Lawton will sustain the dual role of Lady Isabel and Madame Vine.

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Again the Alcazar offers a play new to San Francisco. The romantic comedy, "A Colonial Girl," to be given next week, is by Grace Livingstone Furniss (author of "Mrs. Jack"), and Abbey Sage Richardson. It was originally played with great success at the Lyceum, New York, with Virginia Harned and E. H. Sothorn as the central figures in its delightful love story.

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"When Johnny Comes Marching Home" will enter upon the fourth week of a most successful run at the Tivoli Opera House Monday evening. During the extended run of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," the full strength of the Tivoli company is preparing for an elaborate revival of "The Gypsy Baron." This romantic comic opera by Johann Strauss will be staged in a manner hitherto unparalleled in San Francisco.

Ned Monroe, Harry Mack and Nellie Lawrence will re-appear at the Orpheum this coming week. They will open in their sketch entitled "The Two Senators," by Charles Howitz. The two Silvas, Stuart Barnes, Robertus and Wilfredo, Johnny and Emma Ray, and "Casey, the Fireman," will complete the bill.

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"Quo Vadis" holds the boards at the Central to crowded houses. The scenic effects are exceptionally fine.

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Guy Wilson and Nellie Daly-Moran promise an amusing comedy skit at the Chutes this coming week in "Who—Me?" They are said to be very clever entertainers. Dervin a renowned ventriloquist and mimic, will make his first appearance here, as will also a juvenile soprano, Florence Rayfield, known as "the little Patti." Mabel Lamson, the popular contralto, will be heard in new illustrated songs, and Montague's Cockatoo Circus, and Koplín, Fowler and Koplín, society acrobats, will appear for the last times.

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"Roly Poly," a new musical comedy and a satire on local society, is to follow "The Beauty Shop" at Fischer's Theatre on February 8th. It has an interesting and cleverly executed plot, with an atmosphere of jocality and song that drifts from the race track and south of Market to the final act on Nob Hill. Joseph Arthur's latest melodrama, "Lost River," will be the programme at the Grand Opera House the week beginning to-morrow matinee.

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Weber and Fields and their entire New York company, which includes Lillian Russell, Ross and Fenton, Louis Mann, Peter F. Dailey, will commence a two weeks' season Monday night February 8th. During this engagement there will be Sunday night performances and Wednesday and Saturday matinees. The prices will be \$2, \$1.50, \$1, 75 cents and 50 cents.

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The next Columbia attraction will attract much attention, as it is a joint starring engagement of Louis James and Frederick Warde. These welcome players will appear in an entirely new vehicle under the title of "Alexander the Great." It is a spectacular drama, and six massive scenes are utilized as settings for this story culled from the history of ancient Babylonia.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. Paul Gerson begs to state that in response to numerous requests he will on January 1st open a Juvenile Department in connection with his School of Acting, and has secured the services of a teacher of experience specially qualified for this work, Miss Lillian E. Muscio. One of the features of the department will be a dancing class in charge of Signora Matildita. In order that each one may have his or or address the Juvenile Department of the Paul Gerson proper time and attention, the class will be limited to twenty-five. Mr. Gerson will give his personal attention to every pupil. For terms, etc., call on School of Acting, Native Sons' building, 414 Mason street. The fourth of the series of matinee performances by students at Paul Gerson's School of Acting will take place at the California Theatre on Friday afternoon, February 12th. A brilliant programme will be presented. The school will be assisted by the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, this institution hereafter joining its artistic interests with the School of Acting.

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And as for Miss Shortridge, only the greatest sympathy can be expressed. Some unkind people—there are always the envious ones—have said they think she purposely egged on the row, so that she might be able to be in the reflection from the lime-light. Such a thought is unkind and unchivalrous. Moreover, it is so much the opposite of the inclinations of those who have heretofore made famous the young lady's family name that it is, of course, unworthy even a passing thought. The marriage of Mr. Bruguere and Miss Shortridge, it is now said, will be celebrated at an early date.

The young man is a very talented fellow. He will have a comfortable fortune, even if he is not interested in the hotel St. Francis, as was reported. Bruguere's money comes from his mother's interest in the Sather estate. She was a daughter of Pedar Sather, the banker.

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No one has expressed particular surprise over the discovery that Lunstedt, Grand Secretary of the Native Sons, is a defaulter. His defalcation was in the very nature of things. He was repeatedly re-elected to office; he kept his end up among the boys, and thereby spent more than he could afford; he was a good fellow to country members, and he was endowed by nature with a very weak character. No one ever thought of subjecting his accounts to rigid scrutiny, and he was enabled to continue his thefts undiscovered for years. The trouble with many fraternal societies is that they seem to consider it a reflection upon a financial officer to expert his books. The way to crime is made easy, so that the defaulter's tender feelings may not be hurt. Of course, Lundstedt will not be prosecuted, and thereby an additional premium will be placed on defalcation. I wonder if the Native Sons will risk hurting the haughty financial honor of other fiduciary agents, and will actually insist on balancing their accounts? If anything wrong is discovered, "mum" will be the word.

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The Lundstedt affair is so similar to McKowen's and McKowen's was so similar to Widber's, and his was so similar to Billy Vice's, and his was so similar to Billy White's of the Board of Works, one could but string out the names of the town's defaulters until a column was filled. All of them were "good fellows"; all of them went the pace; in every instance they were implicitly trusted; and in every instance, also, the very last men to suspect them were those from whom they stole. In all of these instances, also, it was shown that the defaulters had followed the very same plan. They kept false accounts, made forced balances, and thus imposed upon those who

were supposed to watch them. Their books were experted in perfunctory fashion, and it was not until long continued escape from discovery had made them careless that they were found out. Were not their superiors, or the people whose duty it was to watch them, almost as culpable as the thieves, in making the thefts possible by long-continued neglect of duty in carelessly passing over doctored accounts, or taking for granted what should have been proved beyond peradventure? Let me give you a tip. Always watch the man who handles the money—particularly when he is a "good fellow."

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The press reports say Livernash will hold his seat. That is characteristic of Livernash. He certainly tries to hold anything he ever gets his hands on. But what has become of our little Willie Wynn? He is said to be in Congress, representing the Fifth District of California, but no one out here can prove it. A terrible suspicion has spread in political circles that old man Cannon has suppressed our little Willie. There may be some truth in the rumor, for anyone who has met Wynn when his talking machinery was in prime condition knows that he could not be suppressed with anything less than a cannon.

The Supervisors' "roast" of the Board of Health fell rather flat. It deserved a conservative reception. Law-abiding citizens will, of course, support the Supervisors, or other public officials, when they are honestly trying to prevent or undo something illegal, but the Supervisors failed to point out anything illegal in the actions of the Board of Health. The latter Board acted in violation of the law in making some appointments but the Supervisors did not discover the illegalities. They simply made a general, condemnatory statement. I wonder if it is possible that because Supervisor D'Ancona's mother-in-law lost her job as matron; that Supervisor Payot's son-in-law lost his job as Sanitary Inspector; that Supervisor Braunhart's protege lost his job as patrol-driver; that Supervisor Alpers expects to get his brother-in-law appointed to poundmaster, and that Supervisor Brandenstein is in training for the office of Mayor—I wonder if these separations of relatives from the public crib really had anything at all to do with the righteously indignant attitude of the controlling elements in the Board?

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Martin Egan, late of Oakland, will be heard from again soon. He is out in Japan or China somewhere,



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camped at a telegraph station, waiting for things to happen. Martin was down in Manila for the Associated Press, but was ordered to the front as soon as the rumors of war began to assume the tone of probabilities. He should prove a valuable news-man in the event of hostilities. During the China-Japanese war, Egan, who was working on a local paper, went to the Orient on a venture, and sent back some of the best stuff printed about the war. Upon his return home, he went to New York, where he was given a splendid position with the big news company. Then he went to Manila to relieve a correspondent who fell out with the army push down there, and now Egan is again at the cannon's mouth. Yet it is said that nothing good comes out of Oakland.

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Another man bound for China and Japan is Harold Bolce, who was also a local newspaper man. His purpose is to discuss commercial conditions in the Orient for several Eastern publications. The eyes of the world are now turned toward the great and mysterious East, and any man who can tell an interesting tale of that wondrous land may find a ready market for his wares.

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Under the new regime, the City and County Hospital will be under the direction of an interne, elected as resident physician by the other internes. This is the most impracticable scheme ever devised in the interests of "economy." It has caused astonishment among the medical fraternity, and those acquainted with conditions at the hospital, and with the management of large hospitals in other cities, criticise it as being next to criminal in the opportunities it presents for errors that will result in the deaths of those unfortunates whose lives will depend upon the judgment of a lot of medical students. It is the duty of a resident physician to give personal attention to every case in a hospital, by directing the nurses and the assisting physicians to continue the course of treatment prescribed by the visiting chiefs. The "resident" is also frequently required to undertake capital surgical cases arising from errors of other doctors, or that may be brought in from the streets. The County Hospital receives hundreds of emergency cases every month. All these patients need the immediate care of competent physicians and surgeons. With a competent medical man at the head of the institution, the unfortunates may have some chance for their lives. But what will happen when a hospital with 500 patients is absolutely controlled by a lot of boys just out of college, without any experience whatever, and who are empowered by the Board of Health to elect their most popular fellow as resident physician? Will physicians of any standing, who may assist at the hospital, submit to the direction of a youngster who is always overcome by sickness at the sight of blood, and who loses his nerve when he knows he has a hard case? The surprising thing is that a man of Dr. Ward's executive ability should have ever consented to the new plan of running the hospital. But that is not the only surprising thing at the City and County Hospital. Elbert and McQuade are also surprises. The former was superintendent once before. Those who were forced to meet him in that capacity have not forgotten it. In a few months, at the longest, Dr. Ward's Board of Health will certainly have cause to remember that they were responsible for reinstating him. As to McQuade! Language is powerless in this in-

stance. His is the most inexcusable appointment charged against the present administration. He was known for years as the shadow and bodyguard of Martin Kelly. He deserted his old protector to follow Schmitz; not that he loved Kelly less, but that he wanted a job more. It is an even bet that Dr. Ward never saw McQuade. If he did, and then voted for his appointment, further comment is useless.

Dollmann's Cafe, at 328 Pine street, has been reopened by Mr. A. Dollmann. This popular place has been completely refitted and is being run in first-class style. It is conveniently situated, opposite the Stock Exchange, and enjoys the patronage of all lovers of good cheer. Mr. Dollmann is a caterer of ability, and his main claim to popularity is the exquisite knowledge of pleasing his patronage. A feature of the new place is a mercantile lunch served from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. Here for 25 cents one can have the best the market affords, including refreshment. In fact, a better quick lunch could not be desired.

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Financial Review.

The Passing of Whitaker Wright.

It is hardly correct to allude to the ill-fated Whitaker Wright as a "notorious promoter of wild cat enterprises" in connection with his tragic death in London, following on the heels of his conviction and sentence to penal servitude. "Wild catting" was a sin of his early life when operating in California some twenty years ago, at a period when the Golden State was just far enough away from the Eastern financial centers to afford safer opportunities for milking the public than it does in these days of more rapid communication. There was nothing of the wild cat order about the Lakeview Consols. These Westralian mines were inordinately rich, and for years their bullion product was sufficient to justify the high prices which ruled for the shares. Where Wright and his associates make the mistake, ending with a smash in the market which enriched a bear clique and brought financial ruin and disgrace upon the management, was in not keeping as closely in touch with conditions in the mine as he should have done for the protection of himself and friends. For months before the end he was operating over a loaded magazine and unwittingly went to his fate. His pride doubtless kept him silent upon matters which would have done nothing to help him out, and would only have made him a target for the sneers of a class who never forgive some phases of the manipulator's art which, when ignored, lead eventually to ruin for all, swift and ir retrievable. The break in the Lakeview Consols which demoralized the shares was brought about by a steady and powerful bear movement of weeks in duration. That Wright was the chief sufferer showed that he was not in the bear camp, and that the bear raid was successful showed that its manipulators knew more about the true condition of the mine than he did, until too late, and then all the money he and his friends could raise was insufficient to bolster up the concern tottering upon its foundation. The financial frauds which are treated judicially on this side of the Atlantic, do not prevail in Great Britain, where justice strikes all the harder when the accused belongs to a class the members of which are expected, from their wealth or position, to know more than the criminal sprung from a lower grade of humanity. There was something of the heroic about the death of this man, dying as he did without a word of recommendation and with sealed lips in regard to matters concerning his latter day experiences in London, which bore so heavily against him. These will now lie buried in the secrecy of his tomb. The attempt to implicate other members of the directorate in criminal conduct by a portion of the English Radical press, can only be regarded as a disgraceful exhibition of a discount to the low methods of pot-house politicians, which some years ago would have been quickly suppressed by an outraged public opinion.

The majority of the directors of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company do not like the attitude assumed by Mr. Miller, who has the laudable ambition to preside over the affairs of the company. We do not know Mr. Miller personally, but from the fact that he at least can boast of an intimate acquaintance with the manufacture of gas, and that his general reputation for

business probity and experience is good, his election should certainly be ensured by a large majority of votes at the coming election; that is, if they have any regard for their pockets. There is every evidence now on hand to convince the most skeptical that any change in the managerial department will not be for the worse. After permitting the impression to get abroad by the publication from time to time in all the leading papers of the city that the President's salary was \$25,000 per annum, they now condescend to enlighten people on the subject, to the effect that it is only \$18,000 per annum. This reduction in figures is satisfactory even if only in a small degree, being enough to keep the wolf from the door of the lucky incumbent. That, however, has no bearing upon the promised contest for control, and the hope can only be reiterated that the coming election will result in a sweep which will put the right men for once in the right place.

Pine-St. Market. The Comstock Market is a puzzle to dealers just now, its actions being diametrically op-

posed to the news from the mines. It looks very much as though the bears were being rounded up for more punishment, although the growling element on the street will escape as usual. Talk is their capital, fortunately for the market, and talk is but a slow method of depressing prices when it is not backed by money. That the market is guided by a strong hand, working toward some definite issue, is apparent to all acquainted with the ways of old-time manipulators. They are evidently working some coup, encouraging as they are in every way bear attacks which are working as usual into their hands, and to the injury of the unfortunates on the outside who swallow anything they hear as Gospel. Probably some light will be thrown upon the matter before long. During the week Ophir was placed again upon the list of dividend payers, after a lapse of twenty years. The amount paid was 25 cents per share, with more to hear from.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the French Savings Bank the following officers and directors were elected: Charles Carpy, president; A. Legallet, vice-president; Leon Bocqueraz, J. A. Bergerot, J. B. Clot, J. S. Godeau, Leon Kauffman, J. J. Mack and A. Roose. John Ginty was elected cashier.

At the annual meeting of the Giant Powder Company the old officers and directors were re-elected as follows: C. C. Bemis, president; L. F. Montegale, vice-president; C. H. Phillips, T. B. Pheby, T. B. Bishop, James Smith, and C. H. Crocker. During the past year twelve dividends of 50 cents per share were paid, amounting to \$120,000. Profit and loss

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At the recent annual meeting of the shareholders of the Oceanic Steamship Company, the following directors were elected: Claus Spreckels, J. D. Spreckels, A. B. Spreckels, Fred Tillman, Jr., W. D. K. Gibson, E. F. Preston and H. E. Bothin. The financial statement showed that the expenses for the past year were \$228,930 in excess of the receipts. The total deficit now amounts to \$1,734,259.

The Bank Commissioners have called for a report of all the State banks at the close of business on the 23d of January. Fifteen days are allowed in which to make their reports.

DEATH OF CHARLES LYONS.

The business community of San Francisco has suffered a distinct loss in the death of Mr. Charles Lyons of San Francisco. Mr. Lyons was a gentleman of splendid presence, and was well liked by all who had the advantage of his acquaintance. He was a native of London, and he had the cultured manner of the best citizens of the English capital.

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The more recent of the foreign and domestic entanglements which our self-sufficient President has involved the United States are a purpose in high political and commercial life to enjoin the Treasury from paying to the alleged Republic of Panama the bonus of \$10,000,000 on the ground that it would be illegal; evidence that negotiations were deliberately broken off with Colombia for a Panama Canal treaty so as to accomplish a pre-arranged scheme for the secession of Panama and the disruption of the Colombian Republic; the creation of the office of Minister Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Panama, and the despatching of such representative to Panama, before Congress had conferred the necessary legal authority; the setting of unlawful precedents in all directions; the severe rebuke and vehement denunciation of the President by Yale professors and leading citizens of New Haven for being false to his great trust and defying law and trampling upon the rights of the weak; the insult to the Chief Justice and Justices of the Supreme Court by obliging them to play second fiddle to representatives of obscure and unimportant foreign Governments at the President's reception given in honor of the court; the order from the President that hereafter representatives of foreign powers will be required to appear at White House receptions decked out in all the gold lace and glittering uniforms that they are permitted to wear by virtue of their office, and the announcement in spirit, if not in words, that the Constitution and laws of the United States were never intended to circumscribe or tie the hands of a wise, brave and far-seeing statesman as is President Roosevelt. But these are not all the "strenuous" things our go-as-you-please Chief Executive has accomplished recently for his subjects abroad and at home.

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The situation in the Far East is as dangerous to the peace of the nations in interest as a pine mansion would be with a dozen children playing with matches and gunpowder in the rubbish room. That war is inevitable no observer of events doubts, but where the first shock of battle will be felt is a problem which may be solved at any moment. Diplomatic negotiations between Japan and Russia have reached the point of honest pretention of the one candidly telling the other that it hasn't a particle of faith in the word, promise or integrity of the other. And a foolish Russian Prince, who is in a position of official and social life at the Czar's court, observed some days ago that "it will never do to recognize Japan as a really civilized nation and establish corresponding relations with her as are maintained between the nations of Europe." This insane thrust at Japan has stirred all classes of Japanese to a pitch of indignation that only war will satisfy. Meanwhile, Japan and Russia are rushing preparations for armed hostilities. China is exerting all her influence to postpone, at least, an armed conflict until her own internal affairs are upon a stronger footing. However, the Peking Government has given Russia to understand that in the event of war China will immediately place 200,000 of her best soldiers at Japan's disposal. England and the United States have assured Russia that they shall expect all the advantages in Manchuria that their treaty of commerce with China provides for, and the unqualified position of these two Anglo-Saxon nations in the premises is the one thing that is causing Russia to hesitate to cross swords with Japan. On the other hand, by accepting such a

treaty, the United States and England recognize China's jurisdiction over Manchuria, but which is in fact under the jurisdiction of Russia by forced occupation. That is to say, the United States and England have purchased something of China, but which is in possession of Russia. Japan proposes to war upon Russia for something quite foreign to the commercial interests of the two great Anglo-Saxon nations, but such war would, if Japan won, reinstate China in Manchuria, and allow the Peking Government to deliver the goods to the United States and England as per commercial treaty. It follows, hence, that the sympathy, if not something far more substantial, of America and Great Britain will be found on Japan's side, for, and only for the reason that there will be "money in it" for them. It is pretty well understood in diplomatic circles that for the last month, anyway, every move of Japan had the approval of the Washington and London Governments before it was made. And it is also believed that it is up to Russia either to fight or agree to withdraw from Manchuria.

A new issue has arisen in far Eastern affairs. Japan has adroitly taken possession of the Strait of Korea, and under more favorable circumstances the move would be considered a sufficient cause for a declaration of war by Russia. The Strait is so located that shore and island batteries will give Japan immense strategic advantages in a general way, and in particular as to a long stretch of Chinese, Korean and Manchurian coast line; besides, with the Strait in possession, or rather commanded by Japanese guns, Port Arthur loses much of its offensive and defensive importance to Russia, to say nothing of coaling and commissary stations for Japan, which the Strait will afford close to and between the main land of China, Korea and Manchuria and Japan. Japan has not taken possession of the Strait as a temporary military necessity, but to hold for all time. No doubt Japan would not have made such a move had it not been secretly approved by at least China, if not by Korea as well, and if by Korea it becomes very clear that reports of Korea's hostility are put out to mislead Russia. In this connection it should not be forgotten that there is a racial and religious thread running through Japanese, Chinese and Koreans, and that blood is thicker than water in Asia as well as in Europe and America.

Advices from the Latin American States through commercial avenues are not reassuring as concerns the future of our trade and traffic with those countries. The bitter feeling against the United States which the shabby treatment of the Republic of Colombia by the Washington Government engendered, is growing and spreading to all classes of people. Even in high social life the "Yankee" feels a coldness and stiff politeness which is irritating, if nothing less. It is said that Spanish and German influences are adding fuel to the fire for the purpose of securing the commerce hitherto flowing to the United States. It is reported also that European creditors of the South and Central American Republics, as well as of commercial companies, have given assurance that great leniency would be extended if the major portion of the trade interchange with the United States is diverted to Europe. The policy of the Washington Government in the Panama affair seems to be a breeder of anything but favorable commercial relations between us and our sister Republics of Spanish America.

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Sir Conan Doyle is renewing his attempt to enter Parliament through a Scottish constituency, having accepted the Unionist invitation to contest the Hawichburghs. Three years ago he tried for Edinburgh and was beaten—by a publisher, too. He has a stiff fight before him against one Thomas Shaw, a good scrapper. I suggest he call on Shedlock Bones and have him crack the combination. Conan Doyle's latest stories are so flat that the infusion of politics might gingerize them.

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There has been so much talk about beautifying San Francisco that it is time the Autocrank should have a word or two to say. The gentlemen who intend to improve the appearance of San Francisco could make a good beginning by introducing a little of their influence with the Board of Public Works and get them to pave Market street from the Ferry to Second street. Our main entrance to the city is a disgrace; with immense cobble-stones projecting in uneven layers, ruining many fine horses, and wearing on the axles of expensive vehicles—horseless and otherwise, and giving our visitor the impression, as he rides up Market street for the first time, that the whole city is in the same condition. A few dollars expended on this particular street would be greatly appreciated by the down-town merchants, as well as by those who have the best interests of the city at heart, and wish our guests to attain the best impression possible.

Automobiles as well as carriages are now being used in great numbers by sight-seers, and the routes covered by the chauffeurs on their "seeing San Francisco" trips are over certain streets and avenues. Invariably the visitor is taken along Golden Gate avenue from Market to Van Ness. In this locality, and even further on, the avenue is in a frightful condition. Then again our Van Ness avenue, the visitor is driven to view our grandest boulevard; here, again, especially between Eddy and Geary, the avenue is simply frightful; at the street crossings one is compelled to be strapped to the seat of his carriage or automobile to prevent being thrown out. The above are only three instances which I care to mention at this writing, but they are the most important for the street department to consider for repairs—which certainly ought to be attended to immediately; if not for the benefit of citizens, then it should be done to change the impression that is being taken abroad by the visitors of San Francisco.

To think that the demands for space in the enormous Madison Square Garden could not be met, at the greatest of all shows given to one particular line of industry, seems incredible, but such was the case at the big automobile show held in New York this week. Every available foot of ground in the big colosseum was occupied, and the show was one of the grandest successes ever held in America.

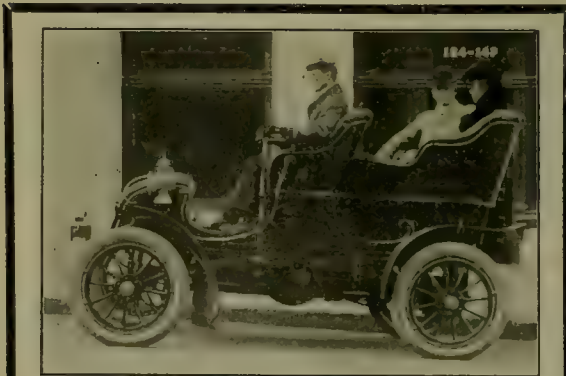
The big manufacturers could not show one-quarter of their models, and the majority less than half of them.

One hundred and eighty-five exhibitors made displays (15 of which were foreign) showing the enormous growth of the trade in the United States.

The attendance was the largest of its kind ever congregated at any exhibit given in Madison Square, the gate receipts far surpassing all expectation, and over \$30,000 was taken in for rent of floor space.

The daily press of New York devoted several pages daily to it, greater space even than has ever been given a famous horse-show, and has done everything possible to promote this industry.

The big hotels of the metropolis were filled with



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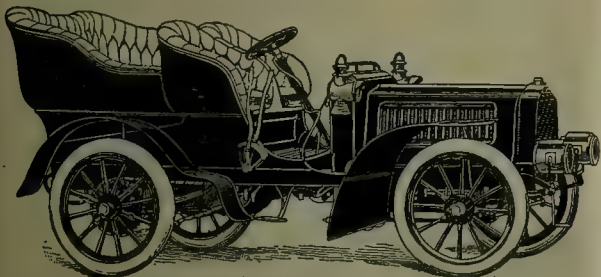
show visitors from all parts of the country, the enthusiasts were there to see all makes exhibited under one roof, affording them an opportunity to select a machine to their liking.

Such a show in San Francisco, even on a smaller basis, would afford the Western public an opportunity to become acquainted with the horseless vehicle and undoubtedly increase the profits of local dealers 100 per cent this year over that of last.

The New York Sun, in speaking of the show, has the following to say:

"Having started from 'scratch' about five years ago, allowing the mechanics in other nations of the world handicaps of from 1 to 4 years' prior start, the automobile industry of the United States has quite caught up. It has closed all intervening gaps and is now running with the 'leading bunch' on terms of even competition in the race for commercial supremacy. The fourth annual automobile show that opened in Madison Square Garden last night leaves no doubt about this. The great exhibition building is almost packed with big and little motor vehicles that equal in up to date appearance, general style and finish, the best of the foreign made cars, and that the American machines are the equal in efficiency has been amply demonstrated. This fact of the American manufacturer having caught up with the leaders in the industry abroad is the most prominent, important and interesting one revealed by the fourth annual show. The American manufacturers are no longer at school in the college of the European industry—1903 was their senior year. The present show is their commencement exercise. They have learned the foreign methods and the ideas that inspire them. They are employing them to a considerable extent, but there are abundant signs that the American industry has entered upon an independent career, which will no longer be hampered by servile imitation."

Mr. Fred A. Jacobs, one of the most prominent and popular automobilists on the Coast, who for the past two years has been connected with the National Automobile Company, has secured the exclusive agency for the Rambler automobile in Northern California. Mr. Jacobs has leased the large building at 10th and Market streets, formerly occupied by Thomas H. B. Varney & Co., and will use these handsome quarters for salesrooms and garage of the "Rambler." 1904 models of the Rambler touring cars, delivery wagons and runabouts will be exhibited at these quarters on and after February 15, 1904.



The 4-cylinder Toledo of 1904—"The Mile a Minute car."

A large number of automobile enthusiasts took advantage of the nice weather last Sunday and made runs along the Bay. A party consisting of Mr. Richard Mier, Mr. J. J. Spieker, Mr. Charles C. Moore, Mr. E. E. Stoddard, Mr. George Cameron and Mr. H. B. Taylor and guests, in their Winton touring cars

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Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marsh made a trip to San Jose last week in their French Arrow. While this was largely in the nature of a trial for the new machine, the course was covered in an unusually short space of time. The return trip was made in less than record time, although the road was very heavy.

On Sunday, Mr. H. C. Tilden and family joined a large number of automobilists with their French Arrow, in the usual Sunday trip to San Jose.

Mr. Thomas Magee has just brought to this city his French Renault Touring Car. Mr. Magee is one of the well-known drivers of San Francisco, but when he went East and took a few rides through Central Park and around New York City in Peter Martin's Renault Touring Car, he immediately possessed himself of this fine car. The Renault has the same engine as the Pierce Arrow Touring Car, both manufacturers purchasing their engines from the De Dion people. Mr. Magee will make his headquarters with the Mobile Carriage Company, the French automobile house on the Coast.

Mrs. Langtry, during her stay in the city, took many automobile rides in one of the elegant gasoline cars of the Mobile Carriage Company. While this lady appreciates speed when driving, yet she frequently reminded the chauffeur to "go a little slower, please," in viewing the sights of the Golden Gate.

In a letter recently received by the Pioneer Automobile Company from Mr. E. P. Brinegar, who recently attended the New York Automobile Show, we are apprised of the fact that several hundred Wintons were sold at the Show during the week. Mr. Brinegar visited the Winton factory at Cleveland, on his way to New York, also the Oldsmobile factory at Detroit, and in speaking of these plants, Mr. Brinegar seemed confident in the belief that the Oldsmobile and Winton people are in a position to make immediate deliveries, owing to their late improved facilities. Mr. Brinegar expressed himself as being more than pleased with the appearance of the two new models of Oldsmobiles, which will be on exhibition at the Pioneer Automobile Company's new garage sometime between the 1st and 15th of March. A new 1904 Winton Touring Car has arrived at the Pioneer Automobile Company's Garage, where it is attracting considerable attention.

Mr. Douglas Watson, who for the past eight months has been running a St. Louis Runabout, has just purchased a new 1904 St. Louis tonneau. Mr. Watson stated that he is very much pleased with this car, having completed several successful runs around the Bay, and on account of its extra light weight and great power has decided to take it to Europe with him next month. A carload of these new machines has arrived here.

The Jones-Corbin car which arrived a few days ago by express, has created a great deal of favorable comment, it being unquestionably the Frenchiest little car on the market. It is equipped with forward motors and double chain drive, and other French features. It is said this sporty little machine has wonderful power, and is one of the swiftest light cars on the market.

The well-known automobile experts and repairers, Lew T. Andrews and James Kuwan, have taken temporary quarters at 18 Fell street, phone South 394. They expect to have one of the best equipped repair shops in the West, when they are permanently lo-

cated, and will notify the automobile public as soon as they are fitted up. Until then they can be found at the above address, and will give all work intrusted to them full attention. They are skilled workmen, and have had experience with all prominent makes of American and many foreign cars, and will undoubtedly do well in their new venture.

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Political

The nominating of a Presidential candidate is creating but little excitement in Republican circles, but the Democrats are excited, and warring as though they had some chance of electing the man they may name, and would all get Cabinet positions as a result. While Hearst is getting the politicians in line very satisfactorily, he is having a hard time with the Labor vote, and even if he holds it until after the St. Louis convention, it will cost him hundreds of thousands of dollars. The Engravers' and Printers' Unions threaten him with a strike unless he consents to have his comic supplement re-engraved in every city in which he publishes a paper, and although he established the Los Angeles paper to help them fight Otis of the Times, they insist that he shall concede their demands, which means a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to him. If he abandons the supplement the unions will charge him with being an enemy of labor equally as well as if he refuses to have it re-engraved, and Hearst, least of all the candidates for the Presidency, can afford to be charged with being an enemy of labor, since his friendship for labor unionism is his sole stock in trade, and his only claim for being a candidate at all.

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Another embarrassment is the fact that the leaders of the unions have practically unanimously refused to go into politics as a body, or in other words to extend the Union Labor Party to the whole State. Hearst's plan was to have a State labor convention, I am told by one of his managers, to be held sometime in June, and indorse his candidacy for the Presidency. Such an action would, it is thought, force him on the Democratic party so far as California is concerned, and be a strong card to play before the National Convention. But all the leaders here say very sensibly that they do not believe in the unions as unions getting into politics, because if they do it would disrupt the organization beyond question, and the union strength is not enough to accomplish anything alone, without outside aid. The plan of a State Hearst labor convention has therefore been perforce abandoned.

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The scandal in connection with the news-stand at the Ferry Building grows instead of disappears, and the public is now asking why the Commissioners do not call all bids off and ask for competitive bids from any one who cares to bid? One thing is certain, and President Charles Spear might as well understand it now as later, that if his brother-in-law gets the contract under existing circumstances, the public will believe rightly or wrongly that he, Spear, is personally and financially interested in the contract. Is Spear willing to stand in that position before the public of California? Does he want the Legislature to investigate the matter, as it surely will? Can George C. Pardee afford to have his political manager connected with a scandal such as this promises to be.

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Mr. Faymonville, vice-president of the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, is about to leave for the Philippine Islands to investigate the conditions there from the point of view of an expert fire underwriter. If found favorable the Fireman's Fund will enter that field.

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An item in the daily press on the question of fire insurance protection, but serves to call attention to the unreliability of the Bulletin's knowledge. The item is as follows: "Ex-Fire Commissioner M. H. Hecht has sent a communication to the Fire Supervisors, calling attention to what he considers one of the city's greatest needs—a salt water system for extinguishing flames. During the four years Mr. Hecht was on the board this was one of the things he continually advocated. His plan is to have a pumping station at the foot of Market street, with mains running up that thoroughfare for ten or twelve blocks. Cross pipes could carry the water on each side of Market street, as needed. Such a system would be inexpensive, and in time of fire would be a great help to the Fire Department. Were such a fire as the one that destroyed the Baldwin to start the conflagration could be easily extinguished, easily paying in a few minutes the cost of construction and operation. The water could be used for flushing the sewers and sprinkling the streets when not used for protecting property."

This idea of using salt water or ocean water for fire extinguishing purposes and for flushing sewers and sprinkling streets has been tried so often in other cities that experience has condemned it as undesirable. A scheme to provide a sufficient volume of water that is pure and not salt to fight conflagrations with would be endorsed by the Fire Underwriters to the last man.

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Whether they would endorse a salt water scheme for fire protection is, in the light of past experience, very dubious.

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Salt water has the corroding elements within itself which destroys mains, hose and machinery, and plus this, will do more injury to a stock of merchandise by the gallon than fresh water will do by the tun.

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After the report of Fire Marshall Towe, in which he says that conditions are ripe for a conflagration in San Francisco, the question of a sufficient amount of water is timely.

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It is not, however, within the province of the layman to discuss this. It belongs to the Fire Underwriters and the Fire Department, and when they demand added facilities the public will see to it that they are provided.

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These discussions and suggestions are healthy at all times to the body corporate, for the sole reason that an ash pile represents so much lost material, and material being the product of labor, is wealth, and insurance only reimburses to the extent of the financial loss to the individual. The true loss is the labor and cannot be replaced.

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It follows, then, that any proposition calculated to reduce the fire waste is, whether perfect or not, in the line of advancement.

The change predicted in the News Letter in the local affairs of the Conservative Life has been made. Mr. Fred Bennion has been promoted to the position of the Montgomery street branch of the company. It is understood that the promotion was granted to and won on merit.

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The Adjuster, in its initial issue of the year, pays the News Letter insurance department a merited compliment, it quotes and credits almost an entire article published in the News Letter columns.

The question of national supervision of insurance is again up. H. R. 7054, introduced on the 11th ult. by Representative Morrell, is a bill for establishing a National Bureau of Insurance, and so forth. "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be, and is hereby established in the office of the Director of the Census and under his supervision a National Bureau of Insurance. The Director of the Census is authorized and directed to appoint a superintendent of insurance at an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars and two clerks at an annual salary of one thousand four hundred dollars each. The said superintendent and clerks shall devote their services exclusively to the business of said bureau. Said superintendent shall, under the direction of the Census, have supervision of all matters pertaining to insurance, insurance companies, and beneficial orders and associations doing business in the United States, or in any State, Territory, District, or insular possession thereof."

The part which is most interesting to fire and life insurance men is found in Sections 4 and 5, and which, stripped of verbiage, is:

"Sec. 4. That after the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and four, no person, firm, or corporation shall be allowed to transact the business of insurance within any State, District, Territory or insular possession of the United States until he or it shall have previously filed with the superintendent of insurance aforesaid a duly authenticated certificate from the proper officer or Department of Government of such State, District, Territory or insular possession or of some foreign Government, showing that he or it has lawful authority to engage in and carry on such business under such Government and within its dominions.

"Sec. 5. That no letter, postal card, circular, pamphlet or publication concerning the business of insurance shall be carried in the mails outside the State wherein the same is issued, or delivered by any postmaster or letter carrier outside the State wherein the same is issued, unless the transaction of such business of insurance by the concern, person or persons professing or proposing to operate the same is authorized by the laws of the State, District, or Territory in which is located the principal office or place of business in and from which the same is issued. Any person who shall knowingly deposit or cause to be deposited, or who shall knowingly send or cause to be sent anything to be conveyed or delivered by mail in violation of this section, or who shall knowingly cause to be carried by mail anything herein forbidden to be carried by mail, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not less than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, for

each offense. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section may be proceeded against by information or indictment and tried and punished in either the district at which the unlawful publication was mailed or in the one to which it is carried by mail for delivery according to the direction thereon, or at which it is caused to be delivered by mail to the person to whom it is addressed.

"Sec. 6. That any person who shall cause to be brought into the United States for the purpose of disposing of the same, or who shall cause to be carried from one State to another in the United States, any letter, postal card, circular, pamphlet or publication concerning any contract or policy of insurance issued by any concern or person which or who is not authorized to issue the same by the laws of any State, District or Territory, and which or who has not procured a certificate of authority to transact such business from the proper officers of any State, District or Territory shall be punishable for the first offense by imprisonment for not less than two years or by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars, or both, and for the second and after offenses by such imprisonment only."

This bill, if it becomes a law, will be the knell of fraudulent insurance schemes, and it is to be regretted that it is only aimed at this branch of business.

The Fireman's Fund Insurance Company has declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$3 per share, being at the rate of 12 per cent per annum. On Monday ten shares of this stock sold on the street at \$350 per share.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the California Insurance Co., the old officers and directors were re-elected as follows: L. L. Bromwell, president; M. A. Newell, vice-president; J. H. Anderson, secretary; A. Herman and F. W. Van Sicklen. A dividend of fifteen cents per share was declared, payable January 25th, amounting to \$900.

The forty-first annual meeting of the shareholders of the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company was held on the 19th inst., and the following directors elected: William J. Dutton, Thomas S. Chard, J. C. Coleman, John Bermingham, F. W. Lougee, John T. Wright, Charles R. Bishop, Bernard Faymonville, John H. Gardiner, W. H. Brown, and Arthur A. Smith. The statement of the condition of the company as of December 31, 1903, shows that the past year has been most successful. Assets increased \$656,232.77; re-insurance reserve, \$255,087.93; and net surplus \$355,396.98. In 1900 total premiums received amounted to \$1,900,000; last year they increased to \$3,300,000.

The Board of Directors organized by re-electing the following officers: William J. Dutton, president; Bernard Faymonville, vice-president; J. B. Levison, second vice-president and marine secretary; Louis Weinmann, secretary; F. W. Lougee, treasurer; George H. Mendell, Jr., assistant secretary; Robert P. Fabj, general agent.

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University Gossip

By the Undergraduate

A bran-new fish story is going the rounds at Stanford University. It has the merit of being true. A fish of bulky size and of presumed healthy appearance, was shipped to the campus the other day with a polite, written request that the thing of scales and fins be added to Dr. Jordan's already famous collection. The fish had been captured in strange waters, and was without a title, but it was earnestly expected that the learned Doctor would be able to name the species. Dr. Jordan happened to be en route from the East at the time, and in some unaccountable manner the specimen fell into the hands of the Chinese cook. Hop Sing took the note of explanation for a bill. He preserved that, but smothered the fish in gravy, and served it to the Jordan family for dinner. A few hours later, Professor Jenkins of the Zoology Department, who had been notified by card of its arrival, came to inspect the specimen. Investigation brought out the truth, and the Chinese cook was called upon to provide a solution of mustard and water for each member of the Jordan household. Professor Jenkins carried off the bones, but the species is still undetermined.

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The Stanford Glee and Mandolin Clubs, which have been touring through twenty northern towns, at a considerable loss to individual pocketbooks, as it turns out, are back on the campus with a deficit of a cool thousand to their credit. The boys stand good for several hundred of this sum, through their deposits, and a final concert to be given at San Jose in February will probably supply a few extra dollars.

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The faculty edition of the Chaparral, the Stanford comic bi-weekly, is to be brought out on February 10th. This is the first time in the history of the university that Dr. Jordan has stepped from the thorny path of literature to be a real live editor-in-chief of a funny paper. Dr. Jordan has been sojourning in the East, but he appointed his staff before leaving, and they, it is presumed, have most of the copy on file.

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R. W. Smith, from the engineering department, who has gained some fame as a writer for the Ladies' Home Journal, is a crackerjack at children's verse. Kellogg and Jenkins, from the zoology laboratories, are famed in fish lore. Professor Kellogg has a scintillating sense of humor that may produce some startling effects. Newcomer and Alden, from the English Department, are purists in style, and are considered in anything but a jocular light by the students. Clark, from the Drawing Department, will be in his element in the illustrating line, and Snodgrass, despite an entomological correction, is a cartoonist of considerable ability. The art staff is to be assisted by Miss Mary Wellman, a professional artist, who is fortunately employed at the University. Registrar Elliot and Dr. Angell bring up the van-guard, good for almost anything.

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Some of the students at Berkeley have been beating the street car companies recently by working rather an old dodge. It is in the "no change" racket. A student will hop on a car and hold out a ten or a twenty dollar gold piece to the conductor. In the majority of cases the conductor pleads no change,

and the student maintains his rights, argues his case and generally rides free. But the other day a twenty dollar man was held up by a nifty young conductor, paid back in his own coin, so to speak. The student held out the gold piece, as usual; the conductor shook his head and requested him to get off, change the money and take the next car. The student grew loudly abusive at this point, and insisted on his rights. The conductor argued for awhile, then changing his tactics, made a lunge at the twenty and captured it.

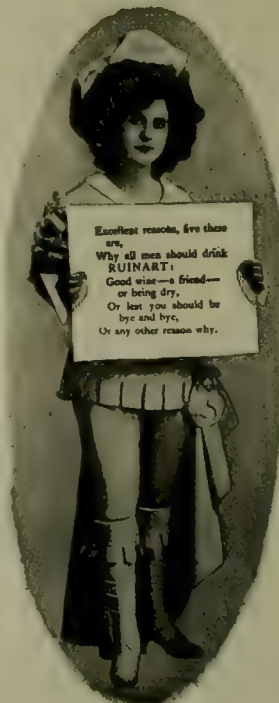
"I'll change it," he said, reassuringly. It was a long time coming. The conductor hailed several cars on the down grade and made exchanges. He finally handed the now thoroughly incensed student nineteen dollars and ninety-five cents in dimes, nickels and pennies. The student was forced to ride ten squares out of his way in order to count it. The conductor, in telling the story afterwards, said: "And I shoved in all the queers I had, too."

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The bill introduced by Senator Perkins providing a considerable appropriation for the improvement of the Presidio reservation is one in which every citizen of San Francisco should feel a personal interest. Naturally the reservation is one of the most beautiful parks included within the limits of any city in the world, but little has been done to improve on nature's handiwork. Senator Perkins proposes that this neglect shall cease, and that the national Government shall undertake to beautify and develop the indubitable potentialities of this picturesque ground which so long has been suffered to lie fallow and grow up wild. The action of Senator Perkins is right in line with the movement undertaken by a number of our public-spirited citizens to beautify and improve the natural capabilities that belong to this peninsula that stands by the gate of two worlds on a site that for picturesqueness has no equal in any part of the world.

THE FATHEADS' CONUNDRUMS.

Asked to explain what a buttress is, one boy replied, "A woman who makes butter," and another "A female butcher."

Teacher's dictation: His choler rose to such a height that passion well-nigh choked him. Pupil's reproduction: His collar rose to such a height that fashion well-nigh choked him.

A Job's comforter is a thing you give babies to soothe them.

A sky-scraper is an over-trimmed hat.

Political economy is the science which teaches us to get the greatest benefit with the least possible amount of honest labor.

An emolument is a soothing medicine.

In the United States people are put to death by elocution.

Gravity was discovered by Isaac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the autumn, when the apples are falling from the trees.

ANOTHER ABSENTEE PUBLISHER.

James Gordon Bennett, editor and proprietor of the New York Herald, is about to give for public use all of his property which lies between Broadway and the Boulevard Lafayette, north of 182d street, Fort Washington. To make arrangements for this park, which is to be dedicated to the memory of his father and which will contain a monument of James Gordon Bennett, the elder, he made his recent visit to New York. There is already a public monument on the property to commemorate one of the last important battles engaged in by Washington before he left Manhattan Island. The American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society started to raise funds for this monument and asked Mr. Bennett's permission to erect it on his property. He replied by offering to pay for the monument and since then has taken considerable interest in that section.

The park as proposed will be just across the Boulevard Lafayette from the upper end of Fort Washington Park, which lies west of the Boulevard Lafayette and extends from 171st to 183d streets.

The monument now on Mr. Bennett's property is at 183d street, and faces Fort Washington avenue. With the exception of Fort Tryon, the highest point on Manhattan Island is at this point.

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SUNBEAMS

(Stolen from Thieves)

Michael Joseph Barry, the poet, was appointed a police magistrate in Dublin. An Irish-American was brought before him, charged with suspicious conduct, and the constable, among other things, swore that he was wearing a Republican hat. "Does your honor know what that means?" inquired the prisoner's lawyer of the court. "I presume," said Barry, "that it means a hat without a crown."

Doctor—I know just what will help you. You must drink two cups of very strong tea every morning. **Patient**—I have done that for years. **Doctor**—Then you must stop at once.

If you ask a man for the date of his birth, he tells you only the year; if you ask a woman, she never tells you more than the day.

Young Woman (in a draper's shop)—How much is this muslin? **The Shopman** (gallantly)—One kiss the yard. **Young Woman**—Very well, give me ten yards. **Shopman**—That will be ten kisses. **Young Woman**—Certainly. Send the bill to my grandmother.

A judge, pointing with his cane at a prisoner before him, remarked: "There is a great rogue at the end of this stick." The man replied: "At which end, your hon'or?"

"The longer I live," sighed the sage, "and the more I learn, the more firmly am I convinced that I know absolutely nothing!" "I could have told you that twenty-five years ago," said his wife, "but I knew it would be of no use."

Kitty—So you have been to Paris. You must have had a nice time there, you understand the language so perfectly, you know. **Bessie**—Well, the fact is, though you'd hardly believe it, they speak such queer French there it's quite impossible to converse with intelligence.

Visitor—You haven't got half as nice a cemetery here as we have in Elmville. **Prominent Citizen** (of Hawville)—No, I've always heard that the cemetery is the only part of your town that holds out any inducements for permanent residence.

"No," he said, "I'm not sure whether my wife's Christmas gift to me was meant to please me or to humble my pride." "What did she give you?" asked the friend. "She had a crayon portrait of me made by an amateur artist."

You can judge a woman pretty well by the pictures she hangs on her parlor wall.

Mistress—I should like to know what business that policeman has in my kitchen every night in the week? **Cook**—Please, mum, I think he's suspicious of me neglecting my work, or something.

"We get along excellently together," he explained. "You see, he never borrows anything but trouble, and that's all I ever have to loan."

"See here," exclaimed the stranger as he stumbled into his twentieth puddle, "I thought you said you knew where all the bad places were on this road?" "Well," replied the native who had volunteered to guide him through the darkness, "we're finding them, ain't we?"

"After all, it takes a woman to drive a bargain." "Unless the bargain should happen to be a horse." "Huh! Did you ever hear of a horse that was a bargain?"

"So you think it is an advantage to a boy to be reared in the country?" "To be sure," answered Farmer Cornloss; "a boy has a heap better chance in the country. For instance, when a boy is surrounded by orchards and melon patches he can have the stomach ache without the doctor jumping to the conclusion that he's got appendicitis."

Congressman Cannon, while in Park Row recently, stopped to inspect the work on the subway. His attention was especially attracted by the large iron cylinder which is kept constantly turning over a fire for the purpose of heating gravel. "What do you make of it, Joe?" asked a friend. "Rolled pebbles," murmured Mr. Cannon. "Must be some kind of new breakfast food adapted for those Italian immigrants."

At the age of 21 a man knows a lot more about women than he ever will at any subsequent stage of his career.

If you wish to read a Magazine that is of interest from cover to cover read the February **OVERLAND MONTHLY**

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About 90% of the Cocktails now drunk are either Manhattans or Martinis; no good bar-keeper uses any bitters but "English Orange" in making them. The "CLUB COCKTAILS," Manhattans and Martinis, are made as they should be with English "Orange Bitters," are properly aged and are better than any fresh made cocktail possibly can be. A fresh made cocktail is like a new blend of any kind, unfit for use. Age is what makes a good Punch, age is what makes a good Cordial, age is what makes a good blended whiskey, age is what makes a palatable sauce, and above all age is what makes a good cocktail. These statements can be verified by any reputable blender.

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"Why do you still call her a fin de siecle girl?" "What's the matter with that?" "Why, since that means literally the 'end of the century girl,' is was only used in speaking of girls towards the close of the last century." "Well, that's when she was a girl."

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He—Think twice, love, before you refuse me. She—Why should I think twice? He—Because, my dear, a woman never thinks twice the same.

"I see that Planns, who was architect, is building a house for himself now." "Is he?" exclaimed the victim, "I'll bet he'll cheat himself."

Arthur Nelstone tells a good yarn about Umtali. It was on his last visit about the end of 1897. Happening to enter the first morning a well-frequented bar, a young man came up to him and said: "Hello, Arthur, how are you, old boy." Well, after he had chatted about old times, he said: "Things are awful bad here. I don't know what's coming to this place; we are all broke—a large bottle of champagne, Miss." Champagne was 50s a bottle then in Umtali. We talked on for some time of how poverty stricken they all were and I was just thinking of closing the conversation when he said: "Miss, another bottle, please." And that's how it was during my stay. They were all broke, but they drank champagne every morning.

Nodd—How is your orange grove in Florida getting on? Todd—First rate, old man. Why, in a couple of years from now I expect to have enough oranges to supply my table.

"What makes you think they are such rich Americans?" "Because they know so much more about other countries than their own."


Mother—Johnny Jones, did you get that awful cold out skating? Son—Mother, I think I caught it washing my face yesterday morning.

"Persons who are complaining that they had no good luck last year," remarked the Observer of Events and Things, "may console themselves with the thought that the figures in 1903, added, make thirteen."

Junior Partner (a few days after Christmas)—I don't think we ought to mark these goods down to such a figure as that. It's less than half cost. We can't replace them for double the price. Senior Partner—We won't have to, my boy. Nobody has any money now.

Ascum—Some people are saying that you made most of your money in politics. Leader—But others are saying that I made most of my money out of politics. So who are you going to believe?

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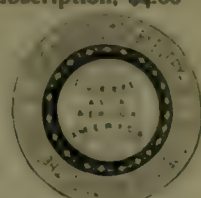
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In England the problem is not "How old is Ann?" but "Where is Mrs. Maybrick?"

By punching a dramatic critic, the husband of an actress has justified his existence.

Hands across the sea? Certainly, but if they wear boxing gloves we will know which pair to bet on.

Consignees complain that Russian wheat is dirty. The inference is plain—the Russians must garner their cereals by hand.

An unmarried woman in Des Moines has inherited \$3,000,000, but the fortune hunters need not trouble themselves—she is a nun.

Profound regret is expressed over the suicide of Whitaker Wright, the London swindler—regret that it did not happen about seven years earlier.

Ninety per cent of the missing men in London are married. And yet they talk of the down-trodden British female!

Footbinding is going out of fashion in China, but highbinding in Chinatown continues to keep the Coroner busy.

Young Mr. Vanderbilt is doing the mile in 35 seconds in his automobile. We recall that long ago he was spoken of as a speedy youth.

The ballet-girl always has been age-proof, and now they are putting her in asbestos tights to make her fire-proof.

Meat-eating, according to a leading vegetarian, is the cause of appendicitis. We always thought it was due to a congestion in the bank account.

"Fighting Bob" Evans suggests canteens on men-of-war as a means to keep the "jackies" from drinking deadly wood alcohol from the ships' paint stores. Now just watch what the W. C. T. U. does to Fighting Bob.

A foolish man in Connecticut, named Gillespie, wrote a letter to the press venting his disgust over seeing a woman kiss a cat. The lady president of the Connecticut Cat Club came back with the crushing rejoinder that there were worse things than kissing cats—kissing Gillespies, for example.

"Silver," says Col. William J. Bryan, "is no longer the paramount issue." Somebody must have told the gifted Nebraskan that Hearst's campaign fund is to be passed out in paper money.

Congress is asked to provide a summer residence for the President, and Representative Hearst yells that Roosevelt wants a palace. What would Hearst prefer—a harem, with silver bath-tubs in it?

Emperor Menelik is sending President Roosevelt two lions as a gift, and in the seclusion of one of his flats Hearst is learning how to say "sic 'em" in the language of the Abyssinians.

Jo-Jo, the Finn, whose beard grew all over his face, is dead, and now let's forget to mention him when we see a fellow-being with whiskers of the lambrequin type.

A yellow newspaper prints a picture of a lady whom a too gay army officer is accused of trying to kiss. If it is a fair likeness the officer's sanity is in doubt, not his morals.

Twelve thousand kegs of beer were poured into the North river at New York as the result of a brewery deal. The Schuetzen clubs marked the occasion by putting on deep mourning.

"Prize-fighter Jeffries stops runaway and saves woman's life," say the newspapers in big headlines. Credit where credit is due: raise his press agent's salary.

Ten thousand women of Massachusetts have petitioned the Legislature in opposition to woman suffrage. Why should the privileges of the ballot be forced on anybody?

A political function of Republican job seekers at Springfield, Illinois, was announced as a "love feast," but when it was over the survivors agreed to call it a "cannibal island free lunch."

A Quartermaster's clerk at Chicago has been suspended for refusing to spell a word the way his chief wanted it, and his fate is in the hands of the general staff of the army. If only the shade of Webster could know about this!

New York attorneys had a race-track bookmaker on the stand, and were prodding him about his business, when he crumpled up the proceedings with the declaration: "I get my money as honestly as you lawyers do!"

Cities like New York and San Francisco, which are fretting about which side of the street cars should stop on, should remember that problem of St. Louis, where they didn't stop on either side between terminals.

BURNING HIS BRIDGES.

Is Hearst—William Randolph Hearst—as bankrupt in fortune as in honor and decency? If not, then he is doing some things which, if observed in the conduct of a man engaged in a more reputable business, would indicate an intention to commit fraudulent insolvency, so to say.

Hearst's inheritance from his father was the San Francisco Examiner, and, we may suppose, enough money to freak it into its present state of journalistic unworth. The other properties of the same class which he has established or acquired in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, have been run on the same plan of brag and bluster on the editorial side and plain piracy in the counting room. Hearst's reputation as a prodigal spender of millions got by birth, and his parent's death, is as false as his reputation for anything mentionable in a mixed company. It is true that he has paid big salaries to little men, has bought all manner of thinly-gilt bricks, and has made a great noise in newspaperdom, but a little money goes a long way in that kind of a fake exhibition, and without doubt, his yellow head has earned a good deal by dint of cajolery and cudgeling the business men and corporations of the four afflicted cities. But what of his revenue he has not spent in making the people believe him, the Croesus of the press, he has squandered in trying to play the bigger game of national politics. How much it has cost him trying to tow to port the unfortunate Bryan, the derelict of the Democracy, no man but himself may say, but unquestionably the amount is a large one. From time to time he may have wrung more money out of the Hearst estate. It has been said, with seeming authority, that his paper has been taken up in this quarter, on occasion, just in time to spare him exposure that would have tumbled down his house of cards.

Some time ago, it will be recalled, this inheritor of not much else besides a newspaper, put the Examiner into the hands of a corporation headed by an employee of the business office—a move which was not regarded at the time as anything more serious than one more of the queer practices of a queer young man. Now he has done the same thing with his New York sheet, and here, again, the corporation has for directors two of his employees and his attorney. The capital, in this case, is placed at \$1,000,000. In Chicago he is at the same business.

What does it all mean? Is Hearst bankrupt, or does he expect to be? Assuredly, if he owed the News Letter any money, it would be looking for something attachable to levy on. Possibly he has gone so far in his policy of extension, has so added to his obligations, has so many and so heavy creditors that he is past the point of retreat and retrenchment, and has adopted this plan of incorporation to help stave off commercial ruin. Perhaps he has so far discounted his expectancy in the Hearst estate that he has been compelled to this course for its better protection. It may be—and this seems to us more likely—that his foolish scramble for the Presidency is the last card he has to play, and that he is getting ready for the utter defeat that will inevitably be his portion.

Hearst, we are informed, has offered the Democratic national managers \$2,000,000 for the nomination. This is a jug-handled proposition, inasmuch as what he offers is to spend that sum in trying to elect himself if nominated. We would suggest that the gentlemen to whom he promises this great sum in exchange for the virtue of their party see first of all how much property really stands in his name, how

much money he actually has. This incorporation scheme means something unpleasant for somebody's interests, and we would not suspect Mr. Hearst of trying to pick his own pocket.

A NEEDLESS SACRIFICE OF LIFE.

The ever-lengthening roll of men and women who lose their lives through one form or another of carelessness in the use of illuminating gas imperatively calls attention to one special cause of danger in this regard by which considerable numbers of the residents of San Francisco are made to undergo a wholly avoidable risk.

We refer to the practice of turning off the gas at the meter in the lodging houses. This practice is pursued as a measure of economy to prevent possible waste by lodgers. It is not an uncommon thing for residents of these houses to do a little cooking on a small gas stove, but this practice is frowned upon by landlords, and so they cut off the flow of gas all over the house during a large part of the twenty-four hours. This, of course, is a measure of self-defense on the part of landlords, but it imports a danger of very serious character, and for that reason ought not only to be prohibited, but the prohibition must be enforced by adequate means.

The danger from this practice lies in the fact that lodgers frequently leave jets burning low while they sleep, and when the flow is cut off at the meter the stop-cock of the burner remains open, with the result that when the gas is once more turned on the room becomes filled with the poisonous fumes.

It is useless passing an ordinance prohibiting this practice unless means are provided to see that the prohibition is enforced. That means is easily within the reach of the municipal machinery. It should be made the duty of policemen on patrol to inspect the gas fittings at all lodging houses, and see that the law is observed. It is useless filling the city law-book with ordinances which presumably are supposed to work without human agency. To be effective the law must itself specify the means of its enforcement.

IMPOSITION UPON CLUB WOMEN.

In the appearance of the so-called California Club-women's edition of the Bulletin, the News Letter finds much to make it believe that the warning to the excellent ladies of that excellent club about the bunco game that was all set for them came in good season. It is plain that many of those whose names were used in booming this stupid humbug drew out, and that others, unable to do so, merely sent in contributions and allowed their names to be used in signature. For weeks this delectable sheet had been announcing the names of its staff of lady editors and gatherers of news, telling with verbose reiteration which of them would report the day's happenings on the city's waterfront, among the labor unions, and wherever else news was to be had. Most of the departments thus advertised were conspicuously omitted. Obviously, the ladies whom the Bulletin had tried to delude into association with it for these purposes declined the tasks assigned them, and the managers of the slimy sheet did not dare to go too far in passing off the work of its own underpaid hacks as the output of the clever clubwomen whose names it had used so freely.

That there was some degree of this substitution swindle, however, we make sure. Inspection of the issue shows errors of language, of fact, and of judgment that cannot possibly be attributed to any woman of the California Club, so we may infer that

the Bulletin's managers sought to deceive their patrons by mangling the regular product of the press until it looked like their estimate of what clubwomen would write. And it was not a high estimate. In other cases they boldly snatched matter by handful from obscure sources and published it as the creation of one or another of the clubwomen, not venturing, though, to attach signatures. For example, there was a yard-long editorial about journalism. Does anybody believe that any woman connected with the California Club could have been guilty of such vapid idiocy as that? This ineffably dull article read like the theme of a half-baked freshman in a fifth-rate college, ground out with infinite labor from the resources of a meager library and a meager intelligence, spraddling splay-footed when it would be philosophic, and galumphing painfully when it would be light and gay. This foolish piece-for-the-paper essay, of the kind that all editors know so well and loathe so heartily, a thing with neither premise nor conclusion, without bowels or bones, may be the Bulletin's idea of what a clubwoman would write; it is not ours. We suspect that it was quarried whole out of some weekly in Northern Nebraska by an unscrupulous man with a big pair of scissors.

As to the business side of this affair we hope sincerely that those ladies who did participate took the precaution to have somebody watch the cash drawer all the time.

A SHAMEFUL ATTACK.

Once more the highbinders and head-hunters are trying to get the Spring Valley Water Company by the throat. It is not beset this year by the jackals of Newspaper Row alone. The Mayor and his hungry henchmen, who throng the City Hall, are busy whetting their knives for the slashing. All the indications are for a season of corporation-baiting and capital-harrying, a season of attempted "hold-ups," more daring and more numerous than have marked any of the annual periods of rate-fixing. Such a condition of things does not exist, and would not be endured anywhere else in the United States.

Yearly the Spring Valley Company is compelled to fight tooth and nail for a rate that will enable it to pay the interest on the money it has borrowed in order to maintain its business and to render a reasonable return to the holders of its stock. Often it has been forced to seek the refuge of the courts, which have not thus far failed to shield it from the attack of wolves in office. Last year it carried to the Federal courts its contention for a reasonable return, and found no difficulty there in getting the protection it asked. This year it is called upon to face not only the assaults of a predacious and rapacious press, but the onfall of an administration whose slogan seems to be "For Revenue Only."

The stranger among us might think that this was a company of the robber barons of finance—a handful of men grown inordinately and insolently rich through control of a public necessity, defying the law and defrauding the people by excessive and extortionate charges. The fact—and it is within the knowledge of every citizen—is that Spring Valley's stocks and bonds are held by thousands upon thousands of investors, rich and poor, high and low, most of them San Franciscans. In it are invested the patrimony of many and many an orphaned family, the estates of widows, the slow savings of workingmen. No other corporation in San Francisco is so widely and fully representative of all conditions and classes of the city's people in its security-holders.

And from its beginning, Spring Valley has kept always in advance of the demand upon its mains, has held back no growing section of a rapidly growing community for lack of water supply. It has overcome tremendous natural difficulties in finding pure water in the bare, brown hills that lie all about the city, in storing it and in bringing it, clear and pure, to its consumers at a cost of which no man can justly complain. All the while, too, it has had to fight for its very life, ceaselessly attacked by elements as vicious as those which now menace it.

No one will be surprised to note the rancorous hostility toward Spring Valley of those newspapers which regard a vested interest as a stage-robber does a heavy express-box. Nor is it disappointing to find the Mayor and his merry men lined up with those who prey upon corporations and individuals, for the last municipal campaign involved no secrecy with respect to motives or intentions. But it will be a distinct disappointment if there shall prove to be not enough fairminded and honest men in the Board of Supervisors to give the Spring Valley a chance to earn for its bondholders their interest and for its stockholders a lawful return upon their investment.

WHERE SAN FRANCISCO LAGS.

George A. Newhall, president of the Chamber of Commerce, writes a thoughtful letter on the several proposals now mooted for the improvement and beautifying of San Francisco. Mr. Newhall is a traveled man, who has seen and noted what other cities the world over are doing in the same lines, and he thinks that what we most need in this city is improved and modern streets. There can be no doubt that we have neglected our opportunities in this regard, and Mr. Newhall's criticism is needed and to the point. In his letter, printed in the Bulletin, Mr. Newhall writes:

"My personal opinion is that the first thing to do is to give us good streets, well paved. If the municipal authorities feel that they cannot do this at once, the work should be proceeded with a little at a time, but do it well. Without criticizing any one I must say that we have no well paved street from the Western Addition into the city. Post street, the natural channel, was at one time in comparatively good condition, but at present the paving is so bad that the average citizen when going by carriage receives nothing but jolts.

This is the eminently practical advice of a man of wide experience who is largely interested in the future of San Francisco. It should be heeded. We have here the most splendid site for a great city that the world affords situated at the gateway of two continents and blessed with the finest climate. People may say what they please about the fogs and winds that play over this peninsula, but the fact remains that for working purposes there is no other such climate on the round globe, because in no other part of the world can a man pursue his business and his work with so little discomfort or with less adjustment to his surroundings as in San Francisco. There is no other place in the world where the extremes of heat or cold do not hamper industry, and increase the cost to the producer. But to get the full value of our natural advantages we must not neglect appliances and means. In this category, nothing is more important than well-paved and well-kept streets, and we rejoice to see men who hold the position of Mr. Newhall taking an active and intelligent interest in bringing the citizens to a realizing sense of the needs of the time.

URGENT NEED OF FIRE PROTECTION.

The conditions prevailing in what is known as the "boarding-house district," and the danger of fire that threatens so much valuable property as well as life, make the subject a timely report filed with the Board of Supervisors by Fire Marshall Towe, representing the Board of Fire Wardens. These dangers have long been obvious to everybody, and the brain reels in contemplation of the catastrophe that may at any moment strike. We all know those towering structures of wood that almost resemble the character of explosives, so inflammable are they and so impossible to be saved once a fire gains headway in them. Not only are they dangerous to the inmates, but they threaten their neighbors, for these buildings are mostly huddled in one quarter of the town. We quote from the report:

"Many buildings have been constructed, under previous laws, wholly of wood, even as high as seven stories. They adjoin and abutt together in some cases. Many of them are centered on one of the hilly districts of our city. It has been the study of this Board and of the Fire Department, whose officers comprise this Board, how to check a fire once started and extending from the building in which it originated in what may be termed the boarding house district, where the buildings range from three to seven stories, and are constructed wholly of frame. Should a fire start on a windy day it is possible for burning embers to be carried blocks away. The department would be taxed to its utmost and leave a valuable portion of the city at the mercy of a conflagration. This risk is with us every day, and in answer to your resolution, we say the danger from fire is great—too great to be put in a written report."

"Too great to be put in a written report"—that is a significant phrase, but we all know the dangers at which it hints. By way of remedy the Fire Wardens declare that in future all buildings outside of the fire limits, as well as within those limits, should be "constructed wholly of brick or stone."

Must the city wait for a disaster involving the lives of hundreds, of the destruction of some great block of buildings, before these reasonable precautions are enforced?

A QUEER TRANSACTION.

That is a very strange transaction by which the State commission for the California exhibit in the St. Louis Exposition has granted an exclusive concession for advertising to a Los Angeles firm. Under this concession it appears that the grantees are just now engaged in holding up the several counties and cities of the State, the Boards of Supervisors, the municipal governing bodies and the commercial organizations, under threat that if they do not pay for notice they will be shut out, or at best given some sort of perfunctory showing among the stereopticon pictures that are to constitute the vehicle of advertisement.

The State has appropriated \$130,000 for the purpose of advertising resources and industries and natural features of California. If that money is not sufficient, more can be had, and, in fact, a great deal more, but only on the understanding that it will be applied for the advantage of the contributors, and that no considerable part of it shall be diverted into the pockets of private individuals.

This is the objection to the scheme that originated with Commissioner Wiggins of Los Angeles, that it puts the most important feature of the whole enterprise in the hands of a couple of smart advertising

solicitors—his friends—to be worked for their own profit. The chief purpose of every exhibit is to advertise the State. It was to this end that the Legislature appropriated \$130,000, and for the same purpose Boards of Supervisors are ready to add contributions from their county treasuries. But undoubtedly the most effective form of advertisement is an illustrated lecture showing industrial and natural features. It is this concession that has been granted exclusively to Mr. Wiggins' friends. The \$130,000 exhibit and the California building at the World's Fair will be used as the background and base of operation for the thrifty schemes of Mr. Wiggins' friends from Los Angeles. We are told that San Francisco will be permitted by these astute operators to appear on the map of California, but apparently only by sufferance.

The whole proceeding cannot be called by any other name than "graft," and it is up to Governor Pardee to ask the Commissioners for an explanation.

A DECAYING MONUMENT.

The old church of Mission Dolores and the cemetery at the rear do not seem to be given that attention and care which our few remaining historical monuments should have. The burying ground behind the church is overgrown with weeds, and the tombstones and other memorials of the dead are suffered to fall into decay. We realize fully that this neglect is no fault of the custodians, the authorities of the parish, but is due to lack of funds. We feel that money for the patriotic duty of maintaining in good condition this interesting monument of the life of pastoral California "before the Gringo came" falls on citizens of California, out of San Francisco more particularly, and some of our public spirited native sons or the Society of the Pioneers might do well to take the matter in hand. It is a pious duty to conserve the few remaining memorials of the California on that romantic period.

No; that low, sad sound from the East is not the echo of a distant storm. It is Uncle Russell Sage grieving because another man who worked for him has sued him and got a judgment.

We have known about radium for only a little while, yet it is claimed that it will turn lead into gold, solve the problem of perpetual motion, determine the sex of children and cure everything from corns to cancer. This is good—as far as it goes, but dare we hope that it will rob green onions of their odor and prevent trousers from bagging at the knees?

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How San Francisco Looks to Me

By Fernand Travers, Tourist

No. 6

Positively your climate here drops the flag on that of New York, and is almost as good as that of dear old England. If you only had the roads, the drives, the halls, the ancestral homes and the society, I think truly I could make up my mind to live among you for say as much as six months each year. It will take lots of things to make a life's residence endurable here for a man of my refinement and culture. You are a picture without a frame. You need finishing up or toning down. You have no drive in San Francisco that is used and retained solely for the better classes. You need a Bois de Bologne, a Row, or a Paseo. You really ought to attend to this. Make your Aldermen men set aside an avenue where we can ride and drive, and not be annoyed by a costermonger's cart or some red-shirted bounder astride a wheel. Make it the proper thing to show yourselves there in the proper style, so that the lower classes can see the correct thing; educate the beggars to a higher ideal. If you do, they will really, I assure you, train into better footmen, coachmen, tigers and butlers for you than they do. I don't bother a bit now about your poor service. The chaps you have here have not had any chance at all; they don't know the glamour, honor and pleasure of serving persons of high degree, and I will bet a pony that your wealthier classes as a rule don't know how to either train or treat a servant; so, don't you know, your servants are rather more of a bore than an assistance. I really am sorry for them, for I have come in contact with some of my friends' men, who look real likely if they had not been spoiled in the breaking. If you would get together and import an English coachman or two, a few footmen and half a dozen butlers, the others would copy their ways, and I am sure you would find things much nicer. Then guarantee a good livery maker from Bond street enough to open a shop here, and have your liveries properly done. The liveries I have noted mostly on your streets suggest uniforms more than livery. This is too bad, don't you see! A proper livery discloses at once to a gentleman the owner of the equipage. By all means get some liveries. Your bootmakers are, I think, a fairly good lot, and you can get along without importing a bootmaker. Get the proper coachman, and he will know all about the boots. A coachman is necessary—if you can't get a coachman, give up your carriage, or drive a cart or gig with a tiger. A coachman is a bally lot more than a driver. You can spot the right chap at once by the way he holds the ribbons, the angle at which he carries his whip, and his seat on the box. Roger smiled the other day when he told me about a coachman he saw lean half over the seat and get his instructions as to where to drive, holding his ribbons and whip in one hand, and then he drove off without touching his hat. Simply wretchedly bad form. Take my ideas, won't you, and then when you do things proper, you will be noticed. I can spare some time, and don't mind going in for a turn-out or two myself, if the rest of us do.

Of course, don't you know, I can't criticise your valuable paper, but the bad form shown in the paper in speaking of his Imperial Majesty William, the Emperor of Germany, and the poor taste displayed by the boor who replied to it, compels me, my dear News Letter, to ask you to cease these comments on people like the Emperor. The next thing I note

some person will be publishing some slighting criticism even about me.

I feel that I am appreciated, as I should be, in my ideas in trying to improve you, since I was complimented by Roger bringing to my apartments a letter which had been sent to me in care of the office of this paper. It asks my judgment in a gentlemanly sort of manner on the following question: "Is a beefsteak considered good form to serve at dinner?" Certainly the gentleman who consults me could not have asked any better authority, but honoring me by asking my advice, he should have enclosed his card. This is another evidence of the lack of form among your men. Any well-bred man should know, and would know had he mixed in polite society and dined out, that serving a beefsteak with dinner would strip his visiting list, and cross him off every other invitation list in the better circles, if he has ever moved there. I am sorry the gentleman who wrote the question did not call on me. I would have made an exception and seen him. By enclosing his address or name of his club he would have enabled me to address him personally. I am not brutal by nature, and don't wish to wound any feelings, but a beefsteak at dinner would be about as bad form as pouring your coffee or icing your Burgundy—and those are two pretty bad facers. If I saw a fellow doing these things at a table at which I was a guest I should make up my mind that he was there by mistake, or else that I was; one of us would send regrets the next time to that hostess. I am not familiar with the abominable laches of good breeding perpetrated in the public dining rooms of public restaurants, and it may be good form to serve beefsteak for dinner in such places. Some one else must judge. It is shocking here to note the irreverence with which people eat their dinner. Dinner is a function. I think it should be approached with formality. It is the expression of the physical poetry of life. I think those poor persons who have not known the delights of dressing and dining should pray to get it in heaven. Some blooming poet says: "Life blooms to its richest and best." I'll bet that was written after a well-appointed dinner. It's most expressive, really. I assure you, 'pon honor, that no other gentleman appreciates dining (used in the most formal sense of the word) any more than does Fernand Travers.

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs

Events in the Far East the last few days have revealed a great deal of Russian diplomatic cunning, but it does not come as a surprise. For several weeks Japan has been fully prepared to throw an army into Korea and make that little kingdom a base of supplies and operations against Russia; what is called "diplomatic courtesy" has prevented a forward movement. But all this time Japan, as well as all the rest of the world, has been satisfied that Russia was complicating the diplomatic prelude to gain time to put her Far East upon a strong war footing. All that is now accomplished, and the Czar's reply to Japan's last note may be expected at any moment. Of course, it will be an adroitly drawn document, overflowing with "distinguished consideration," but its meaning will be that Russia has no idea of giving up an inch of Manchuria, and that she will not permit Japan to dominate in Korea. Then it will be up to Japan to make a formal declaration of war, which she will make haste to do, and which she may do before this issue of the News Letter goes to press. It is a mistake to suppose that the "peace party" in Russia has at any time been willing to give up Manchuria or let Japan have a free hand in Korea for the sake of peace. It has been the plan all along of the peace party to wear out Japan in a war of diplomatic hair-splitting, and thus secure for Russia a still firmer hold in the Far East, but all Russia is a unit on the question of holding on to Manchuria, and gradually weaving a dominating influence in Korea, for such dominating influence is necessary to secure the Strait of Korea, for the Strait is the Hermit Kingdom's Gibraltar. But it so happens that a week ago Japan practically took possession of the Strait, which gives her a far-reaching advantage, for the time being anyway. The forthcoming note from Russia, therefore, in reply to Japan's last diplomatic effort to secure a permanent footing on the mainland will pledge Russia to give up Manchuria or a positive refusal to comply with Japan's wishes. Of course, Russia will not move out of Manchuria unless forced to do so.

The Czar has quit masquerading behind a satisfied smile over the recently signed commercial treaty between the United States and China, and he now intimates that he regards the transaction as a "mean trick" on the part of the Washington Government, especially in attempting to establish consulates at the Manchurian treaty commercial centers. But his Majesty is willing to let the treaty become operative, though between the lines the fact is seen that the Czar does not recognize the right of China to make a treaty for Manchurian commercial privileges. It should not be forgotten, for it may cut considerable of a figure later on, that the United States and Great Britain utterly ignored Russia's alleged jurisdiction in Manchuria, and officially recognized China as the only authority that had the right to negotiate such a treaty. It was a slap at Russia's pretensions, and an implied pledge to stand by the Peking Government in the premises. Meanwhile it must not be supposed that America and England are inclined to forego the commercial advantages granted to them in Manchuria by China simply because Russia does not like it. Nothing could be further from their purpose. They propose to establish consulates at the

Manchurian treaty commercial centers without reference to Russia's likes or dislikes. Manchuria is too rich and too extensive a field for British and Yankee commercial and industrial exploitation to run away from because of the gnashing of a Bear's teeth.

What Germany and France are to secure to themselves from the spoils for practically avowing their sympathy with Russia and an implied threat that under certain circumstances something more substantial than moral aid will be given to Russia, will develop later on. But, on the other hand, the German Government is confronted by a powerful and steadily increasing socialistic party that does not hesitate to denounce Russia's aggressive and land-grabbing policy in the Far East, and its unyielding opposition to the Kaiser's political relations with the Czar may oblige the Government to at least be absolutely neutral.

The Republic of Colombia is still bent upon thrashing Panama back into the federation, but bluster and the tramp of soldiers on dress parade is as near to a hostile demonstration as the powers that be have thus far made in a public way. There is a suspicion that some sort of negotiations are going on between the Colombian Government and Germany, more particularly, which contemplate a joint interest which will be almost, if not quite, the equivalent of a European protectorate. If it be true that such is the fact, it is made clear that Colombia intends to trade her independence for a wedge to split the Monroe Doctrine wide open, and turn all the Latin-American States into so many fields for exploitation of European nations by running streams of immigrants into them for future political governmental use. Evidently the Colombian political leaders are willing to bit off their nose to spite their face, if only the Washington Government can be involved in dangerous complications.

The Philippine Commission reports it does not consider the future of our Asiatic possessions at all promising. That is exactly how all foreign nations have "considered" the matter ever since the United States extended its jurisdiction over the islands. As an English statesman puts it: "Your Uncle Samuel is trying to make a silk purse out of a pig's ear without first having acquired some knowledge of the business." However, if the United States should become involved in the Japanese-Russian muddle the Philippines will come handy for a military and naval base, a "base" that costs several hundred million dollars is pretty expensive for a Republic that stands for peace, human liberty and individual sovereignty to indulge in. But be it said to the credit of the Filipinos, the Commission announces that progress, civilization, decency, thrift and proper deportment on the part of the native men and women are discouraged, handicapped and weakened by vagabond Americans who are swaggering all over the islands as moral pestilence, commercial rotteness and industrial thievery. The colonial experience of the United States is amusing to our fellow members of the Concert of Powers.

Political

So far as the Congressional nominations are concerned, the names that will appear on the ticket this fall are practically decided in the Republican camp, with the exception of the Second, Fifth and Eighth Districts, in which matters are still left open. Gillett will be nominated again in the First, and Metcalf goes back from the Third. Kahn wants to try his luck again in the Fourth against Livernash, who is certain to be renominated by the Democrats, and Needham and MacLachlan are both certain of getting their party indorsement. There was some talk of MacLachlan for Senator, but he has effectually put a quietus on that idea by declaring that he could not afford to make the race for the Senate and that he preferred to return to the Lower House. In the Second District, the Republicans must pick out a man with more care if they want to win than in any other district in the State. In the first place, the district has the unpleasant habit of going Democratic. Jim Budd was a Congressman from the Second, Caminetti was elected three times, Miron Devres came from the same district, and now Bell represents it. It is true that the district has been changed several times since Budd ran, but nevertheless it always contains Sacramento, and that is where it gets its Democratic majority. Frank Coombs would like to get the nomination again, but Dr. Mathews killed off Coombs politically when he called the Congressman "Gloomy Gus." A man may survive opposition and bitter enemies, but he never can overcome ridicule, if it once sticks, and "Gloomy Gus" has stuck to Coombs ever since Mathews suggested its applicability to Coombs. Besides, it needs an active campaigner, and Coombs is not active. Senator Devlin of Sacramento has also been mentioned, and the Bee of that town interviewed him on the subject, and printed a column of talk from the statesman, but no definite conclusion as to what he would do. Those who know best say that it would be very hard to elect Devlin because of his record on the Prison Board. Everything the Board has done, and everything it has failed to do, and its sins of omission are even more numerous than its sins of commission, would be loaded upon Devlin if he ran, and with a popular man like Bell on the other side it would be almost impossible to elect him. Then there is Charley Curry, Secretary of State. He has been talked to, but Charley claims to hail from San Francisco, though he now lives in Sacramento. Hearst was elected to Congress from New York while he claimed to be a Californian. This State is more particular about such things than New York, and then there is no tenderloin in California as there is in the Empire State, that elects a Congressman by itself, for Curry to buy even if he had the means and the inclination, both of which he lacks. Besides Curry's eye is on the Governorship rather than Congress. Duncan McKinley of Santa Rosa, at one time Presidential elector, now assistant U. S. District Attorney, is another candidate. McKinley is a good campaigner, and would certainly make it lively for Bell. He is popular as a speaker, and having risen from the ranks (he was originally a painter) he ought to stand well with the labor vote, which is a strong factor in Sacramento.

In the Fifth District, the nomination, now that Fiske has accepted the San Francisco Postmastership, will probably go to Santa Clara County. Loud has been appointed a delegate to the International Postal Congress in Rome, which meets sometime

next summer, but could not get the nomination if he were here. He was beaten and Wynn elected simply on personal grounds. The district was tired of him, the postal employees were opposed to him to a man, and he would be just as weak in 1904 as he was in 1902. A man may be defeated for office by a tidal wave without losing prestige, but he cannot be beaten on purely personal grounds and hold his own, and so far as Congress is concerned, Loud is out of it. As San Francisco has had the honor of naming the Congressman so often it is only fair that the nomination should go to Santa Clara, and there seems no great opposition to that idea. If the candidate is selected from down the country, Dr. A. E. Osborne will probably be the man. The condition in Santa Clara is peculiar. There has been a very bitter fight waged there for years. There have been the McKenzie gang and the Hayes anti-gang, and neither faction seems able to gain such a decisive victory that their opponents are put completely out of the fight for good. Unless they stand together the Democrats will carry the county or an independent ticket will be elected, as happened two years ago when the independents carried everything from Sheriff to Charlie Shortridge.

In the Eighth District there was a very bitter fight two years ago. Every county in the district had a candidate for Congress, and a dead lock resulted that lasted for weeks. Daniels was finally nominated through the manipulations of his friend and partner in the banking business, Hays of Riverside, who was a very shrewd political wire-puller. But Hays got mixed up in a land scheme involving the right of way of the Salt Lake road, in which he was accused of doing up the company, and was forced to make restitution, so he is no longer on hand to help Daniels, and the other candidates in the district hope to profit by that fact, and prevent the latter's renomination. Ex-Senator Smith of Bakersfield is probably the strongest anti-Daniels candidate. He has served several terms in the Legislature, has friends all over the district and put up a good fight 2 years ago. His friends say that this year he can win out, as Daniels has done nothing particularly for the District since he went to Washington. The trouble, however, is that Kern County is Democratic, while Riverside is largely Republican, and naturally the men who elect the Congressman feel that they should have the right to name him. Prescott of Redlands, who was a very active member of the last Assembly, is also a candidate for Congress from the Eighth, but he probably would be willing to take the nomination for State Senator to succeed the late Senator Hubbell, and wait until 1906 for his Congressional nomination. Senator Caldwell, of Riverside, would also like to go to Congress, but for personal reasons is not in a position, I understand, to fight Daniels, and he, too, will be sent back to the Senate. That leaves the fight practically between Daniels and Smith, with Daniels now in office, which is a big help to get a nomination.

—Junius.

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J. J. Bell won a certain amount of popularity and means with his first book, "Wee MacGregor," but it cannot be truthfully said that he has kept his advantage in "Mrs. McLerie." There is no doubt of the cleverness of much of the dialogue, but just another touch would have made the little work the success which it really deserves to be. As it is, "Mrs. McLerie" is not convincing—the characters lack probability. The work is too evidently made, the construction too palpable. Mrs. McLerie is a sort of Scotch peasant variety of Mrs. Malaprop, and some of her mistakes in the use of words are very engaging, particularly when her friend, Mrs. Munro, sets out to correct her as she always makes a point of doing. A typical instance of the style of the book may be found in the following. Mrs. McLerie is dwelling upon her husband's aversion to gambling. She says: "Mony's the time I've heard him say he wad as soon pit money in a horse race as intil a disruption sale."

"Subscription sale." Mild correction by Mrs. Munro.

"Aweil, it's a' yin. An' whit's a rattle (raffle) but a disruption sale."

This is a fair sample of the book, and the reader of this can judge for himself. There is, however, a certain quality in the stories which shows that the author has possibilities, for he is able to produce a certain amount of sympathy and even affection for his uncouth Scotch characters. It is a fairly good book, which might have been a very good book.

The Century Co., New York.

Steps in the Expansion of Our Territory.

This is the fourth volume of a series issued by Appleton, the said series being called "The Expansion of the Republic" series. Oscar Phelps Austin, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, Treasury Department, is the author. The story of national development is well told, without any notable variations from the account usually given in the school histories. In fact, the history of the revolt of the colonies is stated in terms less broad than those usual in the later school histories. The expansion of the country and its marvelous development commercially and as a manufacturing community, is ascribed largely, and no doubt within certain limits correctly, to the liberal land policy which has been possessed by the United States Government, as well as to the advantages which a Democratic State without military conscription possesses over countries which are so hampered. The book will be found a readable and reliable text-book for those who are desirous of studying the main outlines of the national growth. The situations are well chosen and may be accepted.

D. Appleton & Co., New York.

Extinct Civilization.

This forms a volume in the series entitled "The Library of Useful Stories," and is a very interesting and informing little book. The author is Robert E. Anderson, who has written a finer book on "The Extinct Civilizations of the East." The Aztecs, the early Mexicans, and the prehistoric Peruvians are considered, and a fairly complete account of their mode of life and curious customs is presented. An interesting feature of the work is the proof adduced in support of the fact that many

symbols which we are accustomed to regard as exclusively Christian were employed by several prehistoric American nations whose remains testify to this. The Cross, for example, the author states, occurs frequently, not only in Mayan sculptures, but in the ceremonials of the Aztecs. These people also calculated the time with such accuracy that their calendar was superior to that existing in Europe at that period, so that when the Spaniards visited them the reckoning of the latter was in error eleven days as compared with that of the nation which they conquered. There are many other interesting facts of a like nature in this little volume.

D. Appleton & Co., New York.

In a story of the Rome of Nero, one is sure to find a persecuted Christian maiden who is roughly

wooed by a Roman noble whom she finally converts, and a powerful slave whose gladiatorial feats in the arena win the favor of the populace and save the damsel. "Lux Crucis" is "Quo Vadis" in a minor key. Its chief faults are, first, the exaggerated importance, from the Roman point of view, that attaches to the whole New Testament story. As you read the book, you get the impression that the events in far-off Galilee are of paramount importance in the world of Rome—whereas, the plain truth of the matter was that to the Roman official world the whole New Testament story was only too prevalently regarded as a mere surface ripple in a distant province.

Secondly, while Mr. Gardenshire's book could be put indiscriminately into the hands of "the young person," yet to just this extent it is false to the atmosphere of the time. Nero's court and Nero's age were essentially unclean. It is impossible to treat of the history and conditions of that period without coming in contact with much that is repellant. The social condition of the women was far more complex than it could possibly be to-day, ranging through the numerous different forms of marriage, to the successive stages of freed woman and slave, forming altogether a complex maze in which even the most careful student of manners may pardonably lose his way. Mr. Gardenshire, however, cannot be said to have lost his way, for he has chosen to skirt around the maze instead of penetrating it. Nevertheless, it is a book which will undoubtedly enjoy a popularity of considerable extent, and will be read with genuine pleasure by a large proportion of the readers who enjoyed the volumes of Sienkiewicz and General Lew Wallace.

"Lux Crucis." By Samuel L. Gardenshire. Harper & Brothers, New York.

Mr. Jack London's novel, "The Call of the Wild," and Mr. James Lane Allen's "The Mettle of the Pasture," have been placed on the Navy Department's List of Books approved for Issue to Ships' Libraries. The Macmillan Company, Publishers.

The Macmillan Company has published Mr. Edmund Gosse's biography of "Jeremy Taylor" in the English Men of Letters Series. They promise for some time in February the second and fourth volumes of Messers. Garnett and Gosse's "Illustrated History of English Literature." Mr. Gosse is one of the most eminent English men of letters of the present day, and a man of singularly varied talents, noted for his versatility of knowledge and his charm of style.

Society

Dear Bessie: The question on every tongue is are you going to the March Gras ball? For there is to be one, as I have said all along there would be. The invitations are quite pretty, and the men have been made happy with the knowledge that they can go masked, as they should always have been allowed to do. I have not yet made up my mind what costume to wear, but either of the two I have under consideration will be worthy of note.

But let me tell you about Bernie's wedding, for I know you want to hear all about it. It took place at noon on Saturday at St. Luke's, which is such a bright, pretty, warm church it does not need much dressing to make it attractive. Green and white was the color scheme the whole way through—flowers, costumes, etc.—and the decoration was confined to the chancel, which was a mass of ferns and St. Joseph lilies. To say the church was full is to put it mildly, and the usual Lohengrin strains heralded the coming of the bridal party promptly on time. Will Page, Percy King and John Lawson, who were the ushers, were of course the first to delight our vision, and they had seated us all so gracefully and with such seeming good humor we were glad to see them again. Then followed Newel Drown, as maid of honor who looked lovely in white crepe de chine and a hat made of lilies of the valley. After her came in couples the four bridesmaids, Charlotte Ellinwood, Lide Cadwallader, Stella Kane and Susie Blanding, also gowned in white crepe de chine, but their hats were trimmed with green silk and white ostrich tips, and they carried pretty little green and white muffs. Bernie and her father came last, and I never saw her look better than in her bridal robe of white chiffon satin and tulle veil, wreath of white orchids and bouquet to match. Sam and his best man—his brother Chauncey (as Captain Winn couldn't get leave to come down for it, as he sails with his regiment for Manila next month)—met them at the chancel, and Bishop Nichols, with the assistance of Mr. Weeden, the rector, performed the ceremony. After the church service quite a number went out to the Drowns for the reception and the dejeuner which followed, and then nearly every one went out on the front porch to see the happy pair depart, and to pelt them with rice. Do you know, I never go to a wedding that I do not think what a senseless proceeding that is, and far from being fun for the bride and groom. Well, Sam and Bernie were so active they were soon hidden in the depths of the carriage, which was all dressed out with tulle and long branches of fruit blossoms, and they were in such a hurry to get away the horses fairly slid down the hill. You will note by this that I did not go over to Oakland to see Jacqueline Moore and Jack Valentine joined in wedlock, but Mollie, who did, told me all about it, and you shall have the benefit of her observations. She said St. Paul's church, where the ceremony took place, was profusely dressed with ferns and flowers, and the bridal party was one of the prettiest she has ever seen in Oakland. Jacqueline, who made a very handsome bride, wore white embroidered satin trimmed with duchesse lace, and the bridesmaids, Marian Goodfellow, who was the first, Anita Oliver, Florence White, Edna Barry, Marion Smith, Ethel Valentine and Isabelle Hooper were all gowned alike in lavender chiffon cloth, and wore lavender picture hats;

the gown of Ethel Moore, who was maid of honor, was also of lavender, but she wore one of white lace over it. Mr. Moore gave his daughter away, and here, too, Bishop Nichols, assisted by the Reverend Carson Shaw, officiated. Then followed the reception at the home of the Moores, which was a very large one. Oh, I forgot! James Kenna, Fred Dieckman, Philip Clay, Ed Hume, Arthur Goodfellow, Whipple Hall and Stanley Moore were the ushers, and Hugh Goodfellow best man; and, by the way, the engagement of Isabelle Hooper to Wiggington Creed was announced at the wedding.

I went out last Friday afternoon to the charity tea given by the ladies at the Presidio; it took place in the hop room, which was so prettily decorated and filled with the pleasantest kind of a crowd. Nearly all the army girls were in evidence; Miss Bessie Rawles and the recently arrived Miss Morris had charge of the musical part of the affair, and I never saw Lily O'Hara look prettier than she did as one of the attendant maids who looked after the guests. La Jeunesse Assembly dance at the Palace in the evening was the last of the season, and was very pleasant, but I tell you there were a lot of footsore girls there after all the dancing they had done during the week. Mrs. Voorhies did the principal receiving act, and most of the gowns were either black or white, with pink or a blue here and there to give tone to the picture; but you never saw the way Mrs. Peter Martin, who was one of those who wore blue—was followed about to see how her gown was made and take a few hints therefrom. Sunday was rather an off day in the tea line; that is, there were no formal large affairs on hand; the Dickens girls, Edna and Helen, had a small one for Miss Hollister, who is here from the south, and Kitty tells me she met quite a number at Kate Henry's who had just dropped in for a chat as she did. Philip said he had a cup of tea with Mrs. Martin, but did not see Mrs. Peter who was one of the house party Mrs. Frank Carolan gave for her down at Burlingame. Mrs. Martin gives two dinners instead of one as first intended for Mrs. Peter; one came off on Thursday and the other will take place next Tuesday; feasts, both of them, you can wager a small amount. Mrs. Peter has been the guest of honor at several spreads of late; Mrs. Monte Wilson had a big luncheon for her on Wednesday; yesterday Mr. Jim Phelan gave one of his handsome dinners in her honor at the Bohemian Club, and Mrs. Rudolph Spreckels gives her a dinner next Wednesday.

Such a pleasant little dance as we had at Margaret Postlethwait's on Monday. They have a very pretty

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home on Pacific Avenue, and Mrs. Postlethwait first had a dinner party of a dozen young people, and then a lot more came from the dance, which was "awfully jolly, don't you know." Jack Wilson and Mabel Cluff were responsible for two of the dinners this week. Ed. Greenway feasted the groom elect at the Bohemian Club on Tuesday night, and the following one Jack Wilson played the host in honor of his bride to be, to thirty of their mutual friends. I had all I could do to rush home from Kate Dillon's card party, snatch a bite of dinner, and off to take in the Naval charity benefit at the Alhambra before going to the dance at the Cheesebroughs', which was a charming affair.

Louise Harrington and Lieutenant Leahy were very quietly married on Wednesday at her home on California street; and to-day is the wedding day of Mary Kip, whose marriage to Doctor Ernest Robinson will take place at the Cathedral in Omaha at noon, with Bishop Wilberforce to pronounce the nuptial blessing.

The Hobarts are here already, coming sooner than expected. They arrived last Friday, and of course Mary Eyre, who went abroad with them, is back too. Charlie Baldwin is here on a visit, and looks the same as he did before he was married—just a bit quieter, perhaps; Mrs. Allen Lewis has gone home to Portland, and Sam and Bernie to Honolulu for their honeymoon. Mrs. Nokes has gone to join Jean at Fort Russell, as I told you she would some time ago, and will remain with her indefinitely. Anna Sperry, who went with her, will spend February there and then return.

Bessie Ames did not get off as soon as expected, but has really gone now, leaving for the East last Saturday. Ad. Mizner has gone off on an automobile trip to Los Angeles with Jack Baird—hope they'll get back safe. The Whitelaw Reids will soon be here on their annual visit with D. O. Mills; I heard yesterday that Lillie Lawlor was coming with them, but doubt it; she is having too good a time in New York.

—Elsie.

The Mark Hopkins Institute of Art is in the hands of the transformer. All the pictures have been taken out of the Searls gallery, and its sombre walls are blossoming into the most gorgeous color effects. Lavender and gold is the scheme of tints that is to transform the dignified institute into a palace of delight. All of the boxes are sold, and as many more would find eager purchasers if they were to be had. Following are the fortunate possessors of these coveted places: Mrs. James L. Flood, Mrs. Rudolph Spreckels, Mr. James D. Phelan, Mr. William Babcock, Gen. M. H. De Young, Colonel M. H. Hecht, Mr. Mountford S. Wilson, Mr. H. P. Hussey, Mr. Joseph D. Grant, Mr. Willis E. Davis, Mr. Frank J. Sullivan, Mr. J. E. De Sabla, Mr. Thomas J. Barbour, Mr. George H. Lent, Major Darling, U. S. A.

Among the distinctively original society functions of the week was the afternoon affair given on Wednesday by Mrs. Edgar L. Wakeman, at her home, Hill and Noe streets. The invitations read from 2 to 5 p. m., and some twenty acceptances were received. The scheme of decoration was severely Oriental; the daylight was excluded, and the light furnished by numberless, many-sized and variously colored Japanese lanterns. The flowers were acacias and lilies. These, together with the fine collection of rare Japanese prints and exquisite embroideries collected by Mrs. Wakeman during her last year's tour of the Orient, made a riot of color, and

the scent of the burning incense and the aromatic odor of the punk, gave a faint idea of the charm of the Orient. Assisting the hostess in receiving were Miss Helen Weidersham and Miss Vera Allen.

Railroad Row is congratulating Mr. W. W. Webster of the Missouri Pacific and the Denver and Rio Grande, on his engagement to Miss Elise G. Hagedorn, daughter of Mr. Alec. Hagedorn. The young people will be married some time in June.

Miss Ivy M. Bunker, sister of Lieutenant L. C. Bunker, is visiting him at San Juan. Miss Bunker has been entertained on several occasions at the Palace, and at other functions given in her honor. She will remain with the Lieutenant until his return to the States.

List of arrivals at Hotel Rafael for week ending February 2d: B. M. Gunn and wife, Miss Hawkins, Miss McNally, Baroness Von Meyerinck, Dudley Gunn, W. H. Mills and wife, Miss Corey, A. Vignier and wife, Miss M. Taliferro, H. P. Sonntag, Dr. and Mrs. Mohun, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Rosenbaum, Lewis S. Rosenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fritch, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hirschman, A. E. Barrett, Mrs. C. A. Grow, Mrs. F. P. Stearns, Mrs. Dr. J. D. McGowan, J. W. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brooke, J. A. Jackson and wife, G. B. Morris and wife, Mrs. Harold Bolce.

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THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

The rector of a fashionable Episcopal church in the Western Addition was intoning during service. It was time for the censor-bearer to come forward. In vain the minister looked for him—he did not come.

"Where, oh, where is the incense-pot?" he intoned. "Out in the vestibule, too darn'd hot," intoned the censor-boy after him.

Judge Colt of the Circuit Court of the United States, district of Massachusetts, deserves the congratulations and thanks of the American people for the broad and sweeping decision rendered November 9th, 1903, restraining Adams, Taylor Company, of Boston, Mass., from using the word "Club" in connection with bottled cocktails. The complainants, G. F. Heublein & Brother, have spent much time and money in introducing the celebrated Club Cocktails, which, like all well-known and staple articles, have been more or less imitated. This decision means not only protection to the maker of the goods, but affords equal protection to the purchaser, and simplifies the matter of getting what you want and pay for. We trust the courts will continue in this good work and protect known and established brands from the piracy to which they so long have been subject.

Mrs. Alvinza Hayward has placed ten building lots on sale. These lots adjoin the Strathmore Hotel and are situated in a section of San Francisco that is rapidly increasing in value. Messrs. Baldwin and Hammond are the agents, and the sale is to occur on February 11th, and they will be disposed of at auction. This is an unheard-of opportunity for some one to obtain valuable property at his own price. We predict a large attendance at this sale. The terms are easy, 40 per cent cash and the balance on time. Those who are looking for excellent investments in property, which is bound to increase in value rapidly, had better attend this sale.

To an already large business, with many departments, Messrs. Shreve & Company have now added the interesting feature of stationery. Rumors of further extensions are in the wind. This house is often called the "Tiffany's" of the Pacific Coast—this statement may be all well enough in the way of an average tribute, but we can pay them no higher compliment than to say that this concern stands alone as "Shreve & Company," and needs no "Tiffany" comparison to add to its repute as a business house.

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A publisher is burdened with all kinds of advertising matter, and it is seldom a new plea comes along. When something original finds its way into a publisher's hands he is always glad to let the public know the merits thereof. "Hunter Baltimore Rye" is being advertised by a beautiful picture in color. "First Over the Bars," a reproduction on an ivory-like surface. This is emblematic of the whiskey itself—first-class and clean.

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But her eyes were dark with an absolute frown,
As she tugged at her marital tether,
And the cost of the paper the judge handed down,
Was the price of a new ostrich feather.

The method adopted by a sheriff's officer in Oakland to make service on an order of court on Mrs. Eric Lindblom savors of the barbaric. It may be necessary at times to force service by breaking into a man's house, and, even then, the right should be exercised with the greatest discretion, for the sanctity of the domicile must be respected. Our genial and courteous officer, however, not content with that, broke his way into the bathroom in which Mrs. Lindblom was. Such outrageous treatment should not be permitted to the vilest convict, and that a lady, whose only offense was at the very worst contempt of court should be subjected to such an indignity is simply intolerable. It places privacy and decency at the mercy of any hoodlum official. The Deputy Sheriff is in the wrong place. He might get well paid by an irregular Turkish regiment to do the dirty work.

Mrs. Partington's well-meant and industrious efforts to sweep back the Atlantic have their counterpart in the action of the State Grocers' Association of California. These worthy but backward gentlemen are getting up an agitation against the Parcels' Post, chiefly upon the ground that it will bring them into closer competition with Eastern firms. This is ridiculous. We cannot be expected to submit to higher rates of postal delivery simply to keep up the price of retail groceries, and the agitation is doomed to go to pieces on that rock. "It is a hard world, and we are up against organized capital," said the field mouse as the plough went through its nest, but it is not on record that the ploughman stopped. Gentlemen grocers, you have one remedy—cease to adulterate, and be satisfied with a reasonable profit.

Who will clean the sewers? This is the triumphant challenge which has been hurled by the reactionary against social progress. In Berkeley there is actual competition for that particular work. The students want to undertake some next month, and the Sewer Workmen's Union objects. It is too bad that there should be any discussion. The question might be solved by some of the faculty taking a hand when the appropriateness of the occupation would strike even a trades union.

There is a rush of maids and widows anxious to wed Hiram Cronk, aged 104 and the sole survivor of the war of 1812, who has a pension of \$25 a month and a prospect of \$72 more from the State of New York. Times must be getting harder at the East.

Talk about luck! Here is Jack London on his first trip as a correspondent, and he manages to get locked up and more talked about than all the rest of them put together. It's good luck and well deserved.

Judge Mogan said the other day with more truth than one is accustomed to hear from the Bench: "There are many charitable organizations in this city which pretend to care for unfortunate women, but none of them does. The latest proposition appears to me to be exactly what is needed, and I hope you will receive whatever support you need." Whether the Samaritans to whom the Judge referred will come up to his expectations, it is impossible to say. There is, however, no doubt about the general correctness of his strictures. There appears to be a tendency to exploit these women all round, and the charitable organizations which pretend to succor them are by no means above making profit out of them.

The Dreyfus case seems to possess the same fascination for the Examiner as the head of Charles I did for the famous Mr. Dick. The paper is sure that it caused the revision of the verdict in the case of the French officer, just as it is possessed of the hallucination that it saved the Jews from massacre in Russia on January 7th. It flings Dreyfus at us on every chance, and does not disdain to bring sweeping and absurd charges against the United States army in connection with a small scandal in local army circles. For a philanthropist, the taste of the Examiner runs too much to filth.

Henry Weinstock tried to do a good thing when he founded the "Morals of Trade" lectureship at the University. But the lecture as a means of cultivating trade ethics would appear a little inadequate. How many lecturers will it take to offset one discovery of fraudulent dealings among our commercial magnates? Modern commerce is war in another guise, and war is not a matter in which ethics play any great part. Meanwhile, the lecture course endowed by Mr. Weinstock will at least have given a pleasant Western trip to Dr. Albert Shaw.

The genial highwayman who has been making things merry across the Bay, more than met his match in the person of Miss Sigma Larsen. The lady with the Swedish name is endowed with true Scandinavian thrift, for as soon as she was challenged to produce her money she stuck a five-dollar gold piece in her mouth, leaving the thief fifteen cents, which, for one of her nationality, was remarkable generosity. One cannot help speculating as to what would have happened if Miss Larsen had swallowed the coin, for she would never have let it go.

There is nothing better being done for athletic sports on this coast than the work of the Association Football Team. These young fellows play a straight game for the love of the sport and the training, and without any consideration of money or even popularity. It is an exhibition of pure amateur sport which we do not see sufficiently often, and must have its effect upon the tone of local athletics. I like to say a good thing for local sport when I can, but dear Heaven! there is usually very small opportunity.

John McNaught struck the right note in his speech on journalism to the students at the University. He indulged in no mouthings or platitudes, and gave his audience to understand that a newspaper is just what the public wants it to be. That is correct; but the question still arises—which public? One can pick a public of the slums and write for that, turn one's-self into a hyena and eat garbage, like the "Monarch of the Dailies." Is that journalism? Call it what you like, but it appears to pay.

Wireless telegraphy under government auspices in Alaska is also wordless.

Tricou's Trousseau Triumphant

Fairy tales, like miracles, are still happening. The modern ones may be a little more prosaic than those of the far-away time when the suitor for the hand of a princess had to go in quest of "plum jewels." The up-to-date tale involves a heart and a "Princess," by brevet, also a gallant young knight from the fussy West, and plenty of perseverance. The "plum jewel" in this case was the securing of a position befitting the husband of a "daughter and a granddaughter of the United States Navy." All of which is about Miss Sarah Randolph Colhoun, daughter of Paydirector and Mrs. S. R. Colhoun, U. S. N., and Assistant Paymaster Eugene H. Tricou, son of Henry P. Tricou of this city, who were married January 15th at the New York Navy Yard, and who bid fair "to live happy forever after."

The young people met about four years ago, and no mistaking, theirs was a case of love, intense and picturesque from the very start. Miss Colhoun, beautiful and petted, with everything for the mere asking, was quite willing to lay her heart and what fortune she had at the feet of her adoring swain, but her fond parents reminded her that a "daughter and a granddaughter of the Navy" must wed fitting position. This appeal to her pride of navy ancestry brought the young Miss to a round-about-face. Forthwith she presented her ultimatum to young Mr. Tricou. Knowing that conditions precluded the possibility of his getting into the navy via Annapolis, Miss Colhoun said:

"Go forth, study, pass a successful examination for the Paymaster's Department, get a commission, and then you may claim me for your bride."

"For a poor young man who had not traveled over all the paths that lead to higher education, and who was not the happy possessor of very influential connections, the conditions were about as hard as the next-to-impossible ones that made life miserable for the story book heroes.

Well, the young people parted, Miss Colhoun going where the Lord and the navy took her father. Brave Mr. Tricou was here in San Francisco trying to find the exceedingly definite "x" in the love problem his sweetheart had given him to find. There were days, plenty of them, when his studies went along with leaden feet, for he would receive letters from Miss Colhoun, whom he called "The Princess," telling of the interesting men she was meeting in foreign climes, and of the wonderfully good times she was having—always assuring him that "Poll's heart was ever true." Tangible evidences of devotion were not withheld. Once a beautiful watch inscribed "From the Princess," and with her miniature painted on the inside of the case, came, and was as much of a tonic as a summer in the country.

Tricou found a young man who had successfully passed the examination for the Paymaster's Service, and told him of his plight, with the result that he received a copy of the examination that had brought success to one young man. In this way Tricou found out the kind of knowledge required, and was able to direct his studies accordingly. In due time he passed the examination, was fortunate to get an appointment, and so was eligible for the hand of a "daughter and a granddaughter of the Navy."

The Tricou-Colhoun wedding was a notable affair, but very few knew that it was one more proof that faint heart ne'er won fair lady."

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GRAND—Lost River. Good of its kind.

FISCHER'S—The Beauty Shop. Continued success.

CHUTES—Montagues Cockatoo Circus. A very fine bill.

The theatres this week have done a rushing business, although in most instances the bills were hold-overs. At Fischer's, the interest in "The Beauty Shop" does not wane. This is the last week of this hodge-podge of amusing nonsense. At the Grand there is the play called "Lost River." There is a pretty little story running through the lines, but the acting does not merit extraordinary mention. The audiences, if one is to judge by the opening night, are well satisfied with the production, and the critic is relegated to a back seat. There is no telling where the good public is going to land you in this matter of expert criticism. "Lost River" may therefore be considered a popular success.

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At the Alcazar the company is cast in a play which does not come up to the preceding productions by a long margin. Miss Block makes the most there is in the part of Molly Heddin, and strange as it may seem, this is the best we have seen of Durkin. His conception of the part of Godfrey Remsen admits of little or no criticism. It is simply excellent.

I had occasion last week to remark on the versatility of John B. Maher. In the part of Giles, the old servant devoted to Godfrey, Mr. Maher shows up to great advantage. Miss Frances Starr is fast becoming one of the most popular actresses in the city. She is greeted with that indulgence the public always grants to those they love. She has beauty and a pretty little innocent manner that is taking, and more than once in this play the risible quality of her lines is brought out by her mannerisms rather than by the lines themselves.

Conness is very good in spots, and in others he rants to an extent that is reprehensible. Mr. Conness is a splendid actor, and his work heretofore has not called for criticism. Eleanor Gordon is at times too strenuous, but the part of Lady Danvers is one which is most difficult of portrayal, and it may be said of Miss Gordon that there are parts in this conception in which her work is well done. At other times she is too tragic.

The Jack Osborne of Mr. Hilliard is good, although at times there is a note of insincerity in the voice which he should overcome. Mr. George Osborne's "Colonel Carteret" is fine. The little scene between himself and Lady Ketletas, in which the Colonel finally capitulates, brings down the house.

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At the Central, Mr. Herschel Mayall is winning new laurels, and Eugenia Thais Lawton has added another play to her repertoire. The audience follows the play, keenly alive to every change in the lines and quickly showing its disapproval of the villain or its approval of the hero. The Carlisle of Mayall is a good performance, and Miss Lawton's Mme. Vine meets an unqualified approval from the public.

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"Caro Roma as Miss Pemberton in "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" is a vast improvement over

Anna Lichter, and when it is remembered that Anna Lichter's rendition of the part was most acceptable, those who have not seen Caro Roma will realize the pleasure that is in reserve. Soon we will say farewell to "Johnny," and it is but fair to the Tivoli management to give them credit for making a comic opera immensely popular that was a part failure all over the East. It is all in knowing how to do things. Ferris Hartman's "Jonathan Phoenix" is a wonderful piece of character work, and he deserves praise for the original conception. The walk, the leer and the general make-up stamps our old-time friend as an actor of resource that is far and away above the ordinary.

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The last week of the "Chinese Honeymoon" is being given to large houses at the Columbia. The scenes are a drawing card.

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I wish to put up an earnest plea for those unfortunates who disturb audiences by leaving before a performance is finished. These poor people are not actuated by malice. By investigation I find that they are generally servants to rich people who make it a rule that they must be at home before the clock strikes twelve. It is an unfortunate thing that some employers are so stringent with their help. It prevents them from obtaining many pleasures. They may not, under this rule, spend more than an hour at the fashionable restaurants, before taking the cars for the residences of the wealthy. Then they have to spend considerable time preparing the fires for the next morning, attending the usual duties of hired help, and they retire too tired to come up to the scratch in their next day's dish-washing. I hope that employers reading this little plea will treat these early risers at the theatres with more leniency and that it may lead to a sensible extension of their hours of leisure. This is a case for the Amalgamated Dishwashers' Union.

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Fastly furious and frivolous, "The Gay Parisians" ought to keep the Alcazar patrons in a merry mood next week. This play is funny enough, for it kept all New York on the broad grin for two hundred nights at the Madison Square, with Sadie Martinot as the flighty wife.

Maher is cast for a good part, and I am told that the rest of the company will have an opportunity to show everything there is in them. Following this, February 15th, comes "The Charity Ball," a most powerful American comedy drama, by David Belasco and H. C. De Mille.

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Klaw & Erlanger announce the coming of Rogers Brothers at the Columbia, beginning Monday evening, May 20th. Their "The Rogers Brothers in London" is said to be the greatest production in which these comedians have been seen.

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The first act of "Harriet's Honeymoon," the new Ditrichstein comedy in which Mary Mannering is at present successfully appearing, shows the promenade and springs at an obscure German watering place. The second act is played in another portion of the promenade, and in the Kursaal. The third has for its local scene a charming bit of forest. Manager McKee will present Miss Mannering in this city

in her new play in the near future. Her supporting company is an exceptionally strong one.

On Monday next, February 8th, the patrons of Fischer's Theatre will witness the first performance of "Roly Poly," and it gives fair promise of being the crowning glory of an unusually successful season. The book and lyrics of "Roly Poly" are from the "pencil," not pen, of Will Carleton, which fact in itself puts forth a strong argument for an unprecedented success.

Louis James and Frederick Warde are to give us the original and spectacular drama, "Alexander the Great," at the Columbia for two weeks, commencing Monday. Scenically concerned this is said to be a great play. The names of Warde and James should be great as drawing cards.

There are many who will remember the visit here of Billy Van and Rose Beaumont, season before last, and they will remember that Billy Van is as funny as can be, and that Miss Beaumont is good to look upon. They will give us "My Busy Day," by Geo. Totten Smith, for their first week. John T. Thorne and Grace Carleton will endeavor to amuse, and their record as fun-makers is a great one. Looking over the rest of the programme, I find that it will be one of the best the Orpheum has ever given us.

There will be many new acts at the Chutes this coming week, and the bill abounds in novelty. Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hall, the original "Bowery Boy and Girl," and Winstanley and Sullivan, said to be one of the best dancing teams before the public, will make their first appearance here, as will also Hanlon and Zanfrella, sensational aerial acrobats, and McCarver and Garey, a singing and dancing comedy duo. Guy Wilson and Nellie Daly-Moran will present a new comedy skit entitled "The First Quarrel;" Florence Rayfield, "the little Patti," will change her selections, and Mabel Lamson, the popular contralto, will be heard in new illustrated songs. The animatoscope will show the latest novelties in moving pictures, and the amateurs will appear on Thursday night. The Zoo has received an important addition in "Hannibal," a magnificent specimen of the African lion, and second alone to "Wallace," the handsomest "king of beasts" in captivity.

The Weber & Field's Company commence at the Grand next week. The company includes Lillian Russell, Peter F. Dailey, Louis Mann, Charles Ross, Mabel Fenton, John T. Kelly and Weber and Field. "Life," of New York, says, regarding the Weber-fieldian productions: "Last week of the season. The Goose has ceased to lay the golden eggs." The management, at an initial expense of ten thousand dollars, has succeeded in changing the breed of goose. It remains to be seen if the Pacific Coast article is as prolific as the New York domesticated aquatic fowl.

"East Lynne," at the Central, will be followed by "In Sight of Saint Paul's," an English melodrama replete with powerful scenes.

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The Looker-On

The Supervisors have appropriated \$5,000 to clean Chinatown. The object is commendable, but the manner in which it is to be attained seems to me open to criticism. The unsanitary conditions extant in Chinatown are found in cellars, entryways, back yards, on roofs and in other places within, or immediately surrounding the buildings. Now, if a resident of the Western Addition permitted garbage to accumulate in his back yard until the smell thereof arose unto the heavens, what would happen? Why, he would be warned to remove it, failing to do which he would be promptly jugged, and heavily fined for organizing and perpetuating a public nuisance. The garbage would be also suppressed, and the cost would be taxed against the tenant or the owner of the property. In no event, however, would the Supervisors appropriate public money to clean up private premises. Why, then, should they draw \$5,000 from the city treasury to clean up private property in Chinatown? Why should not the property owners be compelled to do this necessary work at their own expense? If they refuse, why should they not be jailed? Is there anything in the ownership of property in Chinatown which makes one immune from the local ordinances, or the penal code? Moreover, where do the Supervisors get authority to expend public money for this purpose? They propose drawing the sum appropriated from the Urgent Necessity Fund. This expenditure is certainly not within the scope of "urgent necessity," as contemplated by the charter. "Urgent necessity" is sometimes unforeseen, arising from a public calamity or from other causes that no prudent man could forecast. Cleaning the property of the owners of land in Chinatown is certainly not an unforeseen necessity. It is a perennial necessity, but it lies at the door of these owners, and not at the door of the city treasury. There is plenty of law to compel recalcitrant landlords to have respect for the health of their neighbors. The law sadly needs enforcement. I wonder if the patronage question has anything to do with the appropriation so generously made by the Supervisors? They have appointed at least a dozen "wreckers" for the Chinatown work. These men average over \$4.00 a day. Their wages alone amount to about \$1,200 a month. The patronage is distributed among the Supervisors. That is enough to give us pause—isn't it?

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Sheriff Curtis says he intends to clip off some of the privileges enjoyed during the past four years by favorite prisoners in the local jails. Among the first to suffer, it is said, will be Mrs. Botkin, who was convicted some time ago of poisoning the wife of Dunning, a newspaper man, by sending her doctored candy through the mail. For three years or thereabouts Mrs. Botkin has been confined in the old Industrial School, now known as the Branch County Jail. Here she has a private suite; she has been given unusual privacy; she has had her "day at home," if you please, and she has been given every opportunity to win sympathy from a public which was convinced at the time of her trial and conviction that she was a soulless, debased and hardened criminal, who should have been hanged. She will have a new trial and may escape the gallows, for many of the former witnesses against her cannot be obtained again. Before her final escape, the Sheriff will do some good by giving her a taste

of real prison life. Why women poisoners should receive so much maudlin sympathy is past my understanding. There is Mrs. Maybrick, for instance. Her mother's indefatigable efforts during the past fifteen years have manufactured a certain public sympathy for her. Yet, does any man who followed her trial, and who is aware of her character, and the character of her mother, doubt her guilt? This same maudlin sympathy saved her from the gallows, and caused her sentence to be life imprisonment. And now she is free. The law should deal equal justice to man and woman alike. A woman poisoner is certainly a far more debased and dangerous character than a footpad. She has a far worse effect on public morality than has the highwayman. Yet short shrift is made of the latter if he kills his victim. Why should the stealthy female assassin be spared the noose?

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Mayor Schmitz is "coming on." Three weeks ago he administered a well-deserved rebuke to Fire Commissioner Parry by deposing him from the chairmanship of the joint Board which controls the Department of Electricity. Parry may not have embezzled that colt, but he made a bad mess of his horse trading, and the Mayor thought he should be set down a peg or two. If Parry had only called on prizefighter McQuaide for aid the public would never have heard of the colt. Horse-trading and "bronco busting" is McQuaide's ostensible business when he is not engaged as a plug-ugly to scare timid opponents of Martin Kelly. It must have been the prizefighter's success as a horse-trader that commended him to Dr. Ward as a good man for the position of Assistant Warden at the County Hospital. But the Mayor's sense of political obligations was not sufficiently strong to hold McQuaide in his job. So the horse-trader has been thrown out of the hospital. Now, if Schmitz will only turn his attention to Police Commissioner Hutton, he may do the present administration more credit by causing another vacancy. Hutton was the attorney for the notorious Baroness Twickheim of unsavory memory. Some months ago Hutton's wife sued him for divorce, and the complaint was rich in detail. Wonder what became of that case?

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This Lieutenant Hector Robichon is doing consid-



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crable "hectoring" on his watch. If Robichon and Evans are fair samples of army officers, then surely West Point needs immediately an instructor in "How to be a gentleman." Both of them are about as polite and as misoising as a couple of drunken fisherwomen, each endeavoring to ruin the other's reputation. Nor do the women in the case seem to be much above the level of the men. It is a new thing for a lady to rush into print with an affidavit to the effect that "a gallant son of Mars" tried to kiss her. Were the poor things afraid no one would believe a man tried to kiss them? Therefore, did they make their solemn "affdavys" to the extraordinary fact? The whole affair is a dirty mess, and everybody engaged in it should be suppressed by the police.

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So Reuben Wolf wants to get back into the Police Department. He has sued the Commissioners, and has set up a very loud cry of unfair trial, prejudice and mistreatment. Wolf is a nephew of the late Chief Lees, through whose influence Wolf was made a Sergeant of Police. When Lees was Chief, Wolf was Commissary of the city prison. He was not dismissed from the department at that time, nor was he sent to jail. As soon as Lees passed away, Wolf was left without a protector. Exceeding success in his peculiar way had made Wolf bold, and it was this very boldness that worked his ruin. The Police Commissioners found him guilty of taking bad money, and dismissed him. Now, he is trying to beat his way back through the courts. Some men are never satisfied. Has he forgotten that he was once Commissary of the City Prison?

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Miriam Michelson has the best short story in one of the current magazines. She is doing good literary work. Her brother is also doing good work in New York. It is a talented family in a literary way. That eccentric genius, Arthur McKewen, married one of the Michelson girls.

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A friend of mine saw Colonel Isaac Trumbo at Kearny and Post streets last Monday talking to a lady in blue. An hour later he again saw the gallant Colonel talking to a lady in grey; half an hour later the Colonel was again observed with two ladies in black, and ten minutes after that he courteously handed two other ladies into a carriage in front of a Kearny street confectionery store.

"The Colonel has all the rest of us beaten a block when it comes to being the real thing with the ladies," said my friend. "Say, I wonder if he is acting as a Mormon apostle out here, and is making converts to the cause? You know, Salt Lake City is much nearer now, since that short cut was made across the Lake."

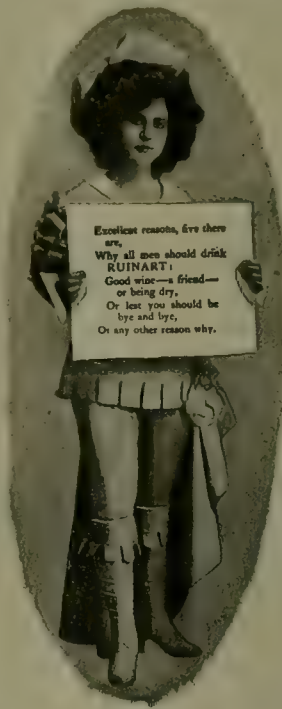
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Jim Budd is buying up street car lines, and riding around in automobiles these days. He takes rank now among the real moneyed men of the San Joaquin, and when he returns from his quest for the pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow, in which is the document certifying Hearst's nomination for the Presidency, the gentle James will be a bigger man than ever—financially. He may not find Hearst's title to the nomination, but he will find the pot of gold all right. Trust Budd for that. He has not been Governor of the Golden State without being able to tell gold whenever and wherever he sees it. It was Charley Fair's contest of his father's will that put Jim Budd on the way to fortune. It is said Budd drew down \$100,000 from Charley Fair. Of course,

he must have rendered service for it, but what particular service was rendered is not generally known. Budd is not now the same man that leaped upon the stage at old Union Hall years ago and told his hearers that when they came to Sacramento to see the Governor they would find the latch-string on the outer side, and all they would have to do would be to pull it, and yell, "Hello, Jim!" No, James, is now of slower gait, of more conservative mien and mole of thought but ever, as of yore, his weather eye is peeled for those that "are born every day." Since "Smiling Patsy" Carroll passed away, it is safe to say that J. Budd is the "best ever."

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Leading Mines can hardly be found in any part of Tonopah.

A more cheerful community exists at Tonopah. The railroad which has been discussed for two long weary years and construction of which has been expected almost any month during that period, is at last being built. By the 1st of June tons of high-grade ore will be shipped to the smelter at a price many times cheaper than it costs at present freighted over the alkali desert by horse and mule teams, taking frequently a week to cover what the railroad will do in a few hours. The enormous sum which will be saved on freights by the Montana Tonopah and the Tonopah Mining Company will be sufficient to pay two large dividends. These mines can, with the large amount of high-grade ore in sight, extract a million dollars a month, and some phenomenal returns may be expected as soon as the railway is operating and the mines are being worked to their full capacity, with a large force of miners. The largest ledge discovered so far at Tonopah is the Macdonald vein of the Montana-Tonopah mine, 32 feet in width, 12 feet of which is high-grade smelting ore and the rest a high-grade milling ore. A block of this ore, 100 feet long and 12 feet wide, contains 9230 tons, which at \$50 a ton, about one-fourth the value of most of the shipments so far made from this mine, it would net \$461,500. It is most certainly a significant fact, worthy of note by those who are anxious to be in on a rising market that the management and its friends are buying in heavily. A great deal of stock of the North Star mine, which is now connected with the Montana on the 500 foot level, is also being acquired by the Montana Company's management. Some of the richest ore yet discovered in Tonopah, assaying as high as \$3,000 a ton, has been taken out of the North Star mine, and there are a number of carloads of high-grade ore ready to be shipped in June by the railway. The general impression in the camp is that Montana-Tonopah will shortly declare another dividend. About \$100,000 worth of ore now is being shipped monthly, and there is enough money in the treasury to pay for a mill and increase of machinery and a fat dividend besides. The Montana-Tonopah Company is the most popular in the camp. Mining operations are conducted in an expert and thoroughly business-like manner, and the books of the company are at the service of the shareholders whenever they wish to see them. This policy contrasts so favorably with the secretive and mysterious air assumed by the Philadelphia people who control the destinies of the Tonopah Mining Company. In another twelve months it is more than probable that the Montana-Tonopah stock will be selling higher than that of any other mine in the district, for it has the largest high-grade vein in the district, besides having four others, any one of which would make a valuable mine. The number of shares issued is much less than that of the Tonopah Mining Company, and the management, as so far demonstrated, is more than usually shrewd and reliable.

The Midway Mill will shortly be running full blast. The late stoppage, being caused not by any defect in the mill itself, which has given the most splendid results, but on account of the blowing out of one of the big cylinders of the engine, caused either by extreme carelessness or by malicious intent of some

one having access to the engine house.

The principal feature of the week on 'change has been the gradual but sure rise in the Montana-Tonopah stock, there being ready buyers at \$1.45.

A Regrettable Incident.

The announcement of the suspension of the well-known stock-broking firm of Bolton and De Ruyter took the street by surprise. The firm was one of the highest respectability in its line, and its clientele numbered most of the substantial men in town. The trouble which has brought about the present embarrassment is due to the failure of a big New York firm some months ago, for which Bolton & De Ruyter acted as Western correspondents. The firm is deserving of much sympathy among the local financial coterie, and it will be hoped that the suspension is only of a temporary nature, and that the firm will emerge stronger and more successful than ever out of its present difficulties.

Stocks and Bonds Quiet and Dull.

In the local security market business has been rather quiet during the week in all lines. Bonds have been in light demand, and the industrial shares have been dull as a rule. Gas and Electric has a rather sloppy tone, but of course no one is surprised at that. The only wonder is that in view of the existing situation outside shareholders have the nerve to hold on to their stock, and risk the possibilities for much lower prices, which seem inevitable. It may be that they are in hopes that a clean sweep will be made in the present unpopular management, which, if maintained, will certainly end in the organization of a new company, which would have little difficulty as things are going of raising the necessary money for a new and effective plant by public subscription. It is coming to this pretty rapidly, and if the people interested in the late bond inflation attempt to force the present high-salaried officials upon an already outraged community, they will succeed in toppling their already tottering edifice over their ears in quicker time than perhaps they may imagine.

Pine-St. Market.

The stock market on Pine street rules steady, with fluctuations enough in the North-end shares to enable an operator to pick up a few dollars during the week. Preparations are now being made to open up the 2350 level of the Con.-Cal.-Virginia mine, but work has been slow recently, owing to changes going on at the C. & C. shaft, caused by the installation of a new blower for the Ophir. Latest news from that property is to the effect that the development of ore of good grade continues, and the shipments substantiate the statements made of mining conditions. At the Andes mine work on the shaft is about completed, and an increase can be expected in the ore yield from this time forward. Work is going on to good advantage in other quarters along the lode, and the future in general promises well.

Bad Gas and Economy.

A correspondent who seems pretty well at home with the inside running of the S. F. Gas and Electric Company, vents his wrath upon the Lawless-Bourne administration for the manner in which they have swung the axe and the decapitation which has resulted among the employees of the com-

pany formerly connected with the Pacific Gas Improvement Company, under Mr. C. O. G. Miller. These men, it appears, were generally concealed by their fellow employees as some of the most efficient workmen in the present over-capitalized institution. They are said to have done their work faithfully and conscientiously under the new control, and were in no way responsible for the opinions and utterances of Mr. Miller. Possibly the writer has some ground for complaint in the matter, viewed from the high standard of morality which ruled in years gone by, when a man stood upon his own behavior and was not held responsible for the action of others or liable to discharge on account of a personal antipathy upon the part of an employer to a member of the firm he worked for at some prior period. Judging from all that is said of the new combine and the quality of the gas on the streets at night, which they have the gall to ask the city to pay for, it would be idle work to expect any consideration for the plain, ordinary deck-hands, when high salaries have to be maintained for the favored few. The explanation for the discharge of these P. G. Improvement Company's employees would naturally be accounted for on the ground of an attempt to reduce operating expenses, although effective men in the works, judging from the quality of the output, cannot be spared to the same advantage as the high-priced gentility now occupying upholstered seats in the head office. It will be hoped that the Supervisors will look into the question of the company's reduction of expenses as to its bearing, if any, upon the miserable quality of the gas now furnished, at what are claimed to be extortionate rates by unfortunate citizens forced to do business with this miserably disposed concern.

A Paradise for Thieves.

Some time ago the News Letter remarked, in face of the impudent effrontery of a set of wild-cat promoters, who flaunted their fraudulent wares in the most bare-faced manner in the columns of Eastern papers and magazines which were ready to rob their readers for the sake of a little dirty money, that it was only necessary to give the thieving scalywags rope enough and they would hang themselves. The sheep have now turned on the wolves, and from all over the country comes the news of prosecutions of swindlers who, in other lands, where justice acts without fear or favor, would have been convicted and jailed months ago. Whitaker Wright, had he not taken the law into his own hands, would have stepped from the dock, when convicted and sentenced after a trial which lasted a few days, into his striped suit and a convict prison; here time is given for appeal after appeal to a higher court to grow old in years, while witnesses drop out of sight by removal from one locality to another or by death. A case was mentioned in the papers this week of a man convicted of stealing \$80, who had been confined in jail for six years pending a decision upon appeals as to what shall be done. Another item, in announcing the fact that the appeals of no less than seven murderers, many of them taken red-handed, had just been presented to the Supreme Court, concludes with the edifying remark that many months must elapse before action will be taken upon any of their cases. When capital crimes are treated in this careless manner, what can be expected in the way of punishment for plain, ordinary theft. And yet we will persist in vaunting an advanced civilization over and above all the enlightened sections of the globe.

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He should receive his appointment from the three parties in interest—the public, as represented by the city authorities, in the person of the Mayor; a delegate from the accident insurance companies, and a third commissioner from the makers of elevators. The insurance companies and the elevator men are interested in seeing a thoroughly honest man appointed, as any accident means damage suits and loss, and the authorities should see that politics cut no figure whatever. Let us have an Inspector of Elevators, and the quicker the better.

ALVINZA HAYWARD.

That rugged, stalwart figure in finance and mining, Alvinza Hayward, is bending to the blast of age. He is said to be stricken with a fatal paralysis. Those who know him at close range credit him with a kindly, cheerful personality. At the San Mateo home there will be deep grief should he die, and that grief will extend to the quail, the peacocks and the deer, who will wait, day after day, for the sight of the kindly, tall old man's outstretched hand with fool.

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When the Examiner, some three months ago, without investigation, published an account of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Saunders, the well-loved veteran actress, it brought many troubled, uncertain days to the dear little old lady whose life is fluttering out in her little apartment in Capp street. As she is still a notable figure in the histrionic world, the announcement of her death was promptly sent East by the Associated Press. Denial was made of the statement, but not by the Examiner. At any rate, the truth about Mrs. Saunders did not travel upon the heels of the false report in time to undo the mischief wrought.

The first statement reached Joe Jefferson, Mrs. Saunders' cousin, who with characteristic generosity has, for many years, sent a check to her, which has meant not extravagances, but necessities, for the charming old lady. He wondered, perhaps, that no personal word had been sent him by those who must know of their relations, but the check did not come, and worry was added to the helpless days. Proud in the extreme, Mrs. Saunders would not sanction any letter-writing, because she feared that at last the day had come when Cousin Joe regarded her as a burden, no longer to be borne. Friends in San Francisco saw to it that Mrs. Saunders did not need for anything, but the sorrow that comes of apparent neglect was a constant one. Finally friends wrote and soon Joe Jefferson knew that his beloved little cousin was still alive, and the check came immediately. As there must always be a nurse now for the invalid, the money was never more needed.

If Mrs. Saunders had been wise in the ways of real estate and building corporations, she would not have been in need in her last years of the bounty of any one. About fifteen years ago she had to walk out of the home for which she had worked so long. She did not understand, that was all. When she made her payments on the house, she thought that she was paying on the full amount. Instead of that, after the ways of such things, there was a mortgage standing; she had been paying off on one-half the purchase amount, and interest on the remainder. It was too late then to save her home. Her working days were over. Fifty years on the stage had made up the sum of them. That chapter was closed. Mrs. Saunders sorrowfully walked out of the shelter for which she had worked and saved. Since that time she has been where she is now. Joe Jefferson and a few others have contributed cheerfully. Friends have kept the larder from being bare; they have gone religiously to her for the kindly ministrations, and in turn she has been a benediction upon every life that has touched hers. Now she is 85, helpless, physically, but mentally a sweet companion. The tree is still green at the top.

ON PLEASURE BENT.

It is becoming quite the fashion for business men and their families to take a trip to San Jose for surcease from business cares. The Livery and Hack Company, at 18 San Fernando street, will furnish excellent and well-informed drivers to tour parties in and about the Garden City.

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CAN THE ETHIOPIAN CHANGE HIS SKIN?

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin?" The famous question which the poet propounded in the fall before that the answer is necessarily in the negative, seems to be in a fair way of settlement in the affirmative with the help of radium, which, if one may believe our scientific folk, appears to be the long lost universal cure, and solvent for all the troubles that do afflict our mortal state. A young man at the University of California is engaged in making a nigger white by subjecting him to the purifying rays of this modern wonder-worker, and an Eastern dispatch tells us that the attention of the scientific world will be fixed on South Bend (Ind.) during the next few months because a physician of that town—hitherto not suspected of scientific activity—is engaged in working out a scheme to prevent pigmentation of the negro babies of the future.

What if the race question that has perplexed so many generations of statesmen should be solved by the simple process of whitewashing. If the Ethiopian change his skin, shall he therefore live up to the obligations of his new color? The possibilities of confusion that may result from the prevalence of the whitened negro are alarming. Or if the transformation should be incomplete, and we should be confronted with a breed of speckled niggers, that possibility seems to add a new terror to that condition which the newspapers are pleased to describe as the "complexity of modern life."

Hitherto the efforts to civilize the negro have been mostly confined to the spread of whiskey and missionaries. The work of neither of these agents has met with any very gratifying success. It is up to the scientists now to try what they can do with their chemical whitewash brush.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. Paul Gerson begs to state that in response to numerous requests he will on January 1st open a Juvenile Department in connection with his School of Acting, and has secured the services of a teacher of experience specially qualified for this work, Miss Lillian E. Muscio. One of the features of the department will be a dancing class in charge of Signora Matildita. In order that each one may have his or her proper time and attention, the class will be limited to twenty-five. Mr. Gerson will give his personal attention to every pupil. For terms, etc., call or address the Juvenile Department of the Paul Gerson School of Acting, Native Sons' Building, 414 Mason street. The fourth of the series of matinee performances by students at Paul Gerson's School of Acting will take place at the California Theatre on Friday afternoon, February 12th. A brilliant programme will be presented. The school will be assisted by the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, this institution hereafter joining its artistic interests with the School of Acting.

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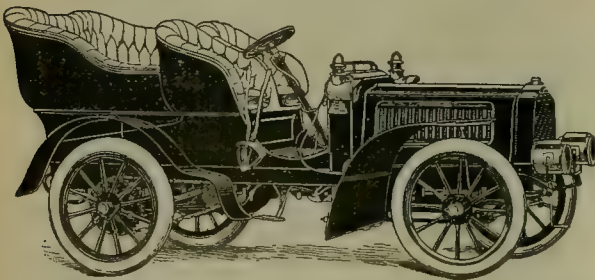
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Here we have the key to a new situation—the unqualified recognition of the automobile. The opposition that has been met with in the past must now fade away. It was but the other day that I was talking with a member of a firm which at the present time uses twelve buggies. He said: "We are seriously considering replacing our horses with runabout automobiles. We know that we will save over a thousand dollars in keep alone, not to mention the immeasurable saving there will be made in time. I think it will easily double the working capacity of our force. This not alone effects a saving in salaries, but concentrates our business so that the responsible heads of departments are able to keep in closer touch with our trade. You can easily see what that means to us. The only thing that prevents us making the change at once is doubt as to whether the modern vehicle is to be depended upon; whether it will always be there when we want it. If the automobile can answer the question satisfactorily, we will make the change."

Here, then, right at our own doors, we see what the commercial automobile means. When it once becomes a conveyance in business, all opposition to it will cease, and its rights will be recognized by all legislative bodies. There will be no more passing of ordinances to bar its advancement. It will cease to be a thing purely of pleasure.

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That the automobile is past the experimental stage is a question that has already been settled. The manufacturers know just what may be expected of their vehicles and can in cases of standard makes guarantee satisfaction. The present trouble is not caused so much by defective machines as it is by the inexperience of the handlers and care-takers. It is, to my mind, more surprising that the average machine runs as well as it does. Just compare the care that the average automobile gets with that of the locomotive or engine on a vessel. Most of the bearings and parts of a locomotive or engine are more massive than those of an automobile, and are better able to stand the wear and tear of travel than the delicate parts of the modern chariot, but you do not find the railroad officials allowing their engines to run a whole week without a thorough cleaning or being thoroughly tested for a loose bolt or screw. The ordinary locomotive travels on an average about thirty miles per hour when under way on smooth rails, while the average automobile makes

that gait, and generally a better one, over roads that do not make easy riding in a fine spring carriage. Therefore, how much greater is the strain on the automobile than on the locomotive, and yet the public expects that the former should give as much satisfaction, if not more, than the latter.

The makers from time to time publish statements from customers relative to the satisfaction that the machines give, and how long they run without repairing. In most of these cases it will be found that the testimonials come from those who understand machinery.

What is needed in every automobile center is a school where owners and handlers may be taught all that there is pertaining to the workings of an automobile engine.

Until that time, the home offices of the different makes should insist that all the branch officers and representatives should report all and every kind of repairs to the machines, and give the cause of mishap. These data should then be compiled and sent to those who have purchased from them. It will reduce the income from the machine shop, but the difference will be made up in the increased sales, for many who are not convinced that the experimental stage is past will have better examples before them than are to be seen at the present time.

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The Automobile Club of California is seriously considering a meet to be held in this city next May. The meet last year was a great success for the first attempt, Barney Oldfield, of course, being the chief attraction, but it was easily seen that the other events would not have held the public a second time. In the coming event the officers of the club will have to supply more than one man of the calibre of Oldfield if they expect the gate receipts to be a success. Another feature that should receive attention this year is the racing of touring cars. The two special events on the last day, the contest of the Winton cars and the Autocars, brought out more enthusiasm from the visiting public than any of the other events outside of those in which Oldfield took part. There is nothing gained by trying to convert touring cars into racers and then sending them off from scratch. The classifying of races, by weight only, is not a satisfactory way. It is as unequal and as uninteresting as trying to race a cruising yacht with racing canvas against a racing machine without time allowance.

What would horse racing be if it were not for the weight handicap. If the trade will strip down its touring cars to try and make racers and the meet officials will insist on giving the events, then let a handicap be devised that will not only take weight into consideration, but also horse-power and every other factor of speed. Then, and then only, will you have contests that will not be processions and finishes that will bring the people to their feet in the grand stand.

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When Barney Oldfield was in the city last fall he asked for a straight-away piece of ground three miles long, as he wanted to make a world's record for the mile. There was not a piece of roadway in the vicinity of San Francisco on which he would attempt to open up the Bullet No. 2. In Los Angeles he repeated the request, and was unable to find what he wanted; but the request fell on fertile soil, for the members of the Automobile Club will start within the next thirty days one of the finest speedways in the world. It will be seven and one-half miles long, with only a drop of fifteen feet in the whole distance.

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Los Angeles has the track record, and it looks as if it would also take the record for the straight-away sprints.

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W. B. Gliddon of Fruitvale toured to San Jose last Sunday. During the day he covered over a hundred miles, which is the longest distance he has traveled in his new White car.

John H. Spring was another of the Fruitvale automobilists who was on the highway Sunday. He made the trip to Irvington and return in his White touring car.

John D. Spreckels had both of his White touring cars out last Sunday. Miss Grace Spreckels handled one of the machines, while the Commodore operated the other. Among Mr. Spreckels' guests on the trip to San Jose and return were Miss Lillie Spreckels, Miss Dolbeer, Eugene Murphy, Dr. Zeile and brother.

Manager Hawkins, of the White Company, has just returned from the New York automobile show. He states that the show was a great success and most interesting, but there was nothing remarkably new to be seen. He reports that the White Company made the most sales.

F. A. Moore of San Rafael is one of the latest purchasers of a White touring car.

Douglas Watson made a trip to San Jose last Sunday in his new St. Louis touring car.

C. S. Middleton and wife are back from the New York show. They had a most delightful time and enjoyed everything but the weather, which hastened their return to California.

Mrs. J. A. Marsh ran her Pierce-Arrow touring car to San Jose last Sunday. On the trip home she had the pleasure of passing every machine on the road.

Five Winton touring cars made the century run to San Jose and return last Sunday. The owners who took the ride were Colonel Lally, Mr. Spieker, Geo. Hammond, Robert White and Richard Mier.

Mr. F. M. Stewart toured the Berkeley Hills in his Winton last Sunday.

Colonel Lally, George Hammond, William Bogen, and Parker Whitney have just received their new Winton touring cars.

Mr. P. T. Moore, of Elmira, has just purchased a Stevens-Duryea from the Pioneer Automobile Company. He made the trip to his home in quick time last week.

Twelve orders for the new Oldsmobile touring car have been received by the Pioneer Automobile Co.

Dr. A. H. Giannini has placed an order for an Oldsmobile touring car.

May Tenbrock, John Henshaw, Kathryn Beresford, of the "Chinese Honeymoon" Company, were out with a party of friends in two Toledo touring cars for a drive through the Presidio and the Park last Sunday and reported a very pleasant drive.

The National Automobile Company report that they have two cars of two-cylinder Knox (waterless touring cars on the road, which they expect to receive the early part of next week.

Mr. B. D. Merchant, who was one of the first in this city to purchase a four-cylinder Pope-Toledo ("Mile-a-Minute") touring car, expects to have his heart gladdened by the receipt of his car by the time this goes to press.

W. H. Talbot was seen in the Park on Sunday last in his Pope-Robinson touring car, which he brought from the East some short time ago.

W. K. Knowles and a party of friends went to San

Jose on last Sunday in his Toledo touring car, and report the roads in fine condition, and that they had a very enjoyable time.

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THE PASSING OF LOVE.

By Theresia Garrison in Cosmopolitan

Hold Love a little day and that is well;
Hold Love an hour and that is better still—
It takes not long for Love his sweets to tell.

Bitter the afterword he gives to fill
Long years and cheerless, when his saddened face
Mocks the lost joy—the pulse's olden thrill.

Why bid him stay, a sorrow in the place?
The best of him was ours too long ago—
The laughter and the pleasure and the grace.

There is no sweet thing left for us to know.
Losing the substance, shall we hold a ghost?
Losing a friend, must we retain a foe?

Why for a guest unthankful play the host?
Set the door wide and toll the passing bell;
He takes not from us what we prize the most.

Hold Love a little day and that is well;
Hold Love an hour and that is better still—
It takes not long for Love his sweets to tell.

VALENTINE.

By Clinton Scollard in The Reader

If you were here, sweet, what would my song be?
Ah, it would happiness all the day long be!
Now it is sadness, and now it is sorrow;
Go, and bid Granther Time hasten the morrow!
Hasten the morrow, aye, hasten the minute
When this drear emptiness love shall have in it;
When my two arms, that so fain would enfold thee,
Tightly shall clasp thee and tenderly hold thee!
Then do you ask, sweet, what will my song be?
Ah, it will happiness all the day long be!

LOVE'S QUEST.

By Charles Hanson Towne in The Reader

When all the clamor of the world,
Its noise and wild alarms
Has wrapped me pitilessly round
And in its web my heart has bound,
I crave your sheltering arms!

When all the brazen crash of swords
The silence rends apart;
When I am steeped in toil and strife,
I crave, O great love of my life,
The stillness of your heart!

A MEMORY.

By Ella Barker in The Smart Set

When fades the glow from sunset skies,
And darkness comes apace,
With eyes half weary of the light,
Dreaming, again I see thy face,
Calm with the peace of those that see
Through all life's transient mockery
The vastness or eternity.

ABSORPTION.

By Nona Oliver Archer in Everybody's Magazine

Beloved, in the still deeps of thine eyes
Absorb my soul, that I may know no more
The pain of separation! I implore
Thy Self to take me in, and solemnize
My union with thee in some mystic wise.
I would no more be I, but would explore,
As thee, thy soul's dim temple, and adore
Therein, as thee, with secret sacrifice.

Oh, let me die to Self, and find rebirth
In some fair body as one soul with thee!
There are no purposes in life for me,
But as thy complement; nor any worth
In all the fame and splendor of the earth—
Unless one perfect spirit we may be.

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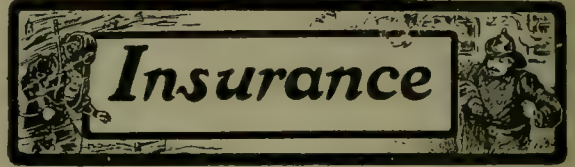
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The twenty-ninth annual report of the Underwriters' Fire Patrol for the year 1903 is as full of interesting information as a Swiss cheese is full of holes. On account of a threatened increase in rent at the expiration of the lease on the premises occupied by Station No. 1, at Nos. 106 and 108 Jessie street, a committee, says the report, consisting of Messers. Spencer, Faymonville and Bromwell was appointed to see what could be done in the matter of securing a new location. We have the pleasure to report that the committee succeeded in making a contract with the Bothin Estate Co., by which they agreed to build and equip, in accordance with plans submitted by the board, a house on lots Nos. 12 and 14 Natoma street, near First, the rental being the same as formerly paid on Jessie street. We are now in possession of the new premises, which are far more commodious than our former station and more conveniently situated, being in close proximity to the wholesale district. Our lease is for ten years. We have also to report that lease on No. 2 Station has been renewed for five years at the same rental as heretofore paid. The directors have again the great pleasure of thanking Chief Sullivan and the members of the San Francisco Fire Department, as well as the Chief and employees of the Department of Electricity, also Fire Marshal Towe and Chief Wittman and the members of the Police Department for the valuable assistance rendered the Patrol during the year. We are likewise indebted to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. for the use of telephones in our three stations without charge.

The service performed by the force during the year is as follows: Hours in actual service, 687 hours, 50 minutes; number of stock covers spread, 2,401; number of roof covers spread, 151; number of fires extinguished, 23; barrels of sawdust used, 290; covers destroyed, 46.

The same authority shows that the losses on buildings in San Francisco for the year amounted to \$399,512.59, and the losses paid \$294,585.74.

The loss on contents for the year amounted to \$1,252,389.49, the losses paid being \$802,239.64.

The losses on buildings and on contents not insured amounted to \$535,076, showing that there are still a few unwise folks left in this city who prefer to carry their own insurance and lose rather than pay their premium and be protected.

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and under \$40,000; six fires ranging between twenty and thirty thousand, and seven between ten and twenty thousand.

The Conservative Life Insurance Company gave a banquet at Delmonico's Restaurant on Tuesday evening, which was in the nature of a celebration of the company's success in Northern California. There were present Vice-President Wilbur L. Tupper and Assistant Actuary Herman A. Behrens, and the managers and assistant managers of the company's various Northern California branch offices. There were also present several policyholders, men prominent in financial circles, and whose judgment is regarded as safe in other matters than the selection of the Conservative to carry their life insurance. Covers were laid for ninety guests, all of whom were present. The speech of the evening was made by Vice-President Tupper, and the remarks made by the other officials of the company denoted a fund of energy and a flow of enthusiasm in favor of the Conservative. Among the leading policyholders who spoke were Reverend William Rader, E. E. Bancroft and Isador Jacobs, Assistant Superintendent of Agencies J. R. Russell, Jr., acted as toast-master, and under his guidance there was not a dull moment during the evening. Regrets were freely expressed by the guests over the coming departure of Mr. Russell to new fields. He goes to organize the State of Oregon, and thence to Washington. He carries with him the best wishes of the agents, all of whom are his friends. His ability to make friends may, perchance, account for his success as an organizer of territory. The key-note of the evening was struck when the toast-master said: "We meet to celebrate the success of the Conservative Life's business in Northern California, which in January, 1903, was \$2,000, and the December business of the same year amounted to \$615,000." There are, it is understood, more changes to be made in the working and field force of the Conservative, which, it is believed, will be productive of a still further increase in business.

The Legallet Hellwig Tanning Company's fire carried off the blue ribbon prize at the figure of \$206,835. The Theatre Republic and the Studebaker Bros. ran almost a tie for second place, amounting to about \$139,000 each, and the Cunningham, Curtis & Welch fire cost over \$100,000.

The total alarms received during the year amounted to 1,394. There was only one alarm rung in from a theatre during the year, but the quality of the fire made up for the lack of quantity.

The officers and directors are: William Macdonald, president; John Scott Wilson, vice-president; Rudolph Herold, Jr., secretary and treasurer; V. Carus Driffield, L. L. Bromwell, George W. Spencer, Bernard Faymonville.

Mr. James H. Washburn, president of the Home Fire Insurance Company is so far recovered from his two months' sickness that he is again at the office of the company where he was the recipient of numberless congratulations.

W. C. Cree, who has had North Dakota for the Phenix of Brooklyn, will become State agent for both the Dakotas, with headquarters at Sioux Falls; K. C. Klemme, who had South Dakota, acting as his assistant. Mr. Cree was for years in the Rocky

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Meinself—und Gott.

Vile some men sing der power divine,
Mine soldiers sing “Die Wacht am Rhine”
And drink der health, in Rhenish wine
Of Me—und Gott.

There's grandma dinks she's nicht schmall bier
Mit Boers und such she interfere.
She's learn none owns dis hemisphere
But me—und Gott.

In dimes of peace brepere for wars,
I bear der helm und spear of Mars,
And care not for ten thousand czars,
Meinself—und Gott.

In fact, I humor every whim,
Mit aspect dark and visage grim.
Gott pulls mit me and I mit him—
Meinself—und Gott.”

From the dawn of civilization to the present time controversialists have made reputations by dealing in glittering generalities and by an array of brilliant abuse of polemical opposition. Let us take “A Countryman of Bec-de-Fer” as an example of a brilliant mind gone wrong. With him I have no quarrel, except that he is garrulous and that he masquerades as my countryman.

First—He is not an American.

Second—He is either a German, or his early life was spent in a German home and under German influences. He cannot help his views.

Third—He is a professional man, and probably writes poetry.

Fourth—His name is not an unknown one.

Now, you will ask, how do I, Bec-de-Fer, know this? Simply by deduction. He is not an American, because “it's a foul bird that defiles its own nest.” Let me quote: “Does he know that the German navy is as good and as large as ours, and that, despite jingo belief, its men are better?” * * * “our ships are manned by the depraved and vice-eaten riff-raff of all nations” * * * “the American sailor has the bad name of a blustering rowdy and ruffian, etc.”

I could go on almost indefinitely bringing out the little shades of contempt in which this gentleman holds his alleged nationality. Having established the fact that, as an American, he is a renegade or that, as a German, he has no regard for truth, let us go on dissecting what remains of his personality.

He is a German—“ancient tubs of Spain,” “stood firmly on their rights,” “Dewey's cheaply-won victory,” “Americans, drunk with gore and overbearing,” “Dietrich was not to be bullied.” These have always been the Berlin ideas. Your correspondent is most likely a poet, for two reasons: He writes copiously and without any regard for truth. He is sentimental! It is German sentimentalism, it is true, but none the less sentimentalism; heavy, doughy, unleavened, dogmatic and squareheaded. He has no

regard for truth, for he purposely mixes the Austrian incident with the German.

He gives a general denial of the events of Manila Bay from the standpoint of—a man conversant with the German tongue!

My alleged countryman alleges further that I made some statement reflecting on the private life of “Willie the Witless.” I protest. Here again he travels afar in the fields of romance. I made no remarks on this matter at all. I might have quoted Mme. Eppinghoven (by the way, she is not an American jingo), and told of the cruel way in which this “model Emperor,” this “genius,” denied his old mother the poor charity of a palace room to end her days. My alleged countryman “protesteth too much!” Will he kindly inform a waiting world as to what it is he fears will be divulged? Does he think I am going to show up the Kaiser's weakling legs? Does he believe that I will lift the richly broided scarf that hides the rictus of uncontrollable anger making difform and hideous the face of the Anointed? (Vide Mme. Von Eppinghoven). Has he forgotten Bebel's arraignment of the German army or the revelations of Lieutenant Biltse? Is the West African misgovernment so far from his ant-hill he has forgotten it? Not one of the statements in my letter have been disproven. I purposely refrained from mentioning the “Irene incident,” because I was not on Subig Bay at the time. I was present on Manila Bay. I speak and write German, French, Italian and Spanish, and have traveled some little distance from my ant-hill—sixty thousand miles on sea and land in the last ten years. My name was withheld from publication because of my official position, but it is registered with the editor of the News Letter. In this I have the advantage of anyone who is too craven a coward to use even the poor shield of a pseudonym, but who stabs at Americans from behind the American flag.

—Bec-de-Fer.

Editor News Letter—Let me butt in. I am not surprised that the anonymous defender of Emperor William in your issue for January 30th should conceal his name, for he is either a menteur (if he knows what that means in French), or else he is a traitor. If he is an American citizen, as he claims to be, it is evident that he committed perjury when he took out his naturalization papers, since at that time he foreswore all foreign allegiance in general and to Emperor William or his predecessors in particular, and promised to stand by this country as against any nation in the world, especially Germany. Evidently he would not keep his oath if a war broke out between the United States and his native land; therefore, he committed perjury when he was naturalized. If he is not naturalized, then he made a false statement in his letter when he speaks of himself as an American. His boastfulness of what the Germans would do in a naval battle is amusing, when one recalls that the entire naval history of Germany consists in the sinking by one of her cruisers of a gunboat belonging to San Domingo a year or two ago. Whether German sailors can “shoot straight” no one knows, considering that they have never been rtied; and as for their patriotism, it is an equally unknown quality, since there has never been an op-

portunity to test it. But judging by the record of the famous German soldiers when they were marching on Peking with the allies, it is a very doubtful quantity, for the Germans on that memorable occasion fell behind in discipline, behavior and valor to the Japanese, British and Americans, and hardly equaled the Russians. If the German army makes such a poor showing away from home, with all the time, money and energy that have been spent on it for a century, what can be expected of a navy that has not yet reached the age of maturity?

When the German navy has a record that will duplicate that of the United States, even in the recent war with Spain, it will be time enough for the Germans to talk of "the riff-raff of all nations who compose the American navy," and who "desert by the score." They would have to desert en masse to balance the army desertions alone from Germany annually to this country:

The following is an extract from ex-Secretary Long's "The New American Navy":

"On the eve of war, the Navy Department was able to make the following comparison of the strength of the naval forces of the United States and Spain in the East:

	United States	Spain
Vessels: Cruisers.....	4	2
Gunboats	3	11
Mosquito Craft	0	25
Armed Tonnage	20619	20693
Guns in Main Battery	53	44
Guns in Secondary Battery	84	81
Broadside Discharge Main Battery Guns	3700	3000

"Afloat, the United States was superior, but Spain was stronger so far as material was concerned, taking her land and naval forces together. The batteries defending Manila Bay were capable of firing at a single discharge 3,750 pounds of metal. It is the testimony of experts that guns ashore are, by reason of steadiness of platform and protection afforded to the gunners, capable of more effective results than guns installed on men-of-war."

At Samoa, Germany acted in bad faith, and caused the death of both English and American sailors by her intrigues. In Venezuela, she tried the part of a bully again, and she would attempt to interfere in San Domingo to-day if she dared. Her army would give her no strength in a combat with this country, which God forbid, and her navy would find its match, if nothing more, if it had to try conclusions with the successors of Paul Jones, Decatur, Porter, Farragut and Dewey.

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"What's become of that politician, Bluffington, who used to have the undivided support of this community?" "Oh, he's still getting it. He's in the poorhouse."

"Do you have any trouble supporting your family, Sambo?" "No, indeed. Why, boss, I've got one ob de best wives in dis 'ere town."

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Mrs. Buggins—I don't feel at all comfortable in these new shoes. Mr. Buggins—What's the matter? Don't they hurt?

Mr. Simpkin—Oh, Miss Mabel, this scenery makes me think of a Shakesperian passage. Miss Mabel—Which? Mr. Simpkin—Well—er—I don't quite remember!

Daily Guide to Flattery—If you meet a woman who strongly suspects that she is a beauty, ask her earnestly if all her family are beautiful.

"Did you see the Dardanelles while you were in Europe?" "No," answered Mr. Cumrox. "You see, we were so busy sight seeing that we didn't have time to call on any of our friends."

Husband—What! A hundred dollars for an opera cloak? Why, it is perfectly ridiculous, my dear. Wife—Yes, I know it is; but you said you couldn't afford an expensive one.

The Empress of China—What is that strange noise I hear? The Minister of the Interior—It is the bottom dropping out of the New York stock market, your majesty.

Future historians are going to have a hard time determining whether Wos y Gil was a hero or a college yell. Furthermore, some of them may even incline to the belief that he was a health food.

Miss Howjames (at the opera)—Hasn't she a marvelous technique? Mr. Cahokia—Yes; but she doesn't—er—seem to know how to manage it gracefully. She gives it a sort of kick when she turns around.

Tramp—Please, mum, - I don't want nothing but the privilege of sittin' here and listenin' to Madam Patti, the great primma donna, sing. Mrs. Youngwife—Goodness me! She isn't here Tramp—Parding, mum, but I hear her now. Mrs. Youngwife—Why, that's my baby crying. But don't go. Dinner will be ready soon.

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Mr. Stubbs—Yes, that Mrs. Richrocks attended the missionary meeting and contributed even her jewelry to the poor heathen. Mrs. Stubbs (enviously)—Well, only a heathen would wear such jewelry as Martha Richrocks lugs around.

Mrs. Newitt—Mr. Feeder is coming to dinner this evening, is he not? Mr. Newitt—No; he must be sick or dead. I told him we dined at 6:30 and it's 6:35 now."


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Mr. Misfit—No use trying to explain things to a woman; she cannot understand scientific terms; now here's— Mrs. Misfit—Oh, yes, I can, Charles! Heredity is what a man blames his father and mother for, and environment is what he blames his wife and children for.

"I hope," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "that you didn't feel that you were de trop when you called the other day and found Mrs. Beezum present." "Oh, no," replied her hostess. "That was just of the back of my waist that I kept feelin' of. One of the hooks was loose, and somehow I couldn't help bein' kind of nervous about it."

"I beg your pardon," said a man who had approached another, apparently a stranger to him. "I saw you lift your hat to the driver on that wagon at the crossing. Of course it's none of my business, but just to satisfy my curiosity, I wish you'd tell me why you did it." "With pleasure. Didn't you see that he pulled up his horse and gave me a chance to cross instead of trying to run me down?"

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7:00A	Beneta, Sulist, Elmira and Sacramento	
7:30A	Vallejo, Napa, Geolotoga, Santa Rosa, Martinez, San Ramon	6:20P
7:30A	Niles, Livermore, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton	7:20P
8:00A	Shasta Express (Via Davis), Williams (For Bartlett Springs), Willows, Reno, Red Bluff, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle	7:50P
8:00A	Davis, Woodland Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville	7:50P
8:30A	Port Costa, Martinez, Antioch, Byron, Tracy, Stockton, Newman Los Banos, Mendota, Armona, Hanford, Visalia, Porterville	4:20P
8:30A	Port Costa, Martinez, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Visalia, Bakersfield	4:50P
8:30A	Niles, San Jose, Livermore, Stockton (Mt. Diab), Knights Landing, Placerville, Marysville, Chico, Red Bluff	4:20P
8:30A	Oakdale, Chinese, Jamestown, Sonoma, Talmage and Angels	4:20P
9:00A	Atlantic Express, Ogden and Salt Lake	11:10P
9:30A	Richmond, Martinez and Way Stations	6:50P
10:00A	The Overland Limited—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, Chicago	6:20P
10:00A	Vallejo	12:20P
10:00A	Los Angeles Passenger—Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton, Merced, Raymond, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Lenoire, Visalia, Bakersfield, Los Angeles	7:00P
12:00M	Hayward Niles and Way Stations	3:00P
11:00P	Sacramento River Steamers	11:50P
3:30P	Beneta, Winters, Sacramento Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville and way stations	10:50A
3:30P	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations	7:00P
3:30P	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno and Way Stations beyond Port Costa	12:20P
3:30P	Martinez, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi	10:20A
4:00P	Martinez, San Ramon, Vallejo, Napa, Calistoga, Santa Rosa	9:20A
4:00P	Niles, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi	4:20P
4:30P	Hayward, Niles, Irvington, San Jose, Livermore	11:50A
6:00P	The Owl Limited—Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Fresno, Tulare, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Golden State Limited, Sleeper, Oakland to Los Angeles, for Chicago, via C. R. I. & P.	8:50A
6:00P	Port Costa, Tracy, Stockton	12:20P
6:30P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose	7:20A
6:00P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose	9:00A
6:00P	Eastern Express—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and East. Port Costa, Beneta, Sulist, Elmira, Davis, Sacramento, Rocklin, Auburn, Colfax, Truckee, Boca, Reno, Wadsworth, Winnemucca	6:20P
8:00P	Vallejo daily, except Sunday	7:50P
7:00P	Vallejo, Sunday only	
7:00P	Richmond, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way Stations	11:20A
8:05P	Oregon & California Express—Sacramento, Marysville, Redding, Portland, Puget Sound and East	8:50A
8:10P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only)	11:50A

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8:15A	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Way Stations	5:55P
12:15P	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations	10:55A
4:15P	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations	11:55A
9:30P	Hunters Train, Saturday only, San Jose and Way Stations. Return-log from Los Gatos Sunday only	17:25P

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6:10A	San Jose and Way Stations	6:30P
7:00A	San Jose and Way Stations	6:55P
8:00A	New Almaden (Tues., Frid., only)	4:10P
8:00A	The Coaster—Stops only San Jose, Gilroy (connection for Hollister), Pajaro, Castroville (connection to and from Monterey and Pacific Grove), Salinas, Santa Ardo, Paso Robles, Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo, principal stations thence Surf (connection for Lompoc), principal stations thence Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Saugus, Los Angeles	10:45P
8:00A	San Jose, Tres Pinos, Capitola, Santa Cruz, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Luis Obispo and Principal Way Stations	4:10P
10:30A	San Jose and Way Stations	1:20P
11:30A	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations	7:30P
1:30P	San Jose and Way Stations	8:36A
3:10P	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove (connects at Santa Clara for Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek and Narrow Gauge Points) at Gato for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Castroville for Salinas	12:15P
4:30P	Tres Pinos Way Passenger	10:45A
5:00P	San Jose, (via Santa Clara) Los Gatos, and Principal Way Stations (except Sunday)	18:00A
6:00P	San Jose and Principal Way Stations	9:00A
6:00P	Sunset Limited—Redwood, San Jose, Gilroy, Salinas, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Deming, El Paso, New Orleans, New York. Connects at Pajaro for Santa Cruz and at Castroville for Pacific Grove and Way Stations	7:10A
6:15P	San Mateo, Berkeley, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, Palo Alto	16:43A
6:30P	San Jose and Way Stations	6:58A
8:00P	Palo Alto and Way Stations	10:15A
11:30P	South San Francisco, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park and Palo Alto	9:45P
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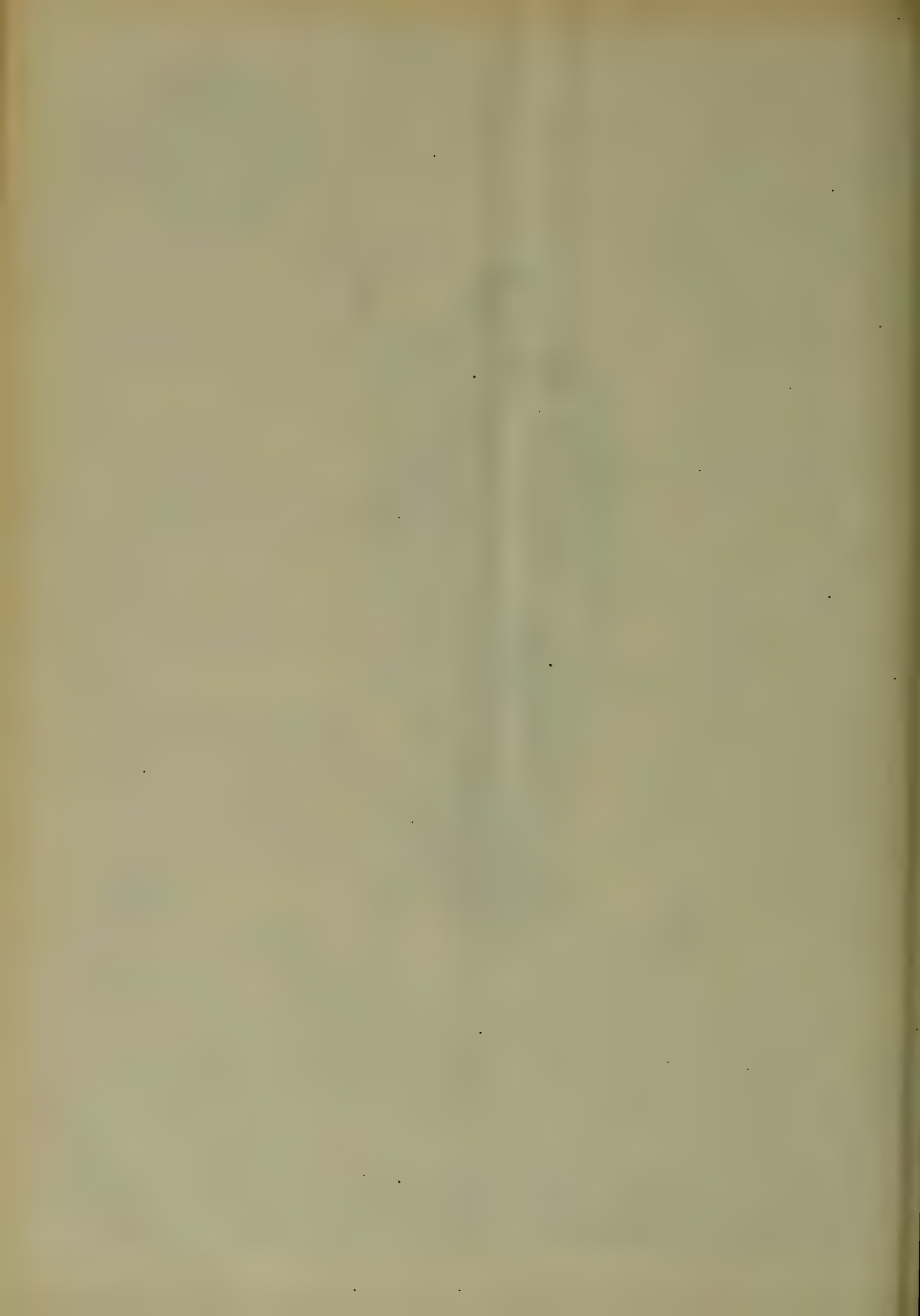
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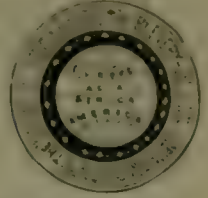


The Tenio of Japan (ordinarily called Emperor or Mikado) in the uniform of the Imperial Guard of Japan. The Emperor has assumed personal direction of the Japanese land and sea forces in the war with Russia. The picture presented by the News Letter is a production of an original sketch by Frank Nankivell, and was drawn from life while the artist was in Japan. There is a prohibitory decree against photographing His Imperial Majesty.





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Public opinion is in a fair way to beat Harbor Commissioner Spear into a pruning hook.

The last of our army has come home from Cuba, its bands playing "The Boodle I Left Behind Me."

Boiled down, the Oriental war news is that Japan has finally decided that this is good weather for a bear-hunt.

The earnings of the Match Trust for 1903 were away below normal, but the stockholders are basing high hopes on 1904, remembering that it is leap year.

The Kaiser has officially talked into a phonograph at the instance of Harvard University. It is understood that he mentioned the Almighty first.

Peanuts have gone away up in price, but pink lemonade remains at the old figure, so the circus industry is not completely wrecked.

A local newspaper is sending a long-haired theosophist to report the Russo-Japanese war by wireless telegraphy—and this is the limit of fakery.

Coincident with Hearst's borrowing of a million dollars comes Colonel Bryan's public proclamation that he is for Hearst for President.

Senator Gorman's candidate for the other Maryland toga was turned down with a thump. Four days later came the Baltimore fire, but we shall not ask anybody for an alibi.

Mayor McClellan of New York declares that the word "obey" in the marriage service is "obsolete and not binding in law." We know; we know. But why destroy all our myths?

Seven Russian warships put out of business in the first three days of fighting—now we begin to understand why the Czar was so active awhile back in advocating universal disarmament.

The sister of railroad president Cassalt has won a prize in Philadelphia for a painting of the "plein air" school. Her brother's financiering belongs to the plein water school.

A male beauty doctor, lecturing at the East, recommends Rhine wine as a cure for dandruff. This is an old remedy, generally applied by putting the cork in the hat and the wine under the belt.

Official announcement has just been made of a "History of Woman in America," to be published by the Government. Why not save words and call it "Herstory."

The distinguished detective in charge of the Soeder case caught his breath—and then let it go again, hissing between his clenched teeth: "Fooled again! The newspaperman detected you long ago!"

"O Reporter" was suspected in the heat of the moment of starting a run on an Oakland bank. The Press Club may wash off its war-paint, for this is merely the name of a Portuguese weekly.

Mayor Sam Jones of Toledo declares that "the criminal courts are the most criminal things in America," which is so near the truth that we could wish somebody more important had said it.

Yale's football song, "Boala Boala," is now the war-cry of the Macedonians. The name seems too suggestive of the dance du ventre for anything but an opera bouffe battle.

President Harper of Chicago University has appendicitis, but we do not believe the report that it was caused by John D. Rockefeller's eating something indigestible.

An eminent Eastern educator says the ideal college professor is the one who has the most children. This might be called the Belgian hare theory of higher education.

A Berkeley savant earns the envy of men less courageous by announcing that the woman of to-day has not improved in a single essential upon her sister of 2,000 years ago.

As the truth about Senator Hanna's illness comes out, we learn that he began it by laughing at the Gridiron Club's dinner "until his sides ached," many of the jokes being on himself. It's a mean germ that would take advantage of geniality like that.

Out of the bitterness of his heart, Alderman Sloan of Chicago cries that "the political club is a relic of the stone age, when man was still barbarous and preyed upon his fellows." We listen eagerly for a Chicago corporation opinion of Chicago aldermen.

The Cook County Democracy was frigidly refused by Mayor Harison when it wanted to keep a Chicago bar open after midnight for a "celebration," and now he is being measured for a suit of asbestos to wear while the torrid language flows.

An inventor of South Bend, Indiana, is making a bullet-proof vest for the President. Over this might be worn an editorial-proof duster, and a ballet-proof sombrero, the whole to be our national uniform for the Presidential rank.

SOCIAL THIEVERY.

Intermittently one hears and reads of the success or non-success of this or that person who has been engaged in the business of "breaking into society"—a business no more creditable, however, it is considered, than that of breaking into the houses of society people. Much has been said, and much there is to say, upon the snobbishness of the Smart Set—our own or any other—but what shall be said from that viewpoint about the vulgarity of one who essays social burglary in order to gain the coveted cachet of snobdom?

The motive of the house-breaker, the porch-climber, the sneak-thief, is to get, without working for it, a share of the ease and comfort enjoyed by those who have worked for and won it; the motive of the social "breaker-in" is desire to mingle on any terms with those holding themselves a cut above their fellow men and women, to call them by name, to eat their food and drink their wines, to sit among them at the play, no longer unknowing and unknown, and—acme of delights!—to be mentioned with the elect in the society columns of the papers. The housebreaker risks arrest or death; the social "breaker-in" risks only a snubbing, and to the "breaker-in" that is as often boon as bane, in that, after all, it implies recognition. Once in, the burglar seeks to get out again as quickly as may be; once in, the "breaker-in" seeks to stay as long as can be. It needs courage of a sort to be a house-breaker; it needs essentially a meanness of soul, a poverty of spirit to be a social "breaker-in."

To be a "breaker-in" argues either a past of shady places, a reputation with spots which refuse to be washed out or powdered over, or a presence and a personality too unpleasant for the endurance of those who have and exercise the power of choosing their associates. It argues, too, that thickness of hide which is the outward sign of an inner littleness, inasmuch as no man or woman ever forced the doors of society without suffering insult enough to wound the sensibilities of a rhinoceros. Pointed reference to the maculate reputation, the shady past or the offensive personality, floutings, sneers, the cut direct—these be the portion even of the successful "breaker in." And the "breaking into society" is a matter varying in its degrees of unpleasantness. Most polite is that plan of campaign which noiselessly buys a way within hailing distance of the elect, lays lines and spreads nets of entertainment for unwary feet, and then demands entertainment in return under the law of hospitality. Less polite is that procedure which begs and begs for a place at stranger boards, claims acquaintanceship from the chance smile or nod and intimacy from the reluctant introduction. Least polite of all is the "breaking in" which is achieved by force and intimidation. This is the method of the invader whose pen or tongue, skilled in the uses of libel or slander, serves him as the burglar is served by his "jimmy." Of such a one it is whispered: "He is dangerous; dont' offend him," and society, no less vulnerable than the people never listed as "among those present," not infrequently endures such an unwelcome presence for fear of what true or untrue word of evil its owner may say or write.

Society is doubtless a pleasant place for those who dwell in it by right of birth or breeding or achievement, but in spite of Yale locks and doors difficult to be carried away at the hinges, it would appear to have its drawbacks, and among them must be

the struggles of those who are "breaking in" and the presence of those who, having broken in, contrive to remain.

THE ELEVATOR DANGER.

The public is fully awakened to the necessity that calls for the appointment of a public inspector of elevators. This is such a serious question that it demands the immediate attention of the Mayor or the Board of Supervisors. One of these days a rope will break, a cog will slip, a safety clutch may fail to do its duty, and we will have another horror to chronicle; men, women and perhaps little children will lay in a mangled heap, a monument to the incapacity and lack of foresight of our municipal officers. The excuse is made that the insurance companies inspect the elevators. They do. Those that are insured. The elevator companies also make an occasional inspection. But this is not enough. There are many elevators that are never inspected, and these are used for freight and passenger purposes. Many of them are operated with rotten ropes, while others are of obsolete and unsafe pattern. It is high time that some action was taken by the solicitous gentlemen "at the Hall," who talk, talk, talk, and who never do anything, but somebody.

AGENTS OF DISHONESTY.

Powerfully at work making our weak men into dishonest men are the race-track, which tempts them to steal, and the surety company which helps to shield them. It is true that the bond-furnishing security companies specify in their agreements that the employer shall prosecute in case of detected criminality on the part of the insured, but is there on record a case of any such agreement being enforced? The presence of this clause in the bond serves merely to show that the security companies recognize their moral responsibility and seek to shift the burden of the employer. In his turn, the employer, reimbursed by the guarantor, leans to generosity, and passes it up to the courts and the prosecuting attorney if recourse to the law has proved necessary, with a motion or a suggestion to dismiss. It is only when the bonded thief has no money or no relatives with property to save him, that he is punished and prosecuted; otherwise, discovery of the crime to the public is purely fortuitous.

Admittedly, the security is a business convenience, as necessary to easy and economical commerce as fire insurance or life insurance, the directory or the telephone, but it has contributed much toward bringing about a state of business morality in which the compounding of a felony is regarded as no crime at all. Embezzlement has come to be so common a thing in San Francisco, with its long racing seasons and its facilities for turf gambling, that the security companies do business with a view to a high percentage of losses. With judges and public prosecutors as pliant as those who make a mockery of justice in our police courts, with hired guarantors in the shape of security companies to make losses good, with relatives finally to bear the loss, the crop of crime is harvested daily. The security company furnishes rapid transit from the employer's cash-drawer to the pocket of the book-maker.

It is hard to say how this cancerous condition can be cured. The palliation that first suggests itself is certainty of publication of every embezzler's offense and prosecution of every offender, whether he or his relatives pay up or not. It would be easy for the security companies to assume the burden of

prosecution, and if they will not assume it, the Legislature can speedily fasten it upon them. They guarantee the employer against loss; why should not they guarantee the State against corruption of its youth? But this does not touch the root of the evil—the race track, where crime is bred. We make bold to say that in three cases out of four where surety companies doing business in San Francisco are called upon to pay back the stealings of employees, those stealings have gone into the betting rings of the New California Jockey Club. Thanks to this incorporated villainy, ours has the reputation of the "widest open" town in the United States. That is not a pretty phrase, but it sounds much better than the truth. This truth is that the California Jockey Club is making thieves of our young men and harlots of our young women, filling our police benches with sleek, smug rascals, debauching the public and private morals of this community.

The News Letter invites the attention of the next Legislature to the security companies, and also calls upon it to check, if it will not crush, the spreading evil of the race tracks.

WILL HELP CALIFORNIA.

In the line of pure food legislation which Congress has undertaken to handle on a comprehensive plan, nothing is more important to California than the making of adequate provision to secure protection against chemical imitation and sophistication of wine. This State practically has a monopoly for wine. This State practically has a monopoly for wine. It is true that considerable quantities of so-called wine is made from grapes grown in the States on the other side of the Rocky Mountains, but the fruit is so sour that the must will not ferment without the addition of large quantities of sugar. This, of course, is a legitimate industry in the sense that the product is wholesome, so long as no sophisticating ingredients are used other than sugar. But this sort of wine will never constitute a serious competitor for the California product.

The object of legislation should be to stop the manufacture of chemical wines, filthy decoctions compounded in secret. Much of this poisonous stuff is made in this country, but more comes from France. The town of Cette, a very considerable place, is wholly supported by the making of spurious wines, and its export trade reaches large proportions. There is no doubt that the greater part of what people in this country drink out of bottles carrying a French label comes from this identical town of Cette, and is nothing better than a chemical compound.

The wines of California are genuine, and this is something that cannot be said with certainty of the professed product of some other regions. It is in the interest of consumers almost as much as producers that a genuine manufacture should be encouraged and this industry especially is more than usually beneficial, for the reason that in its prosecution the man who makes his living from the soil is enabled to bring to market an article that is not mere raw material, but has been advanced in his hands to the quality of a finished product. In a word, the grape-grower is not only an agriculturalist but a manufacturer besides, and should be enabled to make a profit from each of his industrial functions.

It is in view of these considerations that the bill introduced by Representative Bell in Congress should have the active support of all Californians, whether directly interested in grape growing or otherwise.

A STARTLING CONDITION.

We make no apology for returning to the subject of the export trade of the port of San Francisco as compared with the business done from Puget Sound points, because this is a matter of paramount importance to the future of this city, and it appears that we are falling behind in the race where we should be foremost. It will not do to shut our eyes to this condition. It must be faced and met. We are convinced that it can be met and overcome if once the mercantile community of San Francisco is aroused to a realization of means and ends.

We recognize the fact fully that the Puget Sound ports have certain natural advantages in handling the trade with Alaska. For one thing they have a considerable geographical advantage in point of proximity to the Canadian mining territory and other points reached by way of the Lynn canal, but this advantage over San Francisco scarcely applies to the American territory of Alaska. For instance, the difference in cost of shipment to Nome from San Francisco or Seattle is a negligible quantity. The most important enterprises in that region are in the hands of San Francisco capital. Why should we not be able to hold our own in point of trade?

The figures in regard to the Alaskan trade compiled by the Customs House are startling enough. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, the value of shipments from the Pacific Coast to Alaska amounted to \$9,266,504, and of this trade Puget Sound secured \$6,138,089; San Francisco \$2,955,341, and Columbia River ports \$173,124. That is to say, Puget Sound did more than twice the San Francisco business with Alaska.

This seems bad enough, but the story told by the figures of the Philippine trade is even worse, for the reason that if there is any geographical or natural advantage in this commerce it lies with San Francisco. The following table shows how the export business was distributed during the nine months ending on September 30th, in 1902 and 1903:

From—	1902	1903
Humboldt, Cal	\$20,167	\$12,315
San Francisco	827,537	479,640
Puget Sound	306,876	1,128,999
Portland and Astoria	188,303	87,977

Our trade is growing less; that of Puget Sound is advancing by leaps and bounds. This condition is not due to natural causes, and it calls for energetic work and concerted action. We are convinced that the figures and the tendency shown in these returns can be reversed, if only the mercantile community will wake up and get a move on.

MORE LETTER CARRIERS.

The gratifying intelligence comes to us that we are to have a number of letter carriers added to the local force. There are two very good reasons why the Government should increase the force. The present force is overworked, and while it is one of the most competent of all the offices in the service, it is, at the same time, the most strenuously worked. It is but simple humanity to relieve the present force of the extraordinary labor they are performing. It is but justice to the merchants of this city to give them even a better service than the one now in vogue. The carriers will lessen the labor of their brethren and earn the heartfelt thanks of the business community.

PATRIOTISM FOR PROFIT.

There is a newspaper published in New York called the "Political Liberty Herald." It is full of the wildest stuff regarding Great Britain, "our hereditary enemy." It opposes retention of the Philippines, and wishes to grant full citizenship to all Porto Ricans and Hawaiians, and besides this, has a violent desire to admit Cuba into the union as a full-fledged State. Here we have the names of the executive committee: C. B. Ludekins, J. G. Lazarus, Sigmund Horkimer, C. V. McConologue and Daniel O'Callaghan, chief organizer and secretary. We suspect that Ludekins, who is an ex-Confederate, a fire-eater, formerly a Cuban Insurgent, is the angel who is putting up the necessary coin to educate the American people. He is about the only American in the bunch, and he once tried to cut the country in two, and helped try pull down the flag. The others, judging by their names, are suspender and collar-button peddlers from the New York ghetto and unreconstructed Fenians. Let us see. A Confederate, three expatriated Polish Jews, and two ex-Fenians. That ought to make a pretty good committee to reform the American people, regulate their morals and their politics.

In order to become a full-fledged American patriot, blown in the bottle, none genuine without signature, send on one dollar for 26 copies of a newspaper, Your \$1.00 will furnish a 20-cent meal to each of the army of "Political Liberty" and the genial General Doctor (?) Ludekins will pay for his own provender.

Here is the way this modest gent speaks of himself: "Dr. Ludekins is a descendent of the Norsemen, those wild rovers of the deep, who swooped down upon their enemies like a hurricane, those daring spirits who knew no fear but believed that the weakling and the coward went to hell." Whoop-la! There will be the devil to pay when the next invasion of Canada begins, and Dr. Ludekins, "the eminent military tactician, the dashing and redoubtable staff courier, who had borne all hardships without a murmur, and for whom no danger had had terrors," storms Toronto or Timahoo. If the "eminent military tactician" could induce Willie Hearst and Harrison Gray Otis to join him, on Lieutenant's commissions, we might give them all a pension and a nice little island near Borneo, where they could all live together and never quarrel and never come back. How thankful we should all be to the dear Doctor.

THE CONDUCTOR MAN.

The street car service in San Francisco would be greatly improved if conductors would refrain from ringing the go-ahead bell until passengers had reached the ground with both feet. A somersault or a hop-skip-and jump upon alighting from a car is not conducive to dignity, convenience or pleasure, however amusing it may be to the conductor and other observers of the performance. Of course the "rules" provide for a full stop of sufficient length of time to enable the passenger to alight in a comfortable and safe sort of a way, but so many conductors suspend the rules at times that one wonders why the company bothers itself to formulate them, seeing that conductors, like the aspiring anarchist, insist upon being a law unto themselves.

Then, again, it would conduce to the pleasure and information of strangers more especially if conductors would not feel and look bored when a question of location or distance was asked. They should see that it is asking too much of a passenger to know as much about anything as they know, and for that

reason they should at least condescend to be communicative when questions of great importance to the passenger are asked. On the other hand, the conductor should not feel it incumbent upon him to force a passenger into a discussion of the weather, of politics, of religion. These are questions of not sufficient general interest to make subjects of uninvited opinion; besides, most people are pretty well grounded in their beliefs and the length of the journey does not give sufficient time to the conductor to present a logical and convincing argument. But all that sort of thing can be borne in more or less complacency if he will only keep his hands off the go-ahead bell-cord until the passenger has planted his second foot upon solid ground.

CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO DIG.

The protest of the Sewer Workers' Union of Alameda County against the undertaking of students of the University of California to grade the campus, implies and even formulates a new sort of divine right. No others but these heaven-sent and God-given sewer workers may dig or grub in the bowels of Mother Earth. They have assumed by solemn resolution of the union a proprietary right in the work of shoveling sand. They do not say what dire consequences may follow should any heedless person or persons assume to invade that right, and the penalties that may be inflicted upon the heads of the invaders are left to the imagination, but if, as we judge, the sewer workers regard their monopoly as a divine dispensation, doubtless they should call on Providence to visit pains and penalties on the invaders.

"When Adam delved and Eve span,
Where was then the gentleman?"

Possibly the sewer workers of Alameda County can answer this historical question in their accustomed method—by resolution. Like their brother unions, they have undertaken to regulate the universe on a plan which is their exclusive property by right of discovery. Every shovelful of sand must carry the union label, and no sort of work may be undertaken until the horny fist of the walking delegate, thrust out behind his back, is filled.

Professor MacDowell, eminent as a composer and as head of Columbia University's Musical Department is resigning his chair with the sorrowful comment: "As far as general culture is concerned, college graduates are the merest barbarians." Are we to infer that Columbia has a glee club and that Professor MacDowell has heard it sing?

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How San Francisco Looks to Me

By **Fernand Travers, Tourist**

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Really, good people, you positively overwhelm me. In the mail which Roger brings me I find no less than nine letters, each of them propounding a different silly question. I beg to assure you, my dear News Letter, that I am not a bureau of information, and because I condescended to settle the beefsteak question in last week's number, it is no reason I should be fatigued by answering a lot of correspondence which can only originate from the lower classes. One insulting letter asks the question: "Is it right to talk to a lady and have your hands in your pocket?" Now, forgive me—any chap who is half way decent or quarterly decently bred, knows, or should know, instinctively, that a man must not retain his hands in his pockets, gloved or ungloved, while talking to a woman. Of course, some persons among you are sinful enough to be indecent to the extent of going ungloved, but better gloveless than pockets full of hands. I am trying to educate you. The balance of the letters are really unkind and vulgar, and I refuse to pay any attention to the contents or the writers.

Still, I want to justify myself to the extent that if any person who writes me a letter is to the manor born, he will disclose his identity, or if he will call on me personally, I will tell him the proper thing to do.

I decline to answer any questions about the pinning of a mackintosh, the use of a nail cleaner in public, or the other questions propounded, or about the taking out of the sweetheart and shutting the chaperon. The writers are among the unmentionables.

Amongst the nine letters I received is one from some person who has the consummate audacity to question my lineage. This individual I spurn and refer him to the Debrett, or if he prefers it, to that miscellaneous publication published in New York entitled "Who's Who?" The investigator will find that Travers is there all the time, and I trust an apology from the letter writer will be forthcoming, or I shall have to cut him when I meet him. Of course you chaps out here don't know much so far as correct dressing, or gloving or booting is concerned, but if you would follow me you would learn, and as to the ordering of a correct dinner one of your best fellows here has in my presence ordered sparkling wine with the soup! There were women present, and while he paid the bill afterwards, or owed it, I'm blamed if he could do the same order in England or even in New York without being ostracised. The women present failed to call his attention to the bad form, and I truly think that the amount of his bill made him think he was doing the proper thing. He did in cash, but the correct method was not a very near relation in his family.

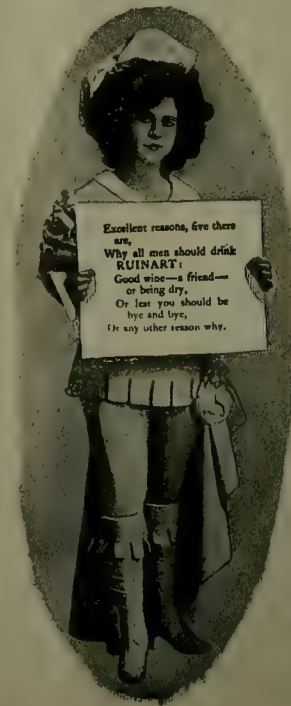
In my innermost self even I am sorry to think that I can't do you persons very much good. It seems to be bred in your bones to do the wrong thing at the wrong time. Take the theatres. Your people will dutifully listen to Patti or Langtry until the curtain drops, and then wait a few seconds beyond. But in other than star performances here, your folks make a rustle and a noise and disturb the finish of the play in a sort of a mad, crazy endeavor to get out first. Their rush is to show their frocks, and secure a back seat in some cellar restaurant, where one can't get anything decent to eat, and only indecent things to drink. Your people would listen to a star to the finish, but you forget that the other stars of greater or less magnitude are doing their best to entertain

you, and are as artists worthy your consideration. If not, why do you go to hear them? It is only a sign of ill breeding when a person reaches for garments before the climax. Among the nine letters you sent to me by Roger, the following, I think, is the only really decent one, and it touches on this very subject of the ill-bred manner and bad form of the late-comers and early-goers of your city's theatre patrons:

"My Dear Travers: I am unknown to you, but won't you, through the News Letter, beg the indulgence of audiences for the ladies and gentlemen on the stage of the various theatres of San Francisco. For those poor people who have to leave before the fall of the curtain on the last act I have only commiseration. Those early-risers are, for the most part, people who are employed as domestics in the homes of the rich, and, if they did not return at stated hours, would be in danger of summary discharge."

I withhold the name of the gentleman who sent me this communication. He is a clubman and a theatre patron. I really think he is correct in charging the early-rising to the servant women. If any other should rush and disturb the finish of an artistic performance, I but judge that the thirst for a peg or a mug is greater than their love for the play, and even if they are not, they would, judging from their rude manners, be counted serving maids. No other class would be low enough in even the imitation of good breeding to disturb the audience, and mar the effect of the actors' last efforts to the extent of spoiling the climax. I may be wrong, but this is the opinion of Travers.

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War Settling Differences.

What diplomacy failed to do to settle the differences between Japan and Russia, armies and warships are now trying to accomplish. Japan committed the overt act by attacking Russian ships of war and seizing ships of commerce, but Russia invited the attack by acts of perfidy and hypocrisy. The varying fortunes of the contesting forces are flashed over the world almost hourly, with such coloring as news censors deem fit to give. But what the nations are most concerned about is possible complications that may involve them as allies of one or the other of the belligerents. Before the acute point in diplomacy was reached, the News Letter's analysis of the situation and of the several factors that were entering one by one into the controversy, together with a forecast of coming events, has been verified almost in detail. War between Japan and Russia is an actual fact. And now what will the outcome of it all be? Will other nations become involved? What will be the effect of the war upon other nations? When peace comes, will the map of Europe and Asia have to be changed so as to conform to new national boundary lines? These are vital questions just now.

Predictions verified, the News Letter has insisted that Russian occupancy of Manchuria and not Japan's demand for a paramount voice in Korea's affairs was the real bone of contention, and now Japan herself has confirmed it. Japan is sure of Korea. That is admitted on all sides. It follows, then, that Japan is waging a war to crush Russian supremacy in Manchuria, and it would be a cowardly shutting the eyes to a glaring fact to refuse to see that Japan is not only waging a war to protect her own commercial interests in Manchuria, but is voicing the "amen" of China, Great Britain and the United States in every roar of her muskets and artillery, for these nations are equally interested with Japan in the purpose to be accomplished, except as to China, whose interest is far greater, for upon the success of Japan's arms depends China's title to Manchuria and her right to extend her authority over it. The United States and Great Britain, with Japan, recently signed a commercial treaty with China that fully recognized the Peking Government's ownership of and rightful sovereignty over Manchuria, and utterly ignores and repudiates Russia's pretensions in that region. These nations went so far as to establish, on paper at least, consulates in Manchuria against an implied protest of Russia.

Now that Japan is at war with

Natural Allies. Russia to re-establish China's ownership of Manchuria and make the commercial treaty between China and Japan, the United States and Great Britain effective and operative. To accomplish that, Russia must be defeated and driven out of Manchuria. If Japan can do that alone, so much the better for her and all concerned, for such a victory would at once place her high up on the list of the world's greatest nations; besides, then the question of her influence being paramount in Korea would never be questioned nor her equal trade rights everywhere "with the most favored nations."

Consequence of Japan's Defeat.

But if Russia defeats Japan, China will lose forever Manchuria, the United States and Great Britain will be denied satisfactory commercial rights in Manchuria, Japan will be set back half a century, Russia will absorb still other Chinese territory, Germany and France will have the Czar's consent to increase largely the boundary lines of their spheres of influence" in China, all of which will finally result in reducing the Chinese Empire to a small nation of little consequence and less influence. The whole question, then, resolves itself into this: will the United States, Great Britain and China sit idly by and see Japan defeated and the supremacy of Russia extended, not only in Manchuria, but in other territory of China, which would mean that the Anglo-Saxon had passed over the heights of commercial and industrial and financial mightiness, and was going down to the valley of a "has been?" But the United States, Great Britain, Japan and China know exactly what Russian success on the battlefield would mean to them, and hence it may now be recorded a fact that when peace is sued for the Anglo-Saxon will be there to draw up the declaration, and in the articles of agreement his interests will be amply protected then and provided for in the future.

The Far and Near East.

Turning to Europe, the influence of the war in the Far East is distinctly seen in the Near East. The unrest in Bulgaria and Macedonia, which has been the source of alarming threatenings against the peace and integrity of the Turkish Empire directly and all Europe indirectly, is rapidly assuming proportions that is almost certain to blaze up into a revolution in all the Balkan region against kingly rule of any kind. Notwithstanding the people of the Near East have an unsavory reputation for honesty and decency—freebooters, highway robbers and the like—their leaders have become imbued with the notion that a Balkan Republic, to include most of the Near East, would be conducive to the betterment of the conditions of existence of their people, and the word has already gone forth that the war in the Far East will be taken advantage of to make their declaration of independence and to defend it to the utmost of the people's military strength. Hitherto Russia has kept a hand raised to crush any manifestation of the kind, and also has in one way and another given the Sultan sufficient moral aid to keep his backbone pretty stiff in dealing with the Balkan people. But for awhile, at least, the Czar will have both his hands too full of trouble in Manchuria to attempt any crushing of young and aspiring republics in the Near East. Reports from Constantinople are to the effect that in anticipation of such an uprising in the Balkans the Sultan has about decided, under Russian influence, to send an army against Bulgaria, ostensibly to avenge certain insults, but in reality to crush the Republic's bud before it blossoms out into a federation under the significant name of "United States of the Balkans."

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THE FERRY NEWS STAND.

Harbor Commissioner Kirkpatrick did exactly what was expected of him at the last meeting of the Board. He is the one member of the Board who has always been held by the public as above suspicion. His training has always been with gentlemen, and he shies at anything that savors of jobbing and nepotism. There is no one who could dispense the State's money to relatives or friends with a more lavish hand than Kirkpatrick, except that Kirkpatrick is an honest and conscientious citizen. Spear is providing for a needy relative and it is more than probable that Kirkpatrick will stand pat and refuse to assist in a questionable transaction. Colonel Kirkpatrick has done just what any faithful State officer should do, and it is with pleasure we record his words:

"Is it not about time to advertise for bids with a view to ascertaining definitely what this privilege is worth to the State? Is it not our duty to advertise? The matter has drifted into an unfortunate condition. The rental is from month to month, but no one can do business unless there is some permanency. We cannot go along giving A the privilege one month and allowing B to come in with another bid. There should be a definite settlement. I have been asked if a higher bid than \$1,500 would be accepted. Perhaps we have not been offered the amount the State ought to receive. I understand that a large sum of money is paid for a similar privilege on railway trains."

It must be galling to a sensitive nature, such as Colonel Kirkpatrick's, to have to associate with such a burly wit as Spear and such a discredited importation as Mackenzie. The latter remained in San Jose just long enough to become a stench to the sensitive nasal organ of Jim Rea, and then he had to leave. The authorities had to provide him with an office, because, in any event, he is a public charge, so they made him Harbor Commissioner. What was San Jose's gain was our distinct loss.

The matter of the ferry news stand privilege was left in abeyance, with the legal bid of \$1,500 on file, and the \$1,200 bid accepted by the two conscienceless politicians, who, it is said, are exploiting every privilege on the water front, from North Beach to the Potrero, to their own, their relatives and their henchmen's advantage.

The situation calls for investigation by the Governor. He surely has no estimate of the enemies Charley Spear is making for the administration. In every direction this antipathist extraordinary goes right on, and unlike Midas, turns all cleanly things into dross by his touch.

Rehnstrom & Hagbom have formed a partnership in the tailoring business. Both of these gentlemen are well-known in their profession, and their rooms in the Phelan building are sure to be the Mecca for those of the sterner sex who affect the fashionable in dress. Mr. Hagbom was formerly with Messrs. James W. Bell & Company of Fifth avenue, New York, and for three years with the Henry Steil Company of San Francisco.

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The Library Table



Who's Who? Any one who wishes to know Who is Who has but to turn to the annual biography under that title which has again been published by the Macmillan Company. This is the fifty-sixth issue of this convenient dictionary. In order to make it more completely a Biographical Annual, and also for reasons of space, the tables which formed the first part of "Who's Who" are this year issued in a separate book called "Who's Who Year Book."

"Who's Who." An Annual Biographical Dictionary. The Macmillan Company, New York.

Sevastopol and Other Military Tales. Funk & Wagnalls Company have chosen well the time to bring before the English reader a new translation of "Sevastopol" (the first volume of a complete series of Tolstoy's works.)

Aside from the historical records these tales are interesting because of their psychological element. Tolstoy makes you see into the souls of his characters; you walk, talk, eat and drink with them in an atmosphere of smoke, shot and shell until, standing in that terrible Fourth Bastion, you realize the "spirit of these defenders of Sevastopol."

No translation is ever absolutely perfect, but Mr. and Mrs. Maude have vastly improved upon the methods of those who before them have attempted to reproduce the thoughts of the great Russian. Tolstoy says of the present translators:

"Better translators both for knowledge of the two languages and for penetration into the very meaning of the matter translated could not be invented."

"Sevastopol and Other Military Tales." By Leo Tolstoy. Translated by Louise and Aylmer Maude. \$1.50. Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York.

In Deliverance. When in '97 Miss Glasgow gave us her first book, we were willing to overlook the crudity for the sake of the promise lying underneath. Since then we have tried to see in each succeeding novel an improvement that gave us hopes of a truer, more natural view of life; but, alas! this last book has all the defects of its predecessors, with a few of its own. What manner of men can Miss Glasgow know that her heroes are all of the unpleasant type of Christopher Blake? Miss Glasgow has imagination, and there is romance of a high quality in the figure of old Mistress Blake, blind and crippled, sitting in the overseer's house, and supposing it to be her old home, while her devoted children go hungry and in rags that she may lack nothing, and be kept in merciful ignorance of the defeat of the beloved South and the loss of a great estate.

"The Deliverance." By Ellen Glasgow. Doubleday, Page & Co., New York.

Life in London. This is a new edition of Pierce Egan's book dedicated to "His Most Gracious Majesty, King George IV." The sub-title is "The Day and Night Scenes of Jerry Hawthorn, Esq., and his elegant friend, Corinthian Tom, accompanied by Bob Logic, the Oxonian, in their rambles and sprees through the Metropolis." It is a beautiful re-print, containing a number of designs and etchings by the Cruikshanks.

Concerning the book itself but little need be said. It is written in the almost punctiliously correct prose

of the beginning of last century, and abounds in the ostentatiously and pugnaciously vigorous patriotism of that age. It is brimful of interesting and suggestive notes on the morals and manners of the period, and is infinitely more useful from a historical point of view than twenty volumes of sober essays dealing with the period. As an instance of the social and convivial habits of the British aristocracy at that period, the following quotation may be made: "It will not do," says Tom, "to spend more than a single day at his Lordship's seat, for there the remedy would prove worse than the disease. His Lordship is a fine bottle man, at least, and his principal enjoyment consists in challenging his company to keep pace with him, glass for glass, till he sees the whole of his guests drop under the table, or otherwise disposed of, and then exulting in the words of Hippocrates:

"The only health to people hale and sound
Is to have many a tipping health go round."

D. Appleton & Co., New York.

National Sports of Great Britain. This is another re-print of an old book in the same series as the preceding. The issue is founded on the edition published by Thomas M'Lean in 1825.

There are no less than fifty plates, colored, dealing with racing, fox-hunting, shooting wild fowl, dog-fighting, cock-fighting, bull-baiting, bear-hunting, badger-baiting, etc. The preface contains a very naively written defense of sport, most of which is very humorous when regarded as an apology for much which is considered intolerably cruel at the present day, and which would not be endured even by the lowest of the populace, although these amusements formed the regular diversion of the upper classes a bare hundred years ago. A quotation from this preface runs: "Man was not intended by the Creator to pass a life of inaction and idleness; on the contrary, the most active duties have been imposed upon him, by nature and necessity. The pursuit of wild animals must be necessary to human subsistence in the early stages of society, hence man is naturally a sportsman, and from this source, with the stimulus of native curiosity, and desire of action and diversion, originated the system universally designated as sport."

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the manner in which this edition has been prepared. The plates are admirable, the print and paper exceedingly good in so cheap a work, the price being but a dollar and a half. This series should make a very valuable addition to any library, and if the present standard is maintained, must of necessity become very popular with those who are not led away by the passing fads of the hour. It is instructive and at times very humorous reading.

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Society

Dear Bessie: Do you know, there is a positive sigh of relief that this is the last week of the season, and that society will have a chance to do a little resting. I say little, for of course every one is not going to wear sackcloth and ashes, and things will continue to be given even if it is Lent; but they will be fewer and farther between, and of less formal character. But rest is sadly needed, and that it is coming makes me feel inclined to give special thanks in the sanctuary to-morrow.

There are some who think this has not been so strenuous a week as either of the two just gone before. Perhaps not, so far as dancing goes, though even of that there has been no lack, but certainly in the way of dinners and luncheons there were more than enough for many. To begin with, Mrs. Frank Carolan gave a tea in her rooms at the Palace on Monday afternoon, which was a gorgeous affair. I wish you could have seen some of the gowns, and what a liberal education it would have been to my dressmaker if I could have smuggled her in without being noticed. Mrs. Eleanor Martin's dinner in the evening was another fine affair, and the Huntington dinner-dance was just such another as the one two weeks ago, and was of course delightful.

There was no end of luncheons on Tuesday, and the J. D. Spreckels dinner in the evening was large and elaborate. Mrs. Hyde-Smith gave a luncheon for Mrs. Garceau on Wednesday; Mrs. Peyton had an "at home"; Mrs. Rudolph Spreckels's dinner was for Mrs. Peter, and the Wilson-Cluff wedding came off at the Palace at 9 p. m. Ethel Hager was also a hostess on Wednesday—the first big function she has given this season—a dinner for Constance de Young. On Thursday was the young folks' luncheon of Mrs. Casey and Kate Dillon; there was a bridge whist party at Mrs. Ed. Dimond's, with several theatre parties in the evening. On Friday, Mrs. Peter was again feasted at a luncheon given by Sallie Winslow, and I went to Mrs. Harry Mendall's second at home, as well as to the Huntington's, and last night there was the last of the Greenway dances for this season, preceded by Mrs. Joe Grant's big dinner. Elsie Gregory gives a luncheon to-day, and to-morrow Helen Pettigrew has a St. Valentine's tea—there, don't you think that is a pretty good showing for one week?

There will be only two real days of the season next week, but there will be no lack of affairs crowded into them—for instance, Mrs. Will Tevis gives a "bridge" party on Monday in honor of Millie Ashe Sewell, and the postponed Gaiety Club dance is named to come off at the Allens'. Mrs. Lansing has drawn first blood, if I may use such an expression, in being the first to entertain Frances Harris as bride-elect, giving her a luncheon on Tuesday. I hear she and Ernest Stent are to be married directly after Easter, and will then tour Europe and possibly the Orient if the war does not interfere with their movements. Mrs. Francis Sullivan gives a big luncheon; Beatrice will have a tea, and in the evening there is the Mardi Gras ball. A whole lot are going down to Del Monte next week to rest after the ball and other pre-Lenten gaieties, and to incidentally take in the polo tournament to be there played by the British and Californian teams.

The marriage of Vesta Shortridge and Emile Bruguere is at last an accomplished fact, only that in

place of the large wedding that was rather expected, the ceremonial was an extremely quiet one, taking place at Monterey last Tuesday. There will be another benefit next week for the Sailor's club house at Vallejo, when on Saturday there will be a sort of musical tea at Mrs. Lowenberg's on Van Ness avenue. There are to be candy, cake and tea-cups for sale and several articles are to be raffled.

I forgot to tell you last week of Mrs. Horace Hill's musicale, which was most enjoyable. Carrie Little was the chief attraction, so many were anxious to hear her. The Parrott dinner dance in the evening was small but very pleasant; the De Guigne girls are much liked, and have been among the popular of the season's buds. Mrs. Peter Martin was fairly surfeited with the good things of the table last Friday between Jennie Blair's luncheon at the Richelieu, where thirty guests were asked to meet her, and Mr. Jim Phelan's dinner in the Red Room of the Bohemian Club, which was followed by a sort of vaudeville entertainment—music and monologues. The last of the Friday Fortnightlies that night, though much smaller than usual, was as pleasant as it could be. You have no idea how many of the buds declare they have been—to them—the most enjoyed dances of the season, and weary as they evidently are, regret to see the last of them. The piece de resistance, so to speak, was the officers of the Italian man-of-war, then in harbor, for though their dancing was not much to brag of, they were not at all a bad-look-

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ing lot, and wore very showy uniforms. Mabel Toy's tea, which was one of the events of last Saturday, was given for two girls, Duffy by name, who are here on a visit to her.

I have just got Mary Kip's announcement cards, and hear she looked just too utterly sweet as a bride in far away Omaha. The pity of it was that her friends here could not have seen her that day. Two engagements were announced during this week, those of Charlotte Moulder and Charles Carter Nichols, and of Olive Hamilton, over in Sausalito, and Winn Breedy, so you see there are more weddings to look forward to. Charlotte's sister, Mrs. Covode, is an awfully nice little woman, and she has been missed a good deal this winter, as being in mourning for her brother, she has taken no part in the gaieties of the season.

Polly Macfarlane has departed for her Honolulu home, leaving on the Ventura yesterday. She was kept on the jump most of the time she was here with all kinds of entertainments. Among the most recent were the dinner of Mrs. Grey, Bertie Bruce Stephenson's lovely little tea, Mrs. Scott Wilson's tea, Mrs. Dutton's card party, and she was a noted guest at Mrs. Currier's luncheon. Lily wants me to go over with her to Fort Baker to call on two new arrivals—the sisters of Captain Wilson, who have come out to spend some time with their brother, who is stationed there. She says they are very nice, and sure to be liked when known. Another pretty girl here just now is Miss Mamie Langhorne, who is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jim Langhorne, who gave her a tea last Friday. Lucy informs me it was a regular Southern gathering, and that Millie Ashe Sewell, who was there, told her the cold in the East is something awful, and she thought she would never leave New York alive; so to hear us complain of cold weather must sound like a farce to Eastern people. The Oscar Sewells are also here on a brief visit, and Mrs. Sewell has been lunched by Alice Wilkins and by Mrs. Jim Robinson, who is at the Knickerbocker.

The Doctor's Daughters are going to make a new departure this year, and instead of a doll-show—which, to tell the truth, had begun to pall—they will have one of living beauties this time—a horse show, no less—which will be given at the new Riding Club house in March, and they promise all sorts of wonderful things. I daresay they will all be carried out, for Jennie Blair is back again, and she is wonderfully energetic when there is anything to be done to benefit her beloved organization. The new bowling club house has caught on, already the clubs for practice are in full swing, and when Lent comes you will see they will be considered the correct thing. Then, besides playing bowles, there is a cafe, where one can lunch, dine or sup—for instance, Greer Harrison had a dinner and the Shotwells a supper there this week, and they are but two of many.

The Rawles have, I hear, commenced to build, so there will soon be another pleasant army house opened to the swim. Mrs. Rawles is a charming hostess, and Bessie, the only daughter, is very musical, singing remarkably well. The Gaston Ashes have gone to housekeeping in an apartment on Van Ness avenue and Green street.

Fred Greenwood has actually gone at last, after ever so many threatenings, but he takes in Europe first, instead of Japan, which may come later—it all depends on the war.

—Elsie.

The inaugural meeting of the California Polo and Pony Racing Association takes place at Del Monte

Thursday, February 18th, and extends until Monday, February 22d. The polo matches will bring on the field the very cream of the crack players. The pony races, which perhaps appeal to and interest more keenly the average spectator, are scheduled for the 18th and 20th. The prizes offered are most liberal, and consist of purses and handsome silver cups. Among the probable competitors may be included such well known miniature racing machines as Messrs. Frank Carolan's "Fusillade," "Bonnie" and "Florodora"; Mr. Walter Hobart's well known speed marvel, "Silver Dick," and Mr. Clagstone's "Miss Miller." Mr. Rudolph Spreckels' "Becky" and "Peghome," and the stables of Messrs. Tobin, Dunphy, Driscoll, Bettner and a very strong contingent from the southern portions of the State, will be represented. The 15th Infantry band will be in daily attendance. A large exodus of society people is already assured. The succeeding week the association moves to Burlingame, where polo matches and one afternoon's racing on Mr. Frank Carolan's private track, are programmed. Mr. Thomas Driscoll is secretary of the Association, with offices at Room 39, fifth floor, Mills Building.

The arrivals this week at the Hotel Rafael are: C. A. Grow and wife, Mrs. H. A. Tubbs, A. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Rosenbaum, Lewis S. Rosenbaum, Ralph S. Rosenbaum, Fraulein Flach, E. Satslow, Miss Schreiber, Dr. Ed. Bowers and daughters, Miss Adelaide Lewis, Miss Etta Steinman, F. W. Wolfe and wife, R. B. H. Collier, Alexis T. Lanze, Mr. and Mrs. R. Belmont, Mrs. G. P. Simpson, R. W. Simpson.

Guests at Del Monte last week included: S. S. Howland and family, New York; Mrs. N. L. Wallace, New York; C. A. S. Wood, Portland, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. John Sherman, Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Percival, Covington, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Markay, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Abe Meier, two children and governess, Portland, Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. Eising, New York; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kirkpatrick, Porma, Idaho; Harold Perkins, England; General and Mrs. A. A. Harbeck, U. S. A.; Robert C. Loughton, Vancouver, B. C.; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Vole, New Jersey, A. D. Shepard, San Francisco; J. S. Wall and O. G. Orr, Chicago; F. F. Arrmann, New York; Mr. and Mrs. William Irvine,

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A large Raymond & Whitcomb party arrived at Del Monte this week in charge of C. G. Smith. Another large party is expected next week in charge of W. G. Jones. Engagements are coming in very fast, and there will be soon few vacant rooms in Del Monte. Special attention is called to the polo tournament to be held at Del Monte February 18-22.

An elaborate luncheon was given by Mrs. Clinton Jones at the Colonial Hotel on Wednesday, February 10th. The decorations were the subject of great admiration, and were of yellow tulle, and the candelabras were covered with yellow shades. Daffodils and Marie Louise violets diversified the scene and lent a delightful perfume to the air. The service was a beautiful gold and white china from Limoge, and was the cause of many little exclamations from the guests. Those partaking of the luncheon were Mrs. Frank Latham, Abner S. Mann, Mrs. E. O. McCormick, Mrs. Laura B. Roe, Mrs. Maurice B. Casey, Mrs. Edward G. Schmiedell, Mrs. Seward McNear, Mrs. M. H. de Young, Mrs. John G. Barker, Mrs. Robert J. Davies, Mrs. James B. Stetson, Mrs. Edward W. Newhall, Mrs. Winfield S. Davis, Mrs. Frederick W. Thompson, Mrs. Vanderlyn Stowe, Mrs. A. W. Foster, Mrs. Theodore Savage, Mrs. Charles G. Lathrop, and Mrs. L. M. Hickman.

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Mrs. Botkin is going to get off, and justice will call for its due in vain. The woman's photographs show that imprisonment has been a sort of luxury to her, a place where for five years, at all events, she has been obliged to lead a sane and regular life. She wants to go home to her mother, like Kipling's married man who "wants to finish his little bit, for he wants to go home to his tea." But Mrs. Botkin has not yet by any means finished her "little bit" to the satisfaction of the public. She may read the reports concerning Mrs. Maybrick and then thank her lucky stars that she lives in a community where the fact that she is a poisoner does not weigh against the other fact that she is a comely woman. The advantage which beauty has over virtue should go far to convince a doubting world of our esthetic sense.

Judge Hebbard has issued a temporary restraining order which will, for the time being, put an end to the continual raids which are being made against that element of city life which parsons and policemen consider themselves entitled to hound and maltreat because of the very helplessness of the women. As soon as they separate themselves from the rest of the community, some clerical Sir Galahad who forgets charity in the pursuit of virtue, proceeds to drive them all over town, when they promptly avenge themselves by polluting the good. It is to be hoped that these black-coated vultures and a blackmailing police may leave them in peace for awhile.

The good luck of Jack London passeth understanding. It was a sure thing that war would break out if he were sent as a war correspondent, for the stars their courses fight for him. It is equally certain that he will distinguish himself, for to his remarkable natural ability he adds perseverance and unflagging industry. It falls to very few men to be imprisoned in an Oriental fortress, and then get clear with all his property intact. In fact, I should say this is the first case on record. He has gathered enough material for a new book already, and will doubtless make Japanese jails as interesting as he succeeded in making Whitechapel.

Our criminal population must be troubled with paresis. A few weeks ago, attention was called to the stupid tricks of trans-ferry highwaymen, and now a burglar party paid a surprise visit to a sign-painter's shop in this city. I thought that university students were the only people who stole signs. It is said that the burglars took gold leaf. Judging by the quality of that article with which we are usually supplied, they must have made precious little out of it.

There is a charming inconsistency about the colored girl who has come all the way from Kentucky to California to study, of all things, logic. There is a touch of pathos in the picture, too. A poor woman, who has to earn her own living, traveling two thousand miles to swallow the sawdust of a course in modern philosophy. We might put it down to the childish lack of practical sense of the colored race but for the fact that there are some hundreds of white girls, and boys, too, wasting their time in pursuits just as unpractical. Of all the farces of modern life, the most heart-breaking illusions, recommend me to the higher education.

"Cucullus non facit monachum." The old proverb receives a resurrection from the fact that two young men have been making collections in clerical garb, and pocketing the proceeds. It is an old trick, and generally successful. Unfortunately, however, there are too many people who are entitled to use the clerical dress who do not make much better use of it. What shall we say of local clergymen who use their ministerial position for the purpose of getting social or political position? The dress is there, but the clergyman is no more in it than were the two frauds just mentioned.

"It is a just world," says Rev. C. R. Brown of Oakland, complacently. The reverend gentleman has every reason to think so, but very little reason in stating the grounds for his belief. He speaks of the twenty thousand consumptives in the tenement districts of New York, and says that such things are a retribution upon society for its carelessness. That may be all very well, but it is not so easy for the individual consumptive to see where the justice comes in. Mr. Brown is a very useful clergyman, but he comes no nearer than the rest of us when he begins to guess at the reason of things.

It is wonderful how a tradition lingers in the mind of the common or garden reporter. That story about the members of the Weber-Field Company feeding the gulls with pate de fois gras will be repeated in New York, and the tale will be told of every leg show that comes here until it will be believed as an article of faith. Three weeks from now it will be seriously whispered in London as proof of the riches of California, and goodness knows how much money it will put into the hands of those Englishmen here who swindle their countrymen at home by bargains in orange ranches.

Some people have no sense of humor. The Alameda High School, for example, is to give Margaret Cameron's "Kleptomaniacs." The high school people are either very mischievous or very dull, for it makes a very pretty satire, as regards the title, at all events, on the Berkeley High School and the State University, where the genial habit of appropriation continues in full sway.

Mrs. John Martin is to the fore again, this time with an ax. "I did not pull her hair, nor did I chase her with an ax," she indignantly says of the prosecuting witness. I can very well believe that she did not pull Mrs. Bernadou's hair—she is not feminine enough. The ax is much more in her line, and she ought to get it.

With his usual ponderosity and originality, President Wheeler stated solemnly the other day: "Everyone must learn to do something in order to be prepared for life." Splendidly stimulating, is it not? It has the usual merit, however, of not being true. It is a much better guarantee of success to learn to "do somebody."

Japanese Fan Etiquette

"You want a fan?" echoed the smiling Japanese merchant. "What kind?"

The man looked around helplessly.

"Oh, any kind that's big and give a great deal of wind. I want to get half a dozen for the office while I think of 'it."

The Japanese gave him six big fans. There was a certain amount of pity in his unfading smile.

"You are so queer about fans, you Americans," he said, in his soft precise little fashion. "You want them only to make you cool."

"Why not?"

"Oh, it is all right; it is all right. You do not understand. A fan is nothing to you, but to us—why, in Japan and China a fan is a thing of importance."

"To cool one—yes, that is one use, but only one use. A fan talks, with us. It tells many things."

"You look at a Japanese fan. It means nothing to you. You think the color, the pictures are pretty, perhaps; that is all; but to us who know, the color, the shape, the decoration hold meaning."

"You think the landscapes are funny. We know they are pictures of real places and we can name the shrines and temples and mountains and rivers. The men and women all look alike to you, but they usually represent historic characters or characters in our romance and poetry."

"Fusiyama is just a mountain to you. It is sacred to us. You don't know our flowers and birds and their symbolism."

"I could give you this little paper fan with white storks flying over it and you'd never know that I was wishing you long life, and you wouldn't understand that this cobweb design is for mourning."

"I can't look at a Japanese fan in any one's hands without having a whole swarm of associations and fancy and sentiment spring up and buzz in my head and sometimes I wonder why you foreigners don't feel enough interest to wonder what your Japanese fan says and look up the meaning. I should think it would be an interesting fad, and you love fads."

"There are so many kinds of fans in Japan, and each kind has its own use. Even the dolls have their own fans, and the children have theirs."

"There's a tea fan used only at solemn tea feasts. The little cakes are handed with it, but one doesn't use it to fan with."

"Our dancers and geisha girls have their own type of fan, decorated appropriately, and our jugglers carry fans that suit their trade. There is a kitchen fan, to be used for bellows, and a bamboo water fan that is dipped in water often while being used, so that it makes the air it stirs cooler."

"Almost every political event of importance in Japan has been pictured on fans, and very often the rulers have to forbid the carrying of certain fans because they spread trouble and rebellion. You could have a whole history of Japan on fans, if you could find the right fans."

"Some of the old fans are not used now. The ancient court fans were folding fans of wood, and each noble family had its own flower that no one else dared use."

"The war fan is of iron, covered with lacquer, and the Generals have silk fans with iron sticks. Have you ever seen a dagger fan? The mobsmen in Japan carry them, but it is against the law to take them into China. Chinamen have them, all the same."

"Everybody carries a fan in China. It is even more general there than in Japan, and there's so

much fan etiquette among the Chinese that I don't see how they have time to learn anything else."

"You know what the fan stands for in Japan, don't you? No? Why, it is the emblem of life and the rivet is the sword of the god Kashima."

"He received orders to subdue the world, so he ran his sword straight through the earth and left it there. The world would fall to pieces if the sword rivet were pulled out. That story suggested the making of the folding fans, but there's an old legend that says the widow of a famous Japanese patriot invented the folding fan. She went into a convent in Kioto after her husband's death and when a great saint was dying of fever she cured him by folding a piece of paper and fanning him night and day. The nuns copied the paper fan and the order is famous for its fans even now."

"Some day I will show you all my fans and tell you what each one means, but I don't see how you can buy fans, and buy more fans, and never ask, 'What do they say? what can they tell me?' We Japanese always ask 'Why? What? Where?' about everything."—Family Circle.

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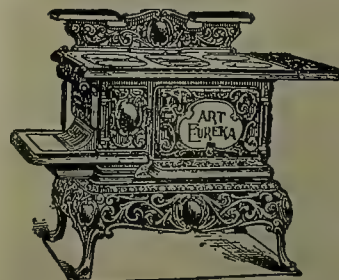


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At the **Columbia**, Alexander the Great becomes Alexander the Insignificant at the hands of a playwright named Kemper. Ward and James waddle through the performance in a mad endeavor to make something out of nothing. Spectacularly considered this is a good play. The scenic attachment is in good hands. Mr. Warde and Mr. James are to be complimented on their work in Alexander the Great. They have become so inured to it through repeated rehearsals that they have come to believe it a great play. Somebody ought to change the dope in their pipes, and give them an opportunity to wake up.

The best of actors, and Ward and James are of the best, could not make a good play of a lamentably poor one. Why do the critics refrain from the truth when dealing with the stage? Why not tell the truth? When an avalanche of bestranded and bankrupt Eastern companies are landed on San Francisco, why not take them out to the Old People's Home? It would be much cheaper and in the end a more profitable venture for the managers. Take the Weber & Field production at the Grand, as an instance. This show bears comparison to a circus in more ways than one.

As the prime attraction, the "piece de resistance," you have the perennial Russell. Her singing is mediocre. She can be considered beautiful but from one standard—the standard of preservation. For that matter, there are men who consider mummies beautiful. Joking aside, she is a wonderfully pretty woman for her age. No one was ever so rash as to aver that Lillian could act. I have questioned gray-bearded gents of the last century, and they tell me that it didn't take an astronomical telescope to discover this fact as long ago as 1812. Louis Mann is the only redeeming feature of the show, and his good work is spoiled by the team of Weberfields. To any possessed of a hide less thick than that of a rhinoceros, the coarse jokes and unveiled references to the Russell's many marriages, are disgusting. The mob follows the fashions and the mob thinks it is aping New York in its mad rush for seats at the Grand. Weber & Fields, my dear masters, have been dead ones in New York these many, many moons. There is no more coherence to the Weberfields productions than there is to a circus. It is a hodgepodge of bald-headed and ancient jokes that some clever antiquarian dug from the pyramids. There is only one excuse for the infliction, and that is the same excuse which is given by the gentlemen who run three-ringed shows—they need the money and they are going to get it. And so, they charge \$2, while many a better show has been played in San Francisco for \$1.

It is a fact that, with that rare provincialism that obtains in Gotham, the usual run of witticism at the New York playhouse of the Weberfields people has been a rehash of jokes at the expense of all cities, except New York. Any one who heard the production of Patti's "Farewell Song" will gauge the in-

tellectual profundity of the Weberfield twinzes. Weber & Field are quoted by the Eastern critics as losing money on the diva.

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The girls in "Whoop-dee-doo" are all pretty, their dancing is good, the scenery is beautiful, and there are a few fine groupings in the chorus. Now, as I am not an habitue of green-rooms, and as I prefer an acquaintance from the forefront of the footlights, I cannot enthuse over the principals in "Whoop-dee-doo." The second Whoop, "Catherine," was such an infliction that I fled in terror. In the first part there is a fat gentleman who does the head Amazon act. He's great, in his way, but if he ever strays as far as Burlingame, somebody down there is sure to snare him for a coachman. That's the place for him. He was certainly never cut out for an actor or singer. It was a novel idea to cast a fat man as leader of an Amazon march, and they tell me it took like wildfire in New York. We are not up to that sort of thing yet.

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The show this week at the California does not deserve mention. It is poor of its kind, and when it is remembered that the kind spoken of is usually poor, a comprehensive opinion of the whole performance may be had in very compact form. Miss Sarah Truax, the clever actress, allows herself to be interviewed by the rising star of the world of critics, the only worthy opponent of He of the Many Interviews, and says that she considers the California Theatre a sort of hoodoo. Then she and the clever critic set about to find a good reason for the apathy of San Franciscans. All kinds of reasons are suggested, but never the real, simon-pure reason comes to the surface. Diogenes would throw away his lantern, grope around unerringly in the dark, get a full grasp on the collar of the management, and say with the glee of the righteous: "I have it; here's your hoodoo." Somebody ought to establish a "School of Politeness and Tact for the Exclusive Patronage of Box Office Employees and Theatrical Managers." Hard times are upon the ilk in New York, and hard times and empty houses are liable to descend upon their pretentious brethren of San Francisco. The press is the only protector the poor public has, and the News Letter with its Confidential Tip, is looked upon as an obstacle to the exploitationists. Give us good shows and we'll give you good praise, my masters.

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At the Alcazar there is a laughable skit. "The Gay Parisians," which does not pretend to be more than it really is. It is to laugh from beginning to end. A harmless farce. It skates around on thin ice, but never falls into coarseness, nor is it ever open to criticism because of horse-play. Miss Block as the wife of Pinglet, loses much of her charm when capped with a red wig, but looks thoroughly Parisian. Osbourne is splendid, and the work of Francis Star, Maher and all the rest is above criticism. The make-ups are excellent.

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At Fischer's "Roly Poly" is good without being extraordinary. The music is pleasing. Helen Russell sang well, but there is that haunting suspicion of a misfit about her clothes. There is a constant fear that some particular part of her costume is going to drop off. Where, O where, is Amber's dress-

maker? Russell ought to be chloroformed and then fitted by this artist. I'll bet a simoleon of the realm, a golden one of twenty ducats, that she can show up to better advantage than the Amber in a snug and well-made gown. The lines are all there, but you are only allowed to guess at them. More's the pity, if my suspicions are well-founded. They used to pour Amber into a dress, and then melt her out of it for the next change.

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Is there any good reason why smoking should not be abolished at Fischer's? It was a welcome change at the Tivoli. At Fischer's it is a constant and growing offense. This theatre aims at productions of pretension, and it is patronized by the very best people in San Francisco, and yet ladies are subject to this annoyance. I am very glad to see that the mention in this paper last week about an extension of time and a little more leniency in the treatment of servants has resulted in a reform. There are vastly fewer people who rise and disturb the audiences and the ladies and gentlemen on the stage than heretofore. This was especially noticeable at Fischer's, at the Orpheum, and at the Alcazar. I am perfectly willing that a servant girl and her lover should have a good time, but not at my expense.

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Close association with Chinatown has given the public of San Francisco a deep and abiding veneration for old age. This is the only way in which I can account for the kindly reception accorded Patti, Langtry, and the rest of the old ladies who have recently visited us. This deference to the aged is really an admirable quality, when you come to think on't. It takes away the suggestion from us of following the fads of less cultured communities. Our dear theatre-goers may pat themselves on their respective backs and make a virtue of their idiosyncrasy.

At the Orpheum there is an excellent company, and Billy Van, Rose Beaumont and the rest continue giving an hour or two of rollicking fun.

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At the Tivoli we still have "Johnny" marching on and off to continued applause and crowded houses. Ferris Hartman's legs get more and more crooked, and they tell me the management has consulted a physician. There is a danger that they may become permanently incapacitated, and if that is true, it would disable him in other plays. He has become so enamored with the part that he walked up to a bar the other day, with the leer and the walk, and the bartender, mistaking him for a bum lawyer, threatened to throw him out.

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At the Central, "In Sight of St. Paul's" never gets any nearer sanctity than the title. The play is of the sensational melodramatic style, and is well rendered by the company. The company, by the way, deserves a better fate. The audience seems pleased, and, as I remarked before, this relegates the critic to a seat in the rear and way down.

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The Weber & Field's company will leave soon after the performance of the 21st (Sunday night.)

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"Roly Poly" at Fischer's will continue the bill. Dillon is growing into a great favorite with the Fischer audiences, and he is clever and conscientious enough to curb many of the mannerisms that jarred on us at first. Nellie Lynch is a cute little girl, and very clever.

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But then your hats, which I adore,
Are really so extensive
That all my hopes fall to the floor,
For you are too expensive.

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Jack Clunie is the mystery of the day. Who is he, where is he, and why did Tom Clunie leave him over half a million? These are questions that many acquaintances of the late millionaire would like to have answered. D. M. Delmas, who is one of the attorneys for the boy, says he has never seen his client, nor does he know where he may be found. That statement was attributed to Mr. Delmas several days ago. Since then his knowledge may have been increased.

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Tom Clunie, former Congressman from the Fifth District, was not a man of many confidences. It was known that he was wealthy, but that his estate should develop over a million and a quarter was cause for astonishment. Even greater was the surprise when it was learned that he had left an adopted son, now a chubby youngster in his ninth year. Nothing of this lad's parentage is publicly known. Those who knew Tom Clunie, though, think the boy must have had a very strong claim upon him, for he was hardly the man to give a fortune to a stranger.

Six years ago the little fellow, who was then known as Jack Clairing, passed the summer at a resort in the Santa Cruz Mountains, in charge of Miss Ada Edgerton, who has evidently had him in charge ever since, and who has him now. The boy was then over two years old. Miss Edgerton, who was a quiet young lady, kept very much to herself, devoting nearly all her attention to the child. She was accompanied by a lady who was said to be her aunt, and who, it was also said, was a sister of Charles Warren Stoddard. Miss Edgerton said the boy was the son of a distant relative, and that she was caring for him temporarily. Though she was very happy with the child, it was evident to the other sojourners at the resort that Miss Edgerton was not completely happy. At times the traces of grief were upon her face. Upon one occasion, her aunt explained that the young lady had been disappointed by the non-arrival of expected friends, and had given way to tears.

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It was during this summer—that of 1898—that Tom Clunie was stricken with paralysis. He went to the Santa Cruz resort, accompanied by Burrell G. White, who now appears as one of the three trustees for the estate left to Jack Clunie. White seemed to act not only as Clunie's friend, but also as his attendant and nurse. Even at that time it was evident that Clunie set great store by the boy. Miss Edgerton, the child and the invalid took drives every morning over the mountain roads, the lady holding the reins, and the millionaire dividing his attentions between her and the lad. At the expiration of the summer season, Miss Edgerton and her charge returned to this city. She and Clunie and the

boy were then to be frequently seen driving in the Park, or at the beach.

It now appears that Clunie did not adopt the boy until his separation from his wife in 1901. Miss Edgerton appeared as sponsor for the child at the time of his adoption. She said she had had charge of him since he was six months old. From all accounts, she seems to be the only person possessed of the secret of his birth. As it is evident from the number of lawyers arrayed around Tom Clunie's will that the battle over his estate will be a hard one, it is more than probable that unless present differences are settled by compromise, the history of the lad will become public property before the estate is distributed.

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The Supervisors have a way of turning up a few thousand dollars every year by publishing the "Municipal Reports," heavy volumes, filled with statistics, which no one reads. Some few favored citizens are presented with copies bound in morocco, their names being printed, like Abou ben Adhem's, in letters of gold across the front cover. One of these gorgeous and gilded tomes was sent last week to Reuben Lloyd. The other day he acknowledged its receipt in a letter in which he said the pleasure aroused in him by the receipt of the book would have been greatly enhanced if the intelligent compiler of the golden letters had only remembered that his name is spelled "Reuben," and not, as the gleaming legend shows it, "Rewben." Lloyd will put the book in his cabinet of curios.

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The romantic alliance of Thor O. Haydenfeldt and Josephine, his wife, has ended in the divorce court. Thor was one of the sons of that remarkable old Californian, Judge Solomon Heydenfeldt, and the boy did not fulfill the bright promise of his youth. He and his wife, who was a pretty Sacramento girl, went to the Klondike during the height of the gold excitement several years ago, and when they returned, they were filled with experience and yearnings for the land of sunshine and flowers. Thor lingered in town a few months, trying to raise the wind, and then went to Arizona on a business speculation. Leaving the Southern territory, he again headed for the Klondike. But in his search for gold it seems he lost the way to domestic happiness. In her complaint, his wife says that Thor, like the an-



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cient Scandinavian god whose name he bears, "just raised thunder." The combination was too strong for the girl from Sacramento, and she wants to dissolve partnership.

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Bob Bolton's failure may be attributed to just one fact—he is a victim of misplaced confidence. Bolton is personally a splendid fellow. He is quiet in his demeanor and a thorough gentleman. According to the stories told, he entrusted everything to his manager, and of course was one of the very last men on the street to suspect there was something wrong with his own business. If the manager had done anything criminal, he should be prosecuted, but Bob Bolton will never send him or any other man to jail. That is not his way. The fact is, he does not suffer from that absolute absence of sympathy and fellow-feeling for a wrong-doer which is so characteristic of the men that make great successes in the business world. Incidentally, the Bolton failure causes me to revert for but a moment to a remark I made a week or two ago in commenting upon the large number of defalcations the town has known recently, with no prosecutions following them. I said at that time: "Watch the man that handles the money." In these days of wide-spreading poolroom and race track gambling, more than one firm on the street would do well to keep tab on their cashiers and their financial managers.

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Sam Davis, of Carson, is in town, settling up the estate of old "Mammy" Pleasant. Sam's friends say he stands to win about \$38,000 by the death of the old colored woman. It seems that some time ago, fearing that the hand of death was then upon her, "Mammy" deeded to Davis and young Fred Bell several pieces of property said to be worth from \$35,000 to \$45,000. Upon her death, they placed the deeds upon record. She left a will by which she bequeathed everything of which she died possessed to the people in whose house she passed away. They thought they had come into a fortune, but the filing of the deeds to Davis and Bell upset their castles in Spain. It is more than probable that "Mammy" Pleasant left a good, healthy law-suit behind her. It is said that her friends will bring suit against the bank in which she deposited \$100,000 worth of jewels years ago. The jewels were in a sealed package, marked "To be delivered only to Mrs. Pleasant, in person. Value, \$100,000." When "Mammy" had a severe spell some time ago, she wrote an order on the bank to give the jewels to Mrs. Bell. It is said she put the order in her desk, thinking to give it to Mrs. Bell if her illness became very serious. But "Mammy" recovered. Now it is said that the order on the bank was presented, although "Mammy" did not hand it over, and it is further charged that the bank gave up the jewels on the order. If these statements can be borne out, there is plenty of ground work for a big law suit in which the heirs or grantees of Mrs. Pleasant will appear as plaintiffs.

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That representative of the Kelly clan, who was recently superintendent of the Alms House, has managed to get himself into something of a scrape. Kelly was a protegee of James D. Phelan, and was given his job at the Alms House when Phelan was Mayor. It was a good position, carrying \$200 a month salary and board and lodging. The two latter items are by no means small ones, for the superintendents of the Alms House and the County Hospital live like petty rulers in their principalities. But Kelly was never suited to his job. The place was too big for

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him. He swelled up and tried to fill it, but as big as he made his chest, he could not reach the necessary dimensions. Then he took to drink, and things were at sixes and sevens for a long time. The Hearst fund, which was for distribution among the inmates of the Alms House, he used liberally, aiding the poor people in many ways. He put tags against himself in the drawer, but while charging himself with taking the money he made no accounting of the manner of its distribution. Last week, one of his friends offered to return to the Board of Health about \$70, which should have been to the credit of an inmate. I believe the Board refused to accept it. They want to have a quiet little talk with Mr. Kelly. He is reported to be taking the rest cure in a sanitarium.

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W. M. Cubery, that veteran Democratic war-horse and battle-scarred Iroquois brave, is out with an open letter to John P. Irish. Cubery wants to know how Irish can reconcile his claims to Democracy with the awful fact that he is drawing down \$5,000 a year as Naval Officer of this port, under a Republican administration, and with the even more terrible fact that he is on the pay-role of the Citizens' Alliance at \$7,500 a year. The answer of Irish is easy enough. He is drawing down two salaries because he has two hands. John P. will not notice the indignant Cubery. A gentleman named Roosevelt, now in Washington, told Senator Perkins and Billy Ralston the other day that John P. Irish had been of great service to the Republican party. With that statement in the record, it is not apparent why the patriot from Alameda should worry over the screed of the Iroquois brave.

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No further increase in the bid for the news-stands at the ferries was reported this week. Has Charley Spear come to his senses? Has McKenzie counseled wisely? It is a serious thing to run counter to an almost unanimous public opinion.

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Financial Review.

The Work of of a Dastard.

The depositors, large and small, of the Oakland Bank of Savings, are very justly incensed at the action of the daily papers of this city in lending themselves to the vindictive attempt of some malicious individual to wreck the bank. Of course, no paper of standing would intentionally do such a thing, and it can only be ascribed to carelessness upon the part of some one, which seems in this case to have been very general, considering that all of the great metropolitan journals were worked to the advantage of a blackmailer. The reputation of a bank is as delicate a subject to handle as that of a woman. It takes little to blast it, and even a mere insinuation is apt to arouse suspicion which in the case of a bank means the creation of distrust, and every one knows what that is apt to lead to in the way of financial trouble. Had the run on this Oakland institution not been checked by the prompt support rendered by its friends and the good sense of the majority of its depositors, a panic might have ensued, spreading like the flames of a great conflagration, with results of the most disastrous character the limits of loss not being perhaps confined to the small territory across the bay. Of course there was nothing wrong with the financial standing of the Oakland Bank of Savings. Its financial condition is sound in every particular, and fully prepared to meet all demands upon it, with an able management, business men whose integrity has never been questioned. It will be hoped that the rascal who perpetrated the vile work, which should be placed in the same category in the criminal code of the State as train-wrecking and murder in the first degree, will be caught. Should this happen, the outraged depositors of this worthy institution should be presented with his worthless carcass in a package marked "Not to be returned, and no questions asked."

Local Stocks and Bonds.

There is little to say of the local market for stocks and bonds. Business in all lines has been quiet during the week, with few changes in prices. Attention is centered upon the approaching election of directors in the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company. A clean sweep there, which will mean the retirement of a lot of high-priced managerial ornaments, and the introduction of practical men acquainted with gas-making to the extent of producing a marketable article to meet the public demand, while extending at the same time courteous treatment to the company's customers. This will restore confidence in the future of the stock, which only an over-sanguine and facile temperament can possess under existing conditions. Any one who deals in the stock now takes chances with his money, for the reason that it is impossible to predict what may yet evolve from the chaotic situation. The abominable service of this over-capitalized corporation does not appeal to the sympathies of an outraged public, and the right class of promoters never had a better opportunity than that which now prevails to interest the great army of householders in this city in a new enterprise to supply a decent system of lighting at moderate rates. The corporation now in the business has just gone about far enough in its impudence and greed to be called down from its high horse and brought to a due recognition of the

fact that, after all, it is but a servant of the public, and not its master, as one might suppose from the high and lofty airs its management now assumes.

Business is quiet on Pine street and probably will be until work begins on the 2350 level of Con.-Cal.-Virginia. Should the ore be found there, which some people in the swim expect, the market will not require any material support from Ophir, which is on the dividend paying basis for some time to come. Ore discoveries always boom prices on the Comstock, but strange to say, the very minute that it opens up in sufficient quantity to warrant the payment of dividends, the speculative element on the street immediately is on the look-out for new worlds to conquer, or in other words, for some other proposition where the quest for an ore body is still a gamble. This peculiar condition on Pine street will doubtless surprise new comers, who prefer to put their money on a certainty, rather than on an uncertainty, but the history of the Comstock will establish the fact. This, however, supplies a factor responsible for the wide fluctuations in the market, when some mining operation is in full blast, and changes from time to time in the formation, suggest the near approach to a ledge which eventually proves of high value or absolutely worthless. History also shows that there never has been a period of depression, continued no matter how long, that the day has not arrived when the patient investor, who has seen his shares pass out of sight and borne the brunt of assessment, has not had an opportunity to retrieve all losses and clean up with a handsome profit if prudent enough to take advantage of the opportunity. Some of the work now going on along the lode is of a highly interesting character, and bound to bring about active times and higher values in the near future. The bear tribe who have suffered so heavily within the past few weeks, and are now attempting to even up their losses, are in a fair way to get cinched again, with the chances that upon the next occasion they won't get off so lightly.

The foreign capital now invested in Japan in various enterprises amounts in all to 1,404,465,840 yen, of which all but 28,334,406 yen, or twenty per cent., is paid up. This in round numbers amounts to \$700,000,000 in American money. Perhaps Russia will be allowed to gobble all this with the pugnacious little Jap—perhaps not!

The Central Pacific Railroad Company has just made a payment to the Government last week of \$2,800,000. The amount represents one of the notes given to the Government in 1899 in settlement of the Central Pacific subsidy debt. Two notes were taken up each year on August 1st and February 1st. The last half-yearly payment of \$2,940,000 matures February 1, 1909, at which time the debt of \$58,812,714 will have been cancelled.

At the second annual meeting of the shareholders of the Union Trust Company, the following directors were re-elected: Isaias W. Hellman, Henry F. Allen, Antoine Boré, Charles de Guigne, William L. Gerstle, I. W. Hellman, Jr., J. L. Flood, Timothy Hopkins, George T. Marye, Jr., John D. Spreckels, Robert Watt, Henry E. Huntington, George A. Pope,

and Jacob Stern. Subsequently the board organized by re-electing the following officers: President, Isaias W. Hellman; vice-president, Robert Watt; vice-president and manager, I. W. Hellman, Jr.; cashier and secretary, Charles J. Deering; assistant cashier and assistant secretary, J. M. Israel.

At the recent annual meeting of the Pacific Lighting Company the old officers and board of directors were re-elected as follows: C. O. G. Miller, president; George H. Collins, vice-president; A. Schilling, Charles Holbrook and F. W. Van Sicklen. Horace H. Miller was elected secretary.

The State Board of Bank Commissioners has just issued the statement of the aggregate condition of the nine savings banks doing business in San Francisco as of January 23, 1904, at the close of business: Total resources, aggregating \$166,466,774, have increased \$2,963,096.60 since the statement of September 8, 1903, and \$11,703,983.17 since December 31, 1902. Deposits have increased \$3,485,489.59 since September 8th, and \$10,611,667.41 since December 31, 1902.

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Political

I was glad to learn at Santa Rosa last week that the Governor is very wisely about to take the advice of the News Letter, and make a change at the Home for the Feeble Minded, which might not inappropriately be styled the Home of Scandals during the past three years. It appears, if what the officials at the Santa Rosa Court House tell me is correct, that Dr. Dawson, Superintendent at the Home, is to be sent back to his St. Helena drug store, and Dr. Fred Hatch, at present President of the Lunacy Commission, is to be appointed in his place. The change is one that will be applauded all over the State, and I hasten to congratulate the Governor on the contemplated change. Dr. Hatch is one of the best-known authorities on insanity in the State, and those who know him intimately say he is kind-hearted, a good administrator, and just the man to make a success of the Home.

The trustees of the Home are not willing to be responsible for the mismanagement of Dr. Dawson any longer. It will be recalled by readers of the News Letter that it was under Dawson that all the scandals in connection with allowing girls to leave the institution have occurred. It was due to him, and his neglect of duty, that Rosa King, the unfortunate girl who committed suicide at ex-trustee Gould's residence in this city, was allowed to leave the shelter of the Home. The trustees naturally objected to being blamed for these scandals, especially trustees Bane and Lyons, who have often found their political duty of standing in with the Governor very difficult, and they are delighted to know that Dr. Hatch is going to take Dr. Dawson's place.

My attention was called while at Santa Rosa also to the plain violation of the law which the State Board of Examiners and Controller Colgan are permitting when they allow Dr. Dawson's son to draw salary as his secretary. The Lunacy law, I am told, directly forbids members of a Superintendent's family holding office under him, and therefore all the payments are illegal. I am sure the Controller, who is very careful, and who is the most popular man in Santa Rosa when he is there, need only have his attention called to this matter to insist upon the law being complied with. Secretary Mellicktoo is a stickler after the law, and he should explain why he allows its plain provisions to be violated.

Naturally, I asked who was likely to take Dr. Hatch's place as President of the Lunacy Board, and it appears that Dr. J. D. Young of Stockton Insane Asylum is considered the man. Dr. Young had figured lately a good deal as an expert in insanity in criminal matters, and has the confidence of the Governor. Only a few persons are eligible for the place, as the President of the Board of Lunacy must have several years' experience in the asylums before he can be appointed. Unlike the State Board of Corrections and Charities, he cannot be imported from Minnesota at State expense for moving his family. Of those eligible, Dr. Clarke is too old to care for the place; Dr. Stocking has only recently been appointed in charge of the Agnews Asylum; Dr. Stone is not even eligible to the place he now holds as Director at Napa Asylum, and Dr. King is too much of a litigant, not to speak of his connections with the Anderson outfit and its college. There is another Dr. Campbell in Southern California who is eligible, except that he is a homeopath, and the doctors would never consent to be ruled by that branch of the profession. Dr. Young is looked upon as the probable successor of Dr. Clarke at Stockton,

The most interesting subject of discussion in political circles at present is who will go to Chicago and St. Louis. The Republicans have candidates galore. For delegate at large, Governor Pardee would like to head the delegation; so would ex-Governor Gage and editors Otis, Spreckels and De Young are also willing. Senator Tom Flint thinks that he has presided over the Senate with ability enough to entitle him to be one of the delegates at large, and ex-Senator Felton, who has started into political life again since he was appointed upon the Prison Board, would be willing to help nominate Roosevelt. George Knight wants to be delegate at large, by virtue of the fact that he has a splendid voice, is a good talker, and has attended conventions before. U. S. Grant is a candidate from the South, and Abe Ruef is the choice of a good many persons from this city. All of those gentlemen, with the two United States Senators and Congressman Metcalf, want to be delegates at large, although there are only four places. Of course there are several names on the list that could be dropped, and no one, except the droppee, would care. There are possible combinations that would make the delegation as inharmonious as the two Kilkenney cats. Take, for instance, Gage and Otis; they don't speak, and could not travel on the same train even if one rode on the cow-catcher and the other held the green flag on the rear platform. Then there are Gage and Spreckels—that would be worse than Gage and Otis. There are Pardee and Gage, or Gage and Flint, or Pardee and Flint. In fact, Gage would find it difficult to manage with any one else, and so would Otis, who always fights the Republican ticket anyway. So both of them had better be left at home, and probably will be. Besides those I have mentioned, Hayes of San Jose and Short of Fresno would like to be delegates at large, and both are strong men, and have none of the antagonisms that the other men who have been prominent in politics for years have engendered.

The Democrats are even more at a loss whom to choose than the Republicans, and with them it is not simply a question of who shall go to a convention, but who shall have the vote of the delegation for President. They have Mayor Snyder of Los Angeles, ex-Governor Budd of Stockton or San Francisco, ex-Mayor Phelan of San Francisco, William Alford, Ed. Leake of Woodland, Congressman Bell, Dick Bemmer, Franklin K. Lane, Gavin McNab, J. V. Coleman, Joseph Slye, Will Green, ex-Congressman Caminetti, and a dozen others, but the great fact must be ascertained in their camp, "Who will you support for President?" Budd, of course, is for Hearst, and Phelan is not; Ed. Leake and Will Green ditto. McNab is now said to be for Hearst, but neither he nor Lane would be very enthusiastic, and the Hearst managers are afraid of them; they might be gotten away from the omnipresent editor at St. Louis too easily. Alford and Snyder are for anybody and anything that will help them along in their political ambitions, which tend toward Sacramento and the Governor's chair, and Dick Bemmer is traveling in their company. —Junius.

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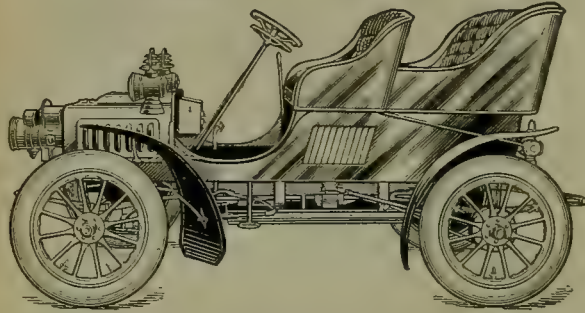
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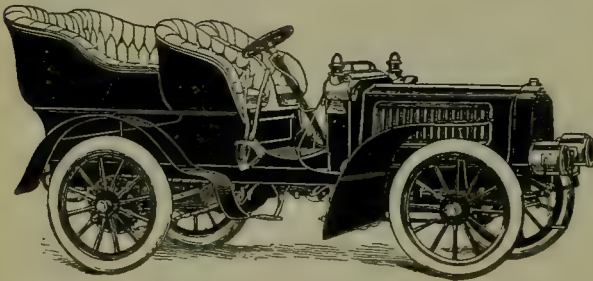
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The Automobile Club of California has been turned down by the Park Commissioners. The request made by the club for extended privileges has been denied. At the last meeting, a committee composed of some of the most prominent men in the city appeared before the Board and asked that the overlook drive and a certain part of the great highway be opened to automobiles. The latter part of the request was made so the Cliff House might be reached without coming back to the Park entrance or to take the Cliff House hill road. But their endeavors were without avail, and the matter was laid over until the next meeting.

It is strange that such an intelligent body of men as the Board of Park Commissioners should for one instant withhold rights that belong to the automobilists. It is, however, a repetition of what had to be encountered when the club received the privilege to use the South Drive. Unlike that time, the Board cannot deny the request on the ground that it would be dangerous, as this modern mode of conveyance might frighten horses and thereby tend to the loss of life. That time is gone, and the horses of the city are not frightened by the horseless one.

But now some of the Commissioners are using the pretext that the automobiles are being driven beyond the speed limit, and if any more drives are opened to them it may cause accidents. If this is the only reason why the drives are not opened, the Commissioners have placed themselves in a sorry light, for they acknowledge they are unable to enforce the laws they make.

Let it be granted for the sake of argument that there are some automobilists who go through the Park at a speed greater than that set down by the law. Is that any reason why the automobilists as a body should be prohibited from the extension of the privilege now enjoyed. There is no one who would appreciate more the arresting of any one breaking the laws than the average automobilist. It has been suggested that this is not the true reason; that behind it all is a strong pressure being brought to bear to keep the drives of the Park closed as long as possible, as with the opening of the main channels through the pleasure ground the cabman and those who hire out carriages would have quite a source of revenue cut off.

If this is the case, San Francisco is in just as bad position as New York City was before the State law was enacted, which made it possible to enter Central Park. It was the cabmen's association of that city, a strong political organization, that brought a strong pull into play and kept the park closed. But there were too many progressive men interested in automobiles, and a State law was passed that cut down the barriers.

Some such measure will have to be worked out in this city before relief comes.

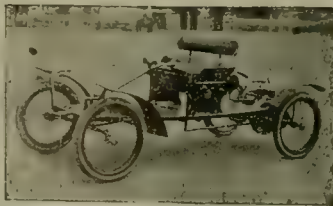
When the Park Commissioners insist on prohibiting the local automobile owners from using the Park drive it might be well to give a few facts about the automobile industry, to see if that will not convince them that it is time for them to become alive

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to the times and not allow Eastern visitors to smile at their out-of-date methods of controlling the Park.

One of the firms in the New York Automobile Show announced that its output up to December 31st had been \$2,500,000, and future orders could not be filled until a late date.

The production in the United States prior to 1898 consisted of a few experimental machines. By 1900 the annual output was about 800, with an average cost of \$1,000. 1901 saw an increase to 3,000 machines, valued at \$2,400,000, or about \$800 apiece. In 1902 the number had increased to 8,000, with a value of \$6,800,000, an increase of \$50 per machine.

In 1903 the actual sales were estimated at 11,000 cars, with a value of \$12,000,000.

Last year about 200 foreign autos came into the country, valued at about \$4,000 each. On the other hand, the exports of American automobiles have increased with wonderful rapidity. Prior to July 1, 1901, these exports were not classified separately, and so cannot be ascertained, but from that date to November 30, 1902. For the first eleven months of 1902 these exports amounted to \$1,026,083, and for the corresponding period of 1903, \$1,419,481. From this showing it is evident for the entire year the exports will reach the imposing total of a million and a half. The British trade returns, which give the number of motor cars, including motor cycles, imported into the United Kingdom for the eleven months ending November 30, 1903, at 5,892, valued at \$8,020,093.50, or an increase over the preceding year of 2,315 machines and more than \$2,500,000 in value.

With this ever increasing demand for the modern chariot, it is not likely that the Commissioners will think it safe for their reputations to hinder such an industry and destroy, or at least block, a local market.

The coming June will see another attempt to go from the Pacific to the Atlantic. This time, however, it will not be a question of whether the destination will be reached, but how quickly the distance may be covered.

B. B. Holcomb, who drove a Columbia car from Chicago to New York in 76 hours, thinks he can make the transcontinental journey in 400 hours by running the car day and night.

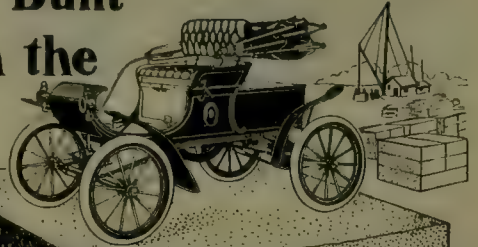
Some one has been writing to the Motor Age about a scheme in California to restore Mission roads for the use of automobiles. The writer states that the Southern owners will build as far as Santa Barbara, and then will leave the rest of the distance to the Northern men.

The writer should wake up. San Francisco owners cannot open their own park, let alone restoring "The King's Highway."

The Rambler Automobile Agency will open in its new quarters at 1331 Market street, corner 10th, on Monday, February 15th, with a complete stock of Rambler automobiles. The Rambler Company are the second largest manufacturers of automobiles in the United States, and make eight models of machine. The machine has earned a splendid reputation, as many owners here in San Francisco can testify, and the News Letter extends its best wishes for a prosperous year for the new agency, which is owned by Fred A. Jacobs, formerly vice-president of the National Automobile Company. It is a coincident that the quarters formerly occupied by the Rambler

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Bicycle Company for the past ten years should become the home of the Rambler Automobile Company, especially as Thomas B. Jeffery established both concerns.

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The following are names of recent purchasers of Locomobile gasoline touring cars: Mr. Bliss, president Boston-Albany Railroad; W. A. Vogel, Brooklyn, N. Y.; E. S. Cole, Bridgeport, Conn.; C. S. Pillsbury, Minneapolis, Minn.; Carl Fisher, Indianapolis, Ind.; D. K. Paddock, Newark, N. J.; W. I. Martin, Chicago, Ill.; William Clark, Chicago, Ill.; W. I. Fuller, Chicago, Ill.

The Pope-Toledo Mile-a-Minute touring cars arrived at the National Automobile Company's place last Saturday afternoon, and created quite a sensation for their beauty and quiet running. It seemed from the expressions of the visitors who called to look these two cars over that they were the handsomest things in the automobile line that have ever come to San Francisco.

Mr. B. D. Merchant received his four-cylinder Pope-Toledo from the National Automobile Company last week.

The National Automobile Company shipped a blue Pope-Toledo Mile-a-Minute four-cylinder car to Ellicott Evans of Pasadena the past week. Mr. Evans of Pasadena came to the city on the day of the arrival of the Pope-Toledos, and was one of the first to view them after their arrival at the National Automobile Company's garage. Mr. Boyer of the National Automobile Company, accompanied by Mr. Riley and Mr. Spears, were out through the Park in Mr. Evans' blue Toledo on last Sunday afternoon.

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The Mobile Carriage Company just received advice that another shipment of Arrows will leave the factory about the 10th of February. These will be of different type, some with square and slanting hoods and canopy tops.

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The Mobile Company closed a contract with Weber & Field's to provide them with automobiles during their two weeks' stay in San Francisco. This company has had the patronage of all the leading theatrical people visiting San Francisco, and their service has been such that they are well known throughout the East. When the theatrical people come to the Coast, they apparently place their orders with the Mobile Carriage Company without inquiries.

The Mobile Carriage Company has been advised by the George N. Pierce people that their carload of the French Arrows has been shipped, and will reach the Coast at an early date.

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With a blare of trumpets, Chicago's fourth annual automobile show was opened to the public at the Coliseum February 6th. Covering the great expanse of floor space are displayed man's most modern machines of locomotion, these hundreds of vehicles being valued at more than \$2,000,000. In every detail Chicago's show is the most diversified, the most comprehensive that has been attempted. There are more than 600 various types of machines on exhibition. These kings of the show, dotting the floor on raised platforms, are hedged in by exhibits of hundreds of accessories to these modern time-annihilating devices.

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Fournier's American one-mile record of 51 4-5 seconds, made with his 60 h. p. Mors, remained intact for more than sixteen months. It resisted every at-

tack until on January 3d the Packard Voiture Legere racing car "Grey Wolf" broke it fourteen times in two days, and finally came within 2-5 seconds of the world's record for heavy cars.

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RENEWAL.

By Florence Earle Coates in Harper's Magazine

These sounds sonorous rolling!—
 These vibrant tones and clear!
 Listen! The bells are tolling
 The requiem of the year:
 The year that dies, as mute it lies
 Midst fallen leaves and sere!

Now by the fading embers
 That on earth's hearthstone glow,
 How sadly one remembers
 The things of long ago;
 The wistful things, with flame-bright wings,
 That vanished long ago.

The self-effacing sorrow,
 The generous desire,
 The pledges for the morrow,
 Enkindled at this fire!—
 Enkindled here, O dying year!
 Where smoulders low thy pyre.

What hope and what ambition,
 What dreams beyond recall!
 And look we for fruition,
 To find them ashes all?
 Is life the wraith of love—of faith?
 Then let the darkness fall!

The sparks—how fast they dwindle!
 How faint their being glows!
 Quickly! the fire rekindle—
 Ah, quickly, e'er it goes!
 Woo living breath from the lips of death!—
 From ashes bring the rose!

Kind God! The bells, in gladness!
 The rose of hope hath bloomed!
 For, consecrating sadness,
 Life hath its own resumed,
 And welcomes here the new-born year—
 A phoenix, unconsumed!

OPPORTUNITY.

By Blanche Trennor Heath in Lippincott's
 "I have no skill to lead," he cried,
 "But see, the breach within the wall!"
 He grasped a bugle at his side
 And blew a battle call.

They followed where the bugle rang;
 They smote the crumbling wall to ground—
 Foremost within the breach he sprang,
 The man the hour had found!

WISDOM.

By Theodorsia Garrison in Harper's Weekly
 I never knew what sorrow meant
 When I had tears to shed,
 The tears that washed out bitterness
 And left content instead.

I know at last what sorrow is
 Who have no tears to fall,
 But only for life's tragedies
 A laughter cynical.

TWO NURSES.

By Agnes Lee in Lippincott's
 In the soul's chamber, reft and bare,
 When the soul may not weep,
 Comes stealing in the Nurse, Despair,
 And drugs it off to sleep.

But in some watch, ere night be dead,
 Another takes her place;
 At dawn, above the soul's dim bed,
 Hope bends her beaming face.



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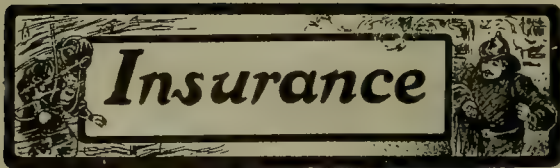
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The Baltimore fire is unique in more than one particular. It has not cost any lives; it is about the largest fire of recent times, and it has afforded the daily press an opportunity to display its crass ignorance.

According to the reports published by the daily press, the stock market (i. e., the insurance stocks) fled way down into the basement of the Stock Exchange building, and was so much waste paper.

As a matter of fact, the managers of fire insurance companies on California street did not seem to be flurried in the least.

It is conceded that the local Baltimore Fire Insurance Companies will go out of business, but there are Baltimore companies which will undoubtedly keep on doing business at the old stand.

The newspaper talk about a slump in the stocks of fire insurance companies is all bosh. Here in California we have two local fire insurance companies, and it is safe to say that they had achieved their share of Baltimore business.

In an interview, the officers of each company seemed not to be worried, and were not in the least upset. Their losses were not definitely known, but if they had lost the gigantic amount charged to them by the daily press, it might rattle, but still would not phase them.

California fire insurance companies are habituated to meeting losses caused by conflagrations. The Boston, the Chicago and the Pittsburg fires are old exceptions. They have been through, as it were, the fire before, and the Fireman's Fund and the Home Fire and Marine are among the Baltimore losers who are the least disturbed.

There are justly grounded fears that some of the Maryland Companies will be wiped out, but as before said, it is expected that these will be only the companies which have transacted a purely local business.

The two or three Maryland companies doing an agency business are expected to survive, and if perchance they should fail, they will only make a ruffle in the pool of the insurance world. The daily press to the contrary notwithstanding.

It would be futile for the News Letter to quote figures as to the amount of loss. It is too early, and figures at this writing can only be guess work.

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This, however, the News Letter may say, that like the theatre disaster this Baltimore fire calls attention to the rubbish on our own door-step.

The business district of Baltimore, which is burned was comprised of a few A and of many B buildings. Baltimore had a fairly good fire department and plenty of water, and yet these brick, stone and granite structures burned like tow.

How a fire would act in San Francisco can be better imagined than described. If it commenced south of Market, in the vicinity of, say, Third and Howard, or north of Market, in the hotel district!

These localities, not forgetting the lumber district and the freight yards (of which we have already had a taste) are a menace to the city. When the fire comes, and come it will, there will be a wild time both among firemen and fire insurance companies' stocks.

Fire Marshall Towe agrees with this prognostication, as is evidenced by his report, made to the Board of Supervisors, in which he says:

"Many buildings have been constructed, under previous laws, wholly of wood, even as high as seven stories. They adjoin and abut in some cases. Many of them are centered in one of the hilly districts of our city. It has been the study of this Board and of the Fire Department, whose officers comprise this board, how to check a fire once started and extending from the building in which it originated in what may be termed the boarding-house district, where the buildings range from three to seven stories and are constructed wholly of frame. Should a fire start on a windy day it is possible for burning embers to be carried blocks away. The department would be taxed to its utmost and leave a valuable portion of the city at the mercy of the conflagration. This risk is with us every day, and, in answer to your resolution, we say the danger from fire is great—too great to be put in a written report.

"This is no new subject to this board. Its members have often talked it over at meetings and wished it were possible to pass an ordinance causing, hereafter, all buildings outside of the fire limits erected over three stories in height, attics and mansard roof included, to be constructed wholly of brick or stone, with no frame additions on the roof."

This strong language from an expert like Towe is worthy of note, and if Baltimore's business district, built of non-combustible material, burns, what would happen if "it got a start" in San Francisco?"

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The Insurance Commissioner of California may be relied on to take prompt action in case of any of the smaller Eastern fire insurance companies being hard hit in the Baltimore fire. He would at once revoke the authority of the company to do business in this State. When the flurry is over, it will be found that there was a good deal more smoke than fire so far as the failure of insurance companies is concerned. The following is a list of the Maryland companies, showing their capital stock and net surplus:

	Capital Stock	Gross Assets	Surplus as to Policy-Holders December 31, 1904
Baltimore	\$ 200,000	\$ 610,712	\$ 499,133
Balto. Eq. S'ty.		2,960,211	2,317,637
Firemen's	400,000	1,240,367	812,350
German	500,000	1,542,135	1,376,083
German-Am.	200,000	524,422	413,463
Home	200,000	466,147	295,420
Maryland	100,000	128,496	117,474
Old Town	100,000	134,924	127,540
Peabody	127,500	304,688	265,015
Security	100,000	144,683	125,527
Total	\$1,927,500	\$8,056,785	\$6,349,651

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George H. Tyson, the well-known general agent of the Phoenix Insurance Company and other good companies, states in an interview that the losses of his companies in the Baltimore conflagration will be about one and one-quarter million dollars, less than one-tenth of their policyholders' surplus held for such disasters. Now is the time to press forward for desirable business from the insuring public and demonstrate to them the advantage of insuring only with companies that are conflagration proof. Total losses paid in fifty years, including the great Chicago and Boston conflagrations, over fifty millions.

The Firemans Fund, following its old habit, sent to its Massachusetts general agent the following telegram:

"Charles W. Kellogg, Mason Building, Boston, Mass.—Telegrams received. Congratulations at learning that your original estimate was sufficiently liberal. I remit you \$100,000. More as fast as needed. Make prompt and liberal settlement without discount, realizing that now, in the hour of their distress, our Baltimore policyholders are entitled to not only justice but liberality at our hands.
"WILLIAM J. DUTTON, Pres. Firemans Fund."

This is sufficient to establish the strength of California fire insurance companies. It is a safe guess that the \$100,000 will come pretty near settling the total losses of the Firemans Fund, the daily press to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Home Fire and Marine and the Firemans Fund have been noted for years for their conservatism in lines, and they have not been caught in this fire to any extent which will deplete dividends.

George E. Butler received the following cablegram from the Phoenix: "Baltimore losses will be paid with funds from London office, leaving United States assets untouched." No one ever doubted the strength of the old Phoenix.

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The Royal and Queen received the following telegram: "Rolla V. Watt, manager Royal Insurance Company: All funds needed in payment of Baltimore losses will be drawn from home office without disturbing United States investments. We are authorized to subscribe \$10,000 to relief fund if such fund is found necessary to assist the poorer sufferers by this terrible calamity.—Edward F. Beddall, General Attorney for United States." The Baltimore losses of the Queen, the associate company with the Royal, were \$450,000, or about 15 per cent of the company's annual premium income.

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Edward Brown & Sons' Agency reports the following wires. The American of Philadelphia says: "Our interest in the Baltimore conflagration approximately \$150,000."

Agricultural Insurance Company of New York: "Baltimore losses between \$100,000 and \$200,000."

Delaware of Delaware: "Loss, Baltimore nearly \$100,000."

The Globe and Rutgers has no agency in Baltimore, and has sustained very little loss.

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Mann & Wilson, managers, report: "The Baltimore Fire is the greatest of modern times, with the exception of that of Chicago. This conflagration occurred on Sunday morning, the 7th of February. On the afternoon of the succeeding day we received a telegram from the Home Office reading: 'Following the honorable course pursued by the New York Underwriters' Agency in all previous conflagrations, it is already adjusting and paying Baltimore losses.' This day we are in receipt of the following telegram: 'Combined losses, New York Underwriters and Hartford will not exceed \$750,000.'"

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The old Hartford, Palache and Hewitt managers, are not worried over the Baltimore loss, and base their confidence on the following wire: "The Hartford's premium income is far greater than that of any other company on the business of this Coast, but knowing full well the conflagration dangers in the great centers, the company has always regulated its lines accordingly, and the result is that while the Hartford does the third largest business in the

State of Maryland, her estimated net losses in the enormous fire waste of Baltimore are the comparatively conservative amount of \$750,000. The fire was not extinguished until Monday night, but on Tuesday we received the following telegram from President George L. Chase: 'Following the honorable course pursued by the Hartford Fire Insurance Company in all previous conflagrations, it is already adjusting and paying Baltimore losses.' In a time of such overwhelming disaster, promptness on the part of the insurance companies in meeting their obligations is the most effective aid to the sufferers. Such treatment on the part of the Hartford is precisely what policyholders in this great company are guaranteed, even though the amount involved was very much greater than the immense sum mentioned as involved in the Baltimore disaster. Such a terrible visitation always stimulates people to a new recognition of the value of insurance."

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The other companies have been heard from to some extent; the L. & L. & G. are in receipt of a telegram estimating its losses at one million.

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The changes spoken of in last week's News Letter in connection with the Conservative Life, have been announced. The Montgomery-street branch is amalgamated with the Geary-street branch, and Mr. Fred Bennion is again promoted and is now the manager for San Francisco of the Conservative.

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Korea as the Prize of War

J. Sloat Fassett has contributed an excellent article to the American Review of Reviews discussing the Korean situation. He says, in part:

"Behind the collision between Russia and Japan over Manchuria and Korea, the world sees the shadows of far greater questions—the mastery of the Pacific, the control of its commerce, the political supremacy in Asia—and in these questions no nation is more vitally interested than the United States.

"In fact, Americans, so far as business enterprises and the money invested in them are concerned, have larger interests in Korea than all the other nations combined. Americans constructed and sold to the Japanese the Chemulpō-Seoul railroad. Americans constructed for the Korean Government (and have not yet been entirely paid for the same), the electric railway in the city of Seoul itself, and some eighteen or twenty miles of suburban roads. Americans have also constructed lighting plants for the city of Seoul, and are investing in the development of a water system for the capital. Americans import into Korea immense quantities of kerosene oil, of canned goods, and of cotton cloth. Americans own, in association with English and French capitalists, the largest single enterprise in Korea, and one of the largest in Asia—a mining concession in the northern part of Korea. American missionaries, also, are doing a magnificent work in Korea. So that American interest is not alone the interest which attaches to exciting and important events, but is based upon the actual conditions of existing trade and property in Korea, as well as upon the future possibilities of the entire Asiatic commerce.

"The exciting causes of war are Manchuria and Korea, and the relations of Japan and Russia to these countries. Manchuria is one of the richest provinces of China. It is three times as large as the island empire of Japan. It has an excellent climate, a fertile soil, and abounds in rich mines of gold and coal, and iron and copper. It has fine harbors, which are, however, not ice-free. The larger portion of Manchuria was overrun and conquered by the Japanese in the war of 1894-95.

"Korea, however, is the bone of contention. It is the key to the present situation in the East. The strategic importance of Korea arouses a great interest in herself and her people, and in her relations to China and Russia and Japan. It is very difficult to convey to people who have always lived in the midst of our Occidental civilization anything like a realizing sense of the conditions prevailing among an Oriental people like the Koreans, who, until within a very few years, have been living in the atmosphere and in accordance with the customs of life and the habits of thought of the centuries before Christ.

"The form of government of Korea to-day is in name imperial. In 1897, after the close of the Chinese and Japanese war of 1894-95, the Korean king assumed the title of "Emperor," so as to enforce upon the attention of his own people the fact that he stood on the same basis as the ruler of Russia, the ruler of China, and the ruler of Japan. His power is unlimited. He has a cabinet of ministers, which constitutes his council. The members of this cabinet are changed by the imperial will, and the imperial will changes oftener than the phases of the moon. The empire is divided into districts and mag-

istracies, which are governed by governors and magistrates appointed by the Emperor. These officers, in their turn, are not responsible to any but the sovereign, and are not affected by constitutional lets or hindrances of any kind. They have the power of life and death, and of the confiscation of property, subject only to the possible inquiry of the Emperor, whose attention may be brought to their acts by his professional spies and informers, who everywhere are passing up and down among the people. The entire government is based upon a system of squeeze, and the poor coolie is ground into the earth. He has no constitutional or legal protection. He must find his protection under the wing of some neighboring officer or nobleman of rank and power.

"The ideal solution of the Eastern question, as at present it manifests itself, would be to put Korea in commission, with her integrity and independence guaranteed by the great powers. For many centuries, she was the vassal both of China and Japan. She paid homage to them both, and she paid tribute to them both. She was the pretext and occasion for many a contest at arms between the Chinese and the Japanese people. This contest over Korea culminated in 1894, when China violated her treaty obligations and sent troops into Korea. Japan resented this, and after an engagement in which the Kowshing, a Chinese transport, was sunk, Japan formally declared war against China. This war was prosecuted by Japan with great vigor, both on sea and on land, and resulted in an uninterrupted series of victories for Japan. She drove the Chinese armies out of Korea, destroyed or captured all the Chinese navy that ventured into the Yellow Sea, invaded Manchuria and Shangtung, and captured the fortresses of Weihai-Wei and Port Arthur. She was thus in control of the Gulf of Pe-chi-li and the Yellow Sea. The world looked on with wonder and admiration at the fine discipline of the land and sea forces of Japan, and the vigor and efficiency with which the entire campaign was executed. Peace was declared in April, 1895, and a treaty was negotiated at Shimonoseki by Li Hung Chang, aided by John W. Foster, an American, for the Chinese, and Count Ito and Viscount Mutso, for the Japanese. By this treaty, the independence of Korea was recognized by both parties. All of that part of Manchuria which had been overrun by the Japanese armies, including the Liao-Tong peninsula, known as the Regent's Sword, and Port Arthur, was ceded to Japan. Japan also received a heavy indemnity in money and many other concessions which do not enter into the present difficulties. Japan thus came into possession of a rich territory—one of the richest in China—larger than her entire empire.

The immediate cause of the present difficulty between Russia and Japan is the failure of Russia to evacuate Manchuria, and Japan is determined to know, if possible, what Russia's future purposes are with reference to Manchuria and to Korea; for while Russia has been busy strengthening herself in Manchuria, she has been equally busy in endeavoring to strengthen herself in Korea, and in view of the centuries of continuous expansion of Russia, Japan may well be excused for being nervous. Japan has proposed that Russia shall recognize her interests in Korea as paramount, in return for the recognition

by Japan of the paramountcy of Russian rights in Manchuria, agreeing that Russian rights in Korea shall be as liberally recognized as Japanese rights in Manchuria. Russia insists that she will not discuss Manchurian questions with Japan, but that she will consider a practical division of Korea. This proposition, naturally, is wholly unacceptable to Japan.

"The reason for Russia's persistent aggression toward Korea must be sought in her commercial interests. Russia desires Korea in order to open a way by land to seaports which shall be open the year round. Neither Vladivostock nor Dalny nor Port Arthur are such ports. The very improvements at Dalny have made it easier for the sea to freeze up. At enormous expense, Russia has almost completed a railroad across Asia, only to find herself with its termini in winter-locked harbors. To find an open harbor, Russia must either take possession in China of some harbor as far south as Chefoo, or she must take possession of Korea as far south as Chemulpo. Russia's only need of Korea is military and commercial. She does not need Korea as an outlet for her surplus population. She does not need the mines of Korea, nor does she need any power which might come from the accession of the Koreans to the Russian throne. She needs an outlet. Russia is, by reason of the very expenditures she has made in Manchuria, more determined than ever to be free to find open access to the waters of the Pacific Ocean.

"Japan desires Korea because her population is crowding the home island, and must have a place in which to overflow; because the climate, the soil, the products, the environment generally, are little different from those at home, and hence would make an attractive place for this overflow. Also, she wants Korea because she cannot afford to have Korea in the possession of her arch enemy, Russia. If Russia should take Korea, it would bring the Northern Bear to the very portals of the household of Japan. On the other hand, if Japan should take Korea, it would bring the little yellow man to the borders of Manchuria."

CARNEGIE AT HOME.

That Scotch varlet, Andrew Carnegie, had finished reading the formal statement of the new Commissioner of Police of New York City. "McAdoo, McAdoo," he ruminated slowly. "Wonder if he's Scotch?"

"What of it?" interposed Mrs. C.

"Everything, my dear. If he's Scotch, his name is a combination of 'muckle' and 'ado'; and 'muckle' means 'much.'"

"Now, what are you driving at, Andy?"

"I was thinking of the way a friend of ours near Skibo pronounces the title of my favorite Shakespearean comedy. He calls it 'McAdoo About Nothing.'"

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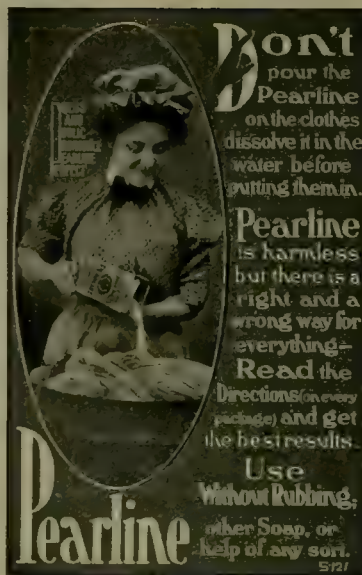
Chicago's big automobile show opened its doors at the Coliseum last night. Several thousand persons crowded the immense pavilion to see the great \$3,000,000 exhibition. Society was there in all its glory, and many of the wealthy enthusiasts from New York, and even San Francisco, were there to see the greatest show of its kind in the Middle West. Many who had visited the New York show expressed their opinion that this show surpassed it. Even the noted horse shows which have taken place under the same roof were put in the shade. The Four Hundred did not have their private boxes, but there was not a big tonneau on exhibition that was not crowded with fashionable women who viewed the scene through their lognettes. My first impression on entering the pavilion was that it was a beauty show or a show in which the Four Hundred alone were on exhibition. Perched high on the various machines, their cloaks, furs and robes covered the machine in which they sat, thereby obstructing the enthusiast's view of the particular machine and which, of course, he desired to examine thoroughly.

Many of the "autophiles" of the most enthusiastic type were not pleased by the action of the first nighters, and I understand that for the balance of the show the ladies will be requested to leave their lognettes at home, and only those who desire to "try" a luxurious seat for a minute or so—as a prospective purchaser—will be allowed to climb in and out.

Among the exhibits were great touring cars built to hold eight to twelve persons, little autolets for one, gasoline broughams, electric runabouts, cabs, trucks, surreys, stanhopes and phaetons, not to speak of the mosquito fleet of motor cycles. Record-breaking machines were also on exhibit: The Columbia, which holds the record for the run from New York to Chicago, 1,177 miles in 76 hours; Web Jag's big White steamer, winner of the endurance contest, New York to Pittsburg; and the Packard Grey Wolf, a record breaker of light rigs.

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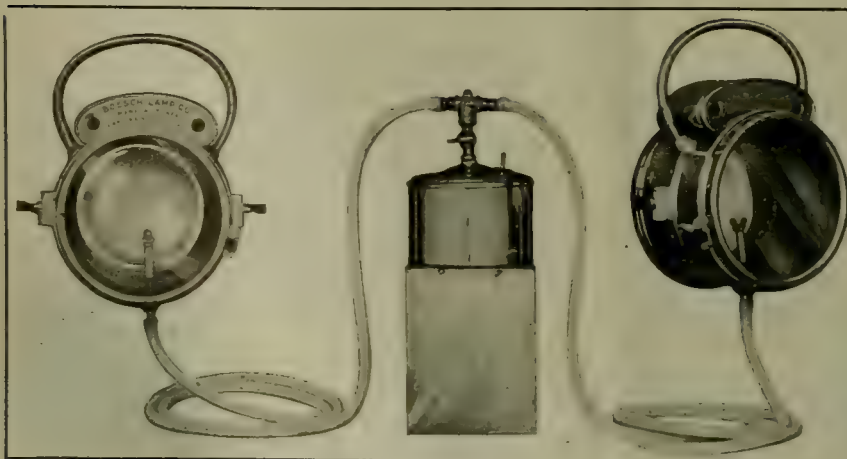
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7:30 A.	Niles, Livermore, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton	7:20 P.
8:00 A.	Shasta Express (Davis), Williams (for Bartlett Springs), Willows (Fruito, Red Bluff, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle), Marysville, Knights Landing, Hanford, Mendota	7:50 P.
8:30 A.	Port Costa, Martinez, Antioch, Byron, Tracy, Stockton, Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Armona, Hanford, Visalia, Porterville	4:20 P.
8:30 A.	Port Costa, Martinez, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Visalia, Bakersfield	4:50 P.
8:30 A.	Niles, San Jose, Livermore, Stockton, (Millton), Loma, Sacramento, Placerville, Marysville, Chico, Red Bluff	4:20 P.
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9:00 A.	Atlantic Express—Ogden and East, Richmond, Martinez and Way Stations	11:20 P.
10:00 A.	The Overland Limited—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, Chicago	6:50 P.
10:00 A.	Vallejo	12:20 P.
10:00 A.	Los Angeles Passenger—Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton, Merced, Raymond, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Lemoore, Visalia, Bakersfield, Los Angeles	7:20 P.
12:00 P.	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations	5:00 P.
11:00 P.	Sacramento River Steamers	11:00 P.
3:50 P.	Benicia, Knights Landing, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville and way stations	10:50 A.
3:30 P.	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations	7:50 P.
3:30 P.	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno and Way Stations beyond Port Costa	12:20 P.
3:30 P.	Martinez, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi	10:20 A.
4:00 P.	Martinez, Hanford, Vallejo, Napa, Calistoga, Santa Rosa	9:20 A.
4:00 P.	Niles, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi	4:20 P.
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5:30 P.	Hayward, Niles and San Jose	7:20 P.
6:00 P.	Hayward, Niles and San Jose	9:30 A.
6:00 P.	Eastern Express—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and East, Port Costa, Benicia, Suisun, Elmira, Davis, Sacramento, Rocklin, Auburn, Colfax, Truckee, Boca, Reno, Wadsworth, Winnemucca	5:20 P.
6:00 P.	Vallejo daily, except Sunday	7:50 P.
7:00 P.	Vallejo, Sunday only	7:50 P.
7:00 P.	Jehinoud, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way Stations	11:20 A.
8:05 P.	Oregon & California Express—Sacramento, Marysville, Redding, Portland, Puget Sound and East	8:50 A.
8:10 P.	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only)	11:50 A.

COAST LINE (Narrow Gauge)	Point of Market Street	
8:15 A.	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Way Stations	5:55 P.
12:15 P.	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations	11:55 A.
4:15 P.	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and way stations	11:55 A.
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6:10 A.	San Jose and Way Stations	8:30 P.
7:00 A.	San Jose and Way Stations	5:35 P.
8:00 A.	New Almaden (Tues, Frid, Sat, Sun)	4:10 P.
8:00 A.	The Coaster—Stops only San Jose, Gilroy (connection for Hollister), Pajaro, Castroville (connection to and from Monterey and Pacific Grove), Salinas, San Ardo, Paso Robles, Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo principal stations thence Surf (connection for Lompoc), San Luis Obispo and Principal Way Stations	4:10 P.
10:30 A.	San Jose and Way Stations	1:20 P.
11:30 A.	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations	7:20 P.
1:30 P.	San Jose and Way Stations	8:35 A.
3:00 P.	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove (connection to Santa Clara for Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek and Principal Way Stations at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Castroville for Salinas, Tres Pinos Way Passenger	12:15 P.
3:30 P.	San Jose and Way Stations	10:45 A.
4:30 P.	San Jose, (Way Stations at Gilroy, Gato, and Principal Way Stations (except Sunday)	18:00 A.
5:00 P.	San Jose and Principal Way Stations	19:00 A.
6:00 P.	Sunset Limited—Redwood, San Jose, Gilroy, Salinas, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Denning, El Paso, New Orleans, New York. Connects at Pajaro for Santa Cruz and at Castroville for Pacific Grove and Way Stations	19:40 A.
6:10 P.	San Mateo, Berkeley, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, Palo Alto	7:10 P.
6:30 P.	San Jose and Way Stations	16:45 A.
8:00 P.	Palo Alto and Way Stations	8:35 A.
11:30 P.	South San Francisco, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park and Palo Alto	10:15 A.
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Colds and internal disturbances have been mixing things again at the Tivoli. Anna Lichter—Katy, the Southern Rose of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" is out. Caro Roma has taken her part. "For the good of the service," says the management. Unofficially, report has it that there has been a scrap. At least that is not the cause of Brownlow's temporary retirement. He is too hoarse to sing. Cunningham has taken his part, and Fogarty has climbed the ladder and is perching on Cunningham's round. The doctor and the peace-maker are at work straightening things out.

The friends of Ex-Senator John P. Jones, and they are legion, will be sorry to learn that he accidentally fell on a sidewalk at Washington, D. C., and suffered a severe strain of the ligaments of a lower limb. It is reported that the Senator will be confined to his apartments for some time as a result. His daughter, Miss Georgiana, who was in New York at the time, hurried to Washington. Mrs. Jones, however, is in Bermuda, where she has been visiting for her health, but is expected to arrive in California in a few weeks. In referring to Miss Georgiana Jones it will be remembered that the June Munsey Magazine printed a delightful rondeau from her pen. A number of literary productions by this talented young lady have been printed of late which give promise of a successful future in literary circles.

We are in receipt of the prospectus of the Liege Universal and International Exhibition. This will open at Liege, Belgium, in April, 1905. Liege is especially well situated for such an exhibition. Its population is a cordial, jolly one, and Belgium is yearly consuming more and more American goods. The Belgian Consul at San Francisco will furnish intending exhibitors and engineers with all necessary data.

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A NOTABLE CONFERENCE.

Mr. Frank A. Symmes has just issued the call for the meeting of the State Conference of Charities and Corrections. It is to be held in San Francisco beginning Sunday, February 21st, and continuing for three days. Mr. Symmes is President of the Association, and Mrs. E. C. Tallant of Santa Barbara is vice-president. Mr. James P. Taylor of Oakland is one of the directorate; Miss Katharine C. Felton of San Francisco is the secretary and treasurer. The Honorable B. Lindsay will speak and Judge Frank Murasky is also scheduled to give his views on "The Child and the State." There are to be a number of other speakers, inclusive of Dr. Rixford, Dr. Kerr, Dr. Ward, Dr. Clark, Mr. John Chetwood, Dr. Hecht, Dr. Hoisholt, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Andrew M. Davis, Dr. Smith of St. Paul, Dr. Gates, Mr. Osgood Putnam, Reverend J. K. McLean, and Mr. Herbert W. Lewis. Dr. Smith of St. Paul has quite a reputation as a speaker, and those who go to hear him will not be disappointed. Mr. Davis will tell us about the "Charity Endorsement Committee and its Aims."

At this season the housekeeper and the business man is casting about for the most efficient house cleaner obtainable. The San Francisco Compressed Air Cleaning Company offers a mechanical means of getting over this annual difficulty. To be able to clean houses or business premises without disturbing the existing order of things, without dust or the thousand and one annoyances that are incidental to the task is certainly a great achievement. It saves the nerves and the pocket. It is sanitary. It offers the quickest means of accomplishing a practically perfect result. It is cheap and it is rapid. Your carpets remain on the floors, and, take it altogether, it is one of the greatest labor saving inventions of the age.

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Pleasures Wand

(Continued from page 15.)

Thomas J. Smith, Irish comedian, will follow at the Grand with a six nights' engagement in "The Game-keeper." He is announced as having a strong company.

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We are promised a treat at the Columbia, with Ward and James in Shakespearean roles. They will give us "Julius Caesar," "Othello," and "Macbeth."

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Denman Thompson is announced as following Ward and James; then Mary Mannering, and then "The Silver Slipper." "The Silver Slipper" is a musical comedy production.

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The Tivoli people are putting in a lot of work on "The Gypsy Baron," and this masterpiece of Johann Strauss should have an unprecedented run at the hands of the fine talent at the Eddy-street house.

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The bill at the Orpheum for next week promises to be the best of the good bills presented this year. Billy Van will still be with us, and there is an addition of eight Vassar girls, who will give us an idea of the versatility that may be attained on musical instruments. We are promised a treat in this act. Harry Thomson, "Mayor of the Bowery," German comedian, will be with us again. There are many other attractive features in the bill.

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The next attraction at the Central will be a frontier drama. It is called "The Men of Jimtown." The action of the play is laid in Oklahoma, on the borders of the Cherokee nation.

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The Alcazar Company will appear in "Charity Ball" next week, and we may expect something good from this company. "The Charity Ball" is a drama of New York society, and is the joint work of H. C. de Mille and David Belasco. Following "The Charity Ball" will come "The Wrong Mr. Wright," and then the dramatic rendering of "Parsifal."

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Kelly and Violette, the "Fashion Plate Singing Duo," and universal favorites, will appear at the Chutes this coming week, as will also Irving Jones, the diminutive colored individual who writes his own songs. Winstanley and Sullivan will continue their interesting dancing act; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hall will change their specialty, and Hanlon and Zanfrella, the flying aerialists, will offer new surprises. Mabel Lamson, the popular contralto, promises new illustrated songs, and the animatoscope will complete an unusually interesting performance. The amateurs next Thursday night will be droll.

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E. L. PARKER, Secretary.

Office—Room 14, Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, California.

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Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 10th day of February, 1904, an assessment (No. 69) of ten (10) cents per share, was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary at the office of the Company, Room 79 Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on THE 16th DAY OF MARCH, 1904 will be delinquent, and adve tised for sale at public auction and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Thursday, the 7th day of April 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

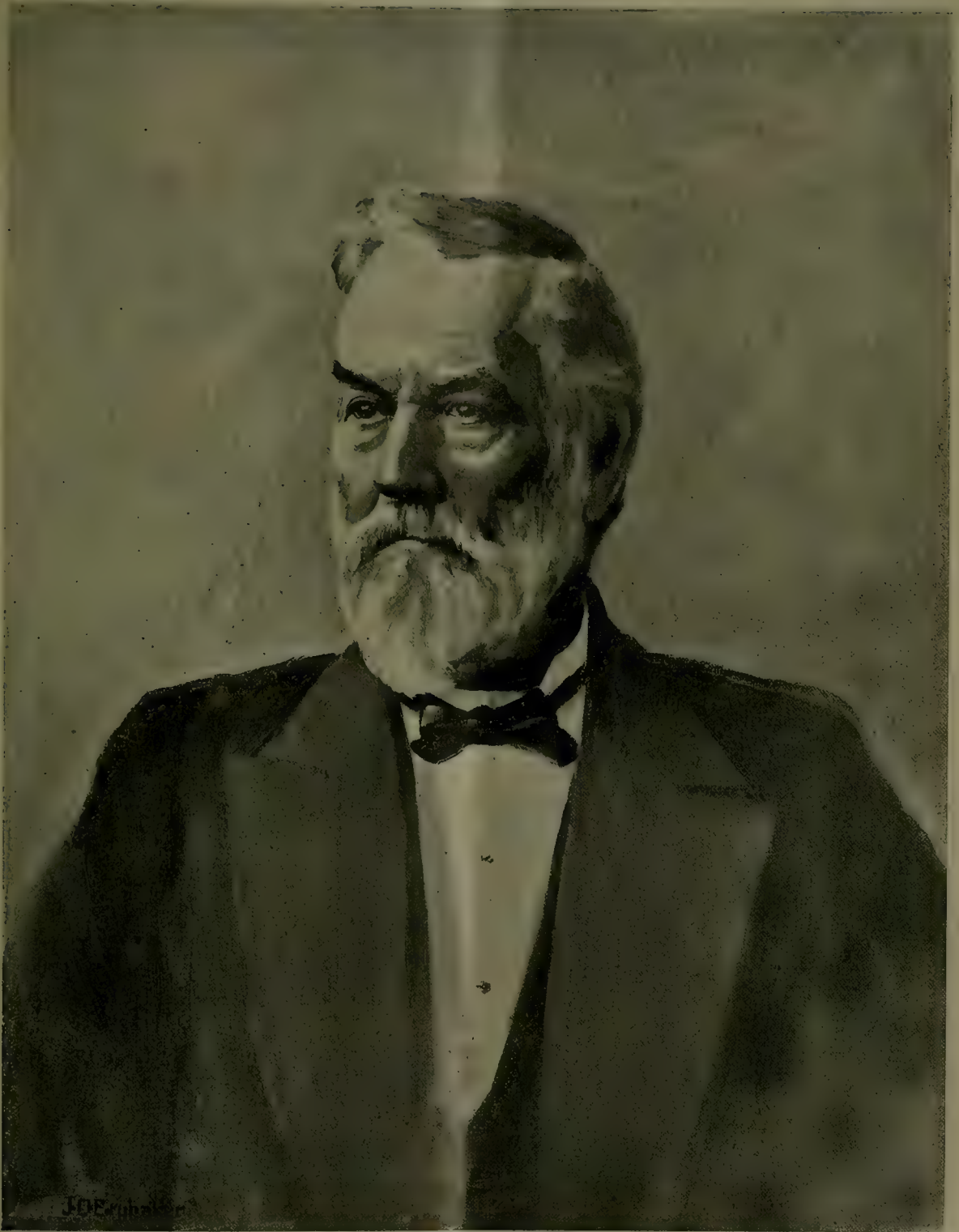
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Edward Gould is a director of forty-nine corporations, and every week he runs a tape measure around his waist to make sure that it's now an even fifty.

General Miles is at the head of a big oil syndicate with lands in Oklahoma. Is this a flank attack on Rockefeller's pet monopoly?

Ten thousand lithographers threaten to strike. Let 'em; we ought to be able to take our canned goods for awhile without three-color labels.

A Pennsylvania boy of eighteen has gone crazy from over-study. It seems hardly worth mentioning that he smoked 100 cigarettes a day.

A school of matrimony is proposed in a bill presented to the Iowa Legislature by a medical member. A latch-key should go with each diploma.

Young Mr. Morgan, returned from the Orient with a Japanese bride, says: "It is not true that I bought my wife; I won her." Ah, poker or razzle-dazzle?

Viceroy Alexieff is reported to be "bottled up" in Port Arthur. His staff is admitted to have been "tanked up" when the Japanese opened the siege.

"Hell," remarks a Minneapolis newspaper, "hath no fury like a teacher fired." Is it possible that the Twin Cities, too, have had their Kate Kennedy case?

The name of Japan's chief sea-fighter, Admiral Uriu, may sound to Western ears like some kind of kidney disorder, but to the Russian it spells yellow fever.

Now that a genius has dramatized the query: "How old is Ann?" we marvel that no playwright ever thought of the possibilities latent in "Who struck Billy Patterson?"

While war rages in the Orient, let us not overlook the fact that the editors of the New York World and Journal are in deadly conflict—of ink-pots and stink-pots. One of the mildest terms yet employed in this affair was "Mr. Peewee."

It was highly fitting to temper with mercy the justice measured out to Mrs. Bowers, the husband-poisoner, by sending her to prison for life, and not to the gallows. She might have given her spouse pounded glass, but instead she merely filled him with arsenic.

A Missouri university student has fractured the college bucksaw record with a performance of twelve cords of wood sawed in three days. If the fates shall spare him, what a politician he will make!

"Who," asks a Republican editor-orator in Utah, "shall drive the Democratic hearse?" Anybody but the young man whose name mention of the dead wagon suggests.

The Board of Education of Des Moines has gone in for dress reform, and ordered a cut in the length of schoolma'ams' skirts. Iowa takes everything hard—except its liquor.

Russia expects to be too busy fighting to take part in the St. Louis Exposition, but if Turkey keeps faith, the Midway will still be a place of delight to the unregenerate.

Until the Hawaiians are through rounding up the wild jackasses of the islands and converting them into smoked beef, it will be prudent for Congressman Livernash to remain in Washington.

From the finding of a roulette wheel and other gambling arrangements in a Trenton, N. J., preparatory school, we might infer that secondary education at the East includes teaching the young idea how to shoot craps.

A telegraph operator at Helping Hand, Kansas, hiccoughed steadily for fourteen days. He attributes his recovery to the fact that he was too busy with his malady to try any of the seventy-five remedies suggested to him.

Since Standard Oil controls the asbestos supply on earth and the Rockefeller family voice is the loudest that is heard from the "amen corner," it need not worry about the question whether hell belongs to the here or the hereafter.

Mayor Harrison of Chicago, reading that the Capitol at Washington was ringing with political speeches full of poker talk, at once swung into line with a published essay on "Four-flushing: An End of American Cities."

A captious press criticises Mayor McClellan of New York, who is accused of hiring a megaphone tooter to shout his public and private virtues at tourists while they gaze upon his house. Was it ever suspected that modesty ran in the McClellan family?

Congressman Shafrath of Colorado, finding that there had been fraud in twenty-nine of the precincts that gave him majorities, voluntarily announced that fact and relinquished his seat to the contestant. If there were no tacks in the seat, Shafrath should be presented with a halo at Government expense.

AN ABUSE OF CONFIDENCE.

The United States Government is in the same position as a newspaper when it is seeking information for the protection of the public. No blame can attach to the methods employed to best subserve the public interest. If a trusted employee through carelessness or spite gives out information which leads to the uncovering of criminal acts, the Government officers are justified in making the most of such information. No one but a fool would think of accusing a newspaper of unfair methods when it uses the same method in the protection of the public's interest. On the other hand, any Government official whose duty it is to uncover crime and any newspaper whose duty it is to purvey news to the public would be guilty of almost criminal neglect in failing to take advantage of any and all means to reach the desired end. Failing to do this would earn the derision of competitors and the blame of superiors.

It is a different proposition with the trusted agent, and any penalty cannot be too severe for such criminals. Any stenographer, transcribing notes, and then in a spirit of revenge or with a view to making a pecuniary profit selling same to interested parties, commits a crime for which there can be absolutely no palliation.

We have the case before us of the investigation now going on in Washington, in which several prominent citizens figure together with Mr. John A. Benson. A stenographer, said to be pretty, is also said to have been discharged because of alleged flirtatious conduct with a male employee. The lady in question is credited with being a widow. She and the gentleman, who is said to have devoted too many hours of their employer's time in the pleasure of love making, were discharged by the chief clerk. The man in the case then drops from the scene, but the woman does not. The statement comes from Washington that the agents of the Land Department hold her transcription of notes and a copy of her stenographic work while in the employ of Mr. Hyde. While we doubt the story that Mr. Hyde has ever been engaged in any questionable transaction, this article will not pretend to discuss that side of the question. The gentlemen involved by the action of the petticoated Nemesis are amply able to take care of themselves.

Our business is with the trusted employee. He or she occupies an enviable and indefensible position. If the business man is to be the prey of every miserable wretch who chooses to sell the information which is given in absolute confidence, it is high time some special legislation relegated the informant to long residence in a State penal institution. In a case before one of our local judges, not long ago, a young lady stenographer gave a very good definition of the duties of a trusted clerk. Being pressed by the attorney who had called her on the stand for information regarding certain work that she had been employed upon, she made answer as follows:

"I cannot remember anything about it, except that I was employed by Mr. ——. A stenographer should have no memory of her work any more than a machine has. The only thing I am interested in is the finished product, and the material that goes to make up the product is none of my business. Fifteen minutes afterward, except for the use of my employer, whose trust I will not abuse even after quitting his employ, my mind and memory are a blank. I cannot remember well enough to commit a breach of trust."

The confidence reposed in a stenographer should be as sacred as the confession given a priest or the trust reposed in a doctor.

SQUEEZED BY THE MILKMAN.

Between a more or less effective milk combine and a long-eared union of milkwagon drivers, led by a long-headed labor agitator, the man-in-the-middle is in for another squeeze. The combine, known as the Dairymen's Association, has operated thus far only to make its product thinner and bluer and more costly. Seeing its field invaded by a new company selling better milk at a lower price, the combine turns to one who has served it well before—turns to the long-headed leader of the long-eared, Alexander Dijeau, one of whose "grafts" carries the title of "business agent" of the Milkwagon Drivers' Union. Dijeau responds promptly, notifying the new concern that unless its prices are advanced to the combine schedule he will call out his union drivers. The Labor Council—be this recorded to its credit—warns Dijeau that it will endorse no such strike. This petty jobster and small grafter replies that when he says "strike" the drivers will strike, Council or no Council.

This, we submit, is pretty near the limit. Dijeau is of the Sam Parks stripe of walking delegate, and the sooner organized labor jettisons him the better for organized labor. Such a man never brings anything but discredit upon all that he touches. And Dijeau is not only the "handy man" of the milk combine, by grace of his connection with the Drivers' Union, but he holds the Scavengers' Union in the same predatory hand. Incidentally he draws a salary for the pretense of working in the Tax Collector's office. If he enjoys any other sources of questionable profit, they are not known to the police.

In this milk squeeze, the prospective sufferers were so many of them workingmen that the central organization of local unionism could not well do otherwise than refuse to fall in with the contemplated iniquity, but even the obviousness of that fact failed to move Major Schmitz, that ornamental "friend of the people," when complaint was made to him, based on the ground that the public had a right to insist upon better conduct from a civil service employee like Dijeau. What the Mayor did was to do nothing at all, as was to have been expected.

We do not hope that this strike may be averted. Let it come, and then, if organized labor fail to meet the situation with a remedy sufficiently drastic, perhaps a community that has shown signs of having suffered long enough from outrages of this kind will deal according to his merits with the greedy Dijeau and redeem his followers from a state of ignorance—or pignorance. New York put up with Sam Parks for a time and then put him up—in Sing Sing.

"FIXING" THE GAS RATES.

The thousands of citizens who have felt the heavy hand of the lighting monopoly will do well to watch closely the annual rate-fixing inquiry now being conducted by the Supervisors. That proceeding has not yet reached the stage where the gas trust tells what more it wants from its victims, but the amount of the extortion proposed may be guessed at from the figures already submitted. Before the deal which put an end to competition, the largest and oldest corporation in the field, the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company, had paid no dividends in months and its stock was being offered at about half its par value, with few, if any takers. The trust statement filed with the Supervisors shows net earnings for the last year of \$574,956.60, dividends paid \$396,210.83, and a surplus of \$178,745.77. The stock is

currently quoted at 58. Apparently things have begun to look up for the gas trust.

This carefully cooked-up statement is modestly silent about the "present value" of the monopoly's plants, but gives its present cost as \$25,704,944.84. Call it \$26,000,000, and note that down as the amount of alleged investment upon which the trust will demand a "reasonable return." This "present cost" includes the price paid by the monopoly for the Independent Company, which was between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000, covering the cost of that establishment, plus a royal profit to its owners. It includes, also, the cost of and profit upon two other rivals, the Equitable and the Pacific.

Brushing aside the sophistries and the bald deceptions that are called "high finance," it is plain that the gas trust wants the people to pay to it the vast sums which it paid to others for the exclusive lighting privilege of San Francisco, and a handsome profit beside. It may be conjectured, with no further information than is now at hand, that the monopoly will demand rates that will yield not less than 6 per cent net on its present cost, or \$1,560,000, as against its stated net income of \$574,956.60 for last year. We shall not be surprised if its hired "bluffers" boldly call for a rate in excess of \$2 per thousand cubic feet, but we shall listen with attention while they try to explain a rate of 50 cents a thousand while the competition was at its keenest. We shall insist on knowing, also, what they are doing with the purchased plants, duplicating and triplicating that which sufficed prior to the big deal, before we submit to the saddling upon us of the monopoly's "present cost."

Already the inquiry has borne some fruit. The trust has admitted that it purveys practically no coal gas, selling instead a "water gas" which it confesses is 23 per cent carbon monoxide. In a word, it pleads guilty to the charge that it is responsible for a death role that grows appallingly. With all the sang froid of a highwayman caught in the act, it admits, also, that when citizens—it calls them "kickers"—have complained about poor light, it has so arranged an increase of pressure as to hoist the bills 20 per cent.

Here is a chance for a Board of Supervisors in which a community too-often deceived has still some confidence—a chance to put itself brilliantly on record as opposed to corporate greed in its most outrageous form. After that will come the trust's appeal to the courts, and then months of delay, while the monopoly goes on plundering those of its victims who escape its deadly carbon monoxide. Biding its time, however, the public will bear in mind that it has learned how to issue bonds, and that it has an expert's word for it that for \$1,000,000 it can have its own lighting plant.

CIVIL SERVICE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

It is not saying too much in praise of civil service to note that already it has worked a distinct improvement in our police department. It is to be observed that the newcomers on the force are, in appearance, at least, superior to the passing generation of patrolmen—cleaner-cut, more alert, more intelligent. Under the old system of "pull" and petty politics, this department was the asylum of middle-aged ineptitude and laziness. Its favorite type was thick-fingered, thick-witted, paunchy, short of wind and illiterate to an unbelievable degree. Reasonable physical tests and competitive mental examinations have eliminated that class of applicants, and the merit system applied to promotion will mean shortly

the predominance of only the fittest among the old-timers.

But, apparently, it will be some time before we have a detective department with intelligence enough to make it anything but a grim joke on the taxpayers who support it. This will probably be the last place to be touched by the rule of physical and mental fitness. As it is constituted now, this branch of the public service, which should represent the best the police department has of brains, resourcefulness and experience, is a Bureau of Incompetence. A certain low order of cunning it may boast, a certain familiarity with the ways of "crooked" people, but notoriously it cannot make even a pretense of unraveling the mysterious or of matching wits with any but the least shrewd of criminals. Judged by results, the detective department of the city, with all its authority, resources and records, is far less effective in the ferreting out of crime than any modern newspaper office, working without system or authority in such matters, employing men generally young and inexperienced.

For proof of the statement, which comes from bad citizens as well as good, that the police are always twenty-four hours behind the press, one needs only to turn to any one of the important criminal affairs of recent years. Most of us will recall with readiness how practically all the evidence on which Durrant went to the scaffold was obtained first by the newspapers. The mystery that lay thick about the death of hapless little Nora Fuller would be mystery still if it had been left to the detectives to solve. Still before the public is the case of Soeder, charged with the killing of his brother-in-law. This man has been held for trial after an examination at whose close a police judge swept aside the bulk of the police testimony as valueless, and declared that the evidence of certain witnesses alone would justify him in sending the defendant to the trial court. These certain witnesses were those brought forward by the newspapers.

Argument is not necessary to convince the thinking mind that such matters, involving the lives of human beings, are not the business of newspapers or newspaper reporters. These agencies are inherently irresponsible, always liable to perversion. They should have no part in the detection of criminals and the doing of justice. They could have no such part under an efficient police administration at the center of which must be an intelligent and skillful bureau of inquiry, call its agents what you please. The quality of brains in the present detective department is obviously poor, and it has not been improved by a long course of pickling in whiskey.

It was only necessary that a most deplorable accident should occur to point a moral to the tale the News Letter has been telling for weeks to focus public attention on the matter of elevator inspection. The Colonial Hotel, in this city, at the corner of Pine and Jones streets, was the scene of a terrible mangling and death of a poor human being; the direct result of the criminal negligence of our city officials. William Hill, a worthy young man and an employee of an express company, was busily engaged removing a trunk, when without any apparent reason the elevator shot up, and the unfortunate expressman's brains bespattered the car. Proper inspection would have prevented this terrible accident. Another human being has been sacrificed to the negligence, the culpable carelessness, of our city authorities. It is understood that an investigation is being made, and it is hoped the investigators will make a suggestion that a municipal inspector be appointed immediately.

TO PROMOTE TRADE WITH MANILA.

Congress is preparing to deal with a condition of very considerable moment to the commerce of ports on the Pacific Coast. This is the question of extending, under certain modifications, the United States navigation laws to the Philippine archipelago. It is contended that to bring the Philippines within the full operation of the navigation laws and compel all their commerce with this country to be carried in American bottoms would be to destroy important industries that have grown up between this country and the islands since they became part of the national domain. The most important of these is the trade in Manila hemp, which, under the rebate of the export duty—equal to 35 cents per 100 pounds—on hemp destined for the United States, has increased enormously in the past five years. A glance at the figures of this trade in that period will demonstrate this condition. The following figures were submitted to Congress by Representative Morrell of Pennsylvania:

1899	.....	\$6,666,886
1900	.....	11,398,943
1901	.....	14,453,110
1902	.....	15,841,316
1903	.....	21,701,575

During the same years the hemp exports to the United States have been:

1899	.....	\$2,492,274
1900	.....	3,446,141
1901	.....	2,402,867
1902	.....	7,261,459
1903	.....	12,314,312

At the same time the importations of hemp into the United States from other countries have decreased as follows:

1899	.....	\$2,817,137
1900	.....	2,147,598
1901	.....	2,870,812
1902	.....	4,236,802
1903	.....	982,837

This trade is all carried in foreign bottoms, and is chiefly done between Atlantic Coast ports and Manila. There are at present no American ships available for this commerce.

The policy of this country has always been to encourage the growth of American shipping, and this is the line that Congress is likely to take. At the same time precautions will be taken to prevent the destruction of an important and growing industry. With these objects in view, Representative Morrell is preparing a bill that provides for a rebate of 15 per cent of existing duties on all goods transported to the United States from the Philippines in American bottoms and that on all goods carrying no duty or a duty of 10 per cent or less ad valorem there shall be levied a discriminating duty of 10 per cent if such goods are not carried in ships of American register. It is obvious that a measure of this character offers inducements that must operate in favor of commerce with the Pacific Coast. The measure proposed by Mr. Morrell likewise provides that all vessels of foreign nationality carrying passengers from the islands to the United States shall be subject to a tax of ten per cent on passenger fares.

The present law, which makes no restrictions in favor of American shipping, expires by limitation on July 1st. If in the meantime Congress shall adopt some such measure as that proposed by Mr. Morrell, there is every probability of the establishment of a steamship line carrying passengers and freight direct between San Francisco and Manila.

THE HARVEST OF A WIDE-OPEN TOWN.

The natural and logical corollary of a wide-open town is demonstrated in the object lesson furnished by the robbery with violence of the Colonial Club. This place is not a club in the usual sense, but simply a gambling hell frequented by race-track habits and the customary fringe of touts and vagrants that prey on the unwary.

Some of these latter gentry appear to have conceived the idea that the Colonial Club was an easy place to hold up, and it appears their conclusion was well founded. Although well-known to the police as a gambling den, the patrolmen on duty pass it by on their blind side. Whatever happens there, they take no notice, and they would never think of intruding on the privacy of such a club.

There are, as a matter of fact, half a dozen other such "clubs" in full operation on the tenderloin. The police know them, but the administration of Mayor Schmitz is probably under obligations to the gamblers, and the patrolmen will not molest them without orders.

No Government can encourage one form of crime and expect to confine it within the limits of that particular form of vice. If you take down the bars for the gamblers, murder and robbery will surely follow in their train. They discovered that in Seattle some time ago. San Francisco is now in a fair way to reap the criminal harvest that inevitably follows the conduct of a wide-open town.

AN ENTERPRISING MAGAZINE.

Thirty days ahead of the daily press the Overland Monthly published the names, armament, torpedo equipment, tonnage, speed and number of men of all available Russian and Japanese vessels in Asiatic waters. The February number of this fine old magazine contained a full account. There are a few copies still to be had at news-stands.

A Baltimore fire incident was the affecting scene when the employees of a burning bank kissed its granite pillars good-bye—so much for the sentimental South.

New York complains of gas so poor that after dark the careful house-holder asks his wife for a grip and password to make sure that he has not got into the wrong flat.

A cross-eyed city administration in New York has chosen this time of flattened wallets to chase the money-lenders off the Island of Manhattan.

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By Fernand Travers, Tourist

No. 8

Editor News Letter—I have been quite amused during the later few rainy days in noting the absence from the streets of what you folks call your carriages. It seems to me that the owners are afraid of having the varnish washed off their cabs, or it may be that the owners thereof are afraid of the identity of their filched monograms or their forebears, being disclosed by their being subjected to a washing with a little clean rain. Anyway, the San Francisco family turn-outs are kept in the carriage house in wet weather, according to my observations. Your better class of men here, I note in nasty weather, have the crudest ideas in regard to storm attire. I see the clarks and working men wearing all kinds of funny coloured storm coats. Checked things and coats of abominably noisy colours. It really can't be done by a man who desires to do things in good form. These tweedy-looking affairs called rubber-lined in your stores, and the Cravenette things, are simply impossible to a man who is a correct dresser. Let me tell you. An eight or ten ounce English silk mackintosh, cream white in color, Albert cut (down to the ankles), a deer stalker hat of color to match the mackintosh, a pair of castor gloves, a heavy-soled English-made pair of laced walking boots, well treed and boned, trowsers turned up at the bottom, and there you have it. Good form for either walk, drive or covert, if afoot. These mackintoshes can be had for five or six guineas, and they are so light that a chap can carry them in his pocket, and \$30 or \$40 is in reach of any gentleman. You know that your fellows don't really seem to know how to shoe themselves for stormy weather—you seem scared of the wet, and you wear goloshes. These things make one's feet look like monstrosities, and give you coughs and colds, and among persons of pretensions are unpermissible. No wonder when your belles of the Coast see you accoutered like you are they prefer to go abroad and marry a well dressed and well bred Englishman. It shows their good taste, even if sometimes they do pay for their enjoyment. Goloshes are as much a part of a gentleman's wardrobe as are pattens. I am also annoyed by the manner in which you chaps carry your umbrellas. You let them flop around and turn itself inside out in the wind; you poke people in the face and stomach with its ferule, and finally and worst of all, you carry it, dripping water all over the steps and halls of every building or apartment you enter. Now, an umbrella to a well-bred and properly-clad man is useless. He does not need one. It is a nuisance of the worst kind. There is always a place to hang your mackintosh without ruining the floor, but San Francisco nor London furnishings, outside of the establishment that maintain a hall man, make no providing for a nasty wet umbrella. With a lady, of course, you need one, only to save her, and in the name of gallantry you can flood rugs and polished hall floors ad nauseam if the hostess does not call the footman to eject you. Without a lady, carry your umbrella closely rolled; let it be of silk, and it takes the place of a stick in your storm dressing. Don't, in the name of all that is correct, extend it to shelter yourself. Your wear should do that. I really desire to give you men another hint, I think your behavior when acting as escort to a lady is not proper. I note the gentlewomen here

permit you to grasp their arms—to almost lift them into the carriage. You presume on their good nature or your relations less. A gentleman always offers a lady his arm and assists her into the carriage or elsewhere by just touching her hand. You chaps here assume an air of possession over the lady who has favored you with her company. This is permissible only in the happening that you are escorting the one woman who is other than wife, near relative or fiancée. The attentions given to the sweeter sex by your men here, as a general thing, savor too much to me of a relationship that is not disclosed to the public or a caress. Both are objectionable. The one thing the well-bred gentleman hides, and the other thing he reserves for privacy. Gentlemen owe to gentlewomen in public the utmost deference, the most formal courtesy, and the greatest care that no act on their part shall be susceptible of the slightest misconstruction or wrong comment. The honor of a woman is builded by a life time, and I know where life times have been wrecked by some cad who, owing to his lack of what was good form, compromised the lady who was foolish enough to be seen with him. Really, good form is doing the right thing in the right place at the right time. We gentlemen chaps can take care of ourselves among ourselves, but my lady mother and my teachers taught that it was the hall mark of a well-bred man to always take care of the lady. I learned this, and learned it hard, or I would not be signing this

TRAVERS.

Mr. D. M. Lord, of the firm of Lord & Thomas, advertising managers of New York and Chicago, has retired from the firm. C. R. Erwin and A. D. Lasker have acquired the interest of Mr. Lord. This firm does an extensive newspaper, magazine and out-door advertising business.

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Japan's perfect preparedness for war and the rapid pace in executing her plans of both attack and defense. Her army is like a flying column, and her warships sail hither and yon, and both striking fatal blows upon the Russian front with almost mathematical precision. The Russians are dazed and bewildered, and the other nations amazed at the thoroughness of the "little brown people's" plan of campaign, and the whirlwind like swiftness of its unfordment by land and by sea. From the initial shot Japan's war establishment has moved directly upon the objective point with a degree of audacity that only perfect confidence in its own prowess could engender. And it can be said that the gage of battle was announced to Russia with so much vehemence and self-confidence that the Bear has not yet recovered from the shock. Japan's first broadside gained her the admiration of the world, and the right to full membership in the family of nations. But the game is not yet finished. The staying qualities of Japan are yet to be tried, though the indications are that they will grow in strength and determination as new demands are made upon her spirit of sacrifice.

Nearing the Firing Line. But however furious and self-confident the armed hosts of Japan may be sweeping away Russian resistance, the fact still remains that several of the spectator nations are getting dangerously close to the firing line, notwithstanding their proclamations of neutrality. Before a shot was fired the News Letter pointed out how it would be almost impossible for certain outside nations to help becoming involved, if war ensued, through their commercial interests, and already signs may be seen in the United States and Great Britain of hasty preparations for eventualities. And what is intensifying the strain is that complications have arisen that involve contradictory views of national integrity and honesty of purpose. There is too much open expression of sympathy with Japan and too much rejoicing over Japanese victories in the United States and England to please Russia. And there are too many experienced officers of the American navy on board Japanese warships, and Great Britain is winking too loud at Japan to use her harbors in her Chinese territory as a base of naval operations for Russia to place much faith in the sincerity of the neutrality of the Anglo-Saxons. It is a little spark as yet, but it is capable of starting a great fire, especially that it is being housed by willing tinder. Then, again, a Japanese ambassador to a European court made the diplomatic mistake early this week, while "feeling good" over his country's victims, of publicly saying that Great Britain, and the United States, by inference, were Japan's passive allies, but were prepared to become very active allies if occasion should require. This foolish utterance has angered Russia greatly, so much so that the Russian Viceroy in the Far East has already refused to recognize certain United States Consulates. To put it in plain words, the St. Petersburg Government believes that the United States and England are hunting for an excuse to blend their battle-flags with those of Japan on promises of great commercial and industrial ad-

vantages in Korea and Manchuria, which two countries, it is already settled, will become a part of the Japanese Empire in the event of Russia's defeat. It may be observed in this connection that the Czar's surmises as to the Anglo-Saxons are not altogether of the imagination. Practically all the people of the United States are openly and generally vehemently patting Japan on the back, metaphorically speaking, and this, too, angers the autocrat of Russia. These complications are very volcanic in their nature.

Other Serious Complications. What game France is trying to play no mortal could tell. Certain officials of State are demanding that the ties which have bound that nation and Russia in close bonds of friendship for so many years be broken without ceremony. They claim that the Czar has played France for a fool long enough, and now that the point has been reached where France is asked to pull the Bear's chestnuts out of the fire, it is time for dissolution and annulment of the rapprochement. Another faction of French State officials want the nation's war establishment put in complete preparedness to strike England a terrific blow in the event of her being involved in the Russo-Japanese war. But all France is agreed that if there is to be a cutting up of China, the Paris Government must be there prepared to demand and take a big slice. Thus is France trying her best to mix in all along the line. German influence is busy urging French statesmen to go back on Russia. It is to Germany's interest to weaken France by complications at this time, for Frenchmen of all walks are hoping that the Russo-Japanese war may involve Germany so much that Alsace and Lorraine will be easy to retake.

Further Dangerous Complications. While China is assuming a policy of strict neutrality, it is very clear that there is an understanding with Japan to the latter's liking. This is seen in the admission of the Peking Government that so angry are Chinamen everywhere at Russia's brutal and murderous treatment of their fellow countrymen when the Bear was taking possession of Manchuria that the authorities are utterly powerless to restrain them in their purpose to aid Japan. The consequence is, thousands of Chinamen, of the worst class generally, are flocking to the front to seek revenge for Russian barbarities, but they go as "irregulars," and we all know that that means a great mob of irresponsible cut-throats playing upon the Russian flanks and destroying Russian towns and settlements. Still it will help Japan. Of course Russia understands the game of treachery China is playing, and she will have to take cognizance of it by adopting retaliatory measures by invading China, but in doing that she will run square up against Secretary Hay's pronouncement that neither one of the belligerents shall enter Chinese territory for any purpose.

Still Other Complications. The prediction of the News Letter that the Balkan States and Turkey would take advantage of Russia's engagements in the Far East to settle their difficulties has materialized a little ahead of time. The Sultan has already invaded Bulgaria with the advance guard of a large army that is to follow immediately. But as the Sublime

Port has intimated it to be his purpose to extend the Ottoman Empire in Europe by conquering the European Near East, he is likely to find every civilized nation willing and ready to send a contingent of soldiers, who would act in harmony against him. It is one thing, he is likely to ascertain, to thrash the Bulgarians for offenses, but quite another thing to extend his vile and monstrous system of government over Christian lands in Europe.

A Small Complication. In his rage, or during a fit of insanity, the Czar issued a proclamation a few days ago extending his jurisdiction over Thibet. For years the suzerainty of the Empire of China over Thibet has been recognized by all the nations, and at this minute British soldiers are camped in Thibet, by the consent of the Peking Government, for the purpose of eventually changing the suzerainty from the Emperor of China to the King of England. Evidently the Czar meant his proclamation of suzerainty as a notice to King Edward to countermarch his soldiers out of Thibet. Of course, King Edward will reply by augmenting the strength of the garrison already located there.

THE DUKE OF NORFOLK'S WEDDING.

It is to be hoped that the luck of the Premier Duke of England will change with his wedding. Of all men his is one of the most pathetic of modern figures. The representative of one of the greatest and oldest families in the modern world, for the "blood of all the Howards" is proverbial, a most estimable gentleman, kind and benevolent, and filled with a passion for civic duty although politics are distasteful to him, he has by a curious and inexplicable decree of Providence been compelled to suffer to an extent that falls to the lot of few men. He had but one child heir to the Dukedom, and that child so painfully afflicted that death came as a merciful release. His wife died. At an age when most men would have considered their services to the State at an end, and that they were entitled to pass the remainder of their days in well-earned leisure, he equipped a force at his own expense, and led them to war in South Africa, where he met with a painful accident which laid him up for a considerable time. He is the best representative of that old English Catholicism which has suffered so much, and which, by reason of its steadfastness, has a great hold upon the sympathies and respect of Protestant England.

His beautiful wife, the Honorable Gwendolen Mary Maxwell, is the daughter of Lord Herres, who belongs to an ancient and devoted Catholic family which has suffered much for its devotion to principle and faith, and has always been found fighting for ideals rendered obsolete by the transition of time and the change in sentiment.

There is something very old-world, yet charming, about this marriage, and the greatest enemies of the old British aristocracy cannot but have the best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of the pair.

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THREE STALWARTS GONE.

The past week has been of note as recording the passing of many stalwart figures in national as well as local history. Senator Hanna's taking off is a distinct loss to the nation, and the full effect of his demise will not come until his counsel is needed in the deliberations of the Republican party. He was one of the few men, who make history, who was able to live down in a very few years the calumnies of a yellow press. No one man was ever more persistently calumnated, caricatured and cruelly lied about than Marcus Alonzo Hanna. And yet he died holding the respect of all men, and most of all, the laboring element. The labor leaders of the East, the Americans among them, had come to look upon Senator Hanna as their best friend when in difficulty.

Hayward Crosses the Divide.

Alvinza Hayward is dead, and with his passing California has lost one of its best practical miners and representative mining men. He was endowed with a spirit of enterprise which failure never seemed to daunt, and an indomitable will power which carried him over all difficulties. There are very few men of his class left in the State, and the younger generation of men will do well if they only aspire to emulate the example of the old regime to which Hayward belongs in their methods and practical knowledge of how to open up a mine and carry on work underground. Mr. Hayward has left a number of friends who have been attached to him for nearly a life time, and who will deeply regret his rather unexpected demise. He was a native of Vermont, 82 years of age. He came to California in 1850, and has seldom been out of the State since then, devoting all his time and energy to the developing of the industrial interests with which he was connected. He left a large fortune behind him in real and personal property.

W. W. Foote, bon vivant, and general all-around good fellow, is also gone. He died at the home of J. V. Coleman. Foote was, as a lawyer and man, an ornament to the community in which he lived. He came from a stock of gentlemen born, and with him it was always a case of "noblesse oblige." His was a rugged personality, and he was possessed of a keen sense of what should constitute rectitude in life. Some years ago he announced that he should never again take a criminal case. He could not reconcile himself to defending one he suspected of guilt, and he had suffered tortures at having freed men he thought guilty from the toils of the law.

He said to a friend: "I shall never again undertake the defense of a criminal. There is only one contingency that will tempt me, and that is the defense of a friend or of some poor devil who may have unwittingly committed a crime." Those who remember the brilliant future Foote had before him as a criminal lawyer will realize the prize he lost when he gave up criminal practice. It is only an instance of the great force of character in the man.

We who are of a younger generation, and who will not have the opportunities to try us as by fire that was birthright of these three men, men of iron and red blood, may well wonder whether there is among us the material to take the place of departing stalwarts.

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The Library Table



Irish Fiction and Poetry.

Mr. Yeats has started the ball to clear the ground for the Celtic Renaissance, and now comes Lady Gregory and Mr. Krans to give it further impetus. Mr. Krans, in his essay of 335 pages makes an exhaustive survey of Irish fiction up to the middle of the last century. The volume is one of the Studies in Comparative Literature issued under the auspices of Columbia University.

Lady Gregory gives the English reader a chance to estimate the poetic activity of the nineteenth century Celt by translating the poems of the blind bard Rafferty, who died about sixty years ago. In addition, Lady Gregory gives translations of ballads that she collected on the Arran Island off the coast of Galway.

The future of the Gaelic revival in the history of the literature of this century depends on the answer to this question: Will the Irish-speaking Celts ever produce poets who will transform these exquisite phrases, these half-articulate yearnings, into lyrics that will make it necessary for the Anglo-Saxon to learn Irish as he must now learn Greek in order not to miss some of the finest poetry in the world?

"Irish Life in Irish Fiction." By Horatio Sheafe Krans, New York. The Macmillan Co. The Columbia University Press.

"Poets and Dreamers." Studies and Translations from the Irish. By Lady Gregory, New York. Chas. Scribner's Sons.

The Ambassadors.

James's books have been likened to a Persian carpet—which appears to be a formless mixture of lines and colors—until standing at the right angle and in the right light one perceives the figure running through the whole design. In his latest work, James has added a new tint to this figure. This time it is the effect of European life upon the standard of thought and conduct of a group of Americans. First upon Chad Newsome, then upon Shetter, and only the fixed Puritan scruffles of Sarah Pocock enabled her to sweep the cobwebs from their eyes, and make them see the irreconcilable difference between Woolett and Paris.

"The Ambassadors," by Henry James. Harper & Brothers, Publishers.

"The O'Ruddy."

Mr. Robert Barr has just completed an unfinished novel of Stephen Crane. It is understood that after a considerable part of this story was written, Mr. Crane went over his plans for the rest with Mr. Barr; consequently there is a degree of consistency in style and plot. "The O'Ruddy" is the story of an audacious Irishman who goes to England with certain documents which involve the ownership of a great English estate. He becomes involved in a feud with the family; the papers are stolen and returned to him; he gives them to the daughter, but they are mysteriously returned to him. He wins renown as a swordsman, and caps his career by seizing the castle over which there is dispute, and finally compromises by marrying the heroine. It is a lively tale, well worth the reading.

"The O'Ruddy," by Stephen Crane and Robert Barr. Frederick A. Stokes Co., New York, publishers.

The International Studio for February opens with an article on the paintings and etchings of Sir Chas.

Holroyd by A. L. Baldry, with a number of beautiful reproductions in color and black and white, both of the artist's figure drawing, etching and landscape painting. There are few modern artists more individual and less conventional than Sir Charles Holroyd, at the same time showing themselves the product of scholarly and well-trained intelligence. A subject that will be of great interest to Americans will be that treated by Professor Hans W. Singer, entitled, "Recent German Lithographs in Colors," with illustrations which are of a beauty to which only a magazine of the Studio's pictorial quality can attain. An interesting study of the French Pastellists of the 18th Century is contributed by Armand Dayot. There is something specially attractive about the consideration of a school of Pastellists when one remembers the fragility of this particular field of art, and the consequent brevity of existence of its sparkling masterpieces. Mr. A. S. Levetus publishes an interesting article on Modern Austrian Wicker Furniture, than which nothing could be more delightful for American summer homes, being both cool and artistic, and in keeping with their luxurious rusticity.

"The World's Almanac for 1904," issued by the Press Publishing Co., New York, is the most complete almanac and encyclopedia published. The 1904 number is an officially compiled guide to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and is a valuable reference book for business and professional men. Sent by mail for 35 cents.

"Who's Who in America" is a valuable book for those who are interested in the men and women of the United States, whose position or achievements make his or her personality of general interest. It tells the things every intelligent person wants to know about those who are most conspicuous in every walk of life. The present edition contains about 4,000 new names, making a total of 14,443 names. Published by A. N. Marquis & Co., Chicago. Price, \$3.50.

In the latest volume of the American Sportsman's Library, Mr. Graham tells us that the regular breeds of sporting dogs are British, and all others rubbish. The American dog, however, becomes faster, brighter and more enduring than his English brother, showing the effect of environment and conditions—for Americans will forgive all defects in their dogs except the "inability to stand the pace."

"The Sporting Dog," by Joseph A. Graham. Macmillan Co., Publishers.

The February number of "For California," the monthly publication of the California Promotion Committee, contains some interesting statistics upon the growth of the State, showing that California has developed more rapidly since the census of 1900 than in the previous decade. The estimates of the committee are based upon the returns from the County Clerks of the various counties and from other reliable sources.

"Agnosticism" is a little book written in a charmingly simple style, and is among the best of Mr. Dole's books. Published by James H. West Company, Boston. Price, postpaid, in cloth, 30 cents; in paper, 12 cents.



Society

Dear Bessie—It was quite the correct thing to attend the Mardi Gras this year, and I had what a young English friend insists all Americans describe as "a real tall time." But do not for a moment think I am going to give you a description of it. I was never very good at that sort of thing, but I can say that the decorations were beautiful, pale gold and violet the color scheme of all four rooms, with red and yellow lights—how I wish you could have seen them! There were canopies, festoons of evergreens, red and yellow lanterns, and the yellow lanterns and the boxes were hung with Oriental draperies and huge red poppies. Of course, Ed. Greenway was boss of the floor arrangements, and was very much in his element. There was no Carnival Queen nor regular Canival King, such as there used to be, but instead the grand march was headed by an Egyptian pageant with Newton Tharp as a king of the Pharaoh period, and Isis, the Egyptian goddess, personated by a pretty girl from Los Angeles named Goodrich, born on a platform by six priests, surrounded by maids in waiting and other attendants. Prominent among those in costume were: Mrs. Peter as Cleopatra; Ethel Hager as a danseuse; Olga Atherton as Dolly Varden; Jane Sweigert as Columbia; Mrs. Frank Carolan as an Egyptian; Julia Buckbee as an old English countrywoman; Mrs. Rudolph Spreckels as a Colonial Dame; Maye Colburne as a dancing girl; Mrs. Monte Wilson as a Dutch girl; Helen de Young as a Dresden shepherdess; Pearl Landers as a Scotch girl; Mrs. Jack Spreckels as a Russian peasant; Elsie Sperry as a pool table; Grace Spreckels as a devil.

Of course there were heaps of other pretty costumes, but I have no space to enumerate them all, and this will give you an idea at least of what a pretty sight it must have been once the ball got well started.

We had a glorious time at the last of the Greenway dances, and extra efforts were made to have it the success of the season. The decorations were excellent, and such heaps of American beauty roses everywhere, while the supper was way up, of course. Mrs. Peter wore lavender this time, with the inevitable spangles which seem to be a part of all her ball gowns, and Hannah Hobart, who was seen for the first time since her return, looked lovely in white satin and pearls. Most of the girls wore white, and among those who preferred colors were Celia Tobin, Christine Pomeroy, Bessie Mills, Lucy King and Susie Blanding in pink; Gertrude Dutton and Genevieve King in yellow, and Gertrude Smith and Helen de Young, who wore red. There were a lot of dinners prior to the dance, but all seem to think that Mrs. Joe Grant carried off the palm. Mrs. Tim Hopkins gave a St. Valentine luncheon at the Palace on Saturday to a lot of the buds; it was very pretty, pink roses, pink lights and pink hearts being a combination hard to beat. Mrs. Oscar Sewell also gave a luncheon at the Palace that day, and Elsie Gregory had fourteen at her pink luncheon; while both Mrs. Runyon and Mrs. Maurice Casey had fifty guests at their seven-handed euchre parties that afternoon. St. Valentine has been highly honored this year, so many entertainments being named for the little God of Love. Helen Pettigrew called her tea a St. Valentine, and really it best deserved the title, for it was

given on Sunday, and was very jolly, and on Monday there were a lot more bearing that name.

The damp weather did not appear to have much effect upon the size of the gatherings at either Mrs. Will Tevis's bridge party, which she gave on Monday for Millie Ashe Sewell, nor the luncheons at the University Club, given by Mrs. Andrew Welch for Florence Callaghan, and by Mrs. Drysdale for a lot of the season's buds; her table decorations, which were Valentine in character, were extremely pretty. Mrs. Greyson Dutton's seven-handed euchre party at the St. Dunstan on Monday was very pleasant. I asked Marjory if she did not have something intensely interesting to confide; she blushed very prettily and looked conscious, but said nothing. The Gaiety Club had its last dance on Monday night (and oh, how it did rain), at Margaret Newhall's, as Frances Allen was not yet equal to the excitement of having it there, and Lucy told me it was likely they would have another dance after Lent.

Tuesday was a great one for weddings—three of them, no less—and all of them at high noon. The one which came as rather a surprise, for it was not expected until after Easter at earliest, was that of Helen Walker Tay and Judge Henshaw, which took place at the Walker home on Broadway, where Judge McFarland tied the nuptial knot. It was a very quiet affair, with only just relatives at the ceremony, and the wedding breakfast, which followed it. In decided contrast to this was the wedding of Elsa Cook and "Teddy" Greenfield, as his friends usually call him, which came off at St. Stephen's Church on Fulton street, where the Rector, the Rev. E. Bradley, performed the ceremony. The church was very prettily decorated in green and white; Helen Cook, who was her sister's maid of honor, Quita Kerby and Bessie Gowan, the bridesmaids, wore gowns of white chiffon cloth and white lace hats trimmed with green leaves. Elsa's gown was of white crepe and lace, and Louis Beedy was best man. The third wedding was that of Kitty DuVal and Oliver Dibble at St. Mary's Cathedral, where Father Prendegast officiated.

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There were no fuss or feathers here either, no attendants, only a few relatives present at the ceremony, and Kitty wore a pretty brown cloth costume with a hat to match, and looked the very picture of happiness. Between luncheons and weddings almost every one was kept on the move. Among the former were Mrs. Lansing's luncheon at the University Club for Frances Harris; Mrs. George Boardman's, which she gave at home, as did also Mrs. Frank Sullivan, with Mrs. Peter for chief guest, and Mrs. Bailey Norris, whose luncheon was for Miss Herrick, who is here on a visit to the Homer Kings. Beatrice Fife's tea in the afternoon was quite a pretty affair, though the girls did not exert themselves to any great degree, afraid of tiring themselves for the evening, I daresay.

Margaret Burnett, who at last formally announced a few days ago her engagement to Fritz Jewel, which had been suspected for some time, was very quietly married at St. Brigid's Church on Monday; only the family were present at the ceremony, which was performed by Father Wyman, so you see quiet weddings have been the rule of late, and after all is it not the better way?

—Elsie.

The usual monthly programme of sacred music will be given at St. Dominic's church Sunday evening, February 21st. Litany and sermon at 7:30. Offertory, Ave Maria, Shelley, Mrs. Camilla Buergermeister; Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament, "O Salutaris," Wagner; "Tantum Ergo," Gluck; Jubilate Deo, Stewart; After Benediction, Organ Solo, Fantasia, "O Sanctissima," Lux; "Ave Maria," Galliera; solo, "O Thou Afflicted" (St. Peter), Benedict, Miss Ella V. McCloskey; soprano solo, with chorus, "Hear My Prayer," Mendelssohn, Miss Camille Frank; tenor solo, Mr. T. G. Elliott; quartette, "Sub Tuum," Dubois, Miss Frank, Miss McCloskey, Mr. Elliott and Mr. Charles B. Stone. Motett, "Tota Pulchra," Perosi. Organ prelude, March in B flat, Silas. Dr. H. J. Stewart, organist and director of the choir.

A large crowd was down to the steamer to witness the departure of Mrs. Katherine Trevaillian, daughter of Mrs. J. T. Boyd, and Mrs. Clara Swan Short, on their way to New York via Panama. They will visit the principal cities of the East, and remain for the St. Louis Fair.

Prominent guests at Hotel Del Monte last week included Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burns, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. W. W. Lockerby, Utica, New York; Mrs. J. H. Seaver, Malone, New York; Mrs. Thomas Whiffen, N. Y.; Mrs. George Hixson, Chicago; Miss Clark, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Turner, Mrs. M. J. Turner and maid, Miss Rebecca Turner, J. J. Turner, Jr., Anna C. Turner, Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Anderson. Mr. Turner is vice-president of the Pennsylvania Lines, visiting Del Monte with his private car, where he intends to make quite a stay. H. Tyrrel James, Wm. Mortimer, H. M. Howard, England; Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Selfridge, Chicago; W. C. Burrows, New Orleans; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Myers, Springfield, Ill.

Arrivals at Hotel Rafael during week ending February 16th: Mr. and Mrs. Alex. G. Mitchell, Dudley B. Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Conklin, Mr. C. A. Grow, George C. Holberlet, Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Fairbanks, W. E. Weed, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Erback, Mrs. H. O. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Foss, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McLane, Mrs. L. Charest, Mrs. S. A. Caldwell, Miss S. R. Bailey.

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Henry W. Bradley, of the well-known law firm of Bradley and McKinstry, and Miss Leonora Beatrice Cusick were married on Wednesday afternoon, the 10th inst., at the Church of the Advent by the Rev. Chas. N. Lathrop. The groom is the eldest son of the late H. W. Bradley, of the old photographic firm of Bradley & Rulofson. He was supported by his brother Giles, and the bride by her sister Mary. The bride is a daughter of Mr. John Cusick, and an old-time and intimate friend of Harry T. Creswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield Baker of San Francisco were guests at Del Monte last week. Miss Frances Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holland and Mr. Robert Heyneman were also noted as having enjoyed the hospitality of that famous hostelry.

Monterey is seeing large crowds of the socially elect on the occasion of the California Polo and Pony Racing Association. About three hundred people went down from San Francisco for the opening meet and these were augmented by the regular guests and citizens from Monterey and the officers from the Presidio. Tom Driscoll's team—the Whites—as they are known—carried off the first match in the Polo contest. The "White" team is composed of such crack players as Walter Hobart, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Garland and Mr. Driscoll. The track is said to be in prime condition. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday of next week the same ponies and the same players will participate at the Burlingame meet. Special trains will be run and every accommodation secured for those who attend, and all indications point to as successful affair as that held at Del Monte. Late trains will bring San Francisco people home at a reasonable hour.

The California Camera Club of San Francisco will give a snow outing to the Sierras at Truckee and Donner Lake, Saturday, 20th, 6 p. m., to Monday, February 22d, 6 p. m. There certainly can be no more delightful sport at this time of year than a day spent amid the snow. A special Pullman car

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Tickets may be procured from H. B. Hosmer, 538 Market street, or Miss Voy, at the club.

The next board meeting of the California International Sunshine Society will be held at the home of the State President, 1622 Clay street, on Thursday morning, February 18th, at eleven o'clock. Besides the reading of reports and letters from various parts of the country, the subject will be discussed as to the advisability of obtaining a room or rooms for public headquarters. The rapid growth of the work demands such a place if funds can be obtained. Miss Cecile Rogers, who has just been appointed to the office of corresponding secretary, has just returned from an absence of five years spent at Leipsic. Miss Meta Stofen, who is now the recording secretary of the board, is the business secretary of the Alden Club, and one of the most enthusiastic workers in Sunshine.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCormack have announced the marriage of their daughter, Genevieve Claire, to Mr. John F. Sullivan, on Monday, February 15, 1904. The newly married couple will be at home Tuesdays after March 1st, at El Monterey, 1224 Pine street.

A RUN ON THE BANKS IN THIS CITY.

For the last few days there has been a run on the banks, which puzzled bankers. It looked like the uncalled for run they had on the Oakland Bank. By looking into the matter, the bankers found out that the public has been drawing rather heavy to buy Furniture and Carpets at the big RETIRING SALE of PATTOSIEN COMPANY. The depositors claim they can now make more money by buying carpets and furniture at the SALE than they can save on interest in five years.

The appetizing things that come from the broiler at Moraghan's Grill, in the California Market, are responsible for the crowd that goes there for luncheon. It has become a regular business men's exchange. The quality of the chops, steaks, oysters and game served cannot be surpassed. More than that, the wants of the guests are attended to by perfectly trained waiters.

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Here's an episode in rhyme,
 (Most appropriate to our time),
 Of an Oakland judge that's somewhat of an ass,
 With a criminal before him,
 Said the judge as he looked o'er him,
 "You're a member of the law-abiding class."

Well, not exactly that;
 But he said right plain and pat
 He was not of those called "criminal" by name,
 But he doubtless stole the money,
 And his moral code was funny.
 So he sent him to San Quentin just the same.

More breach of trust and embezzlement: This time a man whose natural strength of character has led to his promotion to a good position in the business world and a captaincy in the National Guard. Much pity will be wasted on Ballinger, but the time has come when these constant breaches of trust are a menace to the stability of business life and an unmistakable detriment to public morals. There is something very rotten somewhere. Of course, the first instinct is to cry out for severe punishment upon the offenders, and they should be severely punished, but will that stop the condition of things? Suppose McKowen had got the ten years which the law imposes in such cases, would it have been any real deterrent to others? It is true that seven years, really not five, appears a ridiculously small penalty, in view of the enormity of the offense, but would the additional years have done any real good? The fact is, we have lost our heads in the money scramble and the dishonesty of some of our firms has its effect upon the morals of the subordinate. One Eppinger makes numbers of Ballingers.

"The pulpit, drum ecclesiastic" is being beaten again. It is wonderful how bellicose our parsons are. Here is the Reverend William Rader giving reasons why America should not favor Russia. Can we not escape politics even in church? Are our ministers of State so incapable that the ministers of religion must come to their assistance? We go to church for quiet and thoughtful contemplation of matters removed from the din and discord of the street, and are treated to an amateur discussion of international politics. Will the clergy never learn that the occupation of a pulpit is no proof of omniscience, and that such minor matters as economics, jurisprudence and diplomacy require a certain amount of specialized study?

The legal authorities in Oakland should now be satisfied, seeing that Mrs. Lindblom fainted on the stand. Inhabitants of wild and barbarous districts are inclined to torture their prisoners. The method of procedure favored by this particular tribe seems to consist in catching a female prisoner in her own bathroom, and then teasing her into unconsciousness. Incidentally, a recent occurrence in the same town shows that it is not safe to indulge in epileptic fits within the city limits, for you may be robbed. Above all things, however, it must be borne in mind that Oakland, having too many writers within its borders, local authors are forbidden the right of self-defense.

There is no such a thing as decent reticence in the daily press. We are informed with all manner of embroidered description that the miserable murderer Labrousse cries incessantly. Not a sob or sigh is spared to our gaze, our feelings are lacerated and our tranquility disturbed by the gratuitous infliction upon us of the physical infirmities of this individual. The scavenger work of society must be done, and there are officials, from the Coroner to the hangman, who are well paid to do it, but why the press should insist on unloading all the filth upon our breakfast tables is one of those incomprehensible mysteries which only the brain of a managing editor can grasp.

The co-eds. of the State University furnish a very good instance of the feminine estimation of the masculine appetite. They taxed themselves fifteen cents each for the lunch which they gave to the mere men. Suppose each co-ed. imagined that she was providing for a particular male student; otherwise there would have been no fun in the proceeding, she considered that fifteen cents represented his lurching capacity. That accounts for the worn look on the faces of the male commuters. Everybody knows that the Oaklander is obliged to turn his pockets out every evening, and life is a constant struggle between lunch and the slot machine.

The ranch swindle proposition is up again. Last week I called attention to the schemes by which young Englishmen are brought here and victimized. In face of the numerous examples, one almost feels inclined to say: "Serves them right." They cannot seem to believe that work is worth having unless they pay for it. Lots of them in Canada are paying five hundred dollars a year for the privilege of working as farm hands. For a successful people, they are remarkably slow to learn. The worst of it is that most of these young fellows are the sons of clergymen and professional men who can ill afford the money.

L. F. B. Goodrich, who embezzled a gasoline launch, appears to be rather a doer of good deeds than a criminal. The Supreme Court sententiously repeats the legal definition that embezzlement is the conversion of other people's property. If anything is in greater need of conversion than the ordinary gasoline launch, I should like to see it. It is to be hoped that the imprisoned missionary, when he comes out will not give up the good work, but will forthwith turn his attention to the gasoline motor car.

There is already some lively investment in contraband of war. Collector Stratton allows ships to clear at their own risk, and this is in accordance with the policy pursued at Vancouver. The delight consists not only in the profit but in the gambling. Many a staid old baldhead, who shudders at cards and fancies the Stock Exchange wicked, will have a try at pork, beef or flour for the war. The sport might almost tempt a Quaker, were it not for the fact that Japanese cruisers are not easy to dodge.

I notice that repeated attacks upon amateur sport are being made, and that the Olympic Club so far has been able to maintain a fair standard. Greer Harrison has about as good an idea of what constitutes sport as any man alive. Unfortunately he also has the idea that he is a judge of literature. On that proposition I side with Ambrose Bierce.

Is it not a little indecent to describe the results of Professor Loeb's experiments in fertilizing eggs as "the practical bearing of scientific theory?"

An Objection to Tourist Travers

Editor News Letter—How much longer, may I ask, do you intend to inflict the babblings of Mr. Fernauld Travers upon your patient and long-suffering readers?

Granted that there is some foundation for the criticisms he makes on our manners and methods, we do not care for this "seeing ourselves as others—especially *tourists*—see us" literature for our Sunday reading. Plain speech and "frankness for your own good" is a dangerous thing, but "Fools rush in"—you know; and one could hardly call Mr. Travers an "angel," could one?

If, as he persistently tells us, he is accustomed to the elegancies and refinements of life, which he does not find here, why does he not return to his native land and enjoy its "halls and ancestral homes."

Who is he, and what is he, that he should foist his personal opinions upon us? Such a stickler for good form should know that a constant use of the first personal pronoun is extremely *bad* form. Also, while on the point of diction, in what hall or ancestral home does one *learn* a servant his duties. Not being entirely unfamiliar with the aforesaid halls and homes, I can state with authority that English servants are *taught*, not *learned*. Trades-people may learn their clerks—I do not know the custom prevailing among that class.

His arrogant presumption in telling us we are all wrong, according to his ideas, would indicate England for his birthplace. It takes an Englishman to be thoroughly satisfied with all that appertains to himself, and furthermore to sit in judgment on the rest of the world not so favored as he in being born in the "tight little island."

May one inquire, if the question is not too awkward, why the gentleman remains in a city where his feelings are so constantly lacerated by our crudity of manners? How San Francisco looks to him is not at all interesting to us. Does he know of the *unwritten law* which makes it a breach of good manners to criticise where one has received hospitality; even if no names are mentioned?

If "beefsteak" for dinner is so unpardonable, according to Mr. Travers's ideas, he probably has never enjoyed the privilege of dining in that exclusive little place on Fleet street, down by the Strand, where a sirloin and tankard of ale is considered *the* thing, even for titled personages.

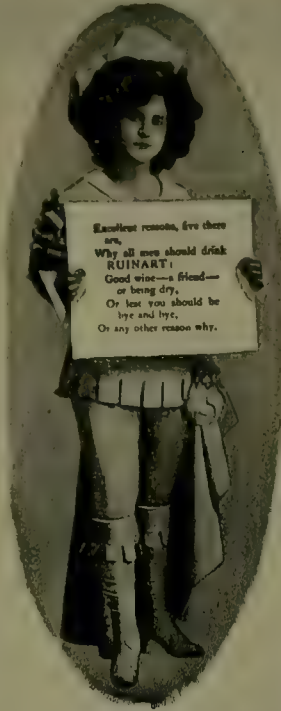
Bah! Mr. Tourist Travers, we've had enough of your views of San Francisco. They bore us extremely. We can dispense with your valuable society, even for six months of the year, and I am sure the benefit therefrom would be mutual.

Good-bye, Mr. Travers. I trust the editor will see to it that it is not au revoir. —Resident.

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PLEASURE'S WAND

A TRUSTY TIP ON THINGS THEATRICAL.

COLUMBIA—Warde and James—Shakespearean roles, good.

ORPHEUM—Highly entertaining vaudeville.

CENTRAL—"Men of Jimtown" Very amusing.

TIVOLI—Johnny marches himself out this week. Great success.

GRAND—Weberfields—The goose has stopped laying.

FISCHER'S—"Roly-Poly"—Entertaining good houses.

ALCAZAR—The Charity Ball—A splendid performance.

CHUTES—The best of the year. New attractions in Zoo.

The fourth matinee of the "Paul Gerson School of Acting," at the California Theatre, was a great success. There was, as usual on such occasions, a certain amount of trepidation and hesitancy among the participants, but, on the whole, the performance, as rendered, was a highly successful and creditable one. Indeed, it may be said that some of the young aspirants for histrionic laurels displayed a talent that was superior to much of the professional ability displayed in the California for many moons.

The programme was pleasantly interspersed with music by Bonelli's orchestra and by students of the same master. The first number, as an introductory, was by the mandolin orchestra.

Following this came the comedy in one act, by William Dean Howells, "The Mouse Trap." Miss Blanche Marlin, Miss Marie Thompson, Miss Helen Harrison, Miss Maud Neil, Miss Maud Baxter and Miss Beatrice Magdalen are deserving of great praise for their conscientious work. Mr. Campbell, as portrayed by Mr. Nat Phillips, was a good piece of work.

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"The Rightful Heir," one of Lord Lytton's productions, claims from the actor an extensive power in the emotional line, and was well-nigh impossible of rendering by Miss Decker and Mr. Phillips. Mr. Phillips's stature is against him, but his work is good, and was a far better conception of the character than that of Lady Beaufort, by Miss Decker. This character was entirely beyond the young lady.

Little Ruth Schwab was unfortunate enough to be cast in one of Harris' songs, "Always in the Way," and the diminutive little lady made the most of a very mawkish song.

"The Jade," by Ada Lee Bascom, was an improvement over "The Bacchante," and the stage work of the Gerson school was good throughout. The participants were: Mr. Redmond Flood, Mr. Ernest Llewellyn, Mr. Allen Stanford, Mr. Victor Ferran, Miss Gladys Gordon, Miss Anita Murray.

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It was a triumph for the Alcazar Theatre to possess a company of ladies and gentlemen that could produce so good a performance of the "Charity Ball." Every member of the company had his or her part of the play letter-perfect on the first night. Marie Howe was a revelation. She carried the part of the Rector's mother to perfection. Luke Conness, as the scheming stockbroker, finally won over by the entreaties of his brother (Mr. Durkin), carried his part exceedingly well, and to Miss Frances Starr all praise is due for a splendid conception of the part of "Bess." She is a great favorite with the audience, and they are indulgent, but once away from the Alcazar she will meet with unmerciful handling by critics. She has a few mannerisms she should study hard to curb. Mr. Durkin invested the character of John Van Buren, the rector, with a repose that even Herbert Kelcey could not match. Mr. Harry

Hilliard's "Alec. Robinson" was good, but was open in places to the same criticism we have indulged ourselves in before; his voice has at times a note of insincerity that jars on his audiences. Miss Belgarde had a chance to display her beautiful shoulders and an opportunity to show a very clear conception of the average New York society woman.

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"Macbeth" will be given by Warde and James on Saturday night at the Columbia. As a performance and an example of fine acting, the Shakespearean revival has been a great success, but the audiences have been very light. It is to be hoped that there will be an improvement in the last days of the engagement.

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"The Men of Jimtown" is a very enjoyable farce, as given at the Central, and is a relief from the dreary monotony of the preceding plays.

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"Johnny" will keep right on marching at the Tivoli, as a phenomenal success, until the 20th of the Month, Monday, when "The Gypsy Baron" will be put on.

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At the Grand, Weber & Fields still continue extracting the shekels of the unwary, through the charm of the superannuated Russell and the antiquated jokes of imported fat-headed men and women. The audiences are getting thinner and the receipts smaller and smaller.

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"Roly Poly" goes on drawing good houses at Fischer's, and it is a credit to the discernment of the San Francisco theatre-goers that it was not necessary to hit them with a club to make them realize that the show at Fischer's is a good one.

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The Kilties are coming, and they will show up at the Alhambra next week.

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The Vassar girls at the Orpheum have been the meat of the show, and it is with genuine regret the people will see them go. There are two numbers on the Orpheum programme that fill me with lassitude. One is "The King of the Bowery." The King should join Murray & Mack, and get back to the Bowery as quick as the trio could jump the ties. The other offending attraction is Ziska and King. There is no good reason why they should ever have been allowed to destroy crockery which might have been put to better use.

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In musical circles the farewell concert to be given at Steinway Hall by Donald DeV. Graham is the talk of the town. Society is sure to turn out and give one of its favorites a fine send-off. Lovers of music are sure to have a treat. The concert is to occur on February 27th, and those to assist Mr. Graham are Mesdames Camille D'Arville and Beauchard, with Harry Gillig, and Nathan Landsberger as the violinist. The list of partonesses ensures a magnificent array of gowns, and the success of the concert. Mr. Donald DeV. Graham goes to England for the purpose of settling some highly important family matters.

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It was at a recent performance of "A Doll's House" in Brooklyn, and in a certain quarter of the theatre

there was some violently persistent applause for a bit of particularly bad acting. A man turned a frowning face around to look curiously at the center of this disturbance. That center happened to be a woman, who, replying to the silent reproof, said with a snap in her voice: "Well, I guess I can applaud my own husband, can't I?"

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An "all star" feature bill is announced at the Chutes this coming week, all of the acts being of a high order of merit. Ziska and King, renowned as "the magician and his valet," will make their first appearance here, as will also Tippel and Klement, novelty musical comedians, direct from New York. The Melnotte Sisters, stunning singing and dancing soubrettes, promise to create a sensation, and Irving Jones, the little colored man who writes his own songs, will appear for the last times.

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There should be intense joy in the select circles that patronize the Central. There will be a real yacht operated on the front of the stage, and "The King of the Opium Ring" is sure to be a success. A steam tug, full of the handy officers of the law, will be found an interesting feature, and there will be smugglers of opium and "heathen Chinese" galore.

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The Pasmores and the Brodea Ladies' Quartette will give a souvenir musicale in the Young Men's Christian Association Auditorium on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Pi Psi Sigma Club.

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Thomas J. Smith, the favorite young Irish singing comedian, in his new drama, "The Game Keeper," will be the attraction at the Grand Opera House the week beginning next Monday matinee (Washington's birthday).

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Lee Errol and Al Filson will present Judson Brusie's "Black Cat" at the Orpheum next week, and there is a bushel of fun promised. George Day, monologist, will convulse the audience, and there is a dearth of good things to follow.

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Leahy, of the Tivoli is back again, and he promises a number of great surprises as a result of his efforts during the coming year. "Mr. Pickwick," based on Dickens' masterpiece, music by Manuel Klein, words by Charles Klein, and lyrics by Grant Stewart, will be the first of these novelties to be given. "Mr. Pickwick" will follow "The Gypsy Baron."

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One of the most successful farce comedies ever written, "The Wrong Mr. Wright," by George H. Broadhurst, will have its first production at the Alcazar next week. The opening performance will be at the special matinee on Washington's birthday.

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"The Rounders," the greatest success that the Casino in New York City ever experienced, will be the musical comedy to follow "Roly Poly" when that piece is taken off at Fischer's Theatre.

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The attraction at the Columbia Theatre for the two weeks commencing next Monday night, February 22d, will be the famous author-actor, Denman Thompson, in his celebrated rural drama, "The Old Homestead." This is the eighteenth annual tour of the play.

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When self-denial irks too much
We plan some madder pranks for Easter.

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Good stories drift up from the Police Courts occasionally. A practitioner told me one the other day, in which those famous jurists, Judge Joachimsen and Judge Treadwell were the moving figures. Both have now been retired to private life by a long-suffering public, but at the time of which I write Joachimsen was on the bench, and Treadwell was pleading before him in behalf of a hot-tempered and hard-fisted politician who had knocked out another man who had called him a vile name.

The testimony showed that the complainant had gone around town for two months applying to the politician every vile epithet to be found in an extensive vocabulary of cuss words.

"And when my offended client met this man," said Treadwell, "he could no longer restrain himself under this torrent of abuse. This prosecuting witness called my client a name which in this Western country can be resented only by violence. He reflected upon my client's ancestry."

"Oh, tush, tush," Joachimsen interrupted, "your client had no right to take the law into his own hands. Every citizen must respect the law. I see no good excuse for this assault."

"I should like to argue the matter," said Treadwell.

"Proceed," said the court.

"Your Honor," said Treadwell, "you are a low-down blankety-blank," and Treadwell poured forth enough violent language to warrant wholesale manslaughter.

"What's that! What's that!" Joachimsen yelled, white with rage and horror. "Mr. Bailiff, restrain that man! Put him in irons! Take him below! Never heard of such an outrage! To assault the court in this manner is infamous, sir! Infamous, sir!"

The bailiff and several policemen rushed at Treadwell, but he calmly stood his ground.

"Your Honor," he said, "I am only quoting the words used by this prosecuting witness in traducing my client. Though they were not addressed to you, even you, seated calmly upon the bench; you, a man of even judicial temperament, not given to violence—even you, I say, become indignant at hearing them, and lose your usual self-control. There seems to be, even in your mind, some provocation in these words. Was there no provocation, then, when my client was thus addressed? What did he do? He knocked down the man who had thus assailed him. It was, sir, a justifiable act, sir. You would have done the same, Your Honor. I ask the case be dismissed."

"Hum! Hum!" the Judge murmured, as he endeavored to regain a dignified composure. "Yes, there seems to have been considerable provocation. The case is dismissed."

A week later Charley Ackerman told Joachimsen that Treadwell had bet a Spanish dinner for a dozen

that he would call Joachimsen a vile name in open court and the judge would not resent it.

"I paid for the dinner," said Ackerman.

But Judge Joachimsen got even—and that is another story.

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Some months later, Treadwell appeared in Joachimsen's court as attorney for a man against whom the police had placed three charges, all arising out of the same set of circumstances. The testimony in the three cases was the same. Treadwell won two of the cases, and was addressing the jury in the third case. He was arguing that his client had been once in jeopardy, that it was improper to place him a third time on trial, after he had been twice acquitted on the same testimony, and that the placing of the third charge against him was malicious.

"Why, gentlemen," said Treadwell, "these three cases, as a matter of fact, are all the same cases masquerading under different names. To illustrate: If I should take a monkey, gentlemen, and dress him in children's clothes, his appearance might be somewhat changed, but he would remain a monkey, gentlemen; he would remain a monkey. To again illustrate: If His Honor, gentlemen, should remove from his head that skull cap which now adorns his dome of thought, and put on instead a tall silk hat, why, what would remain, gentlemen, what would remain?"

"Stop! Stop!" Joachimsen interrupted, "not a monkey, sir; not a monkey, sir. You are insolent, sir!"

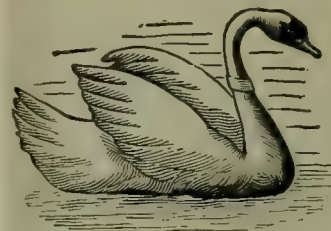
"But you anticipate, Your Honor," Treadwell protested. "I was about to say—"

"A monkey, sir, a monkey, sir," Joachimsen shouted. "I do not anticipate. You are insolent, sir. I fine you \$100 for contempt of court. Mr. Bailiff, take him away."

And Treadwell was sent below, the while the ruffled court removed the skull cap, rubbed his shining poll, and mused: "A monkey, hey. I'll show him this time. He can eat all the Spanish dinners he wants down in the city prison."

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Addison Mizner has been at it again. Addie has made up his massive mind to show an admiring public that San Francisco can produce just as big a clown as any of the monkey trainers of the efete East. He will probably succeed, for his mass of foolishness tips the scales at about 300 pounds. He



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attired this perambulating mountain of flesh in the latest style, down at Santa Barbara, the other day, and then, on a bet, jumped into a tank, fully attired. Of course the tank overflowed, and Addie lives to boast of his feat. Unfortunately he can't sink in salt water.

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Billy Foote was the last of that group of Democratic politicians who were known some years ago as the "old Bills." Among them were Bill English, who has passed away; Warren English, Foote, Mike Tarpey, and other residents of Alameda County, who had much to do with shaping the destinies of their party in the years ago, when that party had a destiny which could be shaped. English was for a long time chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee; Foote, as Railroad Commissioner twenty years ago added much to the strength of the Democracy; Tarpey was close up "to" Uncle George Hearst, and was possessed of a forceful personality which caused things to be done when there was a possibility of accomplishment. That was all long ago, before Jim Budd came down from Stockton with the glad hand and the ability to annex a fortune, before Lane was even heard of; before McNab had come out from behind the desk at the Occidental Hotel; before that gilded political brick, Charles Wesley Reed, had scraped the mud of the prune orchard from his clothes, and discovered that, after all, he was a false alarm; it was before the Examiner, by false cues, had led the Old Guard out into the wilderness, and left the remnants of the forces that once marched behind the banners of Jefferson to the Brauharts, the Brandensteins, the Poppers, the Godchauxs and the D'Anconas.

Foote was one of the fighting men in his day. Pug-nacity was his chief characteristic. He came honestly by it, for he was a veteran of the Rebellion in his twentieth year. He never forgot the stirring days of his boyhood, and he fought to the finish.

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Carter Harrison, Mayor of Chicago, had an article in an Eastern publication, recently, on municipal "four flushing," meaning thereby the manner in which City Councilmen and Supervisors deceive the public by playing to the galleries. Harrison tells of many Chicago ordinances which were never meant to be enforced, and never are enforced. The same tale might be told of our local laws. The Supervisors are just now "four flushing" in Chinatown. That place has been a plague spot for two decades, yet the Supervisors, instead of making the property owners clean it up, are spending the city's money and four flushing in the game of making the public believe they are genuine life savers. The anti-expectoration ordinance is a good thing in itself, but the Supervisors were four flushing when they passed it. So with the ordinances regulating the height of awnings, prohibiting the washing of steps or sidewalks except between certain hours, ordering that waiting horses should be tied to rings or posts, and a dozen others. Just now the popular game is baiting the gas and water companies. Just watch the leaders of the majority in the Board do their great four flushing act.

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Harriet Floyd Gopchevitch was ever of an eccentric nature. Those who knew her as a girl, while astonished by her marriage to the gripman, yet said: "Well, it was characteristic of her." Hers was a brief story and a sad one. With hundreds of thousands at her command, and in her own right; with all the benefits of education and travel; with a luxu-

rious home and the entree into good society, she fell in love with a Servian who sent his cable car daily past her house. She waited for her Milos, rode with him, listened to loving words whispered in his softest Servian as the car ran through the fog banks. Gopchevitch said he was a prince in disguise; that one of his ancestors helped the founder of the Servian monarchy to herd swine, and was ennobled after the swineherd had fought his way to the throne. His sweetheart believed the tale, and three months ago they were married. The eccentric woman was buried from the Russian cathedral last week. Gopchevitch, who was working for twenty-five cents an hour this time last year, is now, by his wife's bounty, heir to a life estate in her properties worth \$2,500 a month. To her cousins and aunts she left old pistols and other curios and a few hundred dollars; to a school girl friend she bequeathed \$10,000 and the Sacramento-street house, but to the cable-car Prince his loving wife left an income of \$30,000 a year. The Gopchevitches are well known in the Servian colony. Ten years ago the "Prince's" older brother was in daily trouble here on account of the many feuds having their origin in the rows over the Russian cathedral. The elder Gopchevitch was a fighter, and he has left his mark on more than one of his enemies. Bozo Radovitch, the liquor dealer, knows him well.

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John P. Young, of the Chronicle, is off to Europe. He has earned a long vacation. Last week, in an auction house on Sutter street, 3,000 books that he had collected during the past twenty years, were sold under the hammer. To one who has followed Young's editorials on the money question, the mass of literature on financial problems that appeared in the auction catalogue proved interesting. You know ten years ago Young was a staunch silver man, and he wrote some of the best literature published in advocacy of the white metal. But when the Republican platform came down solid on a sound money basis, he reached the conclusion, as he afterward expressed it, that he had once lapsed "under the hallucination that tampering with the money standard brings great evils in its train." Therefore, when he started on his vacation he sold his books.

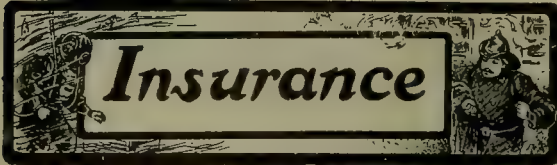
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It was stated in last week's News Letter that Mr. Burrell G. White accompanied the late Thomas J. Clunie to the Santa Cruz Mountains as friend and attendant. This seems to have been a mis-statement, as the following letter will explain:

"Editor News Letter—In the last number of the News Letter I am credited with a trip to the Santa Cruz Mountains in 1898 as 'friend, nurse and attendant' to my late friend, Thomas J. Clunie. That is an outing which I missed. I did not accompany him on any such trip. I had not even met him at that time, nor have I since been reduced to an attendant's position—but thanks for the advertisement. Understand, however, that I shall not pay for it.

In seriousness, though, I should like you to correct the statement. I have told many people that I knew nothing of the adopted son until after General Clunie's death, and they, seeing the article above referred to, will believe that I am either a fool or a liar. I may be either or both, but there is no urgent occasion for the determination of that question at the present time.

Very truly yours,
BURRELL G. WHITE."



The News Letter expressed an opinion in last week's number that the Baltimore fire would not create any disaster among the insurance companies involved other than the Maryland companies. It was to be expected that those being local organizations, and of small calibre, would have larger lines at risk in their own bailiwick than would be taken by outside companies of the same financial strength. Events have proven this to be true. An Associated Press Despatch from Baltimore, under date of the 15th, announces that a receiver has been appointed for the Peabody Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore—losses \$700,000. This was a 22-calibre affair, having total assets of but \$304,687. The same despatch announces that the Firemens of Baltimore was also an applicant for the shelter of the protecting arms of the usually friendly receiver. The application was not granted, but is to be adjudicated on the 22d. Now the case of the Firemens is distinctly different to that of the Peabody, although the same theory of overloading in a company's native town still follows. The Firemens had gross assets of \$1,240,366. That amount was understood to be behind the insurance policies issued by the company. It had a cash capital of \$400,000, and it looks to a man up a tree that the application for a receiver is made to save this part of the million and a quarter assets. The London and Liverpool and Globe lose a million, and it is hardly in reason to suppose that the Firemens would carry as much in a congested district as would a company like the London and Liverpool and Globe. If it did, its stockholders deserve to pay the policyholders for their foolishness; if it did not, it is trusted that the courts will see to it that the stockholders pay as far as they are able. The method of escaping liability by the receiver-ship route should not be made too easy. The assets of the Firemens will be depleted by a rapid cancellation of all its outstanding insurance, and its local office here was promptly made a run on for cancellations. Then followed the reassuring telegram of the company's president, and later one from the secretary, and an examination of the detailed statement lent courage to the opinion that the Firemens would weather the storm, and it is thought now that in honesty it could if it would. The origin of the fire still remains a mystery, but Maryland is a State which employs a Fire Marshal. His duties, as defined by the Act of 1889, of the Maryland Legislature, Chapter 248, which created the office, are to examine into the causes, circumstances and origin of all fires occurring in the State to which his attention may be called, and which, in his judgment, require examination, and it may be that he will develop the cause and reveal another hazard to the underwriters.

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Up to this writing there has been no rumors of any other than Baltimore companies being crippled; on the contrary, a nation has had paraded before it such an aggregation of millions for the security of fire insurance contracts as was never placed in evidence before.

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The companies represented in the Stovel agency have come through the fire all right, with the exception of the Firemens, and since the outside business

of that company has been re-insured in the Providence-Washington and the Firemans Fund, the only effect on the agency will be to reduce its carrying capacity. It is safe to say Mr. Stovel will not have much difficulty in finding another company to replace the Firemens.

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One satisfaction to all Californians is the fact that the Firemans Fund of San Francisco was among the first on the ash-pile at Baltimore, following the same lines that it pursued in the conflagrations of Chicago, Virginia City, Nev., Boston, Seattle and Spokane. All names to be remembered, and each of which is a laurel leaf of solidity and a jewel of public confidence in the old Firemans Fund. In spite of passing through all these conflagrations, the Fund has grown until it is now the largest American company west of New York—a company doing a national business, with its home office in San Francisco, with assets of about \$6,000,000, and a net surplus of \$2,156,118. The careful underwriting of the company is shown by the fact that, while other companies with less loss-paying ability are involved in the Baltimore fire to the amount of a million or more, the total loss of the Firemans Fund in that great conflagration will not exceed a quarter of a million dollars.

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Gordon & Frazer, managers of the Trader's, gleefully sent out a circular, of which the following is an excerpt: "The Trader's Insurance Company of Chicago's losses in the Baltimore fire were \$170,000. At that time there was in bank \$264,000 cash; therefore, it was not necessary to sell any securities to promptly pay their losses. The company's assets on December 31, 1903, were \$2,777,358.09, an increase of nearly \$200,000 over their 1902 statement, and its net surplus over all liabilities, including capital stock, was \$1,079,462.61."

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Cesar Berthau, manager of the Aachen and Munich Fire Insurance Company, published to his policyholders and agents, under date of February 12th, the receipt of the following cablegram from Aachen, Germany:

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C. H. Ward, manager of the old German of Freeport, passed a few pleasant congratulations around among the older managers of the street, and then produced a telegram from Mr. William Trembor, secretary of the German of Freeport, which was as follows:

"C. H. Ward, Manager, No. 337 Pine street, San Francisco, Cal.: No losses in Baltimore. We were just preparing to enter Maryland."

The German has assets of \$4,910,606, with net surplus of \$1,503,595. Its business for the year 1903 showed an increase of assets of \$546,499.57; an increase in re-insurance reserve of \$313,515.80; an increase in net surplus of \$249,685.48, and it has since organization paid losses to January 1, 1904, \$17,759,917.07.

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The Home Fire Insurance Company of New York has evidently not thought it worth while to issue any circular about the Baltimore fire, or if it has, it has

not reached this office. It relies on its well-known strength of \$18,040,793, with a surplus to policy-holders of \$9,574,751. This is enough in itself to maintain confidence.

The Ocean Guaranty and Accident Ins. Co., the largest liability company in the world, is looking over this territory, with a view of appointing an agent. Mr. Duncan A. Reed, the manager of the company, has been seen on the street several times with Mr. F. B. Lloyd, and if it is his intention to have this gentleman represent the company, he could not do better if he tried. Mr. Lloyd took the American Bonding and Indemnity Company of Baltimore, Maryland, last year, and increased the business 100 per cent. He also represents the New Amsterdam and increased their business to \$40,000.

The Maryland Casualty Company, one of the strongest accident and liability companies in the world, passed through the great Baltimore conflagration practically unscathed, and afforded a striking illustration of indomitable energy and business ability. Although the home office was reduced to ashes, the securities of the company were unharmed. Business proceeded without a single day's intermittence, and plans are already in preparation for the erection of a new building, which will be ready for occupancy within a year. The Maryland is well-known in San Francisco, and its accident policies have the reputation of being the most liberal issued. Its career has been marked by conservative business foresight and unexcelled executive ability.

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Although it is eight months before the members of the next Legislature will be nominated by the different parties, the crop of candidates is already very large, and as there is a United States Senator to be elected next January, the assortment is likely to be still more varied before the ides of November. The Senators from the odd numbered Senatorial districts go out this year, and the first name on the list alphabetically is Charles M. Belshaw. There are a whole lot of men who do not like Belshaw, and who prefer some one less aristocratic, for Charles is a good deal of an aristocrat, and so when it comes to a re-nomination he will have, in fact is having, a hard time to get the prize he seeks.

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J. D. Byrnes of the 29th District, is dead, and as he came from San Mateo, his successor may be named from the other county in the district, Santa Cruz, although H. W. Brown, member of the Assembly from San Mateo would like the nomination, but Brown is like Belshaw, a good deal of a reformer, which means a great deal of a kicker, and no one knows where he will stand on any given topic.

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Bob Devlin of Sacramento is spoken of for Congress, and although he has treated the suggestion as gingerly as a maiden with her first proposal, no one doubts that he will take the nomination if he can get it, and he has the reputation of being a very sharp politician. Of course he will have to make a fight because of the deeds or misdeeds of the Prison Board, of which he is a member, but he shrewdly managed to be in Europe when the outbreak at Folsom occurred, and in that way escaped some of the blame that the other members incurred by keeping Wilkinson in office. If he runs for Congress, of course he cannot run for the State Senate, and then Greer of Sacramento and Grove L. Johnson would like the place, and Hatfield, a prominent lawyer of the same town, would also be willing to serve.

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Tom Flint's term is also up, and it is said he wants to be returned, although it was announced when he was a candidate for Governor that he would not ask to be sent back to the Upper House. His district now includes San Luis Obispo County, and that means that the Assemblyman from that county, Warren John, probably, will be a candidate for Senator. John, who is now employed in the office of Collector of Internal Revenues in this city, is a very popular young man, and the foreign element in that section is particularly devoted to him.

Greenwell, Santa Barbara, is one of Senator Bard's employees, the manager of a ranch or something of the kind, and went to the State Senate to help elect Bard Senator on the distinct understanding that he was to be given the place of Collector of Customs at Los Angeles. In the Senate he made the unique record of not introducing a bill, nor making a single speech, and Bard did not keep his promise, but allowed John C. Cline to retain the Collectorship at the suggestion of ex-Senator Bulla, so Greenwell retired in disgust, and it is understood wants no more Legislature in his. Ex-Assemblyman C. W. Merritt wants the place, and says he can get both the nomination and the election, which of course settles the matter if he is correct.

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Senator Hubbell of the 30th district, who was one of the most brilliant members of the last Senate, and who possessed the unique record of being a member

of the Senate of Indiana while he was a member elect of the Senate of California, died last April, and a successor has to be elected to fill his place. Frank C. Prescott, Assemblyman in the last session from San Bernardino, is a candidate, and as he made an excellent record, has a strong backing. Another candidate is W. T. Leeke of Ontario. Leeke was Supervisor of Indian Schools for California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Nevada, under President Harrison. He is now the President of the San Antonio Water Company, and is a representative man in his community, although not nearly as well known as Prescott. Senator Lardner expects to come back from Placer and El Dorado Counties and the chances are that his expectations will be realized.

Senator Lucksinger of Vallejo is now the postmaster of that town, so he cannot be a candidate for his old place, and no definite successor has yet been selected, although the editor of the Vallejo Chronicle is understood to be willing to add the duties of law making to those he now fills.

Senator Lukens of Alameda and Muentzer of Stockton both want to come back, and probably both will. Lukens was the mouthpiece of the State administration, the California Lodge, in the last session, and whenever he spoke the knowing ones always heard the voice of Pardee. The Governor will try to see that he goes back, and as nearly all the voters in Alameda hold office, and the few who don't expect to secure places very shortly, there should be no trouble in nominating him and electing him almost without opposition. In Santa Clara Louis Oneal is, of course, a candidate for re-election, but there is some question whether he can make it. Mr. Lyons, a brother-in-law of the Hayes brothers, also wants the place, and if Dr. A. E. Osborne is not nominated for Congress he may be chosen as Senatorial candidate. The nomination of either Oneal or Lyons would be a renewal of the old fight between Johnnie MacKenzie, represented by Oneal, and Lyons representing the Hayes brothers, and as nobody knows which of those factions is now on top, it is an open question which of them would be able to secure the nomination.

Tom Selvage wants to come back from Humboldt to fight the administration, which turned him down for Code Commissioner, and if he succeeds he will make it very unpleasant for the Governor. Assemblyman George T. Rolley, also thinks that he would like to be Senator from the First. Editor Tyrell of Grass Valley thinks he can be returned easily, and those from his district to whom I have talked agree with him.

San Francisco will have an extra Senator to elect, owing to the death of Senator G. H. Williams, and if the cards are propitious, I am told that the private secretary of Mayor Schmitz will be the candidate. Senators Nelson and Wolf will be both candidates for re-election, as Wolf has given up his desire to go to Congress, and Nelson made a phenomenal run in a Democratic district.

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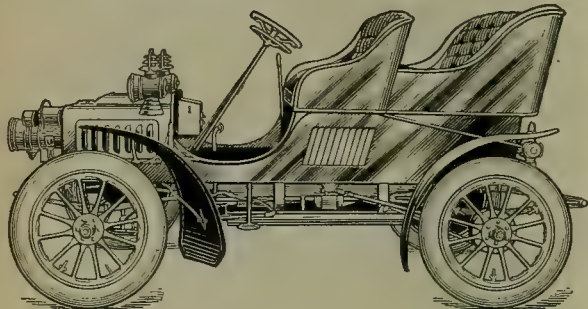
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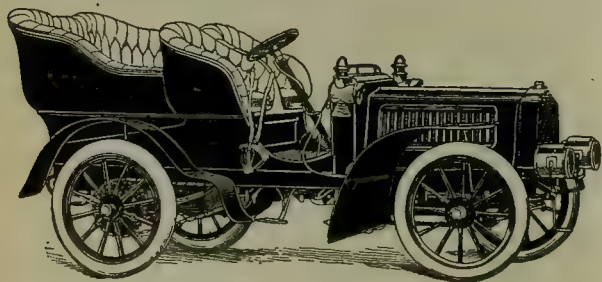
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The outlook for the restoration of the King's Highway through California is assuming a more pleasing aspect. The local automobilists have received the support of the California Associated Cyclers, a body that governs the amateur wheeling in the State. This gives a color to the proposition that has changed the whole complication of affairs.

It is possible for the cyclers to call to their aid the great army of noiseless steed enthusiasts, and when it is taken into consideration how many wheels there are in use at the present time, one can easily realize what a voting strength is at command.

With the present legislators, nothing can be accomplished, but if the automobilists and cyclists work hand in hand at election, men may be chosen who will go to Sacramento pledged for good roads. There should be no party cry but the watch word of good roads.

Elect men to power for such an object just for one term, and the good they will do will force both the Republicans and Democrats to make it a plank in the platforms adopted at the conventions.

Good roads will never be achieved any other way than at the polls, except out of the individual pockets, and that would be impossible when a road from San Diego to the Oregon line is contemplated.

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A committee on Automobile Traffic, appointed in Paris, has made a series of experiments in the Bois de Boulogne for the purpose of comparing the quickness with which horse vehicles and automobiles can be stopped. The macadamized road was muddy, and it was to be expected that the hoofs of the horses would find a better hold than the rubber tires of the motors. The latter, however, showed themselves superior in this respect.

Two vehicles with one horse each, two with two horses each, and one with a pony, competed with an automobile of 6 and 40 horsepower.

At a speed of 7½ miles per hour, the horse vehicles could only be completely stopped at 30 feet; the two motors at 10 feet. At a speed of 10 miles per hour the one-horse vehicle stopped at 40 feet; the motors at 13½ feet. At a speed of 12½ miles per hour, the distance increased to 43 1-3 feet and 16¾ feet respectively. As the horses were overworked, the automobiles made further tests alone, resulting in stopping at 33 1-3 feet at a speed of 16 miles per hour, and at 60 feet at a speed of 25 miles per hour.

Here, then, we have some data which it would be well for the Park Commissioner to consider when they raise a barrier to the drives of the Park on the chances of accidents.

The automobile has always proven to be far safer than the horse in competent hands. That those who use the Park drives are competent only rests with the official examiner. And that person has been the right person in the right place, as has been proven by the fact that up to the present time no accidents have happened on the South Drive.

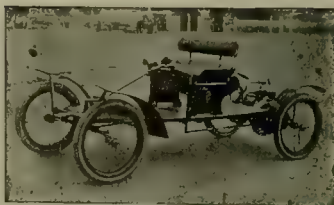
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W. K. Vanderbilt did the trick to a nicety in the races at Ormonde, Fla. He is quoted as saying that he "might have made the mile in 37 seconds," and in

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fact he claims that he did it in 35 seconds in practice. He worked harder than most of the men who took part in the races. On the day of his arrival he was out for a three hours' drive up and down the beach before breakfast, going out again before and after dinner. Always ready on call, always ready to go right out to race, offering no suggestions at all and riding his best at all times, Mr. Vanderbilt gained friends by the hundreds at this meet. His every victory was popular, for every one was his friend. His car was always ready—he caused not a moment's delay, and jumped for his seat the very moment a race was called.

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The Y. M. C. A., of Boston, has established the first automobile school in the world, in which the pupils secure a practical as well as a theoretical knowledge of all kinds of automobiles.

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On April 26, 1901, the first license was issued to an automobilist in New York, and by January 1, 1904, the number had reached 8,835. Up to January 1, 1903, only 2,037 permits were issued, which shows what an increase there has been in the sport in the last year in New York.

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During the past week a new company for the hire of automobiles has been formed, which is known as the "Scott-Blakeslee Winton Automobile Rental Co." They have taken offices with the Pioneer Automobile Company, and have put into effect a service which consists of four of the latest model Winton Touring Cars. Owing to the strong demand for Winton cars by people taking drives through the city, Messrs. Blakeslee and Scott intend to use nothing but Winton Touring Cars.

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George Roos was out in his brother's White touring car last week. Mr. Roos also had two other White cars in commission. It was a special invitation of Mr. Roos for a day's outing through the Presidio, Cliff House drive and through the Park. These special outings are becoming very popular with those who entertain.

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The National Automobile Company report that during the past week, notwithstanding the bad weather they have closed several sales for the Mile-a-Minute Pope-Toledo.

B. D. Merchant and wife, and party of friends, were out through the Park last Sunday, for a ride in his new Pope-Toledo car.

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The Weberfieldian Company now at the Grand Opera House did the Park and races last week in Wintons.

Young Corbett, the fistic debater, has purchased a Winton Touring Car.

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J. A. Marsh, president, and Frank E. Hartigan, manager of the Mobile Carriage Co., were guests at a banquet at the Hotel Metropole in Oakland, given by the Alameda County Automobile Club.

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J. A. Murray, a banker of Butte, Mont., has ordered a specially-painted White Touring Car. Mr. Murray will receive his car in this city, and will then tour the State as far south as San Diego.

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Another carload of Wintons arrived in San Francisco last week, and some were delivered to customers according to the booking of their orders. Messrs. S. C. Hammond, L. G. Rowell and R. C. Kirkwood

are the happy possessors of these cars now. This makes nine 1904 Wintons already delivered on the Coast, and another carload will be received within the next few days. Mrs. A. Hochheimer last week gave a little Winton automobile party to her daughter and friends, when a delightful drive through the Park and Presidio was very much enjoyed. Mrs. Hochheimer's home is in Willows, Glenn County, although she is spending the winter at Hotel Riche-lieu in this city, and she is, perhaps, one of the strongest Winton advocates of the automobile in this city.

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Thomas H. White, head of the White Company, is about to tour California. At the present time Mr. White is in San Diego with a party of friends.

Samuel Hammond made a trip from Oakland to San Jose and return last week.

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Max Rosenfeld, of the Pioneer Automobile Co., toured Alameda last week.

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The National Automobile Company report that they had a letter from Mr. Ellicott Evans, of Pasadena, to whom they shipped a Pope-Toledo Mile-a-Minute Car last week, and he says that those in Pasadena who have seen it are very enthusiastic.

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The Jefferson Square Club is becoming very popular. The proper thing is a luncheon, auto drive and back to the club for dinner.

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William Letts Oliver, who for years has been noted as one of the most enthusiastic yachtsmen, has given up his old love and has taken to the modern chariot. Mr. Oliver has purchased a White Touring

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Car. His son, O. Letts Oliver, has given up the good yacht Wave for an Oldsmobile runabout.

E. B. Brinegar, President of the Pioneer Automobile Company, has just returned from the New York show. While East he spent a month visiting the different factories. After looking them over thoroughly he did not try for any new lines. He is satisfied with the standard machines which his company is handling.

The Mobile Carriage Company has just sold Mr. H. C. Tilden a French Arrow touring car, which is of special design, built on the order of the purchaser, color being red, slanting hood and canopy top, which will be delivered about March 1st. Mr. Tilden is expecting much pleasure from the long-distance tours he will take during the spring.

Ex-Governor Moore, of Washington, who is at present in San Rafael, will shortly start for Los Angeles in his White touring car.

R. C. Kirkwood and Hector Bradford, of San Jose, have bought new 1904 Winton touring cars.

The Pacific Motor Car Company report the sale of three St. Louis touring cars this week. They were purchased by Otto tum Suden, Joseph Geary and Harold T. Armstrong.

Perhaps one of the most conspicuous-looking vehicles seen on the driveways in the Park and Presidio is the racy looking little French rig belonging to Mr. De La Montanya. This machine the Marquis sent over to Paris for, and after having same set up at the Pioneer Automobile Company's new garage, has been using the same extensively in the city. The machine is a very neat but odd-looking vehicle, owing to the natural wood finish of the tonneau and rear parts, and the flaring mud guards and coat of yellow paint. The Marquis stables his machine with the Pioneer people, and both he and his wife being strong advocates of the game of bowling, find unlimited pleasure in enjoying the privileges of the Jefferson Square Club over the garage in the Pioneer Automobile Company's new building.

One of the members of the Pacific Motor Car Company has left for the East to try and secure more of the St. Louis touring cars, as the demand for them has been so great in San Francisco.

G. W. Starr of Grass Valley is another enthusiast who will tour to Los Angeles this summer in his White touring car.

On last Thursday, Mr. Riley and Mr. Peabody of the National Automobile Company, took one of the new Pope-Toledo four-cylinder touring car out for a run to San Jose. They found the roads in good shape—no dust—but when returning a heavy rain made the roads very muddy. They say they had a very pleasant trip, in spite of the rain, and were very well satisfied with the riding and the running of the car.

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Max Rosenfeld had the members of the Federal Grand Jury as guests at the Jefferson Square Club at luncheon last week. The afternoon was spent driving through the Park.

Dr. Parker of Portland has received a 1904 White touring car.

F. A. Garbutt, the enthusiastic Los Angeles automobilist, has sold his touring car, which he has raced for the last two years, and has ordered a 1904 model White touring car specially painted.

E. O. Lindblom of Dawson has purchased a White touring car.

J. D. Spreckels, William Tevis, President F. A. Hyde and C. A. Hawkins will tour Yosemite Valley as soon as the road is open.

Miss Lillian Russell visited the races at Ingleside last Tuesday in a 1904 model Winton touring car, with which she expressed herself as being much delighted, and being an automobile owner herself and a strong advocate of the sport, her expression naturally pleases the Pioneer people immensely. Miss Russell owns and drives a 20 horse-power Decauville French machine in New York City. This machine cost about \$10,000 laid down in New York, and when Miss Russell was apprised of the fact that a 20 horse-power Winton is procurable at \$2,650, she seemed very much surprised.

J. C. Ainsworth, president of the United States National Bank, Portland, has just received his second White touring car.

W. B. Ayre is another Portland purchaser who has received his 1904 White touring car.

Frank Pitts, of Healdsburg, has purchased an Oldsmobile runabout.

The Pacific Motor Car Company expect the 4-cylinder Packard daily. This is one of the latest creations of the East.

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DOWIE.

The above eloquent cablegram tells of the troubles encountered on the high seas by Elijah. It is told by his companions on the journey that more than once Dowie tried to emulate the whale in the story of Jonah. The Prophet succeeded in spoiling his whiskers, and managed to lose much of his dignity. He only recovered his equanimity when a stranger in Honolulu mistook him for Sanford B. Dole. Then he swelled well-nigh to bursting point.

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Financial Review.

Local Stocks and Bonds.

The local market for stocks and bonds has been exceedingly dull during the past week, and in bonds business has been much lighter than it usually is at this season of the year. As for the share market, speculation is practically dead, which is not to be wondered at when such staple industrials as Metropolitan Gas stock has been juggled with like a veritable wild-cat by a set of ambitious wire-pullers, whose skill as promoters is evidenced by a combination which, if exploited to the core, would be the laughing stock of all creation. An over-weighted, over-capitalized, top-heavy concern, erected upon the basis of an old-time structure which, to prove effective, in itself stands sorely in need of being modernized. When an official explanation is required in apology for the meaneast quality of products, that the conduits are in such miserable condition through age that a powerful air pressure must be introduced in order to improve the volume of service, things must be in a bad condition indeed. It is not surprising, under the circumstances, that consumers complain of exorbitant bills in which they are paying largely for air, nor that the death rate has been largely increased by asphyxiation, caused by the poisonous fumes of cheap water gas, dispensed in lieu of the old-fashioned and comparatively innocuous product of coal. It certainly is not the public demand for the shares which keeps the shares propped up at present prices, nor is there any evidence that investors are scrambling wildly for stock in this much-vaunted combine. A new and modern gas works would sweep the present institution off the earth, and the sooner this matter is taken up the better. It is useless wasting time over discussing rates with the combine inflated as it is beyond all reason. What figure do rates cut with an institution which can readily even matters up with helpless consumers by the introduction of more air pressure at the sweet will of a management which doubtless has little love for an already rebellious public. The stock of this company has shown a light advance during the week as the purchase of a very small amount of stock. In other descriptions, the shares of Spring Valley Water ruled steady and firm at from 38 to 38 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Prominent Miners in Legal Fray.

The news that the Hammond-Wiltsee-Doolittle mining clique had sued the Bradley-Crocker combination, came upon a large number of people in this city like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky. The trouble arises over the ownership of some dredging land near Oroville, which the plaintiffs say they should control had not the defendants managed to increase their holding of shares by the issuance of company stock in a way which is deemed improper. The strangest part of the business is to find Bradley on the opposite side of the fence to Hammond after the intimacy which has prevailed between them for years. On the former's part, a belief exists, it would appear from the published statement of the case, the land in question is of little or no value, and that the vendors had had the best of the bargain. It is likely that owing to the relations between the leading parties to the suit, on both sides, that the litigation will be cut short by compromise of some character which will settle the question in dispute without widening the present breach.

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Unwhipped of Justice.

William B. Ewing, the promoter convicted the other day in the United States Court of swindling, widows and orphans being his favorite prey, is, at latest accounts, walking around on bail. Whitaker Wright would probably have been alive to-day had not the law of the country where he was tried ordained that conviction is followed by immediate transmission to the penitentiary. It seems difficult work for even the powerful arm of the Federal Government to assert itself against the criminal backed with the means to put up a fight. Such a condition of affairs is truly deplorable.

The market for North-end Pine-St. Market. Comstock shares firmed up considerably during the week, and the bears suffered again. A most important discovery on the 2,000 level of Ophir knocked a lot of their pet theories about the extent of the ore body now being developed, and they are likely to suffer a still further demoralization from this time forward. Within the next six months there will not be one

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of the clique left on the street worth a brass farthing, judging from present indications in the deep levels of the leading North-end mines. The movement in prices for some time past has enabled a good many people to make money, and no fault will be found with what can only be a good trading market, by any one outside of the disgruntled dogs-in-the-manger, who have infested the street for months past. From all points along the lode the news is favorable enough to warrant a buoyant market and higher prices for a long time to come.

The Mission Bank, which opened for business in July last, has just held its first annual meeting, at which the following directors were re-elected: Jas. Rolph, Jr., president; Frank B. Anderson, vice-president; Stuart F. Smith, cashier, and James M. Allen, secretary; Frank S. Andrews, assistant cashier, and Wm. Babcock, A. Borel, E. W. Hopkins, W. H. Crim and George L. Center, directors. The total assets of the bank, according to the financial statement presented at the meeting, aggregated \$396,390.

It is reported on excellent authority that the net earnings of the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company for 1903 amounted to about \$878,000. The company has now practically paid off all the floating debt, and the outlook for the future is considered excellent. This year's crop is estimated at about 35,000 tons of sugar; at present the cane being crushed is producing about five per cent more saccharine matter than at the same time last year. If this continues, the output of sugar will be over the estimate.

At the recent annual meeting of the members of the San Francisco Clearing House, the following officers were elected: William Alvord, president; Homer S. King, vice-president; and Fred W. Zeile, secretary. William Alvord, as president, is chairman of the Clearing House Committee, and the following were elected members of that committee: I. Steinhart, S. G. Murphy, James K. Wilson, and A. Kains, the latter being elected secretary. Charles Sleeper was re-elected manager, and J. T. Burke assistant manager.

A CASE OF GRAFT REFUSED.

Casey of the back-stretched hand, boss of the Board of Works, coarse and unlettered, grasping politician and pot-house statesman, has lifted his burly and ponderous fist. He hath spoken, and the flower vendors must go. It was not to be expected that Casey possessed enough of the love of the beautiful to prevent the projection of his unsavory personality into our every-day lives. First the Hand was Back-Stretched and the boot-black had to seek other quarters, and now it is the poor flower-seller, whose baskets have been the glory of the town, a sight for the traveler and a lasting advertisement of our winter climate that must go. Casey of the Back-Stretched Hand saw his chance. He would make a virtue of his rapacity. Is the indignation of an entire community to be of no avail against the acts of this water-front vulgarian, whelped by the accident of politics?

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Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 8th day of February 1904 an assessment (No. 77) of fifteen (15) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin to the Secretary, at the office of the company room 79 Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on 14th DAY OF MARCH 1904 will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale. By Order of the Board of Directors.

CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary
Office—Room 79, Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco California

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Best and Belcher Mining Company.

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M. JAFFE, Secretary.
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Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Silver Star Mining District, Storey County, Nevada.

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ALFRED K. BURBROW, Secretary.
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Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on THE 16th DAY OF MARCH, 1904 will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Thursday, the 7th day of April 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale. By Order of the Board of Directors.

CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary.
Office—Room 79, Nevada Block 309 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, Cal.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

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Levied.....	February 10, 1904
Delinquent in office.....	March 15 1904
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Two Valentines

I.

"Uncle Jack, do you know anything about hearts?"

Uncle Jack raised his head from the arms on which it had been pillowed in that most despairing of all masculine attitudes and looked down on the troubled fact at his elbow.

"Do you know anything about hearts?" repeated the little boy, anxiously.

"Wish I did," growled Uncle Jack; "what's the matter, youngster?"

"Does that look anything like a heart?" A pair of scissors was clasped in one rough little hand and the other held up a three-cornered bit of paper, in the center of which had been pasted the head of a smiling lady.

Uncle Jack took the paper in his own hand and contemplated it thoughtfully. "Well, well," he murmured, "I don't know that it looks like a heart—exactly—but it looks very much the way mine feels—all jagged around the edges and a girl's face in the center. What do you want it for, sonny?"

"It's a valentine for Celia," replied the little boy, leaning confidently against his uncle's knee. "I thought yesterday I wouldn't give her any—'cause I was mad then; so I didn't buy the pretty one in the window—the one I meant to buy for her, 'cause she choosed it every time when we looked at 'em on our way home from school. And now, to-day, you see, I am not mad, and I wish I'd got it, 'cause she liked it so much."

"Bless his heart," growled Uncle Jack; "does it begin so early?" and he lifted the small boy on his knee.

"And this is St. Valentine's Day?" he asked.

"Yes, and the stores are shut up 'cause it's Sunday and I can't go and buy the pretty one; so you see I must make a valentine and take it round to her this afternoon."

"Of course," said Uncle Jack. "You wouldn't want her to keep on thinking you were mad."

"Oh, no—and I hope she didn't cry."

"Do little girls cry when you are 'mad' with them?"

"Celia does."

"Celia? Is she Miss Burroughs' little niece?"

"Miss Burroughs is her aunty—our aunty, 'cause Celia's things are mine, too—when—when we're not mad."

"Oh!" said Uncle Jack. "And are your things Celia's? Am I Celia's Uncle Jack?"

"Course," was the decided answer.

"Well, that's very nice, I'm sure. I'd rather have Celia for a niece than any little girl I know. You can tell her so if you like, Stuart."

Stuart took the valentine from Uncle Jack's hand and regarded it critically. "Couldn't you help me make a better one?" he asked, wistfully.

"Perhaps so," said Uncle Jack, opening a drawer in his desk. On the top lay a sheet of thick, creamy paper. Borrowing Stuart's scissors, Uncle Jack at last succeeded in cutting out a very presentable heart, and to the center of this the face of the smiling lady was transferred. Then Stuart laboriously printed around the edges: "I love you. Be my valentine. I am not mad any more."

"Why were you 'mad'?" asked Uncle Jack, mus-

ingly, as he watched the slow progress of the lettering.

"Oh, 'cause," said Stuart shyly, "she forgot to keep a promise."

"That was bad," said Uncle Jack, sympathetically.

"I asked her to march with me in dancing-school and Billy Hart got there first and—she took him."

"You shouldn't let Billy get there first," observed Uncle Jack, a little bitterly.

"But she ought to have waited," declared Stuart.

"Then why are you sending her a valentine?" went on his curious uncle.

"'Cause I can't stay mad," admitted the little boy; "it's—it's too gloomy."

"Just my case exactly," muttered Uncle Jack.

Stuart looked up quickly. It was his turn now.

"Do you ever go to dancing-school?" he asked, searchingly.

"I go to dances sometimes," replied his victim.

"And did a little girl forget you?"

Uncle Jack nodded gloomily.

Stuart drew nearer, his big eyes very wide open.

"Has she got soft yellow hair and does she wear it curled when she goes to dancing-school?"

"Yes," said Uncle Jack.

"Are her eyes big and blue like Celia's?"

Again Uncle Jack nodded.

"Is she as pretty as Celia?"

"Prettier."

"Does she give you half her cookies?"

"No-o."

"Celia does," with an air of triumph. "Does she kiss you when you make up?"

"She won't let me kiss her."

"Is she mad?"

"I don't know," groaned Uncle Jack.

"Are you mad?"

"Not now."

"Do you have all her aunts and uncles and mothers and fathers and cousins for yours?"

"I wish to goodness I did!"

"Then"—Stuart drew nearer and looked up in Uncle Jack's face—"then why don't you send her a valentine?" he asked.

Uncle Jack seemed to meditate on this advice.

"Do you think it would be a good idea?" he asked at length.

"Yes; we can cut out another heart and put a picture on it, and I'll make the letters for you if you like."

"Thanks awfully," said Uncle Jack, "but I would not dare do that. I tell you the kind of valentine I'd like to send my little girl. I'd like to get a big bunch of violets; but it's Sunday, you see, and I can't."

Stuart was all attention. Uncle Jack had helped

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him make his heart for Celia; he had listened to his nephew's troubles and given manly sympathy, and he had not laughed. He had even exchanged confidences. Should Stuart prove the deserter now?

"You can get some violets," he declared eagerly. "I know the flower-man and he'll get 'em for me. I sometimes buy a little bunch for Celia or teacher. I'll go now. Got five cents?"

"Bless you, boy," cried Uncle Jack. "I want a bunch as big as your head!"

Stuart started. "That'll be more than five cents," he objected.

"Can't help it. Bring the bill to me. A bunch as big as your head, remember."

Stuart was quite overcome by the magnificence of this order, but still he lingered.

"Say, Uncle Jack, don't you believe she'll be sorry when she sees 'em?"

"I hope so," said Uncle Jack, sighing.

"Say, will you go to take 'em to her when I go to Celia's? Does she live near Celia's?"

Uncle Jack hesitated a moment, then he laughed. "Yes, I'll go with you," he said. "Come, youngster, get a move on!"

II.

It was late in the afternoon when Uncle Jack and Stuart set out on their tender errand. Uncle Jack carried a violet box, and Stuart held carefully a large white envelope.

"Where does your little girl live?" was Stuart's first question.

Uncle Jack smiled. "That's a secret," he said. "I'll tell you by and by, though."

There was a pleasant mystical flavor about this that pleased Stuart, but when they reached Celia's gate Uncle Jack turned in with him. "Are you going to wait for me?" asked the little boy.

"Of course," said Uncle Jack, with a pleasant air of comradeship.

Stuart rang the bell, and in the interval of waiting peered anxiously in at the side lights. "I wonder if she's come herself," he whispered, excitedly; but when the door was opened it was not Celia, but Celia's aunty who stood before them.

She was a very pretty aunty, with blue eyes like Celia's and soft golden hair, and a happy face that "looked like it loved you," as Stuart and Celia had often agreed. She wore a soft blue gown, a little darker than her eyes, and she looked herself like a lady on a valentine as she stood framed in the white doorway.

Stuart was disappointed, but Uncle Jack did not seem to be.

"Why!" said Celia's aunty, as if she were surprised and then her cheeks turned a soft rose-color. "Won't you come in?" she said in a soft voice.

"I will," replied Stuart, promptly. "I want to see Celia; and he said he'd wait for me—but you won't have time to stop, will you?" he added, turning to his uncle. In truth, Uncle Jack had intended merely to leave his valentine at the door, but the glimpse of Celia's aunty had made him change his mind.

"I think I can stop for a little while," he said, returning his nephew's confidential glance, so they followed Miss Burroughs into the dim, pleasant parlor.

There was a cheerful fire in the hearth, with comfortable chairs drawn up about it—a pleasant stopping place on a February afternoon. Celia's aunty sank into one of the chairs, and Uncle Jack took another, but Stuart looked about restlessly.

"Where's Celia?" he asked.

"In the nursery, looking at her valentines," replied

Celia's aunty. "But wait a minute, dear. What have you in that big envelope?"

She lifted Stuart on her knee and bent her pretty head close to his, for she knew that Uncle Jack was watching her and she did not want to look in his eyes.

Stuart displayed his treasure. "It isn't as pretty as the valentine in the window," he said, regretfully, "but I couldn't get that on Sunday. "Do you think she'll like it?"

"Of course. Did you make it all yourself, Stuart?"

"No. Uncle Jack cut the heart out for me; he knows more about hearts than I do."

"Oh!"

"I made one first," went on Stuart, "but it wasn't just right. Uncle Jack said it looked like his heart, though."

"Really! What does Uncle Jack's heart look like, Stuart?"

Celia's aunty was very rosy again, but she was looking very straight at the little boy in her lap. Stuart thought she had forgotten that Uncle Jack was there.

"Oh, it was all crumpled and snipped up," he replied.

"And with a girl's face in it—don't forget that, youngster," said Uncle Jack, softly.

"Yes, I cut her out of an advertisement card. Isn't



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she pretty?" said Stuart pointing to the picture. "And see the printing! I did that, myself."

Celia's aunty read it carefully. "And why were you 'mad' with Celia?" she asked gravely.

"Oh, 'cause she didn't dance with me when she'd promised."

"Really? I'm sorry," was the gentle reply. "I will tell Celia so. Now, you'd better run and find her, and kiss and be friends again."

But Stuart lingered to look up in her face. Then suddenly his arms went about the pretty neck. "I wish you were my aunty really!" he exclaimed.

The lady drew him close with a gentle shake. "Oh, you foolish little boy!" she said, laughing.

Stuart was slipping from her lap to the floor, when he was seized with another inspiration.

"Uncle Jack," he said, "can I show her your valentine?"

"I don't mind," said Uncle Jack, carelessly. He was lounging back in the easy-chair, his hands clasped behind his head, and his eyes twinkled.

Stuart took up the violet box and opened it with great care. "They're for the little girl Uncle Jack likes best," he explained. "Uncle Jack was mad with her, too, but he isn't any more, and so he got these for a valentine. My! Ain't they sweet!"

"Very sweet," said the lady, softly.

"Don't you think she'll like them?"

"She ought to."

"Uncle Jack says she's an awful pretty little girl—prettier than Celia—but I don't believe that, do you?"

"No, indeed," said Celia's aunty, warmly. Then she lifted the great bunch of violets, and a paper heart was discovered on the bottom of the box. "What is this?" she smiled.

"Hush!" exclaimed Stuart in a stage whisper. "Uncle Jack doesn't know about that. I did it for him 'cause he was afraid to. I made it just like mine, only it isn't cut so nice. But I guess she'll like it. It seems more like a valentine than flowers do."

"But I don't believe Uncle Jack wanted to say that in his valentine," whispered Celia's aunty.

Stuart nodded vigorously. "Yes, he did; he was just scared. But I'm not. That little card down there's the one he put in. Doesn't Uncle Jack write funny? I can't read it, can you?"

Evidently Celia's aunty could read it, for the pretty color rushed over her face again and she brushed the cool violets across it. Uncle Jack was leading forward, one of his big hands on the arm of the chair, his eyes full of tender beseeching.

Stuart looked from one to another; then the light of understanding dawned in his wondering eyes.

"Are big girls like you little girls to fellows Uncle Jack's size?" he questioned, solemnly.

Celia's aunty did not answer, but Stuart knew he was right. "Well, then," he said, philosophically, "if you're Uncle Jack's little girl, why don't you kiss and be friends again, like you told Celia and me to?"

Celia's aunty laughed and hid her face in the violets. "Big little girls don't make up that way," she murmured.

Stuart looked at her a moment thoughtfully. "Uncle Jack said you wouldn't let him kiss you, but——" he touched her cheek, caressingly with one small brown hand—"you'll kiss me, won't you?"

"Of course, you dear little goose!" exclaimed Celia's aunty, and she bent down her pretty head and kissed him with her warm red lips.

Stuart received the kiss gravely. Then he slipped from her lap and turned to the young man opposite.



"Here, Uncle Jack," he said, "here's your kiss. I don't need it. Now you can be friends again. I guess she liked your valentine." This last in a satisfied whisper.

Uncle Jack stooped and kissed the upturned lips. Then he laid a gentle hand on Stuart's shoulder and turned him toward the door.

"Thanks, little fellow," he said. "Now you'd better run and find Celia."—Kate Patch in *Cosmopolitan Magazine*.

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3:30 P	Valencia, Winters, Sacramento, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville and way stations	10:50 A
3:30 P	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations	7:50 P
3:30 P	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno and Way Stations beyond Port Costa	12:20 P
3:30 P	Martinez, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi	10:20 A
4:00 P	Martinez, San Ramon, Vallejo, Napa, Callstoga, Santa Rosa	9:20 A
4:00 P	Niles, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi	4:20 P
4:30 P	Hayward, Niles, Irvington, San Jose, Livermore	8:50 A
5:00 P	The Owl Limited—Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Fresno, Tulare, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Golden State Limited Sleeper, Oakland to Los Angeles, for Chicago, via C. R. I. & P.	8:50 A
5:00 P	Port Costa, Tracy, Stockton	12:20 P
5:30 P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose	7:20 A
6:00 P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose	9:50 A
6:00 P	Eastern Express—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and East, Port Costa, Bentley, Sulsum, Elmira, Davis, Sacramento, Rocklin, Auburn, Colfax, Truckee, Boca, Reno, Washworth, Winnemucca	5:20 P
6:00 P	Vallejo, daily, except Sunday	1:00 P
7:00 P	Vallejo, Sunday only	7:50 P
7:00 P	Richmond, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Stockton	11:20 A
8:05 P	Oregon & California Express—Sacramento, Marysville, Redding, Portland, Puget Sound and East	8:50 A
8:10 P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only)	11:50 A

COAST LINE (Narrow Gauge) Foot of Market Street

8:15 A	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Way Stations	5:55 P
12:15 P	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations	10:55 A
4:16 P	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and way stations	8:55 A
4:30 P	Hunters Train, Santa Cruz, San Jose and Way Stations. Returning from Los Gatos Sunday only	7:25 P

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6:10 A	San Jose and Way Stations	8:30 P
7:00 A	San Jose and Way Stations	6:35 P
8:00 A	New Almaden (Tuces, Frid., only)	4:10 P
8:00 A	The Coaster—Stops only San Jose, Gilroy (connection for Hollister), Pajaro, Castroville (connection to and from Monterey and Pacific Grove), Salinas, San Ardo, Paso Robles, Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo, principal stations thence Surf, Gonzales (for Lompoc), principal stations thence Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations	10:45 P
8:00 A	San Jose, Tres Pinos, Cayola, Santa Cruz, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Luis Obispo and Principal Way Stations	4:10 P
10:30 A	San Jose and Way Stations	1:20 P
11:30 A	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations	7:30 P
1:30 P	San Jose and Way Stations	8:38 A
3:00 P	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove (connects at Santa Clara for Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek and Narrow Gauge Points) at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Castroville for Salinas	12:15 P
3:30 P	Tres Pinos Way Passenger	10:45 A
4:30 P	San Jose and Way Stations	8:00 A
5:00 P	San Jose, (via Santa Clara), Los Gatos, and Principal Way Stations (except Sunday)	9:00 A
5:30 P	San Jose and Principal Way Stations sunset Limited, Pajaro, San Jose, Gilroy, Salinas, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Denning, El Paso, New Orleans, New York. Connects at Pajaro for Santa Cruz and at Castroville for Pacific Grove and Way Stations	7:10 P
6:15 P	San Mateo, Berkeley, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, Palo Alto	8:45 A
6:30 P	San Jose and Way Stations	8:35 A
6:00 P	Palo Alto and Way Stations	10:15 A
11:30 P	South San Francisco, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park and Palo Alto	9:45 P
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Baltimore's Part in History

The recent great fire in Baltimore has destroyed nearly all of the historical portion of the city. With the exception of the Cathedral and the Washington Monument there is little left of the Baltimore that one reads about in history.

Pratt street, for instance, which lay right in the burned district, was the scene of the first blood shed in the Civil War. Along that street in ante-bellum days it was customary to pull the railroad cars, on their way from New York to Washington. The cars arrived at the Philadelphia, Wilmington Depot, north of the town, and were dragged by long teams of a dozen mules strung out tandem to each car, and driven by a man who ran beside them cracking a long whip and blowing a tin horn. On April 19, 1861, the Massachusetts militia, on their way to Washington, in response to the call of President Lincoln, were being pulled through the city along Pratt street as above described, when a mob of Southern sympathizers attacked the cars and a riot ensued.

The Holiday Street Theatre, which seems to have been destroyed, was one of the historical playhouses of the country. The elder Booth and many celebrated actors first made their debut on its stage. All the old-time actors have played there—Mrs. Drew, Forrest, Booth, Barrett, etc.

The Marsh Market, as it was called in early days, or the Maryland Institute as it was known in later years, was an historical building that stood on lower Baltimore street. It was in that building that the second Democratic convention of 1860 assembled. It was in this hall that, during the war, Artemus Ward created great excitement during a lecture which he was delivering in the presence of a number of Union Generals. It was just after Stonewall Jackson's Northern raid, and Ward, in the course of his remarks, said: "We have very many able Generals among us." Of course all the Generals present smiled and straightened up. "There are," said Ward, for instance, and he named several Union Generals, and then added, "and Stonewall Jackson." Everybody was astonished, and several cried out "Treason! Treason!" while the officers arose to leave. Just then Ward said quietly: "But the trouble with him (Jackson) is that he is with us a little too often." Everybody, of course, laughed, and the disaffection was changed into applause.

The Sun building, which was blown up in a vain effort to stop the flames, was the first iron building erected in America, and I think in the world. I do not mean interiorly of iron, but outside. The Sun was founded by George William Childs and John Abel in a small house on Light street; that has evidently been destroyed also. The Sun was for a time suppressed by the Government during the Civil War and Abel imprisoned.

Next to the Sun building was the Third National Bank, the scene of one of the most extraordinary robberies in the history of the country. Several months before the robbery a man well dressed and of good appearance hired an office on the ground floor of the adjoining building to the bank. He had a number of boxes brought to the room, and when some one asked him what he was going to do, he said he had not decided, but that he might open a bank. One of the national holidays that year occurred on either a Saturday or a Monday, and consequently the bank remained closed two days. When it was opened again it was discovered that some one had burrowed under the intervening wall and entered the safe from

the floor, robbing it of a very large sum of money.

Another building that seems to have been burned stood on Lexington and St. Paul streets, and was for years the home of Mrs. Jerome Bonaparte, the first wife of King Jerome, the famous Betsy Patterson. She was the grandmother of Charles Jerome Bonaparte, who has recently attracted attention as special counsel in the Postal investigations. Mrs. Bonaparte boarded in the house referred to for many years, and died there.

On the edge of the burned district stood the Battle Monument, erected to commemorate the battle of Fort McHenry, immortalized by Keyes in "The Star Spangled Banner."

Facing the monument was the former residence of Fedy Johnson, later occupied by a club, but now of course, burned down. Here the great lawyer lived and from there he left when he went as American Minister to England. When he left for his mission, in a fit of absent-mindedness he pinned a note on his door, as he was in the habit of doing when he went to dinner every day: "Gone to dinner—will be back in an hour," and there on the door the notice remained until several years later he returned and took it down himself.

Across from the Johnson residence was Barnum's Hotel, one of the famous hotels of the country in its day. It was the rendezvous of Southern statesmen before the war. Barnum, the owner, became very rich, leaving a million dollars to one of his sons on condition that he would not become a Catholic priest. Young Barnum, however, entered the Jesuit order, gave up his great inheritance, and for many years was a missionary in Northern Alaska.

The Maryland Institute was also the place where the body of Lincoln was laid out when it was brought through Baltimore after his assassination, on its way to Springfield.

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IN WINTER, WHEN THE NIGHTS ARE LONG.

By Francis H. Lee in *The Book Lover*.
In winter, when the nights are long,
I sit and dream before the fire;
My heart is light, my love is strong
For books, dear friends that never tire,
In winter, when the nights are long.

I read from eve till midnight comes;
I stir my soul with history;
My spirit then with heroes roams;
I quaff of poets' mystery
From out the worn, beloved tomes.

In winter, when the nights are long,
When lamp burns bright and fire burns low,
I hear again full many a song,
And voices out of the long ago,
In winter, when the nights are long.

Loved poems! Ah! how sweet you seem,
Ballade, rondeau, and villanelle;
Before the glow I sit and dream,
Your music casts o'er me its spell,
As shadows dance and embers gleam.

In winter, when the nights are long,
I revel. Some the summer praise,
Its gentle breeze, its sunlight strong;
But let me dedicate my lays
To winter, when the nights are long.

DUST.

By Virginia Woodward Cloud in *Smart Set*
Spurned by the foot, its mystery blows,
Dust of the galley, dust of a king,
Of lover who sang love's dearest rose—
The laughter of Time is a silent thing.

Dust of the lute and of lips that are dead;
Golden lily and flowering quince,
Pain forgotten and passion fled,
Hearts that have loved and wept long since.

Seed of the mold and of winding-sheet.
Grain of gold from a crumbled crown,
Myrrh and aloe and time-spent sweet—
Dust, on a breath of the East blown down.

Snared in a web of wind and of sun,
Mingle and mix they, serf and king,
Stripe and scepter at last are one—
The laughter of Time is a silent thing.

TRAGEDY.

By McCrea Pickering in *Smart Set*
Only a simple woman she, whom Love
In some sad, listless way, grew weary of.
So plain the fact, so commonplace the thing,
Empty and cheap and void of coloring.
Yet all the tragedies of earth, I wis,
Have nothing in their wounds that hurt like this.
No grand, sharp blow, sudden to ease the pain;
Only the ceaseless ache of heart and brain.
The uselessness of toil and life and soul—
A causeless journey to a dreary goal.
Only a simple woman she, whom Love
Waxed weary of.

GENESIS.

By Arthur Gibson Hull in *The Reader*.
Between his palms the Potter twirled
The patient clay,
Damp with his spittle, lightly hurled
It then away.
Far down the void of black-breasted Night,
Betwixt the lean Moon and the sodden light
Of a chill dead dawn, it fell. Behold, the world!

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"Elijah Dowie," according to a cablegram from Australia, won out by a mere whisker in a footrace with a Sydney mob which liked neither the man nor his doctrines.

Michael Davitt has given President Roosevelt a stout blackthorn, and the minor statesmen who frequent the White House are wishing that he had chosen a slap-stick instead.

Captain Richmond Pearson-Hobson is syndicating for a credulous herd of newspapers what he does not know about the war in the Orient. In fine, the free-kisser has become a paid guesser.

The crew of a Government dredger at Astoria, Ore., has struck because hash was served to it seven days in succession. Consider the poor soldier who gets it every day in the year, and is so bound by discipline that even his stomach dare not revolt.

Chicago, according to the President of her Real Estate Board, has been fairly called "a filthy, overgrown country town." For the sake of the nation's internal peace, we are glad it was not a St. Louis man who said it.

A bill before the Kentucky Legislature does away with the secret ballot, substituting a system of viva voce voting. Too long, it seems, has a foolish law interfered with one of the leading industries of Kentucky, making delivery of goods impossible.

"The Fighting Priest of Hexton," an English anti-ritualist, has landed in New York and called Bishop Potter "a drawing room bishop and a social Saducee," which explains Gotham's reported lack of interest in what is going on at Port Arthur.

The impressionists of Germany, whose school the Kaiser said produced only "gutter art," has retaliated by calling his pet group of statuary in the Siegesallee "a monumental marble quarry." The Emperor's retort is apt to be the German equivalent of "six months—hard."

An Evanston, Ill., man, just dead, weighed 112 pounds, was five feet nine inches tall, and cherished the delusion that he was a giant in size and strength. The explanation is that he was a woman-hater; any member of the down-trodden sex can cure a delusion like that within a week after marriage.

Where, in this hour of conflict, when the roar of cannon rends the firmament, when the sabres of Japan are flashing, when the sons of the Czar clothe their necks with thunder—where, we ask, is our valorous fellow-townsmen, Captain-Major-Colonel-General Emanuel A. Lorenzo? Where is that legion of San Franciscans which he so gallantly led through the columns of the newspapers against the embattled front of our Spanish foe?

Pity the poor newspaper publisher with a war in progress and a famine in white paper!

Cleveland for President? At the first suggestion William J. Bryan pops up from behind the Hearst campaign barrel and shrieks "Ridiculous!"

Chicago club women have resolved to wear only union corsets. This, we should explain, is not a fashion, but a labor item.

"Stand-patters," let it be known, is the technical term for those Iowa Republicans who do not care for tariff revision.

A newly-discovered race of pygmies in Africa is civilized enough to select its wives by drawing lots for them, instead of hunting them like wild game.

Water with a "stick" in it may cause a cancer of the stomach, which, we hear with gratitude, may be cured by water with a dash of radium in it.

For Hanna alive, Hearst had nothing but obscene reviling; for Hanna dead he sheds tears and rhetoric. Puzzle: Find the hypocrite.

The most ominous thing about the Russo-Japanese war is the protracted silence of Rudyard Kipling and Alfred Austin on the subject.

Maine will send an exhibit of big, red apples to the St. Louis Fair, the season being a little late for a display of that State's equally famous chill-blains.

"Rapid transit has killed chivalry in New York," announces an owlish observer from Boston, where the women prefer their privileges to their rights.

With scarce a dissentient voice, the Keystone Press calls Matt Quay's Governor Pennypacker "Penny"—and a bad penny at that.

While he rubs the frost-bite out of his ears, the down-East editor writes paragraphs more plaintive than pungent about the wickedness of the groundhog.

That Presbyterian preacher of Germantown, Pa., who mailed to his flock Lenten cards for which bad boys substituted en route comic valentines, labeled "Adipose Alice," "Skinny Sal," and the like, is subscribing anew to the doctrines of total depravity and infant damnation.

THE ARROGANCE OF OFFICE.

Abolition of the free flower market on the city's most conspicuous corner was a piece of unadulterated Schmitzism. The member of that office-hungry tribe, who is at the head of the municipal Government, has kept in the background, but another blood-brother of the Mayor, pushes into public notice his insolent person, grown sleek and fat in two years of job-holding, accepts responsibility for this meanness, and tells the citizens who protest against it that their objections are only laughable; that their protests merely strengthen his determination to keep his order in force.

The pretense that the flower-peddlers were chased away from Market and Kearny streets because they obstructed the sidewalk will not be seriously urged. As we understand it, the civic bodies which went through the motions of asking the Board of Public Works to break up this flower market, did not attempt to base their action and request on this ground. They called it a violation of the charter, inasmuch as the vendors in question held no permits from the Board of Public Works. Now, such permits cannot be granted over the objection of the owner of abutting property, but in this case it is well understood that the public-spirited citizen whose property is affected not only permits but desires the peddlers to remain. It is equally well understood that the Board of Public Works will not grant permits for the use of these particular sidewalks, but that it will gladly extend such privileges in other parts of the city. The civic bodies interested make no secret of the fact that this move is based on alleged damage to the trade of the shop-keeping florists done by these licensed basket-merchants. This, too, is a false pretense. It is notorious that these peddlers in all the years they have hawked their fragrant wares on the Kearny-street corner have never touched the high-grade patronage of the shopmen, that their customers are and always have been the poor, who spend dimes on flowers where the well-to-do spend dollars, or the casual buyer, whose impulse would not carry him to any shop, however near.

The real reason for this detestable revelation of the Schmitz family's mean-mindedness is to be found in its grudge against the citizen who has done most to keep the free flower market in existence, the citizen on whose corner the peddlers stood until the Schmitz brothers chased them away. His one motive in permitting and desiring them to remain was for the good of San Francisco. Apparently his fellow-citizens are overwhelmingly of his mind, believing with him that here was the best advertisement we could have of our vaunted climate—a bright spot of beauty in the midst of sordid ugliness, an odorous proof of California's unending spring, so set down against the roar of traffic as to drive itself home to the mind of the busiest passer-by, a telling argument to the stranger from arid lands or shores heat-cursed when they are not blizzard-smitten, a thing of daily pride and comfort to our own people.

The grudge is due to this citizen's intelligent and patriotic opposition to the municipal shame and disgrace that have come upon us with the Schmitz family. It would be hard to figure out a revenge more senseless, more petty in its malice than has been accomplished in the driving away of the flower-vendors. The man at whom it was aimed is unhurt except in his civic pride. A few poor men have been robbed of their chance to earn a scanty living. Down-town San Francisco has been robbed of the one thing it boasted of—California's fragrant, colorful fairness.

And this is Schmitzism.

A STUMP SPEECHIFYING EXPERT.

As an example of official bad manners, Russel L. Dunn, the so-called expert, employed at the instance of Mayor Schmitz to appraise the property of the Spring Valley Water Company, easily takes first place. Mr. Dunn is traveling around the city addressing public meetings, in the course of which he loses no opportunity to make slighting remarks concerning the City Engineer, Mr. Grunsky, whom the people of San Francisco know to be a competent man.

The value of Mr. Dunn's services remains to be demonstrated. He has filed a long and windy report which contains almost everything but the one thing he was asked to ascertain. It is something like the report of an inquest that omits the verdict. The expert in his report instructs the Board of Supervisors in almost every conceivable topic except the single one at issue, which is, of course, the value of the property. In view of these facts, an inquiry into the value of Dunn's services seems pertinent. It is no part of the duty of an expert to travel about the city making stump speeches, and if he would spend more time ascertaining that for which he is paid it would be more to the purpose.

ONLY A LITTLE ONE.

In line with the infinite variety of graft that has grown up under our somewhat confused and scrambling form or forms of Government, there is nothing quite so grotesque as the annual distribution of seed by the Agricultural Department and members of Congress. It is amusing enough to find this queer function of Government make the inspiring cause of floods of eloquence that occupied the time of Congress for the period of about one business day, and it is not less grotesque that the sum and substance of all this storm and tempest of oratory is that after all the steal is only a little one—only a matter of \$200,000 a year, or perhaps something more.

Of course it is only a little one, and for that reason perhaps no one cares to object very strenuously, but by way of comment, it developed in course of the debate that certain constituents of Southern members were not content with seed. One had written to his Congressman for a pair of trousers. Another wanted a hat for himself and one for his wife. Congress thought these requests excruciatingly funny, but in fact these simple Southerners are more logical than the supposedly enlightened body that laughed at them. It is considered a proper function of Government to give away to its people a package of seed there is equally good reason why they should be supplied from the same source with boots and shoes and breakfast food.

It seems worth while to quote what the reporters doubtless would characterize as "a magnificent burst of oratory," that flowed from the lips of Hon. Ezekiel Candler, of Mississippi, who is the inspired prophet of free seed. Thus Mr. Candler:

"It is the farmer who in time of peace brings the balance of trade to our shores, and it is the farmer who in time of war stands ready to go to the front and bare his breast to defend the country that he loves. It is the farmer's wife who kisses her bright-faced boy good-bye and faces the loneliness, difficulties and dangers of isolated country life and tells him to go and remain so long as his services are necessary in the defense of his country and for the good of his people. It is she who under like circumstances gives her husband to the same cause, and whether it be in success or in difficulties, whether it be in

Funeral Flowers

Oh, those glorious nights! What crowds of gaily dressed women and fashionable loungers strut up and down before the glittering cafes on the Boulevards and the popular resorts for ices on the terraces. Here comes the flower-girls with their baskets circulating among the crowd.

The beautiful young idlers accept with delight these gathered, mysterious flowers. Mysterious! Are they not? Know, gentle reader, that there exists right in the heart of Paris a certain questionable agency having an understanding with the leading undertakers and even with the grave-diggers which permits them to take away all the magnificent bouquets, wreaths and roses by the hundred which—through a sentiment of filial or conjugal affection—are daily placed on the newly-made graves and catafalques which bend beneath their weight.

These flowers are usually forgotten after the funeral services and never thought of again. People are in a hurry to get back; that is easily understood. Then it is that our amiable croque mors (hired mourners) give themselves up to the pleasure of gathering these flowers, for they have no idea of forgetting them. These gentlemen do not live in the clouds; they are practical people. Silently they gather them up by the armful and hurriedly throw them over the wall into a conveniently open tomb; it is but the question of a moment, and it is all done. Then some of the quickest and most shrewd among them bear off their precious cargo to their flower girl friends, who, with the deft and light touch of their fairy-like fingers, transform these melancholy spoils into many a graceful corsage bouquet, hand bouquet and single spray of roses.

In the evening, with the first rays of artificial light come our jaunty young flower girls each gracefully carrying her basket of flowers up and down the Boulevards, on the Terraces, into a thousand pleasure resorts, and the well-dressed loungers, anxious to win the favors of certain fashionable women who have inspired them with a tender sentiment, buy these flowers at exorbitant prices, and offer them to these ladies, whose faces are white with paint.

They accept them with a smile of indifference, sometimes holding them in their hands or wearing them on their bosoms, and the reflection of the gas-light on their faces gives them a wan and death-like look.

So it is that these pallid spectral beings, decorated with these funeral flowers, wear without knowing it the emblem of that love which they give and which they receive.

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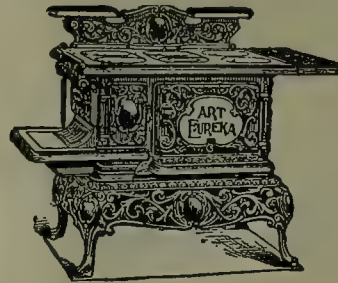


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The Minister of Foreign Affairs

Events and Probabilities.

Events at home and abroad the past week reflected several new international tangles in the near future. Perhaps the most important of the several probabilities to this country is the annexation of San Domingo. Our warships and marines poured shot and shell into the gathered hosts of the revolutionary party a few days ago, but not until there was very much more than a reasonable cause. The rebels fired first. But the significant thing about our recently taken position in the affairs of San Domingo may be found in a semi-official statement from Washington, which is to the effect that so soon as the Panama Canal treaty becomes operative, a rapid movement will be made to acquire San Domingo under the "manifest destiny" unwritten law. Following in the footsteps of this act, Panama will be gathered into our territorial expansion basket. These events are considered as certain actualities by the Washington Government, and the argument is that San Domingo is needed to complete the chain of naval stations between Porto Rico and the Pacific Ocean via Panama. Public opinion seems to approve of the plan because we already have Porto Rico, a base of operations in Cuba, and as good as a strip of land ten miles wide across Panama. But to complete the chain, the whole of Panama and San Domingo are needed, so that, with the several fortified harbors on the north coast of the Gulf of Mexico, a hostile force would have to run a gauntlet of fire for 1,500 miles to reach the canal. This is not sentimentalism on the part of American public opinion, but a precautionary measure suggested by clear foresight into possible national needs.

In the Far East.

Perhaps a better idea of the territory that Japan is trying to acquire on the mainland and what Russia is trying to retain possession of will be had when it is known that in square miles Korea and Manchuria combined have nearly three times as many as the whole of California, or nearly a third greater than Texas. Korea has a population of about 9,000,000, and Manchuria had a population of over 3,000,000 when Russia took possession. Japan has become master in the waters of the Far East, and the scene of strife will soon be, if it is not already, transferred to land engagements. A great battle between land forces has not yet been fought, but when the contact is made it will not be decisive, no matter how disastrous it may be to the one or the other. Neither side is disposed to yield short of such victories as will make the one or the other unqualifiedly supreme. Japan is really fighting for national existence, and Russia is fighting for the retention of a territory whose possibilities in wealth development are beyond measurement; besides, if Russia conquers even more square miles than Manchuria and Korea contain, still more land will be required of China, nor could China alone prevent it. It is easy enough to see that in such an event France and Germany, in fact all the nations of Europe save Great Britain, would have commercial advantages in Russia's possessions, and in the then dominated China by Russian influence; nor would the United States come in for a share. In short, the United States and England would be barred out. Now, when it is understood that the commercial and industrial future of the United States and Great Britain must rely upon open doors and unrestricted course

in the regions that Russia is trying to absorb for much of their growth, it should be easy enough to see that as a mere business proposition it would be idiotic for these two Anglo-Saxon nations to sit idly by while Russia was fencing them out of Asia's most extensive and richest fields of trade interchange, which would then include Japan as well. Russia's triumph over Japan would weaken England's hold in India and America's footing in the Philippines. Thibet would have to yield to the Bear, and together with Russia's present population, the Czar's direct and indirect dominion would include a good deal more than one-third of the entire world's population, with the United States and Great Britain always under the ban of a commercial and industrial boycott. In fact, a victorious Russia would mean a backward movement for the wheels of civilization, for the theories, customs, economic philosophy and science of Government of Russians are so at war with the progressive thought and activity of the Anglo-Saxon that no pains would be spared by the Czar's Government and his vast dominions to check, if not crush out the progressive spirit of these two promoters of good Government, of trade expansion, of law and order, and of a high individual, national and world standard of political, social and business ethics—the United States and Great Britain. No, Russia will not be allowed to sweep Japan out of her line of march towards her Asiatic grab, which is degradation for the people and absorption of all wealth procuring and civilizing opportunities and agencies. The god of Justice and human rights will not permit such a visitation of dire calamity upon Asia and the world.

Situation in Europe.

All Europe knows that it is just now dwelling far up on a volcanic mountain, and it knows that the smoke it sees comes from fires just below the crust, and a lot of prayers and supplications are being sent up for a hand to smother the fires. But meanwhile, lest the prayers are not granted, there is great stir and activity everywhere in military and naval circles. And it would seem that the demon of war is getting willing ears to hear his song in all countries. Probably before this issue of the News Letter is off the press the Russian Black Sea fleet will have passed the Dardanelles en route to the Far East. This it could not do without the consent of Turkey, and as Russia is so sorely pressed by Japan's navy, no doubt she will have the Porte's consent in exchange for a free hand for the Turks in the Balkans. But against this possibility England is augmenting her naval squadron in the Mediterranean to the dimensions of a fleet. Russia's Baltic fleet is making a pretense of going to the Far East, but it is not likely that the Czar would leave his capital without a water defense. But there is no doubt that Russia is pushing the Siberian Railway to its utmost capacity to carry reinforcements to Manchuria. She realizes, as all the world does, that she is already practically out of the game so far as war craft is concerned, and that she must win or lose on land. It is reported from St. Petersburg that more than 600,000 of Russia's troops are under orders for the Far East. It may be said that the real war has not yet begun.

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A Great Achievement in Science

Ponce de Leon was a dreamer. He sailed in quest of the Fountain of Everlasting Youth and found it not. Still his quest resulted in the discovery of a beautiful land. Ponce de Leon did not live in vain. Science has followed the navigator and adventurer, and it, too, has discovered beautiful perspectives. Until recently the "Fountain of Youth" was as far away as ever. Of course, no one will grant the possibility of everlasting life, but the great majority of humanity is sighing for immunity from disease and a preservation of the faculties of youth until that time when it shall please God to let us into a gentle decline, into a green old age, and a fading into the infinite without attendant pain.

The world at large and the world of Science has sighed for a discovery that would prolong the vigor of mankind, retain the ambitions of youth, the virility of adolescence in man beyond the years now given him.

It has remained for Science to make efforts that in a measure were nullified by the methods used.

By the aid of an humble animal, the butt of jokes and jibes, looked upon by the unobservant public as a useless cumberer of the earth, a great discovery has been made. Goat lymph is the triumph of modern animal therapy. This lymph is extracted from the live goat. It is a singular fact that the goat is about the only four-footed animal known to be absolutely free from the bacterial taint of tuberculosis. The story is told of a tubercular man, suffering in an advanced stage of consumption, taking charge of a flock of goats, in one of the back counties of California. His experience unfolds a story of wonderful interest. He slept in the open, he followed his flock day by day, and his main sustenance was goat milk. This and exercise in the open air had been prescribed him by his physician. The man recovered, and in grateful remembrance of his friend, the Goat, gives us an insight into the characteristics of this most useful animal.

He found that the goat is the most intelligent of all animals and that, under circumstances when most animals, notably cattle and sheep, would lie down and die from sheer lack of courage in the battle of life, the goat will go right on in its endeavors to sustain existence and generally win out. It will travel a thousand miles in search of salt, and will find it in crevice and in desert lake, but salt it will find.

It is the only four-footed animal that takes scrupulous care of its health. In our State, where there are large flocks of goats, it has been found that the goat places itself in the hands of Nature every spring and then begins a wild scramble for the medicaments that Nature offers at this particular season with increased dynamic energy.

Cascara Sagrada is the main subsistence of the goat at this period, and the goat fasts and lives mainly on this bark, leaf and berry, and undergoes a protracted cleansing through this and other agencies. This may last for several weeks, and the result is a remarkable thinness, and from the frantic exercise in search of the shrub the animal develops every muscle in its body to perfection. It is from this wonderfully active, clean animal that an obscure, though talented, American physician, obtains the lymph that is doing so much for the depleted energies of strenuous mankind. This physician was the logical successor of Hammond, Pasteur, Brown-Sequard and Koch. He did not evolve an anti-toxin nor did he attempt to

create a new vaccine. He did not extract a lymph from a dead animal, but his plan provided for the extraction of the lymph from the goat while alive, and then, by chemical means, prolong the existence of the little life-cells and strengthen them to the fullest extent before using them as a lymph in the application of the greatest triumph in animal therapy to the use of mankind.

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The Library Table



Mrs. M'Lerie. The Century Company has issued the latest work of J. J. Bell, author of "Wee Macgregor," a volume called "Mrs. M'Lerie." Not since J. M. Barrie tickled our sense of humor with "A Window in Thrums" has there been any Scottish writer who could claim to rival him in subtle insight and gentle wit as does Mr. Bell. Mrs. M'Lerie is a quaint and delightful old soul, a Scotch Mrs. Partington in her misuse of familiar words and inclined to be talkative. So is her neighbor and daily visitor, Mrs. Munro, and between sups of "dishes of tea," they gossip over the happenings in the neighborhood and give occasional glimpses of the homely, simple life in the M'Lerie and Munro households. Mrs. M'Lerie's unconscious bulls and her placid remarks to all corrections, "Awheel, it's a' yin," are deliciously funny, as, for instance:

"Ay, it was a' that—a shock to ma nervous cistern, as the doctor said to Mistress Scott when she fell down the washin' house steps intil a byne o' sopey watter." When Mrs. M'Lerie returns from a visit to the coast, she receives a call from her friend. "An ye gaed doon the watter yer lane, Mistress M'Lerie?" "Ay," returned Mrs. M'Lerie, laying down her cup, "but if I wis leevin' to be a centurion I wud never gang ma lane again." "Ye mean a centenary—yin that leeves to be a hunner year auld." "Awheel, it's a' yin." On one of her visits Mrs. Munro finds her old friend ill and depressed and trying to cure herself by a patent medicine. "I've taken seven boxes of the pills, and I'm nae better," she observed with a sigh. "An' the paper says sax boxes is suffecient to effect a cure in the maist convex cases." "Eh? Oh, ay; ye mean complex cases. Complex is anither word for confused." "Awheel, it's a' yin. * * * It's a wunner I'm leevin' yet. It maun be whit they ca' a spayciael dispensary o' Providence that—" "Ye mean dispensation, Mistress M'Lerie?" "Aweel, it's a' yin." When Mrs. M'Lerie brought a raffle ticket she expresses doubts as to her "man's" approval. "Mony's the time I've heard him say he wud as shin pit money on a horse race intil a disruption sale." "Subscription sale," interpolates Mrs. Munro. "Aweel, it's a' yin. An' whit's a rattle (raffle) but a disruption sale?" Mrs. Dumphy, while calling on Mrs. M'Lerie, tells her sympathetic friend of a recent illness. Mrs. M'Lerie—"Sirs the day! Wis the cauld in yer kist?" Mrs. Dumphy—Na. The doctor said there wis some information aboot ma—ma—ma—'deed, I furegit whit he ca'ed it. It's the wee rid wagglin' thing at the back o' yer mouth. Mrs. M'Lerie—I ken what ye mean, Mistress Dumphy, though I furegit the name o' it. It's the wee thing that keeps the meat frae gaun doon the wrong wey. Whit's this they ca' it, noon? * * * I ken fine if I cud just mind it. Mrs. Dumphy—I had it on the pint of ma' tongue the noo, but it slippit awa'. Mrs. M'Lerie—I ken! It's alluvial yee're thinking o'! Yer alluvial, Mistress Dumphy.

The recital of Mrs. M'Lerie's trials with her husband during his convalescence after a slight illness is very amusing. He will take neither medicine nor the nourishment ordered by the doctor. "Sirs the day!" she sighed to herself. "Whit am I to dae wi' him? I'm thinkin' he's maybe a wee thing better the nicht, but he's needin' saft nourishment, an' he'll no' tak' it. * * * Dearie me! An' he ca'ed ma bewtifu' tapioca hens' meat—hen's meat! * * * I can-

not thole ony longer," she thought. "I'll awa' oot an' see if I can get Doctor M'Haffie to come the noo, an' see whit's to be done. Rubbert'll no' come to ony hairm his lanesome." The doctor arrives and after a visit of five minutes pronounces her husband better. On Mrs. M'Lerie's return to the kitchen, Mr. M'Lerie sat up in his chair. "I tell't ye I wis better, Sarah! Did he say I wis to get the toasted cheese?" "Na, no, the nicht, Rubbert. But he said ye cud get a wee chope if ye wis wantin' it." "A wee chope? H'm. Weel, that's better nor hen's meat onywey. Ay. I'll tak' a chope—no'an awfu' wec yin, ye ken." Mrs. M'Lerie almost flew to the butcher's, and less than half an hour later the chop was before her husband. "Dod, Sarah, but that' guid!" he said, as he mopped up the gravy with a chunk of bread. It was not till he had finished that he noticed she had eaten nothing. "Ye maun ha'e yer supper, wumman," he said, looking genuinely distressed. "I'm gaun to ha'e tapioca," she returned, going over to the oven. "Na, na," he cried excitedly, "ye maun ha'e somethin' else. Ye'll be over hungry fur tapioca. Here, Sarah, here! Never heed—"

But Mrs. M'Lerie was gazing in amazement at the pudding dish, which did not contain a vestige of tapioca. Her husband's face was fiery, and he looked like a child taken in a fault. "Aw, Sarah!" he murmured foolishly. But Sarah had dropped into a chair and, with the dish in her lap, was rocking to and fro in a paroxysm of laughter. "Aw, Sarah, I cudna—I cudna help it," he stammered. "Ye—ye've left me the m-medicine onyway," she cried, and laughed again. But soon she saw that her partner of nearly half a century was shamefaced and miserable. She rose, put the dish aside, and brought down his pipe and tobacco from the mantelpiece. "Ye'll be wantin' yer smoke, noo, Rubbert * * * I'm rale gled ye're better." Perhaps it was because of his failing sight that he took her hand along with the pipe and tobacco.

He who has laughed, loved and fought with "Handy Andy" will rejoice to meet him again in his new garb, and he who has never met the lovable scamp should hasten to make his acquaintance, for it is worth his while. Should any one cry out against the reprint of Andy's adventures in the first number let him remember the old saying: "Sure, hasn't an Irishman lave to spake twice."

"Handy Andy: A Tale of Irish Life." By Samuel Lover. D. Appleton & Co., New York. \$1.50.

Mrs. Burton Harrison has told in her clever way a charming little love tale called "Sylvia's Husband," that will while away an idle hour. Print, paper, binding and story all combine to make this book a "novelette de luxe." Published by D. Appleton & Co., New York. \$1.25.

Paul Elder & Co., of San Francisco, have published "Mosaic Essays" for Easter, 1904. The leaflets, entitled "Happiness," "Success," "Nature," and "Friendship," are dainty bits of literature printed in original schemes of typography and richly and tastefully bound.

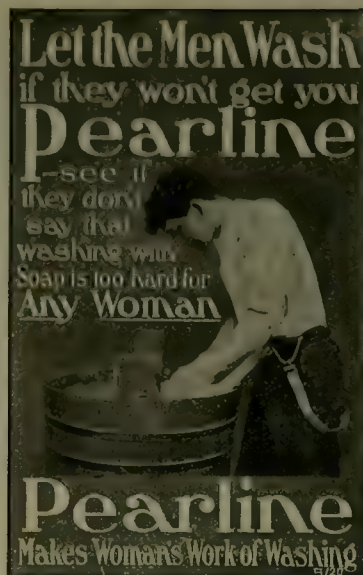
Other volumes in press are: "Psychological Year Book," compiled by Janet Young; "The Simple Home," by Charles Keeler; "Fairy Tales Up to Now," by Wallace Irwin; "Impression Broad-sides," by W. S. Wright.

How San Francisco Looks to Me

By Fernand Travers, Tourist. No. 9

"I feel quite gratified at the attention paid me by the communication you published in your last News Letter, and signed "Resident." Any one who causes a laugh is really doing a clever thing, and how my man Roger did laugh when I made him read to me the Resident letter. I told him I would permit him to reply to it, but he begged my pardon, and said he did not care to do so, since in his opinion it was not worth it. Roger is really developing under my training into being a critical fellow, but I had to tell him I could not allow him to have any opinions in future. I pay him to do other things than have opinions. I permitted it this time, since his idea agreed so perfectly with mine. I find here identically the same condition of affairs existing as exist at home—one may be insolent to their superiors, but must be polite to those below them in the social scale. My position—who I am and what—I have tried hard to tell before. I am a tourist. I have told where to find the genealogy of a Travers, and I stay here because I like to, and if my criticisms bore, they may go unread by the bored, and "plain speech and frankness," while not being always dangerous, is generally unpleasant to those whose shortcomings are, don't you know, sort of rasped. No! I don't dine in Taverns in Fleet street, or elsewhere—persons of Roger's class, and, in fact, others of the lowlier classes may. My class may take a bite and a wet out of curiosity, but we don't dine in such places; and since we are the only personages who know the distinction between dining and eating, the tavern question is truly not worth a farthing. I have tried to dine at some of your so-called French restaurants here in the past week, and have acquired a beggarly case of dyspepsia. Beastly places, wretched food, ill mannered, drinking and loud costumes. Maybe these places are in part the reason that you folks here go in so heavy for patent stomach and liver medicines. I have seen fairly nice-looking youths and misses here dining in cellar establishments and the policemen did not raid them. I have found a place or two that looked and felt clean, but not the places with the suggestive lift or the kind with the New York French names. I don't really think I care about any more of these experiences, even with Roger to "chaperon" me. The more, don't you know, you gild the unmentionable things of life the more noticeable you make them. It seems to me, that trying too hard to hide anything sort of calls attention, as it were, to the effort. I have sown my crop of oats; they were sown quietly, by gad, and I shall harvest them in secrecy. My opinion really is that in seeding your crop of oats, one of these establishments is deucedly poor ground. The lift man knows what your game is when he takes you up, and any one who sees you come down guesses what crop you have been sowing. A gentleman should avoid even the appearance of indiscretion if he desires to associate with people of gentle breeding and good manners. He owes this much to his position. I am inclined to regard indiscretion, and maybe something worse, as being a close family relation to the places that gave me and Roger our disgust and indigestion.

Eating is at best a rather vulgar and offensive thing, and among those people whose sensibilities are easiest shocked, the greatest delicacy in choice of food and manners of consumption obtain. It is the gourmand who feeds in public in these places. He is usually not a gentleman. It is the gourmet that dines in privacy and with delicacy.



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The rattle of the eagles in the pockets of his jeans.

And we, poor city people, can't afford to dance and
shout—
There is trouble with the larder, and an air of painful
doubt,
For we contemplate with worry and a trouble that's
intense,
The farmer's pleasing market at a dollar sixty cents.

Teachers want higher wages in Alameda County.
Dear me, I always fancied that the teaching profes-
sion was its own reward. To judge by the beautiful
altruistic sentiments expressed at teachers' institutes
the lovely pedagogues, for of course they are almost
all lovely, pursue the raw-nosed offspring of the com-
mon or garden citizen, for the sole and exclusive
purpose of doing them good. These demands for
cash returns, therefore, are somewhat discouraging.
When the teachers ask for remuneration, however,
to put them on an equality with lawyers and physi-
cians, they make a great mistake, for neither of these
professions offer anything like corresponding re-
wards to the young practitioners, and the teachers
have, moreover, always ahead of them the lucrative
and seductive profession of matrimony.

Dr. Jordan is a strong and in some respects almost
a great man, but, sad to tell, he possesses the almost
boundless capacity of the college president for pure
and unmitigated twaddle. These gentlemen all wor-
ship at the shrine of the commonplace, and the gen-
eral commercialist in whose hands lie the present des-
tinies of the State University is particularly gifted
as an apostle of the ordinary. Just imagine a man
of Dr. Jordan's ability going all the way to New
Haven, Connecticut, in mid-winter, too, to say, "For
those students who have no serious interest in their
studies it is a matter of little consequence what the
college does." Any old maid would have sat on the
piazza in sunny California and done just as well.

The Supreme Court decision relating to the taxa-
tion of the franchises of banking corporations in San
Francisco means a great increase of income to the
municipality. Every member of this gang goes
about with the look of a terrier before a rat-worry.
The extra cash might be of some value to the city,
but it won't. Such of it as does not find its way
into the hands of the race-track crowd will go into
the pockets of the masters whom the anger of Provi-
dence and the enthusiasm of a virtuous mob in-
flicted upon us last November. Whatever may be
said as to the results of the decision, no exception
can be taken to the opinion of Justice Angellotti,
which was the clearest and most logical, as well as
the best written summary I have read for some time.

The Board of Fire Commissioners reports that
they are in need of more horses for the department.
The Board strikes me as being slightly mistaken.
What is really wanted is fewer donkeys.

Griffiths' barber testified that his actions were
peculiar. That should be sufficient testimony. Any
man who can afford to be peculiar to his barber must
be either non compos or exceptionally daring. To
most of us a barber is a potentate in whose presence
we are obliged to put on a bated breath and whis-
pering humbleness. A man that can be autocratic
and peculiar with his barber would face any peril
without the slightest hesitation. Such a one would
even venture to ask a local policeman the way or
demand a transfer from a car conductor without say-
ing "Please!" Griffiths was mad—his barber says
so. Should the verdict be otherwise, shaving will be
dangerous for the jury.

Up goes the price of wheat, and bread will jump
still higher. This is the way that the deus ex machina
of modern commerce teaches us that we cannot get
away from one another. There will be a scarcity in
some of the families in Tar Flat because Japan
chooses to make a row in the Far East. The various
charities will demand more money from each of us,
individually, because the Muscovite and the slant-
eyed Asiatic have a private bone to pick. This mat-
ter of war will lose in interest and gain in point if
we are to be thus afflicted, and the futile efforts of
benighted humanitarians at The Hague will receive
a little more attention.

It is one thing to provide the local artists with a
room at the Park Museum in which to exhibit their
pictures; it is another to compel the public or any
part thereof to buy pictures. There is much talk
about encouraging local art; the only effective way
is to buy the pictures of local artists, and unless this
is done, all the pink teas and amateur criticism will
only make more evident the importunate facts of a
slack waist belt and an urgent landlord. If we want
to make San Francisco an art center, we must either
buy pictures or convert the painters and sculptors
into Christian Scientists.

A certain individual was before the courts lately
on a charge of not supporting his family. This gen-
tleman not only did not work, but he actually de-
voured the food with which his neighbors supplied
his children. This is a humanitarian age, one in
which the back of the brute is held to be sacred. The
cat o' nine tails would outrage our moral sense, but
we allow a monster to practically devour his own
offspring. This sort of humanitarianism is written
more briefly and truthfully as "humbbug."

What untrustworthy guides these spirits are!
Fritz Solomon's sister's ghost persuaded him to the
purchase of two thousand shares of worthless oil
stock and queer medicine, number of bottles not
mentioned, at ten dollars a bottle. He grew tired of
the advice at the end of three years. I should like
to have heard Fritz's remarks if his sister, when alive,
had ventured an opinion either on oil stock or medi-
cine.

Mrs. John Martin, who recently won her case in
the Oakland courts, and who, while not the most
dignified, is perhaps the most eloquent of her sex in
the State, says of the Oakland police: "The whole
police department from top to bottom is corrupt."
This sounds so suspiciously like the truth that one
wonders how on earth Mrs. Martin found it out.

Commissioner Reuben Lloyd has proposed to fix
the maximum age of employment in the Park grounds
at forty. What would the distinguished Commis-
sioner suggest should be done with the obsolete
quadragenarians, and as one who comes with in the
proscribed age limit, will he be the first to resign his
commissionership?



Society



Dear Bessie: The first week in Lent is, as you know, always very dull, especially if the season has been a gay one, which having been the case this year, those who were left in town seemed only too thankful for the rest and quiet it has brought. I say those in town, for the smartest of the smart set were all down at Del Monte for the polo games and the pony races, and having an exceedingly good time among themselves, and many are still away. Julia tells me there was such a crowd that the house was uncomfortably full, and that aside from the interest in the polo tournament, which seemed to center in Tom Driscoll, a man named Ezra from British India, and the Englishman, Captain Neil Haig, the succession of gorgeous gowns most of the women wore, was the grandest sight; while to see the wearers in the ball-room one would think they had none of them done the two step for a month at least. It was too bad that so many of the polo players came to grief, for Tom Driscoll and Mr. Ezra will be laid up with the injuries they received for some time to come.

The father of his country came to the front on Monday, when several things were given in his honor. The Press Club women made merry in the costumes of colonial days at Century Hall on Monday night, and at the Presidio the ladies of the 28th Infantry had a George Washington reception, while across the bay Mills College appeared upon the scene after a long rest from social pleasures, and gave a reception colonial in character, the receiving party wearing costumes of the 18th century. So, you see, George Washington was not forgotten, even if the weather was about as disagreeable as it could be. Other events of the week can be very briefly summed up; Mrs. H. M. A. Miller, who is among the earliest of the home comers from Del Monte, gave a luncheon on Wednesday; Miss Palmanter of Oakland had a large luncheon party in the palm garden of the Palace yesterday; last night Mrs. Joseph Masten gave a reception at Century Hall, the first large affair since Lent began, and to-night every one is going to Donald de V. Graham's concert, which is to be his farewell to San Francisco.

Speaking of the Presidio, the ladies of the 10th Infantry gave a hop last Friday night, and the last regular hop under the old regime came off there the Tuesday night before. Lily tells me that the officers of the lately arrived regiments are making arrangements for something on a larger scale in that line which will materialize directly after Lent, so there is something to look forward to. Major Stephenson has his sisters here on a visit at his quarters at the Presidio, and I believe they are to be here some time; the Major is so popular and has made so many friends among the girls of the city they are sure to give the young ladies a good time while here.

Folks have not yet settled as to what they shall do to keep themselves alive during the dull days of sackcloth and ashes, but from all I hear I think it will be cards, which have been quite a factor in the gatherings of the swim the past few weeks. Bridge has sprung into almost instant popularity, and to acknowledge that you do not know the game, you might as well go away and take a very back seat. And what do you think? We are to have Sunday afternoon bridge parties as well as Sunday teas, until Easter, at all events. Five hundred has its votaries, too, but it does not seem to have caught on

to the same extent; then, again, there are a good many so wedded to seven-handed euchre they will not even look the same way bridge is being played, as they both often are at the same parties. Apropos of five hundred, Mrs. M. A. Newell gave a five hundred party last week for her sister, Mrs. Ed. Robinson, who, with her husband, has just returned from the Philippines. Lieutenant Robinson is in the 28th Infantry, and is stationed at the Presidio. The three Bull girls, Edith, Marie and Kathleen, were among the guests; they have just got back from Manila, and are off again to Europe.

The Doctor's Daughters are up to their eyes in work preparing for the horse show and circus they will give at the new riding club on the 25th and 26th of March. The boxes are all sold to the very cream of the swim, and the attendance promises to be wonderful. But just think of the attractions! Tony Hellman is to be the clown; Billy Smith (as he is called) will give some feats of horsemanship; some of the belles and beaux will appear as waitresses and peanut sellers, besides which there will be tandem teams; the horse in all its beauty will be on parade, and there will be no end of side shows.

There is a good deal of curiosity manifested as to just how long the Peter Martins are to remain with us. Some say it will be only a few weeks, others that they will be here till summer, if not longer; anyhow, they have taken a house at San Mateo, and so will be in touch with all the gay doings at Burlingame, which little settlement, by the way, gives promise of being more like the Burlingame of former years than it was last summer. For one thing, Mrs. Henry Scott will be back again, and she, as you know, is a whole team in herself, and indefatigable in getting things going. I heard yesterday that she and Laura McKinstry were on their way home from Japan, where they were when the war broke out and frightened them away, as they did not intend to come so soon.

Mamie has been telling me of a pretty wedding that she was at last week in Alameda, which took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. I. Ward Eaton—who I think you know—on San Antonio avenue. Miss Marjorie Moore was the bride and Hugh H. Brown the groom, and the Reverend Bradford Leavett officiated under a bower of smilax lit up with red electric bulbs. I went over to Oakland Saturday evening to the opening of the Art Exhibit of the Starr King Frat, which being an invitation reception, was quite an affair. Oaklanders always enter heart and soul into whatever they attempt—one must

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say that for them—and the creme de la creme were on hand, of course.

J. W. Byrne is home after quite a visit he and Mrs. Irvine paid to New York. Mrs. Montague—Daisy Paige as was—has come back from New York like another creature.

Ethel Cohen Bent has got off at last and gone to Fort Logan C. Root, where Captain Bent is stationed. I hear that "Chalk" is very much pleased with his new station, which is near Little Rock, and thinks Ethel will be equally so, for the people are said to be hospitality itself in Little Rock, and specially fond of the army folks. The De Youngs, which includes Helen and Connie, are off again on their travels; they seem unable to stay at home for any great length of time, traveling is to them such a pleasure, and now they are going East, but will spend some little time down South en route. Mrs. De Young has, I hear, something up her sleeve in the entertainment line for after Easter. The Covington Johnsons—Caroline Rixford, you know—are going to spend a year abroad, leaving here about the middle of March; they go first to Europe, and home by Asia, if the war permits. Mr. and Mrs. John F. Merrill left on the steamer China yesterday for a trip to Honolulu, expecting to return early in May; Mrs. John S. and Ruth went with them. Mary Bailey is, I hear, having the time of her life over in China with her aunt, Mrs. Fearon. Poor little girl, I hope so, and that the war will not interfere with her fun, as it seems to do with the arrangements of so many. They say Mrs. Downey Harvey and her daughters, Maud and Genevieve, will be here in April, which I will believe when I see them—it has so often been said before that they were coming.

What do you think of Southard Hoffman coming back here to settle down and remain? There's joy for you. I daresay he has had enough of Honolulu to last him awhile. The Whitelaw Reids and D. O. Mills will be here in a few days, but will, as usual, spend all the time of their stay down at Millbrae; the Schroeders and Eugenie Hawes, who arrived from their tour of the world last week, have been down at Belmont visiting Mrs. Phelps; the Charles Fernalds have been up for a week's visit from Santa Barbara; the Watkins go back to Sausalito next week. Mabel has had a good time in town this winter, but is not sorry to return home, she says. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Kip returned a few days ago from seeing Mary married in Omaha; they spent some time with her and Doctor Robinson in Kansas City, which is to be Mary's future home; Lilly McCalla came with them. Mrs. Lansing has gone back to her home, Fernside, Alameda. You know, she has been over at the St. Dunstan all winter.

—Elsie.

AT HOME.

Monday.—Mrs. Timothy Hopkins, Palace Hotel; Mrs. Joseph Grant, Palace Hotel; Mrs. Frank Carolan, Palace Hotel; Mrs. William H. Mills, the Misses Mills, Hotel Cecil; Mrs. Greyson Dutton, St. Dunstan; Mrs. William James Shotwell, St. Dunstan; Mrs. J. B. Rawles, Miss Elizabeth Rawles, Hotel Cumberland; Mrs. W. I. Kip, Hotel Richelieu; Mrs. Blair, Miss Jennie Blair, Richelieu; Mrs. George Oulton, Richelieu; Mrs. Garcelon, Richelieu.

Tuesday.—Mrs. J. V. D. Middleton, 1001 Franklin street; Mrs. Christian Reis, 835 California street; Mrs. William Tevis, 1310 Taylor street.

Wednesday.—Mrs. Joseph A. Donahoe, Sutter and Franklin streets; Mrs. Abby M. Parrott, 517 Sutter street.

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February 23d (Tuesday)—Miss Alice Conway Bolton, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Bolton, U. S. A., to Gordon Hall, Presidio.

February 24th (Wednesday)—Miss Flora Meister to Doctor Daniel Hazen Moreton, Sacramento, 9 p. m.

February 25th (Thursday)—Mrs. Blanche Hubbell Smith to Alvin Bacon Carpenter, of the city of Mexico, Oakland.

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April 6th—Miss Frances Harris to Albert Stent.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Judge and Mrs. W. L. Pierce announce the engagement of their daughter, Pearl, to William R. Hume, of Oakland.

BIRTHS.

To Captain and Mrs. Guy Scott, at Fortress Monroe, a son.

Arrivals at Hotel Rafael during last week were: C. A. Grow, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Swanberg, Miss L. Swanberg, Mr. and Mrs. Rosenblatt, Mr. and Mrs. Hunsaker, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Boughton, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McKee, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Dickson, Mr. Harry West, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sharp, Mr. John Walthorf, Doctor Stribolt.

Major and Mrs. Darling and Miss Hastings have departed for the East, en route for Europe, for an absence of several years. Florence, Italy, will be their winter home.

The recent developments in the Pleasance will case show that the remarkable old negress, who in her life time was ever planning surprises, planned the greatest surprise of all to afford food for sensations after her body was in the grave. Since her death two wills have made their appearance, one willing everything to the Bell children and the last one giving her all to the Sherwoods. It is said, however, that the will which will be admitted to probate is the one now in the possession of Senator Moorhouse, the attorney of Sam Davis of Carson City, as it provides for her grandson, Theodore Stewart.

Of course, under the laws of California, a will which does not provide for living descendents is void. If the proofs are sufficient to establish his claim, the will in which he is mentioned will bowl the others over.

There also appears on the scene Mrs. Curtis of Washington, D. C. She has one-eighth colored blood in her veins, and during her life-time was the confidential friend and advisor of Mrs. Pleasance. She was associated with Mrs. Potter Palmer in the World's Fair at Chicago, and is in charge of the Colored exhibit of the St. Louis exposition. She is a woman of remarkable attainments, a personal friend of Mark Hanna in his life-time, and a public speaker from the platform for the Republican party, doing her work among the negro element. She has received letters from Mrs. Pleasance ordering her to come to San Francisco and back the will in which her grandson is interested. She is in possession of the necessary proofs, and is apparently backed by liberal funds. It is said that Mrs. Pleasance furnished her the money to collect the proofs and present the evidence.

When Miss Hall was married years ago in this city Mrs. Pleasance superintended the wedding at the church, and up to that time it was the swellest society event of the kind the town had ever seen. Clad in white silk at that time, heading the bridal procession, was a tiny little girl scattering flowers in the bride's path. The little girl, who at that time was nearly as much in evidence as the bride, has since grown to be Mrs. Curtis, the lady who is now in this city establishing the claims of the grandson of Mrs. Pleasance.

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Then if she chose to love, you see, [smile,
It would be plain that she loved me.

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Only one of the daily papers gave notice to that banquet of Mayor Schmitz and his appointees, at which the political future of the city was considered, debated and settled. It was a notable gathering, at which the guests (all with salaries drawn) were required to exercise much diplomatic finesse to the end that they should not honor the Mayor more than Abe Ruef, nor Ruef more than the Mayor. Having had considerable training to this end, they all acquitted themselves creditably. The motif of the gathering, it is said, was the presentation of a gold badge to Fire Commissioner Boyne, who had just been elected President of his board. Whether there was more satisfaction in honoring Boyne than in "passing up" Parry is questionable. It is my own opinion that the real object of the banquet, and the real reason for the hilarity and general good-fellowship there displayed was "the passing of Parry." He was there, to be sure, but he was as a death's head at the feast. His mental state and political condition may be compared to the appearance of a chicken during the moulting season. All his tail feathers had been plucked, his crest had fallen, and his appearance was woe-begone, and but a sorry reminder of his former pomp and glory. Parry had planned with all his cunning to be elected president of the Fire Commission, but he rode to political discomfiture, if not disgrace, upon that colt which he "gave away." The Mayor could neither forgive nor forget the colt; hence the downfall of Parry. The opponents of Schmitz may blame him for many things, among which are several appointments for which he is responsible. He will do much, however, to re-establish himself in the good graces of his critics, if he will now bury Parry so deep that he will never be heard from more. As the French say, Parry is impossible.

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The report comes from Chicago that Andy Lawrence has lost some of his peacock feathers. Hearst has found it necessary to hand over the management of his Chicago paper to Foster Coates, formerly of New York. Coates is now down at Del Monte, thawing out after a hard winter in the city by the lake. His main object in directing the American will be to win back some of the friendship and esteem his employer may have enjoyed in Chicago before Lawrence turned the editorial rooms of the American into a bureau for the creation of enemies. Andy fell out with Carter Harrison, and with several other big Democrats, and Hearst found that his chances of support from the Cook County Democracy were growing slimmer in direct proportion to the personal interest taken by his editor in political affairs. So Lawrence was relieved from his editorial duties, and now he is on what is known as "the Presidential staff." That is composed of men who may be permitted to submit

suggestions, but who are not permitted to hammer them into the heads of Democratic leaders with an editorial hammer. It is said that when Coates was sent to relieve Lawrence, Hearst remarked: "I'm tired of running a manufactory for the creation of enemies. I tried that in California. It doesn't pay."

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Little Tommy Walsh is back from Washington, a couple of hundred dollars to the good. When he went to the Capitol as Special Deputy Registrar, and guardian of the ballots in the Kahn-Livernash contest, he drew mileage at the rate of ten cents a mile, and pocketed about \$350, which was presented to him by Uncle Sam. During his attendance before the House Committee, lasting about three weeks, he was allowed \$25 a day for expenses. When it was all over, he had enough money left to visit New York, Boston and other places, get his return ticket and arrive here with some \$200 left. Walsh is a financier.

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The press reports regarding the probabilities of a contest in this city between Jeffries and Sharkey reminds me of a good story on the sailor lad. Sharkey opened a saloon in New York some years ago, and fitted it up without regard to expense. He put in nickel-in-the-slot machines, electric banjos, graphophones, a piano, automatic organs and other noisy appliances. One evening he was showing a friend around the place, boasting of its many attractions, and said: "Isn't it all right? Haven't I got here everything a man could think of?"

"Well, Tom," said the friend, "I would suggest just one addition."

"What's that?" said Sharkey; "if it's all right, I'll get it."

"I think you should have a great big chandelier, bigger than any other in New York," said the friend.

"Yes, that's so, that's so," said Sharkey. "I've thought of that, too. The trouble is I don't know any one who can play the — thing."

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To Mr. Burrell White, my apologies. His note to the editor last week is clear in its denial that he did not accompany Tom Clunie to the Santa Cruz Mountains in the summer of 1898. Of course, then, it is apparent that I was mistaken in the identity of Mr. Clunie's companion at that time. Yet, the mistake, I may say, was excusable. Mr. Clunie's companion at Jeffreys was a Mr. White. No one there knew him, nor do many of the old friends of Clunie know Burrell G. White. The sameness of the family name led me to the conclusion that the White, of the mountains, and the White, of the denial, were the same. Executor White's protest, however, shows that the man at Jeffreys was "the color of another horse."

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That note of denial gives food for thought. Mr. White says he did not accompany Clunie in 1898, and that he had not even met the millionaire at that time. Clunie went to the mountains again in 1899 or 1900, and again he was accompanied by a friend. Of course, Mr. Burrell G. White was not the man, then, for he says he never heard of Jack Clunie until after the death of his father by adoption, and Jack was at the resort on the occasion of Clunie's second visit. To those who knew Clunie for years, it seems passing strange that he should have chosen as an executor of his will and as a trustee for the fortune he left the boy, not one of his old friends and associates,

like Judge Bridgford, but a man who, from his own statement, had never met him as recently as 1898. It also seems strange that Mr. White should have been made a trustee for a minor of whom he had never heard, until, after Clunie's death, his will showed that he had left a fortune to the lad. Mr. White has had an honor thrust upon him.

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To those who have watched the progress of affairs in connection with the settlement of the Fair estate, the announcement that Charley Neal has "passed out" does not come as a surprise. The firm hand of Mrs. Herman Oelrichs has been apparent for some time past in arranging the disposition of the dollars left by her father and her brother. It was rumored some time since that she had withdrawn the power of attorney given her husband, and gossips also tried to spread the story that the domestic relations of the Oelrichs were not ideal. Prompt denials, however, laid low both these tales. No denial was made of the statement that Mrs. Oelrichs was taking more than a passive interest in the settlement and development of her properties. As Tessie Fair, she was known as a girl of firm character.

Like her father, she is willing to put a fortune in an investment, but she wants to know what becomes of the money. She expects her managers to show good reasons for the expenditures charged to her account. That was one of the causes leading to a feeling of discontent with Neal about the time of the presentation of the accounts against Charley Fair's estate. Joe Harvey was allowed \$100,000; Neal put in a bill for \$50,000, which was allowed; Seymour was given a goodly sum, and the lawyers also got a big slice. All these demands went through without protest, after the return of Mrs. Oelrichs to the East. She was dissatisfied. And now comes the story that Neal had been relieved from his position of manager of the Fair properties. It is said a New York man will be sent here to take charge of Mrs. Oelrichs' interests. Mr. Oelrichs, it is also said, contemplates a trip to Paris during the coming summer.

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The hill residents at Sausalito have formed a club for their especial and exclusive entertainment. They have hired a house on one of the upper roads overlooking the bay, have installed a steward who knows his business, and now they don't care whether it rains every night or not—for they have their own little house and their own congenial crowd, and it is no longer necessary to catch the after-dinner boat for a flying trip to town, whenever the desire arises for mild dissipation, such as a club affords.

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Among the evidences of the greatness of California to be exhibited at the St. Louis Exposition will be a photograph of a number of Olympians swimming in the surf, and parading the ocean beach in their bathing suits on Christmas day. Now, as I remember the original print of that photograph, the most attractive feature in it were the noble legs of William Greer Harrison. William Greer was the leader of the crowd of clubmen at the beach. He wore a bathing suit, over which, the photograph shows, he had thrown an overcoat for a saunter up the strand. The overcoat flapped in the wind, exposing to a wondering world the pedestals upon which William Greer has mounted to fame. You talk about the pillars that uphold the house of Hager! Well, they may be exhibits of what is indigenous to the soil, but when one comes to consider what may be developed in this land of wonderful things, then the Harrisonian pedometers stand second to no man's—or woman's,

either. They are sui generis. That is to say, they are "the limit." No man with that pair of legs could help being great. Hence the greatness of William Greer Harrison. By the way, I wonder if any one ever had the temerity to call him "Billy."

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Horseback riding is becoming a very popular pastime among professional and business men. Occasional visits to Burlingame, during the hunting season, have aroused the ambition of many men of heavy girth, and now, on any pleasant Saturday or Sunday, and frequently during the early hours from Monday to Friday, one may observe in the Park, or at the beach, the coming cavaliers of society galloping along with those who find satisfaction enough in the exercise, and yearn not for anise seed bags for the adornment of their mantels. Among the regular riders are Charley Hanlon, Sam Leak, George Knight, Reuben Lloyd, Jim McNab, Bob Bolton, Field the jeweler, and several members of the Concordia Club. Every man of them knows all about saddlery, all have become first-class farriers, and no student of pedigrees could tell more about Hambletonians and other stock than they. Sam Leak says he has the best and most intelligent pacer that ever came down the pike. To prove it, he will tell his animal to call for a drink, and the horse will hammer on the steps of the road house with his right fore-foot. But then, along will come Charley Hanlon, and he is ready to make affidavit before Judge Troutt that his particular sugar-eating equine is the only thing on hoofs that knows his business. The disputation may be interesting until George Knight gallops up, and in his trumpet tones announces that the other fellows really don't know what they are talking about, and insists that he, and he alone, and his favorite saddle horse are the real thing. Of late, Knight seems to be devoting nearly all his time to driving. He, Reuben Lloyd and Jim McNab are the finest figures on horseback known to the Park. If there are others, send in their names, and no doubt we can get up a voting contest—for all the girls, you know, dearly love a handsome cavalier.

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FISCHER'S—Continued success of Roly Poly. —last week.
TIVOLI—Last week of When Johnny Comes Marching Home. Crowded houses.
CHUTES—One of the best shows ever seen at this house.

Denman Thompson comes to us as an old friend, and, as such, he should have been welcomed, but the houses are poor, while the performance is good. The "Joshua Whitcomb" is as well played as ever, and like old wine, it increases in value with the age of the portrayer. Added years but help this actor, and the sweetness and simplicity, the helpful old man in homespun is enhanced.

Mr. Fred Clare as "Happy Jack" is the only other character deserving special mention, although the rest of the support is fair. The parts in which the various ladies and gentlemen are cast are not such as to bring out any brilliant latent powers that may dwell in the actor or actress.

"The Old Homestead Double Quartette" is a delight to the audience, and as of old, the scene showing Grace Church at night is a triumph of the scene painter's art. The mechanical effects in lighting are fine.

It is probably the last time we shall see old Denman Thompson, and when he is gone, we may as well mourn Joshua Whitcomb, for it will be many a day before we are given the opportunity of again seeing so true a portrayal.

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Another surprise was given the habitués of the Alcazar in the presentation of "The Wrong Mr. Wright." The entire company showed an astounding degree of versatility. The work of Mr. Durkin, as the erratic Seymour Sites, who assumes the name of Wright, and who becomes entangled with a female detective, was easily the best we have seen on the Alcazar stage. Miss Block's "Henrietta Oliver" was an excellent piece of mimicry, and I suspect the lady is a flirt. The part seems to come to her so naturally. Maher as the degenerate Lord Brazenface, captured the house, and whenever he and Durkin held the boards the fun was fast and furious. Miss Gordon and Miss Starr divided honors in two very pretty parts, in which mistress and maid alternate. Mr. Walter Belasco's detective was not as happy a piece of work as some of the parts he has been cast in. He makes a splendid French waiter, a good old butler, and an ideal confidential servant, but when it comes to him to be a grenadier of the guard or a detective, his work is rank.

He is the funniest soldier that ever stepped on any stage, and as a detective is defective.

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"Roly-Poly" has had a good run at Fischer's, and the one more week it has to go will probably show up as well in the matter of tickets sold as any preceding it. Next Sunday night, marks the farewell appearance of Kolb and Dill, and the house is sure to be crowded to its fullest capacity by those who desire to bid farewell to these two popular mummies.

It has been a lucky thing for these gentlemen that San Francisco was given a chance to render judgment between Weber & Fields and themselves, and that judgment is an almost unanimous verdict that the "imitation article" far surpassed the "original."

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The California runs right along the uneven tenor of its way dishing out barn-storming melodrama. Some bright day some individual may bring suit for obtaining money under false pretenses, and assassination of the finer sensibilities, and if it is a jury trial, there is sure to be some heavy damages assessed.

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Thomas J. Smith is doing stunts at the Grand in a play called "The Gamekeeper." It is an indifferent proposition indifferently done.

Smith gives us an imperfect Irish brogue for half the play, and for the rest lapses into English. The innovation of a cake-walk by Baby Patti, while Smith is singing an Irish song, is an original idea, but rather shocking to our ideals. O! for another Scannan or a Katie Emmet! The only star in "The Gamekeeper" is the dog, the Irish setter Barney. He does his part to perfection. Ed. Van Murnel sings well, and gave small audiences much pleasure.

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"The King of the Opium Ring" awakens the enthusiasm of the classical audience at the Central, and that house is doing fine business. The scenic effects are fine, and the play will have a good run.

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The tramp, tramp of marching feet and the martial music, the excruciatingly funny make-up of Hartman, will cease at the Tivoli with the ringing down of the curtain on Sunday night. "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" has had a phenomenal run, and there are many who will deplore its going as an untimely end.

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"A Break for Liberty" is the next attraction at the Central. It is said to be a very strong play, founded on the escape from jail of two burgling brothers, through the connivance of the jailor's wife, who has fallen in love with one of the above named gentlemen. The play has an additional merit. Both burglars are finally killed.

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"Miss Hobbs"—a play full of dainty drollery—will be given by the Alcazar Stock next week. It was written by Jerome K. Jerome, and that is a guarantee of good, clean, quiet fun. There is a subtle stream of sentiment through the play, and the Alcazar Company should achieve one of its greatest triumphs in the whimsical skit. I predict crowded houses.

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"The Silver Slipper" begins a two weeks' engagement at the Columbia on the night of March 7th. The authors of "Florodora" achieved a triumph in their first play, and many Eastern critics agree in saying it is eclipsed by their second attempt. The company numbers one hundred and twenty-five.

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Coleman and Mexis, who give a marvelous and interesting exhibition of sharp-shooting, will present the act that has won fame on two continents at the Chutes this coming week. James Hennessy, "the

monologue man," said to be very amusing, will make his first appearance here, and Kelly and Violette, the "fashionplate singing duo," will change their songs and costumes. Toppel and Klimet, the novelty musical comedians, and the Melnotte sisters, the dashing singing and dancing soubrettes, will vary their specialties, and Mabel Lamson, the popular contralto, will be heard in new illustrated songs. The animatoscope will show a complete change of moving pictures and the amateurs will appear on Thursday night. New and interesting attractions are to be found in every nook and corner of the Chutes, and the zoo, which is one of the sights of San Francisco, is constantly in receipt of rare and curious animals from all quarters of the globe.

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The Orpheum promises something new with the coming week. Nirvana and her trained horse, "Loki," have been imported from Germany. The two will appear in a series of wonderful tableaux. Besides this, there are many new faces and a generally entertaining bill.

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"The Gypsy Baron" will fill the Tivoli to fullest capacity, but it is doubtful if it will reach the run made by "Johnny." The scenery for "The Gypsy Baron" is of elaborate design, and the costuming is gorgeous. This is one of the immortal operas, and if Strauss had never written anything else, this alone would have sent his name thundering down the aisles of the temple of fame.

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Messrs. Kolb and Dill will be replaced at Fischer's by F. Carroll and John P. Kennedy, two well known comedians. The next play to be put on at this house is "The Rounders," one of the great musical successes at the "Casino," New York. Mr. Carroll will play his original role in "The Rounders," that of the Irish Pasha, and Mr. Kennedy will assume the role made famous by Dan Daly. The management promises a lot of fine scenic effects, and the lyrics and music show up splendidly in rehearsals.

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It is announced that Helen Russell will appear as a ballet girl when "The Rounders" is put on. Now, I'll have a chance to see if I am right. I have maintained that her figure was as good, if not better, than Amber's. I hope the management doesn't mean a ballet girl in skirts. God forbid! Make it tight, please!

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Frank Bacon will open to-morrow at the Grand with "The Hills of California." For the public's sake, for the sake of Mr. Bacon, and because the critic is tired of poor shows, we hope Mr. Bacon will lift us all out of the slough of Despond. The advance notice gives us the idea of something good.

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William A. Brady has been known so long in connection with his theatrical enterprises that most people suppose him to be much older than he really is. "I'm a former friend of Mr. Brady's," a gentleman remarked to Grace George recently in Washington. "I had a chat and a drink with him thirty-five years ago in San Francisco." "Indeed!" replied Miss George. "Then the drink must have been milk. Thirty-five years ago Mr. Brady was just four years of age!"

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Parsifal

Written Especially for the News Letter by Fitzgerald Murphy, Dramatizer of the Work.

"A stupid sacrilege. It would weary a heathen and to a Christian it is disgraceful."—Rev. Dr. Parkhurst.

"A strange mixture, this, of Christianity, Buddhism, morality, immorality and vegetarianism, all spun into a mystic fabric that it brilliant with imaginative gloss."—Rev. Bishop Potter.

Now that San Francisco is soon to witness a production of this great musical classic in dramatic form, the conflicting views of the eminent authorities quoted above, will be of especial interest to local theatre-goers. Only a work of colossal proportions could produce such a commotion. This general hubbub simply demonstrates that the scope of this great art work is encyclopedic—that it runs the gamut of religious emotion. There is no creed, cult, ism, fad or hobby whose adherents do not discern in this drama either the endorsement or antagonism of their pet ideals. The vehement fashion in which all sorts of people find in this work something that impinges on their special way of looking at things, makes it clear that the ideas embodied in "Parsifal" move along the central plane of being. It awakens those chords of emotion that vibrate through the vital centres of human consciousness.

"Parsifal" I consider an art work pure and simple. It is an intellectual ocean into which Wagner poured all the rivers of thought. It is the ripened and mellowed fruit of his genius. A many-sided diamond flashing its variegated rays would be an excellent metaphor to describe this marvelous miracle-play. Different people see differently-colored rays. Some see the blue, some see the red, some see the yellow, some see the violet, ad infinitum—hence the conflict of opinion and controversy that has arisen regarding this masterpiece.

All the aspirations of Germany's national poets and symphonists from Bach to Beethoven, from Weiland to Goethe, are summarized in "Parsifal." If it is to be construed as a sermon, it preaches purity through ignorance, chastity through seclusion, redemption by pity and sacrificial atonement. It reflects the spirit of the Middle Ages.

So much for its ethics. Now for its history. The story of "Parsifal" is not new. Wagner neither created it nor did it originally grow out of Christianity. The legend of a youth who is reared far away from the world's affairs, who first meets them in a state of ignorance and innocence, who ripens in knowledge by prodigious adventures, and who, triumphing over all obstacles, at last gains a throne, in one form or another, has been woven into the folklore of every European people since the heroic age of the Greeks. In the Middle Ages this story was used by monks and poets and warriors as a setting for the myths of the Holy Grail and its quest, and what Wagner has done was to gather into a heap, as it were, all the varying versions of the legend, and select bits from each of them, and fashion the material into an epic of medieval Christianity, colored by his own conception of religion and ethics.

Now, the quest of the Grail is the greatest theme that has come down to us from the early Middle Ages, and it can be regarded as a mirror of thought, the chivalry and the manners of that period. Poets wrote about the Grail, and bards extolled it. It was the vision of the ascetic and the golden goal of knight

errant. Tradition said that the Grail was the chalice out of which Christ and his disciples drank at the last supper, and in which the blood from the Savior's wounds, when pierced by the Roman spear, fell as he hung upon the cross. Joseph of Arimathea was supposed to have taken the cup to prison with him, where it miraculously sustained him for years, and he afterwards carried it to England and bequeathed it to his descendants. Tennyson treats of it in his "Idols of the King." Chretien de Troyes sang of the Grail even before Wolfram von Eschenbach, from whose "Parsifal" Wagner borrowed much of the material for the present work.

The opera was first produced at Beyreuth in 1882, and received its first presentation in this country at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, on last Christmas eve, and created the art sensation of the decade. I felt that the theme was a proper one for the dramatic stage, and would be infinitely more interesting when spoken in chaste English in blank verse form than sung in German, and appreciated by the musically cultured few. I feel that my attitude in this matter has been vindicated by the recent announcement of Mr. Richard Mansfield that he would appear in a dramatic version of his own making next season. I prepared my version especially for Mr. Fred Belasco, and at the Alcazar Theatre in this city on the 14th of next month, "Parsifal" in dramatic form will receive its first presentation on any stage.

One of the strangest characters in the play is Kundry, a beautiful incarnation of good and evil; Kling-sor, the magician, in his incantation, calls her, and thus describes her:

"Arise! Draw near to me!
Thy master calls thee, nameless woman—
She-Lucifer! Rose of Hades!
Herodias wert thou!"

The characters are all symbolic. Amfortas represents erring Humanity. Parsifal is Salvation. Kundry is the eternal woman, a mixture of good and evil. The entire play is medieval Christianity symbolized by art.

Dr. Emma L. Merritt, executrix of the estate of the late Adolph Sutro, has authorized Baldwin & Howell to sell at pre-emptory auction several choice pieces of real estate. The lots to be sold comprise: Ocean Boulevard lots, fronting on 48th avenue and Ocean Boulevard, between O and P streets; lots 25x130 feet, with double frontage, adjoining a magnificent \$7,000 residence. Park and Marine View block, in 50 subdivisions, 25x100 and 25x120 each, fronting on Fulton and C streets, 46th and 47 aves.; two blocks to the boulevard and car lines; superb view of Golden Gate Park and ocean. Eight unsold lots on high slightly elevation in block 225, on Cliff ave., Clement street, 44th and 45 aves. Entire block on Ashbury Heights or in subdivisions; double frontage lots on Clarendon ave. and Ashbury street, on electric car line; transfer privileges to all parts of the city; Masonic ave. and 10th street cars passing; splendid view of city. The sale will take place at the office of Baldwin & Howell, 25 Post street. The terms of sale will be for cash, and subject to confirmation by the Superior Court.

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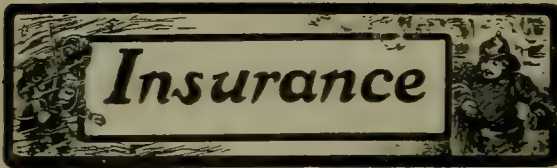
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A. M. Best & Company, of New York, recently issued the following bulletin in connection with Baltimore losses: "The report that claims filed with the committee on adjustments amount to \$80,000,000 is again confirmed. It is not, however, an official announcement by the committee, but we have no reason to doubt the accuracy of these figures. The total admitted losses of the companies which have furnished us estimates of the amounts for which they were involved aggregate only about \$22,000,000, so that an immense discrepancy exists, and it is evident that many of the companies must have lost many times as much as they admit."

As the smoke and excitement clears away, it begins to be seen that the original estimates as to the amount of insurance losses were far in excess of what the adjusted losses will amount to, and that while the loss is a big one, it will need a much larger one to shake the financial strength of the insurance companies.

There have been no failures outside of the Baltimore companies and the Greenwich and one or two little ones. The smaller companies, which it was expected would topple over like nine-pins, do not up to the present seem to have been severely injured.

The raid of cancellations on California street on the lightweights died almost as soon as it was born.

The non-boarders kept on and are keeping on, and the regulars are not sorry that such is the case, for as matters stand now, the confidence of the local agent and the insurer remain undisturbed.

State supervision has done away in a great measure with the possibility of a conflagration, causing a holocaust of companies. In this day fire insurance companies must have assets which consist of other than chips and whetstones before they can do an extended business. There may be Manhattans, but they fail anyway, losses or no losses, but the general average of fire insurance companies to-day licensed in California are good for the amount of their contracts.

The failure of the Firemens serves simply to point the danger of insuring in a small company just branching out to do an extended and a general business. One of the methods of which at no time have been approved by the more conservative underwriting element.

Fire underwriting is reduced almost to a science, and the company that writes lines within its legitimate carrying capacity and gets tariff rates can weather a worse fire than that of Baltimore.

The Millers and Manufacturers Insurance Company, a Minnesota concern of a hybrid mutual and capital breed, and also the Hamilton Fire of New York, have ceased doing business on account of Baltimore losses. For the first time these two get their names well before the public.

In a measure the fire insurance companies are like banks. Good management being conceded, they will help each other. They do this for more reasons than the one of the question of raising doubt in the minds of policy-holders as to the stability of insurance. They know that insurance capital is needed, and that the field is not too tempting to enlist it.

The careful company, managed by an insurance man who has the confidence of his competitors as to lines, rates and practice, is not permitted to be killed by an over-dose of losses. The mutual interests are too closely allied.

Mr. J. H. Lenehan, general agent of the Western Department of the Phenix, is in the city.

Mr. Paul M. Nippert has received the appointment as general agent in California for the British America of New York.

Mr. M. F. Rohrer, Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, has been confined to his home for some time with a severe attack of sickness.

There are evidently no amenities among the men who write for insurance periodicals. In an exchange is found the following, which is entitled "Peewee the



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Worm": "Peewee —, brevet editor of the — and late idiot-in-chief of a paper called —, which died from lack of brain food, imagines he has evolved into a 'glow worm.' Perhaps he has, for he has long given evidence of being buggy, and he has about the same intellectual development as the object of his aspirations. And he shines? Of course; where the lightning bug carries his shining apparatus."

The Park Museum had a fire in the basement with but fortunately little damage. Is it insured—and what is the fire protection outside of the city department, are pertinent questions.

The San Bernardino County Hospital at San Bernardino, and the Loma Prieta planing mill fire at Santa Cruz are a couple of rather hard starters in the loss column.

Colonel L. L. Bromwell, manager of the old reliable Milwaukee Mechanics, reports the receipt of a telegram from President Jones, which states that the Baltimore losses will not exceed \$200,000, and also that the claims are being handled by the company's own adjusters and are being paid in cash. This course only harmonizes with the ever sturdy and steady record of the old "Double M," in its treatment of losses, large or small, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Conflagration losses are always provided for by the conservatively managed insurance company by ample reserves, and a large net surplus, both of which made the company absolutely fire proof. In addition to Chicago, Boston and minor wholesale conflagrations, the Milwaukee Mechanics now adds Baltimore to its list of costly experiences in the line of its profession, but undaunted and unruffled, it goes, is pressing its claims upon both agents and insuring public for increased confidence and enhanced premium receipts.

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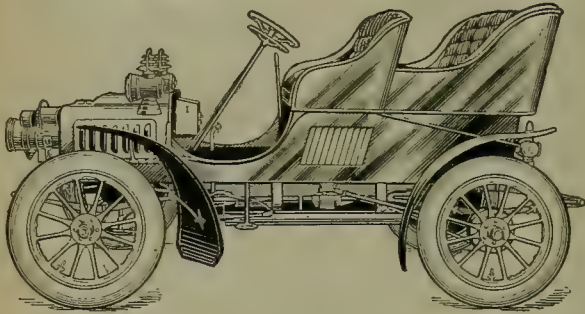
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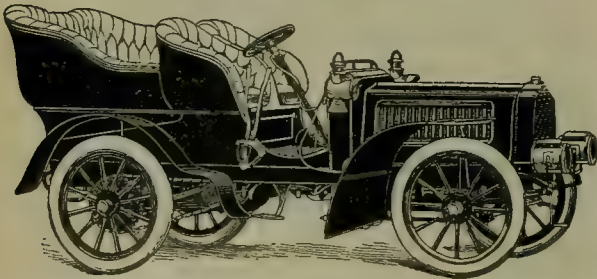
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It is to be presumed that half a loaf is better than none, and, therefore, the local automobilists should feel themselves thoroughly thankful to the Park Commissioners for their generosity at the last meeting in passing an ordinance allowing the use of the great highway north to the road that runs back of the Sutro property so that the Cliff House may be reached without coming back to Stanyan.

The Park Commissioners are giving up slowly even curtailing the modest requests made by the officers of the local club at this time.

The new ordinance will go into effect next Wednesday, and every one who holds a permit to the Park should note the new regulations that are required.

One of the most important is that numbers must be carried on both ends of the autos. This is not a hardship, and will tend to make those who are in the habit of speeding to keep within the law.

Now the Automobile Club of California must turn its attention to the main drive; that must be the next and last concession granted, for with that will come the free use of the Park.

The victories of Vanderbilt at Ormond, Fla., has stirred up the American makers. It is said that there is a syndicate being formed in the East among the builders to turn out a machine that will give all the records to the United States. That they will be successful is not at all impossible, when it is considered how many records are already held by American machines.

The Winton Bullet holds all the world's track records, and scored the fastest single mile ever made in competition. The Ford "999" made the straight-away mile in 392-5 seconds on the ice at Lake St. Clair.

The Packard Gray Wolf holds the world's straight-away mile record of 46 2-5 seconds for machines under 1800 pounds, and the Stevens-Duryea the record of 57 1-5 seconds for cars under 1200 pounds.

The Baker electric "White Mouse" has the electric record of 1:00 3-5 for the mile, and the Winton Bull Pup all track records for cars under 1800 pounds up to 10 miles.

The Oldsmobile Pirate has been a world's straight-away record holder, and still holds the track record in its weight class.

Details of the great automobile tour to be held in August was discussed at the annual meeting of the American Automobile Association held last week in Chicago.

The tour is to be from the east, west, north and south to St. Louis, including tributary runs from towns en route.

Boston tourists will meet the New York and Philadelphia owners at Albany, New York, and continue the journey together. These will be joined by automobilists from Rochester, Buffalo, Cleveland and other cities, thus forming a procession that will be a continuous march to the Louisiana Exposition.

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in the Middle West will send delegations to join the Chicago enthusiasts at that city.

The most direct route will be taken by the many processions from different sections.

Here is a chance for some of the local enthusiasts to distinguish themselves. Why would it not be good for the sports here and the name of the State for a contingent from California to take part in this run?

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Hubert von Herkoner, a Bavarian artist, has donated a \$2,500 trophy to the Bavarian Automobile Club for an annual international challenge contest for touring cars. It will be a challenge trophy to become the possession of the club winning it three times.

In accordance with the donor's wishes, the first year's contest is to be held in Bavaria, the second in England, and the subsequent competitions in the country holding the trophy. The touring car is described as a vehicle which, in construction and operation is capable of covering long distances over all classes of roads at a relatively rapid pace. It must be of pleasing design and comfortable.

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Los Angeles has the good road habit. The latest scheme is what is called the Pacific Boulevard from Huntington Park to Long Beach. This, with the speedway, will give the southern men two good roads to the ocean.

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An actual practical test is to be made of commercial vehicles by the Automobile Club of America, April 4th to 9th. The awards will be made for each class in the competition, the amount of fuel consumed and general reliability being taken into consideration. The following classes have been established:

First—To carry a dead load of 1,000 pounds or under.

Second—To carry a dead load of 1,000 to 2,000 pounds.

Third—To carry a dead load of 2,000 to 3,000 pounds.

Fourth—To carry a dead load of 3,000 to 4,000 pounds.

Fifth—To carry a dead load of 4,000 to 5,000 pounds.

Sixth—To carry a dead load of 5,000 to 6,000 pounds.

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The National Automobile Company report quite a satisfactory business in Pope-Toledo and Knox Touring Cars during the past week.

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The quiet young man, known as the "Czar," has purchased a 1904 Winton touring car from the Pioneer Automobile Company, and from all reports his winning subjects will have numerous rides.

Mr. J. A. Marsh, president of the Mobile Carriage Company, made the trip to Del Monte on Friday. They reported a delightful trip, which was entirely free from accidents or delays of any sort.

The Automobile Transit Company placed an order with the National Automobile Company for two additional two-cylinder Toledo touring cars, to be used in their rental service.

The Pioneer people expect to receive a carload of new 1904 Wintons this month, all of which are sold, and the purchasers of some anxiously awaiting their arrival. The Pioneer Company also expect to receive a carload of the new models of Oldsmobiles within three or four weeks, as they likewise will re-

ceive a carload of Stevens-Duryeas about the same time.

The present office of the Mobile Carriage Company, in the main office of the Palace Hotel, has been removed to larger quarters formerly occupied by the Postal Telegraph Company at the end of the main entrance where it joins the large court.

The Mobile Carriage Company expects this week to move into its new automobile house and garage, corner Golden Gate avenue and Gough streets.

J. B. O'Brien purchased a two-cylinder 20-horsepower Knox touring car from the National Automobile Company, during the past week. Mr. Harvey Dana and Mr. A. J. Samuel are looking forward to the arrival of their two-cylinder Knox touring car.

The automobile buses which the Mobile Carriage Company is providing for the St. Francis Hotel to convey passengers to and from all trains and steamboats are now ready for service.

The Pioneer Automobile Company report the following sales for the week ending February 20, 1904,

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viz.: Baker Electric to Stockton Automobile Co., Stockton; Oldsmobile tonneau to Stockton Automobile Co., Stockton; Oldsmobile French type runabout to Stockton Auto Co.; 1904 Winton touring car to Harry H. Howlett, Stockton; Locomobile to C. B. Biggs, Silver City, Nevada; Stevens-Duryea to Dr. Cunningham, Oakland; Stevens-Duryea to Dr. Chamberlain, Oakland; Stevens-Duryea to E. D. Davis of this city; Standard Oldsmobile runabout to George Osen, San Jose.

Mr. H. C. Tilden made a trip to San Jose and a tour of the surrounding country in his new French Arrow touring car. He covered a distance of over 300 miles without leaving the seat to make adjustments of any sort.

The National Automobile Company closed an order with James Flood for a four-cylinder Pope-Toledo "Mile-a-Minute" touring car for early delivery.

George A. Turner, a prominent real estate dealer of this city, and Dr. George Burke, of Sessions, are the latest purchasers of Rambler 1904 touring cars.

The Rambler Automobile agency of 1334 Market street, expect a consignment of cars in a few days. They already have one on exhibition.

Mr. Harry H. Hewlett of Stockton, who last week purchased a 1904 Winton touring car, formerly drove a 1902 Winton, which he purchased from Mr. Eugene Murphy of this city for \$1500. After driving this car for more than ten months, he sold same for \$1350. It is a very noticeable fact that Wintons second-handed, bring better prices proportionately than any other American-built automobiles.

Young Corbett now keeps his Winton touring car busy driving his friends out to his training quarters on the beach. It is rumored that Mr. Corbett is figuring with the Winton people to build him an eighty horse power racing car.

The article in the March Overland Monthly on "Shakespeare's Plays and Public Opinion," contributed to that magazine by L. Ralston Irving, has elicited much interest and comment, being in line with discussions that have been had of late on this subject. The article mentioned is really contributed by Mrs. Samuel Bissinger, of this city, who uses the nom de plume L. Ralston Irving. She has for years been interested in literary subjects, being quite a close student, and has contributed during past years under the said nom de plume to different publications.

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A WESTERN PRODUCT.

The Overland Monthly for March comes to the reviewer's desk as a breeze from a Western prairie. There is a virility and a usefulness, a strength and saneness, in its pages that is not to be found in many of the best magazines of the East. It is up-to-date and timely. From its beautiful frontispiece illustrations to its editorials the interest never wanes.

It is Californian to the core, and yet it has not any of the tiresome twaddle about the largest beat or the finest orange. It does not preach that California is superior to any and all other States in the Union, but it sets forth the claims of its State in such a way that the reader always comes to a favorable conclusion regarding the land of sunshine and flowers. In the March issue we have been given a number of articles that are purely Californian. "Fish of the Western Sea" is a splendidly written article on the edible fish of the Pacific. This will give the disciple of Izaak Walton untold pleasure.

The next Californian article is one that appeals to the lover of nature, of woods and flowers, purling brooks and leafy bowers. "The Ojai Valley" (pronounced O high), will be read with pleasure by all intending visitors to California, and it should be a source of pride to the citizens of Ventura in that State, as it is a description of an attractive spot in the county of that name.

"Tule Farming" appeals to the practical farmer, and relates to the reclamation of the great swamp areas of the State of California. It is written by a practical farmer, and as such should be of vast interest to the Eastern agriculturist, to whom the article will be a revelation of the methods employed.

Mexico comes in for an article on "Housekeeping in Mexico," and the quaint ways of the Mexican servants are described by an American housekeeper in the land of perpetual manyana.

There are a number of pages devoted to the Oriental question, and the fiction of the March Overland would be very hard to surpass.

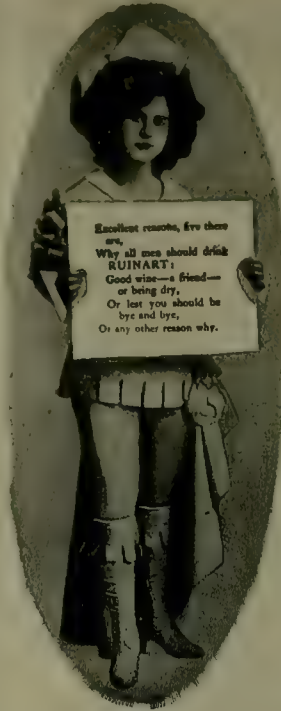
"The Fortunes of the Midas" is a mining story which is an exposition of some of the methods employed by an unscrupulous superintendent to obtain possession of a valuable mine. "Percy, the Ranch Foreman," is a true story of the indomitable pluck of an Iowa boy and his eventual success on a Wyoming ranch. There is a fine description of the "Northwestern Mounted Police," "The Big Butter Buddha" and the "Mushalinda Legend" are Oriental in character, and come at the right time. "The Coming Conflict" deals with the Russo-Japanese war, and will help all who are interested in this matter in a clear understanding of the conditions that face all civilization to-day.

The department of "World's Thought" is full of information, and will be of interest to all who desire to keep in touch with the world's advance.

The editor has two timely articles, "Teaching the Filipino" and "Wireless," the latter is an exposition of the wonderful discoveries made by the great Italian electrician.

The March number of the Overland Monthly is a notable production, but in no feature more than in its illustrations. The Overland Monthly presses are the best that money can buy, and the typographical work is fine. The advertiser and reader is always grateful to the publisher because the reading and advertising pages are cut. The Overland Monthly believes in giving its reader all the comfort it can.

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Financial Review.

The Niter Beds of California.

Some people are continually harping upon the niter deposits of California, and we have been deluged with letters from time to time asking about them and why they are not now being operated in competition with the great beds of Chile. The niter beds of California are still in their infancy. In extent they are large enough, covering an immense area, but the quantity of the material and its quality are still a matter to be settled. The examination of these lands has so far been superficial, so superficial in fact that it is scarcely correct to class their contents deposits. At some points prospect holes have been sunk with varying results, but they only serve to localize particular measurements on small areas, experience going to show that while the material may run four feet in depth at one point, it runs down to a few inches a few yards away. This shows the difficulty of arriving at reliable results in the way of an estimate of qualities, and the necessity for the expenditure of a large sum of money in experting this ground by covering it in detail. This would naturally involve considerable time and labor, but the proposition is large enough to warrant an investigation. Promoters are continually endeavoring to work off the property as a whole, on an assumption of facts which are not warranted by up-to-date examinations, and have so far only succeeded in putting would-be purchasers to the expense of finding out for themselves that nothing really definite is known about these so-called "deposits." It would be much more sensible and to the point to promote a development company, well equipped and backed with sufficient money to make a thorough examination of the ground, and thereby arrive at its true value. There would then be a chance of doing some business, if the quality of material on hand warranted the investment of capital, putting an end one way or the other to the nonsensical and unbusinesslike methods adopted by people in control of this ground for many years past.

A Lost Mine Which Materialized.

A story is now going the rounds of the press about the re-discovery of another lost mine, or more correctly of the trail to it, which, according to the adventurer, a tenderfoot, was followed to the bitter end through impassable canyons, and the other sensational draping given to yarns of the kind, arriving eventually at a cave filled with the skeletons of those who had in the past taken up the "wild-goose" chase. In this case the greenhorn survived, the others, possibly veteran miners, giving up the battle with fate in disgust at the disappointing termination of a tiresome journey. This only serves to remind one that the "lost mine" craze is still as fierce as ever in this wild and woolly section of the far West, fostered by the ubiquitous space fiend, who manages to make a killing as regularly as it is safe to dish up the time-worn remnant of days gone by, when romance cut a figure in mining, as it did in nearly everything else, for that matter. Unfortunately, the hunt after these phantom lodes is now confined to literary efforts in the way of enlarging upon the mystery attaching to their discovery and magical disappearance. Otherwise, even their memory might chance to pass with the closed careers of those who, upon occasion, took up the search, in manner like

unto the victims whose remains have just now been discovered in an out of the way cave in a Mexican sierra.

Local Stocks and Bonds.

The market for industrial stocks and bonds on the local Stock and Bond Exchange is dull and unusually quiet for this season of the year. This is not surprising, when the way in which it is weighted down by an incubus like the S. F. Gas and Electric combine is considered. Investors are getting a lesson from it on the ways of the Western financier in an attempt to make something out of nothing by the introduction of hot air. It is the old story of building up a tan yard out of a shoe-string told over again in a new form. Here we find a number of independent concerns formed into a combine on a basis of stock payments, with an allowance for immense profits for the owners of the concerns taken into the general merger. To meet the cash requirements of the occasion, some millions of bonds are issued and underwritten which means that one or two local capitalists feel so sure that the public will gobble up these bonds at a premium that they are willing to put up a certain amount of money for preliminary expenses to be paid back to them with a handsome profit when the bonds are disposed of in due course. To meet the interest on these bonds, the consumer must be bled, while the dear public is expected to put up the millions of watered capital to enable half a dozen men to pose as owners of a proprietary interest in the company and draw down immense salaries at the same time. How much capital of that invested in the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company is owned directly by the individual members of its Board of Directors? They are elected by a proxy system, which permits them to vote one another large salaries while they manage so well as to keep the town by the ears with their arrogance and miserable manufacture. If the stockholders vote at the coming election to keep the present management in office, they may as well prepare to give away their stock for next to nothing in the near future. This is no idle dream. There is a field here for a new company prepared to do the right thing by the people of this city, and unless there is a marked change in the way the present concern is doing business, one will be organized in short order. It won't cost much more to install a new and effective plant than it will to renew the old distributing system now used. Under existing conditions, the stock of this concern is not a pick-up by any means, and the mar-



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ket to-day shows that the people recognize the fact and are very sensibly giving it a wide berth. In other lines of investment securities, prices during the week were generally firm, although the demand is comparatively light.

Pine-St. Market. The market for Comstock shares has ruled fairly steady during the past week, and the short-selling clique did not have things their way altogether. The new strike on the 2,000 level of Ophir is the latest development in connection with the recent ore discoveries in the North-end mines. These have already put the Ophir mine on a dividend-paying basis, and from present appearances there will be a continuance for some time to come. A number of experts visited the new find during the week, and the opinion of all is that its importance cannot be overestimated. It is believed to be the downward continuation of the ore body now being opened up above on the 1800 level. This denotes a magnitude surpassing anything discovered for years past on the Comstock. Caledonia at the South-end is also looking up, while the prospects at other points along the lode are bright, to say the least.

The financial statement of the California Wine Association, covering the operations for the past year, show that sales during that period amounted to \$5,131,626, on which profits amounting to \$581,114 were realized. The sum of \$7.20 per share was paid out in dividends.

The financial statement of the North Shore Railroad for January, 1904, shows a net deficit of \$24,198, against \$10,611 for same month last year. This is equivalent to an increase of \$13,587 in the way of a deficit for the month under review.

The next meeting of the California Bankers' Association will be held at Los Angeles on May 19th, 20th and 21st next.

The statistical reports of the nine savings banks of San Francisco for the year 1903, made to the Bank Commission, show in the aggregate that the net gain in new accounts for the year was 12,476, and \$8,413,547 was deposited in excess of withdrawals. The cost of operation was \$1,724,426, or about 23 per cent of the gross earnings. The average amount of each deposit account on January 1, 1904, varied from \$438, the lowest average, to \$1,636, the highest. The total deposits on the same date aggregate \$155,776,814.

The epicure knows that an oyster should be eaten as near the oyster bed as possible, and that the least possible time should ensue between the time the oyster is "tonged" to the minute of consumption. Moraghan's Oyster House in the California Market is world-famed as the place best to secure the succulent bivalve. The "chef" is pre-eminent as a master of the art of cookery, and no one seeking satisfaction in oysters will ever do aught but praise Moraghan's.

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ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

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Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 6th day of February, 1904, an assessment, (No. 112) of ten (10) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the company, rooms 21-22, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery st., San Francisco, Cal.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 11th DAY OF MARCH 1904,

will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on FRIDAY, the 1st day of April, 1904 at 1 o'clock P. M., to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale. By order of the Board of Directors,

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Milton Robles, Prop.

Prospective Legislative Timber

I gave a resume last week of the political outlook so far as it has developed, for the next State Senate, showing who was going to be a candidate again and who was likely to be chosen to stay at home. As the Assembly is twice as large as the Senate, and candidates are often selected at the last minute for the Legislature, it is not easy to give as full and as accurate details of the prospects for the personnel of the lower house as it is for the upper. Usually the Senators have previously been Assemblymen, and are therefore better known than their colleagues, and their candidacy is settled much sooner in the year. It may be considered, however, as sure that W. W. Allen, Jr., will be a candidate from the thirtieth district in this city. He made a very good member, and although it was his first session was the Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, one of the most important in the Assembly. If Dunlap of Stockton should get the nomination for Senator from San Joaquin and not return to the Assembly, Allen is more than a possibility for Speaker. Amerige wants to come back from Orange County, but he will not find it easy sailing, and it is more than possible that McPhee of the Santa Ana "Blade" may get the Republican nomination, which in that part of the State is equivalent to an election.

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Bangs is too old to want to come back if he could, and Fowler, Secretary of the Madera Chamber of Commerce, is mentioned as his probable successor. Fowler is a young lawyer, and a very bright and pushing fellow. Barber and Boisson of this city both have Federal jobs, the one in the office of Collector Lynch and the other in the U. S. District Attorney's, so neither of them will be candidates again. Brown, of San Mateo, wants to be Senator from his district, and Black of Santa Clara wants to succeed Shortridge as Senator two years hence, so he is anxious to keep himself before the public by returning to the Assembly this year. Wright of Santa Clara will also no doubt be returned, but Walker, of the same county, has no possible chance. He, it will be remembered, distinguished himself early in the session by talking about efforts that had been made to bribe him, and when the reporters went to interview him and get the particulars, he fled and hid himself in a church, where naturally they did not look for him, as he was a member of the Legislature, and therefore he escaped them. His charges fell flat, and he amounted to nothing during the session. Copus is the only Union Labor member who has a ghost of a show of even being nominated; Murphy, Kerrigan and Finn can't get the nominations of their party, not to speak of being elected. In the Assembly they accomplished nothing for the cause they were supposed to represent, and the best labor advocates were Walsh of Alameda in the Assembly and Leavitt in the Senate. The unions themselves recognized that, and are not going to send any more sticks to Sacramento, or even attempt to do so. Carter of Los Angeles wants to succeed Senator Smith, and if he cannot do that, he will try to get back into the Assembly, and be a candidate for Speaker. He has been sued by some client of his in Los Angeles, who made very sensational charges, but I am told that they are not believed down there, and that they will not affect his political fortunes.

Cromwell of Petaluma likes making laws, and announces that he will be a candidate for the Assembly again this year. He was not a very brilliant member, but he was very useful and is popular at home, which means that he would probably be re-elected if nominated. Dorsey of Kern, who was supposed to have been the handsomest man in the last Legislature, has married since he went home, and is now very anxious to bring his bride to the Capital City. He was in San Francisco recently, and announced positively that he was going back next winter, and I presume he knows, although Kern is a Democratic County.

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Drew of Fresno and Traber of the same county both want to be returned. Though from adjoining districts, they did not agree at all, and sat as far apart as the size of the Assembly chamber would permit, the result being that they did not accomplish as much as they might have done for their county. Drew hopes that Dr. and Senator Rowell will get a Federal position which he has been seeking for years (anything will do if it only has a salary), and then he will be a candidate for the unexpired term of the Senatorship. Ex-Senator Pedlar also wants to come back to his old place in the Upper House, and is only waiting to get a chance to run, so Drew will not have plain sailing even if he gets rid of Rowell.

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Killingsworth, a Democrat, is very popular at Vacaville, and if he does not conclude to make the race for Senator to succeed Senator Lucksinger, now Postmaster at Vallejo, he will be a candidate for Assemblyman. His Republican opponent, if he runs for Senator, it is now settled will be ex-District Attorney Frank Devlin of Vallejo. An effort is also being made to get Raleigh Barcar, who owns most of the town of Vacaville, to be a candidate for the Assembly if Killingsworth runs for the State Senate, but Barcar is not particularly anxious to run for anything, having tried it several times with but little success, though personally he is popular.

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McKenney of Amador will be a candidate again if he does not attempt to run for the Senate in the eventuality that Ralston, now the Senator from Amador, gets Colonel John P. Irish's place as Surveyor of the Port. But that last contingency is so remote that McKenney has little hopes of being a Senator for two years hence, when he announces that he will make the race for Ralston's place. Frank Lewis of Riverside will be back if he can get the nomination, and he thinks he can. Lumley of Porterville, the politest man in the Assembly, where he also enjoyed (as those who noticed the characteristics of the last

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Legislature will remember) the largest nose of any member, expects to be on hand, he tells me also. Olmsted of Marin, who has a syndicate of half a dozen papers along the line of the California and Northwestern Railroad, wants to return, but Pann of Ventura will not be seen around the Legislative Halls at all. Pann was an ex-preacher, who got mixed up in a scandal in the last Legislature, and who introduced only one bill, to regulate the mileage of members. The Ventura people were the only county in the State which did not have a single local measure. Their Senator did not introduce a bill, and their Assemblyman only one. Pann went into the newspaper business after the Legislature closed, and I believe remained in it about six weeks. He is now poorer and wiser, and has added to his knowledge of the number of things he doesn't know.

Prescott of San Bernardino can easily get the nomination for Assemblyman again, but he wants to be a Senator to succeed Hubbell, who died shortly after the session closed. If he does not get the Senatorial nomination, however, he will be a candidate for the Assembly again. Rolly of Humboldt, who asked the Assembly to make him chairman of an investigating Committee, so that its investigations would be honest, as there was no other man on the committee whose honesty could be relied upon, wants to be Senator, but I am told he will be lucky if he gets back to the Assembly. McNeil of the same county can get a re-nomination, but is not certain that he wants it.

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The Alameda crowd all want to come back, and probably some of them will, but they are getting so broken up again politically the other side of the bay that no one can tell exactly how things will turn out. Walsh made a good member, and probably will not have much trouble returning, and Waste comes from Berkeley, where they think it derogatory to talk of politics at all, though they have had some very lively politicians.

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I am told that he will have very little opposition to encounter, but Bliss will find things harder, if rumor speaks true, and may not get the nomination at all. In Sacramento, Grove L. Johnson will, of course, be a candidate for the nomination, but it is very doubtful if he can get it. In the last Legislature he antagonized the labor element, which is very strong in his district, where most of the car-shop men live, and even if nominated it is doubtful if he can be elected, as he only got through by a shadow last time. Greer of the same county will be a candidate again, and probably can get the nomination. If Johnson does not run, Albert Elkus, who was recently defeated for Mayor of Sacramento, is a possible candidate.

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Colonel John P. Irish says very distinctly since his return from Washington that he does not expect to leave his present Government job, and he intimates that he has the President's assurance that if Roosevelt is re-elected he will not be disturbed for another four years. He gave up the offer of the Citizens' Association because he concluded that it would be poor politics for him to take it, and he doubts if the Association will last many years, as the need for it is not likely to exist very long; besides the Colonel's friends and family thought it a dangerous place in case of a strike, and while no one doubts his bravery, he preferred a place where he would not be engaged in endless strife.

—Junius.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

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By order of the Board of Directors, CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary
Office—Room 79, Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco California

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"Wait a second," she said, as she stepped into the store. "Certainly," he replied, and when he had been uptown looking through his mail, spent two hours on 'change, and taken luncheon at the club, he returned and found her just emerging from the door.

"That man Hustleup is certainly the most forehanded individual I ever knew. He's always ahead of the rest of the world." "What's he doing now?" "Taking a patent medicine for spring fever."

"Don't you think you'd better mark that box 'Handle with care,'" John. All our best china is in there." "I know it is, but there's no use giving the expressman a straight tip like that. He'd be sure to smash everything if you did."

The Lawyer—I'm afraid I'm going blind. The Friend—Never mind, old man. So long as you retain your sense of touch you'll be all right.

"The trouble with the average American," remarked the placid philosopher is that he doesn't stop work long enough to digest his food. He doesn't appreciate the importance of the alimentary canal." "My friend," replied Senator Sorghum, as he hastily signed another letter, "there's no use in trying to ring in any new ones. It'll be either Panama or Nicaragua or none at all."

A man came in the police court the other day carrying a friend on his back. The judge said: "What is the trouble?" The man said: "Judge, this man is a friend of mine, and his name is Gunn. Now, judge, Gunn is loaded. I know it is against the law to carry a loaded gun on the streets, so I brought him in here. The Judge said: "Gunn, you are discharged," and the next day the report was in the papers.

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Little Elmer—Papa, what is executive ability? Professor Broadhead—The faculty of earning your bread by the sweat of other people's brows, my son.

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8:30A	Port Costa, Martinez, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Visalia, Bakersfield	4:50
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(Foot of Market Street.)

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4:15P	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and way stations	10:55A
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6:30P	San Jose and Way Stations	6:38A
8:00P	Palo Alto and Way Stations	10:15A
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The Japs at Annapolis

A feature of the brilliant successes, both strategic and combative, of the Japanese fleets in the present war in the Orient, which is of special interest to Americans, is the fact that many of the Japanese naval officers received their early training at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. In fact, the early instructors at Japan's own naval school were imbued with the ideas of the American and British naval officers, whose influence has been felt throughout the empire's naval development, and has been particularly well manifested during the current campaign in Eastern waters.

When the present era of civilization in Japan was commenced, after the ending of the Shogunate and the establishment of the imperial government, the shrewd Japanese leaders at once began to send their young men abroad over the whole face of the earth in search of the educations called for by the desire to place Japan in the ranks of enlightened world powers. Youths destined for the army were sent for the greater part, to Germany and France. Those for the navy were sent to England and the United States.

As an act of courtesy to the Emperor of Japan, Congress, by an Act approved July 27, 1868, opened up the facilities of the U. S. Naval Academy to properly credentialled subjects of the Mikado. Under the law, young men designated by the Japanese Government, were permitted to enter the school upon the same footing as American lads, with whom they were associated on equal terms, save that they received no pay, as do the American midshipmen.

Fourteen Japanese students in all have been educated at Annapolis, five of whom graduated; the others remaining varying lengths of time at the school. The first appointees were Zum Zow Matsumulla and Ise Sataro, who entered on December 8, 1869. Matsumulla graduated in June, 1873, but Sataro did not specially distinguish himself, and was withdrawn a few months after entering.

After Sataro got home, he was succeeded by Koruko Katz, who entered in June, 1871, and graduated in June, 1877, taking six years to complete the four years' course; another Japanese, Giro Kunitomo, who entered in October, 1872, graduating in the same class with him. Neither of these stood high in his class, nor, indeed, did Matsumulla, but they all got through, receiving satisfactory marks.

After these there followed four others, none of whom graduated, in spite of some leniency and special consideration shown them on account of the difficulties under which they labored. They were Tahahiko Azuma, entering in May, 1872; Kiseru Machida, in October, 1873; Kautaro Arima and Heidemaro Nambo, in June, 1874. Machida remained three years at the academy, Arima two years, and the other two a little over a year each.

There was an interregnum of a year, after Arima left, without a Japanese student at Annapolis, but in September, 1877, three notable appointments were made in the persons of Tasuker Serata, better known to the American midshipmen as "Tim"; Yenoske Inouye, now a rear-admiral, and brother of the famous Count Inouye, the statesman and diplomat; and Sotokichi Uriu, who was none other than the Admiral Uriu who has been making himself so famous recently in the Russo-Japanese war, having commanded the squadron which destroyed the Russian warships at Chemulpo. Inouye was withdrawn in August, 1880, a year before graduation. Serata and Uriu graduated with high honors, Serata standing

14 in a class of 72 members, and Uriu standing 26 in the same class. Serata, in fact, was regarded as a particularly brilliant scholar, as well as highly practical in the application of his theoretical training. It has been reported that he died not long ago.

In 1878, Sadanori Youchi was appointed to Annapolis, but he left in April, 1881, more than a year before his class graduated.

Several years elapsed after the graduation of Serata and Uriu before another Japanese midshipman was sent to the United States Naval Academy. Kagakazue Nire was appointed in May, 1887, and left at the end of four years, but did not graduate. He was followed by Tagasaki Motohiko, who entered in May, 1891, and was withdrawn in March, 1895. Motohiko was the last of the Mikado's subjects to be educated at Annapolis.

As a general thing, the Annapolis-bred Japanese now hold much higher rank than their contemporaries in the American navy. Those of early date are all either admirals or captains, while the senior of the Americans who studied with them is Commander Reginald F. Nicholson, U. S. N., who was a classmate of Matsumulla and Sataro, although Commander S. C. Lemly, of the same class, temporarily holds the rank of captain while acting as Judge-Advocate-General of the U. S. Navy.

Katz and Kunitomo were classmates of Commanders C. M. Winslow, J. M. Helm, Charles Laird, and contemporaries of C. F. Pond, J. C. Gilmore, T. D. Griffin, the lamented P. V. Lansdale, and others well known on the Pacific Coast.

It is the general consensus of opinion among these and other American officers who were in constant contact with them, that the Japanese midshipmen at Annapolis exhibited extremely high intelligence and adaptability, and that they deserve great praise for the way in which they studied and learned, in view of the drawback of a strange language and conditions and surroundings wholly unlike those of their native land of that period.

It is not thought probable that Japan will send any more of her midshipmen abroad to be educated, as she now has a fine, well-equipped naval academy of her own, with a full corps of competent instructors.

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Thine eyes, that shall for one brief space forget
Griefs that they oft have met.

For one brief space despair, the pains of Life,
Sorrow and all ills rife
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Thine shall be, one short hour.
Drink now thy fill of Joy, of Gladness, Mirth.
Waking comes, Child of Earth.

THE OPAL.

Anon.

A dew drop came with a spark of flame
He had caught from the sun's last ray,
To a violet's breast, where he lay at rest
Till the hours brought back the day.

The rose looked down with a blush and a frown,
But she smiled all at once to view
Her own bright form, with its coloring warm,
Reflected back by the dew.

Then the stranger took a stolen look
At the sky so soft and blue;
And a leaflet green, with its silver sheen,
Was seen by the idler, too.

A cold north wind, as he thus reclined,
Of a sudden raged around;
And a maiden fair, who was walking there
Next morning an opal found!

"I LONGED FOR LOVE."

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I longed for love, and eager to discover
Its hiding place, I wandered far and wide;
And as, forlorn, I sought the lone world over,
Unrecognized, love journeyed at my side.

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In unrewarded search from shore to shore;
But, home returned, the weary seeking ended,
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"Oho!" quoth Love, "'tis the Inn of the Heart,
I'll hie me thither and claim my part,
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So to the Inn of the Heart Love came,
And warmed him well by that hearth's flame;
Guests who had fed them and paid no fee
Stole from the presence of such as he.

Pain and Longing and gray Despair,
Slipped they back to the shadowy air;
Though the Inn was full at setting of sun
Love, of guests, was the only one,
For he peopled with dreams of radiant joy
And paid Life's coin without alloy;
At the Inn of the Heart, 'neath its purple vine,
Love fared for a night off roseate wine.

A minstrel sang; Love turned his face,
For the Inn of the Heart is a quiet place;
A vendor called his wares in the street,
And the door swung back for Love's flying feet;
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The Oriental war is indeed hell—on the telegraph editors.

The humble appendicitis microbe continues to enjoy himself in Society's midst.

A lady of McKeesport, Pa., is cutting a new set of teeth at 73, when she ought to be cutting her shroud.

Japan appears to have adopted General Grant's motto: "Get there first with the greatest number of men."

M. Hanotaux is no fool. He declares that the United States intend to determine the course of events in the Orient. Well, who has more at stake?

Mrs. Roosevelt is collecting china. It is now up to some German newspaper to point out the sinister significance of the fact.

Hannibal, the lion which devoured a horse in a freight car, has all the pre-requisites of success. He knows what he likes and takes it on sight.

The railroad to Mecca will probably increase the number of pilgrims. Will it also increase the amount of smallpox which appears to be inseparable from the pilgrimage?

The American Consul for Dalny in Manchuria is here, waiting his orders to proceed. What a delightful welcome he will have, and how he will enjoy his stay in Dalny when he gets there.

We Californians are a forbearing lot. The Portuguese who refused to lend the straw to repair the levee, the break in which caused the flood, is still alive.

An English physician notes that there is not much difference between a monkey and a baby a few hours after birth. We may add that the likeness often persists to maturity, and cite Harry Lehr as proof.

"Marriage for love," rules a New York Judge, "is a condition favored by the poets, but not as yet adopted in our jurisprudence." That is to say: Cupid is still in partnership with cupidity.

Kuropatkin is like the policeman in the "Pirates of Penzance"—he is in no hurry to go to the front. It is always next week with him. Well, the religious preparations are enough to frighten any one.

Captain Duke, newly appointed police captain, signalized his promotion by arresting a twelve-year-old boy against whom there was nothing to be found. Query: Is Duke a new broom or a silly ass?

The Senate has decided that Uncle Sam does not owe ex-Queen Liliuokalani anything for the monarchy it took away from her. It wasn't much of a monarchy, and, anyway, if we hadn't taken it somebody else would have.

Paris has a fine, exhilarating atmosphere. Still every possible disease flourishes there. At present they are suffering from an apparently new form of jaundice; at all events, it is called "the yellow terror."

The Russian Commander-in-Chief gave a banquet on the night of the Japanese attack. When he heard the firing he explained that it was on board his own ships. What in the name of all that is holy did he think his ships were firing for at that hour?

The Duke of Connaught is to be the new Inspector General of the British Army. There should be lots to look after. By the lowering of the physical standard of recruits, it is growing smaller all the time, however.

The President has presented to a museum in Thuringia a complete outfit of an American soldier as worn in the Boxer campaign. It looks very much as if some reflection on the uniform was intended. It is the Rough Rider's way of evening up.

Physical degeneration is perplexing the people of Great Britain. It is agreed that insanity is of a much more virulent type and tends to become incurable to an extent far beyond what it did twenty-five years ago. Infant mortality has increased to the ratio of 166 per 1000 births. Rule Britannia!

The County of Alameda is sufficiently advanced to take her place as a leading modern community. She is unable to pay her debts this year. The possession of debts and Colonel Irish is surely distinction enough.

Jamieson's attainment of the Premiership of the Cape is a bitter pill to poor old Kruger. Never say die. Nothing looked more hopeless than the case of the raiding Doctor seven years ago, and look at him now. And poor Kruger, seven years ago, lay awake at nights imagining himself ruler of a Dutch South Africa.

We are acting the policeman with a vengeance at San Domingo. We send a naval captain to observe operations, and this officer forthwith orders the President of an independent nation not to close his own ports against revolutionists who are attempting to overthrow his Government. Such are the effects of a strenuous policy.

A DUTY FOR THE SCHOOL BOARDS.

That Board of School Directors which will wipe out the pestilent system of "vertical handwriting" will earn the thanks of a community which does not often have reason to toss bouquets to the educators of its youth. Theoretically, this plan was excellent: it contemplated the banishing of the "scrawl" that had come from no system at all, and promised in its stead a manuscript that was to be rapid of execution and as clear to read as the printed word. Practically, it has ruined the writing of at least one generation. Now and then we see an example of "vertical writing" that would convince us of the systems' merit, if we did not know that it was done with great pains for show purposes. Any class in any of our public schools produces daily abundant testimony that the "vertical system" is a failure, that it has resulted in something less legible than the "scrawl," and with no character or individuality at all.

The prime object of writing is that it shall furnish a transparent medium for the expression of thought that cannot be otherwise communicated, and shall provide a clear record of thought or transaction needing permanent preservation. But a vastly important secondary purpose is that the writing shall be so far expressive of the writer's individuality as to put forward a ready means for the identification of himself and of his written record of thought or deed. Undeniably, such a means of identification is essential to the world's business. Without it there must be recourse to thumb prints or photographs, each requiring verification beyond itself, or to a system of differentiating and identifying yet to be devised. Any observer of the writing of school children under the "vertical system" will testify that it is unfailingly alike in its characterless illegibility. "Verticalism" has succeeded in producing only an ugly sameness. A few more years of it and the people upon whom it is inflicted will have no difficulty in signing the names of one another beyond the distinguishing of any expert or of themselves.

From the scholastic viewpoint, "vertical handwriting" is an abortion; from the commercial view-point it is an abomination; from the legal viewpoint it is a menace to an all-important factor in the transactions indispensable to organized society.

All of which the News Letter respectfully submits to the Board of Education.

UNJUST POSTAL REGULATIONS.

E. C. Madden is the name of the third Assistant Postmaster-General, an autocrat who, by a strange freak of fortune, is allowed to run the mails of the United States as suits his sweet will, excluding from their use legitimate business enterprises simply because they do not please him or his ideas. The continued demand of the people for a one-cent letter postal rate became so strong that Congress was forced to take some cognizance of it, and as there is an annual deficiency in the postal revenues at present, Loud, who at the time was Chairman of the Post Office Committee in the House, conceived the brilliant idea of making the papers and magazines of the country pay for the shortage, instead of forcing the railroads to reduce their charges for carrying the mails. These charges are notoriously enormous. They are based upon the amount of mail that is sent over a given route for two or three months, every four years. When the time comes to do this weighing of mail, the roads load down the mails with public documents and matter of all kind, every extra pound being paid for, be it remembered, for the en-

suuing four years, as it raises the average for that time. It is this scandalous system that creates the deficit, and that keeps the people from enjoying a one-cent rate on letters and better postal facilities. In pursuance of his plan to distract attention from the real cause of the deficit, Loud persuaded Congress to allow the Post Office Department to exclude from the benefit of second-class mail rates any publication they might choose, it in their opinion it was published more as an advertising medium than as a regular newspaper or magazine, besides all regular publications were denied the right to send sample copies of their publication through the mails at the second-class rates, and a number of vexatious and annoying regulations were authorized so that publishers, instead of the railroads might suffer from the indignation of the public at being deprived of their low postage and better facilities. Clothed with these powers the third Assistant Postmaster General undertakes to exclude from the mails any publication he sees fit, passing upon it as a censor of morals, religion and politics, as well as business methods. Under this scheme, he forced Wilshire to move his magazine to Canada, because he declared that Wilshire said too much about himself in his publication, which was self-advertisement, but really because the magazine is a socialistic publication, which does not agree with Mr. Madden's tastes. He excluded "The Appeal of Reason" from the mails for the same reason, and now he has just declined to allow John Brisben Walker's new Twentieth Century Home to go through the mails as second-class rates, for some reason that he will not even deign to explain. The absurdity of these regulations is that by publishing in Canada they can all get reduced rates, over the United States, and will go through the same mails, under the same conditions as those from which they are excluded, if published in this country. Is it not time that the publishers of the country should unite against a continuation of this outrage? It is remarkable that they have stood it so long. What right has the Government to interfere with any legitimate business? What becomes of the freedom of the press if one man is made absolutely press censor of the country? It is now proposed to exclude from the mails all publications that contain medical advertisements. With this added power in his hands, Madden will be able to strike at the circulation of any paper in the country. While he has offered no explanation of his action in the Twentieth Century Home, there is no question but that Walker is being punished because in his other publication, the Cosmopolitan, he has ventured to criticize the Post Office Department for its mismanagement and corruption. Probably he hit Madden a blow in those articles, or is it another case of graft? Congress might do well to inquire into this matter, and probably we shall have another scandal uncovered.

THE MAN WHO SPITS.

At many an occasion, the News Letter has had much to say about the officials of San Francisco, who never do anything, but everybody. The average city official is noted for his unobservance of the statutes rather than for any efforts on his part to enforce them. There is a statute that, for reasons of health and decency, provides for the punishment of men and women who may expectorate in places and in such a manner that the sputa becomes a menace to the health of the people. The vulgarians now at the head of our City Government, by the grace of God, and the chance of politics, know no better than the kine of the field, and it is not to be

expected that such an important law should be enforced by this scum unless some one points out the infraction. The expectorator is a terrible infliction, and here in San Francisco he is insistently predominant. His slimy trail is everywhere. He can be traced along the sidewalks, in the halls of amusement and in street and steam cars. He is numberless, and he spits himself into the notice of the decent and the refined at every turn, and unchecked goes on his merry, dirty way. The administration of the city, graduated from the ranks of the canaille, does not see that it is necessary to the public health to enforce the ordinance or because of a fear that a majority of its supporters may be jailed in consequence, it does not see fit to enforce the law. The expectorator should be jailed, and we hope he will be. We also hope that we have made it plain to the administration of city affairs, that eats with its knife and combs its beard and hair with its fork, that the enforcement of the law is a necessity, and will preserve the lives of the unwashed as well as the cleanly.

A VALUABLE JUDGE.

Not very long ago a Judge of conspicuous talent and unquestioned position, would have considered it beneath his dignity to trouble his mind about the morals of young boys. The offenders against the law would have been brought before him and he would have duly sentenced them according to law without the slightest compunction or further thought.

It is a testimony, therefore, to the growth of the idea of social service that a man of the power of Judge Lindsey should have elected to make the salvation of the youthful delinquent the main purpose of his life. The ability to successfully deal with boys, to make friends with them and to win their entire confidence, is one of the very rarest of gifts. How many of us can remember a teacher who was endowed with that uncommon quality? Such a one remains in our memory, and the feeling of close comradeship engendered by association with him never really forsakes us.

To possess this power of making friends with boys, and to use it as a means for reclamation of the boy, is perhaps the finest thing which a man can do.

Judge Lindsey, therefore, has not only lost no dignity in taking up the work which he has elected to follow, but is, on the contrary, proving himself a social factor of uncommon usefulness. It is pleasant to note also that Judge Murasky has become deeply interested in the same phase of work, and is lending it all the influence of his markedly kindly and serious personality.

A NEW IDEA.

They have a new club in Oakland with a peculiar, but in all probability a very useful object. It is called the Home Club, and owes its inception to Mrs. F. M. Smith, who has recently provided it with new headquarters. The purpose of the club is stated to be the "betterment of homes."

What is exactly meant by the phrase would be perhaps a little hard to define, but it is to be presumed that all phases of home life will be closely studied by the members, and that some conclusions will be reached of practical value to the insignificant people who have not the honor to belong to the club.

But it is a strange commentary upon existing conditions when the home has to be the object of organized solicitude. If anything should be spontaneous, it is domestic life, that grouping of father, mother and children, which depends primarily upon affection, and cannot exist without it. Where mutual

love rules there is the home. There can be no substitute for that mutual affection. In face of it all the attacks made upon the home by brilliant homeless women, who write out of the bitterness of their souls, fail.

But such a club may, and, it is to be hoped, will be able to distribute information with respect to the beautifying and adorning of modern dwellings. We are a prosperous people, and the children even of our artisans are sufficiently well off to indulge a comparatively inexpensive taste for beauty. If they can be educated to appreciate the simple and the refined, a great impetus will have been given in the direction of healthy happiness, and even of morality.

THE CRITIC AND THE ACTOR.

Fortunately it is Nat Goodwin this time who has raised anew the question of how far one may go in criticising the stage and stage-folk without risk of personal resentment—fortunately, because Mr. Goodwin is a person of the distinction which should be brought to the adjudication of a matter like this. He is still very much alive, with the promise of many more years of active usefulness, and already he has had cigars, neckties, perfumery and other things named after him, which is much more significant of contemporaneous popularity than to have a page all to one's self in "Who's Who?" Moreover, it is not to be gainsaid that he is a good actor, an actor of the first rank. Men have said of him, sadly shaking their heads: "Nat Goodwin is a bad actor," but it has been said in the slang sense, and with reference to his conduct in other places than on the stage.

Fortunately, also, the issue this time involves none of the treasured liberties of the press. It appears that on a recent evening in St. Louis, when Mr. Goodwin, after the play, was doing what the newspapers politely and discreetly call "supping with a few friends," a man named McKane projected himself into Mr. Goodwin's charmed circle, and insisted upon turning the conversation to Mr. Goodwin's art, and upon doing all the talking himself. In the course of his remarks, this McKane crowned the height of his offending by stating it as his firm belief that Mr. Goodwin, on the stage, filled accurately the title of his current piece—"A Gilded Fool." Mr. Goodwin, equal to a controversial emergency, for which the language supplies no words. Seizing the argument that lay nearest to his hand—it was in St. Louis, remember, and after the show, so it could not by any chance have been aught else than a large and heavy stein—he applied it to the person of his too keen critic with such force and precision as to convert a flow of language into a flow of blood. While the critic continued to be silent concerning the stage and everything else, Mr. Goodwin departed in a dignified manner and continued "supping with a few friends" in a place which the police were temporarily unable to locate.

Herein, then, is found vindication on the part of the exuberant McKane of the right of free speech, particularly as it pertains to public things and persons, and on Mr. Goodwin's part of the right of each of us, doing well or ill his business in life, to shut his eyes and ears to unkindly criticism, and to resent, even with a stein, any attempt to force it upon his notice. McKane had his say; Goodwin had his swat—and there you are.

By the forthright reply of Mr. Goodwin to the uncompromising dictum of a critic, who was more candid than courteous, the process of adjusting and harmonizing the relations of those who live by criticising those who play, goes happily forward.

OUR INCOMPETENT LAWYERS.

There are too many lawyers in San Francisco, and far too many poor ones. In saying poor, we do not refer alone to their financial standing, but to the lack of professional knowledge and ordinary care which is far too common a mark of our present-day practitioners. In a vast majority of cases one does not even get the necessary attention which is requisite to secure legal rights, and under such circumstances the practice of the profession by large numbers of those who are authorized to plead cases and prepare legal documents is nothing short of an absolute fraud upon the public.

Recently the writer of this had occasion to examine the record of title to a piece of property. One lawyer had carelessly omitted to copy the description correctly, and the entire title lay under a cloud in consequence. Subsequent to the first wrong description, he had had occasion to file various other papers, all of which contained the description of the premises in question and in every one of which the same description was wrongly copied. This is bad enough in all conscience, and might easily have led to confusion and actual loss, but the worst is not yet told. The search was made by a well-known firm of searchers, and even these failed to note the discrepancy in the descriptions, and, but for the purchaser's own carefulness, he might easily have expended his money for only a portion of the land which he fancied he was purchasing. In this case the fraud is sufficiently obvious. Certain professional gentlemen who had taken an oath to discharge the duties of their profession faithfully had failed in their obligations, and the results might have been serious for the interests of the person who had paid for good service.

This is not an unusual instance. Not very long ago an important case in equity was tried by two leading firms of solicitors and counsellors in this city, and when the case, in the course of which voluminous briefs had been filed, was submitted to the court for decision, the latter, being more careful, found a glaring discrepancy in the description of the property involved which had escaped the supposedly hawk-like eyes of the lawyers on both sides.

Now, this sort of thing is an absurdity, and if such carelessness is characteristic of the work of the local bar, it would be just about as safe to take our own cases into court and leave the Judge to settle the matter simply on equitable grounds. As Ruskin says somewhere with more truth than is to be found in a great deal that he wrote, if a lawyer is not acute he is nothing. To which we shall take the liberty of adding that if he does not conscientiously and laboriously examine his work, he is worse than nothing—he is a fraud, a nuisance and a source of loss.

What is the reason of this professional laxity at our local bar? First and foremost, we have a great many men who are not entitled either intellectually or morally to practice a profession which requires much self-restraint and loftiness of purpose. The entrance examinations are too easy, the bars are let down too far, and the crowd of those who have neither character nor position who are thus enabled to crawl into the forum reduce the potentiality of the profession for good and actually infect it with evil.

In this matter, it is true that the Chief Justice of California is supposed to hold a contrary opinion, and that he favors the abolition of all examinations, having the idea that thus the profession will find its level and the incompetents be weeded out. But in the meantime the innocent suffer, the ordinary layman who fancies that the possession of a license to

practice will act as a testimonial of the abilities of the person possessing it, is deceived and suffers detriment.

The worst of the present state of the profession is that some of those who are thus careless and unreliable actually succeed and make money. Their mistakes are only obvious to their legal brethren, who, as fellow practitioners, cannot express themselves, and a harvest of litigation and probable loss is reaped by the trusting clients who have committed their interests to their care.

We have a Bar Association composed of gentlemen above suspicion, many of whom are extremely jealous for the good name of the profession which they ornament, but what steps do they take to raise the standard of legal knowledge, and what is even more important, to raise the standard of legal morality? When a flagrant case of misconduct or negligence has arisen, it ought to be possible to call the attention of the Bar Association to the matter in such a way that the delinquent lawyer might be categorically informed of the opinion in which he was held by his brother practitioners. This course of action would in the course of time have a profound influence upon legal ethics, for the conspicuous ignoring of the unprofessional would be much more deadly in its effects than any amount of individual disbarments, followed, as they usually are, by a restoration to full privileges after a short lapse of time.

A better method of admission, coupled with a stricter investigation of those already admitted, is a necessary preliminary to any real improvement in the condition of things, and to the elimination of that incompetency which is the curse of the profession.

Humor is not dead. In spite of Lent, the Fates are pleased to be facetious. James A. Johnston, the treasurer of the San Francisco Labor Council, was held up by a highwayman. A trades union official held at the point of the pistol by a gentleman of the road is a gratifying and pleasing spectacle, and one, moreover, conducive to general good feeling and innocent merriment. When members of the same profession thus get the drop on each other, the rest of the world may be pardoned for expressing a little too exuberant joy.

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De Commonplaces of Life

By Alfred Dezendorf.

Some folks keeps talkin' 'bout "commonplace tings."
 Dey habs nothin' good fo' to say.
 Dey libs on 'citement, and mus' "hab a change!"
 F'um de humdrum wuhk ob de day.

Dey sho' fo'gits dat de commonplace tings,
 Am 'mongst does we lubs de bes';
 De diff'unce 'twix' common and commonplace,
 Am fur as de eas' f'um de wes'.

De stars dat shine, an' eb'ry wind dat blows,
 An' de ole sky what swing so blue;
 Dey all b'longs 'mongst de commonplace tings,
 But neber gits common; dat's true!

De ole fren' dat clasp you' han' as he pass;
 De lil' gal who smile "How-de-do?"
 Some folks 'scribes dem as moughty commonplace:
 I don' call 'em common—does you'?

De kiss in de mornin' an' pra'r at night,
 Dat yo' lubbed ones hab fo' you;
 You 'specs 'em bofe an' calls 'em commonplace—
 But dey neber grows common—sho'.

So, honey, I 'specs dat de folks what wears,
 Dat 'temptius look on dere face;
 Wouldn' feel right in de worl' aftah all
 Ef dey wan't in a common place.

A "MESHUGGENE" FISH STORY.

A "fy" commercial traveler from New York was the immediate instrument for starting a new by-word among devotees of whist in local Jewish circles. He was allowed to make the fourth at a game at one of the summer resorts last season. The three other players were veterans whose play had been perfected by constant practice at their clubs and homes. They gave their attention to the game as they would to the large details of their business interests. The drummer was boastful and flippant. This was endured in silence. But when after leading the seven of trumps which was taken by his partner, J. Greenbaum, Mr. Greenbaum found when he led back the suit that the seven was the young man's only trump card. Greenbaum threw up both hands and ejaculated in solemn tones: "The fish walked round the block." There was no further reproach, though the other players, Kaufman Wertheimer and A. Levin, looked at him big-eyed. It was whist, and no questions were asked till the hand was through. Then, under pressure, Greenbaum explained:

"The teacher of a Yiddish school in the East Side of New York was telling the children about verbs. Each pupil was to make a sentence containing the word 'walk.' When it got to Izzy Rosenstein, he found that most of the animals he knew anything about had already been named, so he said: 'The fish walked around the block.' The teacher remonstrated that this was impossible, since the fish had no legs. Izzy wanted his good mark, and he insisted: 'But, yiss, deacher. You don't know vat queer things a 'meshuggene' fish will do.'"

Each of the other players grinned, and the drummer still wonders why they didn't care about playing whist with him any more during their vacation. "Meshuggene" is the Hebrew word for "crazy."

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs

It is just now beginning to dawn upon the Anglo-Saxon race more particularly that there is an issue growing out of the Russo-Japanese war which transcends in importance to civilization and the personal liberty of humankind mere territorial expansion or the glory of achieved victory upon the battlefield. This issue is an ethical-economic question, and it concerns most of Europe and all of America. It is thus: Suppose Japan is left to work out her own national salvation, and that she is finally driven to the wall. Would it not mean that all of Eastern Asia would ultimately have to yield to Russian absorption and Russian laws and Russian customs? Would not the form of Government be ultra autocratic and the civilization be even lower than is maintained in the present Russian empire? Would the spirit of constitutional Government, to say nothing of democracy and the rights of man, be permitted to find expression in public sentiment? Is it not easy enough to foresee that the St. Petersburg autocrat, who is also, or rather claims to be, the infallible head of the Christian Church, on earth, would dominate and practically govern an additional population of quite 450,000,000 Asiatics and fly the flag of the Bear over 4,000,000 additional square miles of territory—about the area of the United States, including Alaska? And would not the traditional Romanoff hatred of intellectual and moral forces that work for the betterment of man's condition of existence be the measure of Russia's standard of civilization in Eastern Asia? It is this possibility that is just now engaging the attention of the world's strongest and ablest thinkers, and it is this possibility that is everywhere outside of Russia and royalty in Germany that is arousing human sympathy with Japan. It is the fear of the consummation of Russia's bold scheme to increase her territorial possessions by one third, and oblige nearly one-third of the world's population to surrender all hopes and aspirations for personal liberty and a higher civilization, and bow the head in abject submission to the will and wish of a mentally and morally diseased ruler, who is always a law unto himself, without restraint and without responsibility to any one. Japan has already demonstrated her worthiness to have from the Anglo-Saxon all needed moral and physical forces in her great undertaking of leading Eastern Asia out into broader and more fertile fields of intellectual force, moral worth, commercial integrity, industrial activity and encouragement to individual effort for greater personal freedom and collective progress. There is a mighty ethical issue in the Far East, and the god of advancing civilization demands that the Russian Bear be caged within the confines of his own liberty-hating country.

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Japan's Military Genius. The past week has been full of events in Korea and Manchuria. The calm but merciless precision of Japan's tactics, and the persistent energy of their unfoldment from day to day, have revealed a standard of knowledge of the science of war that surprises everybody. And the surprise is so great to the hitherto blustering Russian Generals and Admirals that they seem to have lost their heads. Port Arthur is practically invested, and the General in command admits that its fall into the hands of the Japanese is merely a question of a very short time. Only two of the Rus-

sian squadron that was at Port Arthur are seaworthy. Japan's superb marksmanship has destroyed the others, and not only is Port Arthur practically lost to Russia, but Vladivostock is cut off from communication with Russian headquarters. This gives Japan the complete mastery of the entire water front of Manchuria and Korea, which not only enables her to sail her troop ships without convoys, but gives her such complete mastery of the situation as to naval operations that it would be impossible for Russia to make even a weak naval demonstration; besides, the Baltic fleet has been ordered to return to its old quarters, and the Black Sea fleet has concluded to remain where it is. Thus is Japan without annoying opposition in the waters of Eastern Asia. From now on the theatre of action will be, therefore, on Korean and Manchurian soil, and it will be real war on lines of consummate strategy. But it is not likely that Russia will invite a trial of strength just now. It will require several weeks to prepare the incoming reinforcements for field duty, so great are the hardships engendered by the long and tedious journey through Siberia. This much St. Petersburg admits. Then, again, the landing of Japanese troops a few miles from Vladivostock is a movement to cut the Russian army in two, but the greater danger to the Russian forces is in the probable purpose of the Japanese to destroy the railway system of Manchuria at strategic points. It must be remembered that Russia has about 1,800 miles of railway in Manchuria to defend against Japanese flying columns of regulars and Chinese organized freebooters, who are in sympathy with Japan. On the other hand, in making the move to divide the Russian forces, Japan divides her own army of occupation, and defeat to the Vladivostock inland expedition would most likely mean its utter destruction. The Japanese general staff has just now reached the field of operations, which would seem to indicate that all is ready for a forward movement in force into Manchuria to strike right and left before the Russian plan of concentration is consummated. Thus far every point has been won by Japan, but no great battle has yet been fought.

Two Important Events. Two highly important events have transpired the past week, and either one of them is enough to start an international fire. Korea has defiantly annulled her proclamation of neutrality, and has not only entered into an offensive and defensive alliance with Japan, but has actually ordered her war establishment to report to the commanding general of the Japanese army for orders. This act of Korea is the equivalent of a declaration of war against Russia, and apparently without any cause other than Japan's adroit diplomacy. The other event is the exposure of China's insincerity toward Russia. It seems to be clear enough now that China has no idea of continuing neutral when she issued her neutrality proclamation. Well drilled and thoroughly equipped Chinese soldiers are concentrating at strategic points near the Manchurian border, nor does even Russia believe the Peking Government when it denies that these troops are going forward as an "army of observation"; still the Chinese authorities are playing the game of hypocrisy so adroitly that the other powers can find no excuse to interfere. But neither Korea's alliance with Japan nor

longer. There is a strong suspicion in Berlin and St. Petersburg that Great Britain and the United States are in China's confidence; and that Peking is acting upon the secret advice of London and Washington. As a selfish proposition, that is exactly what the Pacific Coast desires the United States to do; i. e., make this nation solid with China and Japan, for Eastern Asia is the Pacific Coast's greatest and richest field of commercial and industrial expansion.

Obituary

George P. Morrow, son of the late George Morrow, pioneer hay and grain merchant, of San Francisco, died at his home in Oakland last Monday. Mr. Morrow was a prominent grain broker of San Francisco, and was known in political and club circles. The deceased was a native of San Francisco, and aged 46. Although Mr. Morrow was born in San Francisco and carried on his business in this city, he has lived nearly all his life in Oakland. He studied in the public schools of Oakland,



GEO. P. MORROW

and is a graduate of the University of California. He leaves a wife and two children, George W. Morrow, aged 21, and Rachel Morrow, aged 18.

William E. Dargie, Jr., is dead, and there are hundreds that grieve because of his untimely end. He was one of those rare personalities beloved of all men. His was a cheerful disposition and a helping, sunny and kindly nature. He was the inheritor of some of the best blood of California, but his individuality raised him far above the mere circumstance of birth, and there are many who will mourn his taking away as a personal loss. Mr. Dargie was but 21 years of age at the time of his death. He was attached to the California Commission at the Paris Exposition, and won the greatest praise from those with whom he came in contact. The writer of these lines knew him personally since childhood, and remembers him for his gentleness and for his promise of a brilliant manhood.

Crowds Come, Rain or no Rain.—This is the second month of PATTOSIEN'S GREAT RETIRING SALE. The crowds of buyers continue to come daily in spite of the heavy rain. This week two carloads of new furniture and carpets arrived. They were ordered for the spring trade, but they will be sold out during this RETIRING SALE at same low prices. PATTOSIEN'S, corner 16th and Mission streets.

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ELEVATOR INSPECTION.

Another terrible calamity was recorded in the daily press of last week. An elevator started, without apparent reason, and in the endeavor to save her mother, who had been crushed into a shapeless mass, a beautiful young girl was killed. This is the third accident in one week recorded by the newspapers. The third case is that of an old pioneer who was crushed to death by an unreliable machine. This is probably another case of lack of inspection. Samuel Baden has been sacrificed to the monumental stupidity of our city authorities.

When will the wise men who sit in government over the people in the city's legislative halls get down to business and do something besides doing everybody? Isn't it about time action was taken? Does our highly intellectual Mayor wish to wait until such time as a dozen or more cases are on record before he appoints an inspector of elevators? Is there any good reason why the Supervisors do not take this matter in hand in company with our delectable chief executive? Are we not entitled to this protection, and is it not the plain duty of Mayor Schmitz to take the initiative?

If, as has been stated, the real Mayor is Mr. Abe Ruef, why does he not instruct his puppet in his duties. Ruef has never as yet been accused of suggesting neglect of duty to the fiddle-headed Mayor. Ruef is credited by his associates, with extraordinary common sense. Why not suggest to the Mayor that he take this matter in hand and name some good man as elevator inspector before some terrible accident occurs in one of our office buildings, and ten or a dozen lives are lost?

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The Library Table



Violet. This is not about a girl, although the title would seem to imply as much. It is the story of a dreamy, musical sort of boy whose father had been hanged for poisoning a half-witted niece for her money. Not a very engaging theme to hang a story on, is it? The tale is sufficiently lugubrious, it could not well be otherwise, but it is more than usually well-written. It is only fair to say so much. The range of characters is great, embracing as it does fisherfolk, a distinguished musician, and a group of third-rate theatrical people. No description of the story is necessary. The book is primarily a psychological study, but its usefulness as such is impaired by the peculiarity and unusual character of the material.

The writer is the Baroness von Hutten. She is an American woman, a native of Pennsylvania, who married Baron von Hutten, of Bavaria, at Florence, in 1897. She and her husband live most of the time at the ancestral seat, Steinbach, in the Valley of the Mairi, Bavaria.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co., New York.

It's a far cry from Balboa, "silent upon a peak of Darien," to Lewis and Clarke upon a "beautiful sandy beach through which runs a small river from the hills," but Mr. Thwaites has condensed the history of "The Expansion of a Republic" into a very entertaining book of 250 pages. Although most of the incidents are well known, this is the first time that these records have been treated in a connected form. The book is interesting from beginning to ending, and the illustration and maps are excellent. "Rocky Mountain Explorations," by Reuben Gold Thwaites. D. Appleton & Co., New York. \$1.25 net.

Realizing that it is not well for man to live alone, "Doctor Syntax" makes his third tour in search for a wife. Up many a winding stair, and oftentimes down again in a greater hurry than when ascending; over perilous roads and into laughable plights; the sport in a greater hurry than when ascending; over perilous roads and into laughable plights; the sport of frolicsome matrons, and the victim of his friends the good man keeps ever the even tenor of his course until at last he meets the fair lady who graciously says "Yes," and they are wed and live happily ever after. Here is the Doctor's receipt for a happy wedded life:

"Treat your wife always as a bride,
And let your honeymoon survive,
Till one or other cease to live."

"The Third Tour of Doctor Syntax." A Poem, with twenty-five illustrations by Thomas Rowlandson. A new edition. D. Appleton & Co., New York. 1.50.

"The Story of the Lopez Family" is a series of family letters written for private perusal only, but, unintentionally, they give an otherwise unobtainable picture of Filipino life. Edited and with an introduction by Canning Eyat. James K. West Co., Boston. Price, \$1.00.

George Barry & Sons, of Philadelphia, are issuing "The History of North America," by Professor Guy Carleton Lee and a corps of assistants. This is the

most comprehensive survey of North America ever published, commencing when the past was a formless land, an unfitted waste for the habitation of man, continuing through the times when it was only a habitation for Indians, while great nations swarmed in the lower latitudes of the continent, and hundreds of tribal organizations peopled the region north of the Rio Grande. Thenceforth the evolution of American history is traced, chapter by chapter, volume by volume, each of the latter being compiled by a specialist in the particular subject or period with which it deals, until from the imperishable records of prehistoric man, dug from the scarped cliff or quarried stone, we land at last amid the events of the present day. Hence the claim, which we are not disposed to dispute, that the work under consideration is the only general history of North America in existence.

Henry Harland's agreeable little romance, "My Friend Prospero," which has been running as a serial in McClure's Magazine, is now published in book form by McClure, Phillips & Co., and goes to complete the trio of comedies in masquerade, the other two of which are "The Cardinal's Snuff Box" and "The Lady Paramount." This is a slighter story than either of those, but it is of the same sort and in its smaller way almost as pretty. But has not Mr. Harland almost exhausted the possibilities of the ingenious formula which serves with slight variations for all these stories? But though replicas of a good story are good, a new story is better, and having now set before his readers all the possible combinations of the given formula, it may be trusted that Mr. Harland will resolutely go to work to break new ground. "My Friend Prospero." McClure, Phillips & Co.

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Political

While the meeting of the State representatives of the Iroquois Clubs of California in this city last week did not accomplish much so far as defining the future policy and position of the Democratic Party in this commonwealth is concerned, it had a decided dampening effect on the prospects of the Honorable William Randolph Hearst for the Presidency. While it is true that there was a small picture of the editor displayed in the hall, and that the delegates expressed their pleasure that Congress had concluded to let his henchman Livernash continue to occupy a seat in the House of Representatives, yet it failed entirely to indorse the candidacy of the Sausalito Don Juan, although strenuous efforts were made to secure an enthusiastic approval of his candidacy, and it refused to endorse the Kansas City platform upon which it is understood Hearst proposes to stand with Bryan's help. Nay, more, at the banquet, J. V. Coleman, toast-master, set the pace in favor of an uninstructed delegation to St. Louis, and if that policy should be carried out, the Hearst boom would go begging, for an endorsement by his native State is absolutely necessary to the self-appointed candidate.

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While the Iroquois showed themselves indifferent to the interests of the New York Congressman, even though his friends did everything they could to get him the endorsement of the club which he so much coveted, the leading Democrats outside of the city, and some in the city, are showing themselves decidedly hostile. Editor Leake of Woodland, for instance, publishes articles in his paper denouncing Hearst, which would be distinctly libelous if it were possible to say anything about Hearst which is libelous. But his record is so debasing that it is impossible to say anything of him worse than the truth, and therefore all danger of libel is removed. It is a notable fact that while Franklin K. Lane has said nothing, publicly, at least, against Hearst, yet nevertheless every paper which supported him energetically and loyally, is violently opposed to Hearst, and if he were named it would only be necessary to republish what they are now saying to show how unfit he would be to hold the position of dog-catcher, not to speak of the place he aspires to. It is evident, therefore that Lane is anti-Hearst, and as Lane is never anything until he has asked McNab what he should be, it is equally evident that McNab is anti-Hearst also. Now, while McNab does not amount to much as a help to a man to get a position, he has a good deal of negative strength, and can be a heavy load on a man who wants to reach a political goal which the Scotchman does not want him to reach. Just as Tammany cannot elect one of its members, Governor of New York, even though it were the famous John Kelly, its sachem of other days, himself, and yet it could keep a lot of other fellows out of the office—especially the nomination—so McNab's opposition will do much to weaken Hearst's candidacy in this State, and McNab is undoubtedly out against the editor, although as yet he is working against him on the quiet. The conservative element in the party is anti-Hearst also, and Editor Leak add Editor Green and Editor Henry, of Woodland, Colusa and Livermore, are going to help elect anti-Hearst delegates. The Los Angeles Democrats are weakening, also, it is rumored, and Snyder now favors an uninstructed delegation.

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The news from the East is no more cheering for the Hearstites than the prospects here at home.

Murphy of New York has definitely decided that Tammany will not support Hearst, and as a result the batteries of his New York organ is busy violently attacking the Mayor of that city, Murphy's figure-head, and even Murphy himself. The methods employed by Hearst to attack McClellan and Murphy was so characteristic that I shall repeat it: The gas in New York is apparently as poor as it is in San Francisco, and Hearst called upon his readers to send complaints to the Mayor. Immediately His Honor was deluged with several thousand complaints. The Journal urged him to act, and insinuated that if the consumers did not get better gas it would be the fault of the Mayor. The Mayor accordingly wrote a personal letter to each one of those who had filled out a Journal complaint coupon and asked for specific details, with the result that he discovered that a large number of the complaints were purely fictitious. Thereupon Tammany announced that it will not allow Hearst to buy his way back into the next Congress, and that he must stay at home or get a constituency to elect him over whom the Wigwam has no control. Hearst then attacked the nomination of Burke Cochran for Congress, but as the Republicans put up no opposition ticket, he was practically elected without any opposition at all, and Hearst got another black eye. Hearst was invited by the Legislature of Mississippi to make it an address, but as he could not very well stand up before that body and have Arthur McEwen, who it is said writes his letters for him, to stand by and prompt him, he was forced to decline the invitation. In Chicago Andy Lawrence got into a row with Mayor Harrison, and as a result all the Harrison influence is anti-Hearst. Senator Jones is trying to save Arkansas for him, but as Jones could not save himself from being ousted from the Senatorship, his influence in Arkansas is not great enough, it is said, to control the next delegation from there to St. Louis. In fact, it looks now as though Hearst will not have a fifth of the delegates to the National Convention, including California, and if he loses this State, the territories are about all he can count upon, and he is none too sure of them.

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Senator Bard may be considered as out of the Senatorial contest. He announces that he will make no effort to be re-elected, and that if he goes back to Washington for a second term, he will only do so at the spontaneous demand of his party and the people. There is not the slightest chance of there being any such spontaneous demand, and therefore the Senator may be considered out of the running. The State is therefore free to select a candidate who will be of some importance in the National Capitol, and who will not give receptions with cheese sandwiches as the only refreshment. Even in the old days of Jeffersonian and Jacksonian simplicity, the diet was heavier than that, for at his inauguration Jackson had tubs of punch, if history speaks truly, for the refreshing of his horde of visitors; and Jefferson was a very liberal provider. Coming after men like the elder Hearst and Stanford, the parsimony of the Ventura statesman makes a very painful impression on the people of Washington, who are unfortunate enough to be invited to his "receptions" and the result is seen in the very meagre results which he has achieved for this State. No man can do successful politics in Washington on a Lenten diet. He must entertain, and if he does not care to he had better stay at home, especially if he has no personal brilliancy to make up for his poverty of menu.

—Junius.



"The Russian does not like us,"
So Mr. Hearst is wailing,
As he paints his dismal pictures
Of our Russian commerce failing.

Suppose the Jap victorious,
But Mr. Hearst won't have it;
For the man that makes his policy
Is Mr. Michael Davitt.

The Pacific Coast merchant is annoyed because I do not approve of the agitation against the Parcels-Post. Then he says: "Do you know that this Parcels-Post movement is backed by a few large Eastern mail-order houses, which, if the bill is passed, will cover the country with their catalogues, not only of groceries, but of every other commodity which is sold to the consumer throughout the land?" This is exactly the position which we have maintained—the agitation against the measure is selfishly made by the retail dealers, and is intended to prevent access to the people of goods at reasonable prices. Gentlemen of the retail trade, it will not do. The Parcels-Post is part of the development of things; it is to benefit the mass of the people, and it will of necessity become a fact accomplished. It is simply waste of time to contend against it. As things are developing now the small trader will have just about as much chance as a hand-loom weaver against the latest textile machinery. And to ask what I am going to do about it is altogether beside the mark. I am not an infirmity for institutions which have outlived their usefulness.

The new method of highway robbery as conducted by ladies is just as effective, and as might be expected from the sex, much more artistic than the common and ordinary male variety. Their formula is about as follows, if we take the Clarke case as a criterion. First catch your man and keep him in captivity a day or two, plying him well with liquor in the meantime. Then make him marry you. In the course of time he will awake from his comatose state and demand of the law a release from the bonds of matrimony. They you come in with your fine work. You demand a divorce on the grounds of desertion, which you know you cannot get for want of the lapse of the statutory period, two hundred and fifty dollars a month alimony, five hundred dollars for costs, and two thousand five hundred dollars for lawyers' fees. It is all very wonderful, particularly the lawyers' fees. The vivid imagination of those attorneys would appear to show that they have missed their vocation. What company promoters they would have made?

The Davitt family appear to be doing fairly well at present. Mrs. Davitt is in Oakland looking after money matters, and her illustrious husband, Mr. Michael Davitt, is selling the products of his pen regularly to Mr. Hearst. No one complains of what Michael Davitt says. A man who has suffered as much for a cause as he has is entitled to say almost anything. But when Mr. Hearst endeavors to persuade us that the biased and burning opinions of this man are of actual value in determining political issues, Mr. Hearst is laughing at us. Incidentally, however, he is getting the nickels of all the ex-members of the Clan-na-Gael.

Professor Hilgard of the State University is one of the greatest agricultural chemists alive. We have a Secretary of Agriculture who has just about as much practical knowledge of matters agricultural as Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B., had of naval strategy. The politician has made a side attack upon the scholar, and the latter has countered with a reply so beautifully worded and so deliciously ironical that it deserves to be placed on record. He says that Secretary Wilson "does not pretend to be a scientific expert, and we must assume that his ideas on scientific work are mostly the result of his environment." The satire in that "environment" is so deliciously subtle and refined that it is to be feared a mere politician will never appreciate it.

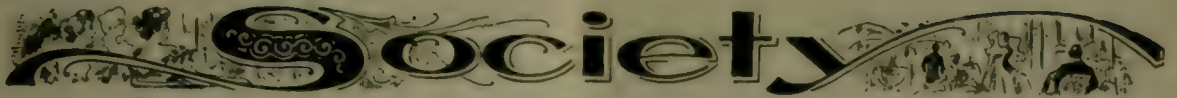
The war is responsible for the resurrection of an old type which I fancied was extinct. It used long ago to be called the "almshouse" politician. You may sit in your restaurant and observe the man with the big chin and noisy manners giving his fellow dry-goods clerks lessons in the art of naval strategy by means of the bread and a couple of dinner forks. Watch him crane his neck to note if he is attracting attention, and hear him bellow his loudest when some one turns an eye in his direction. "An ignorant, noisy fool," you mutter in disgust. My dear sir, he is the stuff of which popular leaders are made. You will find him president of his lodge and a leading man wherever he happens to be. He is ignorant. Nay, wise one, he can talk folly with more wisdom than a philosopher can talk sense.

The zeal for social functions across the bay is nothing short of intense. Lately a number of youths all but broke a house down because they were not invited to a christening. They interrupted the service with cat-calls, and paid their compliments to the principal in the religious rite by heaving stones through the windows. So does the appetite for pleasure become nourished by what it feeds upon. A charivari at a wedding was formerly enough of an opportunity for the rustic to satisfy his yearnings for delight, but now his developed appetite also demands a christening. It also demands at least three months, for the protection of the public.

What thorough-going people our women are. Let them take up any line of active work, be it bicycling, golf or politics, and the efforts of poor man are but as the movements of a feeble infant compared with strenuousness of the woman who has convinced herself that she has something to do. But when women take up club politics, the flames of their enthusiasm mount to such heights of personal abuse that poor man is obliged to blush for them. A little more maver in modo, ladies of the Papyrus Club, if you please.

Albert B. Mahoney, ex-County Clerk and several other things with which the laws of his State are more immediately interested, expresses his opinion that though he may be indicted, he will never be convicted. Unfortunately, there is too much reason to suppose that Mr. Mahoney is a good deal of a prophet. There is a great gulf fixed between indictment and conviction; in fact, it looks at the present time as if he will not be even properly indicted.

The most pathetic incident of the war so far is that recorded at the sailing of the "China." The Russian beef was discharged from the hold of the vessel, as being contraband of war, and the Japanese clambered on the barrels to cheer their departing fellows. When the commissariat is thus defiled, it can hardly be expected that the Slav will have much stomach for fighting.



Society

Dear Bessie: Have you got a work-box? That is the question one hears many girls ask each other nowadays, for "sewing bees" have become the fashionable pastime of the hour since Ash Wednesday came upon us. They are pleasant little affairs; what the Bostonese call "a dish of tea," and dainty cake, and lots of lively chat while the fingers fly fashioning garments for the poor! Fanny Grant was the first to have one, which she gave last week; it was a drearily wet day, which perhaps was one reason why we enjoyed our gossip and tea so much, and I got no end of hints about pretty neckwear which some of the girls were making. Then we discussed the last new play and players, and the last society engagement. Of these several have been made known this week. Possibly the most interesting is that of Bessie Center and J. N. Stane; it has been awaited for months, as it was almost a foregone conclusion when they sailed away together last September. Bessie is an awfully nice girl, and has the good wishes of all who know her. The other happy couples are Florence Bailey and Fred Mohr of New York, whom she met when East lately, with Easter week as the probable time for the wedding, and Genevieve Huntsman and H. S. Willair, and there will soon be others—you mind what I say.

With the exception of Mrs. Harry Mendall's dinner, feasting has been confined to luncheons, and of them there have been a number. Laura Farnsworth had a luncheon and matinee party at the California last Sunday, and in the Palm Garden of the Palace the same afternoon Nettie Schmiedell Howard had a dainty little luncheon party of half a dozen; Amy Gunn gave a luncheon on Thursday—a quiet little party of six of her best friends; and over at San Rafael Mrs. Oscar Sewell was given a luncheon at the Fosters—a party of a dozen or more.

There has been one or two dinners at the Palace, but with the exception of the one given by Mrs. Tim Hopkins in her own rooms there, which were lavishly decorated for the occasion, they have been comparatively small affairs.

Between bowling and cards we are not likely to find time hanging very heavily. The alleys at the new club are all engaged days ahead, but the evenings are the jolliest time for a game; still, cards are the staple form of amusement for whiling away the leaden hours of Lent. Which is the favorite game? I think I hear you ask. Ah, that is something time alone will show. Mrs. Austin Tubbs was the first Lenten bridge party giver, though perhaps I should say she divided the honors with Mrs. Miller, who supplemented her pretty little luncheon last week with the fascinating game. Mrs. Robert Hooker had a large bridge party of thirty-six last Tuesday, and Mrs. Charles Foster and Mrs. Van Bergan were joint card hostesses on Thursday. I hear there is nothing but five hundred played over in Oakland, which has superseded their stand-by, whist, much to the surprise of even the votaries of that game themselves.

I understand that efforts are to be made to have the coming opening night reception of the spring exhibition at the Hopkins Art Institute up on Nob Hill, which is named for the 24th of this month, more nearly resemble, in a society point of view, some of their old-time functions than has been the case for several years past. I do hope they will succeed in infusing a little life into it, for anything more

drearily dreadful than the last I cannot well picture to myself. Then there is a good deal of talk about the garden party which the lady managers are to give for the benefit of the St. Ignatius Training School for girls. You know that in this vicinity garden parties have always been a hazardous experiment, the givers of them never seeming to strike the right kind of weather; but how delightful they are when everything unites for their success! So we are all hoping and looking forward to the 9th of April, when it will come off in the Phelan grounds at the Mission—but I will tell you more about it later on.

But what do you think? We are going to have Captain Frank Winn here en permanence, as General MacArthur has appointed him aide on his staff. He arrived last week and expected to sail for the Philippines with his regiment on Tuesday, and Mrs. Boardman, who was so ill during her visit at Del Monte, hurried home so as to see and bid adieu to her son-in-law; you can fancy how pleased she is that he is going to stay. I hear that Sam and Bernie have been having a fine time in Honolulu, but wish it would not rain so much. I went yesterday to see Mrs. Tom Pearce—she was Minnie Burton, you know—in the pretty apartment she and Captain Pearce have on Washington street. She is looking exceedingly well, and her two children are perfect pictures.

California is attracting a lot of Eastern people just now, glad to get away from the frozen East. The George Goulds have been down at Coronado for some time, while I couldn't begin to tell you of all those at Santa Barbara; among them are the Sloans. Here in San Francisco we have the wife and daughters of the Secretary of the Treasury, Mrs. Leslie M. Shaw and the Misses Erma and Enid Shaw, who are being numerously entertained. The D. O. Mills party, which includes the old gentleman himself, the Whitelaw Reids, Miss Jean Reid and her friend, Miss Harriman, have also arrived and are at Milbrae. Mrs. Andy McCreary is also here, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harding Davis were here last week, but sailed on the China for the Orient. We are soon to have visits from some of the former belles of San Francisco; Helen Stubbs, who is now in Arizona with her mother, is one of them, and Carrie Merry is another who will be here in April to visit Grace Martin. Don't you recall how popular the pretty Merry girls were, and what a leading place they took in the affairs of St. Luke's Church?

They say the Jack Breckenridges and Mrs. Murphy are soon coming back home; but do not know if it

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be so; the more the better, for quite a number are talking of fitting Eastward ere long. Mrs. Will Tevis is one, and she expects to go abroad for several months, and so, too will Genevieve King, who will accompany Miss Herrick across the Atlantic, who has been visiting the Kings this winter, and who has already gone East, Genevieve following her next week. Mayor and Mrs. Darling have also gone, and intend to make Florence their home for the next two years, possibly longer. The Borels are going to spend the rest of the Lenten fast down at their home in San Mateo, but are coming back to town for the Easter gaities, which I believe are to be quite numerous. The girls are so fond of an out-of-door life and never take kindly to being cooped up in town.

The Burns McDonalds only waited for Hilda's wedding, and are going to live in Denver; she has the same bright, happy personality which so belonged to her as Bessie Younger. Hilda Baxter and Ralph Hart are to be married to-day. Kate Selfridge has gone East for a two-months' passear. She left Monday. The Arthur Chesebroughs started on their Eastern trip last Saturday; Mrs. Sam Knight and Harry Holbrook have been making a visit to Los Angeles.

The McCutcheons and Sadie Collier are looked for about the end of the month. Sadie is now visiting friends in Washington, and we are to have Miss Jennie Flood back again in a couple of weeks from New York, where she has been having a fine time. She will return with her brother Jim and Major Rathbone, who have just gone East together.

—Elsie.

At Home.

Monday.—Mrs. Daniel Drysdale, St. Dunstan; Mrs. W. S. Patten, Miss Patten, Hotel Cumberland; Mrs. Guy L. Edie, Hotel Baltimore; Mrs. F. H. Holmes, Colonial; Mrs. Walter Hobart, Hotel Granada; Mrs. Dennis Searle, Hotel Nordhoff; Miss Ida Gibbons, Miss Margery Gibbons, Miss Florence Gibbons, 920 Polk street; Mrs. Alexander Garceau, Hotel Richelieu.

Tuesday.—Mrs. James Carolan, Miss Emily Carolan, 1714 California street; Mrs. George Boardman, 1750 Franklin street; Miss Celia Tobin, Taylor and California; Mrs. W. R. Smedburg, Miss Cora Smedburg, 1611 Larkin street; Mrs. Monroe Salisbury, 1st and 3d, 2112 Steiner street; Mrs. Alexander Keyes, 2619 Devisadero street; Mrs. Pelham W. Ames, Miss Bessie Ames, 1312 Taylor street; Mrs. T. D. Boardman, 3022 Clay street; Mrs. Fife, Miss Beatrice Fife, 1201 California street.

Wednesday.—Miss Alice Hager, Miss Ethel Hager, 1815 Gough street.

Thursday.—Mrs. Gordon Blanding, Miss Susan Blanding, 1900 Franklin street; Mrs. Arthur MacArthur, Fort Mason; Mrs. Chesebrough, the Misses Chesebrough, 3508 Clay street; Mrs. Horace Davis, 1800 Broadway; Mrs. Mayo Newhall, Miss Margaret Newhall, 1206 Post street; Mrs. C. A. Coolidge, 2800 Van Ness avenue; the Mises Buckley, 2614 Pacific avenue.

Friday.—Mrs. Ellinwood, Miss Charlotte Ellinwood, Pacific and Devisadero; Mrs. Henry Crocker, 2301 Laguna; Mrs. H. Hill, 2101 Laguna, 3d and 4th; Mrs. Geo. Shreve, 2517 Pacific avenue; Mrs. Mrs. George Shreve, 2517 Pacific avenue; Mrs. John F. Merrill, Washington and Van Ness; Mrs. James Otis, 2522 Pacific avenue; Mrs. John F. Swift, Mrs. Maria Norris, 824 Valencia; Mrs. George Gibbs, 2622 Jackson street; Mrs. Augustus Taylor, 2266 Franklin street; Mrs. William

H. Taylor, Jr., 2606 Pacific avenue; Mrs. E. W. McKinstry, Miss Laura McKinstry, 2912 Pacific avenue; Mrs. Mountford S. Wilson, 2618 Buchanan; Mrs. Nicholas Kittle, Steiner and Pacific avenue; Mrs. Voorhies, Miss Voorhies, 2111 California street; Mrs. Sam Buckbee, 2501 Pacific avenue; Mrs. Maurice Casey, Miss Gertrude Dutton, 2606 Pacific avenue; Mrs. W. L. Dutton, 2507 Pacific avenue; Mrs. Frank Sullivan, Miss Sullivan, Van Ness and Washington; Mrs. J. P. Langhorne, 2419 Pacific avenue; Mrs. James Follis, 2604 Jackson street.

WEDDINGS.

February 17.—In New York City: Miss Clara Ayres Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Henry Johnson and Lee Lash, formerly of San Francisco.

February 26.—Miss Emma McMillan and David Erskine Allison.

February 29.—In Los Angeles: At the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. John Johnson, Miss Mabel Landers and John Mason Ross, of Prescott, Arizona.

March 1.—In Honolulu: Miss Edith Clay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen M. Clay of Alameda, and Charles Franklin Eckart, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Eckart of San Francisco.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

March 15.—Miss Ada Horr of Alameda and William Cooper.

April 6.—Miss Frances Harris and Ernest Stent, at 4 o'clock p. m.

April 6.—Miss Ethel Kent and Lieutenant Allen, U. S. A., son of Lieutenant Colonel Allen, 16th Infantry. Grace Church, 8 p. m.

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Mr. and Mrs. James D. Bailey announce the engagement of their daughter, Florence, to Frederick Mohr of New York.

Mrs. George Huntsman announces the engagement of her daughter, Genevieve, to H. S. Williar of Sausalito.

DINNERS.

February 29 (Monday).—Mrs. Timothy Hopkins, Palace Hotel.

February 29 (Monday).—Mrs. Joseph Chancellor, Palace Hotel.

February 29 (Monday).—Mrs. Peter Martin, Palace Hotel.

LUNCHEONS.

February 26 (Saturday).—Mrs. George H. Howard, Palm Garden, Palace.

February 29 (Monday).—Mrs. Walter Magee, Palace Hotel.

March 2 (Wednesday).—Miss Kohl, Palace Hotel.

BIRTHS.

February 23.—To Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Taylor, a son. Mrs. Taylor was Miss Helen Hopkins.

February 26.—To Mr. and Mrs. Orville Baldwin, a son. Mrs. Baldwin was Miss Anna Deuprey.

February 27.—To Mr. and Mrs. Emil Held, at Mt. Zion Hospital, a son.

"The All Star Company," a party of young people interested in amateur theatricals, gave a clever little one-act farce at the residence of Mrs. George A. Hastings, on Pacific Heights, last Saturday evening, followed by a leap year dance. Those in the farce were: Miss Anna Livingston, Miss Aida Hastings, Miss Zita Hastings, Miss Esther Lambert, Harry W. Seawell, Frank Erlin, and Charles D. Holman. The most amusing character was that of "Mary Ann," which was well played by Miss Zita Hastings. Those present were: Judge James M. Seawell and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jordan of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. R. Derby, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Rix, Mrs. E. H. Palmer of New York, Miss Polly Tongue of Portland, Or., Mrs. H. M. Hastings, Mrs. C. F. Holman, Miss Florence Holman, Miss H. Hastings, Miss Marie Ver Mehr, Miss Hazel Hobson, Miss Ruth Higby, Miss Cornelia Curtis, Miss Levy, Francis Boland, Newton Kelsey, Joseph Hill, William Knowles, Alan Diamond, Arthur S. Holman, Stuart Ver Mehr, Wallace Hastings, Vernon Alvord, Jack Fletcher and William Douglas.

Arrivals at Hotel Rafael during past week: Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dungan, Mr. E. Held, Mrs. H. W. Brolaski, Mrs. Harry Brolaski, Miss Belle Brolaski, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wheatly and sons.

The mandolin and guitar studio of Miss Rose Brandon, formerly at 478 Eddy street, is now located at 1098 Pine street.

The pony races at Del Monte were so successful that the second meet is to be held at Tanforan on Saturday, March 12th, and Monday, March 14th. There will be six races each day for cups and purses. At the present writing it was the intention of the California Pony and Polo Racing Association, under whose auspices the meet will be held, to make the week of March 14th a gala racing and polo week. Polo championship games will then be held, and although the programme has not been definitely settled, it is expected that the races and polo will be held on alternate days during the week. The crack English and Californian polo players will meet, and some exciting games are expected. In the races, additional gentlemen, in addition to those who were at Del Monte, will ride, and some splendid finishes are looked forward to. The chances are that the race entries will be even better than at Del Monte. Entries to all events close Wednesday, March 9th. By courtesy of the New California Jockey Club the above races will be held at Tanforan. There are no entry fees, and the events are open to all ponies three years old and over and not exceeding 14h. 2in. in height. Ponies must be ridden by qualified gentlemen riders. The rules of racing as adopted by the California Polo and Pony Racing Association govern all races. The Association reserves the right to reject any entry. For stabling accommodations, track facilities and further information, apply to Robert Leighton, Racing Secretary, C. P. & P. R. A., room 21, 421 Market street, San Francisco, Cal.

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But can't prevent us flirting.

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Tom Fitch of Arizona, he of the "silver tongue," is adding to the gaiety of nations by publishing occasional reminiscences. That is enough to prove that the erstwhile spellbinder is getting old. Years ago, Fitch was one of the leading men at the Arizona bar. That was in the days when it required nerve to live in Arizona at all, and to succeed at the bar a lawyer had to have some knowledge of the books, but a much greater knowledge of human nature and of the carrying capacity of a forty-five. Fitch's clients included a number of gentlemen who felt that the world owed them a living. Therefore, they picked up any good thing that happened along the highway, always provided the "good thing" did not get the drop on them first. He succeeded in releasing from the clutches of the law so many rising Claude Duvals that the Amalgamated Association of Road Agents elected him an honorary member. And it was no empty honor, as Fitch proved to a visitor from the East. This gentleman was about to start out on the Tucson stage, when he asked Fitch whether any of his clients would be met on the road.

"Well, the boys are getting busy," Fitch responded. "If they get too busy it will make me busy getting them out of jail. But they won't touch a friend of mine. Here, I'll fix it for you," and Fitch took out one of his cards, and wrote on the back:

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The stage was stood-up, the passengers were lined along the road, and one of the enterprising gentlemen was about to separate Fitch's friend from his wealth, when the traveler, as a last chance, said: "Say, you hold on. I'm a friend of Tom Fitch. You just pull out that card in my upper left hand vest pocket and read it. It's a pass from Fitch."

The road agent pulled out the "pass," read it, and then taking a pencil from the traveler, scrawled across the card: "O. K. Arizona Dick."

"You're all right," he said to Fitch's friend. "Tom Fitch's name goes with me. I don't touch you. That pass goes all right. Now, you take it back, and if any of the rest of the bunch should stand you up further down the line, you just flash the paper, and show Fitch's name and mine."

And the man from the East continued his way wondering.

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Bailey Millard has been "doing" the Sacramento flood for one of the local papers. The scene of watery desolation has impressed him, and he has used real "literary" language to tell what he saw.

"Under the uncertain moon," he writes, "which hangs a luminous rag among the threatening clouds that lower over Sacramento, lies a great inland sea of muddy water that gleams white and tragic over thousands and thousands of fair and fertile acres which will bear no crops this year."

"Now, I consider that description what Mr. Mil-

lard might call an epic. Of course, it is rather ungallant to call fair Luna a rag, but then, remember, Millard says she is no ordinary rag, but a "luminous rag." A rag that is red in the face, as it were. Perhaps he meant she was a danger signal to warn all good men away from Sacramento. To make sure, about this particular moon, he hangs her among the clouds. Most moons rise above the clouds, but those Sacramento clouds are something fierce. They get right in among things; same way with the moon. Raggy Luna, being red in the face, got down among the clouds. Of course, her object was to see the white gleam of the muddy water. That white gleaming mud must be a new brand that the river has torn up from its bottom. The rag aforesaid, it will be noticed, also threw a tragic gleam over the flood. Now, I like a "tragic gleam." It means so much. Millard says it so nicely, too. But he is particularly felicitous in the concluding paragraphs of his story:

"The wrecked river looks malignantly at the town, and says: 'It's you I want. You, you!'"

"But the town looks on the river bravely, and says: 'Not yet, not yet!'"

Bully for the town. "And the villain still pursued her!" Millard, who is a hard work literary critic and poetaster, should set forth his views of the Sacramento flood in hexameters, under the heading: "Bosh and Bathos: or, The Luminous Rag of the Sacramento."

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So the expected row in the Papyrus Club has at last developed. None of the husbands of the ladies of the club are much surprised. They forecast it long ago. Jealousy seems bound to creep in, and disturb things in woman's clubs, and the Papyrus is suffering from an overdose of the lady with the green eyes. Of course, men's clubs frequently suffer from the same complaint, but then, clubmen, you know, are not trying to revolutionize social conditions. They are only mortal, and therefore apt to err. The Papyrus ladies are the real thing in culture. Some of the stories told at their gatherings came down from the days of old Rameses, but then, the girls don't care. They are hearing them for the first time, and that is enough for them. Even in Egypt the ladies had rows about the election of officers of their clubs, so the Papyrians may be consoled in the knowledge of the fact that when they fell into dispute over the reelection of Mrs. Kinne they were following an ancient custom. That any dispute should center around Mrs. Kinne is a cause of great regret, for she is one of the women who honor clubdom. No man can get at the bottom of a woman's row, but as far as I am able to make out, the trouble arose from the over-zealousness of one of the club boomers. It is to be hoped it will be satisfactorily settled. At the next meeting of the club, it is said, a leading member will deliver a Shakespearean selection, in which will occur the lines: "Off with his head! So much for Buckingham."

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manager of prize fights, and promoter of sporting events in general, was not always as he now appears—a very devil of a fellow. Shortly after Jimmy had been appointed Secretary of the Superior Judges, he was loitering in Judge Coffey's court during the trial of a case in which there was considerable salacious testimony. The court observed the youthful James.

"Bailiff," said the Judge, beckoning the Sheriff's man, "just ask that young man to withdraw. The matters under consideration here are not for the ears of children."

"Jimmy," said the bailiff, "it's your move." And Jimmy moved.

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The Looker On is in receipt of a programme which translates the Strauss-Tausig Valse Caprice, "Man lebt nur Einmal," as "Man lives but once." The sender of the programme inquires: "How about woman?" He also suggests that as the first part of the entertainment was a play which served as a "curtain raiser," the second or musical part might fittingly have been termed a "hair raiser" or "curtain dropper."

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There is an alarming increase in the disease called "Ferrywalker Vulgarious." The individual afflicted is chiefly noted by a receding chin or a pointed beard a la Albert Edward. The disease very rarely attacks the female, but seems to confine its ravages to the commuting male. The most virulent type appropriates the forward decks of ferry boats and then takes violent exercise walking about in a nervous and jerky manner to the discomfort of all passengers. Subjects that have been under the examination of noted alienists are pronounced only slightly deficient in intellectual development. The disease seems to be more alarming in the morning. It develops in the adolescent, and keeps right on until the patient reaches about forty, when he generally develops enough sense to stop the idiotic practice. There are more victims of "Ferrywalker Vulgarious" in Oakland than Alameda, and but a very few cases in San Francisco. This has not yet been explained by scientists, but is a feature that invites deep research.

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There is a heated discussion going on among the literati of San Francisco regarding the mission of Wagner's great production. With each critic or admirer a new "motif" is sprung. Some attribute a purpose to the play or opera that is Buddhistical. Others make all kinds of claims for the Christian's Christ. Musicians discover new features that Wagner perhaps never dreamed of.

Others content themselves with sighing and sighing, and hinting at what Wagner intended to hint through the character of Kundry. In this connection the News Letter may be pardoned for re-printing a letter written by Wagner from Siena, dated Sept. 28, 1880, which knocks the Buddhists into a cocked hat: "I have been asking myself seriously how I can rescue this last and most holy work of mine from the fate of a vulgar operatic career. A decision is rendered imperative by the fact that I am unable longer to conceal the real subject of my 'Parsifal.' How can and dare there be produced in theatres like ours, and together with a mixed opera repertory, a story (Handlung) in which the most exalted mysteries of the Christian religion are depicted in the open scene? I could well understand that the Church might object to the performances of these sacred mysteries

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Mr. Durkin was in fettle as "Kingsearl Major," and gave an admirable rendition of the author's lines. Miss Block as Miss Hobbs was at her best, and earned the envy of many a woman in the audience when she appeared in a magnificent creation of the modiste in the last act.

Mr. Harry Hilliard, as "Kingsearl Minor," was forceful, and best of all, earnest. He appeared to better advantage in this play than in any role he has recently attempted. There is much to be said in favor of the other ladies and gentlemen of this company, and it is all complimentary. The play is a good one; it has a purpose; it does more than amuse; it teaches a healthy lesson each night to more than one man or woman in the audience.

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"Roly Poly" continues to fill Fischer's nightly. It is a hodge-podge of nonsense, admirably suited to amuse without burdening the mind to any appreciable extent. The new songs are all good, and Miss Russell's "Ramona" creates a tremendous enthusiasm, and Kolb and Dill, with Allan Curtis, assisted by a camel, do a turn with the song "We Come all the Way from Heidelberg," that catches the house every time for many encores. The little coon who floats in the air in a watermelon chariot and finally descends to the stage to be cuddled by Miss Lynch, captivates the women and children. A good show.

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"The Hills of California" might have been located on any old hills, but still the play is a fairly good one. Frank Bacon and the rooster divide the honors. They are great in their respective parts. The play has been called an imitation of the "Old Homestead," and, indeed, it has many points of resemblance. The Amos Hill of Bacon is a very acceptable piece of work. The rest of the company is all that is claimed. The production is such a vast improvement over the barn-stormers that have recently, with but few exceptions, held the boards at the Grand that the principals and company shine like stars of the first magnitude.

"The Hills of California," formerly "The Estate of Hannibal Howe," is given in a way that any one not disposed to be hypercritical, would enjoy.

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Small audiences at the Central Theatre are greeting "A Break for Liberty," and that's exactly what I did—broke for liberty—as soon as possible. The audience has not the same excuse. They take in these things month after month with enthusiasm, and then suddenly comes a change of heart and the audience becomes critical. There is hope for South of Market when it begins to discriminate.

Strauss, from his seat in the heavenly choir, must have squirmed to hear "The Gypsy Baron" done by the Tivoli people. Ferris Hartman as Kalman Zsupan, makes the worst of his part. As good as he was in "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," so bad is he in the "Gypsy Baron." On the other hand the choruses are excellent, and the scenic arrangements are stupendously magnificent. I have seen many an excellent company do the "Baron," and must say that I have never witnessed better stage work or mechanical effects. The Count Carnero of Cunningham is not particularly good. Count Homonay, by Teddy Webb, is worse than Hartman as the dealer in pigs. He utterly spoils the song of the Recruiting Wine, which should be a feature of this opera. Russo was in good voice all week. The diminutive gentleman has trained so long in grand opera that there is little hope that he will ever become an actor. He deserves a great deal of credit for his attempts at English, and while the audience suffers, it is silent suffering, and in a good cause. He is too small as a foil for Carò Roma, and the robust lady must have felt odd while singing love songs over Russo's black wig. Johann Strauss wrote "The Gypsy Baron" as a romantic opera. He gave the pig raiser a singing part; he gave us others in singing parts, and he never intended that the opera should degenerate into cheap buffoonery, with interpolation of modern jokes. "*Verbum sat sapienti.*"

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Nirvana and her statue horse Loki are drawing crowded houses to the Orpheum. It speaks well for San Francisco that such crowds turn out nightly and display such enthusiasm simply out of a love for the beautiful. The specialties on the Orpheum bill are all good and meet with much applause.

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Denman Thompson goes on with his very good work at the Columbia, and the show has been complimented by appreciative houses.

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"Sag Harbor" is being murdered at the California with the customary dullness.

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Harold Bauer, who is the greatest pianist of the world, is at Lyric Hall this afternoon, and will attract an enthusiastic and large audience.

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The Grand Opera House will close for two weeks, at the end of which time Mrs. Fiske will appear.

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I find that my comment has excited the connoisseurs, and the opticians report extensive sales in high-power binocular instruments. There may be method in Miss Russell's madness; it may be she wears such loose-fitting gowns to excite the male man into rhapsodical curiosity as to the possibilities of an unclothed divinity.

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Rice and Elmer, renowned as the most amusing and skillful triple horizontal bar performers before the public, will make their first appearance at the Chutes this coming week in "A Rube's First Visit to Chinatown." The Bennington Duo, clever Tyrolean warblers, will also be new, presenting their very funny skit, "The Other Fellow." James Hennessy, the monologue man, will vary his stories; Coleman and Mexis will continue their wonderful exhibition

of sharp shooting, and Kelly and Violette, the "fashion plate singing duo," will appear for the fourth and last week of a most successful engagement in a change of songs and costumes. Mabel Lamson, the popular illustrated song singer, and the animatoscope, showing the latest novelties in moving pictures, will complete the bill. The amateurs will appear in all kinds of specialties on Thursday night. The zoo is constantly in receipt of rare animals from all parts of the world, and new attractions are to be found all over the grounds.

"Mr. Pickwick" will follow the Gypsy Baron at the Tivoli. The music is by Manuel Klein and the lyrics by Grant Stewart. The words are by Charles Klein. Several new faces are to be seen in "Pickwick."

The Barrows-Lancaster Company opens a limited engagement at the Orpheum the week coming, and in the line of musical specialties the management offers the Swedish Ladies' Quartette. Gillo's Artesto is bound to excite the enthusiasm of the audience as well as its most intense curiosity. This is an importation from Paris, and is in the shape of an automaton boy. He draws and at the request of any one in the audience will turn out what is advertised as a portrait of the petitioner. We are told that Homer Davenport is coming to San Francisco again as a public lecturer, and that he is a close second to Artesto. This does not speak well for the dummy, but is volumes of praise for Davenport.

"Parsifal" will open at the Alcazar, under the eye of the dramatizer, Mr. Fitzgerald Murphy, on March 14th, as originally arranged. The orchestra has been doubled at the Alcazar for the performance of "Parsifal."

J. C. Williamson, the theatrical magnate of Australia, before sailing for home on Thursday, purchased from Frederick Belasco the sole Australian rights to Fitzgerald Murphy's dramatization of Wagner's music play, "Parsifal," to be presented at the Alcazar, March 14th.

"The White Horse Tavern" is next on the programme at the Alcazar. This is a unique play, because three love stories are unwound at the same time. It occurs in the Tyrolean Alps, and it will give us another chance to watch these favorite stock people in characters not heretofore tried by them.

The last performance of "The Old Homestead" will be given at the Columbia Theatre on Sunday night. Denman Thompson will on that occasion appear for what will probably be the last time in this city as Joshua Whitcomb.

Among the stars to appear at the Columbia Theatre in the near future are Anna Held in her stupendous production of "Mam'selle Napoleon"; Mary Mannering in her latest success, "Lady Harriett's Honeymoon"; and Richard Mansfield.

"Rip Van Winkle" will be the bill at the Central the coming week, and it is safe to say will meet with good houses.

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The editor of the News Letter has received the following communication. It is printed with all due apologies to Fernald Travers.

San Francisco, February 29, 1904.

Editor News Letter: I don't want to swell the appreciation Fernald Travers already has of his own importance by unnecessary attention to his amusing "views of San Francisco," now running like the babbling brook through your columns, but I do want to locate a measly little under-bred "remittance man" of his name, who owes me a few pounds loaned him under peculiar circumstances. It happened a few years ago when my own absence from the family fire-side in England was advisable, and the governor had forgotten to send me the usual twenty pounds. Travers and I had been swelling around Coronado like the ordinary "English gentleman tourist," with our "men," and gall. I include myself in these partnership adjectives, for I have now cut it all, and am living as a gentleman, without the conceited English prefix or affected nonsense of a "man," and within my income. We had been rivals for the fortune of a chic little Boston girl, with stockings of fashionable black rather than Puritan blue, to whom we seemed about equally inoffensive. Travers was much the same sort of an ass your Travers is, and blew his remittance rather more effectively than I and went broke first. Finally I tumbled to myself. I like your American slang; that's a more soothing way of admitting my idiocy than to say I had been splurging as a man of parts, money and ancestors. We were both younger sons of "governors," struggling in trade and society, who had been kicked out on a remittance to be jolly well rid of us. So I drew out of the fortune hunt and went to work—as your Travers may when you quit paying him for his cad rot, unless seeing his name in print makes an "author" of him and he returns to dangle himself before the book-crazy English public. I disappeared for a month, came back up to San Diego with a disguising stubble on my face, and went to slinging hash as a night waiter in a stingaree restaurant where I hoped no one would recognize me. I had been on the all-night watch about a week, when a swell chap with his top coat collar turned up, dropped in one morning about seven o'clock and sided along up into a dark corner and sat down at a table with his face turned from the light. I went up to wait upon him. He scarcely looked up as he ordered "coffee and doughnuts," and I didn't recognize him, nor did he seem to know me. I brought his chicory and sinkers, spread out a paper napkin before him. He looked up grateful for attention in such a dive, tucked the napkin into his collar as "Roger" had taught him to do, and as he raised his chin recognized me. "For God's sake, Carling, have you come to this!" said he. "Yes, Travers, but I don't eat here," I replied. Well, the thing seemed to stun him. He cried like a baby. Of course I pitied the poor chap, and more when I noticed the bruise under his eye and the blood stains on his shirt. As I had been on the all-night shift, and was off at seven o'clock, I brushed up, dallied a little, and went outside to wait for Travers. I had loitered on up the block, thinking of the fellow, when he came out and was at once attacked by Roger, who proceeded to kick him up the street toward me. I knocked the fellow down and caught Travers as he fell into my arms. I almost had to carry Travers up to my room, where I put him into a clean shirt, a suit of tweeds, and took him off to a good breakfast with me. Travers told me a pitiful tale of hard luck—remittances had been

cut off: had just about won the girl; hotel wanted their blawsted bill paid; Roger was nasty—wanted his wage: had licked him the night before when he came home. Travers had wandered around Coronado all night, afraid to face Roger again, and ashamed to face the night barkeeper with his unpaid peg score, and had taken the early boat to San Diego, hoping to eat, clean and brace up, and make a raise before Roger could lick him again. Well, I knew what it was to be broke, so I staked him to the five pound note my sister had just sent me as a birthday present, and I have never seen or heard of Travers since. I came here on the last China steamer, read Travers "views on San Francisco," and have written him twice in your care—but he does not answer. Of course, it may not be my Travers, but his caddish resentment of the "dining in Fleet street" suggestion and arrogance over knowing the difference between "dining and eating" led me to feel sure that your correspondent has my five pounds, suit of tweeds and shirt. My Travers used to rail at the fates which had not endowed "English gentlemen" with eternal vigor and feudal tailors to escape the beastly nuisance of having to eat to exist, and owe for clothes. The fellow is welcome to my old tweeds and the money if he needs it, but I'd like to show San Franciscans how he would look to them after I polish the toe of my boot upon the seat of his (or my) trousers a bit.

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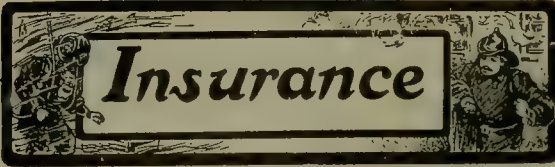
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The News Letter is close in touch with all sources of information, and as yet has failed to hear of any failure of any really prominent fire insurance company as the result of the Baltimore fire. The News Letter openly and avowedly told its readers that there would not be any failures in the ranks of the great American fire insurance companies as the result of the Baltimore blaze. Now comes the Rochester fire, and still the daily press, to the contrary notwithstanding, the American fire companies are meeting their losses, and are still doing business at the same old stand in the same old way.

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The American Surety Company, Mr. H. D. Lyman, President, issues the following circular: "The American Surety Company, in its long career, has, as surety, had to meet the losses of other corporations, sometimes in very large amounts, and has done so with equanimity. With equal equanimity, but with no pleasure, it now announces to you that Wallace H. Ham, treasurer of St. Paul's Church, treasurer of St. Luke's Home for Convalescents, and manager of the American Surety Company at Boston, Mass., is a defaulter in about the net sum of \$190,000, divided between the Home and the Surety Company in such amounts as only a joint examination may hereafter determine. On ascertaining the facts to-day in full, the executive committee of the American Surety Company ordered the arrest of the culprit, and appropriated out of its surplus and undivided profit account of \$2,084,000 sufficient to defray its proportion of the shortage. The above is all that can be said at this time. We have put the loss behind us and jailed the culprit."

The jailing of the culprit is a part of the American Surety Company's business. It has relentlessly pursued defaulters under its bonds as far as Chili, and brought the pursued back to the United States for a long term sentence in the penitentiary.

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To its charter privileges it adds that of a detective agency, and it usually gets the defaulter at its own expense and by means known only to the corporation. Mr. Wallace H. Ham, who was the New England States' agent for the company, at Boston, Mass., pleaded guilty to stealing from a bonding company.

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The facts of the matter are that the bonding company was so careless in the management of its own affairs that it afforded the opportunity to its trusted agent to get away with about a quarter of a million.

The question then comes up, who shall bond the bonders?

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It is a well known fact that in life insurance the policyholder is subjected to a quiet inspection, and it is equally well known that the man bonded by a surety company is constantly under supervision. The cashier, bookkeeper or confidential clerk bonded by a bonding company may rest assured that he cannot play the races or speculate in stocks without the bonding company knowing and warning his principal.

This careful look-out, as well as the vindictiveness of the companies in getting their man, is a deterrent of crime.

The man who is bonded by a surety company must be square and live square, or else face the endless train of detective ability which, if he merits it, will land him in the penitentiary.

Mr. Ham of Boston did not care to speculate from the ordinary man. He flew at and captured larger game.

He was a trusted employee of the American Surety Company, and he swindled it out of about a quarter of a million dollars.

This amount does not affect the company, but it raises the question of the company's business acumen.

No well managed company will allow any agent to handle its securities to this amount and juggle them between two institutions. Mr. Ham seems to have been playing a sort of heads you win and tails I lose game, and the American Surety Company seems to be it.

It, in its circular, confesses that it has put the loss behind it, but what can be said of the company which, contrary to all the espionage methods of its class, is so lax as to permit its agent to not alone handle, but hypothecate its two hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of securities?

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An Eastern exchange says of his downfall: "An accident, trivial in itself, but fatal to his schemes, brought Wallace H. Ham, New England agent for the American Surety Company of New York, treasurer of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and trustee and treasurer of charitable institutions, from a high position in society to a prison cell. An unexpected call by the American Surety Company for its securities led to his undoing, for he had hypothecated them with the St. Luke's Home for Convalescents to cover a shortage there. Facing an exposure, he confessed. He also confessed to embezzling from \$40,000 to \$60,000 of the Home's funds. An investigation showed that the church with which he had been connected also had suffered. For fifteen years, according to his confession, Ham had led a dual life. Prominent in church work, and looked upon as an unusually successful business man, no suspicion of his probity ever had been entertained. In the "bucket-shops" of Boston he poured from \$226,000 to \$286,000 of trust funds. Of this amount the American Surety Company loses approximately \$225,000; St. Luke's Home, from \$40,000 to \$60,000; and St. Paul's Church \$1,500. In addition to these amounts, Ham lost his wife's entire estate, amounting to about \$47,000.

"Twenty years ago he became prominent in St. Paul's Church, one of the oldest and most fashionable in the city, and soon was elected treasurer. About the same time he took an interest in St. Luke's Home, conducted by the Episcopal Church, and was made treasurer of that. According to his own statement he began fifteen years ago to speculate in a small way. He took securities from the funds of which he was treasurer, borrowed on them at banks and did all his dealings in the stock market on a cash basis, though nearly always on margins.

"About four years ago he found that he had accumulated a considerable private fortune. Then the huge bull campaign came on. He entered the market but he was on the wrong side so long that he lost his own money."

This is nothing more nor less than the same old

story of the trusted employee and the "busted" employer.

"Ham said he had no special line of speculation. He bought and sold all kinds of stock, good and bad, and says the general condition of the market within the past two years was his undoing. Ten years ago Ham married a widow with some money. Lately he had induced her to give him this, and it is gone now with the rest.

"Ham had made an appointment for last Thursday for an examination of the securities of the St. Luke's Home. It was his habit on these occasions to substitute securities of the American Surety Company for the missing ones, and he had done so for the examination of Thursday. But, without warning, an auditor of the Surety Company dropped into the office that day and asked to see the securities on hand. Ham, unable to gain time to secure enough of the St. Luke's securities to cover the company's shortage, saw nothing to do but confess. Ham is 48 years old. His salary was \$7,500 a year."

The story of this Ham is told, and it may unfortunately fall to the lot of the News Letter to write the same history of other men, and the defalcations have happened in San Francisco.

James D. Bailey, Pacific Coast General Agent of the old Insurance Company of North America, sketches the history of the century old corporation in part as follows: On January 1, 1871, the assets of this company were \$3,116,236.01, and the net surplus \$745,117.68. In that year the company suffered a loss in the Chicago fire of \$750,000, and in the following year, 1872, a loss in the great Boston fire of \$1,000,000. On January 1, 1904, the assets of the company were \$11,290,773.87, and the surplus and contingent fund, \$2,452,410.42. The losses of the company in the Baltimore fire will probably not exceed \$500,000. After providing for this amount, the surplus, as to policyholders, including capital, is about \$5,000,000. In over one hundred years of honorable business experience, this company has paid in losses to its policyholders over \$115,000,000.

Professor Albert Van der Naillen will give a lecture at the rooms of the Board of Trade on March 4th, on the subject of wireless telegraphy. A great deal of interest is being manifested in the subject, and the noted electrician will be sure of an attentive and intellectual audience.

**ASSESSMENT NOTICE,
Savage Mining Company.**

Location of principal place of business—San Francisco, California. Location of works—Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada. Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 6th day of February, 1904, an assessment, (No. 112) of ten (10) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the company, rooms 21-22, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery, st., San Francisco, Cal

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 11th DAY OF MARCH 1904,

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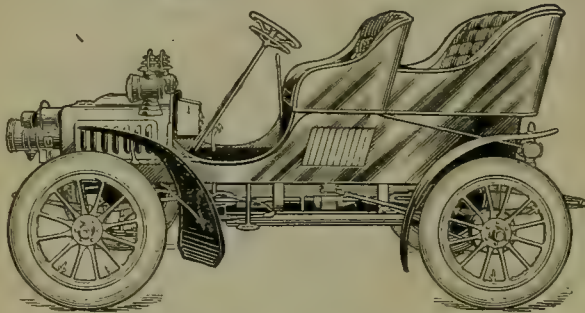
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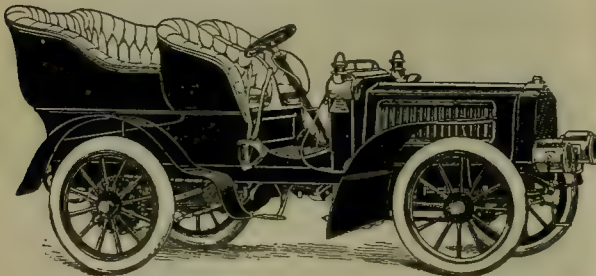
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BY THE AUTOCRANK

The continued wet spell has somewhat restricted the pleasure of automobiling on the local roads. In the meantime the enthusiasts have been planning for the coming season.

It has been suggested that the Automobile Club of California give a run starting as far north as there are any owners, and continue on down through the State to San Diego. The event could be conducted the same as the Del Monte run last year.

There is a need for just such a run, for it will do more to advance the interests of good roads than anything else that can be thought of at the present time. It will bring the owners in closer touch with one another, and make it possible to work out good laws and good roads in a more satisfactory way. Correspondence can do a good deal, but nothing cements interest in sports and pastimes so thoroughly as the actual personal intercourse of ideas of the enthusiasts. Such a run, which could take in the Yosemite and other many points of interest in the State would make an ideal vacation.

It would be more so if there were several machines in the squadron.

If the Automobile Club of California expects to give a meet in May, it is about time that the officers were taking some steps to prepare for the event. Up to Tuesday no word had been received of a meeting being called. Sixty days is a very short time to get up a meet. That is, if the racing talent is to be brought from the East. Barney Oldfield alone will not be attraction enough. There will have to be several Barneys to draw the crowd to the track. There was not enough publicity given to the last event. It should be so handled that the public will know a week before the races just who will take part.

Now that the Park Commissioners have extended the privileges in the Park, it is the duty of every automobilist to strictly observe the law, and see that others are complying with the regulations. They should report the number to the officers of the club of all those who transgress.

Every owner must feel that it is his special duty to put a stop to any infringement of the ordinance.

The automobilists of Los Angeles are making great progress with their special roads, and it would not be surprising if they were opened by mid-summer.

The Pioneer Automobile Co. last week delivered to Mr. Garland of San Diego a new 1904 Winton Touring Car.

We want uniform "auto" laws in the State.

Mr. A. E. Brooke Ridley takes pleasure in informing the public that his machine shop at 18 Fell street is thoroughly equipped to execute repairs of every description.

We must have an open park to the automobiles.

Dr. J. Coplin Stinson, member of the Board of Health, purchased from the Mobile Carriage Co. a Pierce Arrow touring car, which he is to use in his practice. The Doctor has owned a popular priced automobile, but he found it did not possess sufficient speed for his work.

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We must have better roads.

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Three more curved dash runabouts were shipped to Mr. George H. Osen, the Pioneer agent at San Jose.

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We want California to be the winter racing ground of the world. There is no other place so well suited to the game.

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J. A. Marsh, president of the Mobile Carriage Co., and Mrs. Marsh, have returned from their trip to Del Monte. The conditions of the road were exceedingly bad. On the return over the San Juan grade the mud was to the axle for a distance of fourteen miles. There were five people in the Arrow, making a very heavy load under the conditions. The little car went through without a mishap or assistance.

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We want San Francisco automobilists to keep their eye on Los Angeles, or they will be distanced in the race for popularity.

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Mr. and Mrs. De La Montanya, and party of friends, after an afternoon's run in their French touring car, dined at the Jefferson Square Club, after which they spent the evening bowling.

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We want a great highway from Oregon line to San Diego.

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The Reverend Cyrus Townsend Brady and Mrs. Brady were the guests of Frank E. Hartigan, manager of the Mobile Carriage Co., for an automobile ride about the city. The French Arrow was placed at their disposal and the trip was made through the Park, Cliff and about the Presidio.

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We want a race meet that will give us all the world's records.

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R. E. Olds, of the Oldsmobile fame, is visiting California. He has been spending some time in San Diego, and Mr. Brinegar, president of the Pioneer Automobile Company, is in receipt of a letter stating that Mr. Olds will visit San Francisco in about ten days.

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We want to hear of the pleasant runs made by our readers. Send us a description of your outings.

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Arthur W. Robinson, English manager of the Locomobile Company, returned recently on the "Celtic." He was accompanied by Mr. Irving J. Norse, of the London office.

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We want to see a red-letter year in the sport on the Coast. Everybody with their shoulder to the wheel.

Mr. W. J. Cornell, the well-known cashier of the Pioneer Automobile Company, who has been with the company since its incipency, has just received a very flattering offer from an Eastern manufacturing concern. Mr. Cornell, while not a Native Son, is much taken with California life.

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The Scott-Blakeslee Winton renting agency are arranging for several additional Winton touring cars, in order to take care of their increase of business. Several large parties were given by different prominent people during the past week. This company uses the Winton touring cars exclusively.

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Douglas S. and Arthur Watson have purchased their third St. Louis car. Mr. Douglas Watson claims to be the first to get over San Juan Hill a week ago.

George Hackermen has purchased a St. Louis car.

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A visitor from the East, who has just returned from the Oldsmobile factory at Detroit, Mich., states that the Olds Motor Works have taken twice as many orders this year to date as they did last season.

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The Pioneer Automobile Company is in receipt of a copy of a letter written by Mr. A. A. Moore, Jr., to Mr. Riker, vice-president of the Locomobile Company of America, at Bridgeport, Connecticut, in which he describes the most perfect run from San Francisco to Los Angeles:

"I have just returned from a trip from San Francisco to Los Angeles in my four-cylinder Locomobile.

"The distance was 487 miles, 230 of which was over mountains. I took the Coast Road. From the time I left San Francisco until I arrived at Los Angeles, the engine never stopped of its own accord. In fact, it ran as perfectly as my watch. Not even a spark plug was removed, or a monkey wrench applied. Nothing about the vehicle was broken or sprung, and when the machine arrived in Los Angeles it was in as good condition as when it left, with the one exception that on a long mountain grade, a section of a wooden brake shoe was burned up to the extent that not even the charred ashes remained. This did not interfere, however, with the working of the brake. Nobody seems to believe that the car

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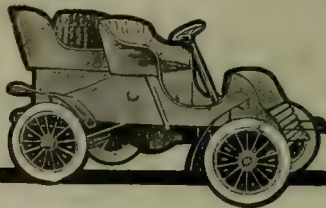


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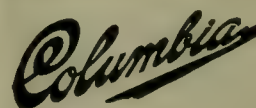
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made the trip absolutely without any tinkering, and, in order to convince them, I have to tell the things that I did not do to the car.

"We crossed seven mountain ranges, and as nearly as I could ascertain, about one car in ten that has started on the trip made it.

"We went by what is known as the Coast Route, and from King's City to Los Angeles the same is practically all mountains. The mechanism of the car gave us no more trouble than would a locomotive give to us in a Pullman in which we were being hauled."

We want every one to remember the automobile is not a toy of the day, but the greatest invention of the modern time. The conveyance of the future.

1904 Cadillacs were delivered last week to Mr. J. Schneer, Sacramento, Cal.; Dr. C. H. Bolsen, Sacramento, Cal.; Letcher Automobile Co., San Jose, Cal., two; H. H. Owens, San Francisco, Cal.

Mr. H. H. Owens, Miss Owens and party were seen last Sunday in their new Cadillac driving in the Presidio and Park.

THE JAP.

Being a reminiscence of the advance on Peking, by Corporal Rufus Green, 9th Infantry, U. S. A., the same being set down by Herbert David Walter.

Of all the different soldiers that I met across the sea,
There's a fighting man, who does his country proud.

Who's always Johnny-on-the-Spot, wherever he may be,

Though he's so small you'd miss him in a crowd.
The Englishman he swaggers, but he's nery and he's clean.

The Frenchman simply isn't worth a rap.
The Russian's mighty dirty, and the German's a machine;

But the keenest man in China was the Jap.

Yes, you bet your life the Jap,
On a hike, or in a scrap,

He's the guy what is an honor to the trade.
He'll put up a rattlin' fight
After marchin' day and night;
For he's the finest soldier that is made.

The Russian keeps on marchin' like a lot of driven swine,

But he couldn't use his block to save his neck.
The German needs ten officers to bring him into line,
But kill 'em off, and he becomes a wreck.

Our boys can do some fighting, and they shoot the best of all,

Though to beat the others shooting is a snap.
But in each and every mix-up that I can now recall,
The man that did the business was the Jap.

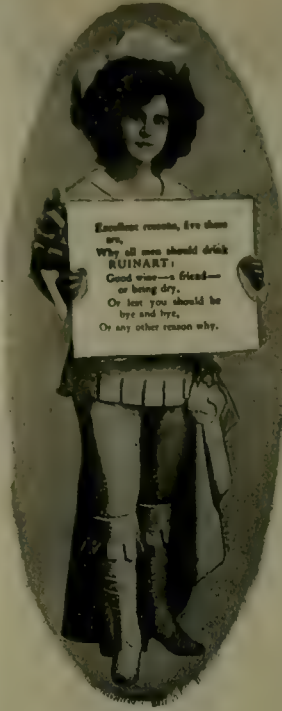
Said their General: "The enemy is tired—so are we;
But the enemy is scared, and we are not.

And since to get the Boxers we came across the sea,
We're going to make the pace extremely hot."

So they marched the Allied Armies most completely off their feet;

And they chased the Boxers all around the map.
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A Riotous Foreign Mob.

It would be unjust as well as untrue to refer to California as a lawless State, and yet the way things have been going for some time past, and not due to any overt act upon the part of our own citizens, serves to cast a reflection of disorder within her gates, which is not pleasing, to say the least, for law abiding citizens to contemplate. Twice within the past six months the owners of prominent mines in California have had to appeal to the strong arm of the Federal Government for protection of life and property. In the last instance a band of newly imported foreigners, who, from all that can be learned, are scarcely able to speak the American language, have literally taken up arms in a peaceful commonwealth, which they have invaded with the avowed intention of obtaining a livelihood, and threatened their employers. The strike at the Royal Mine of Calaveras County was bad enough in its way, while that at the Rawhide Mine of Tuolumne County, owing to the conduct of the strikers, can only be denounced as an outrage. It is one thing where a body of intelligent American citizens knock off work to settle some difference of opinion with an employer. With them there is no danger of violence to person or property, and an amicable settlement can always be expected. It is different, however, with the beetle-browed type of low-class foreign element, who in their native haunts are but a grade removed above the Asiatic coolie. The strange part of the affair in the case of the Rawhide disturbance is that the authorities do not make an effort to suppress the mob without having to drag the Federal Government into the affair. There should be power enough upon the side of the law-abiding element of the county itself to see that the reputation of California does not suffer at the hands of aliens who, by their very action of to-day have proved themselves an undesirable class to be granted the privileges of American citizenship. The whole fact of the matter is that the Government has had its attention so closely concentrated on the western portals of the country in an effort to check the ingress of an alien horde from the Orient that it has overlooked the Eastern entrance to the country, with the result that an element has been permitted to creep in from Europe, which had been better kept out. There is some satisfaction in knowing, however, that now that the power of the Federal Government has been invoked, it will go hard with those who oppose it, and that order will be maintained at any cost. Objectionable arrivals from the Orient are transported without much trouble under the category of "undesirables," and the same law should be invoked to move some of the Rawhide alien rioters back where they came from in short order. A few examples of the kind might teach this class of foreigners the lesson that the first thing they must do when they enter this country is to learn how to behave themselves.

Another Notable Industrial Combine.

The absorption of the United Gas and Electric Company by the California Gas and Electric Corporation has furnished the "street" with another opportunity to discuss the ability of our local financiers. We have had the very remarkable elucidation of the problem how to figure up millions on paper and come out short on the cash end of the horn in the United Rail-

roads, where the New York promoter got the best of the bargain, and then followed that remarkable exhibition of financiering, the S. F. Gas and Electric combine, so top-heavy even from the start that it could not stand on its own legs for a moment without being propped. Now comes the California Gas and Electric combination, with a bonded indebtedness of over \$23,000,000. Of course this company makes a large amount of money, but it will take a mint to meet the charges on the indebtedness. It will be interesting to follow the fate of all these heavily capitalized combines in face of a proposition always likely to be encountered in the form of opposition companies. The investing public will very naturally be cautious in dealing in a class of security where the industrial values are shaded by the speculative results of market manipulation of bond issues which are not so easily worked off here as elsewhere.

Banks Spring up in all Directions.

One would think that there were banks enough already of all classes to handle the business of the State. It would appear not, however, from the manner in which licenses are being issued by the California Bank Commission, no less than 8 new concerns Bank Commission, no less than eight new concerns being granted in one day during the past week. There is no denying the fact that the millions in gold coin are piling up here all the time, but not so fast that the old-established institutions are not in a condition to handle it. Naturally the old and well known banks will continue to obtain the patronage of the public, and for this reason it is difficult to understand where and from whom these new banks expect to draw for support. Most of these incorporations were incubated during the temporary suspension of the powers of the Bank Commission. The number of the creations taking place in such a short period of time makes one wonder how many would spring up, mushroom-like, had the powers of the State Board been abolished instead of a mere suspension. It looks very much as if every second man of ordinary means in California desires to figure as a banker.

Pine-St. Market, average on Pine street just now, with prices ruling firm.

No effort is apparent to boom prices, and as for manipulation, every indication of it has disappeared for weeks. And yet the market shows no disposition to fall off, and there is a steady demand for every share offered. The prospects in the north-end mines continue to improve, and if the true condition at certain points in this quarter of the lode were fully appreciated by the public, prices would be materially higher for many of this special line of shares than they are to-day. However, the realization of the truth of the matter will come along in time, and then some changes for the better may be expected.

Local Stocks and Bonds.

Business on the Stock and Bond Exchange during the past week has developed few new features, with a dull demand and prices weak as a rule. A bid, the first on record, for California Gas and Electric—58 at 93 and 95 asked. It is generally believed that Spring Valley can legitimately secure a much better rate by an appeal to the courts, where the true value of its property can be exploited.

It is too much to expect an ability in this particular line of intricate appraisement from the average political swashbuckler, whom fate has provided with a seat in the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, as one of the handy men of a fiddling-boss. This is evident, on the other hand, by the way the Board was jollied into allowing the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company 90 cents per cubic feet for gas, with no provision in the way of penalty for poor quality and bad service. About 65 cents per 1000 would have been the correct figure, according to the evidence presented this august body, which seemed content to bow before the haughty individuals who, for the moment, evidently imagine they own all the gas consumers in the town. Before many months have elapsed a new company will have entered the local field, a prediction which some doubting Thomas with a friendly leaning toward the present gas barons can make a note of for future reference. It would be an interesting matter to hear the subject of the values of this concern threshed out in open court. They would simmer down materially from \$25,000,000 if some of the air was let out. With all the dullness in the local industrials, there are indications of livelier times and higher prices in the sugar stocks.

Mining in Siberia. According to the report of R. T. Greener, the American Commercial Agent at Vladivostock, Siberia, the Russian regulation preventing foreigners from exploiting gold mines within sixty miles of the coast, or even in participating in the gold-mining industry in the maritime province, instead of being relaxed, as was hoped for by some of the foreign miners who had already paid a good price for work done before the law has again been confirmed. Russian Jews can only engage in such mining where they have the right to live outside of Jewish settlements. A very rich quarry of lithographic stone is situated in the vicinity of the city of Kootais. Notwithstanding the profit that its exploitation would yield, no one seems to care to undertake the business. This report was filed some weeks before the war broke out, and now of course, under the changed conditions, the industry has been practically stopped, and no work of any magnitude will likely be undertaken until peace reigns again.

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The Story of Yan Loo Tat

BY P. N. BERINGER

The Official Directory of the Far East speaks of the savages of Formosa in the following manner: "There are two classes of savages in Formosa, namely, the savages of the plains and the mountaineers. The hill tribes coerce the men of the plains to assist them in carrying on war against the Japanese, the latter being reluctant to break the friendly relations that exist. Among these savages there are tribes whose young men are not allowed to marry until they have brought into camp the head of one Chinaman at least. * * * The Formosan bent on winning his spurs as a valiant warrior lies in wait for some passing Chinaman, or perchance a party composed of three or four Chinese tradesmen, upon whom he springs from ambush before they suspect danger. A short scuffle, if any, ensues, and the headless trunk of an inoffensive Chinaman lies on the ground, while the savage, bounding over hill and dale, makes off to his camp with the coveted trophy in his hand. Upon arrival, the warrior goes straight to his chief and lays before him the ghastly evidence of his prowess. A war dance is soon in full swing, amidst which the hero of the hour is introduced to his bride, and before many hours he is allowed to take her to his bark hut."

* * *

When I came to the cane cot Maclean feebly held out a hand and gradually drifted into the chief story of his life.

He spoke in French. "My friend," he said, "you are not alone in wanting to know of me. I hope it may do you some good. It has never been of benefit to me, this knowledge of myself.

"I was born in Formosa, near the village of Tamsui, during the time Liu-Ming-Chu'an was Governor of Formosa. Liu-Ming-Chu'an was a man of extraordinary ability, and he did more in his day to bring the people of Formosa to civilized ways than any other influence before or since.

"Through his influence my father, who was a provincial chief, was induced to place me with Dr. MacKay, a Protestant missionary, who gave me the rudiments of an education. When Mr. Maclean, the English contractor, built the Tamsui Railway, I went in his employ along the line in charge of the track-laying force. Mr. Maclean became interested in me to such an extent that he sent me to Hongkong, where I entered one of the Christian institutions to perfect my education. I soon became dissatisfied, and communicating my dislike to Mr. Maclean, he placed me with a private tutor, who gave me instruction in the French language.

"It was after I returned to Tamsui that Mr. Maclean gave me permission to take his name. At the same time he placed me in charge of the telegraph system which he was placing through the lowland provinces and as far into the interior as the savage tribes would permit.

"Our family is of Malayan origin and extremely clannish. We have always despised the Chinaman or those affiliated with him. My father was a Buddhist in his belief, and my education under different sects of the Christian religion had not given me great confidence in the white man's teachings. Up in the mountains, on the northern road, I was sent to string along wires and establish telegraph stations. I have always suspected that Maclean's kindness to

me sprang originally from a desire to conciliate the tribal chiefs along this line of road, as they nearly all were related in some manner to my family.

"Upon returning from the end of the line, I decided to take a trip into the interior and visit the camp of an old chief, an uncle of mine, a brother of my mother. I had keen expectations of a warm welcome, but in this I was disappointed. The old man was devoting the remaining years of his life to weird religious rites, part Buddhistical, part savage. He was quite an expert in the taming of vipers, and his performances with fire and magic made my blood creep.

"I should have quitted the camp, never to return, had I not caught sight of his daughter. It did not take more than a minute to convince me that I should never be happy until she became my bride. As my people rarely consult the women in this matter, I immediately made my proposal to the father. The old man was indignant. He delivered himself of a long speech against the outside world in general and the Japanese in particular.

"His venom was directed against my clothing, the manner of dressing my hair and my unnecessary accomplishments. He criticised my father, and finally wound up by denying me the girl's hand unless I became one of his tribe and dropped entirely the ways of civilization.

"I loved the girl—Geta was her name—with a wild passion that may not be described. For many days I brooded upon the condition, and then I came to the conclusion that once she was my wife I could flee to Tamsui and defy the old man.

"The next day I put aside the clothing of the white man and the ways of the civilized. I donned the tribal headband and assumed a position of authority as the chief's nephew.

"Having complacently demeaned myself to suit his pleasure I now demanded the girl of my uncle. We were sitting before a fire from which at will he brought, by passing his hands over it red, green or yellow flames.

"He turned his hideous, parchment-like face toward me, and said:

"You masquerade well, my nephew, but there is one condition you must fulfill. Remember that you must bring in a head, the head of a Chinaman, ere you can claim my daughter."

"Filled with horror at his demand, I made a mute appeal to his daughter.

"I am my father's daughter,' she said, looking defiantly at me, 'and you are a Japanese coward. Conform to our tribal customs, become a true man, and I will be yours. You had better go at once. Go!'

"After I had left that old devil at his mysterious fire and wandered into the moonlight, I broke into a run down the mountain path toward civilization.

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Before making the first turn in the road I looked back toward the great cleft in the rock. There was a green light in the sky, and in relief stood a black figure. It was Geta, and as she saw me stop she flung up her arms. I thought I heard her laugh and the one word: 'Coward!'

"Seating myself by the side of the road, I pondered on the situation. It seemed to me as if a weight of blackness, which never again has lifted, had descended upon me. I thought of my opportunities. I thought of my ambitions and of Maclean and the good missionary, Dr. Mackay. I also reasoned that between civilization and savagery it was but a question of clothing, customs and surroundings. I had seen the white man in China do things that would have shamed a tribesman. I had seen the white man with the Bible in one hand and the sword in the other.

"That night lizards croaked incessantly, and it was always the same thing—'Geta, Geta, Geta!'

"I wore a sword something like the Tagalo bolas, and I tried its edge upon my thumb. After all, what was one coolie the less?

"A feeling of numbness came over me and I think I dozed away.

"When I was again conscious it was not yet morning and the night lizards still croaked. I was unutterably tired. Presently I heard some one coming up the path. Instinctively I grasped my sword. It was a man. Just as he passed the spot where I stood I let him have the sword. With all my strength I struck the blow. His head rolled down the road and the body blocked the path. I must have been demented, for I picked up the body and tossed it in the bushes, muttering, 'Somebody might fall over you and get hurt!' I remember that I was much surprised to find the thing still warm when I grasped it by the hair. It was then I discovered the man was no Chinaman. What matter?

"It was with a feeling of joy that I stood again in the cleft of the hill. The old man was still at his mummeries, but before I could speak he raised his head and said:

"I knew you would come back!"

"Geta was lying beside him fast asleep, and at the sound of his voice she raised her head and looked toward me.

"With a swing of the arm I flung the head between them. The thing bounded upon the bark shelter, and after remaining a moment as if suspended, it tumbled into the fire.

"Geta gave a wild cry and fell to the ground, her hands pressed tightly to her eyes. Then rising, after one more look, she sprang into the jungle, from which rang back her shrieks.

"The old man, too, hobbled away into the underbrush as fast as his aged legs could carry him.

"Jumping down, I made my way to the fire. Then for the first time in the light I got a good look at the face.

"It was the head of Geta's brother."

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Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Storey County, Nevada.

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Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on 14th DAY OF MARCH, 1904 will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors, CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary
Office—Room 79, Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco California

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Best and Belcher Mining Company.

Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works—Virginia District, Storey County, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 12th day of February, 1904, an assessment (No. 84) of ten (10) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation payable immediately, in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, Room 83, Nevada Block No. 309 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on THE 18th DAY OF MARCH, 1904, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Friday, the 8th day of April 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors, M. JAFFE, Secretary.
Location of Office—Room 83, Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco Cal.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Occidental Consolidated Mining Company.

Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Silver Star Mining District, Storey County, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 6th day of February, 1904, an assessment (No. 44) of five (5) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, room 57, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on THE 16th DAY OF MARCH, 1904, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on THURSDAY, the 31st day of March 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By Order of the Board of Directors, ALFRED K. BURBROW, Secretary.
OFFICE—Room 57, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, California

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Potosi Mining Company.

Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Storey County, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 10th day of February, 1904, an assessment (No. 69) of ten (10) cents per share, was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary at the office of the Company, Room 79 Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, California.

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By order of the Board of Directors, CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary.
Office—Room 79, Nevada Block 309 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, Cal.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company.

Assessment.....	No. 122
Amount per share.....	10 cents
Levied.....	February 10, 1904
Delinquent in office.....	March 15 1904
Day of sale of delinquent stock.....	April 4, 1904

By order of the Board of Directors, E. L. PARKER, Secretary.
Office—Room 14, Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, California.

We are indebted to Congressman Livernash for the "Memorial Address on the Life and Character of William McKinley, President of the United States," by John Hay. Delivered under date of February 29, 1904.



"It seems," said the leader of the rescuing party, "that the bandits bound and gagged you in the regular comic opera style." "Oh, no, they didn't," replied the victim. "The gags they used were entirely new."

Mrs. Goodun—Now, after that nice, hot coffee, perhaps you'll be able to split some kindling. Woodent Thinkofit—Sorry, mum, but I forgot to tell you I'm a coffee fiend, and yer well-meant kindness has broke my nerves all up so's I must have perfect rest.

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"Didn't I hear your wife refer to you as the human mince pie?" said the curious person. "Yes," answered Sirius Barker. "Is that a compliment?" "Not exactly. She means that I never agree with anybody."

He was a philosopher and a talker. She was a woman of action. They stood together on the bridge and watched a tug that was hauling a long line of barges up the river.

"Look there, my dear," said he. "Such is life. The tug is like the man, working and toiling, while the barges, like the women, are—" His wife gave him no time to finish the sentence. "I know," she said. "The tug does all the blowing and the barges bear all the burden."

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7:00 A	Vacaville, Winters, Runisey.....	7:50
7:00 A	Benicia, Suisun, Elinira and Sacramento	7:20
7:30 A	Vallejo, Napa, Callistoga, Santa Rosa, Martinez, San Ramon.....	6:20
7:30 A	Niles, Livermore, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton.....	7:20
8:00 A	Shasta Express (Via Davis), Williams (for Bartlett Springs), Willows, Fruto, Red Bluff, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle.....	7:50
8:00 A	Davis, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville.....	7:50
8:30 A	Port Costa, Martinez, Andloch, Byron, Tracy, Stockton, Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Armona, Hanford, Visalia, Porterville.....	4:0
8:30 A	Port Costa, Martinez, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Visalia, Bakersfield.....	4:50
8:30 A	Niles, San Jose, Livermore, Stockton, (Millton), Lone, Sacramento, Placerville, Marysville, Chico, Red Bluff.....	4:20
8:30 A	Oakdale, Chinese, Jamestown, Sonoma, Tuluma and Angels.....	4:20
9:00 A	Atlantic Express—Ogden and East.....	11:20
9:30 A	Richmond, Martinez and Way Stations.....	6:50
10:00 A	The Owl Limited—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, Chicago.....	6:20
10:00 A	Los Angeles Passenger—Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton, Merced, Raymond, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Lemoore, Visalia, Bakersfield, Los Angeles.....	7:20
12:00 P	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations.....	3:20
11:00 P	Sacramento River Steamers.....	11:00
3:30 P	Benicia, Winters, Sacramento, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville and way stations.....	10:50
3:30 P	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations.....	7:50
3:30 P	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno and Way Stations beyond Port Costa.....	12:20
3:30 P	Martinez, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi.....	10:20
4:00 P	Martinez, San Ramon, Vallejo, Napa, Callistoga, Santa Rosa.....	9:20
4:00 P	Niles, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi.....	4:20
4:30 P	Hayward, Niles, Irington, San Jose, Livermore.....	11:50
5:00 P	The Owl Limited—Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Fresno, Tulare, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Golden State Limited, Sleeper, Oakland to Los Angeles, for Chicago, via C. R. I. & P.....	8:50
6:00 P	Port Costa, Tracy, Stockton.....	12:20
6:30 P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose.....	7:20
6:00 P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose.....	9:30
6:00 P	Eastern Express—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and East, Port Costa, Benicia, Suisun, Elinira, Davis, Sacramento, Rocklin, Auburn, Colfax, Truckee, Boca, Reno, Wadsworth, Winnemucca.....	5:20
6:00 P	Vallejo, daily, except Sunday.....	7:50
7:00 P	Vallejo, Sunday only.....	7:50
7:00 P	Richmond, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way Stations.....	11:20
8:00 P	Oregon & California Express—Sacramento, Marysville, Redding, Portland, Puget Sound and East.....	8:50
9:10 P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only).....	11:50

COAST LINE

(Narrow Gauge)

(Foot of Market Street.)		
8:15 A	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Way Stations.....	5:55 P
12:15 P	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations.....	10:55 A
4:15 P	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and way stations.....	10:55 A
6:30 P	Hunters Train Sunday only, San Jose and Way Stations. Returning from Los Gatos Sunday only.....	12:25 P

OAKLAND HARBOR FERRY.
From SAN FRANCISCO, Foot of Market St. (Slip 1) — 7:15 9:00 11:00 A.M. 1:00 3:00 5:15 P.M.
From OAKLAND, Foot of Broadway — 16:30 18:00 19:00 A.M. 12:00 2:00 4:00 P.M.

COAST LINE (Broad Gauge)

1st (Third and Townsend Streets.)		
6:10 A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	6:30 P
7:00 A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	5:36 P
8:00 A	New Almaden (Tues., Frid., only), The Coaster—Stops only San Jose, Gilroy (connection to Santa Clara, Pajaro, Castroville (connection to and from Monterey and Pacific Grove), Salinas, San Ardo, Paso Robles, Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo, principal stations thence Surf (connection for Lompoc), principal stations thence Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Saugus, Los Angeles.....	10:45 P
8:00 A	San Jose, Tres Pinos, Capitola, Santa Cruz, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Luis Obispo and Principal Way Stations.....	4:10 P
10:30 A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	1:20 P
11:30 A	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations.....	7:30 P
1:30 P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8:36 P
3:00 P	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove (connects at Santa Clara for Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek and Narrow Gauge Points) at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Castroville for Salinas.....	12:15 P
4:30 P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	10:45 A
6:00 P	San Jose (via Santa Clara) Los Gatos, and Principal Way Stations (except Sunday).....	19:00 A
6:30 P	San Jose and Principal Way Stations (except Sunday).....	19:40 A
6:30 P	Sunset Limited.—Redwood, San Jose, Gilroy, Salinas, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Deming, El Paso, New Orleans, New York. Connects at Pajaro for Santa Cruz and at Castroville for Pacific Grove and Way Stations.....	7:10 P
6:30 P	San Mateo, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, Palo Alto.....	16:48 A
8:00 P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	6:36 P
11:30 P	Palo Alto and Way Stations.....	10:15 A
11:30 P	South San Francisco, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto.....	9:45 P
11:30 P	Marysville, Mountain View, Sausalito, Lawrence, Santa Clara and San Jose.....	19:45 P

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How San Francisco Looks to Me

By Fernand Travers, Tourist

No. 10

Really, don't you know, I am quite disgusted at the actions of the masses as seen here in your city. I think it is quite abominable. They are an uneducated, ruthless mob governed and swayed by sentiment, don't you know. Me and Roger walked out the other morning after a very early breakfast at 12:30, and I went over to the paper offices to see what the crowd was looking at. I found the ordinary news being painted on a long sheet by a painter man and a whole lot of cheering being done by the beggars who were looking at the painter man. Of course, we must allow these people to enjoy themselves, and I stood it as long as I could, then beckoned Roger and walked away. The beggars who were looking at the sheet were not the class of chaps who make soldiers; they are the other lot who make loafers. They would be suppressed if your Bobbies knew their business. I can't really possibly refrain from criticising what I call the bumptiousness of Americanism. It is different, I take it, entirely from English Jingoism. I am an American born, but thank heaven, I am English bred, and I object to my own countrymen making the mistake of thinking that yelling and flagbearing is patriotism. I am speaking simply of those whose manners should be better (the masses follow the classes' example), and you should show them as I do by actions that patriotism is one thing and that the Birmingham article is but, as your ex-president once phrased it, "offensive partisanship." I am truly sure that we, the Americans, are next to the British the best fighters on earth, and this in my opinion is history, but you must not by any means, don't you know, mistake shouting for valour and the stimulus of drink for bravery. I can't permit it. The American women are better bred, intuitively, than the American men. On the continent I have met American men. I have met them in Berlin, in Munich, in Dresden, in Paris, and in London. I have also had the ill-fortune to meet them in my travels in the Orient.

I have met some few of them, abroad, but very few, that I would be pleased to meet again. Those who were welcome at private homes and at the clubs were hopelessly in the minority. In France or Germany, if I hear an American smashing the language of the country into flinders, I feel like taking the trouble to go to the Consulate and find out who he is before I tell him that I can speak English. This saves me endorsing a draft, don't you see. I have pulled out a lot of you abroad at my personal expense, sorrow and trouble when I really thought the chap deserved it, and I have left it to the Consul a whole lot of times to get rid of the American whose only claim on him was a passport. The American race is all that it should be, but it is "gauche" and the name of being an American on the Continent is synonymous with what I am sure I know to be at least double charges. This is owing to the pork-packing and grocery fellows who go from America and view the National Gallery and the Louvre in ten minutes. The sort of personally conducted chaps who debauch the objects by hiring a private guide who tells them all he knows, and more, within the ten minutes limit. The habit now of the continental waiter when he sees three or four Americans get around a table is to beckon with one hand for a new bottle of whiskey, while with the other hand signals

for the "garde civil." The ordinary American abroad, as I have seen him, is the flag waving, yelling, fullsome fool that I saw in front of the paper offices. I really think I may go further and say that the American abroad is obtrusive and offensive both to his own countrymen and others. He is so beastly careless of his money that the name American has become a by-word among the blooming waiters. He is so blasted ostentatious that the well-bred man shuns him, and the ill-bred parvenu follows him.

American patriotism is a real thing, but patriotism abroad does not mean a box party in Brussels, where the commercialism of the actors leads to a compliment to the American nation, and the ill-bred indecency of the box party leads to an interruption of the performance. Still this has happened. I saw it.

I am a stickler for good form, and I am almost as jealous of the name I bear as I am of my reputation for doing the proper thing, but had I found my kennel man yelling as I found the men in front of the paper office the other day, I should have heeled him. You folks have lots to learn, and blame me one of the lots is that hollering is not fighting and enthusiasm is not patriotism. When we went to the front in the Boer war we did it quietly, don't you know, and when we go to the front in the present trouble between Japan and Russia, it will be done in the same way, and the men who will do the fighting, British and American, will not do any yelling, and to lead a company of Americans against Russia would just suit the mood of

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 Croonings of belted brown bees;
 Whispers of wind in the trees;
 Oriole's rune in the hot midnoon;
 Meadow-lark's melody, lyrical, clear;
 Cooing of pigeons and lowing of cows;
 Shrilling of katydids in the green boughs;
 Ripple of brooklet and splash of the rain
 Drowsily, dreamily tapping thy pane—
 Voice of the forest, the hills, and the sea,
 These—all these—shall thy lullaby be!

What shall thy lullaby be, dear?
 Merciless passing of feet
 Down in the wearisome street;
 Discord of cries from the alleys that rise;
 Voices of barter and anger and fear;
 Rumble of wagons along the rough stones;
 Jest and quarreling, laughter and groans;
 Drink-gendered ravings and curses of songs—
 Shrieking of trolleys and clanging of gongs—
 Sleep, if thou canst, in this grim nursery!
 These—all these—shall thy lullaby be!

SUNRISE ON THE ALETSCH GLACIER, FACING THE WEISSHORN.

By Hugh Macnaghten in The Saturday Review

Unwitnessed, at the birth of every sun,
 Here, in the mountain solitudes sublime,
 Eternal power reveals itself through time,
 And morn by morn the mighty works are done.
 And here to-morrow on the lonely way
 There may be signs and wonders, and the same
 Transfiguration turn no heart to flame;
 Ah! well for me that I was here to-day.
 I stood above the range of earthly care
 And rested in the sanctuary lone,
 Breathing the grace of sacramental air
 From snowy courts around the great white throne,
 And in the silent sunrise unaware
 I passed into the Presence, and have known.

FOREST TO THE CITY.

By Harold Child in Outing

Over desolate, untilled farms,
 The forest saplings creep;
 Until at last their sturdy arms
 Above the roof-tree sweep.
 Across the bowed and crumbling roof,
 The clinging scions greet,
 In gloomy, solemn, mute reproof,
 The City's teeming street.

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With each stroke of biting blade,
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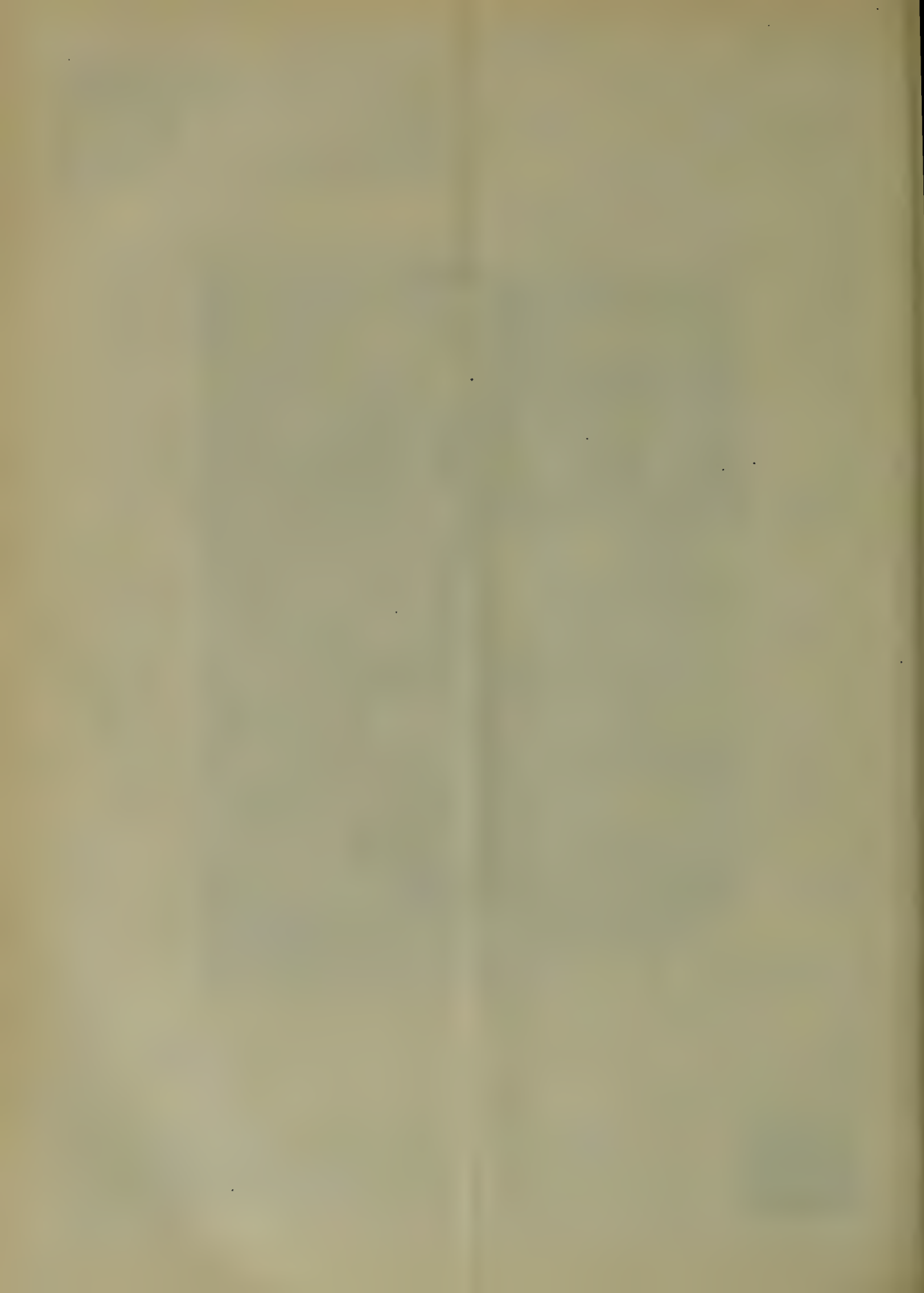
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Reports from the Orient indicate that Japan is still actively engaged in the bottling industry.

Another outfit has found the wreck of the steamer Rio Janeiro just in time for the Spring run of gudgeons.

"Strong arm" thugs continue to find here and there citizens with money left in their pockets after being held up by the gas company.

"Bridge whist," is has been discovered, is a sovereign remedy for hysteria—also for that feeling of fullness in the region of the pocket-book.

Congress has given up trying to find out "How old is Ann?" and is busy ciphering out how many wives Senator Smoot has.

The saloonmen of Reading, Pa., have yielded to a powerful local prejudice against strong drink by agreeing to put no more preserved cherries in their cocktails.

The latest musical composition of the Czar of Russia is called "A Song of Peace." Permit the suggestions that it be dedicated to the Hague tribunal and be played by an orchestra of Gatling guns.

Some person who plumes himself on his smartness has put forward a certificate system to take the place of postage stamps. Pretty soon there will be nothing left for the average citizen to lick.

A Windy City preacher who is said to be both eloquent and popular, predicts that before long Chicago will be the crime center of the world. He forgets that Bretherill County, Kentucky, is still on the map.

President Smith of the Mormon Church admits the possession of five wives and forty-three children, from which we may judge that Utah's "infant industry" needs no tariff to foster it.

Certain unscrupulous individuals in New York State have upset the brewery almanac by putting bock beer on the market three weeks ahead of the season.

A Chicago bank has prohibited marriage for those of its employees who draw less than \$1,000 a year in salary, and now they are spelling it "matter-o'-money" along the lake shore.

"Polygamy was her undoing," is the plaintive cry of one woman. It may be so, but polyandry is a more frequent cause.

Viceroy Alexieff has earned, even if he has not yet received, the Order of the Twin Eagles, for proficiency on the rapid-fire typewriter.

A local women's club devoted to the cultivation of the sense of humor, is going to pieces because too many of its members want to be President at the same time.

The President publicly thanks Postmaster-General Payne for catching and convicting four of the minor rogues in his department. Apparently, Mr. Roosevelt's goddess of reform is not star-eyed but cross-eyed.

The President of the New York Federation of Women's Clubs, a married lady, named Dow, has announced that it is unsanitary to kiss, the human lips being "full of germs." We suspect that Mr. Dow has contracted the clove habit.

The "longest leased wire in the world" is no longer that over which Hearst describes the popular clamor for himself as President, but that by means of which Alexieff tells Czar Nicholas about the rudeness of the Japanese.

Shafroth of Colorado ousted himself from a seat in Congress, and now he gallantly declares that it was not the women of his district, but a bunch of wicked males who hounded the voting in his favor. Shafroth is not quite too good to live.

An austere Board of Education has interdicted dancing among the high school girls of Little Falls, N. Y., because some of them kicked too high. Upon reflection we must admit that elevation is better for the mind than for the toes.

Caliente, Nev., rejoicing in the fact that it is the temporary terminus of Senator Clark's Salt Lake railroad, lays claims to distinction as the worst town on earth. People who have been there recall the quality of its meals and say "Amen!"

The Russian cavalry is in need of grass. Such is the sage information detailed to us. Horses are not usually in want of grass. Tin cans or old shoes serve their purpose admirably. The Russian ships are in need of steam would be equally true. It would not apply, however, to the Examiner staff.

There is no end to the accomplishments of the Roosevelt family. Mrs. Roosevelt now appears as a nurse, while the manifold accomplishments of her distinguished husband are too well-known to need further cataloging. When the children grow up the family can enter upon a career of general supervision of social and political matters.

SLOW JUSTICE.

It is a shameful fact to record, but it is true, that San Francisco has had more than one hundred homicides since any one has been hanged for a murder done in this city and county—a condition of affairs that speaks ill for our past and augurs ill for our future. The fault is not hard to find; it is no great task to lay the blame where it belongs. Upon the bench of the inferior courts are, for a great part, men notoriously amenable to the secret sinister influence of the gang which exists by cheating justice of her due; at the tables of the prosecutors are men of no ability or of especial skill in the deliberate bungling of pleadings in the interests of malefactors with money or "pull," at the desks where records are kept and where the summoning of jurors is conducted are still other rogues well trained in the art of making trial by jury a farce. Beyond all this array of cunning crookedness is a system of appeals, of stays and of delays on technicalities that makes the imposing and execution of the law's ultimate penalty the rare exceptions. The red-handed murderer, convicted in spite of "fixed" juries, complaisant judges and carefully careless prosecutors, is yet in no present peril of the rope. There is left for him all the labyrinth of the Supreme Court with its myriad possibilities of escape from the death penalty and its certain assurance of delays in year-long installments. The course of statute-making and code-revising holds out no promise of a surer and speedier execution of judgment in capital cases. Indeed, the trend of legislation appears to be more and more toward the relegation of those laws which provide the death penalty to the dead-letter section of the statute books. Session by session the Legislature goes on putting new stumbling blocks in the road to the gallows, and a Supreme Court whose specialty is reversing its own decisions, goes on making it more and more difficult to draw the noose and spring the trap.

The endless delay which our laws and our courts afford to the least influential murderer operates to deprive capital punishment of the essential element of its effect. The hanging of a murderer two or three years after his crime is of little value as a deterrent. Capital punishment so long deferred becomes merely the enforcement of the "lex talionis," the exaction of a life for a life, and that is precisely what our theory of the death penalty does not contemplate. Practically, as well as theoretically, the gallows should be not a means for the permanent removal from society of a man proved to be a menace of the lives of his fellows, but a place for the exhibition of a powerful deterring influence, a grim warning to the shedder of human blood, a publication of notice that there is no room in our civilization for men who lay violent hands upon their kind. But, in fact, so long a time elapses between crime and punishment in those rare instances where Justice claims and is awarded its own that the public is not able to recall with definiteness for what cause the hangman performs his function. We doubt seriously whether it would not be better to quit hanging than to hang so long after the deed. Some things we may well learn from the English, and among them is how to deal with murderers, robbers, burglars, footpads, and the like, so as to put a check upon the more serious crimes against the person. The noose must be swifter and more certain. The prisons for felons must be less pleasant places of abode. California's record of unpunished crime is too red to be of value as an advertisement of the State.

FAKE BUSINESS METHODS.

A great boom is noticed in business of an illegitimate kind, with the furniture trade of San Francisco as the present field of operation. Honest enterprise we always hasten to commend, and keen competition among merchants we regard as a sign of commercial health, as long as it does not lead to misrepresentation and "faking." But there is so much palpable fake about the methods of certain of the furniture houses that have lately sprung into prominence here that we are bound to call it to public attention. The worst offender calls itself the "Grand Rapids Furniture Company," and does business on Market street. Its modus operandi is that of a curbstone faker or a fly-by-night bogus jewelry concern. With columns and pages of newspaper advertising that must cost it thousands of dollars a week, it is pushing the sale of furniture, the cheapest, flimsiest and shoddiest ever put on the market—

Its latest trap for the unwary is an offer to give away among its dupes a house and lot "guaranteed" to cost the concern \$5,500. Any business man knows it is not likely to do so; that the house and lot, if it exists, probably cost no such sum, and, further, that when it comes to the award, it is possible for the "Grand Rapids Furniture Company" to take good care to arrange that detail so that the prize will fall where it desires, and that would be either into the hands of somebody closely related to its management or somebody to whom it owes money.

A campaign of this kind is highly detrimental to the city and to its legitimate business interests, filling the homes of poor people with trash that will be fit only for kindling wood in a year or two, and driving honest dealers and honest goods out of the market.

There are others than the "Grand Rapids" people in the furniture-faking business, but it is the most conspicuous just now by reason of its loudness and boldness. Its house lottery scheme is the limit of illegitimate business methods, perilously near the line of downright fraud.

A PAST MASTER OF HYPOCRISY.

In his favorite role of "the friend of organized labor," Hearst's hypocrisy is at its rankest. God, or whoever it was that made this apology for a man, built him with a double face and a forked tongue and a mind incapable of straightforwardness. He might, possibly, be honest if he tried, but if that be so then he has never tried. The pinnacle of his turpitude is scaled when, for his own vulgar ambition's sake he sets himself up as the best friend and advocate of the labor unionists. The men who work for him in organized trades are the best witnesses of his knavery in this respect, but their testimony would cost them their jobs, wherefore they are naturally silent. But the case against him can be made out otherwise.

Here is an example of Hearst's "friendship" for union labor: A few weeks ago he was brought face to face with an ultimatum from the union of photo-engravers, the climax and culmination of months spent by this organization in trying to make him live up to his agreement with it as to the use of the plates or matrices sent to his San Francisco paper from his New York paper. The contention of the engravers, pressed home to Hearst here and in Los Angeles, was that he could not fairly make zinc plates of illustrations in one of his establishments and reproduce them in his six other papers without paying

for them as if they were etched anew for each paper. He had long before recognized this principle in dealing with the printers' union concerning "plate matter," furnished by advertisers, and had also admitted it in his negotiations with the etchers. But at last, seeing that to live up to his engagements would cost him many thousands of dollars every year, he coolly repudiated the etchers. He would not have dared to defy his printers, pressmen or stereotypers, whose organizations are closely allied, but he knew that the etchers' union was not affiliated with the other unionized newspaper workers, and he could see no danger in flouting them, feeling certain that they were too weak to injure him. As to possible publicity, he relied, as he had often done before, on his secret understanding with the mis-leaders of labor here and elsewhere, to "break" any complaint the engravers might make, and keep it from going before any of the central councils.

Thus secured by his own strength and the union's weakness, Hearst virtually told the etchers to "strike and be d—d." They struck. A "scab" crew prepared the illustrations in the Examiner office that night and for several nights. Whether the matter has been adjusted we cannot say, but it is safe to assert that the union did not get what it asked.

Here is another case: A year or so ago an effort was made to unionize the newspaper reporters of San Francisco. It was an ill-advised attempt to accomplish the impossible, and the union died in early infancy. Other newspapers were wise enough to foresee this outcome and did not concern themselves about the movement. Hearst hunted down the men in the Examiner office who had been active in advancing the ill-starred union and discharged them all—not for the effort to unionize, but on this or that thin pretext.

It is knowledge of these matters and of many more like them that makes the rank and file of organized labor weary when they read such pronouncements as Hearst published in Sunday's Examiner, describing his own part in forwarding the cause of the workmen with all the power of his purse and his papers. The truth is that Hearst has long been exploiting organized labor for his own selfish end—the end of electing himself to the Presidency of the United States. Organized labor will do well if it pray to be delivered from such "friendship," preferring the enmity of its avowed foes to the double-dealing, self-seeking hypocrite Hearst.

THE SUPREME COURT OF HAWAII.

Judge Henry E. Highton, formerly of San Francisco, is being spoken of as a candidate for the Supreme Court of the territory of Hawaii. It was thought at the time of Judge Highton's departure from San Francisco that it would not be a long time before the qualities that have made him so favorably known as a jurist would bring him in the public eye in Honolulu.

Mr. Highton's change of residence was caused by the fact that his wife was for a number of years an invalid, and her physicians counseled a change of climate. It will be pleasing to her friends to know that her health has been completely restored, and that owing to this fact she is endeared to the Hawaiian climate and people. Judge Highton's name is closely interwoven in the history of California. He is a life member of the Society of California Pioneers, and has frequently been a vice-president of that institution. He was admitted to practice in 1860

in California. Judge Highton in his 42 years' career in law in California has handled nearly 4,000 cases, and these were nearly all in admiralty, real estate and commercial law. His remarkable success is shown in the settlement and trying of about 2,500 cases. He has had three or four hundred cases in his office for years. He has tried 15 or 16 murder cases of exceptional character, such as the Kalloch case, the Harlan, Gilmore and Taylor cases, and the Pearson case of Utah. Merely representative of great cases may be mentioned the Hopkins Estate case (estate \$33,000,000), Cox vs. McLaughlin, Cole vs. Bacon, Confiscation cases, Passenger cases, Public School cases, Blythe case.

Mr. Highton has earned the unique distinction, among public men, of never having traveled on a pass, nor has he ever accepted a complimentary ticket to a place of entertainment. We doubt if there be any man of like standing, exposed to the same blandishments and temptations, who can make the same claim. Judge Highton will probably be nominated to fill the place now occupied by Judge Galbraith, a Democrat, who was appointed by President McKinley, and whose term expires on June 5th of this year. It is seldom the News Letter has the pleasure of endorsing the candidacy for public office of so worthy a gentleman.

POSTAL NECESSITIES OF A METROPOLIS.

Some time ago the News Letter urged that the officials in Washington increase the force of carriers at the San Francisco office. There are indications that this suggestion is to bear fruit. Thirty-one new carriers are to be appointed. The force of mail carriers is one of the best in the country, and indeed it may be said that the entire clerical help at this point is one of the best that has been obtained by the public service anywhere. It transpires that the immense growth of the city has not been taken into consideration by the Government at Washington, and that every branch of work in the local office is crowded with work and an increase in help is wanted throughout. Competent statisticians say that the population of San Francisco is 425,000. "In 1901," says the Postmaster, "there were delivered daily 145,000 pieces of first-class mail, mostly letters, In 1903 the average ran up to 199,000 pieces. The volume of mail to be delivered has increased 30 per cent during the past three years.

CARBON MONOXIDE AGAIN.

Again the deadly nature of the gas furnished by the local monopoly has been given a tragic significance. Mrs. Julia Crawford was killed on March 4th by the gas escaping from a small tube connecting a cook stove with the fixtures. She is only one among a thousand victims, and as she was alone in the world there will be no fuss made over her untimely taking off.

Colored men in Springfield do not mean to be lynched without some sort of compensation, and property owners are afraid of fire. That is the worst of lynching—it provokes the feeling that if one is to be lynched, the operation should be made worth while.

What on earth do the Russians want to trouble about neutral ports for. They will soon have no navy to put into any port, neutral or otherwise.

OUR FRAUDULENT CHARITIES.

There can be nothing more absolutely contemptible than battenning upon the miseries of others. Making capital out of the afflictions of the miserable has always been accounted one of the deadly sins, and rack-renting landlords and sweaters have always come in for a particularly bitter dose of invective and insult at the hands of moral reformers. But what are we to say of those who make money under the name of charity itself, and to the sin of oppression of the poor add the, at least, equally vile one of hypocrisy?

We are by no means free from such people in this little city of ours, where as a rule we are clear of dire poverty and the slum misery of the great centers is mercifully so far spared us. Still even in our comparatively happy condition there are those to be found who find the misery of a city like this sufficient to provide them with a means of subsistence, at least, and an opportunity for systematically and unceasingly victimizing the public. Some of these institutions are small and of little account; others are more ambitious, and collect comparatively large sums of money.

Following the Salvation Army, concerning whose administration of the funds submitted to its care, but little criticism can, on the whole, be made, arose a whole batch of minor societies, among which one calling itself "The Army of Heaven" was for a long time conspicuous. This band, taking for its motto the statement of our Lord with regard to the proximity of a celestial kingdom, employed the interval in soliciting alms from the well-to-do, ostensibly for the purpose of assisting the afflicted. These funds, however, for the most part were applied to purposes of organization, otherwise to the maintenance of the officials.

Other societies which are not so conspicuously self-seeking as this are still liable to suspicion, owing to the defective system of book-keeping which they use, and which if not actually fraudulent at all events gives rise to suspicions in the minds of the discreet which ought not to be raised by any charitable or so-called charitable institution. An accurate and complete account of the moneys received and the ways in which they have been expended is an absolute necessity, and the Endorsement Committee of the Associated Charities was instituted for the purpose of assuring the public in this matter. Unless this committee will guarantee the society it is very well worth the while of the charitable to satisfy themselves at least before they adventure any benevolence which involves pecuniary outlay.

There are actually societies which contribute more harm than good to the community, and which yet appeal to the public for funds, of the distribution of which no actual account is rendered. What shall be said of the Society for the Prevention of Vice? Here is an institution with a sufficiently imposing title which might be expected to do police work of such a nature that those who are subjected to the temptations and snares of which a city is always full might find some assistance. It must also be noticed that the opportunities possessed by such a society for illegitimate and immoral purposes is almost unlimited. Such a society should be actually above suspicion, and its accounts should be open to the closest possible investigation. What do we find, however? It is in the hands of a man who is so little to be trusted that the Police Department have found it necessary to take from him the star with which he was formerly entrusted upon the grounds that he is

not worthy to carry it, a man, moreover, against whom proceedings have several times been taken.

A long and not altogether useless article might be made on the minor and hole-in-the-corner institutions which prey on the indigent and rob the miserable and the charitable alike, but it would serve no particularly useful purpose. The public should be on its guard against such unworthy frauds, and by cutting off the money supply would soon render their existence impossible.

THE PULEX CALIFORNIENSIS.

Some Eastern tenderfoot, temporarily resident in Riverside, writes to Leslie's Weekly and complains of that innocent little creature, the flea. In the first place the complainant in the case is a l—gentleman. He has a habit of neglecting speaking acquaintance with the truth. Fleas are in no wise as plentiful as he depicts, and they certainly are not so vicious. If this exotic from the snow-clad hills of the East prefers blizzards, floods, torrid heat, frozen thermometers and all the allied disagreeables of his native State to fleas, why does he not return to that delightful land? For his benefit and the benefit of others, let it be known to the uninitiated that the California flea is an institution originally inaugurated for the benefit of mankind. The *Pulex Irritans* is nature's cure for lassitude in lazy latitudes. He thrives best on red plush chairs and sofas, and is responsible for the strenuous life led by some Californians south of the Tehachapi. Notable cases are Harrison Gray Otis and Charles Lummis. It is said that these two gentlemen are so afflicted by this vermin that their frantic endeavors to fasten their troubles on other people are many times taken for manifestations of mental power. A close microscopic examination of the subjects has been made by experts and the trouble has been pronounced fleas. From these radiating centers of activity in the Angel City, colony after colony of insects have strayed. The Lummis variety has invaded Arizona, and is chiefly prevalent among the Indians where their progenitor, Lummis, has had a rubbing acquaintance. The Otis variety is found chiefly in Los Angeles, and it has never wandered far from its native heath, although it is on record that it once caused the Harrison Gray variety to jump the Rubicon.

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University Gossip

By the Undergraduate

The Faculty "Chapparal," the combined production of President David Starr Jordan and Professors Kellogg, Alden, Smith, Newcomer, Clark, Angell, Elliot and Snodgrass, has appeared at last, three weeks behind time, but thoroughly up-to-date in other particulars. This is the first instance in the history of the University that the faculty has been permitted to lay its profane hands on the Stanford comic bi-weekly, except in the guise of censor; and it has proved to the satisfaction of the present evacuant that it is impossible to get out a comic paper without knocking. Even the faculty knocks! It fairly hammers in a few cases, taking for its legitimate mark the defenseless head of the student; but it has padded the hammer or the cranium of its victim, and does not strike hard. Still, it seizes its golden opportunity to show up rhythmically and otherwise the chronic grafter, the men who wear sweaters to class, the girl who works her prof., the inveterate college tattletale, the man who woos in public, and the flunked-out boaster. The art work is decidedly "en caricature." Professor Snodgrass has missed his calling, and should apply for a job on Puck. A bit of decorative work is supplied by Mary Wellman, a professional artist. A good deal of verse, fully up to the standard set by the undergraduate (!) is in evidence, and even the much scorned pun is pressed into service.

The first editorial, presumably by Dr. Jordan, is in the nature of a lament, which ends: "Better take a straight tip from the old fellows who remember pretty keenly what they let slip at twenty, and get both hands into the present grab-bag." The last pays a tribute of fellowship to the undergraduate editor, Ike Russell, on the plea that "the touch of nature covers a multitude of sins." The edition is thoroughly college in flavor; the majority of the jokes and hits are local, but as such are bristling with brilliancy. Now that it is over, the undergraduate dares breathe freely, and is thanking his happy stars that it is no worse than it is. Dr. Jordan, meanwhile, is on the broad grin, feeling that he has proved himself a boy again.

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The festive automobilist, who daily grows legion, is registering a kick against Stanford, in that he is not allowed to propel his gasoline engine along any of the University roads. Politely worded signs placed at the main gateways inform him of Mrs. Stanford's request that automobiles keep off the campus. This means that the modern tourist must dismount from his chariot at the outer gate and trust himself and his party to the mercy of horseflesh and 'busmen, if he would see the sights inside; and he complains that it causes him extreme annoyance and inconvenience—hence the kick.

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The Stanford English Club, that gained distinction last year by its excellent presentation of "The Knight of the Burning Pestle," is on the point of publishing a small volume containing "Traditions of the University." The traditions are in the form of papers written by professors and old graduates concerning former "doings," and the manner in which the university has been built up in its fourteen years of existence.

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The absent-minded beggar, famed in his own class,

has been outdone by a Berkeley professor. The latter, after preparing an experiment in one of the laboratories, in which dangerous chemicals were employed, with a time limit to their fusion, forgot all about it, and escorted his wife to a theatre in town. Some mention by one of the actors of "combustible materials" made him suddenly remember the things he had placed under glass. He hurriedly left the show and took the next ferry for Berkeley. He arrived at the laboratory about ten-thirty, only to find that a student working there had prevented the combustion.

"I was at the theatre when I thought of it," explained the professor, mopping his brow.

"Were you alone?" asked the student, innocently. "By Jove, no! I was with my wife, and I've left her over there!"

Fortunately, the woman in the case was possessed of common horse sense, and made her way home unprotected.

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One of Stanford's faculty jokes that may bear repetition, is supposed to be culled from an examination paper:

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Answer—The stomach.



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A Few Solid Facts.

Events in the Far East the past week have not been at all dwarfed in importance by events in our own hemisphere, but the latter should interest more for the moment. As predicted by the News Letter when American warships were ordered to San Domingo to ostensibly prevent the revolutionists from destroying the property and endangering the lives of foreign residents on that part of the island, but in reality to find an excuse to gather the little republic into our family of colonies and dependencies, the work of assimilation has reached the point of determination to do it. Word as near official as need be comes from Washington that the administration has decided that the only way to insure peace and protection to the white man's interests in San Domingo is for President Roosevelt to assume a protectorate right and hereafter have the concerns of that country supervised by this Government, and that such a step will be taken in the very near future. The two republics of Hayti and San Domingo are divided by an imaginary line, and the former is as prone to indulge in political revolutions as the latter. Consequently, sooner or later, the protectorate would have to be extended over Hayti, too, and in any event a protectorate would simply be the first step towards annexation, which would soon be consummated. When these two republics are rounded up we shall have an addition to our negro population of about 1,500,000. This, together with our home negro population and our colonial human acquirements, will give the United States fully 25,000,000 of people who are not even remotely connected with the white race, and whose habits, customs and ideals are antagonistic to the white man's progressive spirit and labor for a higher and a still higher civilization. And these blacks and browns and yellows in our national life constitute a problem whose solution will have to be faced sooner or later. In this connection it may be intimated at least that the proposed San Domingo protectorate, the disruption of the Colombian republic by the secession of Panama under the secret direction of the Washington Government, the "identical note" to the powers that the Russo-Japanese war must be confined to the territory of Korea and Manchuria, and that in no event must either of the belligerents trespass upon Chinese territory, and the American-Chinese treaty of commerce by which this nation could establish consulates in Manchuria, Russia to the contrary notwithstanding, were all the product of the brains of the British cabinet, but executed by our State Department. Also did three of England's ablest statesmen find it "convenient" to be in Paris during the framing of the Spanish-American peace treaty, and it was they who furnished the "afterthought" of the Washington Government to demand the cession of the Philippines, and, too, it was the British Premier, George Canning, who framed and put into about twenty-five words the now famous Munroe Doctrine, and sent it to President Munroe with a diplomatic suggestion that such declaration would be a good thing for the United States to make. President Munroe and his cabinet quickly saw the point, and in his next message to Congress, which was in December 1823, the "Munroe Doctrine" was declared to be a principle of this nation, but we have lost sight of the other part of the declaration, which was that while not permitting foreign nations to get

a foothold in any of the American Latin States, the United States would not interfere with the affairs of Europe. The United States are up to their eyes in the affairs of Europe and Asia, and are playing the biggest horn in the "concert of nations." All this is no reflection upon the statesmanship of the Washington Government, but it shows that our rulers are open to British suggestions.

Events in Eastern Asia.

Apparently the Japanese have made but little progress the past week, but it is possible that they have made a great deal. The navy is bobbing around between Port Arthur and Vladivostock and striking severe blows, but neither of those strongholds have been forced to capitulate, though it is apparent that both will fall sooner or later. The Russian fleet at Port Arthur is reduced to three ships, and only one of them is a first class vessel. The Vladivostock squadron is not more than four or five ships, and they of the cruiser standard; besides, three of them are at sea, with three Japanese battleships, three cruisers and four torpedo boats in possession of their route of return to the Vladivostock harbor. But the strategy of the Japanese is so mysterious and secretly kept that military experts are merely guessing, and thus far the unexpected has happened. Never before in modern times was there a war that furnished newspaper correspondents so little real news. The Russians are quite willing to have all kinds of misleading and untruthful items of current happenings sent out, but the Japanese do not even do that much. The entire Japanese people seem to have resolved themselves into one great family, with each member pledged to guard and keep everything concerning the progress of the war as a sacred family secret. However, events show that the Russian tactics are to avoid a land engagement until their numerical force is two or three times greater than Japan's, but this the Japanese understand very well, and they are rushing toward the Yalu River to strike before the enemy is fully concentrated, but their march has been impeded by severe snow storms. Faith in Japan's ability to cross the Yalu and strike a crushing blow is growing stronger in military circles everywhere, but the fact remains that Russia can send two soldiers to Manchuria to Japan's one and still have a sufficient reserve force at home for local demands. And it is this fact that causes Japan's sympathizers to hope that she may strike so fast and so hard at the start that subsequent re-inforcements to the Russian army will not more than make good the losses. And it is this same fact that is drawing the United States and Great Britain closer to the firing line to be ready if Japan fails to strike crushing blows from the Yalu on to the enemy's strongholds in the interior.

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Obituary

Dr. Herman H. Behr, a scientist of world-wide repute, on last Tuesday passed peacefully away.

Dr. Behr's death is a distinct loss to California and the world in general. He was born in Germany eighty-five years ago, and had lived in San Francisco for many years. Dr. Behr occupied the position of Curator of the Academy of Sciences at the time of his death. The old gentleman was also a member of the Bohemian Club, and he was universally esteemed.

Peter W. Watson, a prominent wool merchant of this city, died Sunday afternoon after a brief illness. Mr. Watson was a native of Scotland, but had resided in this country since his youth. San Francisco had been his home for a number of years, and it was here that he got his start in an important business career. He amassed quite a fortune during his life-time. Mr. Watson is survived by a wife and two brothers, Benjamin and James Watson. He was a prominent member of the Masons and other secret societies.

James P. Cogswell, in many ways a remarkable character, a pioneer of '49, one of the earliest manu-

facturers of San Francisco, died on March 7th. He was the founder of the hardware business which now bears the name of De La Montanya, and he also founded the Standard Soap Company. Mr. Cogswell at the time of his death was eighty-seven years of age. He leaves a widow and one step-son. This son is Mr. H. W. Mortimer, a well-known insurance man of San Francisco.

Charles Willey, brother of O. F. Willey, the well-known San Franciscan, died this week in Sacramento. Mr. Willey was an estimable citizen, and for twenty years held a position in the United States Surveyor-General's office. He was sixty-five years of age at the time of his death. His passing away is deeply mourned by his associates.

Sunday School Teacher—Why did Adam and Eve clothe themselves after the fall? **Bright Scholar**—'Cause winter comes after the fall.—Puck.

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The Imperialist. Mrs. Edward Cotes has written another novel bearing the above title. She is better known under her maiden name of Sara Jeannette Duncan, and her "American Girl in London" is probably the most widely-read of her works. Mrs. Cotes possesses a lively style and unusually good powers of writing an interesting story, but she has also what very few women have hitherto shown that they have, the ability to comprehend political questions and to place political strife before the reader in an agreeable and informing manner. This book shows her at her best in these matters. The political questions raised by Chamberlain, the whole important question of the formation of a great empire out of the disjecta membra of the British possessions is the theme of the work, which is a new contribution to the question in that it discusses it from the colonial point of view. The hero is a young Canadian lawyer and politician who is appointed on a commission to visit England, and while there he comes under the influence of Chamberlain. He becomes a convert to the ideas of that masterful and imaginative statesman, and returns to Canada to forward the propaganda on behalf of imperial unity. He becomes a political candidate and is defeated in his attempt to gain office by reason of his imperialism, which alarms the timid professional politicians; incidentally, also, he loses his sweetheart.

The value of the book consists in a study of the various conflicting emotions with which the Canadians view the imperial idea. It is pointed out that the interests of the Dominion are naturally first and foremost in the minds of its people, and that the general tendency, sentiment apart, is to support such policy as will be locally beneficial. Hence they see-saw between the idea of closer commercial union with the United States and a close connection with the Mother Country, which would determine their economic future, for a considerable length of time, at all events.

As a novel there is not much to be said for the work. In fact, the only love story revolves around two of the subordinate characters, and partakes rather of the decorously conventional than of the exciting. Venus saunters through the pages in long skirts. The intention of the writer is unmistakably serious. She has evidently studied the matter at first hand and has acquainted herself thoroughly with colonial opinions. The political speeches are weak places. They are too set, but it is no easy matter to write a modern political speech so that it looks well in print.

Of course, the question always arises whether, after all, such questions are best discussed through the medium of fiction, whether it is not overloading the muse of romance a little to make her carry a serious political theme. If the subject be considered a legitimate one for a novel, the author deserves every praise for her idea and her method.

D. Appleton & Co., New York.

Biographies. The Appletons publish three new biographies, which have reached us simultaneously. The first of these, chronologically, is that of William Penn, as the founder of Two Commonwealths. The author is Augustus C. Buell, who is known as writer of the lives of Sir William Johnson and Paul Jones. It is an interesting book, possessing no particular graces

of style, but free to a much larger extent than is usual in such works from the intrusion of the writer's personality. The main incidents in the life of the famous Quaker are given with much care as to necessary facts, but very little heed with regard to important detail. This is the chief value of this book—one is able to extract the gist of the matter easily and readily, and we are not compelled to wade through the mass of inconsequential facts with which so many historical writers love to fill their pages. The result of the reading of this book by the present writer has been a complete change of view with respect to the peaceableness and impeccability of the Quaker.

"James Oglethorpe" is a biography in the Historic Lives' series of the founder of the State of Georgia. The book is dedicated to the "Children of Georgia," and has been written with the idea of familiarizing the youth of the State with the life and career of its Founder. It should serve that purpose very well. Harriet C. Cooper is the writer.

"The Man Roosevelt." To most of us who are somewhat tired of the constant exploitation of the President's personality by the writers of books, this last addition to the procession appears somewhat unnecessarily. There is at the present time a small group of writers who use their personal acquaintance with the President as a means of obtaining a livelihood. The result is neither dignifying to the President nor edifying to the public. This book, however, is somewhat of an exception. The preface is straightforward and manly, and has a little touch of regret in it for having undertaken the task which compels forgiveness. On the whole, the account is fair and inspiring, with no more adulation than is to be naturally expected under the circumstances.

This is the reprint of a poem by **The Grave.** Robert Blair and is illustrated by reprints of the etchings of Schiaorvetti, of William Blake's pictures. The edition reprinted is that published by R. H. Cromek in 1808. It is a pretty little copy, well-printed and well-produced. It should be found interesting to those who care for these reprints.

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"The Man Who Pleases and the Woman who Charms," is one of those little books which contain maxims for making one's self agreeable, as part of the gentle art of "getting on." It is free from nearly all the objectionable features of most of its class. The utility of such works always appears to be a little doubtful, but if they have to be done, and the demand would seem to show their necessity, this could not be done better than in this particular instance. The chapter on "Good Manners" may be particularly recommended to students of the State University. Hinds & Noble, New York.

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Polo Pony Racing at Tanforan


The California Polo and Pony Racing Association will give a two days' pony racing meeting at Tanforan to-day, March 12th, and Monday, March 14th. This will be the association's initial meeting before a city audience. The first meeting of the association, recently held at Del Monte, was a great success, and emboldened by the success there attained, in place of a one day's meeting as originally scheduled, the directors decided upon holding two days, and also to largely increase the number of cups and amount of purses to be there competed for. The racing requirements are most amply provided for, and with the adequate transportation service arranged for their patrons, a large and fashionable attendance will grace the meeting with their presence on both days. Amongst the popular favorites who will carry silk are the well-known trio, "Silver Dick," "Becky" and "Fusillade," the latter may hardly prove to be in his best racing form, having recently been retarded in his training through having bruised his foot. Mr. Carolan is too good a sportsman to disappoint the public, and his handsome son of St. Leger will doubtless be seen carrying the popular blue and white in all the long-distance events.


"Silver Dick" has a speed reputation extending over three States, and with a trio of victories to his credit at Del Monte, he will no doubt carry a large amount of the public's money in each of his efforts. Rumor says that his owner, Walter Hobart, will again be in the saddle, his late pilot, Mr. Lawrence McCreery, being unfortunately debarred through indisposition from again accepting the mount. With "Becky," Mr. Rudolph Spreckels hopes to lower all previous existing quarter mile pony records, and with his favorite recently showed marked improvement in her training trial, the cerise and fleur de lis will certainly be in front on more than one occasion. Among the other ponies who have won their way into public favor may be mentioned Mr. W. E. Pedley's "Carlotta," Mr. McCreery's "Lucy Gitters," Mr. Spreckels' "Maud H.," Mr. Carolan's "Florodora." A numerous list of debutantes will also carry silk at the meeting for the first time.

Mr. Thomas A. Driscoll, whose recent accident still debars him from active participation in racing and polo, will fill the position of Clerk of the Course, and woe-betide any jockey who occasions any delay; Charles D. Jeffries of Spokane will act as starter, and he is willing to pledge his reputation that should "Miss Miller" face the flag, he will get her away without trouble or delay. Mr. D. W. Randall will act as Official Time Keeper, and the Stewards of the meeting are the same gentlemen who so ably officiated in like capacity at Del Monte, viz: Messrs. Charles Raoul Duval, F. J. Mackey, and Charles Butters. Robert Leighton will be Clerk of the Scales and Handicapper. Special trains will leave the Southern Pacific Depot, Third and Townsend streets, to-day and Monday at 1:30 p. m., returning immediately after the last race. Special electric cars will leave Fifth and Market streets every fifteen minutes after 11:30 a. m., in addition to the regular service. Tomorrow the polo game for the championship of the Pacific Coast will be played at Burlingame. The handicap tournament will be continued on Tuesday, after which the visiting team of English poloists will probably turn their faces homeward.


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 Raise a crowd to see the sight,
 Make five and twenty thou. all right,
 Hear the suckers yell!"

So they went to 'Frisco,
 Worked it very well,
 Jeffries fought with Munro,
 Fought, you bet, like hell.
 Hired the hall and faked the fight,
 Filled the gudgeons with delight,
 Made just thirty thou. all right,
 And 'Frisco liked the sell.

When is one insane? The answer would seem to be when the accused party does not please his heirs at law. Take Dr. Jacob Dugan's case. He left forty thousand dollars. Now, according to the ordinary estimate of sanity, he could not have done anything more sane than that. He lived in filth to accumulate it. This also is quite in accordance with the popular idea of things as they should be. One may touch any amount of filth, always provided that good money results. But what is good in the copy books is not good in the Probate Court, and a herd of angry nephews and nieces is besieging the ear of Judge Coffey with indignant protests of the successful man's insanity. Wisdom is justified of her nephews and nieces, also, and the only way to avoid being called a "mad miser" is to spend your money while you are alive, when they will call you a "dissipated old scoundrel."

The popular myth of the moral influence of women receives a blow in the case of Dr. J. Milton Bowers. Here is a man who, according to all the opinions of those who know, deserved hanging; who, by his own admission, put an end to two wives, and only escaped death by hanging for the murder of a third by a miscarriage of justice. Such a person, however, found no difficulty in getting a fourth woman to marry him, and it is reported that his effects give ample evidence of his popularity with women. Bowers was admittedly courteous and gallant in his manners. These qualities count more in women's estimation than all the virtues which they are supposed to inspire. Men like Bowers will receive every favor and consideration, while the honest and the hardworking will be ignored and despised. To win the favor of women there is one infallible receipt—dress well and lie glibly.

The gift of an American flag to hang in the auditorium of an Oakland Presbyterian Church is another instance of the deplorable tendency to secularize religion. If one goes to Church to see the same sights and hear the same things as are common to the outer world, what is the use of going, and what is the function of the church?

Berkeley is to be made an architectural wonder of the zig-zag, esthetic tan-colored variety. Between the collegian and the club woman it will be a beautiful place. But thank the Lord, we don't all have to live there.

They are so slow in their movements in Fruitvale that the police cannot even keep the police station from being converted into something other than a place for the detention of the suspected and arrested. So many years have gone by since the place was needed that a speculative real estate man has converted the jail into a cottage, built rooms on, run a fence round it, and created a garden. The tardy guardian of the peace only awoke to the fact that he had no place in which to house his prisoners when he actually needed it. It reads like a pretty romance of the South of France, only the French story would not say anything about the installments which the present tenants have paid to the real estate man.

To endeavor to escape from the Broadway Jail is not only a natural—it is a really meritorious—act. No prisoner concerning whose redemption there was the slightest hope, would ever consent to stay in Broadway Jail and await his trial. The odor of the place is sufficient in itself to turn an innocent suspect into a dangerous criminal. It contains all the worst features of a medieval dungeon, including the ugliness of the jailers. It is known all the world over as a filthy and barbarous place, and it is the butt of penologists of two hemispheres. It should be taken for granted that an attempt at escape from the Broadway Jail is one of the most unailing signs of the possibility of redemption of the prisoner, and any skillful attorney should use it in favor of his client on trial.

The much-heralded "labor-day" at the State University has been and gone. It proved exactly two things which I fancied that it would prove—the inability of the students to do one day's really serious work. The advertised labor proved to be for the most part a mere advertisement. Rough house and all sorts of skylarking continually interrupted the proceeding; no self-restraint was shown, the behavior was so bad at lunch time that some of the girls were almost hustled. It is true that the co-eds. considered a fifteen-cent lunch ample, but they need not have been crowded on that account, and the amount of work performed by twelve hundred supposedly industrious young men does not reflect much credit on their physical prowess.

That money has no odor we know has long been a favorite motto with the City Hall Crowd, but why on earth the followers of his Elegance the Mayor should object to the flowers at the corner of Kearny and Geary streets does not appear. Then one begins to discover that the retail florists have money, and that their money, too, carries no incriminating odor. Money from the brothel, the saloon and the flower-store flows into the public treasury (presumably), and mingle their several odors in the pactolian streams which sweep in one broad, rich river into the pockets of our city officials.

The Sultan demands pay for Russia's ships to go through the Dardanelles. Good old Sultan! It is so long since he had a chance to make anything out of anything that it is good to see him take hold and get a chance. The present conditions in the Balkans, however, do not give him promise of keeping it long.

The Sacramento hod-carriers are striking for a daily wage of four dollars. This is a proof not only of the prosperity of the State, but of the asininity of the unions.

There is a shortage in cash in the City Treasury at San Jose. San Franciscans will remember the same thing occurring in this city, and how the Mayor hefted it.

Society

Dear Bessie: Have you ever been at a Kitchen Shower? I did not know exactly what it meant till I went to the one given the other day by Kate Selfridge for Ethel Kent, who is to be married early in April. May, who went with me, advised me to bring a bundle of bright new skewers, for what earthly purpose I could not think until I found each and every guest came laden with some article for kitchen use, by which the heart of the fair bride-elect was made glad. But suppose she boards, and doesn't keep house? Well, they can all be packed away for future use, and may come in handy sometime.

I have not been doing much of any importance, and yet seem to be always going somewhere, and cards do run away with one's time to a wonderful degree. Mabel Toy had a little telephone tea of a dozen or so last Saturday; Gertrude Dutton gave a very pretty purple and yellow—violets and jonquils—dinner the other night; all young people, and Helen Bowie had a charming luncheon for the bride-elect, Frances Harris. Card clubs are almost as plentiful as flies in summer, and I could not begin to tell you who all belong to them. Small ones are the most popular and one of the latest to form one is Maye Colburne, who has chosen seven-handed euchre for her club, which met at her house last week, and at Mrs. Henry Dutton's on Tuesday of this week. Myra Nickerson and Charlotte Ellinwood have had bridge whist parties; Sallie Winslow has got up a club of eight to play bridge; Mrs. Athern Folger had a bridge party on Friday night, and Mrs. George Knight gives a large 500 party next Saturday. For to-day a lot of parties have been made up for the pony races at Tanforan—the one to which I am "attached" is an automobile affair with lunch, etc., so I am in for a fine time.

Burlingame carried off the Mi Careme honors this year, Mrs. Frank Carolan and Mrs. Andy McCreary joining forces in giving a masked dance at the club house, so under these circumstances I think Grace and Lily Spreckels were wise in deciding not to have one. It was a jolly lark, one of the pleasant features being the trip down from town by the electric cars. Quite a number remained for the polo which was played there yesterday, and there will be more of it again to-morrow. There is always some fun going on at Burlingame; Frank Carolan gave a breakfast at Crossways last Saturday, which was followed by a run with the hounds across the hills; in which a lot of ladies took part.

Hilda Baxter's marriage to Ralph Hart, which came off last Saturday, was a very quiet one, the ceremony taking place in the McDonald's rooms at the St. Dunstan at noon with only relatives and a few friends in attendance. I hear Hilda looked pretty as a picture in her gown of pale blue cloth and big hat to correspond. They are spending their honeymoon down South. Weddings have not been very numerous of late, but they seldom are during Lent; and there will be several directly after Easter. The whisper is that Florence Bailey is to be married on Easter Monday, and her New York fiance is to arrive the week before; anyhow, on Wednesday in Easter week there will be two weddings in the swim. Frances Harris's will be a home wedding at her aunt, Mrs. Ries's, at four o'clock in the afternoon, and Ethel Kent's comes off in the evening at Grace

Church. Ethel has selected yellow as the color for her wedding; her sister, Mrs. Graham, is to be matron of honor, her other sister, Kathleen, maid of honor, and with Mattie Milton, Florence Cole, Louise Hall, and Nolie de Golia will make a pretty group of attendants. Captain Helms, who is in the 19th Infantry, will be best man. There will be a small reception afterward, and they will go to Vancouver for their honeymoon. I almost forgot to mention that the groom will be Lieutenant Gilbert Allen of the army.

May Burdge and Bernard Miller are to be married at Arbor Villa next month, and Mrs. Smith, who always entertains in such a brilliant style, is going to give her the grandest kind of a wedding, so you may be sure it will be something fine. Winnie Burdge is to be maid of honor, Marion Smith, Florence Nightengale, Evelyn Ellis, Grace Sperry, Mary Baker, Marion Goodfellow, Carrie Oliver and May Coogan bridesmaids.

While on the subject of Oakland, let me tell you of a novel entertainment Marie was at the other day—a domino luncheon, given there by Mrs. John Adams, at which the Baroness Von Horst and Kate Voorhies Henry were the guests of honor. They all wore red dominos and masks, which latter must, I think have been rather uncomfortable things to wear when eating and drinking was in order, but anything for novelty, and I have not heard any one complain.

Pearl Sabin leaves for Washington City next week, where she is to be bridesmaid at the wedding of Kathro Burton and Lieutenant George Lee, which is to take place on Easter Monday at the home of the Burtons in the vicinity of the Nation's capital, where General Burton is stationed as Inspector-General of the Army. It is to be a yellow wedding, Lieutenant Lee being in the cavalry—those are his regimental colors, and Leila Burton, who was married to Lieutenant Wells last year, is to be the matron of honor. Apropos of button weddings, we shall have another one here before the year is out—and more than one, or I am no prophet—as the engagement of Anna Sperry and Lieutenant Clarence Carigan has been announced this week. Mabel coaxed me out to the new riding school the other day, and I was not sorry when I got there that I had gone. You never saw anything like the enthusiasm of the girls who are drilling for the benefit they are to have for the Doctor's Daughters; they are fairly bubbling over with it, and it promises to be one of the good things of the year. Among other things not heretofore set down will be the act of the San

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POST AND MARKET STREETS

Mateo Hunt, Club in the art of high jumping, and as they are all to wear "pink," it will be one of the features of the show. The girls were all busily discussing Bessie Center's wedding, which took place in London last Tuesday, when it was thought June was the month chosen for the interesting event; I hear they are going to live here in San Francisco.

I think the Palm Garden at the Palace has been finished since you were here; anyhow, while at first it was only used for after the theatre supper parties, folks now give luncheons, teas and dinners there, and you have no idea what a stunning place it is for them, too. One of the jolliest of these parties was the dinner given there by Mr. Story last week, at which a lot of the recent heroes of the polo tournament at Del Monte were guests—Captain Haig, Cyril, Dick and Joe Tobin and Mr. Ezra, the Raul Duvals and others, fourteen in all.

Mrs. Will Tevis, who is seldom away from her favorite home at Bakersfield, had a house party of a few friends down there last week, lasting over Sunday; Millie Ashe Sewell was one of them, and she has now gone Eastward, after what she said was one of the most delightful visits she has ever paid to her old home, San Francisco.

One would hardly think that the oceans of rain we have had of late would tempt one to the country. But several have already departed for the summer when the spring is not yet in full sway, and among them are the Hopkins girls—Mrs. Will and Mrs. Gus Taylor—who have taken up their abode at Menlo Park thus early in the year. I am curious to see the new villa of which so many glowing accounts are floating around. The Sydney Van Wyckes have gone over to Berkeley to live—they spent the winter at the Bella Vista, and the Roy McDonalds have chosen Oakland for their home. Genevieve King bids us adieu to-day, going to Boston, where she will meet the Herricks, with whom she is going to Europe; and the Douglas Sloan Watsons will follow almost the same programme when they leave next month.

Ad. Mizner and Jack Baird are back again safe and sound, but having had some "experiences" during their automobile trip South, and say it is the only way to travel with pleasure. We are to see Ethel Shorbe and her sister, Mrs. Murtagh, about the first week in April; they are coming from Manila by the transport then due. —Elsie.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Mrs. James Sperry announces the engagement of her daughter Anna to Lieutenant Clarence Carigan, U. S. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Leibes announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda, to Dr. E. Delemere Linderman of New York.

WEDDINGS.

February 12—At St. Stephen's Church, Manila. Miss Elsie Ducat, daughter of Major and Mrs. Arthur E. Ducat, 7th Infantry, U. S. A., to Lieutenant John Symington, 11th Cavalry, U. S. A. 8 p. m.

March 2—At Trinity Church, San Francisco. Miss Anita Goodwin of Victoria, B. C., to Walter H. Crowell. 11 a. m.

March 3—Miss Mabel Son, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Son, to Jacob S. Goldsmith, of Baltimore. 2185 Pacific Avenue. 9 p. m.

March 8—In London, England, Miss Elizabeth Center, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Center, to Ture A. Steen.

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April 4—At "The Highlands," Washington City, Miss Kathro Burton, daughter of Inspector-General George H. Burton, U. S. A., and Mrs. Burton, to Lieutenant George Lee, U. S. A. 9 p. m.

April 4—Miss Eleanor Eckart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Eckart, to Edward Hume, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hume, of Piedmont.

April 6—Miss Frances Harris to Ernest Stent. 4 p. m.

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- March 4 (Friday)—Mr. Story, in Palm Garden of Palace Hotel.
- March 5 (Saturday)—At Bohemian Club, in honor of Mr. Donald DeV. Graham.
- March 6 (Sunday)—Mrs. Fred McNear, 2009 California street.
- March 7 (Monday)—Mrs. Joseph Chancellor, in honor of Mrs. McIntosh, of Chicago, Palace Hotel; Mrs. McAneny, Palace Hotel.

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- March 8 (Tuesday)—Mrs. Walter Martin, Palm Garden, Palace.
- March 10 (Thursday)—Miss Helen Bowie in honor of Miss Frances Harris, 1909 Jackson street.
- March 12 (Saturday)—Mrs. Alexander Bergevin, Palm Garden, Palace Hotel.

RECEPTION.

April 7—Mrs. J. Wilson Sheils, in honor of Mrs. William Lynham Sheils.

TEAS.

- March 2 (Wednesday)—In Oakland, Mrs. Harry Knowles in honor of Mrs. Roy McDonald.
- March 9 (Wednesday)—In Oakland, Mrs. E. H. Kittredge.
- March 12 (Saturday)—Mrs. Arthur Wallace.

AT HOME.

- Monday—Mrs. Sedgewick Pratt, Miss Mattie Pratt, The Sequoia.
- Thursday—Mrs. Oliver Dibble, 1st and 3d, 1012 Pine street.
- Friday—Mrs. Joseph Masten, 2d and 3d in April, 3954 Washington street.

Lieutenant Commander A. F. Fichteler has been assigned to an important position in the office of the Secretary of the Navy for his next two years of duty, and left last Saturday for Washington. Mrs. Fichteler (a daughter of Judge W. W. Morrow, of this city) accompanied him, and their four children. They will reside at Chevy Chase.

Dr. Arnold Genthe is in the northern part of Mexico, and will return by the 25th of March.

Arrivals at Hotel Rafael this week: Mrs. Charles Culver, Mrs. Grace Taggart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dunham and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Sasso, Mr. C. F. Grow, Mr. Emil Held, Mr. H. A. Hunsaker, Mrs. C. F. Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Welcker, Mr. G. S. Gay, Mr. Harold S. Gay.

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When he said he could listen all day.

So she married him later and learned with much pain
That he grumbled whenever she spoke,
And told her, not once, but again and again
That her singing was worse than a joke.

But she bottled the insult, and took it to court,
Where the Judge listened, silent and grim,
And the upshot of all that he uttered in sport
Was the fact that the joke was on him.

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They were discussing the proposed new Federal Court the other night at the Press Club, and some one mentioned Judge De Haven in connection with it.

"The mention of De Haven reminds me of a good story at his expense," said an old timer. "Years ago, before the Judge had attained the ermine, and when he was doing his best in the House of Representatives to impress upon the statesmen of the East the greatness of California, an enterprising burglar was plying his trade in De Haven's neck of the woods. The silver question was then the main issue before the people, and the Judge was doing his best by the publication of addresses in the Congressional Record to show the people what he thought about it. I don't recall the extent of his position on the question, and anyway that is not material to this story. While the Judge was at Washington, fighting for the greater glory of his country, his residence up north was entered by this enterprising burglar, who was snooping around, and who had no more regard for the personal property of Congressmen than he had for the belongings of other people. It is sad, but true, that the burglar aforesaid, in the happier days of his innocent youth, had been a police reporter. Evil associates, doubtless, had corrupted his morals. He had seen policemen grow rich, and he concluded he would try the get-rich-quick plan himself. So he entered De Haven's house ready for plunder. When the Congressman returned home he found his larder emptied; everything eatable had been eaten; everything drinkable had evaporated. In his library, on top of a pile of manuscript speeches on silver, the Judge found a note from the burglar:

"I have read your speeches on silver with much interest," the ex-reporter wrote, "likewise I have with much patience corrected what appear to be rhetorical errors. For this I make no charge. It pains me, however, to find that a man so prominent as yourself in the affairs of the nation does not practice what he preaches. Here, at length, you have set forth the great advantage of silver to the world as a circulating medium, but the nearest approach to the white metal I can find in your whole shebang after a most careful search, are a couple of old plated spoons. Mr. Congressman, to a man of my profession this is most disappointing. Hereafter, I am for a gold standard. No plated spoons for
WILLIE."

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And now comes a prophet out of Chicago—Helen Bradford Thompson—and she proves to the satisfaction of herself and her friends that women—Chicago women, at least—have better memories than men. She has set it all forth in a book upon "The Mental Traits of Sex," a psychological dissertation in which is learnedly discussed everything concerning the ego

and the alter ego in a manner which only one who has dived deep into the obtruseness of the science could attempt. Miss or Madam Thompson's method of proving the correctness of her thesis is interesting. She exhibited to an equal number of men and women students in the University of Chicago a choice collection of nonsense syllables, with instructions to memorize them. Here are some of the memory agitators: zef, sig, nam, kig. These were flashed before the students upon a board, one at a time. Then they had to go away, clinch them in their craniums, and return and enunciate them. The women were better at it than the men, it seems; therefore, it follows that women have better memories than men—for nonsense—or, as Author Thompson puts it, "Memory in its purest form is better among women than among men." Q. E. D.

We always had a low-down idea that women could retain a lot of nonsense longer than men, and now that the Chicagoese has proved it, we can safely say "I told you so." If it were not for this purity in the female memory, society chit-chat would be at a very low ebb indeed. The dear girls can rattle off their eeny, meeny, miny, moes for hours at an afternoon tea, and then come bright and smiling at another pink sociable the next afternoon, and recite with remarkable correctness everything they heard about everybody else upon the day previous. There is where the nonsense syllable theory is practically demonstrated. Also it shows that women are so constituted mentally that they simply can't help retaining whatever is flashed before them. It is not their fault at all, you know, because they are built that way.

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My attention has been directed to a practice prevalent in the Police Department for years, and which is not only indefensible from a legal standpoint, but seems to be nothing more than an attempt upon the part of the police to secure for pawnbrokers, "fences," and other dealers in stolen goods, immunity from financial loss. It comes so close to a partnership in the proceeds of crime that to say it is dangerous to the welfare of the community is putting it lightly. To illustrate. Your house is robbed, and you report at police headquarters that the robbers have stolen a gold watch, for instance, and a quantity of plate. You describe the articles so that they may be easily identified. Then you await developments. In the course of a week or two, a detective calls at your place of business and tells you he has "turned up" the stolen goods. He has found them in a pawnbroker's shop.

"Where is the place?" you ask. "Why didn't you get them? I wouldn't lose those things for a good deal more than their price in money. I value them for their associations."

"Well, we will get them back, all right," the detective says. "but, you see, this pawnbroker gave the thieves \$50 for them. Now, he thought they owned the things; he acted innocently in the matter, and, of course, he does not want to lose his money. I have had a talk with him, and he says if he gets his money

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"What!" you say in astonishment; "first I am robbed; I go to the police, and now the police come here and want me to pay \$50 for getting back my own things. Well, if that isn't an outrage."

"Well, you see, \$50 isn't much to you," says the detective, "but the pawnbroker is a poor man. He could make lots of trouble. He paid out the money, and he thinks he should get it back."

Then the argument continues, and the chances are ten to one that the householder gives the detective the amount demanded. The next day his watch and silverware are returned, and the incident is closed. Of course, the robbers are never apprehended—unless, possibly, they drift over into Sheriff Taylor's bailiwick in Marin County.

This system of blackmail, levied by policemen upon owners of stolen property, is practiced daily in this city. The police know it is improper, immoral and illegal. They know the owner has the absolute right to his property wherever found, even if upon the shelves of a protected "fence," and that he should be enabled to recover it without paying toll. A search-warrant would obtain it in half an hour without a cent of expense; also, it forecloses the possibility of a "draw-down" by the detective, who usually divides with the pawnbroker. If the latter pays the thieves \$5 for the goods the detective adds \$20 to the amount when the owner is called upon to contribute. One case recently came to my attention where a boy, whose bicycle was stolen, had to give a policeman \$5 before he could get his wheel back. It was learned afterwards that it had been sold to a pawnbroker for one dollar. The "fence" and the policeman made \$2 each out of the transaction—provided the guardian of the law divided equally with his companion in crime. The police deny participation in the Chinatown gambling fund; they deny protecting bunco men, and they deny aiding the lottery dealers; but they admit and they try to defend this scheme of blackmail for the protection of pawnbrokers. They say they need the assistance of the pawnbrokers in their business; therefore, they protect the receivers of stolen property. The pawnbroker's is a nefarious business at best; the law looks on it with suspicion, and opens all the pawnbrokers' books at all times to the police. If they lose money by dealing with thieves that is only one of the risks of their business. Property owners should not be required to reimburse them. Above all, the police have no excuse for blackmailing the owners so that the pawnbrokers will not suffer. This matter is well worthy the attention of the Grand Jury. If they will take it up, abundant proof of the illegal practice I have referred to may be easily obtained.

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Did you ever notice that after the holdup, the victim always says, according to the voracious daily press, that "the robbers overlooked \$352 in Brown's inside coat pocket," or that "in the excitement the tall, masked man failed to see a \$1,000 roll of greenbacks in the lower drawer," or that "the men must have been novices, as they did not thoroughly search the cash register; if they had they would have discovered \$855 in gold, two diamond rings and a lottery ticket?" Are the daily papers chiding the highwaymen for their slipshod methods of doing business or is it their purpose to point out to enterprising young men the great possibilities of an ancient profession?

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the secret of the most mysterious murder case known in the police annals of San Francisco. There may be men among the veteran detectives who have untold information regarding the deaths of Mrs. Bowers and her brother, the mysterious Benhayon, but if so, they have never given it to the public. If any man alive to-day knows who was responsible for the death of Mrs. Bowers, it is Bob Hogan, the detective; and if any man knows more than another of the circumstances leading to the alleged suicide of Benhayon it is also Hogan. In the opinion of men who worked on these murder mysteries with him sixteen years ago, Hogan is the ablest detective the local police force has had in two generations—bar none. It was over the Bowers case that Captain Lees and Hogan had their famous disagreement. Hogan was detailed on the case, and brought in enough evidence to secure the conviction of the physician of murder in the first degree. It was shown that his wife had died from sulphur poisoning; that he had insurance certificates on her life; that a former wife of Bowers had also died under mysterious circumstances. Hogan's chain of circumstantial evidence was so complete that Bowers was condemned to the gallows. But he boasted that he would never hang, and he made his boast good. During his long confinement in the Broadway Jail he was most constantly attended by an old German woman, who brought him his food daily in a basket. She was another mysterious figure in this mysterious case. If my recollection serves correctly, she has also passed away.

Bowers to the end insisted upon his innocence of his wife's murder. Captain Lees said he thought Bowers innocent. He resented the activity of Hogan in the case. The result was that Hogan was relieved from active detective duty, and was assigned to the District Attorney's office, where he has been ever since. If he ever writes his reminiscences they will rival in interest the adventures of Sherlock Holmes.

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TIVOLI—The Gypsy Baron. A fine musical production.

The Silver Slipper girls are said to have come to earth in an airship. This airship made a particularly slow journey, as most of the "girls" are old ladies.

I have been written a letter from Oakland, by a well-known commuter, that is amusing, and which gives the average resident a better idea of the chronic somnolence of the interesting town across the bay. It seems that my friend the Commuter undertook the escort of two ladies to the Orpheus concert at the McDonough. He claims the concert was well worth hearing. But that's another story. Our concern is with what happened in the lobby. The commuter waited in the foyer whilst the ladies stepped into the dressing room. Suddenly the door-keeper projects himself into the commuter's presence. "Where are your tickets?" he yelled. "I showed him the stubs, three in number, which he had just handed me," continues my informant. "Where are the other parts?" he yells again. "I politely informed him he had just torn them off." "No one has come into this house for the last fifteen minutes," he said. I felt like rubbing my eyes to see whether I was in dreamland. "Why I gave you three tickets myself not fifteen minutes ago; they were for me and for two ladies, now in the dressing room, and you gave me these stubs. You tore them off and gave them to me." "No one has come in here in the last fifteen minutes," he repeated.

It seems that one of the ushers had seen the whole transaction; he had observed the sleepwalker returning the ticket stubs to the commuter, so he came over and led the poor doorkeeper away—to have another dream.

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It is a question whether the theatre-goers of San Francisco are tired of the mismanagement of the antiquated California Theatre or whether they are not in touch with Dan'l Sully; anyway the house is empty nightly. "The Chief Justice," with Dan'l Sully, the unnatural actor in this case, in the titular role, is one of the Fitz Murphy's conceptions. He is in this part an automaton and not a man. It sparkles with epigrams, and scintillates with Murphysisms. It is strong, full of action, the weakest part of the play being the thread-bare cheque nonsense in the last act. This is painful. Mr. Sully cannot grasp the opportunities in this play. Murphy's wit is too fine. Sully is a comedy actor of the half-knockabout kind, and pathos in his handling is worse than bathos. In other hands and in other houses, with a little backing and filling, "The Chief Justice" might become a great play. It has in it the germs of popularity, but the playhouse and the player dampened the success of the initial performance. Mr. Sully is at best but a poor comedy actor, and his failure to conceive the possibilities of the part of Chief Justice, together with the unpopularity of the theatre, makes it certain that the "Standing Room Only" sign will not be dusted off for hanging out this week.

The only bit of real artistic work done in "The Chief Justice" is that of Butler Collins by William F. Kobman. His work is artistic. The rest of the cast are twin brothers to fence posts.

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Homer Davenport has tried this week to convince the people that he can draw cartoons. There never was a worse humbug than this man's alleged ability in the line of caricature. He has never been able to draw anything that resembled anything or anybody. His drawings all look like a Kansas haystack in a cyclone. He is under the management of the Pond Lyceum Bureau, which reflects on the intelligence of the Bureau. Davenport is a pretty good story-teller, but considered as a cartoonist, he is—well—simply awful. Hearst managed to make himself believe that Davenport could draw, and then some of the public took to the idea, and finally Davenport became convinced. When it became necessary to retrench and cut down enormous expenses, somebody suggested to the young man with the yellow brain that Davenport was a luxury, and he was lopped off. Davenport has been successful, but it is a long story of luck too long to tell here.

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Miss Block takes the part of the Inn Keeper in "The White Horse Tavern" at the Alcazar, and she does not appear as advantageously as in other roles. She redeems herself in her dancing, in which she is very graceful. The Giesecke of Osbourne is good. The Frederick Siedler of Mr. Durkin is well done. Harry Hilliard and Miss Starr gave us a splendid piece of juvenile work. Mr. Hilliard has apparently entirely overcome the levity that has been so prevalent in his tone. He has the ability of modulation, and it is a pity he should ever forget. Miss Starr as the lisping damsel is simply perfect. But by far the most finished piece of make-up and acting was the work of Mr. John B. Maher as Walter Hintzelmann, the ideal tutor and traveler. There was not a heart in that audience that did not go out to the good old man. He gave us the gentle old scholar to perfection.

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It is to be hoped that Fischer's stage will soon see the last of "The Rounders." There is nothing in the skit, and the sooner it is forgotten the better. It is one of the stunts that I have seen and never want to see again. It would not be fair to the company to criticise them in this adaptation from the French. The lyrics are only fair, and the words are wearisome. Miss Russell makes the most of her part, and Miss Lynch is entitled to praise in hers. Miss Russell is very attractive as a coryphee, and those that waited to see her in the almost altogether were not disappointed. The new male faces in the cast are allowed by the playwright to give only an approximation of their abilities. I would suggest that adaptations from the French be tabooed unless a better selection be made.

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There is a marked improvement in the giving of "The Gypsy Baron." The music at the Tivoli is delightful, and the attendance is good.

Half of the theatres in New York are closed, and the other half are playing to poor houses and poorer prices. That is exactly what is going to happen in San Francisco. "The Silver Slipper" is an in-

stance. The music is not music, and only relieves a dull monotony by going with a zip and a bang. The six "Venus Girls" are athletic young females, and at a distance are quite agreeable to the eye. On nearer inspection they are not so good to look upon. There is the usual knock-about business that obtains in recent vaudeville, and Mr. Samuel Collins tries hard to be funny. The music betrays the hand of the authors of "Florodora" only at infrequent intervals. The "Champagne Dance" has a swing to it, and in fact the whole opera has a swing. This is due to the quick time rather than because of any inherent musical quality. The local theatrical managers need some one to vise their plays; some one who has had more than a commercial acquaintance with the English language. There is no reason why the men in the "Silver Slipper" should have been recruited from among the professional pall-bearers of New York, but from the appearance of these gentlemen I should have no hesitancy in saying that such was the case.

The Minetti Chamber Music Quartette which, during the last eight years has given continuous series of chamber music concerts, will again come before the public this year in a number of the most interesting and artistic programmes heard here during its existence. The programmes will contain several novelties of great importance, and will be executed in that finished style which always characterized the recitals of this popular quartette. The concerts will take place at Lyric Hall on Friday afternoon, March 25th.

The coming week is the last week of "The Gypsy Baron." "Mr. Pickwick" will be put on Monday, March 21st.

Many good things are promised for the future at the Columbia. Mary Mannering in "Harriet's Honeymoon," Anna Held in "Mademoiselle Napoleon," John Drew, and later on Maude Adams and the real Roger Brothers. It looks like a season of good shows.

The Alameda Lustspiel Ensemble will give a German performance at the Columbia Theatre on Sunday night, April 3d. The farcical comedy, "Das Opferlamin" (The Scapegoat) will be staged.

At the Central Theatre the popular drama, "Rip Van Winkle," which closes a highly prosperous week to-morrow night, will be followed on Monday evening by the favorite Irish drama, "Shamus O'Brien."

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The Illegitimate

You know, don't you, that I am really glad that I am an American born, but I thank God I was bred in Britain. Whilst I am proud of the land of "me" birth, I am equally glad that wealth and good taste on the part of my forebears compelled me to get my education abroad. One of the few things that Americans have yet to learn and which they should try to avoid is the breeding of that unspeakable thing which I am told is in this country called a "remittance man." I have loaned, as I said last week, a few pounds or dollars to American gentlemen, whom I have met when stranded abroad, and most of it has been paid back. I have been borrowed off a few times here in San Francisco by the "remittance man." The English education may be the best, but really the American business education makes the smartest business men. The American won't lend the remittance man a farthing—he knows he'd lose it. The chap at the club apologized the other night for introducing me to a what looked to me really decent chap. He said: "He is a good fellow, but don't loan him anything; he is a remittance man." I find that these chaps who get money from home and are called by the name of remittance men are the worst bounders you folks have to contend with. They beg and borrow, and for one or two days in the month they plunge, and what they do in the meantime between remittances only a non-committal Providence knows. I suppose there are some chaps who take care of their "Governors," send and use it carefully in other places than bars and gambling rooms. These chaps are hard to find. They are all bad. They wear their riding breeches to the links and a sack tweed coat to dinner; they do the "outré" thing all the time. They are shipped out here by some old father who dreams that the son who is shipped can't possibly, don't you know, do any worse over here than he did at home in England, and the news of his drunken debauches won't ever reach the English village any way, and so the weak-kneed and ant-brained scion of an already mentally decayed family, lands in California, assured of a monthly cheque from the Governor and a little extra now and again thrown in from the mater or the sister.

It takes but a little while, I think, for these indigent, expelled and rusticated fellows to get a clerkship in some shop, and then I am told they tell of their families, and who and what they are not, and usually they work some poor devil of an Episcopalian minister to introduce them to some nice people, and then, why, the chap leaves town with his debts unpaid, and all the money he could borrow, and even his linen in the hands of the washman, who is a poor Chinaman, and after growing a stubble beard and going around codging with dirty shirts and clothes he goes back, and beggar me if he does not go to another section of the same county, sometimes, and cheat again. I really think that I may moralize. I usually let Roger do that for me, but I gave him a few I. O. U.'s the other day, which I had collected from the remitters, and I think he burned them. I am sure he did not collect them, and so I am of the opinion that these fellows are really undesirable. They can't stay home, don't

you know, and they bore a fellow over here. They do all sorts of impossible things in their straits, aside from drinking; they become hostlers, or waiters or touts or billiard markers, but they find their level, and the level is usually, I assure you, measured by the depth of the gutter. Had they been decent, they might still, don't you know, be in England, but the ordinary remittance man can't stay at home, and by gad, he can't stay here. He bellows and whines and works his friends of the Union Jack, and dies of dipsomania as a rule. It's too bad. These scummy chaps should be kept away; let them kill themselves off at home, and not be sent here to bring discredit on their families. One virtue the ordinary remittance man has, as I have found it, he has pride enough and a sort of courage which makes him keep his family name to himself. He may sink low down, don't you know, even as low as being a waiter in a beer place, but he keeps his name to himself. A gentleman of my class is always a gentleman, and as long as he continues to be such, other gentlemen will be his friends and bankers. I think that the fellow who has any standing at all in society can keep it, but only for the time, don't you know, that he deserves it. We of the classes are compelled to stand together, and it takes something disgraceful or dishonorable to drive one of our people out of our set. No man, unless he has brought it on himself by being a bad lot, and by his actions, has lost the confidence of his friends, ever needs to "sling hash," as you call it here. He can go into the wine business or coal, or other things. The gentleman who is one, and has proven it so, can't possibly, don't you know, become a wood-chopper or a tramway driver. We can find him something else to do if he is worth it. If he is a bounder and a bad one, he can live his life out in the manner that his weak nature suggests. The remittance man is a blasted bore; he is universally a scoundrel, he imposes upon his people at home as well as his friends here, if he makes any, and in the end goes unshaved and unshriven to a poor house graveyard to the everlasting relief of those who had the misfortune to know him. I think he is the Fagan of society, with the brutality of a Sykes. Blame me, he cheats, thieves, robs and spends under an alias. It is only the cur and coward, the whelps of the remittance man with the yellow streak that whines when licked and beggar-like shows his bruises and tells his name and disgraces the mother who bore him and the father who sent him way off across the pond for charity or the borrow of a dollar. I think it is really too bad that you can let these remittance fellows do these things. Can't you arrest them and put them in quod. I suggest this. The right English chaps over here don't care—that is their way, but really it is positively brutal to have a fellow, for instance, who says he left the old country and disgraced himself and "was a hash-slinger" in some sort of a low restaurant in some little place, and who worked his sister for a remittance, and then used the money in a bad manner. It is positively wrong to permit a bounding codger who will do a nasty thing like this to disgrace the name of a fairly decent English house. I want a stop to this kind of thing. Names, don't you know, are names, and I can and will individually protect that of

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The Sun Insurance Office of London, founded in 1710, and which is the oldest purely fire insurance company in the world, came to the front in their own old-fashioned way in the recent Baltimore fire in the following manner: "Our directors in London have decided that the money required to discharge the company's obligations at Baltimore shall be supplied by the head office, and they have authorized the New York office to draw upon them at sight for the requisite amount. This action on their part will leave the United States branch in the same financial condition as it was shown to be by the statement of its affairs December 31, 1903, rendered to insurance departments, which is as follows:

Assets.

Real estate in New York City, including company's office building, \$261,000; Loans on real estate in New York City, \$57,000; United States Government bonds, \$379,800; Railroad and other bonds, guaranteed, preferred and other railroad stocks and other securities, \$1,633,257; Cash in banks, \$279,649; Cash in agents' hands and in course of collection, \$274,550; Other admitted items, \$26,626; Total, \$2,911,882.

Liabilities.

Reserve for unearned premiums, \$1,728,952; Reserve for losses in process of adjustment, \$210,696; Reserve for other liabilities, \$12,106; Surplus over all liabilities, \$960,128; Total, \$2,911,822.

C. A. Henry & Company, General Agents of the old Sun, did not rush into press as soon as the fire had occurred. It preferred to trust to the public and rested safe in its own strength and its well-known popularity. The British companies cabled their losses, and the Sun was among the first, but it saved its press notices until after the smoke of the fire had cleared away.

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Mr. Dixwell Hewitt, Assistant General Agent of the old Hertford, sailed for Honolulu on the last steamer.

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Mr. Joseph H. Lenehan, of the Phenix of Brooklyn, was a cabin passenger on the Sierra. He was accompanied by his wife and Miss Lenehan, and goes to Honolulu to look over the field. Only the fact that the Sierra sailed at 2 a. m. depleted the crowd that went down to the pier to see him off.

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The Globe-Democrat states that the plans of the management of the World's Fair contemplate that invitations be sent out to the managers and principal officers of all the leading fire insurance companies doing business in the United States to be the guests in St. Louis on March 22d of the World's Fair management. The object of the meeting is to give insurance representatives an opportunity to inspect the facilities on the World's Fair grounds for fighting fire and to learn the character of the risks. Fears have been expressed that the World's Fair might not be able to secure the necessary insurance on the Fair exhibits.

The committee appointed from the St. Louis fire prevention bureau to arrange a programme of entertainment for the visiting insurance men consists

of George T. Cram, chairman; F. D. Hirschberg and George D. Markham. The programme at the World's Fair grounds is to be spectacular. The firemen will be called out and tests of speed and efficiency will be made.

Pleasure's Wand.

(Continued from Page 17.)

Thursday night. The zoo is constantly in receipt of new and valuable animals from all climes.

Rehearsals at the Tivoli are going on for "Mr. Pickwick," which promises to be a notable production. In this musical comedy, Dora de Philippe, a soprano from Paris, will make her first appearance in this city, as will also George Chapman, an eminent young baritone, who created Mr. Winkle in the original production. The clever young comedian, Forrest Seabury, has been especially engaged to play Joe, the fat boy.

Among the early productions at Fischer's Theatre will be "Chow Chow," that is now known as "The Runaways in the East," and "Kismet," both successful and beautiful musical novelties.

Among the many attractions at the Orpheum the coming week is Emmett Corrigan, the distinguished young actor who starred most successfully in this city last season, and has been induced to give up the legitimate, and will appear, with competent support, at the Orpheum this coming week. The medium for his introduction to vaudeville is a one-act playlet entitled "Jockey Jones, or The Day of the Handicap," and the Eastern press and public are most enthusiastic in praise of both the star and his sketch.

"Parsifal" is a pictorial sermon. Its three most impressive incidents are the ceremonial of the supper in the temple; the temptation of Parsifal in the garden of roses, transformed by magic to a blasted waste and the Good Friday scene where the repentant Kundry bathes the feet of Parsifal, and both are baptized. To preserve the atmosphere of this solemn festival play the management of the Alcazar announces that no one will be seated after the fanfare of trumpets in the foyer at 8 p. m., until the close of the overture—played in utter darkness—and the first act. It has been suggested that all applause be withheld until after the first act.

It is disagreeable to have some one raise both arms and an immense picture hat between you and the stage and obstruct your view in a frantic endeavor to reach the exit first. One would think the house was on fire. This is about the only place where a woman does not stop to ask: "Is my hat on straight?" It's all one to her if it's straight, crooked or back foremost, but she must discommode every one else to make that exit. Once out on the street, she will straighten out her cloak and hat, make the customary inquiry and then loiter around wondering at what particular restaurant she and her blanc-bec escort are going to visit.

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Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 6th day of March, 1904, an assessment (No. 65) of ten (10) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, room 79, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on

THE 12th DAY OF APRIL, 1904,

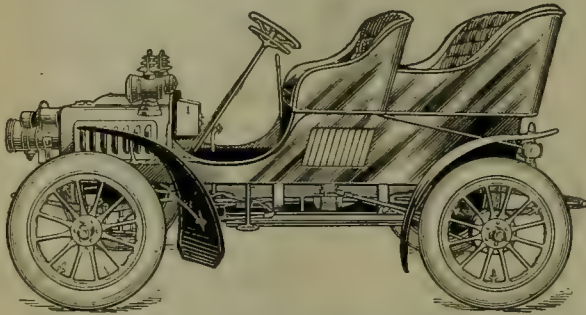
will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on TUESDAY, the 3d day of May 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary.

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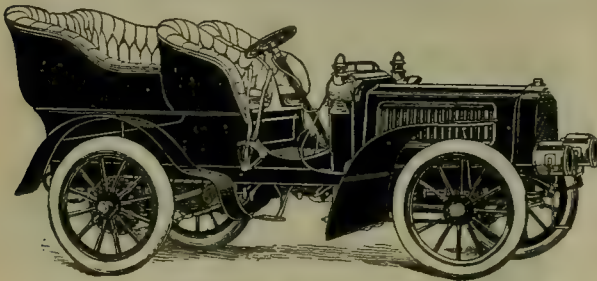


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BY THE AUTOCRANK

Several accidents with horses in the East the last week has been food for thought concerning the automobile.

One especially serious affair was the case of a runaway, in which the occupants of the vehicle were women. It was a case of a horse being frightened on a down-grade, and the strength of the women not being equal to the task.

This incident cannot be too fully appreciated. A married man that can keep a horse and carriage can afford to keep an automobile. A horse that can travel generally takes a man to handle it, and if the head of the house finds it impossible to go out, the women of the family, although with plenty of leisure time, must forego the pleasure of riding, and wait the leisure of her lord and master.

Now take up the situation in California, where we have a perpetual summer. Think what it means to the better half to always be able to go out into the invigorating air of this ideal climate. Such conditions tend to lengthen life and bring happiness.

To allow a woman to handle the average horse is dangerous, but with the automobile it is not so. The modern car has reached the stage of perfection that the strength of a mere child is sufficient to manipulate it. Simplicity is also one of the main features of a down-to-date machine. Taking all these things into consideration, then think with what safety those dear to us may be trusted to go over the highways and by-ways of the State.

It takes but coolness and thought to run an automobile, and experience teaches us that women have the requisites. It is impossible to tell of the far-reaching benefits it is to mankind. But one thing is appreciated by every owner of the modern chariot. It has done more to brighten home life than the purchase of any other known pleasure. One can recognize this by spending an afternoon at any of the garages. Watch the women who run automobiles and even those who ride with them. The woman who runs an automobile has always a smile on her face, the eye is bright, the complexion healthy, and there is an air of self-confidence that it truly charming. They never look dull or tired out. There is not that listlessness so commonly seen in the average woman of to-day. They are a new creation that has come with the new conveyance. So let every woman that has the chance run an automobile.

The Southern automobilists are considering another "auto" road. Last Wednesday the members of the Southern Club made a trip over the Pacific electric line, eastward of Eastlake Park, with the Supervisors to inspect a piece of road that will furnish the missing link in the highway to Covina. H. E. Huntington has offered to donate the land.

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Mr. C. B. Smith, of Seattle, Washington, is the purchaser of a new 1904 Winton touring car.

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The National Automobile Company have sold to Mr. C. R. Winslow, of Seattle, Washington, a Franklin four-cylinder, air-cooled runabout.

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Mr. John Breuner's new 1904 Winton touring car



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will arrive shortly. This car is being especially built at the factory and is due to arrive here on the 20th inst.

The National Automobile Company delivered to Mr. Paul Osting a two-cylinder Knox touring car, fitted with canopy top.

Mr. Franklin gave an automobile party to sixteen of his friends on Sunday night. The machines used on this occasion were four Winton touring cars, which Mr. Franklin hired from the Scott-Blakeslee Pioneer Renting Company.

The National Automobile Company delivered a Knox runabout to Mr. C. O. Bockx, of Mountain View, in which he left San Francisco for his home on Monday last.

The Mobile Carriage Company expects daily the arrival of a carload of two-cylinder Arrows. One of the Arrows will be especially handsome, being built to order for Mr. H. C. Tilden. The car is painted red with the special slanting hood and canopy top.

The National Automobile Company delivered two Knox touring cars during the past week, one to Mr. A. J. Samuels and the other to Mr. N. E. Neary of the New York Suit and Cloak House.

One of the novelties showing the progress of automobiling will be the railroad inspection car built by the Olds Motor Works, a sample of which is due to arrive here about the 1st of April. This machine is being adopted by a great many Eastern and Southern railroads. They have a seating capacity of four persons. The regular Oldsmobile runabout engine is used in the car, and railroad people in the West will be greatly interested in the arrival of the sample.

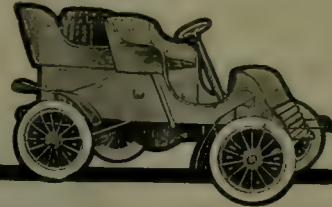
During the week past, the National Automobile Company, owing to a disagreement of two of its principal stockholders, asked for and obtained an assignee in the person of Mr. A. C. Kains, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. He has taken over the management of the business, and will carry it along the same as before.

In a recent letter received from the Olds Motor Works, they state that their factory force has been doubled, and that they are working day and night. The company will turn out forty machines daily this season, and they have already sold their output for the next six months. Orders are piling up with the Pioneer Automobile Company for early delivery of the new-style machines. The Pioneer people will send a man to the factory this week to be on hand there and assist in shipping the machines direct to San Francisco. It is possible that the first few carloads will come through by express.

The George N. Pierce Company report sales through its Fresno branch of twenty-one Stanhopes from July to January, and eighteen Stanhopes since that time. On account of the heavy dust during the greater portion of the year, the Stanhope has proved to be the most serviceable car built in that community.

The Mobile Carriage Company has adopted the New York schedule of garage charges, which is

favorable to the owner. This is something, of course, in which all owners take a deep interest. The rates for storage are \$20 a month for large touring cars, \$18 for lighter touring cars, such as the Auto car, \$15 for Cadillacs and Ramblers, and \$13 for Runabouts. This service includes cleaning, lubricating oil, acetylene, coal oil for side lamps, together with delivery. This arrangement is meeting the hearty approval of owners, and while the Mobile people are only "settling," their great house is pretty well filled already, as many as four cars coming in each day for storage.



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The most popular place in San Francisco at the present time is the Jefferson Square Club, which is located on the second floor of the Pioneer Automobile Company's new building. The attendance at this club far exceeds the expectation of its members, and already steps are being taken to put in more bowling alleys to accommodate the members of the club. The manager of the club has subscribed for all the Eastern and local magazines, and the reading room of the club is one of its best features.

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Mr. A. J. Wells and his brother, of Buffalo, New York, who have just run their Winton touring car overland from Los Angeles to San Francisco, will spend the month of March in this city, and are making their headquarters with the Pioneer Automobile Company. Mr. Wells recently wrote a letter from Los Angeles to the Winton agency in Buffalo, where he purchased his machine, reading as follows, viz.: "There has not been an hour since we arrived in California that we have not thanked you for ever suggesting that we change our order and ship a Winton touring car here. Our run each day since it came is forty to sixty miles. We are having the time of our lives. The Winton you sold us runs up and down the hills like a bird, and we are glad you ever suggested a twenty-horsepower machine for us. Some of the hills are immense. It is all the same to us. Imagine country roads like our parkways in Buffalo and no speed limit in the country; warm, sunny days; miles of road with villas and beautiful residences; the dust laid by oil on the roads; thermometer from 68 to 72 degrees through the day, and 40 to 45 at night, and you can then see why we are enjoying our car. I cannot begin to tell you how fine it is to tour in this garden of the Pacific Coast; the only way is to come here and try it yourself. We have been to Pasadena and through the wine cellars; also to Santa Monica, one of the finest sea-bathing resorts in the world. I will be back in April. I intend to come here to spend my winters in the future, and I want to arrange to have a 1904 Winton this coming season."

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The Locomobile Company has issued a new catalogue of gasoline cars for 1904. The matter between the covers has been prepared carefully, and the illustrations are of a kind which will help a prospective customer in getting an idea of the details of construction.

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The Pacific Motor Company report an unusual demand for St. Louis cars, the 1904 tonneau being the most favored. The Packard four-cylinder car leads in the company's sales for the high-priced vehicles.

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Mr. Harry H. Hewlett, of Stockton, spent last Sunday in San Francisco trying out his new 1904 Winton touring car, which arrived here last Saturday. Mr. Hewlett, in a recent conversation with a well-known San Francisco gentleman, said: "I have owned a Winton touring car for two years, and the fact of my purchasing a 1904 car is all that is necessary to say regarding my opinion of the Winton. Will also say further that I do not believe there is another machine built that will do the work of my old Winton. A great many people have the idea that hill-climbing is a test for an automobile. I find that the real test is in San Joaquin Valley sand, and I have never found a place where I could not go with my car.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of CHARLES BLOXHAM, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, M. J. HYNES, Public Administrator of the City and County of San Francisco and Administrator of the Estate of CHARLES BLOXHAM, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Administrator at Room No. 568 Parrott Building, 525 to 526 Market street, San Francisco, Cal., the same being his place for the transaction of the business of the said estate in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

M. J. HYNES,

Administrator of the estate of CHARLES BLOXHAM, Deceased.
CULLINAN and HICKEY, attorneys for administration, Rooms 567-568-569, Parrott Building, San Francisco, California.

Dated at San Francisco, March 12, 1904.

SAMUEL M. SHORTRIDGE

Attorney-at-Law,
Crocker Building, San Francisco.

There is great activity at the big Locomobile factory in Bridgeport. New men are constantly being added to the force which will soon reach its full complement, viz., between six and seven hundred men. All departments are working overtime, and the prospects are for better deliveries this spring than ever before. Many new and improved machines have been added this spring, and some of the departments have undergone not a little alteration. For instance, facilities in the blacksmith shop and drop forge shop have been greatly increased; also several new hardening ovens have been added. Some new grinding machines have recently been received, these being needed for fine work in finishing hardened shafts used in the construction of Locomobile gasolene touring cars.

The following list of names, recent purchasers of Locomobile gasolene touring cars, has been handed to this department. None of these orders was taken at any of the recent automobile shows: A. J. McDuffie, Chicago, Ill.; H. A. Beale, Jr., Parkesburg, West Virginia; C. P. Joy, St. Paul, Minn.; George N. McNeely, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dwight M. Billings, Amherst, Mass.; J. R. Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.; A. L. Chamberlain, New Haven, Conn.; W. F. Saddler, Philadelphia, Pa.; E. R. Cole, New York, N. Y.; J. P. Baiter, New York, N. Y.; Raymond K. Allbright, Buffalo, N. Y.; William Carroll, Greenwich, Conn.; F. P. Phillips, Chicago, Ill.; C. W. Lee, New York, N. Y.; George Woodland, Chicago, Ill.; A. S. Parks, Wichita, Kansas.

We want a State organization that will be able to control the Legislators at Sacramento in behalf of good roads.

GOOD SUGGESTION FOR SOME AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

A curious periodical is being issued in Belgium, where a Brussels' paper publishes a letter from a Spiritualistic society in Villers-la-Ville, giving particulars of a monthly journal which it has just established, and announcing that it has been found feasible to make arrangements with various great dead writers, including Victor Hugo and Emile Zola, to contribute to its columns. These eminent contributors are not likely to require any very large sums for their articles, and so the price is fixed at two francs per year.

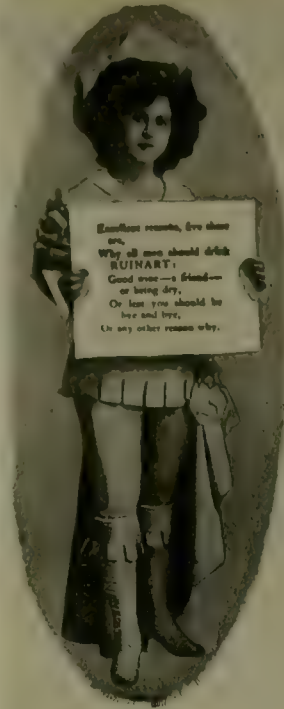
Stranger—But how did the feud start? Which family was the aggressor? **Native**—It's hard to tell which was the aggressor, mister: As near as we can make out, each pulled the trigger at exactly the same instant, sah.—Judge.

"John," said the editor's wife, "what would you do if you discovered a burglar in the house." "Well," replied the editor, "it would all depend on how much money he had on him."—Atlanta Constitution.

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Manager

Financial Review.



Anglo-Cal. Bank, Ltd. The statement of accounts presented shareholders at the thirty-first ordinary annual meeting of the Anglo-Cal. Bank, Limited, held in London on Tuesday, the 1st inst., shows that after making a full provision for bad and doubtful debts, and allowing for all charges at San Francisco and London, there remains £39,186 7s. od. as the net profit for the year. Adding to this £11,181 19s. 8d. brought forward from last year, the sum of £50,368 6s. 8d. is now available for appropriation. From this amount the directors have applied £10,000 in writing down the bank's holding in consols to 85, and all other investments to below the market value. An interim dividend of six shillings per share was paid in September last, and the directors now propose to pay a further dividend of six shillings per share, together with a bonus of four shillings per share, making the total distribution eight per cent for the year 1903, free of income tax; to place £5,000 to reserve fund, making it £160,000; and to carry forward £11,392 6s. 8d. The resignation of Mr. E. H. Lushington, owing to advanced age, after having been a director of the bank since 1814, was received with much regret. The Rt. Hon. Charles T. Richie, M. P., has been appointed to fill the vacancy thus caused.

Anarchy in Tuolumne County. It does not make pleasant reading, the reports which come along by wire from Tuolumne County, where an alien host have inaugurated a reign of terror in and around Jamestown, and are apparently running things to suit themselves in the most high-handed manner. Among other things, a despatch just received says they have so frightened the men of the press in Jamestown that all news of the strikers' actions is suppressed. This is certainly a nice condition of affairs in an American community. Even an injunction from a United States court is scoffed at by these foreign rioters. It will be hoped that the Rawhide strike will fail and that like all other outbreaks of a similar nature which have taken place recently the rioters will make nothing by their lawless methods. They had to call the strike off at the Royal Cons. mine at Hodson, and none of the strikers there have been taken back. It is the same story at the Mountain Copper mine of Shasta County, the Yellow Aster mine of Kern County, and the Union mine of El Dorado County. Every now and then a union scores a trick by buncoing some weak-kneed management, but their successes even then have been few and far between. Some day the United States troops may be called upon to end a riotous demonstration like that now going on at the Rawhide mine, and after that peace-abiding citizens of the State will not be annoyed with such disgraceful exhibitions for a long time to come.

Where the Law Stings. George W. Rumble is still smiling at the Government prosecutors outside the bars they are trying to place him behind, and a number of prominent citizens, including Chief of Police Wittman, are now making affidavits in proof of statements that the wily operator's reputation for honesty and integrity is away below par. And still the farce goes on, and the courts are kept in action to support one set of lawyers

pitted against the other, making hay while the sun shines, both sides interested in prolonging the agony while the fees last. There is one good feature about this, a term of imprisonment would not be as severe a form of punishment for one of these fake manipulators as to touch his pocket. That is the vulnerable spot in the make-up of individuals of this class who are generally a miserable set, small and mean in their dealings and of a miserly disposition. Every dollar wrenched from them to keep them out of jail means agony, and perhaps the best justice they can get in this world and that well-fitted for their crime is the prolongation of court proceedings, which are costly in the extreme.

The Senate has passed Teller's bill amending the mining laws as regards the location of claims. It is provided that the description of a vein or lode claims upon surveyed lands shall be designated with reference to the lines of the public survey, but need not conform therewith. Where patents have been issued for claims upon unsurveyed lands, however, the Surveyor General, in extending the public survey, shall adjust their survey to the boundaries of claims, so as not to interfere with or change the true location of claims, as they are officially established by ground monuments. Upon a patent grant is based the highest constituted authority as to the limits on the claim and not the public survey. The bill is intended to prevent the shifting of mining claims by surveys.

Pine-St. Market. Business during the week was rather quiet in the market for Comstock shares, but prices have remained steady. This condition of affairs will probably continue until the programme outlined for the furtherance of development work along the lode is still further advanced. That is to say, it will be a matter of fluctuation on a more limited range than can naturally be expected after the lower levels are opened up and the search for ore begins in earnest. Some interesting work is outlined for the Sutro Tunnel improvements in view of an arrangement just concluded which will bring this big utility more to the front than it ever has been before as an aid to mines in active operation along its entire length. The Ward shaft will also be utilized in connection with the new system of work, and a pumping plant will likely be installed there to drain the south end mines. The 2150 level of Con.-Cal.-Virginia will be a point of interest at the north end as soon as work begins there, as it is firmly believed that the downward extension of the ore vein now producing so well in the Ophir, will be found there. If it is there will be some music on the street.

Local Securities. During the past week business on the local stock and bond exchange has been light, in bonds, with a little better demand for shares. Prices show a little improvement in some cases, and San Francisco Gas and Electric got an upward turn or two of the manipulator's screw. This followed a tie-up in the Board of Supervisors which is not the interesting part of the developments which constitute the aftermath of this great coup of the half century in the financial history of the city. Sugar shares continue to gain strength and prices for the week show a general advance. The Alaska Packers stock also shows a small gain which is satisfactory. The Giant Powder

Company, which still ranks as an independent company, paid its regular monthly dividend of 50 cents per share on the 10th inst., and on the same date the California Wine Association paid 60 cents per share. On the 9th inst. the Western Pacific Land Company paid a dividend of \$2.50 per share.

It has been charged that the business men of this city were not inclined to encourage mining. This is a serious charge if true.

We have just received the prospectus of the Little Bully Hill Mining and Smelting Company, owners of the Little Bully Hill group of mines in Shasta County. Under the supervision of Mr. R. C. Wilson a 200 foot shaft is being sunk on the property, and Mr. Wilson promises to ship ore in six months. The property is most favorably situated, as it joins Captain De La Mar's ten million dollar mine and smelter. San Francisco business men, the Redding Investment Company, Starr King Building, purchased the property and formed the company to develop it. It was decided to sell 40,000 shares of treasury stock to defray expense of development. Among the first purchasers were: C. E. Anderson, H. L. Paddock, Dr. Byron W. Haines, R. T. Harding, W. B. Ames, M. H. Rude, W. F. Ryder and M. Aronsohn, all business and professional men of this city. We understand that only 5,000 shares remain unsold. Verily this does not look as if our business men are indifferent to the mining interests of the State if shown that the investment is safe and profitable.

The La Zacualpa Rubber Plantation Company has announced that no more shares will be sold after May 1, 1904. The success which the company has made is gratifying to the public, as well as its stockholders. It is not often that enterprises of such magnitude are enabled to withhold its stock for its own benefit. Those who have purchased stock or who may become stockholders are to be congratulated.

Henry Staab, formerly with Joseph Litchfield, merchant tailors, is now associated with Mantle & Son, haberdashers. Mantle & Son will move from 10 Stockton street to 18 Stockton street, the firm name to be known as Mantle & Staab. Haberdashery requires taste on the part of the dealer as well as the wearer, and the experience of these gentlemen makes them judges of correct dress.

1500 Rolls of Carpets Arrived in San Francisco.—Last week 1500 rolls of latest patterns of Carpets arrived at PATTOSIEN'S, cor. 16th & Mission streets. This Carpet Order could not be cancelled, therefore will be sold out at a saving of from 10 cents to 40 cents per yard.

—The appetizing things that come from the broiler at Moraghan's Grill, in the California Market, are responsible for the crowd that goes there for luncheon. It has become a regular business men's exchange. The quality of the chops, steaks, oysters and game served cannot be surpassed. More than that, the wants of the guests are attended to by perfectly trained waiters.

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Political

There is a decided move in local Democratic quarters towards ex-President Grover Cleveland. No one dares to announce it on the surface, and even in the inner circles of the Iroquois Club it is a thing not to be too loudly mentioned, for the reason that on the surface the delegation from this State must pretend for the moment to favor Hearst, so at least the wise ones think. But while they pretend to favor Hearst they are really coming to favor Cleveland. There is no question that the death of Hanna has immeasurably strengthened the ex-President's chances for a fourth nomination. Whether the story told that Hanna promised John Pierpont Morgan that he would not withdraw from the Republican candidacy is true or not, it is of course impossible to say, but there is no question but that the financial interests of the country favor some other man than Roosevelt on the ground that he is "unsafe." Not unsafe as the public takes it, because of any foreign complications he may get the country mixed up with, but because he has already done much to unsettle business interests, and is not the conservative and quiet man whom the financial interests of the country want to see at the helm of affairs. If Cleveland is nominated, undoubtedly the Democrats will have all the money they can possibly use for campaign purposes, and equally certain there will be no great amount in the pot if the Republicans nominate Roosevelt. Only on one condition, a leading local financier tells me, would Eastern business interests contribute to the Republican funds, and that is in the eventuality that Hearst should be nominated. The business interests of the country would then feel that it was another case of 1896, and that all other considerations must be thrown aside to save the welfare of the country. While Cleveland's letter in the Saturday Post does not seem to have evoked much enthusiasm, his letter, which was read in the House of Representatives last week, in which he denied having ever invited a colored man to dinner, has been received by the local Democracy with enthusiasm, and one prominent Iroquois brave told me that he considered it the greatest political document that had appeared in five years.

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Pardee has once more shown his dislike of Gage, and the latter's friends, by turning down Grove L. Johnson, of Sacramento, who has been superseded on the State Board of Agriculture by George W. Kingsley, the genial proprietor of the Lick House. Johnson represented Gage and his administration in the Assembly two years as completely as Lodge does Roosevelt in the Senate, and Gage in many ways showed his admiration and confidence in his Sacramento friend. It probably means that the administration will not allow Johnson to get the Secretaryship of the State Agricultural Society, and that it will do what it can to prevent his nomination for the Assembly this fall. Should Johnson be left out of the next Assembly, one of the most picturesque and important figures in many recent sessions will be missing.

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Guy Barham, Bank Commissioner, announces that he does not care to continue in his office, as it interferes with his full enjoyment of domestic bliss, and when his term expires he will not seek re-appointment. Cal. Ewing, of erstwhile baseball fame, is to have his place, and a new Secretary of the Bank Commission is to be appointed, though

just which Oaklander is slated for the place I have not heard. Barham was forced upon Pardee, and is also one of the Gage appointments whom he will shed no tears over. When the old Bank Commission was abolished to get rid of Colonel Dan Kevane, the friends of Barham and Wright would not agree to vote for the bill unless it was distinctly understood that everybody except Kevane would be re-appointed on the new Commission. As the Governor was very anxious to stick a knife in his predecessor, he rightly concluded that to turn down Kevane would be particularly offensive to Gage, he agreed to the terms. Wright died, however, before he could be re-appointed, and Barham was the only one that Pardee was forced to appoint. Now he gets rid of Guy, gives Oakland another job, and strengthens his fences in Alameda, where he evidently thinks them very weak.

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Cal. Ewing is not the only Oaklander slated for a good place. Senator Perkins, who is as faithful to Alameda County as Governor Pardee, announces that he will support Collector of the Port Stratton for the new Federal Judgeship which Congress is expected to create this spring.

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It is understood that when Stratton gets the Judgeship, W. B. Hamilton, who managed Perkins's first campaign, and who has grown stout on the profits of his labor on that occasion, will be appointed Collector unless George Hatton wants the place, in which case he is to get in. But George hopes to have another Senator under his control by that time, and if he does he will no doubt want something more elaborate than Collector—Ambassador to England, perhaps.

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Speaking of Senators reminds me that while Senator Rowell of Fresno has come out in his son's paper for a re-election of Bard, he only does it to save his face. Having discovered Bard, and elected him, Rowell, Flint and Bulla naturally think they must pretend to advocate his re-election. The facts are that Flint wants the Senatorship himself if he can get it. Bulla was a candidate at the time Bard was elected, and Rowell would like to be now, but he has been advised that there is no chance for himself, and has been urged to stand for Flint. The result of the elections in Los Angeles (the primaries) will decide if Flint shall be a candidate. If Bulla and his friends win out, Flint will be a candidate; otherwise he will not be. If he decides to be a candidate, he will try to go as delegate at large to the National Convention.

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LOST LOVE.

By Phoebe Lyde in Cosmopolitan

If I had known how long the way
 Through all the weary years
 Without the sunshine of your smile,
 Without your balm of tears;
 If I had guessed how deep the need
 My thirsty soul would know
 To taste the watersprings of love,
 I had not let you go.

Across life's arid, dusty waste,
 A desert of regret,
 Bright with unconquerable joy
 Your blue eyes beckon yet;
 Again with careless grace you fleet,
 To fade behind the hill;
 The echo of your laugh rings clear—
 That laugh so long since still.

The clamor of the roaring world
 Fills up my struggling days,
 But deep within my inmost heart
 This gracious vision stays,
 And with the loneliness of night
 In solitude I weep
 That early love so lightly lost,
 The dream I did not keep.

THE YOUNG MOTHER.

By Lizette Woodworth Reese in Smart Set

The Host lifts high the candle-light—
 Out in the dark she waits before—
 "Now who is this at mid of night,
 Comes faring to my door?"

With rushes is the chamber set;
 The house is sweet without, within;
 For it may be she will forget
 The place where she hath been.

But lonely, lonely in the room,
 With strange eyes looks she all about;
 She sees the broken boughs in bloom,
 The red wine poured out.

They crowd around her where she stands,
 The children and the elders there;
 They put the cup within her hands;
 They break the loaf so fair.

Oh, what to her that they are kind!
 Oh, let the tears come like a tide!
 She cannot keep from out her mind
 The son for whom she died!

I KNOW NOT HOW TO FIND THE SPRING.

By Florence Earle Coates in Scribner's Magazine

I know not how to find the Spring,
 Though violets are here,
 And in the boughs high over me
 The birds are fluting clear;
 The magic and the melody,
 The rapture—all are fled,
 And could they wake, they would but break
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Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on 14th DAY OF MARCH, 1904

will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors.

CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary

Office—Room 79, Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco California

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Best and Belcher Mining Company.

Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works—Virginia District, Storey County, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 12th day of February, 1904, an assessment (No. 84) of ten (10) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation payable immediately, in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, Room 38, Nevada Block No. 309 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on

THE 18th DAY OF MARCH, 1904,

will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Friday, the 8th day of April 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

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M. JAFFE, Secretary.

Location of Office—Room 83, Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco Cal.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Potosi Mining Company.

Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Storey County, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 10th day of February, 1904, an assessment (No. 69) of ten (10) cents per share, was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary at the office of the Company, Room 79 Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on

THE 16th DAY OF MARCH, 1904

will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Thursday, the 7th day of April 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

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CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary.

Office—Room 79, Nevada Block 309 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, Cal.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company.

Assessment.....	No. 132
Amount per share.....	10 cents
Levied.....	February 10, 1904
Delinquent in office.....	March 15 1904
Day of sale of delinquent stock.....	April 4, 1904

Office—Room 14, Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco California.

E. L. PARKER, Secretary.

SUNBEAMS

(Stolen from Thieves)

Doctor—Your husband needs a rest. He must go to Europe for six months. **Mrs. Nagget**—Oh, I shall be delighted to go there. **Doctor**—Good idea! You may go for six months when he gets back. That will give him a whole year's rest.

A doctor was summoned to attend the miller's little boy. He wrote out a prescription, which was promptly made up and administered in due form. The next day he called again to see his patient, and found the whole family in tears. "Alas!" said the mother, "I shouldn't have thought that my poor child would have died of the measles." "What!" exclaimed the doctor. "He had the measles, and you never told me?"

Mr. Goodley—How's your father, Freddie. **Freddie**—Oh, having his usual luck. Just as he was coming out of the fever the doctor says he's getting convalescent.

The woman was doing her shopping. The counter-jumper handed her a package and she slowly turned away. "Do I need anything else?" she absent-mindedly asked. "You have just bought some lawn," ventured the clerk. "Don't you think you will need some hose?"

Mrs. Newliwed—Now, Bridget, I want you to get right down to work. If you can reach my standard of cooking everything will be all right. **New Servant** (ambiguously)—Yes, ma'am, Oi'll try to get down to it, ma'am.

Mistress—Didn't the ladies who called leave cards? **Maid**—They wanted to, ma'am, but I told 'em yez had plenty of your own and better ones, too.

"What are you plunging back in the water for, Pat? You just swam ashore." "Sure, Oi had to save meself first; now I'm goin' back to fetch Moike."

Major Lacey, of Iowa, and **Senator Alger**, of Michigan, are very much alike in appearance, and are often mistaken for each other. So striking is the resemblance that **Speaker Reed** made it the subject for one of his witticisms. It was at the time that **Alger's** conduct as **Secretary of War** was being investigated that **Reed**, stepping up to the member from Iowa, and putting his arm over his shoulder, said: "Lacey, you look so much like **Secretary Alger** that I always think, when I see you, that you ought to get whitewashed."

"His environment inclines him to reticence." "You think so?" "I am positive. He lives with his wife and her mother."

Professor Phelps, who disliked mathematics, was once walking with **Professor Newton**, who began discussing a problem so deep that his companion could not follow it. He fell into a brown study from which he was aroused by **Newton's** emphatic assertion, "and that, you see, gives us x!" "Does it?" asked **Mr. Phelps**, politely. "Why, doesn't it?" exclaimed the professor, excitedly, alarmed at the possibility of a flaw in his calculations. Quickly his mind ran back and detected a mistake. "You are right, **Mr. Phelps**. You are right!" shouted the professor; "it doesn't give us x; it gives us y." And from that time **Professor Phelps** was looked upon as a mathematical prodigy, the first man who ever tripped **Newton**.

James Shea, a popular young lawyer of Washington, D. C., who recently had as a client a negro who was accused of stealing chickens. Things were going in the darkey's favor, until he was placed on the stand. "Are you the defendant in this case?" asked the judge. "No, sir," replied the negro with an amazed look on his face, and pointing to his counsel; "Ise the gen-leman that stole the chickens; there's the defendant."

One of **Benjamin Franklin Stevens's** relatives, **Uncle Sol**, had the habit of extemporary prayer, in which, however, he was more persistent than fluent. When his inspiration became too great for words he would tide over the difficulty with such interjections as: "Understand, O Lord? Understand? Take my idee, d' ye? Take my idee?"

Tramp—I'd like to borry a medical almanac, mum. **Housekeeper**—What for? **Tramp**—I wants ter see wot th' doctors recommend fer an empty feelin' in th' stummick.

Visitor—How did you ever get into the habit of eating glass? **Museum Attraction**—Oh, it's all because once when I was run down my doctor told me I must eat more solid food.

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"I wonder," said the plump young woman, preparing to venture out upon the frozen surface of the park lagoon, "if the ice is safe?" "You needn't be the least bit afraid as to that," Mr. Makinbrakes hastened to assure her. "I am certain it will hold you. When I was here yesterday I saw the boys chasing a runaway steer all over it. The animal must have weighed 1800 pounds. Of course," he added, nervously, "I don't mean that you—that the steer, mightn't have broken through if it had been on skates, but still—well, anyhow, there can't be any harm in trying, because I see other girls out there that are even more—er—do the skates fit you all right, Miss Biglow?"

"We'll have to make an effort to get the Sultan to pay for his new battleship this month," said the treasurer of the shipbuilding company. "What's the hurry?" inquired the President. "Well, Easter's coming and we want to get our money before the milliner's bill is presented."

"I see you're wearing my old engagement ring?" "Yes; isn't it perfectly lovely to be engaged to Jack?" "Yes, indeed. He's so deliciously serious about it, isn't he?"

Mrs. Muggins—Does your husband ever forget to mail the letters you give him? Mrs. Buggins—No; I always see to it that he puts them in his cigar case.

"Great activity in Idunno mining stock to-day." You don't say so!" "Ye-ah. Bill Sykes took forty thousand shares and eight dollars cash for that horse he was asking twenty dollars for yesterday." "Well, he made eight dollars on the deal, anyhow."

The wise artist paints a woman's portrait not as she looks, but as she imagines she looks.

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"I didn't know until to-day," said young Mrs. Torkins, "that Charley was taking an interest in palmistry. "Indeed?" responded the caller. "Yes. And he has put his heart into it, just as he does into anything he undertakes. He was as indignant as he could be because he met a man last night who had a better hand than his."

During the siege of Mafeking one of the officers organized a concert or "sing-song," to keep up the spirits of the men. He discovered, according to the story as it is told in "V. C.," that the men had cause enough for low spirits. Hearing of a sergeant in the Highlanders who was a good performer, he asked the man to contribute to the concert. "I am sorry, sir, but I cannot." "Why?" asked the officer; "you play some instrument, don't you?" "I did, sir." "What was it?" "The bones, sir; but I've eaten 'em."

At Bismarck, N. D., the temperature dropped fifty degrees in one night. Bismarck must be the Chicago of the Northwest.

A man is in luck if he doesn't get turned down while waiting for something to turn up.

Civilization is making such rapid strides that some day we will hear of a missionary getting cooked in a chafing dish.

The lady whose birthday was being celebrated when the Japs arrived at Port Arthur has not contributed to the magazines, and neither does she announce her intention of going upon the stage. Some people waste their opportunities just terribly.

"Your husband says that he has been working like a dog," said the next door neighbor. "Does he?" rejoined the woman with the dingy gown and the tired look. "The only canines I ever got acquainted with put in their time barking at nothing, racing around without any especial object in view and sleeping about two-thirds of the time in a nice warm corner close to the stove. It's a rather unfortunate comparison."

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6:15 A	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Way Stations	6:55 P
12:15 P	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations	10:55 A
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8:00 A	New Almaden (Tues, Frid., only)	4:10 P
8:00 A	The Coaster—Stops only San Jose, Gilroy (connection for Hollister), Pajaro, Castroville (connection to and from Monterey and Pacific Grove), Salinas, San Ardo, Paso Robles, Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo, principal stations thence, principal stations thence Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Saugua, Los Angeles	10:45 P
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10:20 A	San Jose and Way Stations	1:20 P
11:30 A	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations	7:30 P
1:30 P	San Jose and Way Stations	8:38 A
3:00 P	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove (connects at Santa Clara for Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek and Narrow Gauge Points) at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Castroville for Salinas	12:15 P
3:30 P	Tres Pinos, Way Stations	10:45 A
4:30 P	San Jose and Way Stations	10:00 A
5:00 P	San Jose, (via Santa Clara) Los Gatos, and Principal Way Stations (except Sunday)	10:00 A
1:20 P	San Jose and Principal Way Stations	10:40 A
6:00 P	Sunset Limited—Redwood, San Jose, Gilroy, Salinas, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Deming, El Paso, New Orleans, New York. Connects at Pajaro for Santa Cruz and at Castroville for Pacific Grove and Way Stations	7:10 P
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Gibbs' Transformation

In the alleys and by-ways of the big office buildings a little boy romped and played. A pretty picture he made, with his bright little face and bare feet, as he bobbed here and there and scampered about with all the freedom of the woods or beach. He had known no other playground than these marts of trade and he hummed contentedly as he drew his tin horse along or bounced his ball on the steps of the Stock Exchange.

Jeason Gibbs was a stern old capitalist. He had journeyed to the city with the object of inspecting certain enterprises with which he was connected, and had taken an office in the busy quarter where the boy was wont to play. He was a man who noticed things, and the sight of a small boy romping in a spot assigned to commerce disturbed his sense of fitness. Who was the boy? Why was this allowed? Those questioned did not know. They guessed he was all right, lived in the neighborhood, no doubt. He always palyed around and never bothered any one. Queer place for him to play? Maybe.

At length the old financier grew accustomed to the sight; in fact, so much so that he felt annoyed one morning because the lad was absent from the place. Next day he watched for him and emitted an approving grunt. The "kid" was romping in the usual way.

After that he looked for him each day. Sometimes the boy would be tardy in arriving, and the old man, punctual himself, would look displeased. Once or twice the child was absent a whole day; then the old fellow grew nervous as a woman. He had never cared for children, but this boy, so well-behaved and clean, happy and self-possessed, playing his own games and going his own way amid these busy men, filled him with an interest he could not explain. At fifty-five a grim old bachelor, close-fisted and aggressive, Gibbs paused in his financial dreams to follow a boy—a bright-faced boy with bare feet—who bewitched him. More than once he pulled himself together. Humph! he would not believe that he, Gibbs, had grown sentimental.

Still the old man rather enjoyed the sensation of taking an interest in some one. He longed to approach the youngster—to have a chat with him. But he was bashful—this veteran of finance who in all his life had never spoken to a child—and long he pondered as to the best method of becoming acquainted with the lad. He, Gibbs, was such an uncouth object in appearance. He wore a shaggy beard, was slovenly in his attire, had a sour expression and was abrupt of manner. Altogether he admitted that his individuality was scarcely calculated to impress a child, but was cheered by the reflection that tops, and balls, and candy were influential articles in winning favor with a boy. It would be advisable, no doubt, to go a little slow in the beginning. He would first present him with an apple or an orange. "Sonny, here's an apple," he would say. Then he started outright; the word "Sonny" frightened him; he had never said it to a child, and in his mouth it sounded out of place. The next moment he felt ashamed of his timidity. Yet here another feature rose to worry him. What would men say, other men, when they saw him, "Surly Gibbs," (that was his sobriquet) fraternizing with a "kid?" Great Scott! His ears tingled at the thought. However, he practiced saying "Sonny, have an apple?" to such good effect

that he greeted a dignified acquaintance on a certain day with, "Sonny, have an apple," while he tendered a cigar.

A day arrived when he decided he would break the ice. It was Saturday and the offices closed early. He purchased some chocolates from a druggist, and going into an alley laid in wait. Comparatively few people were about, and Jeason's heart beat wildly when he noticed the boy coming his way. The child had for plaything a big, red rooster on wheels. By means of a cord he drew his wooden bird along.

The man concealed himself behind a post. The boy came on.

The man grew nervous. What should he say? The boy was passing. His chance would be lost.

"C-o-c-k-a-doo-dle-doo!" came in agitated tones.

The boy started, dropped his cord and looked inquiringly at the rooster. Then he raised his eyes and spied the man behind the post—a shamefaced man. The lad regarded him with wonder, then a merry laugh escaped him. "O rooster-man!" he cried.

Old Gibbs emerged from his concealment and glanced stealthily about.

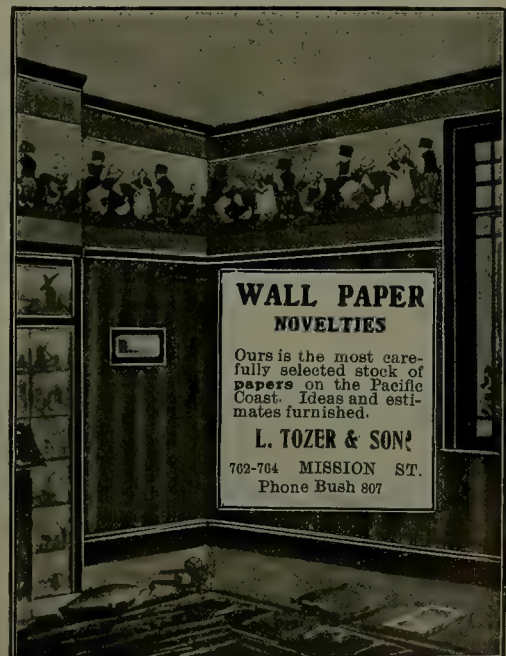
"You're a funny man," laughed the boy.

"Do that again."

Gibbs drew himself up. George! He was in for it. A broker's clerk stepped by, a negro porter crossed the alley.

"Go on, let me see how you do it," persisted the boy. And the solemn old man crowed again, discreetly and softly, while a calm joy pervaded his being. But he kept his wits about him. He noticed three men coming down the street who would laugh if they saw him. "Good afternoon," said he, stiffly, to the boy; then beat a hasty retreat.

Well, he had done it. Good Lord, what an ass he



had been. Still he did not regret it. What a fine little chap! He had forgotten the chocolates, which, later he found stuck to his pocket.

Next day he went to his office in some trepidation, fearing the lad might request in public a repetition of the performance, and was relieved when the boy merely flashed back a smile in response to his half-hearted greeting. He cornered Gibbs, however, later in the day and made him crow behind a pillar.

They soon understood each other. The boy came to regard the old man as his friend and divined that he objected to talk in public. They met in by-ways and corners, exchanging the fewest of words, and the old man crowed (ever so softly) and passed over candies and tops, then sneaked away, ashamed but delighted.

Important business called him out of town for several days. He thought of the boy while away, and on his return looked eagerly for him, but the lad was nowhere to be seen. One day passed, then another. Gibbs grew uneasy; he would make inquiry, find out where he lived. The boy had told him, but Gibbs could not recall the address. He was even ignorant of his name beyond that it was "Johnnie."

His agent called. "I just came to learn your instructions, sir, regarding those delinquent tenants up at the North End—you will remember the other day—"

"Delinquent tenants!" Old Gibbs was himself again. "Drat them! Out with them, I say! I am tired of being imposed on."

"Yes, sir," the agent simpered, "but these are good people, Mr. Gibbs, good, honest people, sir, and with your permission I was going to say—now there's that Mrs. Sparrow, for example. A better lady never lived, and she's seen better days. Well, sir, her little boy took sick, poor little chap!—you may have seen him playing around. It was sad for the poor woman—took away her rent money—and, well—now, little Johnnie—"

Gibbs rose from his seat. His face had whitened, and he trembled.

A woman tapped at the door. She was dressed in black. Although evidently poor, her air bespoke refinement. Her face wore a troubled look. She inquired for Mr. Gibbs and bowed to the agent as she entered.

"I came to tell you, sir," she said, looking Gibbs searchingly in the face, "that the rent will be paid. I only just learned your name—you see, I have been accustomed to deal with Mr. Douglas," with a glance toward the agent.

There was a boy's step on the floor. The woman turned. "Son, I told you to wait."

"Cock-a-doodle-doo!" shrieked the boy in delight, as he ran to the man. He looked a trifle pale, but beyond that displayed no sign of sickness.

Old Gibbs sent forth a crow that resounded through the building. The agent jumped and the boy's mother nearly fainted, while the grasping landlord, the hardened money-king, hugged the little lad and took him on his knee.—Herbert R. Rayner, in *The Criterion*.

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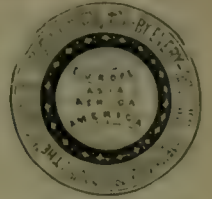




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General Leonard Wood appears to be as hard to promote as a wild cat mining scheme.

Polygamy was not dead in Utah, as we supposed, but was merely keeping quiet.

Science has given us the crowless rooster, but what we really want is the henless egg.

A professor at the University of California has found out that the Sierras are three million years old. Come, professor, how old is Ann?

A wise man has said that "we are what we eat." That explains some of the funny things about people who live in boarding houses.

Speaker Cannon's boom appears to have been achieved with a blank cartridge purchased by Congressman Hearst.

Dowie cables home to Zion City from Australia that "God has blessed" his meetings, but that the wicked Antipodeans keep on mobbing him.

Some enemy of the nation's peace has suggested a women's "hall of fame" for the St. Louis Fair. For punishment let him be the judge.

Aftergut is not a technical term of the sausage industry, but the name of a local butcher, not unfamiliar with the police courts.

Curfew rings in Ithaca, New York, at 8 p. m., for grown folks, as well as children, leaving the streets free at night for the footpads and the police.

Cyanide of Cacodyl is the deadliest poison in the world, so subtle that one sniff of the cork means business for the undertaker.

"Buffalo Bill" wants a divorce—for Napoleonic reasons, his wife says. His purse being as long as his hair, the litigation should be fierce.

A quintette of boys was the surprise sprung on a Pennsylvania workingman by his wife, to whom he had never been guilty of unkindness.

It is not hard to understand why a blind Freshman leads his class at Harvard, when one reflects that necessarily he wastes no time trying to find out if the girls of Cambridge are as sweet as they look.

A woman pickpocket at Los Angeles took the purse of a lady tourist who was kneeling in prayer at the altar of a popular church. Occasionally something besides cleanliness gets next to godliness.

According to a Democratic paper in New York, "Missouri, next to Pennsylvania, is the most corrupt State in the union." This ought to make the Tammany tiger smile.

A London society for the suppression of profanity has compiled a book of substitutes for swear words. The book is all right, only it contains nothing that a man could drive a mule team with.

Horried by the revelations in the Smoot case, Boston investigated her six Mormon elders. She announces with calm joy that they have only one wife apiece.

Yellow journalism married the Emperor of Korea to a mythical American female called Emily Brown, and now our minister at Seoul is busy trying to check the trans-Pacific invasion of spinsters.

"Mr. Biggen is milking his cows by machinery," says a Redlands paper, "the process occupying between ten and fifteen minutes, according to the mood of the cow." Who would blame a cow for moods under such conditions?

Two Italian exiles fought a duel with swords in France. It lasted three hours and a half, ending when one of them sustained a severe blister on the hand. Then the bloodthirsty Latins kissed and made up.

Yi Yong Ik is the name of Korea's chief troublemaker. Pflug is a Russian Major-General, and Wos y Gil has been making history in San Domingo. We apologize for having made merry long ago over the name of that Southern statesman, Hoke Smith.

John F. Donahue has been re-elected an alderman at Wilkesbarre, Pa., after thirty years of public office, enjoyed on the strength of the fact that when he was a Judge, long ago, he made it a rule to take off his coat and thrash every wife-beater before sentencing him. Who says women have no influence in politics?

Abe Ruef is credited with a strong arm play in the case of Supervisor Lunstedt. It is said the Boss had a figurative elbow under the worthy Supervisor's chin and that Lunstedt saw his finish. So the weakling changed his vote. A woman story, a sword of Damocles, and the Boss holding the scissors ready to cut the string and project upon the public attention a prurient exposure. No wonder Lunstedt's extremities became frigid. Sitting desolately among the ruins of his character he saw himself pilloried. No wonder.

A WEAK JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

Municipal reform that leaves the judiciary untouched and uncleansed, is reform without improvement—and that is the only kind of reform San Francisco has had. Practically nothing has been done in twenty years to drive the boodlers and grafters out of the police courts; nothing has been done to purify or elevate the bench in this department of our judicial system; nothing has been done to relieve it of the taint of politics in its worst form. The net result is that to-day we have in our Hall of Justice—Heaven save the mark!—a coterie of self-seekers, wearing the honorable title of Police Judge, clothed with high authority over the persons and property of our people—men for the most part of neither learning nor honor, of low personal and lower political associations. These ministers of the law dispense justice as if it were their personal property. From the moment of election their chief business is to campaign steadily for renomination and re-election. It is notorious that in the police courts of San Francisco the man with a "pull" has a hundred-to-one chance against the man who is supported by merely the law and the facts; it is notorious that to get a warrant against a friend or a henchman of a political leader, or a labor leader, is almost impossible, unless the offense be murder, and that to try to get a conviction for any offense is plain foolishness. Yearly, with more laws and more people and more policemen the number of arrests is growing, and yearly the fines imposed and collected show a relative decrease in number and amount. Ordinance after ordinance is enacted to increase the standard of public decency and to perfect the safeguards that organized society guarantees to its members—ordinance after ordinance becomes a law and then speedily a dead letter. A police system which is none too good and yet infinitely better than the police courts, whose process it executes, complains that it cannot keep on endlessly arresting law-breakers only to have them released without punishment by judges who administer not the law as they find it but the law as they like it or like it not. And that there is merit in this contention no one will deny.

The defense of the police judges, aside from denials, which are of no value, is that their terms are too short and their salaries too small—that they are compelled by the pressure of personal necessity to "look out for themselves." This is their excuse for the fact that they, or most of them, hold court only two or three hours a day, four or five days a week. Presumably they would make the same plea if it were alleged—and it is the cold truth—that more than half the time which belongs to the public is spent by some of them at the racetrack, in saloons and in associating intimately with men and women of the classes on which they are called to pass judgment. It would be their excuse if they were brought to book for running their courts not to uphold the law, but to insure renomination for themselves and to win votes. As defense, plea or excuse, it is about as valid as it would be for a thieving cashier to say that he stole because he was underpaid. Some movement is now afloat, presented by the Grand Jury and backed by individuals and organizations genuinely interested in civic betterment, to take the police courts out of direct participation in politics by making positions on that bench appointive and not elective. Though we are experiencing just now some of the unpleasant effects of power highly centralized in the hands of the Mayor, it is to be considered that

we could hardly have a worse chief executive than Schmitz, and that even Schmitz would hesitate to stand for the weak justices who make a mockery of police court justice. It would be hard to devise a system less satisfactory than that which now obtains.

UNIONISM AS SHE IS PRACTICED.

We have recently had two very graphic illustrations of what unionism means in this town under its present management and what it would mean if Dictator Cornelius could have his way and all employers were done away with and business was managed by Trade Councils. Two respectable citizens have been assaulted by the employees while peaceably riding on the street cars, and after being villified, called liars and otherwise abused verbally, the one, an assistant professor at the State University, had his jaw broken, and the other, the City Coroner, was knocked off the car by the brute who officiated as motorman. If this thing continues, the patrons of the street car company will soon have to form a union to protect themselves from brutal assaults on the part of the employees. Before Mr. Cornelius began to work his graft by which he has secured a percentage of the wages of his dupes for keeping them embroiled with their employers and manipulating them for the political purposes of his master, Hearst and his lieutenant Livernash, the employees on the street cars of San Francisco were polite and gentlemanly, and the impolite man, motorman or conductor, was the exception; now the exception is all the other way, and is confined, as a rule, to the old employees, who have not become so thoroughly inoculated with the anarchical virus which Cornelius distills and injects in them as those who have always been under his control. No doubt Cornelius approves of these assaults, and if the company removes the men, this dictator will call a strike until they are reinstated; no doubt he will bring all the political pressure he can to prevent their being punished, and will at the same time insist that union men are the most orderly, law-abiding citizens in the community, and that non-union men and the Government should be turned over to them to handle as they see fit. It is time, however, that a halt should be called on these satellites of the Welsh anarchist, and if they are not severely punished, it will not be long before women and children will suffer the same conduct. Send a few of them across the bay for their brutality, and it will soon stop.

ICH UND GOTT!

The relations between Mayor Schmitz and the Supervisors are such as fully to verify the prediction made by the News Letter a few weeks after the new administration came into office. Less than three months have elapsed and already he is exhibiting the high-handed indifference to what the public needs and what it demands that was to have been expected and was clearly foreshadowed. The Schmitz of last year talked loud and long about "good government" and the progress of the city with the helm in Union Labor hands. The Schmitz of this year is the real Schmitz, flouting the public, hectoring and threatening those Supervisors whom he cannot club into line. The Schmitz whom we see now with the mask off controls all the commissions, and so has a basis for his arrogance. All that stands between him and absolute authority over the city is a decent majority, which refuses to be cajoled or brow-beaten

into swallowing a programme of plunder. The town is wide open for everybody who will stand in with the Schmitz party which makes and breaks policemen as it pleases and runs overnight saloonkeepers who will not turn their bars into agencies for the shady business of the administration. Unfortunately there are two saloonkeepers in the Board of Supervisors, and by the vote of one of these, confessedly controlled through fear of a revoked license, Schmitz has just votes enough in the Board to keep his vetoes from being overridden.

Of the controversy over the quarry and rock crusher in the Fairmount district, which has brought the Mayor and the majority to open warfare, it is not necessary to speak at this time; our concern is with the threat of the Mayor made during this contention that Supervisors who "insult" him by opposing his will and questioning his motives must "bear the consequences." What consequences, pray? Does his Dishonor, the Mayor, mean personal violence? Does he mean that his opponents in the Board are to be villified by the means of publicity which he commands? He cannot dismiss them from office, nor is there any law under which he can punish them for doing their duty. What, then, are the "consequences?"

The scene on Monday last in the chambers of the Supervisors when Supervisor Brandenstein, himself a man independent of the Mayor, politically and commercially unafraid of his threat, whether he meant recourse to the law, to vilification or to thugism, replied, in the name of the people, to the bully and blusterer in the chair, was most significant. We are a patient people and long-suffering. We have borne much from Schmitz, and, like enough, we shall bear much more, but Mr. Brandenstein's warning was not idle talk. There is a limit beyond which Schmitz must not go. It was well that this limit should be pointed out by a man of induence and position, speaking with calmness and deliberation. He did not put the facts too strongly. Under a regime of Schmitzism, with the bridle off, the conditions are rapidly reaching a point where the most apathetic community cannot fail to take notice of them and so free itself from the burden imposed by its own folly. Once the tide of public opinion sets the other way and Schmitz will find that his house has jerry-built foundations. The people may put a man up, but they also may pull him down.

THE IMPOSSIBLE HEARST.

"The unspeakable candidate" is what many Eastern newspapers, Democratic and Republican, unite in calling Hearst. In one way and another these journals are performing a service for the nation, as necessary and as unpleasant as the function of the night carts in communities without sewer systems. Among them they are letting the daylight into a campaign for the Presidency that would be unique if it were not so disgustingly indecent and into a character and personality which pass the limit of public and private unworth. We doubt if Hearst will get within gunshot of the nomination at St. Louis. We are certain that if he should be nominated he will be defeated at the polls, and further, that he will have been so clearly held up to public view for all that he is which a man ought not to be, and for all that he is not which a man ought to be, as to make any one ashamed of having taken him seriously as a Presidential possibility.

In San Francisco Hearst has opened headquarters where the Tarpey family descants upon his virtues

and makes promise and payment to the doubters. The first manifesto is a circular letter, signed by the chief of the Tarpeys, begging support for Hearst as "the first native of California ever seriously considered for the Presidency," telling what he has done with "press, pen and purse" for the Democracy and urging as an "all-patent reason" for his nomination the "fact that he will receive a larger popular vote than would all the others spoken of for the office, were the strength of all of them aggregated." Now this may seem absurd and even nauseous, but it is mild and modest compared with what Hearst hires people to say about him elsewhere, and what he will doubtless say of himself here when his praise-factory is in good running order. At the East he has revealed in printed glorification of himself as a young man of vast personal achievement, a better writer than any in his hire, a brilliant speaker, a wise statesman, a powerful debater, a man rejoicing in the strength won in an athletic youth and a temperate manhood. For the facts about Hearst in Congress we may go to the official journal of that body, which shows that thus far he has occupied his seat three times and spoken from it once. For information as to the exercises which he favored in his "athletic youth" there is yet to be published a veracious account of his life and associations in his Sausalito cottage, and for the pursuits of his "temperate manhood" we await a detailed chronicling of his association with the "Sassafra sisters" and others of their stripe in New York.

Doubtless the Eastern press which has dubbed Hearst "the unspeakable candidate" will have considerable to say about him between now and the assembling of the St. Louis convention, and we shall not be surprised if some of the accounts of him are strikingly illustrated by Davenport, the cartoonist whom Hearst once delighted to honor, but now pursues with furious malignity. Hearst for years was so bold and so contemptuous of public opinion in defying the laws and rules of honest, decent living that the record of his misdoings is not obscure. Those who believe that his nomination would be a calamity to the Democratic party and his election a disgrace and dishonor to the nation should have no difficulty in finding evidence of his utter unfitness.

OHIO AND LOUISIANA.

In view of the fact that an Ohio community is making a partly successful attempt at incinerating of a large colored population, it is an interesting story that comes from New Orleans of the appearance in Judge King's court of Samuel Hooper, an aged negro, to conduct his own case. It related to his home. A city board wanting the property for public purposes had offered him \$315 for it. He contended that it was worth at least \$700. The board entered a suit to expropriate the property. Hooper conducted his own case, examined witnesses, and made an argument in his own behalf. The board was represented by able counsel. Hooper was offered assistance gratis by members of the bar, but he declined it politely, saying that the white folks who composed the jury would do "nuthin' 'ceptin' what's squar'" by him. His confidence was justified, for he won the case. A New Orleans newspaper thinks there is something strikingly beautiful about this old black man's confidence in the justice of his white neighbors, and regards the incident as proof that the deserving negro at the South can always get absolute and impartial justice at the hands of his white neighbors.

SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR CHINATOWN.

Why should Chinamen be allowed to violate the ordinances of the city with impunity and the taxpayers of the city and State be forced to spend money and risk their lives and health because it pleases the Celestials to be dirty and unsanitary? The ordinances of San Francisco provide that every property-holder shall keep his property clean and healthy; they provide for sanitary plumbing, for the removal of filth of all kinds and for the closing up of cesspools and unhealthy places. In Chinatown the most filthy and unhealthy conditions are allowed to exist in plain view of every passer-by, and when any cleaning is done it is not the owners who do it but the State. We know, of course, that the cleaning is done under the specious pretense that it is to prevent bubonic plague, but with equal justice the premises of white people could be cleaned by the State on the theory that the cleansing was to prevent typhoid fever or some other similar disease. This State, under several recent administrations has spent nearly half a million dollars cleaning private property in this city, and the city has spent thousands of dollars more, yet to-day the whole neighborhood smells like an operating room, and is filthy and disgusting on every corner. Daily it is sprinkled with lime, and daily it is cleaned by white labor at enormous expense, only to return to its former filthy condition as soon as the cleaners pass by. The Chinese make no effort to keep their quarters clean, and the owners of the property never trouble themselves about the matter, because why should they? The State is paying for the cleaning, and they are drawing down immense rents for the property which no white man would live in.

Only a few days ago the Health Board ordered a cheap lodging house to be cleaned, threw all the furniture out of the windows and destroyed it, and ordered the building torn down. No doubt it did wisely, but why not apply the same rule to the cleaning of Chinatown? Did the taxpayers of the State pay for the cleaning out of the lodging-house? Do they pay when any white man is found allowing filth to accumulate on his premises? No. The offender is arrested, hauled into court and fined. But the Chinese are never arrested, and the wealthy owners of Chinatown are never asked to contribute anything to keeping their property in proper condition.

Evidently there is some mysterious reason for this condition of things. Is there a "graft" somewhere? Are the Health Board afraid to bring the Chinatown owners to time as they do those who rent to white tenants? White tenants are, as a rule, poor; the Chinese tenants are rich though filthy, and it is well known that the Chinese are forever trying, and unfortunately very often succeeding, in bribing police, courts, etc., in their efforts to evade the law. The owners of the property should be made to clean and keep clean their property, and they would soon force their tenants to keep clean if they had to pay the bills for the cleaning. This crying disgrace and shame and danger to San Francisco will never disappear as long as the present system of State and municipal cleaning prevails. It makes too many jobs; it is too easy on the parties interested, but it is a severe load on the taxpayers which they should not and will not stand. The Board of Supervisors should refuse to spend any more money cleaning Chinatown. The Mayor, if he is as honest and economical as he

claims to be, should veto any appropriations for the cleaning of Chinatown, especially as it is whispered that he dare not act because his friends and associates are interested in Chinatown property. The State Board of Health and the Governor should insist on the Chinese keeping clean as they do upon cleanliness with the whites. Under Governor Gage the Chinese fund was largely expended in keeping up an army of incompetents and hangers-on. Does that graft still continue? If not, why does Governor Pardee continue this wastefulness? The people will demand of the next Legislature to investigate this scandal if it is not stopped sooner, and meantime the News Letter respectfully calls the attention of the present Grand Jury to the matter and urges that it investigate what has now grown to be a public scandal, and an endless robbery of the taxpayers for the benefit of a few property owners.

"THESE BE YOUR GODS."

The university contingent is even more snobbish than the ecclesiastical. While King Peter of Servia could find a Metropolitan to pray for him on the day after the assassination of his predecessor, the university, in the person of its present President, would pray for or kow-tow to any one who had money to spend. The institution of which he is the controlling head has been obliged to do without his fostering care while he has made a trip to the East. He has now returned, and the accounting which he gives of his time is about as follows: He has dined (or was it slept?) with the President. Congressman Metcalf is very popular, and the California delegation is to stand unitedly. But these matters, which an ordinary reporter could relate more effectively and even in better English, become very secondary to the prime news, the *bonne bouche* of the intellectual repast served by the Mogul. He says: "I had the pleasure of greeting Mrs. Hearst as she stepped again on American soil. She intends to return to Berkeley about the latter end of April. She said that she has enjoyed her journey abroad immensely, particularly through India," and so on for yards of weary twaddle. Now, Mrs. Hearst is an exceedingly benevolent and charitable lady, who would resent any such ostentatious and disgusting flattery with revulsion. What has she done that this dancing dervish, this fulsome back-bending slave should fill the air with his flattering ululations? We have not yet arrived at the point when our university is simply to serve as a means of advertising those of whom the President fancies that he can make use.

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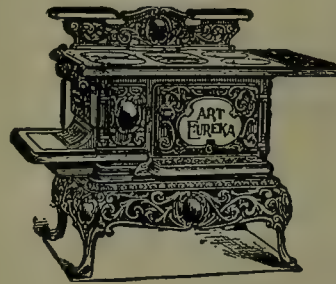
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You San Franciscans are most assuredly improving by following my ideas. I am glad of it, for you need it, and I assure you that you need not be in the least affrighted at the thought that you have not lots of room left yet in which to exercise yourselves in this direction. The idea put into effect at a first night in a certain theatre here this week meets my approval—not allowing people to enter after the curtain had risen on the first act. This is really a step in the right direction. Why, let me ask you, would it not conduce to the comfort of the artistic theatre-goer to have this same rule enforced at other theatres. A chap who goes to see a play and not to be seen, gets into his chair before the overture. This class of theatre-goers are usually critical and know a good play when they see it. It is, don't you know, manifestly unfair to them to allow the society cult to tread on their toes and break the thread of the play. I think you will agree with me. You can't all take a box or a loge, but this is the one way I use to escape the unpoliteness of the late-comers. The first thought of a well-bred gentleman or gentlewoman is to avoid giving annoyance to others. None of us who are truly of the set would do so willingly, and those who so demean themselves should be kept in the foyer until the end of the act, and they can exhibit themselves during the intermission. It is usually the over-dressed and muchly-jeweled classes who are so careless and annoying. I fancy that it would take a manager of courage to enforce this rule, but if enforced, the so-called society people would fall into the habit quite as easily as the well bred. I saw quite a few nice frocks at that first night and quite a few impossible ones. I saw hats in boxes, a few dress suits, a few more dinner coats and a lot of badly-kneed trousers over muddy boots. Really the dress trouser of the San Francisco man is to my taste as bad as the over-dressing of the woman. I saw a lot of men who considered themselves correctly dressed, but who wore black satin ties tied in what I was told was a bat's-wing bow. Now a black tie at a dress affair is bad enough, but it must be hand-tied by one's man, and flat and square, but a bow thing suggesting a haberdasher's ready-made affair is simply suggestive of a suit hired for the night or of a tailor's clerk out on a lark, I beg of you, if you hire your suits for the night, as I learn you do, get a white tie and tie it yourself. Also, don't, as you care for appearances, perch yourself upon one of those funny places you have here in San Francisco and have your shoes polished on your way home. Gentlemen make their toilets in privacy, and while gentlemen don't polish their own shoes, it is still a part of the toilet. If you have not a man to shave you, you use a barber shop and go in there and get fixed up. You would not by any means tie your necktie or pull on your gloves in the street, would you? Then, why get your shoes varnished in the same public place. It is thoughtless and ill-bred. You are doing better, but I beg of you keep on. I was surprised at a concert affair the other night to see two really decent-looking and properly dressed men get up and leave two ladies alone and walk down the aisle, and was told they had gone to get a drink.

The lady and gentleman with whom I was, knew them, but not socially. I should think they would

never be known socially. Men who will do this kind of thing are vulgar; the ladies should have left them then and there. I have my opinion of any well-bred woman who will tolerate such usage from an escort, and I really think that the gentlewomen can commence a useful movement by refusing to accompany any chap who does this thing. It is obtrusive, to say nothing of the acquired odor of the person. It is ungallant to those who have accompanied you and it is caddy and snobbish. It is the act of the fellow with the hired or borrowed suit and muddy shoes. I find the Americans the most gallant and chivalrous chaps to the gentlewomen, and these ill-bred actions, I think, can in a little part be blamed on the forbearance of the gentler sex. They are really too kind. They give the chaps here too many liberties, and they suffer for it. It is in their hands to exact in public the attention which they deserve from the men in both behavior and in dress. I think sometimes they don't exact enough, but if they will follow my hints they will do so from now on. They will have proper acting escorts then, and will please

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"Parsifal," the Murphy adaptation, may be classified as a dramatic and musical triumph. It strikes each onlooker in a different key. Many come to the Alcazar performance to scoff and "be amused." They remain to praise. The Fitzgerald performance is a dramatic success. Much of the original music is retained, and the orchestra, augmented to thirty-two pieces, gives the Wagnerian score very acceptably.

The prelude is a solemn, exalted introductory. The Grail, Faith and the Holy Supper are the themes, and these continue throughout the play. Monsalvat, its forest, and, in its depths, unseen to the audience, the Castle of the Grail. The Grail, a cup from which the Savior drank at the Last Supper, given "Titulel" after his conquest of Klingsor, the Magician and Symbol of Evil. Then Amfortas, tortured by the ever-bleeding wound, awaiting the arrival of the "guileless fool." The killing of the swan and the entrance of the fool himself, the unawakened and untaught.

Kundry, lying lethargic, awakens to tell Parsifal of the death of his mother. He springs at her to kill her. Gurnemanz prevents, and believing that Parsifal is the fool of the prediction, he of "enlightened pity," urges him to follow to the Castle of the Grail. The dismissal of the fool by Gurnemanz—Klingsor in his castle calls upon the "Rose of Hades" (Kundry), and she appears only to combat his commands. A struggle for supremacy between right and wrong. A sombre scene, terminated by the clash of swords. Parsifal, invisible to the audience, slays the guards of Klingsor.

A transformation, a burst of beauty, a resplendent scene seldom equaled on any stage; the flower maidens are bewailing the death of their lovers, slain by Parsifal.

They see the fool and try to entrap him; they sing, they dance, and they use all the wiles they are possessed of in their attempts to win him as their lover. He is obstinate and repulses them.

Enter a woman, Kundry (Miss Block) a vision recumbent, a sentient, sensuous and sinister sorceress. Beautiful she is, more beautiful than the flower maidens who have whirled and pleaded in amatory dance to the obdurate Parsifal (Mr. Durkin). Kundry draws him to her by her revealed charms, and here Miss Block is the absolute embodiment of the character; there is lewdness and love and pity and passion intermingled, and then despair and hate. She is partially successful, for he is beguiled by the snakelike twist of her sensuous limbs and body. She speaks of his mother, tells him of his mother's death, gaining his confidence, and then she essays to win him to herself. The hot effluvia of passion floats about him, and she seals her lips to his with a fiery kiss.

It is a duel. The youth conquers the awakened cravings of the flesh. But he loves; the iron is in the soul. He likens his own to the wound of Amfor-

tas. He has found knowledge, and with it comes pain. The fool is a fool no longer. Kundry is repulsed. She launches her curse. He is to wander in search of the Grail and he is never to find it. Klingsor (Mr. Hilliard) appears upon the battlements and flings the spear at Parsifal, who seizes it and makes the sign of the cross—an immediate destruction follows, and a desolation marks the spot where formerly beauty held sway. A wonderful scene.

Good Friday and the last scene but one. Kundry makes her last change and appears as the repentant Magdalene. Parsifal enters, footsore and dejected. Gurnemanz (Mr. Osbourne) recognizes him, and the holy spear, and knows that it is he—at last—who is to heal Amfortas. The scene at the spring and the Magdalene washing the feet of Parsifal, is one that may be construed in many ways. To some it is a beautiful and touching scene, and to others it seems a sacrilege. To the News Letter man it seemed full of religious fervor.

Miss Block's Kundry is a wonderful creation. She is the embodiment of the Eternal Feminine. She is the picture of pulsing passion. She finally becomes the ideal of resigned humility.

Mr. Durkin in the last two scenes strikes the Christ-like and reverential key to perfection, and plays well an awe-inspiring and difficult part. The scene in Klingsor's garden was bewilderingly beautiful, and while Miss Block was its crowning glory, Miss Gordon, Miss Starr and the others, succeeded in arousing the audience to a lambent admiration.

In the last act, Parsifal, with the tip of the holy spear, which now glows blood red, touches Amfortas' wound, immediately healing it. He holds the Grail aloft, and from above the white dove hovers. The last scene is a solemn and reverential one.

The Alcazar deserves the praise of San Francisco for its daring, and that young Irishman, Fitzgerald Murphy, has sent his name a long way toward lasting fame by the dramatization of Wagner's immortal play.

The soprano voice (Harold Forman) is a delight to the immense audiences. It rings clear and sweet through the house, and the anthem follows it in softest melody.

"Parsifal" should be seen by all San Francisco.

The Orpheum has been presenting a programme of unusual interest to the theatre-goer. Beginning with Gillo's Artesto and winding up with the eccentricities of Fergusson and Mack, the show is an exceptionally good one. In the Lowe and Hughes duo, the xylophone playing is a marvel, and the best we have ever seen. The Barrows-Lancaster Company presents "A Chip of the Old Block" in a highly enjoyable manner. Miss Thropp is a chic little maiden and a very good actress. James Barrows, who is the uncle of her husband in the play, is a fine actor, and his portrayal of Mathew Carnehan is without a flaw. The Swedish Ladies' Quartette captures the house, and the vocal numbers by these artists are fine. Emmett Corrigan, whose last visit here was one continual enjoyment to those who had the sense to recognize his wonderful ability, gives a playlet in one act, with the assistance of a good company. "Jockey Jones, or The Day of the Handicap," will dwell long in the memory of the onlooker. It will be a long time before the Orpheum surpasses this bill.

At Fischer's, "The Rounders" is somewhat improved over the first week's production, but no amount of pruning will ever make a good play of a lamentably bad one. Samuel Collins and the old ladies who are employed in the chorus are entertaining at the Columbia. At the Tivoli, the "Gypsy Baron" continues to delight fair-sized audiences. These are all hold-over bills, and I have treated them at length in former issues of the News Letter.

A capital programme has been prepared at the Chutes for the coming week, headed by Gillo's Artesto, the latest European novelty. An automaton, dressed as an artist, is placed in front of an easel, and at request draws a picture of any celebrity in two minutes, and in three minutes makes a portrait of any one taken from the audience. Memphis Kennedy, a most amusing black-face musical comedian, will be new, and the Fenz Brothers, renowned Tyrolean warblers, will make their first appearance here. Deonzo and Schenck will continue their trick barrel jumping and gymnastic act; Lyne and Leonard, the "Dancing Nabobs," will vary their specialty, and Mabel Lamson, the popular contralto, will be heard in new illustrated songs. The animatoscope will show a complete change of moving pictures, and many novelties are promised for Thursday, amateur night. New attractions are being installed at the Chutes from time to time, and the zoo is constantly in receipt of rare and curious animals from all over the world.

At the Central, "Shamus O'Brien" is being given to delighted audiences. Herschel Mayal takes the part of Shamus, and he does his part well. The specialties by the Champion Gaelic Dancers are good.

"Parsifal" is to be continued indefinitely. The play has caught on, and may truly be said to be the fashion. There is a display nightly of splendid gowns. Monday night was a premier that rivaled anything ever seen here in grand opera.

The immediate future at the Grand Opera House is the coming next week of Minnie Maddern Fiske. Mrs. Fiske has not appeared in San Francisco for many seasons, and her advent will be a welcome change from the commonplace and the threadbare performances seen at the Grand for some time. Here at last is something we can bet on.

Wednesday evening, the members of Islam Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and their ladies will take possession of the Tivoli and enjoy "Mr. Pickwick."

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The Library Table



Californians in particular and the public in general are at the present time more or less interested in Japanese Literature. Japanese are far different from Western ideals, and this fact is to be borne in mind by those who are studying the future of the Far East. There are a great number of historical books on Japan and China now on the market, and for the benefit of book readers the following list, although incomplete, will prove useful:

"Japan in Transition," by S. Ransome. (1899. Harper.) A comparative study of its progress since the war with China; a sound, useful book.

"Advance, Japan," by J. Morris. (1895. Allen.) General history and present condition, social and military.

"The New Far East," by Arthur Diosy. (1900. Cassell.) Useful for the understanding of political conditions.

"A History of Japan," by Sir F. O. Adams. (1874. King. 2 vols.)

"The Real Japan," by Henry Norman. (1893. Fisher Unwin.)

"The Story of Japan," by David Murray. (Fisher Unwin.)

"Japan," by Dr. David Murray. (1894. Story of Nations Series. Fisher Unwin.) Only the later chapters are "topical."

"Japan, our New Ally," by A. Stead. (1902. Fisher Unwin.)

"Japan and China: Their History, Arts, Science, Manners, Customs, Laws, Religions and Literature," by Captain F. Brinkley. (1903-4. To be completed in 12 volumes. T. C. & E. C. Jack.)

"Feudal and Modern Japan," by Arthur May Knapp. (1898. 2 vols. Duckworth.)

"A Maker of the New Japan: The Life of Joseph Hardy Neesima, Founder of Doshisha University, Japan," by Rev. J. D. Davis, D. D., Professor in Doshisha. (Revell.)

"A Maker of the New Orient—Samuel Rollins Brown," by W. E. Griffis. (Revell.)

"What Will Japan Do?" by J. Morris. (1898. Lawrence and Bullen.)

"Japan and the Pacific," by M. Inagaki. (1890. Fisher Unwin.)

"Things Japanese," by Basil Hall Chamberlain. (1902. Murray.) May be counted as an "essential book."

"Japanese Homes and their Surroundings," by E. S. Morse. (1888. Sampson Low.) A fascinating book.

"Japanese Girls and Women," by Alice Mabel Bacon. (Gay and Bird.)

"Glimpses of Unfamiliar Japan," by Lafcadio Hearn. (1902. Gay and Bird.)

"Kokoro: Japanese Inner Life," by Lafcadio Hearn. (1902. Gay and Bird.)

"Out of the East: Studies in New Japan," by Lafcadio Hearn. (1902. Kegan Paul.)

"Kotto: Being Japanese Curios," by Lafcadio Hearn. (1902. Macmillan.)

No one can understand Japan and the Japanese who has not read Lafcadio Hearn.

"Queer Things About Japan," by Douglas Sladen. (Second edition, 1904. Treherne.) A picturesque account of Japanese life and manners.

"The Soul of the Far East," by Percival Lowell. (Houghton, Mifflin, and Gay and Bird.)

"Unbeaten Tracks in Japan," by Mrs. Bishop. (1900. Newness, 2 vols.) A brilliant book; a peep into the "interior."

"The Heart of Japan," by C. L. Brownell. (1902. Methuen.) A clever view of Japanese daily life.

"The Evolution of the Japanese, Social and Psychic," by Sidney L. Gulick, M. A. (Revell.)

"Japanese Physical Training," by H. Irving Hancock. (1904. Putnam.) Shows how the system of exercise, diet, and general mode of living has made the Japanese one of the healthiest, strongest and happiest races.

"The Ideals of the East," by Okakura. (1903. Murray.)

"An Artist's Letters from Japan," by J. La Farge. (1897. Fisher Unwin.) Admirably written; pictures seen with the eye of an artist.

"Japan and its Art," by M. B. Huish. (1888. Fine Art Society.) An excellent book in every way.

"From Far Formosa: The Island, its People and Missions," by George Leslie Mackay, D. D. (New and cheaper edition. Oliphant, Anderson.)

"The Gist of Japan: The Islands and their People," by the Rev. R. B. Peery. (Revell.)

"Japanica," by Sir Edwin Arnold. (1891. Osgood.)

"Seas and Lands," by Sir Edwin Arnold. (1894. Longmans.)

"Japan as we Saw It," by M. Bickersteth. (1893. Sampson Low.)

"Around the World Through Japan," by Walter Del Mar. (1903. Black.)

"Gleanings from Japan," by W. G. Dickson. (1889. Blackwood.)

"On the Coasts of Capay and Cipango, Forty Years Ago," by William Blakeney, R. N. (1902. Elliot Stock.)

A record of surveying service; most useful for the understanding of the naval situation. Good charts and maps.

"Lotus Time in Japan," by H. Finck. (1895. Lawrence and Bullen.)

"A Handbook of Modern Japan," by Ernest W. Clement. (1903. McClurg.)

"Handbook for Travelers in Japan," by Basil H. Chamberlain and W. Mason. (1903. Murray.)

"A Diplomatist's Wife in Japan," by Mrs. Fraser. (1900. Hutchinson. 2 vols.) Very good and informative.

"First American Envoy in Japan," by T. Harris. (1895.) The beginning of the New Japan.

"Eight Years' Work and Travel in Japan," by E. G. Hotham. (1883. Kegan Paul.)

"Half-Hours in Japan," by Rev. H. Moore. (1900. Fisher Unwin.)

"Rambles Through Japan," by A. Tracy. (1892. Sampson Low.)

"Rambles in Japan," by Canon Tristram. (1895. Religious Tract Society.)

"On Short Leave to Japan," by F. E. Younghusband. (1894. Sampson Low.)

"Three Rolling Stones in Japan," by G. Watson. (1903. Arnold.)

"Japan and Her People," by Anna Hartshorne. (1904. Kegan Paul.)

"Among the Gentle Japs," by Rev. J. L. Thomas. (1892. Sampson Low.)

"Verbeck of Japan," by W. E. Griffis. (1900. Revell.)

A Modern Hotel.

On next Monday evening the magnificent new Hotel St. Francis will open its doors to the public. This will be one of the great events of the year, and Manager Pollok will offer to the world the finest modern hotel in America.

The logia is flanked with massive granite pillars, and between these one enters the lounging room from the street. The golden ceiling thirty feet above is upheld by twelve monolithic columns, and the walls are treated in panel effects of red. This is a repetition of the beautiful tones in the carpet and the tapestries. The ceiling is ornamented with coffers and rosettes, and it is a reminder of the glory of Roman architecture. The office is to the right, as you enter, and to the left is the marble fireplace, and over this is placed a fine painting of Mount Tamalpais, by Keith.

From the Promenade Corridor the restaurant is reached, and this immense room, capable of caring for some six hundred and fifty people at one time, is a dream of splendor. The tints are of grey-gold. The carving and ornamentation carry the same tone sentiment, and the whole is relieved by the glitter and reflection of thousands of reflecting prisms of crystal from the elaborate electroliers. These are reflected a thousand fold by the mirror panels of the room in its entire length. There are seven electroliers and they hang from the paneled ceiling that is supported by the fluted Tuscan columns. The Utah stone fire-place, with its grey tone, blends beautifully with the general tone of the whole room. The carpets are of a rich, warm red, and the hangings to the windows are of the same tone.

From the side of the lounging room is the cafe. It is flooded with light, and there is a beautiful view from here of the Dewey Monument and Union Square, with its shrubbery and flowers. The walls are a succession of panels of English oak, the ceiling is broken by gilded ornamental beams with the intervening paneling of red. The columns supporting this ceiling are Ionic and are surmounted with gilded caps. Soft green carpets cover the floor and the window drapery is of green velours.

The library contains four thousand volumes, and the cases for these are of San Domingo mahogany. The panelled ceiling is embellished in turquoise and gold. The walls are covered with sole leather. The rug covering the oak floor is of a pale deep green.

The ladies' parlor is a useful adjunct to the St. Francis. The wood-work is cream colored, and the furniture is gilded. The walls are covered with pumpkin-colored tapestry, the rug, the coverings of the furniture and the draperies of this room are of soft green, about the color of maiden-hair fern.

To one side, nearest Post street, is the ladies' entrance leading to the reception room, paneled to the ceiling with dark English oak. From this reception room one may reach any of the elevators of the hotel without entering any of the entertaining rooms.

The 450 bed-rooms of the St. Francis hotel possess a unique advantage over most rooms in other houses. There is not a room in this house that has not an outside frontage. The view from any of them is magnificent, and they are all easily accessible from the elevators. The service is quick and efficient, owing to the short distance each bell boy has to travel. Each room is sumptuously furnished, and there is a bath to every suite or connecting room.

Besides the handsome restaurant and cafe is the "Grill." Here the artist and the designer have given us an impression of the Tyrol. This is one of

the most artistic halls in the hotel, and everywhere may be seen the trophies of the chase. Over the huge fireplace hangs the head of a huge Alaskan moose. The electroliers are fashioned from the horns of deer from the far Northland. The wood-work is light English oak, and the walls and ceiling are in brown cinnamon. The bar, with its resplendent array of glass, takes up one end of this room.

The barber shop of the St. Francis has every modern improvement, the latest massage machines, vibratory machines, compressed air appliances, etc.

The ladies' manicuring and hair-dressing parlors will contain the very latest ideas.

The official staff of the hotel is a guarantee of its efficiency. Mr. Allan Pollok, formerly with the Palace, is manager. Mr. John McDermott, genial John of the Palace, will be at the desk. Mr. William McMurray, formerly (for 16 years) in the Passenger Department of the Southern Pacific Company, will be in charge of one of the most important adjuncts to this modern hotel, the Information Bureau. Mr. McMurray is peculiarly fitted for this position, and the traveler who goes to him for any information will be given it politely, and, above all, correctly.

Mrs. Helen Laughton, formerly of the Hotel Touraine, Boston, will be in charge of the book department. Mrs. A. L. Boyle, also of the Touraine, will hold the responsible position of housekeeper. In charge of all culinary arrangements will be Mr. Victor Hirtzler of the Waldorf-Astoria and Sherry's. Gaston Renon, formerly of Ritz, Paris, will be in charge of the pastry cooking. Prosper Reiter, who needs no introduction to the San Francisco public, officiates as maitre d'hotel. Mr. Reiter, it will be remembered, was formerly with the Holland House.

One feature of the St. Francis is the fact that the pictures which are hung in every room have all been selected with absolute good taste, are all Californian in character, and are a standing advertisement, without that appearance, of the various advantages of our beautiful State.

It is not amiss to give a few figures: The kitchen range is forty feet long and has ten fires. There are ten feet of charcoal burners for broilers. There are individual broilers for individual orders. There are brick roasting ovens to roast large joints or to roast 50 turkeys at once. The broilers have cold storage tables in front to keep meat and game until wanted by the broiler chef. There are 4000 lbs. of copper kettles and pans. The dough mixer is of three barrel capacity. There are three Otis vertical cylinder high-speed passenger elevators. Two Otis vertical cylinder light speed service elevators; four Otis direct lift dumb waiters; three Otis direct lift Otis service elevators, for waiters from restaurant and cafe to kitchen. There are 11,469 16-candle power lights in the house. Total, arc and incandescent, 12,720. There is nearly one hundred miles of copper wire in the building.

The air for ventilation is obtained at a point near the roof, and a system of thermostats keeps the temperature, winter and summer at 69 to 70 degrees. The foul air is taken near the floor line and is discharged through a large shaft above the roof. All the toilets are operated by a separate mechanical system, and the kitchen has a mechanical ventilating system of its own.

The entire cost of the St. Francis Hotel and its furnishing was two and one-half millions of dollars.

"Everybody is buying it." "Of course. Do we not advertise it as not appealing to the multitude?"—Puck.

"Hear the Crier"
"What the devil art thou?"
"Oo that will play the devil, sir, with you"

TOWN CRIER

(The United States Consul-General in Berlin complains that Californian fruit is dishonestly packed.—Daily Paper.)

Our Western fruit's beyond compare,
We grow the orange golden,
The downy peach and the Bartlett pear
The nectarine and the grape fruit rare,
We pack and send them everywhere
To the lands that bards call "olden."

But a foolish folk are our growers brave
When they go to do their trading,
An honest deal is the deal of a slave,
So the best big fruit for the top they save,
And the trade they seek they lay in the grave
With a fraudulent bill of lading.

"Jane Doe" warrants have been held illegal by Judge Murasky. The decision is good both in law and common sense. It does not matter how poor and how degraded the women against whom these warrants were issued, they still have legal rights, and in this case they have actually benefited the community by the settlement of this question. The low condition of legal practice in this city receives no more complete proof than the attempt to draw warrants issued with fictitious names and without such description as would sufficiently identify the persons against whom they were to be issued. The merest smooth-faced tyro at the law school should know better; the men that suggested the warrants knew better. They contemplated an attack upon the rights of the citizens, and thought that the poverty of their victims would render their case victorious. They ran into the wrong Judge, however. The fact that there is always a man ready to do the right thing actually tends to give one confidence in that queer thing called Democracy.

Lots of jute bags on hand and seventy thousand dollars short which will have to be advanced by the State to keep the institution running, is the latest news from San Quentin. As for the shortness of the funds, that is natural enough—at San Quentin. I must confess a doubt, however, with regard to the number of grain bags in stock. Who has counted them? If the unsupported word of the managing body is taken, I suggest that it is insufficient, and that a committee of convicts be appointed to make the count. I also suggest that in accordance with prison discipline as conducted in this State, said committee be composed of particularly hard cases, convicted of beating feeble men and old women. The work being light should, in accordance with the teachings of modern penology, be especially suitable to them.

An Oakland attorney has put in a claim for seven thousand five hundred dollars, for services against Lindblom and his wife. He has married a lady doctor, who claims five thousand dollars against the same people for medical attendance. It looks as if they were forming a sort of professional syndicate to pillage Lindblom. They are a thrifty lot in Oakland, and have looked on the millionaire tailor as a fine, juicy article for home consumption only. It would be interesting to see a list of names of the reputable gentlemen who sneer at and denounce Lindblom and file their little extortionate claims against him at the same time.


The cowboy who was arrested the other day for insulting a woman on the public street is a curious example of the point of view from which the general rustic likes to regard the city. He thinks it an abode of vice, a roaring, ripping, festive place where morals exist not and a wild-eyed populace goes eternally on the festive tear. He comes with a pocket full of money, this innocent rustic, and haunts places from which the discreet would shrink. So far, everything seems to favor the illusions with which he began. When, however, he attempts to extend the scope of his operations, as in the present case, he discovers his mistake and finds out that there is probably about as much of heaven in the city as there is of hell in the country.

Mrs. Botkin is to have a trial after all. At least there is every appearance that a trial will take place. But in San Francisco it is so easy to have a trial that it is not a trial. The gentle art of working juries, what the coarse-minded call packing juries, to fit the case and secure an acquittal, is by no means unknown. I hope that no such arts will have an opportunity of displaying themselves in this case. What is wanted is a good jury, an honest jury, a jury that cannot be swayed by the mere appearance of a handsome woman, but will convict without hesitation if it believes that conviction should result from the evidence. Should such a jury be found, I fancy—nay, but this is no time to fancy—the case is on trial and justice clamors.

The Hearst papers have a most disingenuous way of reporting the fact that certain delegates are pledged to the support of their proprietor. The political complexion of the States from which the Democratic delegates are so pledged, is hidden from the reader, and it is doubtless hoped that the fact that these States are so far Republican will escape notice. The unscrupulous way in which these preliminary matters are reported is something new in American politics. The evil, which a vast mass of wealth and property devoted to a political campaign of a base and ignoble kind can produce, will be another lesson to be learned by this too careless electorate. If Mr. Hearst tries to emulate Cleon, he had better consider Cleon's fate.

"Industrial peace, arbitration and conciliation" are as Fluellyn would have said, "brave 'orts." It remains to be seen whether they are anything more. We have heard so many such before, and conciliation, from the local boards formed to deal with labor disputes up to the great fiasco at The Hague, does not appear to meet the success which the seductiveness of the name would lead us to expect. But however small the actual results may be, it is pleasant to contemplate the pleasure which the floods of oratory will give the orators.

There is another free speech agitation on foot, and Market street is a howling cacophony, where the lost h's of the pert Cockney and the shattering gutturals of the newly imported German mingle in diabolical discord with the tongue of soft, mushy Cork. "Free speech?" There is nothing so free. It is on tap all the time. It is cheaper than the steam beer which moistens the roaring gullet of the orator. Gentlemen, asses, however, experience shows that while you use your voices, none need dread your heels.



SOCIETY

Dear Bessie: Hurrah for the bachelors! They are not going to allow the girls to do all the entertaining, for the news has gone forth that preparations are on foot for a dance to be given at the Palace during Easter week, I believe, which is to be something worth going to, and of course every one is on the tiptoe of anxiety as to whether their name is on the invitation list. Don't you remember what a lovely dance the bachelors gave last year? That is the chief item of news just now; another one is that Ruth McNutt's engagement to Fitzhugh Lee, which has been talked of more or less ever since she came back from her visit to Mamie in Texas, has at last been formally announced, possibly because his regiment, the 11th Cavalry, will soon be coming home from the Philippines, where it is at present, and then we shall have another button wedding. In the meantime Ruth is off on a visit to her future relatives, the Lees.

I hear that Eleanor Eckart, whose marriage to Ed. Hume comes off next month, has selected Mabel Donaldson and Georgie Spieker for her bridesmaids, and Mrs. Ben Thomas as matron of honor.

Cards are still the staple form of entertainment, either preceded or followed by luncheon or dainty refreshments. Mrs. Horace Davis's bridge and luncheon party was one of those given last Saturday; Mrs. Will Sherwood had a bridge party last week, and the army card club met on Tuesday at Mrs. Woodruff's. But cards are not the only dissipation; Mrs. Coolidge has been doing a good deal of entertaining of late in the way of dinners and luncheons at her pretty home on Van Ness avenue; she is a charming hostess and has such a knack for setting a pretty table it is a delight to look upon and to sit to it.

May Colburn had a luncheon in the Palm Garden on Wednesday for Mrs. Peter; we had the postponed pony races at Tanforan on Thursday, and it has been quite the thing to go to the Darrach recitals at Steinway Hall; he has illumed Shakespeare in a way that even the dullest could not fail to understand that immortal bard. Then Henrietta Moffat, who is going abroad with the Bull girls, leaving next week, has been variously entertained, been given several luncheons, and her sister, Mrs. Sharp, and Mrs. Medau gave her teas.

Lilly tells me they are having good times at the Presidio. There was a jolly hop given by the officers of the Twenty-eighth on Friday evening, followed by the big euchre party of the Tenth Infantry in their mess hall on Saturday evening; I understand it will soon be considered the correct caper to go out there to have a look at the Philippine scouts, who will be here some little time before they continue their journey to the St. Louis Exposition, whither they are bound. Major Frank Carrington—you remember Frank at Angel Island, surely—has them under his command, and the different tribes of natives of the Philippines which the Scouts represent are great objects of curiosity.

"Showers" are a fad just now, and Ethel Kent has been the chief recipient of them of late; that is, mixed in with other things. Last Wednesday at Florence Cole's she was treated to a linen shower; on Saturday last Jane Wilshire had a card party in her honor, and afterwards she was showered with handkerchiefs, and yesterday Noelle de Golia, who is to be one of her bridesmaids, gave her a luncheon,

followed by another linen shower, and then they all played "500."

Mrs. Russ Wilson is the happiest woman I know, to have her sister, Mrs. Dutton, back here again. Mrs. Dutton has taken a lovely apartment on Pine street, and with her is her daughter, Mrs. Leland, who you must surely remember when she was Louise Dutton, before she married and went off to the Philippines. I forgot to tell you last week that Louise Holladay, now Mrs. Messer, is here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Sam Holladay, and will probably be here all summer. Southard Hoffman is home again from Honolulu for "keeps," and as if that were not joy enough to have him here, Northrop Cowles is said to be looking so longingly in this direction that we shall soon see him in this little hamlet. There is great rejoicing at Burlingame at getting Mrs. Henry Scott back again sooner than was hoped, for she is so energetic and does so love to have a "good time," the prospects for them at that exclusive settlement this summer were never brighter. But the gain of one is to be the loss of another, as the Walter Martins having got the European bee in their bonnets, will soon be off there again, so they will be among the missing at San Mateo this year. And how glad Laura McKinstry's friends are to have her back safe and sound I need not say; she has been fairly overrun with visitors since the home-coming, and says she is glad to be home once more.

The Fechtellers have gone to Washington, where he has been ordered for duty, which means two years of life in the nation's capital.

There will soon be quite a scattering among the girls. Maylita Pease has gone already—left last Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Pease for Portland, then East, with the St. Louis Exposition as a wind-up to their travels. The three Bull girls and Henrietta Moffat leave for Europe next week, and Hazel King is going, too—but not till June, when she joins Genevieve and the Herricks in Boston, and then away across the Atlantic. Helen Chesebrough has been down at Burlingame, and had a real good time; and just here, before I forget it, Frances Moore's engagement to Tom Breeze has just been made known.

The gossip is that Ethel Tomlinson is coming out here this summer for another visit; she may possibly come with Leontine Blakeman, who has been having a perfectly lovely time with her in New York this winter; and Mrs. Greer Harrison and Ethel are also to be with us again ere long. The Flood party, which includes Miss Jenny, John Twiggs and Major Rathbone, returned on Tuesday from their trip East. The Von Horsts leave about the first of April for Europe;

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POST AND MARKET STREETS

the Baron has done so much to make things lovely during the past year many will be sorry to say adieu to him. Polly Macfarlane got back to her island home safe and sound, but says the trip across the Pacific was most stormy and disagreeable.

—Elsie.

AT HOME.

Monday.—Mrs. Ralph Hart, Empire Hotel; Mrs. Gordon Hall, Hotel Cecil; Mrs. S. E. Dutton, Mrs. Louis Leland, Pine street; Mrs. Henry George, Hotel Cumberland.

Thursday.—Mrs. O. C. Baldwin, 4th in April, 2415 Buchanan street; Mrs. Oliver Dibble, 1st and 3d, 1012 Pine street.

Friday.—Mrs. Joseph Masten, 2d and 3d in April, 3954 Washington street.

TEAS.

March 6 (Sunday).—Miss Emily Wilson.

March 9 (Wednesday).—Mrs. Frank Griffen.

March 10 (Thursday).—Mrs. John E. Medau, 2853 Broderick street, in honor of Miss Henrietta Moffat.

March 14 (Monday).—Mrs. Arthur Sharp, Vallejo street, in honor of Miss Henrietta Moffat.

March 17 (Thursday).—Mrs. Alexander Warner, in honor of Mrs. Frank Wakefield and Mrs. Frank Baldwin.

DINNERS.

March 9 (Wednesday).—Mr. Joseph Tobin, Jr., in Palm Garden, Palace.

March 13 (Sunday).—Mrs. C. A. Coolidge, 2800 Van Ness avenue. In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards.

LUNCHEONS.

March 9 (Wednesday).—Mrs. C. A. Coolidge, 2800 Van Ness avenue. In honor of Mrs. W. T. Reed; Mrs. Worthington Ames.

March 10 (Thursday).—Mrs. Wakefield Baker, University Club. In honor of Mrs. and the Misses Herne of New York; Miss Amy Gunn.

March 11 (Friday).—Mrs. McAneney, Palace Hotel.

March 12 (Saturday).—Mrs. Greenbaum, Palm Garden, Palace Hotel; the Misses Alice and Ruth Knowles, Oakland. In honor of Miss May Burdge; Mrs. Horace Davis, 1800 Broadway; Mrs. Timothy Hopkins, Palace Hotel; Mrs. I. Lowenberg, Palm Garden, Palace Hotel.

March 16 (Wednesday).—Miss Maye Colburn, Palace Hotel. In honor of Mrs. Peter Martin.

March 24 (Thursday).—Mrs. Clarence Martin Mann, 3414 Washington street.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Doctor and Mrs. W. F. McNutt announce the engagement of their daughter Ruth to Lieutenant Fitzhugh Lee, 11th Cavalry, U. S. A.

Mrs. C. M. Dixon announces the engagement of her daughter Rebecca to Mr. Chambers.

The engagement is announced of Miss Beatrice Hooper to John Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Moore announce the engagement of their daughter Frances to Thomas Breeze, son of Mrs. Thomas Breeze.

WEDDINGS.

April 4.—At "The Highlands," Washington City, Miss Kathro Burton, daughter of Inspector-General George H. Burton, U. S. A., and Mrs. Burton, to Lieutenant George Lee, U. S. A. 9 p. m.

April 4.—Miss Eleanor Eckart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Eckart, to Edward Hume, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hume of Piedmont.

April 6.—Miss Frances Harris to Ernest Stent, 4

p. m.; Miss Ethel Kent to Lieutenant Gilbert Allen, U. S. A., Grace Church, 8 p. m.
May 11.—Miss Ella Goodall, to Doctor Charles Minor Cooper, at the residence of the Goodalls on Jackson street, in Oakland.

BIRTHS.

March 4.—At Louisville, Kentucky, to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Block, a daughter. Mrs. Block was Miss Augusta Kent of Oakland.

March 13.—To Mr. and Mrs. Frances Grace, a son. Mrs. Grace was Miss Theodosia Cook.

Miss Libbie Aronson, accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. R. Rosenthal, leaves Sunday, March 20th, for a six weeks' pleasure trip through Southern California.

On Sunday evening, March 20th, Dubois' oratorio, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," will be sung at St. Dominic's church. The oratorio will be preceded by Litany and Sermon at 7:30, with the Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. Music at Benediction: "O Saultario," Stewart, solo by Miss Ella V. McCloskey. "Tantum Ergo," Widor, solo by Mr. J. J. Rosborough. Mr. Harry Gillig will sing for the Offertory, "Agnus Dei." Soloists in the oratorio are Mrs. B. Apple, soprano; Miss E. V. McCloskey, contralto; T. G. Elliott, tenor; Mr. C. B. Stone, bass. Dr. H. J. Stewart, organist and director of the choir.

Alfred S. Gump left on Monday last, 14th inst., for the East and Europe, and will sail on "Kaiser Wilhelm" on the 29th inst. Mr. Gump will be away for four months.

Dr. M. Herzstein left on the same train and will go on the same steamer.

Arrivals at Hotel Rafael during week ending March 15, 1904: Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Curran, Mrs. S. A. Seaver, Miss S. H. Seaver, Miss M. Seaver, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cake, Mrs. J. J. Burleigh, Miss E. Burleigh, Mr. and Mrs.

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Mrs. H. B. Tresselt, whose husband is Lieutenant Tresselt of the Navy, entertained her many friends on Tuesday at an afternoon tea at her well-appointed East Oakland residence.

Brigadier-General and Mrs. Burton have issued invitations for the wedding reception of their daughter, Kathro Larrabee, and Lieutenant George Mason Lee, 4th U. S. Cavalry, the reception to take place Monday evening, April 4th, at 9:30, at the Highlands, Washington, D. C.

Many will remember the enjoyable concerts given by Mrs. M. E. Blanchard last year. She is to give a song recital at Century Hall on March 22d, and all who attend may be sure of a treat.

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A weight beyond the speaking,
I hate myself where'er I go—
My overshoes are leaking.

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The congregated Colonels of the National Guard think the Governor is about to deprive Major-General Dickinson of his peacock feathers. The rumor has spread abroad that the General's glory has aroused envy in the breasts of not a few statesmen, who wish to increase their greatness by appearing in uniform. Dickinson has been a Guardsman for many years. It must be a quarter century ago when he was an ambitious young fellow in the old City Guard. He was successively Lieutenant, Captain, Lieutenant-Colonel, Colonel, Brigadier-General, and now Major-General. Incidentally he has been Mayor of Sausalito and State Senator, and his eagle eye has been fixed this long time on the Governor's chair. Time was when Dickinson wielded some political influence, but the wise ones say he has run his course. To be relieved of the command of the National Guard should be the least of his troubles, for the only satisfaction any man ever got out of that position was the pleasure of spending his own money, and the praise of the fellows that drank his good liquor.

The State troops exist mostly on paper, and in the imaginations of enthusiasts, and a Major-General is about as much use to them as Otis was in the Spanish war.

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I happened to drive past the music stand at the Park last Sunday just as the band started the overture—"The Star Spangled Banner." Upon the programme was printed a request that the audience arise and remain standing during the rendition of what has come to be considered the national anthem. I confess I was curious to note the spirit in which the request would be taken by the people on the benches. There were probably two thousand people scattered in front of the music stand, the threatening weather having had an effect upon the attendance, and I wagered the cigars that not ten per cent of them would arise in honor of the spangled banner. Nor am I less patriotic than most men, nor do I think that San Franciscans are devoid of patriotism. I have noticed, however, that in the mass they seem to shrink from doing anything they deem unconventional. New ideas impress the crowd but slowly. I had seen hundreds of men and women in this city gaze with much curiosity and considerable amusement upon a visitor who had risen in a public place while the band played "The Star Spangled Banner." Upon a public occasion I had heard remarks upon the probable insanity of one who, upon the streets, uncovered while a concert band played the hymn in a square. So I figured I would win the cigars. Imagine my surprise when at the opening bars of the anthem, not only ten per cent, nor fifty per cent, but practically every man, woman and child of the two thousand seated in the immediate vicinity of the music stand arose, and remained standing until the music ceased. It was an impressive sight,

and one that gives the idea that San Francisco is developing. The people are no longer ashamed to do the things that count, from a sentimental standpoint. Presently we shall see men pause on the curbstone of Van Ness avenue and uncover, the while a passing hearse slowly conveys to the Presidio a casket enwrapped in the stars and stripes. When such a sight is possible, we shall know we have reached man's estate.

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It was in the Bohemian Club dining room. Four of them were at table, when a discussion arose regarding the ability and integrity of the local police force.

"They are no good," said one commentator. "They couldn't catch anything except a cold, and then not frequently enough to do the city any good." He was a physician, and spoke with feeling.

"Oh, I don't know," said another; "they are not so worse." He was in a position to know, officially, whereof he spoke.

"Betcher hundred dollars," said the physician, "that I can prove absolutely that half the men are crooks, and are standing in with crooks."

The official withdrew. He did not like the trend the talk had taken. Also, the physician was pugnacious. The latter crowed over the declination of his bet, and asserted loudly that he could prove that not only half, but all, the police were crooked.

"I would just like some of that hundred dollars," said a quiet fellow at the end of the table—a coal merchant. "Or you can make it a thousand, if you wish. I bet you a thousand dollars you don't know what you are talking about, and that you can't prove any statement you have made."

That is how the trouble commenced. The physician glowered and sputtered and roared; he wanted to know why the thousand dollar man was chipping in, anyhow; he did not think it gentlemanly to interrupt a member of a club in the exercise of the great American privilege of denouncing public officials; he considered himself insulted.

"Had no intention of insulting you, I am sure," said the other. "I just wanted to call you down. Of course, if I have said anything to offend, I apologize. At the same time, if you will step over into the Hammam, or some other quiet place, I shall take great pleasure in smashing your face."

Then the others stopped it—which is to be regretted—for if it had continued it is possible the question whether or not the police are corrupt might have been submitted to the "wager of battle."

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Fate made an awful bull of it when it tried to conceal the President of the Mormor Church by calling him Smith. He has overcome the handicap with which he started in life, and has raised forty-two saplings in the vineyard of the Lord, from each of which floats the banner of his name. Incidentally, it has been "revealed" that this latter-day Joseph has, just at present, five wives and about a thousand de-

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scendants, all bearing the grand old name of Smith, which reminds me of this story:

A traveler in Utah, where the Smith clan flourishes like weeds in a garden patch, had wondered where they all came from. Strolling around Salt Lake, his attention was attracted by a very imposing sign on the front of a very imposing building. Upon the sign was this inscription: "Smith Manufacturing Company." The visitor heaved a sigh of relief.

"At last," said he, "I shall find out."

He entered the place and asked for Mr. Smith.

"Which one?" a clerk responded; "Smith senior, or one of the young men?"

"Oh, I want to see the old man," said the searcher after truth.

He was conducted into the private office. A venerable man sat at a desk. Long gray whiskers dangled from his chin.

"I am Mr. Smith," he said. "I am the president and managing director of the Smith Manufacturing Company."

"Let me press your hand, sir," said the traveler. "I would not have missed meeting you for very much. I have traveled over the world, and everywhere have I met your sons. In fact, sir, the woods are full of them. I wondered where they all came from, but now I know. The Smith Manufacturing Company is engaged in a great and noble work. Keep it up, sir, keep it up! Posterity will bless you for having conferred a boon upon humanity. There can be no fear of race suicide so long as you continue in this magnificent enterprise. And to think that so much is due to the efforts of one man! Ah, it is too much. My emotions overcome me!" And the stranger wept.

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Mrs. Botkin's second trial is under way. Bets are offered that it will result in an acquittal or a disagreement. It may be remembered that Judge Cook stated two years ago, when Mrs. Botkin was in jail, that he had seen her upon a street car. Subsequently it was considered an instance of mistaken identity. Judge Cook, remember, tried her the first time, and was very familiar with her appearance. Yet, he mistook another woman for her in a street car. The question of identity is of primary importance in Mrs. Botkin's case. Judge Cook presides at this second trial. Who is paying for Mrs. Botkin's defense? Surely, Knight and McGowan are not working just for love of their profession.

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C. E. Grunsky, the new Isthmian Canal Commissioner, is a brother-in-law of Frank Powers, the attorney. Mrs. Grunsky, who is Powers' sister, was a school teacher, and it is said she keeps up her studies for pure love of higher culture. Heller, Powers' law partner, is a relative by marriage of President Hellman of the Nevada Bank. Grunsky was not without very influential backing in his fight for his new place.

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LOST.—One Congressman. Answers to the name of Little Willie Winn. May be recognized by the cloud of hot air that hangs about him like a halo. Was last seen in company with one Livernash, said to be a dangerous person. If found, please inform undersigned. No questions asked. It is desired to return him to the bosom of his family.—(Signed) Electors of the Fifth Congressional District.

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"Officially pronounced untrue." That is what Tokio or St. Petersburg says the day after the veracious daily papers have stormed Port Arthur, captured

Vladivostock, bridged Lake Baikal, hamstrung the Mikado and blown up the Czar. Well, those high-priced war correspondents must make a showing, you know. And then, you see, the assertions and denials, the declarations and rebuttals, the allegations and the disclaimers, all add to the gayety of nations.

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I see that Ned Hamilton has joined the Ella Wheeler Wilcox and Professor Gregory column. Poor old Ned!

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A bunch of policemen were rounded up at the Oakland race track and each of them was fined half a month's pay last Monday night for being caught out of bounds without permission. The "low down" is that they had tipped their captains to "sure things" that didn't come off. Served 'em right, say I. Never tip the Captain, boys, unless you can make good, for he is bound to get you in the long run.

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When he returned to Salt Lake, after his painful experience among the unbelievers in Washington, President Smith gave a reception to his five wives and forty-two children. I suppose at times the old man must fervently wish that he had been born twins.

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A Club Symposium

The San Francisco Riding Club will give a Horse Show for the benefit of the Doctor's Daughters on Friday evening, March 25th, at 8 o'clock, and a matinee for children on Saturday afternoon, at 1:30 at the Riders' Club Building, corner Seventh avenue and C street. The members of the Riding Club have been busily practicing for some time, and the programme for evening and matinee promises to be most attractive; some interesting features of the evening will be tandem and random riding by members of the Club, obstacle and high jumping by the members of the San Mateo County Hunt Club. The mounted Park police, through the kindness of Mr. Howell, will give an exhibition of their skill. The Doctor's Daughters promise the children a happy time at the matinee on Saturday.

A fine pedigreed dog will be disposed of; the dog is the gift of Mr. Alexander Hamilton; there will also a pony and cart which takes the place of the usual doll house. The little outfit is in the hands of Mrs. Wakefield Baker and Mrs. Fred Tallant, and tickets for it will soon be on sale at Sherman & Clay's.

Miss Jennie Blair has change of the boxes and reports them all sold. The Doctor's Daughters regret that there are no more boxes, as constant application is being made for them, but they advise the purchase of seats, the view being equally good from all parts of the building. Many box parties are being formed, and a very jolly, pleasant evening is anticipated. The box holders are Mrs. Antoine Borel, Mrs. J. D. Spreckels, Mr. J. C. Wilson, Miss Dillon, Mrs. Horace Pillsbury, J. B. Phelan, Mrs. William Henrickson, Jr., Mrs. M. P. Jones, Mrs. W. J. Somers, Mrs. Henrietta Zeile, Dr. Eugene Zeile, Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Mrs. H. M. A. Miller, Mrs. L. L. Baker, Mr. Henry T. Scott, Mrs. W. G. Irwin, Mrs. Ed. W. Runyon, Mrs. Henry Crocker, Mrs. Charles Belshaw, Mrs. F. J. Sullivan, Dr. Herzstein, Mrs. W. P. Fuller, Mrs. Joseph Tobin, Mrs. George McAneny, Mrs. M. H. de Young, Mrs. Frank Griffin, Mrs. Eugene Lent, Mrs. Eleanor Martin, Mrs. J. D. Grant, Mrs. A. L. Tubbs, Mr. Edward Coleman, Mr. John Hooper, Mrs. Mary Smythe, Mrs. Hanford, Mrs. R. W. Grubb.

Tickets may be had at Sherman & Clay's, for the Horse Show; at the San Francisco Riding Club, corner 7th and C streets, or from any of the members.

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From now on until the annual election of the California Club, which will be held the first Tuesday in May, there will be lively campaigning, not for the under offices, but the executive position. Friends of Mrs. Aylett R. Cotton, one of the candidates for the presidency, are indignant at the charge that she represents the faction which became an entity at the time of the "color line" controversy, and which had as its leader Mrs. Lovell White, the founder of the club and the first president. It is true that Mrs. Cotton served under Mrs. White, but when Mrs. White retired from California Club activities, Mrs. Cotton went right on doing exactly as she had before. If there were a difference she was more active than ever in her efforts for the welfare of the club. In the face of that, Mrs. Cotton's friends do not mince words when the word "faction" is mentioned. The contest between Mrs. Cotton and her opponent, Mrs. J. W. Orr should be most amicable; both ladies are capable and deserving of honor at the hands of the club, and when the last ballot is

counted, it will mean only that one has more active friends than the other.

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Club women have something to talk about just now because of the defection of prominent San Francisco clubs from the California State Federation of Women's Clubs. Two months ago Sorosis sent in its resignation, and the ink is not yet dry on that of the Forum Club. On the heels of this comes the unofficial statement that the Philomath is about to retire. In all cases the reason given is that the clubs in question are essentially social organizations, and that they have nothing in common with the State Federation. The moving spirits in the larger organization hold that the Federation is all-inclusive, and that there is no reason why the most exclusive social club should remain without the fold. This being the case, the wise ones are looking about for other reasons. It cannot be that there are any disgruntled club women in the north, because the office of President of the Federation has been swinging back and forth between the North and South with the regularity of a faithful old pendulum. So the trouble does not lie there.

The Federation was born in the South through the energy of a woman of that district, notably Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, and quite properly in the first place the offices went to that part of the State. Since that time the North has had its share. One truth is that women of the southern part of the State are more "clubable" than their sisters in this district. The majority of them are more recently from the conservative East, where clubs are as much a part of a woman's life as her church. With the exception of the Woman's Parliament of Southern California, which remained in the Federation but a few months and withdrew because it wanted free swing, the women of the South are devoted to the Federation. Up this way they are not concerning themselves much about it.

Women wise in club lore say that the trouble is not with the Federation, but with the personnel of the present administration. The Federation crown must pinch and press in several spots.



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The Central Theatre will present on Monday evening the melodrama by Theodore Kremer, "The King of Detectives." The play will be magnificently mounted, with new and beautiful scenery, and many original and startling scenic effects.

Rosario Guerrero, the famous Spanish dancer and pantomimist, who has been the idol of Paris for the past five years, will make her first appearance in this city at the Orpheum this coming week. She will be assisted by the prominent French actor, Philippe Dufaure, and will present a pantomimic sketch founded on a Spanish legend, entitled "The Rose and the Dagger."

"Mr. Pickwick," a musical comedy in two acts, founded on Charles Dickens' most amusing work, will be produced for the first time in this city at the Tivoli Opera House next Monday evening. The music is by the well known composer, Manuel Klein, the words by Charles Klein, and the lyrics by Grant Stewart. All of the characters made famous in the story will be seen in the flesh.

The San Francisco Art Association will hold its annual spring exhibition at the Mark Hopkins' Institute of Art, beginning Friday, March 25th and ending Thursday, April 21, 1904. The exhibition will be open daily from nine till five o'clock, and also on the evenings of Thursday, March 31st, April 7th, April 14th, and April 21st, when a musical programme will be rendered.

The Minetti Quartette will give the first concert of its eighth season of chamber music recitals at Lyric Hall Friday afternoon, March 25th. The programme arranged for that occasion will be as follows: String Quartette in D minor op. 75 (Bazzini); Lento, from Quartette in F major op. 96 (Dvorak); "Sehr lustig, moeglich rasch," from Quartette in D minor op. 77 (Raff); Piano Quartette in B flat, op. 41 (Saint-Saens).

The production of the musical comedy, "His Royal Nibs," by W. H. Clifford and Shafter Howard, will take place in April on Thursday the 21st and Friday the 22d in the evenings, at the Alhambra Theatre. The rehearsals for this production are progressing most favorably, both as to chorus work and that of the principals. This entertainment is to be given for the benefit of the California Women's Hospital.

The P. & B. Paint Company is reaping a reward these rainy days in the shape of compliments. Users of the various brands of roofing, the Malthoid; the P. & B. Ready Roofing, the P. & B. Building Paper and the P. & B. Building Paint, have causes to congratulate themselves as well because of the lasting quality and the imperviousness of these various materials. The company will send you an interesting catalogue for the asking—a booklet of each of the above—if you will only ask for it.

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FOUR FLUSHING IN THE GARDEN CITY.

San Jose is a continually seething mass of politics and from the swirling mess comes occasionally an interesting story. The story of T. J. McGeogheghan is one in point. He was only 26 years old when elected to the office of Treasurer of San Jose a year ago. He promptly filed bonds in the sum of \$100,000 and he handled and had in his possession at all times during his official life the sum of \$75,000 to \$100,000.

It transpires that it cost him the sum of \$1,300 to secure the treasuryship, and this office only pays \$1,500 a year. The treasurer was not allowed a deputy, but as he was frequently absent, he hired a deputy, to whom he paid a salary. For weeks at a time this deputy was alone in the office, and there was no bar to his purloining any amount of money he may have had use for, and unless Mr. McGeogheghan was caught in the act of actually falsifying the records or stealing the coin, it is an impossibility to fasten the crime upon him. It is a matter of interest to note and remember that the Treasurer was the only man elected on the Boss ticket.

J. D. Worswick was elected Mayor on the ticket of the Hayes faction. San Jose is at the present divided into four political factions, and as we said at the beginning of this article, is a continually seething mass of politics. It was to be expected that if the Mayor was attending strictly to the duties of his office he would have watched argus-eyed the actions of the opposing faction, and especially the actions of the only representative of the Boss elected to office.

There is an effort being made in San Jose to make good what is politely called a "deficiency." The amount stolen was between seven and eight thousand dollars, and the attempt to cover the "deficiency" is being made with a view to prevent prosecution of a criminal nature. It is kind of his friends to attempt to save the Treasurer from the Penitentiary. It is the duty of the Mayor or some Supervisor to see to it, however, that (no matter how strong the pull or how prominent the connections) that the criminals are punished. There is altogether too much of this white-washing of those who infract the moral law in public office, and it is high time that the real criminals be ferreted out and brought to book. To let this pass as a "deficiency" or as a mere speculation is to put a premium on crime. Let no guilty man escape.

POLO PONY RACES.

The Pony Races at Tanforan have been postponed because of the rain, and as a consequence the last races are scheduled for this Saturday afternoon. A big attendance is predicted, and society will be out in full force. The rules of racing as adopted by the California Polo and Pony Racing Association govern. The ponies will be ridden by qualified gentlemen riders. A great deal of interest centers in these races, and there is sure to be a vast turnout of the admirers of the various racing colors. The fact that the rain prevented the races in the beginning of the week will ensure a larger audience than under ordinary circumstances. Pony racing and the fascinating game of polo is an exciting sport, and is fast becoming immensely popular in California. It is a pleasure to watch a race that is being run absolutely on the square.

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs

Developments in the Far East the past week have been anything but an open

book. Four new factors have appeared, and together or separately, what their influence upon coming events is likely to be is decidedly uncertain. The first of them is the announcement that the Czar has decided to go to the front and assume the general direction of his cause. If he were in any sense a soldier by education or experience it would become him to place himself at the head of his army, but he is not even so much as a carpet knight. It is doubtful if he could direct a batallion in field maneuvers with nothing more hostile to confront him than gentle winds and singing birds. Then why does he go? The belief is growing that it is his purpose to dwell with his soldiers in his capacity of "White Father, vicar of the Lord Christ and head of His church upon the earth." That would mean his purpose to be to incite and enthuse his troops to a high degree of religious frenzy, when every one of them would imagine himself a special instrument in the hands of Providence to crush paganism as represented by Japan and China. That is to say, make the war a religious struggle to stamp out heathenism, but it so happens that practically the entire Christian world outside of Russia is in sympathy with the pagans. If it is the role of "White Father" to make it a religious war that the young autocrat proposes to assume, he will make a mistake from which his country would never recover. Religious wars are things of the everlasting past. The second "straw" of the past week may indicate a great deal. It is the little stream of British military officers—experts in the several branches of the service—that is quietly and noiselessly flowing into Japan. The London Government declines to offer an explanation, but some of Russia's friends see in it a plan to immediately supply China with a very capable general staff of trained English soldiers in the event of the Peking Government becoming involved in the Russo-Japanese war, which now seems inevitable. Far-seeing is John Bull's diplomatic statesmanship strong point, and not often is he found far away when needed for quick work. The third surprise of the week is the change in Russia's plan of campaign. Instead of immediate clashes, the newly adopted strategy provides for the avoidance of anything like a great battle, and retreat if need be upon the inland centers of supplies and concentration until enough reinforcements are in hand to make the force in Manchuria aggregate fully 500,000 strong, and then rush down upon the Japanese and crush them by sheer numerical force. It is a good paper plan, and it will work very well if Japan is willing to wait for such a blow, but all the chances are that the little yellow men will rush forward and defeat the enemy in detail before he is concentrated. That was Napoleon's way of doing things, and the Japanese seem to know all about the great Corsican's rapid method in fearless dashes. The fourth revelation the past week was the bombastic and spectacular exhibition General Kuropatkin made of himself upon leaving for the Far East to assume supreme command of the Russian forces. Hitherto, Kuropatkin has been looked upon as a field commander of considerable ability, but he now stands before the military world not only a self-discredited soldier, but a blow-hard and bag of wind. With a flourish of both hands that shook and tangled yards of gold trappings that adorned his body, he bade the admiring multitude that had gathered at the railway station to see him

off adieu, and assured his countrymen and all the world that upon his arrival at the front, he should promptly commence walking over the dead bodies of dead Japanese soldiers, and that after hitching Korea to the Russian Empire he should cross over to Japan and force the brown nation to get upon its knees in Tokio and surrender its horse, foot and dragons. Government and all into his mighty hands. Military men are not at all backward in expressing their contempt for the braggart, nor in predicting his speedy retirement because of incompetency. The great General is not a peacock sort of man, nor does he fight battles with his tongue, especially when he is several thousand miles from the theatre of action.

Japan's Puzzle Prize, though she may not take formal possession for a little time.

The next great prize will have to be taken in a wholly land game, but when or where the effort is to be made, soldiers of large experience are too cleverly enveloped in the mist of Japan's puzzling strategy to venture even a guess. But certain it is, Japan's land establishment is being moved and handled exactly contrary to Russia's expectations, and this has disconcerted the Bear's Generals so much that they are not at all disposed to venture anything until they have two or three times the Japanese force well in hand. Evidently there are pretty broad threads of demoralization running through Russian navy and army circles, which only large reinforcements can prevent spreading. It is clear, too, that the Russian army supply departments failed utterly to get themselves into any sort of a state of preparedness for even so much as a two months' supply ahead. The consequence is the entire army is already on short meat rations, and bread-stuffs are running low. But all this is not likely to seriously cripple the army, though short rations are patriotism's sworn enemy when the latter has to make forced marches and fight battles. From a careful and unbiased analysis of the situation, the conclusion must be that Japan has already won a moral victory that has never been equaled by any nation. She has gained the sympathy, good will and admiration of the civilized world outside of Russia by maintaining a standard of manliness, truthfulness, patriotism and modesty that is far above what would be expected in even the Anglo-Saxon. There has been no boasting, no threats, no coarse vilification of the enemy, no attempt to conduct the war upon lines other than would be indorsed by the world's loftiest war ethics. Not an act or purpose has yet been revealed that is to the nation's discredit. On the other hand, from the jump the nation has not for a moment lost sight of the fact that war is war; that war means bloodshed, and that the ways of the dress-parade are not the ways of the battle-field. Whether right or wrong, there has been an unconcealed directness of purpose and a forcefulness of national and individual action on the part of the Japanese that stamps them as being a people of a high sense of honor and of a quality of bravery and love of country that advancing civilization may well be proud of. And to think that a third of a century ago these people were under the feudal system of Government, while to-day they enjoy a constitutional system of rule and a public school system that finds no equal in all Asia! Still, the question to not a few, is what influence would the 450,000,000 adherents of Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism and Shintoism in China and Japan exert in Christian lands should Russia be driven out of Eastern Asia and these "pagans" fix their countries firmly as mighty

members of the family of nations? And what nation would dare refuse them equal footing with Christians because of their anti-Christian beliefs, religious customs and "idols of wood and stone?" However, commerce, institutions of learning, personal liberty and civilization believes in the Rights of Man without reference to his religious faith; therefore let the Christian heathen rage and let the pagan heathen have a chance.

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Business in the Comstock Pine-St. Market. market has been fairly good during the week, owing to the frequent fluctuations in the North-end mines, which have enabled smart operators to make considerable money. Some very interesting work is now going on in the middle group, in addition to the development of the Ophir ore body, the extension of which will likely be found in some of the neighboring mines. The Ward shaft is being cleared out and repaired. When this work is finished a connection will be made with the Sutro tunnel, and a pumping plant will be installed in the Ward shaft to be used for the drainage of the South-end mines. Everything along the lode is now put in the best condition for a prolonged course of operations, and the plans arranged in detail will cover all important points along the lode, where there is any promise of ore being found. The indications are that this will be an unusually active year in the Comstock mining market, and people will have a chance to make money the like of which they have not had for a long time past.

Eastern Men Take Hold. A noteworthy incident took place during the week, in the way of a change in the personnel of the directory of the Savage, one of the more important mines on the Comstock lode. George R. Wells, the old-time president of the corporation, and C. H. Fish, vice-president of the company for years, resigned, their places being filled respectively by Franklin Leonard, Jr., of New York, and Charles Hirschfeld of this city. Mr. Leonard is said to represent a big Eastern syndicate, owning a large block of the stock. It has been known for some time past that large quantities of this stock have been purchased and sent East of late. There were no other changes in the personnel of the directory.

A Good Financial Showing. At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the London, Paris and American Bank, held in London on March 10th, the directors submitted balance sheet and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1903. The gross profits for the year, after making provision for all bad and doubtful debts, amounted to £65,968 6s. 9d.; expenses of management amounted to £36,522 7s. 0d., leaving a profit of £29,445 19s. 9d., against £40,603 ds. 2d. for the previous year. The net profit of £29,445 19s. 9d.; together with £9,144 16s. 1d. balance that had been brought forward December 13, 1902, made £38,590 15s. 10d. available for distribution for the year. In September, 1903, an interim dividend of 4 per cent absorbed £16,000, and a second dividend of 4 per cent, or £16,000, was declared at the meeting, making 8 per cent for the year, the two dividends accounting for £32,000, leaving £6,590 15s. 10d. to be carried forward to new account.

Business in the local Stock and Bond Exchange was rather light during the past week. There was a little better movement in bonds, but the demand for stocks continues dull. Under the "prop" process S. F. Gas and Electric shares were pegged higher. There is no outside demand for this stock. There is every prospect that before the end of the year a new and rival company will have entered the field.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">California Safe</h2> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Deposit and</h2> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Trust Co.</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">✦</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Corner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">California & Montgomery</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Streets</p> <p style="text-align: center;">San Francisco, Cal.</p>	<p>Capital and Surplus - \$1,401,160.93</p> <p>Total Assets 6,943,782.82</p> <p>Interest paid on deposits, subject to check, at the rate of two per cent per annum.</p> <p>Interest paid on savings deposits at the rate of three and six-tenths per cent per annum.</p> <p>Trusts executed. We are authorized to act as the guardian of estates and the executor of wills.</p> <p>Safe-deposit boxes rented at \$5 per annum and upwards.</p> <p>Get a box at once and guard against loss by Fire or Burglars.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J. Dalzell Brown. Manager</p>
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The Hibernians' Lament

Oh, Paddy dear, and did you hear
The news that's going round?
The Mayor forbids Hibernians
To dance on any ground.
St. Patrick's Day we cannot keep,
His pipers can't be seen,
And the only comfort that we get
Is wearing of the green.

For we went to Schmitz, the spalpeen,
And he wouldn't take our hand,
But he knocked our plans all endwise
And he boycotted our band.
We're the most distressed Hibernians
That ever yet were seen,
For there's nothing left but whiskey
And the wearing of the green.

And was it last November
That he said he was our friend,
And promised lots of offices
And graft without an end?
We were the most important folk
That ever yet were seen.
Now we cannot pipe our music
For the wearing of the green.

Because the union Dutchmen
Cannot play an Irish jig,
Because our music is our own,
Because the Mayor's a pig,
A band of pickets round our hall
St. Patrick's Day has seen,
And tears mix with our whiskey
At the wearing of the green.

A SOUTHERN PACIFIC IMPROVEMENT.

The Southern Pacific Company has just completed an improvement in the line between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. The new line runs through the mountains and saves the time consumed in the run from Santa Barbara to Los Angeles by three-quarters of an hour. While this time saving is not to be taken advantage of immediately (the time table not taking it into account), it may be taken advantage of later, as the necessity arises, to make quicker time. The tunnel through the mountains is longer than the San Fernando Tunnel, being nearly 7,000 feet long. There are now two trains daily between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, and these will be run as usual, via Saugus, but through trains will run via the new cut-off.

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Obituary

Mrs. George W. Caswell mourns her father. William G. Badger is gone, and with his passing much of the history of California loses a living representative. Mr. Badger came to California in 1850, and in 1858 he started the first Sunday school from which the Advent Church sprang. He was instrumental in the firm establishment of the Public School System in San Francisco. He was president of the Industrial School Department from 1867 to 1868, and was elected president of the Bunker Hill Association in 1861, a position which he held until his death.



It was largely his zeal that made the annual Bunker Hill day celebration a success. Mr. Badger was presented with a life membership in the Mercantile Library in recognition of the work he had done in aiding to extinguish its debt, and was a director of the library at the time of his death. He was the second president to be elected to that office in the Young Men's Christian Association, and was a member of the Exempt Firemen and the Sons of the Revolution. In his Masonic affiliations Mr. Badger was a member of the Scottish Rite, a member of California Commandery and of Mount Moriah Lodge of Masons, and in 1887 was elected a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association.

His wife died some years ago, and he leaves three daughters, Mrs. George W. Caswell, Mrs. Henry S. Foote, Jr., and Mrs. Edward L. Burlingame, of New York.

William G. Badger was born on October 2, 1821, at Charlestown, Mass., and his forebears bore arms in the War of the Revolution.

Are you tired? Go to the Post Street Turkish Baths.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company.

Assessment..... No. 121
Amount per share..... 10 cents
Levied..... February 10, 1904
Delinquent in office..... March 15, 1904
Day of sale of delinquent stock..... April 4, 1904
E. L. PARKER, Secretary.
Office—Room 14, Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco California.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Exchequer Mining Company.

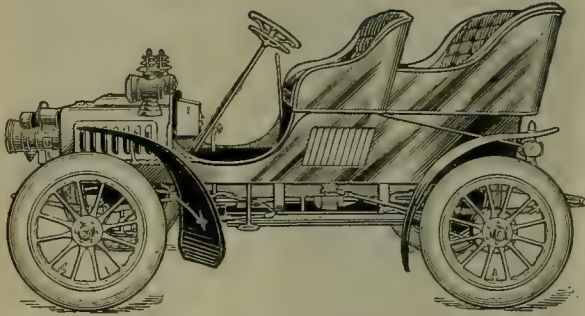
Assessment..... No. 44
Amount per share..... 5 cents
Levied..... March 7, 1904
Delinquent in office..... April 11, 1904
Day of sale of delinquent stock..... May 3, 1904
CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary.
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ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Julia Consolidated Mining Company.

Assessment..... No. 34
Amount per share..... 3 cents
Levied..... March 8, 1904
Delinquent in office..... April 13, 1904
Day of sale of delinquent stock..... May 3, 1904
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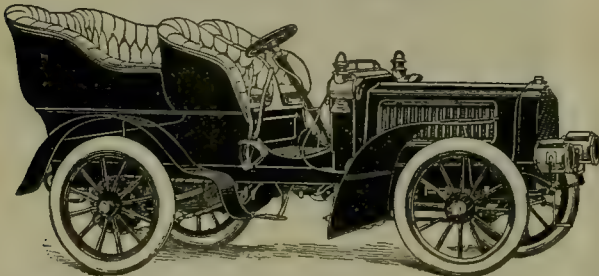
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If we want good roads in California, and want them quickly, let us have the woman's club, and we will all give up easily.

The only thing of importance that has happened during the past week was the discussion of "the King's Highway." It looks as if something might be done. At the present time they are all handling that cheap commodity—talk. It will never build the road. Good, honest action with a liberal expenditure of money will be the only thing that will accomplish anything like good results.

In the report of the bureau of statistics which has lately come to hand, it is seen that during the fiscal year ending June, 1903, \$1,207,065 worth of automobiles have been shipped out of the country. Europe received \$853,437 worth; North America, \$180,487; South America, \$24,557; Asia, \$38,113; Oceania, \$51,163, and Africa, \$59,308.

The shipment to England and the United Kingdom amounted to \$670,811. All these figures tend to show the importance of the industry.

From the East comes the report that up to June, 1903, for a period of six months, 1771 persons were killed and 22,972 injured by locomotives; 134 persons a day.

There are 41,225 locomotives, an average of one person killed or injured per locomotive each year.

What would happen if automobiles caused the same death rate?

They do not and never will. It is this new conveyance that is going to solve the problem of traveling in safety, but at the same time with a greater speed. But we must have good roads first.

There is great need for a club station for the Automobile Club of California at the Ocean. At the present time the members of the club have to use the public places, which are not always congenial. An owner does not always want to eat before a lot of sight-seers, and a pretty club station that would be solely for the club members would be a welcome innovation.

Mr. C. Smith, of Tacoma, Washington, just purchased a new 1904 Winton touring car.

Mr. J. P. O'Brien ran up from San Jose Saturday to take a party of friends out in his Knox touring car.



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Mr. A. A. Hubbard, of Reno, Nevada, purchased an Oldsmobile from the Pioneer Automobile Company.

The Mobile Carriage Company has received a carload of 2-cylinder Arrows, which were unloaded this week, and some of them delivered to the customers, who were awaiting their arrival.

During the past week, Mr. H. H. Dana has received his 2-cylinder Pope-Toledo touring car with King of Belgium body.

Mr. D. H. McEwen purchased a new 1904 Winton touring car from the Pioneer Automobile Company. Both Mr. McEwen and his daughter are receiving instructions in driving the machine.

The automobile has rendered services in many capacities, beyond the dreams of the most sanguine automobilist, but it was for San Francisco to furnish the first automobile band-wagon. The Mobile Carriage Company hired six automobiles to a business house on Market street to announce their opening. One of their large traps was used as a band wagon.

Mr. Ganes of New York (the owner of a four-cylinder Locomobile), reached San Francisco Thursday from Los Angeles. Mr. Ganes and party of friends are spending a few months touring in California. They left on Friday last for Monterey, where a few days will be spent touring that section of the State, at the expiration of which time they will return to San Francisco and remain here several weeks.

Dr. Paul Oesting has become one of the most enthusiastic automobilists in the city, and was out every day last week in his new 2-cylinder Knox touring car. He is an apt and promising pupil in the art of handling the big machine, and gives promise of becoming an expert chauffeur.

Mr. C. B. Hale of Santa Barbara is the purchaser of a new 1904 Winton touring car. Mr. Hale, it will be remembered, purchased a 1903 Winton touring car in September of last year, and after touring in it for two months in the northern part of the State, ran the car through to Santa Barbara, and was so well pleased with the machine that he placed his order for a new 1904 machine at the beginning of this season.

Mr. G. Stewart, for nine years superintendent of the manufacturing department of the George N. Pierce Company of Buffalo, has come to San Francisco and entered the mechanical department of the Mobile Carriage Company. Mr. Stewart built the first automobile which the George N. Pierce people turned out.

"I am not a betting man," said President E. P. Brinegar of the Pioneer Automobile Company, "but if any of our competitors wish to make small bets of hats, suits of clothes, cigars, etc., on the score that they know what the Winton Motor Carriage Company will do in the way of abandoning the horizontal motor, let them make their proposition." He then showed a letter from Mr. Charles B. Shanks, which read as follows, viz.: "The report is again being industriously circulated that the Winton Company has decided to abandon the horizontal motor, and will shortly bring out a model equipped with upright motors. This report is false, absolutely and


without qualification. The Winton Motor Carriage Company does not contemplate abandoning the horizontal motor and adopting the upright, now or at any future time."

Mr. B. D. Merchant was out all day Sunday with a party of friends for an airing in his 4-cylinder Pope-Toledo.

1904 Cadillacs have been delivered to Dr. W. T. Rathburn, of Colusa, and Mr. Peter de Soisset.

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A mile in thirty-six seconds is the present ambition of H. S. Harkness, whose racing car failed to make the American team for the international race last year. For such a mile Mr. Harkness will have constructed a special machine for the purpose. This racer will have no extra parts, the differential even being cut out of the running gear, and every spring being removed. The body will be of special design, and the car will be extra long. He has the builder ready for the work now, and this builder guarantees to design for him a thirty-six second machine or receive no pay for the work. The cup racer Mr. Harkness now has in Brooklyn, where it will remain until April, when he will take it south for time trials.

"My present racer has practically never been run," said Mr. Harkness. "It was taken out once for a fast go, and the immense horsepower—it is 120 horsepower, you know—when brought into play with the light parts, caused a break of the crank case. It was required that we reach 2,204 pounds, and to do so safety was sacrificed to speed. On Ormond beach I can have five miles to start the machine gradually, and it is so fast that I firmly believe it possible to lower the record of Vanderbilt with my car. Yes, I shall probably drive this car myself, and I hope to give it a great record mark before retiring it to the stable.

"I do not wish to say that I shall compete in the Vanderbilt 300-mile cup race, still I may do so, rebuilding the car for such a race, provided weight does not make a difference in such a race."



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The National Automobile Company received during the past week a 2-cylinder Pope-Toledo, which they believe to be the handiest 2-cylinder car ever received in San Francisco.

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The Winton Bullet No. 2, the only racing machine in the world having eight horizontal cylinders, will not be seen in many races until after the Gordon Bennett cup trials. The Bullet already holds the world's straightaway record in competition, and all the world's track records in competition and against time from 1 to 15 miles.

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A carload of 1904 Cadillacs left Detroit on March 12th for San Francisco.

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The demand for St. Louis cars has been so great that the representative of the Pacific Motor Car Company left last Saturday for the East, where he will visit the factory and hurry shipments to the Coast.

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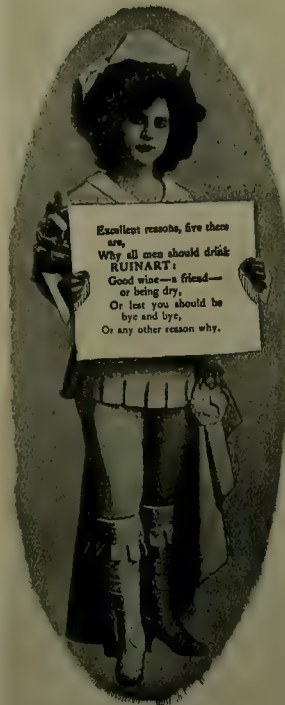
The Pacific Motor Car Company predicts that with the automobile dealers it will not be a question of booking orders, but of the factory facilities to meet the demand.

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William Koenig was out in Golden Gate Park last Sunday with his 1904 Cadillac.

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Mr. William B. Joyce, President of the National Surety Company of New York, is in the city on matters connected with the company with which he is the Chief Executive. Mr. Joyce is well known in the East as a leader among the most skillful liability underwriters. Mr. Dean was the president of the National Surety Company up to January of this year, when, at the request of the company's board of directors, he resigned and Mr. Joyce was elected to succeed to the position. It is generally conceded that this move will increase the present popularity of the company among the agents. Mr. James Borland, who was for some time General Agent of the company on this Coast, resigned recently, and Frank L. Gilbert, who was the Assistant Manager here, has been promoted to fill the position of manager. A better selection could not have been made by Mr. Joyce. Gilbert, by those who know him, is called "Pop," and he is universally beloved and respected by those who do business with and get business for him. He may be numbered and counted among the best-known and most popular surety insurance men on the Coast. One of Mr. Joyce's first actions after assuming the presidential chair, and one which at once showed him a shrewd manager, was to request the Insurance Manager of the State of New York to examine the affairs and condition of the National. The examination resulted in a complete surprise to the management of the company, proving the condition of its affairs to be in far better shape than it claimed, showing a surplus, as regards the policyholders, of \$704,000, which, besides its reserve fund of \$200,000 and other resources, gives the company a surplus of over \$1,300,000. All the directors of the company, and they embrace the strongest list of names to be found in the directory of any insurance company in America, have the interest of the National Surety Company solely at heart, and as a consequence its prospects were never brighter in its existence, except possibly the first six months of its organization. The company is now better equipped and better managed and more popular.

It has a thoroughly equipped plant, an enthusiastic corps of loyal employees, and a vigorous management. These combined means that the National Surety will grow faster and stronger than heretofore.

The report of the Chief Examiner of the insurance department of the State of New York shows the total admitted assets to be \$1,627,901; the liabilities \$723,431. The reserve fund, voluntarily set aside by the company to meet any contingencies, is \$200,000; surplus, as regards policyholders, \$704,000; other securities and re-insurance will add \$50,000 more to this sum. The cash capital of the company is \$500,000, and the total admitted assets of \$1,627,901 is securely invested in nothing but gilt-edged securities, over a million of which is bonds of the United States and the State of New York.

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The Railroad Merger Decision.

Justice Harlan's decision in the merger case has set the insurance men to thinking. After discussing the authorities bearing on the case, Justice Harlan deducted from his consideration of these precedents the following propositions as to the case in question:

"That although the act of Congress known as the anti-trust act has no reference to the mere manufac-

ture and production of articles or commodities within the limits of the several States, it embraces and declares to be illegal every contract, combination or conspiracy, in whatever form or whatever nature and whoever may be the parties to it, which directly or necessarily operates in restraint of trade or commerce among the several States or with foreign nations.

"That the act is not limited to restraints of interstate and international trade or commerce that are unreasonable in their nature, but is directed against all direct restraints, reasonable or unreasonable, imposed by any combination, conspiracy or monopoly upon such trade or commerce.

"That combinations even among private manufacturers or dealers whereby interstate or international commerce is restrained are equally embraced by the act.

"That Congress has the power to establish rules by which interstate or international commerce shall be governed, and by the anti-trust act has prescribed the rule of free competition among those engaged in such commerce.

"That every combination or conspiracy which would extinguish competition between otherwise competing railroads engaged in interstate trade or commerce, and which would in that way restrain such trade or commerce, is made illegal by the act.

"That the natural effect of competition is to increase commerce, and an agreement, the direct effect of which is to prevent this play of competition, restrains, instead of promotes, trade and commerce.

"That to vitiate a combination, such as the act of Congress condemns, it need not be shown that such combination in fact, results, or will result, in a total suppression of trade, or in a complete monopoly, but it is only essential to show that by its necessary operation it tends to restrain interstate or international trade or commerce, or tends to create a monopoly in such trade or commerce, and to deprive the public of the advantages that flow from free competition.

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of contract does not prevent Congress from prescribing the rule of free competition for those engaged in interstate and international commerce.

Justice Harlan further said it was the intention of legislation of this character to prescribe a rule for interstate and international commerce which should prevent vexation by combination, conspiracies or monopolies which restrain commerce by destroying or restricting competition. Justice Harlan in his opinion did not confine himself (as seen by the above) to the strict consideration of the case at bar. Following his line of reasoning to a logical conclusion is what has set the insurance men to thinking. Anti-compact laws have been passed in many States and a deal of annoyance has been suffered and a great deal of money spent by insurance companies to protect themselves. In some few cases they have gone into court and secured relief; in others they have abandoned the States whose laws were obnoxious, but with this decision standing as the opinion of one of the last courts of resort, it looks as if the companies would be compelled to seek self-protection in some other manner than by rating bureaus, compacts or local bonds. The liability companies conference, the Plate Glass combine, the Burglary insurance pool are all in danger of the first attack. It was ruled in a Kansas court that insurance commerce and the insurance companies are now subject to more bedevilment at the hands of the irresponsible class of mendacious camp followers of corporations than heretofore. It begins to look now as if the only safe refuge is the Department of Commerce, which means national supervision.

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This week the Board of Fire Commissioners tested at the corporation yard a new automatic sprinkler for theatre stages. A good water curtain is about the best thing, and if combined with a thoroughly installed system of reliable sprinklers would render loss of life at a theatre disaster caused by a fire on the stage impossible.

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Political

The Republicans of California have practically begun the Presidential campaign of 1904. Their State Central Committee has met and decided upon the State Convention to elect delegates at large for May 18, 1904, and has unanimously indorsed Roosevelt for the Presidential nomination. To the readers of this column there is nothing but confirmatory news in all that of what has been predicted in this department of the News Letter for months. The appearance of Ruef as a delegate or member of the Central Committee holding the proxy of Supervisor Rea was also in confirmation of the statement that I have several times made, that everything is harmonious in the Republican ranks, and that all factions in the late Mayoralty contest will stand together when it comes to electing a President. Just what that means in strengthening the ticket, those who have studied the figures of the recent elections in this city will have but little trouble in guessing. It ought to give Roosevelt a good majority in this city, even if some stronger man than Hearst is nominated.

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Speaking of Hearst reminds me that he evidently is feeling the strenuousness of his campaign in that most sensitive of all nerves, his pocket nerve. The Examiner is cutting down expenses in wonderful shape. Eight members of the city editor's force alone have been discharged lately, and wages of copy readers, etc., have been reduced. The Examiner now has a smaller force by far doing its local work than any of the big dailies, which probably accounts for the fact that it is able to give so much more space to republishing old stories about Hearst's enemies. The New York Evening Post evidently touched a tender spot when in an editorial denouncing the infamy of the possible nomination of Hearst, it called attention to the Congressional Record, and the date on which it contained Grove L. Johnson's speech in Congress showing up the editor's private record, which Judge Maguire defended, and thereby secured the support of Hearst for his candidacy for Governor and his subsequent defeat, for it is well to remember that the Examiner has not supported a successful candidate for an office since the time when the mind of man runneth not to the contrary. It is well to recollect that fact, because some timid people with poor memories are likely to fancy that his newspapers can carry Hearst into the White House. If they do, they will have done more for their owner by far, notwithstanding his unsavory record, than they were able to do for any one else. In this State the Examiner fought Stephen M. White for the Senate, and he was elected with ease. It did not want Budd for Governor and he was nominated and elected. It wanted Bryan, and he was the worse beaten man who ever ran for the Presidency (the Journal, by the way, helping him in New York.) It nominated Maguire for Governor, and although he had been repeatedly elected to Congress from this city, and was considered a very able man, he was the worse beaten man who ever ran for Governor, although very few people north of the Tehachapi had ever heard of his opponent before he was nominated. It supported Bryan again, and McKinley carried San Francisco. It fought Lane for Governor and he carried San Francisco by ten thousand votes, and was nearly elected. It supported Lane for Mayor, and he did not carry a precinct in the city. Its record of failures nearly equals that of the Los Angeles Times, which always supports on principle the candidate who is

sure to be defeated, and if there is any doubt on the subject, nominates a weak one of its own and supports him. "But did he not carry his Congressional district by a big majority?" some one will ask. "Yes. He secured a certain Democratic district from Tammany, one that never went Republican by any chance, and by spending enormous sums of money and importing ex-vice-President Stevenson from Illinois and ex-Governor Budd from California, he managed to get a large vote, but no larger than Timothy D. Sullivan got in another Tammany district with none of the extraordinary expenditures and assistants. Let it never be forgotten that politically in his papers and personally, William Randolph Hearst has always been a failure.

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If the Democrats should conclude to follow the example of the Republicans and allow each district to elect its own delegates to St. Louis, the State Convention only electing the delegates at large, Mr. Hearst will not have a solid delegation by any means from California. He will undoubtedly get the votes of this city, both at St. Louis and Sacramento, which latter may give him the delegates at large, as the city will be much stronger in the Democratic convention based on the Gubernatorial vote than it will be in the Republican; but that fact will not overcome the country opposition, and several of the Congressional district delegates would be anti-Hearst if their districts elected them.

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The Second Congressional District is still looking for a candidate for the Republican nomination, and the latest name to be suggested is that of George A. Stutevant, at present Deputy Attorney General, who is one of the best-known citizens of Mendocino County, which he represented in the Legislature in the 29th session, and of which he was afterwards the District Attorney. Though the county is Democratic, Stutevant has always carried it, when he ran for anything, and his friends say he can be elected now. Bell only beat Coombs 335 votes, and of that majority 172 came from Mendocino County, and 182 from Sacramento, where Stutevant is also well known and has many friends. Stutevant is reluctant to leave his present place, but if he were nominated, no doubt he would accept the nomination, and those who know him best think he would give Bell a warm fight.

Speaking of the Second Congressional District naturally suggests the name of Duncan McKinley, who



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has been mentioned for the Republican nomination also, and who has just been appointed first assistant United States District Attorney. This promotion, which is the result of the recent death of E. J. Banning, has been followed by the promotion of Benjamin McKinley to the place Duncan formerly occupied, and the appointment of Charles M. Fickert to the place of Benjamin. For this last appointment Senator Bard is said to be more or less responsible, and thereby has gotten himself into a row with Congressman MacLachlin, who claims that Bard promised to support Luther Brown of Los Angeles, who for years has been MacLachlin's manager, politically, and who has been trying to break into some appointment ever since he passed the bar a few years ago. Luther wanted to be a deputy in the office of Attorney-General Webb, but that official could not see where he could place him. When Banning died he at once through MacLachlin applied for the new place thus created in the United States District Attorney's office in this city. He is now out for Bard with a knife, and if necessary to defeat him for the Senate may announce himself as a candidate for the Senate in opposition to the Ventura statesman. Bard, by the way, has written to his friends at home authorizing them to get up a Bard club, but not subscribing to its funds apparently. The Bardites have accordingly met and nominated H. S. Snow as their candidate for the Republican nomination for the Assembly, in opposition to Major Driffle. Those who know the two men think the Major has a cinch to win out. One thing is certain, if either Driffle or Snow is elected, Ventura is likely to have a member who can at least introduce one bill and move to adjourn, which is more than can be said of her past Senator and Assemblyman.

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Metcalf wants to go to the National Convention if he can get there without any hard fight for the position of delegate at large. His candidacy means that George C. Pardee will not go, because while Alameda usually gets the earth, it is hardly likely she will be able to get half the delegates at large when there are so many aspirants for the honor from the rest of the State. Charley Spear is to manage the fight of the Governor for the place, and presumably brother-in-law Rooney will do all he can to help out, too.

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Both ex-Senator Bulla and ex-Judge McKinley of Los Angeles were in the city last week attending the meeting of the State Republican committee. They are the two rivals for the position of delegate at large to the National Convention from the South, and both think they will win out. The contest is going to be the most interesting of any in the State in connection with the election of delegates to the State Convention, as it means much in its effect on the Senatorial Candidacy of Senator Bard. If Bulla goes down, ditto Bard.

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Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on THE 12th DAY OF APRIL, 1904, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on TUESDAY, the 3d day of May 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By Order of the Board of Directors, CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of CHARLES BLOXHAM, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, M. J. HYNES, Public Administrator of the City and County of San Francisco and Administrator of the Estate of CHARLES BLOXHAM, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Administrator at Room No. 568 Parrott Building, 825 to 856 Market street, San Francisco, Cal., the same being his place for the transaction of the business of the said estate in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

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Miss Helpful—So, you know all about "first aid to the injured," hey? What would you do if a man were shot out in front of this hotel? Sagebrush Ben—Ride like the wind arter the coyote wot done the shutin', mum! I reckon I knows!

A bright little boy in West Philadelphia, who had visited a school attended by an elder brother, came home in great excitement to inform his mother that he had learned lots of things. "What is one, dear?" asked the fond mother. "I learned in the 'rithmetic class that the square of the base of the perpendicular of a right-handed triangle is equal to the sum of the hippopotamus."

And here is the other: "Pa!" "Well?" "Is a vessel a boat?" "Yes." "Pa." "What is it?" "What kind of a boat is a blood vessel?" "It is a life-boat, my son; now run away and play."

"Some of my family have been very long-lived," said the woman in the cerise panne hat. "My father died at forty, but one of my grandfathers lived to be ninety-eight." "Which grandfather was that?" asked the white beaver. "Oh," said the lady in cerise, "that was my grandfather by my first husband."

Fat Man (timidly)—Little boy, is the ice safe to-day? Boy—Yes, sir—if you skate fast enough.—Life.

Wes Ruddles spent last Sunday in this burg, sparking around with several of our fairest. We know of three separate and distinct personages that he called on, and if this thing keeps up some of our boys will be out in the cold completely. There is something about Wes that seems hard to resist.

In the old days a man fought for his home and hearth; now he fights for his home and radiators.—Life.

The Valet—I can't seem to keep that crease in your trousers, sir. Fiddleton—Well, you know, James, she's a pretty heavy girl.—Life.

Cobwigger—Did the women's clubs have a harmonious convention? Merritt—No. The only time they got together was when they were having their pictures taken.

Maisie—Did you convince her that she was wrong. Daisy—No; but I made her admit it.

My daughter asked the count To be her valentine.

He first asked the amount Of money that was mine.

And then he whispered yes, So now I'm feeling blue. It's up to me, I guess, To pay the postage due.

The outlook is gloomy for the American boy. With a Brooklyn school teacher's pronouncement in favor of spanking with a rubber hose comes the news that all the shingle mills in Wisconsin are starting up again.

"I have carefully studied the matter, and it seems to me that we are fitted for each other." She gazed up at him with her large dark eyes. "Explain yourself," she said. "Simply this," he replied, "looking at the matter as we should in the strictly scientific sense of the word. You are light, and I am dark. You are short and I am tall. You are sprightly, vivacious. I am somewhat sober and phlegmatic. In fact, we are opposites, and opposites should marry." "Yes," she said, "opposites except in one respect, but that is enough. I cannot marry you." "In what respect do you mean?" he asked, almost fiercely. She smiled. "You are like me in this," she said. "I never could earn my own living."—Life.

Citizen Train used to tell of a little Union Square girl to whom he once gave a rich cake. She ate it and asked for another. "I'd like to give you another," said the old man, "but it would make you sick." "Give it to me anyway," said the little girl. "At the dispensary I can get medicine for nothing."

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Scribbles—I sent a poem to a daily paper last week, but for some reason it has failed to appear. Criticus—Did you inclose a stamp? Scribbles—No. Criticus—Well, that accounts for it. Had you done so it would no doubt have appeared in your mail the next morning.

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Mrs. Mitfit—Charles, do you think I am gowned well enough for the reception? Mr. Mitfit—Yes; how am I coated and panted?

"You used to have a pretty good opinion of yourself." "Not since I accidentally overheard some of my dearest friends talking me over."

Molly—When you spoke to papa did you tell him you'd got \$250 in the bank. George—Yes, darling. Molly—And what did he say? George—He borrowed it.

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Capt. Charles L. Potter, the United States engineer in Duluth, was sitting at his desk busy with some figures a day or two ago when he heard a hollow, sepulchral voice in the room. He glanced around through curiosity, and, observing that the doors were closed and he was entirely alone, he became doubly interested. Again he heard the voice. It sounded like that of some invisible being trying to attract attention. The voice seemed to come from behind his desk, and at others seemed almost at his elbow. The captain located the general direction from which the voice was coming, and kept crowding his left ear that way. He listened intently, and the hollow, distant, tomblike voice was heard to say: "Please hang up your receiver." Then the mystery was cleared up. Captain Potter smiled and hung up the receiver of the desk telephone which he had accidentally left off the hook, and proceeded with his labors.

"When I say good-bye to you this evening," said Mr. Slowman, "do you think it would be proper for me to place one reverent kiss upon your fair hand?" "Well," she replied, coquettishly, "I would consider it decidedly out of place."

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4.16p	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and way stations.....	18.55a
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10.30a	San Jose and Way Stations.....	1.20p
11.30a	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations.....	7.30p
1.30p	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8.38a
3.00p	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove (connects at Santa Clara for Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek and Narrow Gauge Points) at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Castroville for Salinas, Tres Pinos Way Passenger.....	12.15p
4.30p	San Jose and Way Stations.....	10.45a
6.00p	San Jose, (via Santa Clara) Los Gatos, and Principal Way Stations (except Sunday), principal stations thence Redwood, San Jose, Gilroy, Salinas, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Denning, El Paso, New Orleans, New York. Connects at Pajaro for Santa Cruz and at Castroville for Pacific Grove and Way Stations.....	18.00a
6.00p	San Jose and Principal Way Stations (except Sunday).....	18.00a
6.30p	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8.48a
8.00p	Palo Alto and Way Stations.....	6.38a
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Ivan the Terrible

Richard Mansfield is said to have struck a gold mine in his new play of "Ivan the Terrible," and as this is to be produced in San Francisco the coming season, I may be pardoned if I give just enough of the plot to make it interesting to the readers of the News Letter:

The tragedy of "Ivan the Terrible," the first of a trilogy written about 1865 by Count Alexis Tolstoi, deals with the death of Ivan Vassilyevich, surnamed "The Terrible," and the rise to power of Boris Godunoff.

The interest of the tragedy may be said to be fairly divided between the Tzar Ivan and Boris Godunoff. In order to comprehend the remarkable character of Ivan, it must be remembered that in his boyhood he was neglected, maltreated and even insulted by the Shuiskis, who directed and controlled the oligarchs.

Men to whom Ivan showed attachment were imprisoned or put to death, and he lived, as it were, alone in the palace, neglected and harassed. The plan was to stunt his intellectual growth to such a degree that he would be incapable of rule.

Meanwhile the boy, impressionable and passionate, had great natural gifts; he read all the books that were accessible: The Bible, "Sacred History," "Fathers of the Church," "Russian Chronicles," and "The History of the Roman Empire, Eastern and Western." Ivan was self-educated.

The Shuiskis, who hesitated at nothing in seizing power and holding it, began by poisoning Ivan's mother. Having gained possession of the boy, they did everything to deform him morally. Ivan himself has left a vivid picture of what he endured in childhood.

The evil spirit of the Shuiskis roused terrible hatred in Ivan, and he later paid his enemies in kind and with overflowing measure. Ivan, who had sought everywhere in books for reasons to strengthen his position, resolved with all the vividness of his boyish enthusiasm to become in Moscow what David and Solomon had been in Jerusalem; what Augustus had been in Rome, and the first Christian Emperor in Constantinople.

He finally revolted and destroyed the power of the Glinskis and the Shuiskis, and founded the Oprichniks, a body of men organized by Ivan for his own special service. Hereafter Ivan ruled with an iron hand. Ivan died in 1584.

Concerning the events dealt with in the tragedy of Ivan's death, and the appearance of Ivan at that time, the following may be of interest:

"Ivan, in gloomy despair, summoned a council, declared that he wished to enter a monastery, and ordered them to proceed to the choice of another Tzar. Yielding, however, to the repeated prayers of the Boyars, he consented to remain upon the throne.

"Losing his possessions one after another, threatened on every side by enemies, Ivan was cruelly stricken; his tortured feelings were reflected in his manner and in his exterior. He had become careless in dress, his lofty stature was bent, his eyes had grown dim, his lower jaw dropped as in advanced age and only in the presence of others did he constrain himself, stand proudly erect, and look with suspicion on those around him to find if any man noted the

decline of his spirits. In those moments he was still more terrible than in the days of his grandeur. Never before had Moscow been under such pressure of despondency and fear."

The historian states elsewhere that "Ivan's face had grown greatly old, the furrows had sunken deeper, on his head there remained but little hair, 'his beard had fallen out altogether.'"

Boris Fyodorovich (Godunoff) at this period had risen with rapidity. He was the brother-in-law of the Tzarevitch, whom his sister Irina had married. It is recounted that Ivan, wishing to show how near Godunoff and his daughter-in-law were to his heart, raised three fingers, and counting them with the other hand, said: "This is Fyodor (his son), this is Irina, this is Boris, and as it would be equally painful to my hand whichever of three fingers were cut off, so would it be grievous to my heart to lose any one of these beloved."

Godunoff is described as "modest, cordial to everyone, temperate in speech, and his bearing grave and dignified. He was, however, utterly false, unscrupulous and overwhelmingly ambitious."

The Tzarevitch Fyodor, or Feodor, at this time had been married two years, but he was a weakling, and looked more like a woman than a man. His expression was puerile. In stature he was small; his constitution feeble; his face pale. He smiled continually, and looked timid and frightened. Ivan remarked of him: "Fyodor should have been born a sacristian, not a Tzarevitch."

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The little aspen tree stands high
 Upon the hill that guards the lane;
 Her leaves are green as emeralds,
 Her prattle is like dancing rain;
 She gossips to the wind, the sky,
 And we are comrades, she and I.

I climb the hill at evenfall;
 She stands so high she may look down
 And whisper me if you have turned
 The winding highway from the town,
 And in the wind's arm bend to see
 And murmur that you haste to me.

And with her hundred voices tell
 Each step you take to reach my side,
 And laugh in merry mockery,
 Pretend to scold and weep and chide,
 And stand a moment mute in grief
 Then laugh with every rustling leaf.

And when at last you take my hands
 And call my name in mimicry,
 She chatters it a dozen times,
 And then, in gay and elfish glee,
 Attunes her happy leaves to this—
 The lisping cadence of a kiss.

GENIUS.

By Florence Wilkinson in McClure's

What seest thou on yonder desert plain,
 Large, vague and void?
 I see a city full of flickering streets;
 I hear the hum of myriad engine-beats.
 What seest thou?
 I see a desert plain,
 Large, vague and void.

What seest thou in yonder human face,
 Pale, frail and small?
 I see a soul by tragedy worn thin;
 I read a page of poetry and of sin.
 What seest thou?
 I see a human face,
 Pale, frail and small.

What seest thou at yonder dim cross-roads
 Beside that shuttered inn?
 Untraveled Possibility,
 The inn of splendid Mystery.
 What seest thou?
 I see the dim cross-roads
 Beside a shuttered inn.

COMPENSATION.

By Clarence H. Urner in New England Magazine

The dewdrop on the wilding bloom,
 Afar from earthly pomp withdrawn,
 Feels not the lonesome desert's gloom,
 For in its clasp it holds the Dawn.

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California is taking hers with plenty of water in it, thank you.

Local socialists clamor for "free speech," but what they really need is free soap.

Hurrah for Schmitz! Hurrah for the closed shop and the open treasury!

"Uncle Joe" Cannon's Presidential boom was not loud nor was it repeated. Somebody has spiked that gun.

The country is afflicted with a breaking-out of Hearst newspapers that much resembles hives. Boston has just begun to scratch.

The busy "hold-up" continues to get around to the corner grocery stores ahead of the collection agent from police headquarters.

Sully, king of the cotton "bulls," has thrown up his tail and run. Apparently the boll weevil wasn't as busy or as numerous as he supposed.

Scientists are getting ticks on the cattle in Napa County, but it is as difficult as ever for Mr. Average Citizen to get meat on tick in San Francisco.

"Walking in the dew," says the song, "makes the milkmaid fair," but it's industry at the pump that makes the San Francisco milkman rich.

Because some of the co-eds. in his class giggled, Professor Gayley bubbled over with wrath. Now it is wicked for girls to giggle at professors, but did you ever see and hear Gayley?

A man who writes appealingly to the Supervisors, begging a chance at street sweeping for \$2 a day says he is a "college graduate." Probably his degree is Bachelor of Hard Luck and Master of Unsuccess.

"Tom the Spanker," they call a Fruitvale constable, who has his own way of punishing orchard pilferers—women as well as men. It would be more polite to designate him a professor of applied palmistry.

Mme. Flammarion manifests a unique uxoriousness by cutting her distinguished husband's hair and stuffing pillows with it. Whatever humor there be in this bit of information will hardly appeal to the bald-headed or the married man.

Pink whiskers and a pale intellect make the perfect Christian Scientist.

A scratch of a pencil cost a man his arm. Oh, pooh! The same cause has cost many a man counsel fees and years of alimony.

Some English writer-fellow has broken into print with a learned dissertation on "How Japan Names Warships." We had understood that it was done by blowing up the alphabet with dynamite and fitting the fragments into a mosaic.

That was a bold Democrat who spoke right out in meeting, saying that Hearst's biography would be classified as "obscene literature." What Hearst will say about the bold Democrat will be worse than obscene.

The attention of the life insurance companies is respectfully drawn to the women—many of them married—who are crowding the courtroom at the Botkin trial and learning how to get rid of superfluous spouses.

"The Cap and Bells" is the latest local club of women. It will be some time, evidently, before the gentle sex gets to organizing itself under such titles as "The Broom and Frying-pan," or "The Crib and Nursing Bottle."

Nevada society has reverted to the conditions of the Bonanza days, and turned out in force at the opening of a swell gambling hall. How the skeletons are rattling in some closets, long locked and barred!

This new Californian divorce law, according to which a couple are divorced and not divorced both at the same time, is having a complicated effect. An Oakland Judge has decided that since the divorce is not final, the wife is legally barred from testifying against her husband without his consent. The law as it stands is a simple piece of impertinence, a distinct attempt on the part of the Legislature to deal with matters which do not concern it, and in spite of the Supreme Court a distinct violation and infringement of the rights of the individual.

Diebler, the public hangman of Paris, has brought a suit for libel against the editor of a paper which, in the course of an article attacking capital punishment in general, made some severe strictures on the complainant. With a characteristic hunch of his shoulders and a sardonic smile, Mr. Diebler says: "Ma fail one must live, you know. I am an unrelenting foe of capital punishment, but the editor should have made the nice distinction between the function and the functionary." It is said Mr. Diebler displays great taste in his business and he is naturally proud of his proficiency.

A Pumpkin-Colored Presidential Impossibility

An open letter to Mr. M. F. Tarpey, B. D. Murphy, W. H. Alford, Ben F. Geis, A. Caminetti, Frank Freeman, James Van Dyke, James H. Budd, James G. Maguire and M. F. Cochrane:

The Examiner of Sunday, March 20th, makes the statement in scarehead that you endorse the candidacy for President of William Randolph Hearst. Glancing over the list of names as given above we discover that there are some of you men of family and reputation. You are not all of you lost to the sense of shame; you are not all of you attorneys hired by the year to advocate certain ideas. You are not all of you so lost to society that you have forgotten the name of mother or the influence of home. You are not all of you devoid of honor. Some of you may still have a lingering conception of honesty. Some of you may still believe that a man whom you would not introduce to your sister or your mother is not fit to be a candidate. Nay, that man is not even fit to be mentioned as a candidate. Such of you as may have been tricked and not bought to betray the Democratic Party may yet hesitate in disgracing the party and making a laughing stock of your State. Surely in your sober moments, when the glamour of gold is removed from your eyes your conscience speaks. To such of you the following is addressed, in the hope that that last little glimmer of honesty may be fanned into a blaze and that some honest soul will arise in Convention and prevent the awful stigma, consequent on the nomination of a social pariah, from settling on the nation and the party.

Republication from News Letter of May 2, 1903:

"W. R. Hearst, the 'Emperor Norton' of pumpkin colored journalism, has taken unto himself a wife, wherefor a yellow rash breaks out all over the first page of the Examiner, disclosing among other things a large portrait and carefully deodorized biography of the man that owns the newspaper. One of the basic principles of the Hearst idiotical policy is that all tidings in which the name of W. R. Hearst can be made conspicuous shall be broken to the public with a brass band. The Hearst policy reckons with names rather than events as news. For example: President Roosevelt, Pope Leo, King Edward—any of these is a news name. But in his own publications, W. R. Hearst is a name and one-half. When anything of a nature fit for publication happens to Hearst, his editors, knowing where their prosperity lies, get out Hearst editions. Some idea of the importance attached by Hearst to his wedding may be had through reading last Wednesday's Examiner, in which the account of the marriage in New York crowded the account of a local prize-fight into the inside pages. The only rivals that Hearst has in his own columns are prize-fights, and when a prize-fight is made to play a muted second fiddle in a Hearst paper, there is, indeed, as the Congressman from the redlight district of Gotham would say, 'something doing.'

"In order to see what is 'doing' in the case of Hearst, one never needs a field-glass. This much that has been said of many an honest, honorable gentleman may be said of Hearst: His life has been an open book. This much of Hearst, but no more. For the pages of his book are foul. That they have long been open, stinking under the nostrils of the people, is due not to Hearst's contempt for concealment, but to his petted aversion to the simplest decencies of civilization. His life is as spotted as the leopard—or the leper. And all the world has seen the spots. Where other men of fleshly viciousness have made some outward pretense at abiding by the common canons of decency, or have at least buried their heads ostrich fashion, Hearst has walked in the open, neck perpendicular, with the Scarlet Woman strutting by his side. No place has been so public, no community so modest, as to cause him to draw a veil over the painted features of his harlots.

"Born, as he was, to a fortune as great as his lust, bawds have fattened on Hearst as vultures fatten on plague spots. 'Woman' has meant 'meat' to W. R. Hearst, and his journeys through the world are marked by the slaughter houses he has left behind him. One of these stands to-day in the beautiful suburb of Sausalito, a monument to the strumpet that received a fortune, cash down, for removing her soiled person from the State of California. But all the money that all the humiliated relations of W. R. Hearst could ever pay would not make a clean man of him. To the core he is rotten. And the young woman that has had the misfortune to become his wife has my deepest sympathy.

"She—doubtless unwittingly—is being used in the biggest scheme of self-advertisement that ever was sprung by the Dr. Munyon of Newspaper Row. Hearst is just now employing every quack method known to dirty journalism and corrupt politics with the idea of making himself the Democratic candidate for the highest office in the gift of the people. And since all these United States of ours are not a single Hearst Tenderloin, the one thing on earth that can save him from overwhelming defeat at the polls is to miss the nomination. Hearst will be saved all right—but like many another fatted egoist he will take the pound of cure in preference to the ounce of prevention. And, like murderous cronies of his that were aided by his San Francisco newspaper in escaping prison stripes; cronies that hid behind a woman's skirts in dodging the wrath of a people—like them, W. R. Hearst seeks the shelter of a petticoat. He has married with the pitifully obvious intention of becoming politically respectabilized through his wife.

"'Bachelors are not in demand at the White House, especially a bachelor of taint,' said Hearst's political leg-lengtheners; 'so, Willie, you'd better get a wife.' And Willie got a wife—not a very difficult thing for a man of millions to do. And perhaps somewhere in the world there are mothers who, in behalf of their daughters, envy the bride of this young millionaire. But these mothers do not live in San Francisco, nor in any other place where the bridegroom is known to the bone.

"I cannot congratulate Mrs. William Randolph Hearst. I cannot even hope that the libertine whose name she bears will be less dishonorable as a husband than he has been as a journalist. Hearst's yellow streak is not confined to his journalism. He is taking this young girl abroad, perhaps to the very spots where in other years he lingered with his mistresses. W. R. Hearst is not a tactful man."

INCONSISTENT POLICE REGULATIONS.

The Board of Public Works, captained by the Mayor's brother, is busy persecuting the flower peddlers at Market and Kearny streets. Its policemen watch with keen eyes the men and boys who carry bloom-laden baskets up and down. If one of them halts for a moment inside the "dead line" of the curb or rests his basket on the sidewalk while he rubs his aching arms, off he goes in the patrol wagon. Meanwhile the Mayor has in his hands the ordinance, demanded by the whole community and passed by one vote short of unanimity, creating a free flower market at this point and elsewhere. Meanwhile and all the while the sidewalks of the wholesale district are piled high and wide with boxes, barrels and bales—so wide that a fat man must go to the cobbles for elbow room. All day and all night these goods lie on the sidewalks, and the Works Board's policemen and the Mayor's policemen watch with keen eyes—not to catch a merchant obstructing the footway, but to keep thieves from removing the obstructions. And this is the equal justice of the law as the Schmitz family sees it!

Two poverty-cursed Italian flower peddlers, arrested for momentary infraction of the Schmitz family's law as it runs in the latitude of Market and Kearny streets, asked a jury trial. A police court which belongs to the Mayor—or to the highest bidder when the Mayor is not using it—said that the jury was stuffed with members of a trade association closely allied with the Retail Florists' Association, and steered the case to a speedy conviction. On that same day the sidewalks in front of the stores kept by members of the Florists' Association were bordered on both sides by potted plants that stood there for hours. On that same day, as the day before, and as to-day, the sidewalks of Sansome, Battery, Front and a score of other busy down-town streets were in many places all but impassable by reason of goods stored there to save warehousing and re-handling. In fifty places we know of sidewalks in the wholesale district are blocked by piles of chain, rusting anchors, old engines and pumps, and giant blocks of coal and salt, that have stood there for years. There is no police court record for a year or more of an attempt to enforce the sidewalk law against these offenders. Not so long ago—and this is a case still closer in point—a saloon-keeper at Market and Geary streets piled his sidewalk high with empty whisky barrels, and before he could procure his own arrest and complete his scheme of self-advertisement, he was forced to bribe a policeman to escort him to the City Prison.

The discrimination against the flower vendors, with its flouting of a remarkably unanimous body of public sentiment, is just Schmitzism, that's all.

MASSIE-SPEAR.

Governor Pardee's pet, "Charley" Spear, keeps on getting himself and his master ill-spoken of. The latest unsavory mention of Spear comes in connection with a most cowardly assault upon J. A. Massie, an Oaklander who publishes a semi-occasional paper which he calls the "Arrow," and devotes largely to the exploitation of Spear's public and private record. He has printed in this sheet a variety of unpleasant charges against Spear. Among them was the accusation that the lusty Harbor Commissioner at one time used his aged father for a punching bag. On Spear's behalf the answer was: First, that he did not beat his father, and second, that he beat his father

for improper conduct, including persistent crapulence. Besides parent-punching, editor Massie taxed Spear with a long list of personal and political shortcomings. Speaking with frankness about his predatory manipulation of the news-stand privilege in the interest of himself and an equally needy brother-in-law.

The editor of the Arrow has declared in print that soon after he began this torrid campaign, Spear first tried to buy him off, and failing, threatened him with legal proceedings and with personal violence. Last week, while Massie was waiting for a car near his Oakland home, a bunch of thugs took him unawares and were hammering him into a pulp when passersby ran to his rescue and the thumpers fled. One of them, it is said, left behind an umbrella with the letter "S" on the handle. Editor Massie says he did not recognize any of his assailants. Now there are not sufficient proofs to connect Spear personally with this outrage. True, we have the alleged threat of the Harbor Commissioner and the initial on the umbrella-handle, and the three-to-one feature of the assault which squares with Editor Massie's sizing-up of his parent-punching foe's courage. But these are mere circumstances. Massie must have better evidence than has been exposed before he can arrest Spear, take him into a police court and seek to punish him for an act unquestionably murderous in its intent. There is no disguising the fact that the purpose of the three thugs was to break the keen point of the Arrow, and put its publisher out of the business of digging up the records of public officials and others. Quite possibly Massie has learned enough about the police court pull of men like Spear—supposing that it was Spear who engineered the assault—to make him appreciate the uselessness of looking for justice and protection from that quarter. That he has reason to fear a repetition of the outrage is shown by his course in providing himself with a weapon and a husky bodyguard. He will do well to walk in the middle of the street o' nights, revolver in hand, climb his door-step backward, to refrain from sitting between a window and a light, and to let his household cat sample the morning's milk first. These and other like precautions conduce to longevity in editors addicted to writing the truth.

It does not matter who actually assaulted Massie. What does matter is that this crime if completed would have inured to the benefit and to the vast relief of Spear. Since this attempt, people who had heretofore given little heed to Massie's charges, have been looking up Spear's record for themselves and are beginning to understand why he does not criminally prosecute Massie and why an attempt should have been made to silence the editor with bludgeon and slung-shot.

Spear has done infinite harm to Governor Pardee's administration, and as yet there has been no sign that Pardee disapproves of his pet's attitude toward the game of "graft" as it is played on the waterfront.

The latest appreciation of the Spear character is the immense sign in blue and white that disgraces the front of the ferry building facing the bay. Does the State receive pay for this disfigurement? We shall have more to say about this infliction on good taste next week.

Spear has soiled the political garments of Pardee, and has put dirt on his hands. Let the Governor look to it, or the stain may turn to crimson.

BEAUTIFYING OF A CITY.

A note of hopefulness is sounded by a club of Berkeley citizens who purpose, among other things to keep unsightly buildings out of the district to which their activities are devoted, and in which their homes and their interests lie. They are fortunate in having a distinct natural beauty of foothill slopes, of trees native to the soil, and of view to inspire the efforts of their architects and builders. What the club may do to keep the charm of its section unspoiled by the apostles of ugliness in architecture must be done quietly and privately, there being no law to prevent a man from parading his bad taste when he builds. It must operate by a most delicate use of moral suasion, proceeding along educative lines to reform and to elevate. That it has at least made a sound beginning is evidenced by the fact that the opening of its campaign for artistic houses and picturesque streets is the opening of a library for the dissemination among home builders of ideas and information touching house-designing, gardening and the like. We commend this movement right heartily and trust that it may not fail of early and satisfying results.

Here in San Francisco there is great need of some such movement. We have an organization of energetic women, the Outdoor Art League, whose object it is to do what it can toward the beautifying of a city most picturesque in its site, but hideously ugly in the laying out of its streets and in the building of most of its houses. The Berkeley Club's work is wholly constructive and restrictive, inasmuch as most of its homes are yet to be built; over here in San Francisco the mischief has been done—was done years ago when such architects as we had appear to have been men of no taste at all, utterly without ideals or conceptions of grace and beauty. One might think that the designers of a quarter century ago who filled the fair valleys and terraced the noble hillsides of San Francisco, with rows on rows of ugly dwellings reproduced their plans by stencil. The result as we see it to-day, is a maddening monotony of design and construction, as if the families of that day demanded of their architects houses exactly like those of their neighbors. In that and the preceding period it seems to have the fundamental idea in laying out streets to make them straight—nothing else mattered. And the result of that is a town like a checkerboard, except for the redeeming diagonal of Market street. The Outdoor Art League will not expect to execute any such large order as to re-make the city map, blotting out painful rectangularity and replacing it with pleasing curves, but it promises much in the way of softening harsh outlines. No club, no association of architects leagued together for the combining of the aesthetic with the utilitarian could hope to induce owners to tear down revenue-yielding properties merely because they are ugly, but good can be done by harmony of purpose and unity of action, just as it is being done spasmodically and sporadically by individual owners and designers. A few of those who build houses to sell or to rent have found that an artistic home does not cost appreciably more than an ugly one, and that it sells better and rents better. Thanks to this, we are beginning to have in the outlying districts modest homes with pleasing and distinctive exteriors and interiors arranged for effect as well as for comfort.

Let us hope that there will be some vigorous movement here along the lines marked out by the Berkeley beautifiers.

VERTICAL HANDWRITING.

The News Letter's argument against vertical handwriting has aroused the attention of businessmen of San Francisco, and it is for them to urge the School Board to discard the present system of vertical penmanship. As an illustration of the dangers of vertical writing the News Letter has but to recite one of many more or less similar incidents of recent transpiring: Not many evenings ago the "copy" in the vertical handwriting of a class of boys in the night High School was handed in to the teacher for inspection. At the bottom of the page of one of the specimens was written, "turn this over and see." Naturally the teacher did as bidden, but only to find a sentence that was neither elegant nor decent. The matter was referred to the Superintendent, and he quickly devised a plan to detect the evil-doer. A teacher was detailed, after a day or two; to dictate sentences to the same class, and to so adroitly employ the words "turn," "this," "over," "and," "see," in different places in the construction of the several sentences that the offender would not have the slightest suspicion of what was being done. The several copies were then handed to the teacher, which is customary, and at once the specimens were submitted to the teachers in groups to compare the offending words with the same words in the "adroitly" dictated sentences. There was no doubt about the detection of the guilty boy, it was supposed, but to the humiliation of the whole corps of teachers, they found they had taught the "vertical system" too well, for so uniform was the handwriting on all the specimens, and so completely had "verticalism" covered up the individualism and characteristics of the several pupils that the argus eyes and insulted dignity of some twenty-five teachers failed utterly to so much as find a trace that would even lead to a suspicion as to who was the guilty boy. Certainly an educational system that encourages the unfoldment of the worst nature of boys by forcing them to use tools of treachery and low cunning is not a very moral system.

But verticalism is doomed. Parents who have more than one child of school age are confronted with the painful fact that they cannot distinguish between their children's handwriting because their character, individuality and force of mentality are sacrificed to the mathematical precision of rigid perpendicular lines, which show no development of mind nor give any exhibition of their children's advancement in the art of expressing character in letters and written words. The vertical system to the pupil is as the theodolite is to the surveyor. Both mark accurate lines, but the lines do not indicate who made them.

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Good Wheat Will Stand Threshing

On one page the Examiner roasts the Police Department because policemen are not to be found on every block where a crime is committed. On another page it roasts the Chief of Police for asking the Supervisors to give him more men. If the force is increased the Examiner will say it caused it by its yellow tales of crime; if it is not increased, the Examiner will boast it prevented the increase by proving there are enough policemen. Hearst always plays both ends against the middle.

The Police Judges should be pardoned for all their sins, if they only soak it to those dog-catchers who stole the coach-dog of an army officer. The dog-catcher is probably a necessary evil, but, on general principles we are against him.

Judge Kerrigan now has a magnificent opportunity to make himself popular. All he has to do is to throw the search-light on the Perrys and the Nagles.

An oyster digger has sued the Oyster Diggers' Union for damages. They caused his discharge because he dug up too many oysters, thereby making the other fellows look like small fry. Any intelligent jury will give the plaintiff damages in this case. What does all this cry of prosperity amount to, if we are to be deprived of our daily oyster?

Gavin McNab appears as a director in a million-dollar investment company. Abe Ruef is rich; Chris Buckley is a retired capitalist; Sam Rainey left a fortune. Politics pays.

Radium has gone up in price a couple of million dollars a pound. This proves again that the poor man has no show. Hearst should sue the radium trust.

Dr. Frank Blaisdell will deliver a free Lane lecture on "The Relations of Insects to Man." We always thought the California flea was some kind of a poor relation, because of his insistence on free lunches. This lecture will probably prove the theory.

Scientists say the fatal sleeping sickness, now prevalent in Africa, is caused by a fly. The owners of the shanties on lower Market street must have been bitten by this bird.

Supervisor Lunstedt says Ruef forced him to vote to sustain the Mayor's veto by threats against the Supervisor's saloon license. Bent and Alpers, also saloon men, voted with the Mayor. Why shouldn't they? That's what they are there for. Why elect saloon keepers as Supervisors, if you intend to complain of their actions?

Judge Coffey refuses to permit the lawyers to divide the dollars of Mrs. Moxey among themselves. He found her incompetent, after trial, and now that she wants to give away her wealth to the attorneys the Judge is sure she needs a guardian. The lawyers should take the case into Judge Troutt's court. He is so easy.

A double-jointed wife was sent up for thirty days by a Police Judge last week for having beaten her poor, little, inoffensive husband. We feared it would come to this. The emancipation of women is not without its danger to the lord of the universe.

Hoot, hoot,
Smoot, Smoot,
Scoot, scoot,
You get the boot,
Toot, toot.

The papers report that a labor leader is down with appendicitis. The accumulation of wealth is not unattended with some physical discomforts.

The Sweet Pea girl has been awarded \$500 counsel fees and \$100 a month alimony, all to be paid by the gay Mr. Clark, who married her in the midst of a "hold over." Sweet peas are expensive this season.

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FINANCIAL

The Jumper Losing Ground.

We are in receipt of a report of the annual meeting of the Jumper Gold Syndicate held recently in Glasgow. The chairman's statement was not quite so cheerful as those in years gone, the returns for the year being insufficient to warrant the payment of the customary dividend, which will disappoint a great many shareholders of small means. The reason assigned for the decreased income during the past twelve months is the heavy expenditure of money required to re-timber caved ground, and to meet other exigencies liable to occur at any moment in the mining industry. An attempt was made by some one present to shoulder the responsibility of the decreased revenue upon the new superintendent, but this could only emanate from an anxious shareholder who never saw a mine in his life. There are few better mining men on the Coast than the superintendent now in charge of the Jumper mine, and the shareholders can depend upon it that while he retains the position he will be serving their interests faithfully and not his own. With a lower grade of ore and a heavy expenditure in the way of repairs and improvements, too much ought not to be expected in the way of clear profits. The Jumper people have had too good a proposition from the first. A continuous run of dividends on a comparatively small investment has unfitted them for the worry and expense encountered in the ordinary course of mining. During the meeting the subject of the £20,000 recovered in the settlement with the former manager came up. A shareholder wanted to know in whose name it stood, and was practically told it was none of his business, and furthermore that it could not be appropriated as surplus funds of the company for dividends, legal advice having been obtained upon that point. It was developed, however, that it cost the company no less than £1937 5s. 3d. to effect this settlement, and the secretary, named Parker, took quite an injured tone when explaining the hard trip he had to California and back upon an allowance of \$26 a day in round numbers, his salary running on all the same for the two months he was away from his desk in Glasgow. The election at the close of the meeting resulted in the return of the old Board.

Thieves Now Rule the Roost.

There is a good deal of work going on just now in the different mining camps throughout the State by individuals who, as a rule, are possessed of small means, and it is pleasant to be able to say that in the majority of instances, with much success. This is the way to develop the mineral resources of the State, by opening up a prospect to a point where the enterprising owner is in a position to go to his friends, possibly no better off financially than himself, and get them to come in and assist in taking out enough money in a small way to make the necessary showing which will appeal to the man of capital as an opportunity for investment worthy of investigation. The day for the promotion of old-time shells with a capitalization of millions is gone by. People are not to be lured into wild-cat propositions, which enrich the promoter, on statements regarding to prospects which would prove to be comparatively worthless upon examination by some practical man who knows his business. The swindlers who have been reaping a golden har-

vest of late by spreading broadcast the most infamous lies in regard to mining values have practically killed the goose that laid the golden egg. They have raked every financial community within the borders of the United States as with a fine comb, and corraled enough gold to keep them in easy circumstances for many a year to come. Not a dollar of this money will ever be recovered by process of law, the courts in nearly every case favoring the swindler. This is the reason that persons of this class have managed to keep out of jail. Quite a number of them have been rounded up of late, but that is all it has amounted to so far. In every case the wily individuals have managed to escape at some convenient juncture when the bars were let down. This will continue until the legitimate mining interests combine together with the officials of mining associations and mining bureaus to effect a radical change in the way the law is now administered in dealing with swindlers of the kind, all working in a united effort to see justice done and the industry cleared of a class of petty larcenists who have already brought it to the point of ruin.

A Queer Transaction.

The Plumas Gold Mining Company, Limited, a 5,000,000 share concern financed in New York, is now an object of interest to certain creditors in this city, many of whom helped to fit out the proposition with plant valued at \$40,000. All of this plant and the mine with its millions of capital in shares, has, it is said, passed out of the ownership of the shareholders, Eastern people being the chief sufferers as usual, upon the foreclosure of a contractor's lien for something like \$6,000. Between the creditors in this city and those in Plumas County, there is likely to be quite a mix-up in the segregation of the several interests, and it is just probable there will be a strong effort made to throw the mining company into involuntary bankruptcy. It certainly does seem rather a strange proposition on its face that any company should surrender a property equipped like this one is without an attempt to protect themselves and for a bagatelle at that.

Improvements on the Comstock.

The Pine-St. market continues quiet, with prices strong at the North-end where Ophir is still opening out upon a vein of high-grade ore. The drainage operations at this end will soon be under way again, when it will be possible to start the work of explorations in the deep levels which have been under water for so many years past. About the same time all will be ready at the Ward shaft to make the connections with the Sutro Tunnel system of drifts, preparatory to the installation of a pumping plant at that point to handle the water in the South-end mines. Part of the new plan of work on the Comstock will be the introduction of an electric trolley system in the Sutro Tunnel, for the purpose of handling the ores of Savage and other mines. These will be run out of the tunnel to a reduction plant about to be erected in the near future.

The State Treasury is richer by \$10,000 this week by the filing of articles of incorporation of the great Pacific Steel Corporation, about to start up at San Diego, with its capital of \$100,000,000. The officers

just elected at a recent meeting of its directors are headed by General Harrison Gray Otis of Los Angeles, president. The others are in point of order: C. W. French of Cleveland, Ohio, chairman of the board of directors; A. A. Pudman, Cleveland, Ohio, vice-president; V. A. Dehnel, Cleveland, Ohio, secretary; George W. Fishburn, San Diego, general counsel; Willard Fuller, Cleveland, Ohio, general manager. The Union Trust Company of Pittsburg, as fiscal agent, will attend to the financing of the steel plant.

The proceedings of the twelfth annual convention of the California Miners' Association have just been published in pamphlet form, and embodied in this report are a number of papers read before the convention by some of the leading men connected with the various branches of the mining industry. Among the leading papers which will be found in extenso are "The Cyaniding of Gold Bearing Sulphurets," by Prof. S. B. Christy; "The Storage of Waste Waters for Mining Purposes," by Mark B. Kerr; "The Use of Fuel Oil in Chlorination"; "The Development of Abandoned Mines," John B. Tregloan, and "Economy in Compressed Air Mining," by Edward A. Rix.

The market for local stocks and bonds has been quiet during the past week, and the volume of sales has been small. In the matter of prices, bonds were firmly held for all the better class. In shares, Spring Valley was steady. The S. F. Gas and Electric has been a shade firmer, which serves to stimulate short selling, which seems to be going on now on quite an extensive scale. For the man with money who can stand a few turns of the screw on the up-grade without weakening or going under, shorting this stock is the proper thing. It is only a matter of time until prices in this column get on the toboggan. Sugars hold firm, with a strong undertone in Alaska Packers.

Never a week passes without the announcement of a license having been granted to some new banking institution, the most of which are noticeable more particularly by the small amount of cash which figures in their make-up. This unsatisfactory condition of affairs is due entirely to the opportunity offered by the abrogation of the Banking Commission which was deemed necessary in order to remove an erring official. If trouble does not follow the out-crop of these mushroom concerns it will be an everlasting wonder.

The new mining camp of Gold Field, Nevada, has hardly made its bow to the public before the law courts of the State are brought to take cognizance of its existence by a suit brought to oust one set of mine locators by establishing the rights of other locators who now hold the ground with rifles. This looks like business. Nothing like a little gun play and a few law suits to boom either a mine or a camp.

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LIBRARY TABLE

Truth or Fiction. Some time ago a correspondent of the News Letter, signing himself "Bec-de-Fer," in an article entitled "Witless Willie," gave a mere "aperçu" of a couple of volumes issued from the press of "Fischer's Foreign Letters, Inc.," under the title of "Private Lives of William II and his Consort and Secret History of the Court of Berlin."

"Bec de Fer," it seems did but touch on the contents lightly. He barely skimmed the surface. These volumes are a scathing rebuke of the sovereign now ruling over Germany, and these memoirs, ostensibly written by a woman, the Countess of Eppinghoven, make no claim to revelations in the realm of higher politics; they give a side-light more or less strong on subjects closely akin to higher statecraft.

The mild and tearful frau of the Reise-Kaiser is very aptly described, and the various characteristics that make her more fit to be the housewife of a "bauer" than an Emperor are clearly set forth. The Empress emerges from the hands of the Countess scathless as regards her fine womanliness. She is shown up as a simple German woman, who is at all times supremely unhappy.

So much for the consort. But what can we say of the Emperor. His character in every shade is laid before us. We have our doubts as to the identity of the author. We do not believe that any woman wrote these memoirs, and if it was a woman, she certainly missed her vocation. The style is more that of a man. A man that is conversant with his subject, and if we may hazard a guess, we will say that Mr. Fischer wrote the memoirs of the fair Countess from a transcript of the notes of some clever "kammerdiener."

Bereft of the artificial atmosphere that has been built "around the All Highest" by such writers as Poultney Bigelow (we have no reason to believe that the Contezza is lying), we must admit that the Emperor, as a mere member of the human family, is a poor specimen of a man. He has, according to this chronicler, the usual flashes of genius that go with congenital insanity, and he has the incurbed brutality inherited from the great Frederic and his immediate ancestry. The same characteristics that prompted the aforesaid great man to hang the picture of his mistress in an outhouse, after having deified her on his palace walls, holds in William II. At least, so says the Countess. The books make good reading for those of us who believe in a more liberal form of Government, and who are not apologists for the gentleman who would calmly appropriate to the use of his wife's family the one hundred thousand dollars belonging to widows' and orphans' fund in his temporary keeping, and who when he is made to disgorge this, by the newspapers, plunges his hand into the Guelph fund and attempts to make this over to his and his family's use. The Countess leaves us a man unanointed, unprincipled, small in mind, a fraud, a libertine and a man capable of unlimited cruelty.

A man who has achieved his reputation as a musician by appropriating the fame rightly due to Count Moltke; a man who has achieved a reputation as an artist by paying some poor dramatist or dauber to do the work he may then claim as his. A man who employs a press agent to tell his people, and the world in general, what manner of Wunder Koenig he is, while he sits in the guard-room of a barracks and encourages weird tales of lust from young offi-

cers, and who in turn takes pride in telling a stronger and a dirtier story to overtop the last effort. Madam Von Eppinghoven, whoever she may be, has given us a rude expose, if it is true, and if it is not true, she has proven herself a clever writer of historical fiction.

Fischer's Foreign Letters, Inc. New York. Two volumes.

The Tariff Dictionary.

This is a half-crown book issued by Simpkin, Marshall & Co., of London, and is a handbook to the fiscal question as discussed in Great Britain at the present time. It appears to be a carefully prepared and useful little work for speakers, editors and others who are obliged to consider political subjects.

"Cap'n Eri" is by Joseph C. Lincoln, whose short stories in various magazines, relating to the New England Coast, have made his name familiar to readers of current magazine literature. The worthy Cap'n is one of those modern Americans of the David Harum variety whose sole object appears to be a continual attempt to maintain a standard of humor. In this particular case the Cap'n is sufficiently amusing and there is plenty of incident, besides a love story sufficient to make the book entirely interesting. The illustrations, which are better than the ordinary, are done by Charlotte Weber.

Published by A. S. Barnes & Co. New York.

Did you ever hear of Quelparte? I never did, but then, my geography was always limited. In the preface of the "Queen of Quelparte" we are informed that it is a province of Korea, in the Yellow Sea, but after taking in this fact, we do not feel much the wiser. At the most, this story (having the Chinese-Japanese war as a foundation), is a mixture of Cos-sacks, "Quelpartians," Russians, Japanese and Chinese, with a great deal of wild adventure, hair-breadth 'scapes, Russian intrigue, and Chinese queues, but coming as it does in the midst of the Russo-Japanese affair, it is bound to prove of interest to those who glory in tales of "war and the rumors of war."

Queen of Quelparte. Little, Brown & Co., price, \$1.50.

The House of the Seven Gables.

"The House of the Seven Gables," brought out as one of the "New Pocket Edition Library," by John Lane, is "an old friend in a new dress." It is too well known to bear a lengthy criticism, but after a surfeit of the surface-skimming novels of these latter days, it doubly impresses its earnestness and imaginativeness upon us. The writer evidently felt the same subtle influence of atmosphere that characterizes Longfellow's poem of "Haunted Houses":

"Impalpable impressions on the air,

A sense of something moving to and fro."

And the lines:

"We have no title deeds to house or lands—

Owners and occupants of earlier dates,
From graves forgotten stretch their dusty hands,

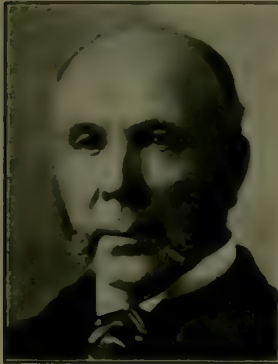
And hold in mortmain still their old estates."

certainly coincide with Hawthorne's idea that old Matthew Maule haunted the site of his former home, and made the unlawful ownership of the "House of the Seven Gables" a dreaded burden, rather than an advantage.

"The House of Seven Gables," John Lane, price, 50 cents.

OBITUARY.

Adam Grant, one of the oldest and the most successful merchants of the Pacific Coast, passed away



on last Monday at his home in this city, 1112 Bush street. Mr. Grant was a warm and consistent friend of the News Letter, and his demise was looked upon in this office as much of a personal blow. Mr. Grant was an enterprising citizen and his death is a distinct loss to the entire business community. He was born in Sutherlandshire, Scotland, in 1828. Adam Grant came to San Francisco

at the time of the rush in 1849, and he immediately assumed a place as a factor in the community. As an instance of his rapid rise, the story is told that in his first employment his salary was fixed at fifty dollars a month, and that his employers, realizing his great capacity for work, increased it to two hundred and fifty dollars the second month. The life story of Adam Grant was one of success brought about by adherence to honest principles and by hard and unremitting labor. Mr. Grant died leaving several millions of dollars to his wife and one son who survive him. It may be said of him in all truth and earnestness—"A good man gone."

Mr. William R. Grace, one of the foremost of America's business men, died on last Sunday in New York. The immediate cause of his death was a relapse in pneumonia. Mr. Grace was the head of the mercantile firm of San Francisco known as William R. Grace & Co. Mr. Grace was a well-known politician as well as a business man, and he had at one time led the Independent Democrats in New York and become Mayor. At the time of his death, Mr. Grace was the President of several large banking institutions, and the head of the most important importing house in America.

William J. McMullin, Assistant General Passenger Agent of the California and Northwestern Railway, is dead. He died of heart failure. He was only forty-three at his demise, and he had acquired a wide repute as a capable traffic man.

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What have they done to the Russ,
And what have they done to the Jap?
Who is the worse off for all of the fuss,
And how does it matter a rap?
For the crash of the guns that resound o'er the deep
Are but lullaby murmurs that send us to sleep,
And the town of Port Arthur escapes pretty cheap—
In fact there is not a mishap.

Why do the infidels rage
And the people imagine vain things?
And what is the use of the newspaper page
And all of the nonsense it brings?
For there isn't a single report that is fair;
The Retvitzan was sunk, now she's under repair
If that's the right way to pronounce her, but there—
Poor Mercury's dropped both his wings.

For once the schemes of attorneys to defeat Justice have been foiled. Griffiths of Los Angeles will be obliged to serve his two years for assaulting his wife with a deadly weapon. The sentence is light, far too light, in fact, and yet there were to be found attorneys of some position and at least reputable, who prepared affidavits by means of which they expected to secure his release. Could there be a more disgustingly eloquent commentary upon the State of the California bar? Will Griffiths, therefore, serve his time? I trow not. He has money, and petition after petition will go up, backed by affidavits and doubtless by the certificates of physicians, supposedly reputable, but in reality ready to sell their medical opinions. In the meantime this brutal assailant of a woman is to be pampered up with every luxury and to receive treatment altogether superior to that of his fellow prisoners. One may smile at this hypocrisy, but it must not be forgotten it has to be paid for.

The inherent gentleness of the feminine disposition was shown lately in the case of a woman who, having a sick husband, took the opportunity of exercising her muscles on his bedridden body. So well and so strongly did she ply her athletic tasks that she reduced him to a state of collapse. When he was in this state she left him alone until he recovered a little, whereupon she renewed her calisthenics. The Judge sent her up for three months. The familiar lines should be altered to meet the occasion somewhat as follows:

"Oh, woman, in our hours of ease,
Uncertain, coy and hard to please;
But when misfortune lays us low,
A demon for a body blow."

An Indian tea was given at a private house this week, in which the participants dressed in Indian costume and were surrounded by Indian furniture and ornament. Society must be very hard up for amusement. As a substitute for a monkey dinner it may be argued that the Indian tea has its advantages, but as a means of entertainment it would appear to be of about the same grade as grinning through a horse-collar. To imitate savage customs is a curious way of inculcating refinement. The decadent French aristocracy used to pretend to be peasants, but such charming peasants were they that their manners actually shone all the brighter for their rustic dress. It is to be feared that the manners of our fashionables are inferior to those of Lo Ben.

The editor of the "Arrow," Oakland, has received a thrashing for publishing disagreeable things about Harbor Commissioner Charles L. Spear. The friends of this gentleman are acting in a time-honored fashion, but how about its effectiveness? Now that the editor has been satisfactorily beaten, it will be worthy of notice that the points at issue are whether Spear is a hoodlum; if he has been twice arrested for beating his father, and whether he is not an all round dishonest crook. I cannot see that a single one of these questions has been disposed of by beating the editor, and as a matter of fact, the docket containing his conviction for battery glares in unshaken security in spite of the beating of John A. Massie. I am sorry for Spear—his friends are such a reflection on him!

The criminals are escaping and the police and the judges dispute as to which of the departments the blame belongs. The police claim that they make the arrests; the judges complain that they do not have the proper testimony presented. I fancy the judges have the best of the argument. It is easy for the police to make a show of arresting their criminal friends and put in such a poor case that they must be acquitted. The judges on the other hand must convict if the proper evidence is forthcoming. At all events, the criminals are escaping, and the friends of the Mayor are no poorer for the fact.

"Microbes in the milk" was the complaint only a short time ago. Now the Health Office is about to make an inquiry with regard to fraudulently defective measures in which the milk is retailed. If the microbe question is still unsettled, the shortness of measure may be actually good for us. At any rate, the whole milk business is a nice commentary on the morals of the dairy people. Who would ever have imagined that association with the gentle cow should be so corrupting, and who was the bold man that whispered that cows had nothing to do with it?

A week or two ago I referred to the claim of the "sweet-pea girl" as being most ludicrous, and would not have imagined in spite of my knowledge of legal methods in this State that she would be able to secure any money. She has been granted alimony amounting to one hundred dollars a month, and her attorneys are to be allowed their fees. This opens up an unending vista of graft to unscrupulous women. All they have to do is to take advantage of a man's condition and make him marry. A keen lawyer and a sympathetic Judge will do the rest.

Four children abandoned by their parents in this city in one week testify to the rapidly growing unpopularity of the rising generation. Their actual advent is hemmed in with so many obstacles nowadays that but few survive their first trying experiences—what Mrs. Wilcox would call the "prenatal influences." Those who do see the light, however, so frighten their parents that the latter abandon them. Truly, a gift of the Lord.

The aged capitalist is a target for the aggressive female. There are several ways of getting at him. The massage artist has an opportunity of which she occasionally is able to take advantage. Thus in the Knauer case, which was settled by agreement last week, the massage widow is allowed thirty thousand dollars. From a small room and your ad. in the Bulletin to thirty thousand would be a good jump for most people.

SOCIETY

Dear Bessie: Don't you think we are going to end the season brilliantly? Two dances in Easter week and the promise of one over in Sausalito. To be sure, one of them is to be given by the younger set girls not yet out, and beaux to correspond, but it will be a fine affair all the same. Easter week is filling up; on Monday there are to be the two weddings, afternoon and evening; Tuesday night the members of Grace Church give a reception at Century Hall in honor of their new rector, Mr. Evans; Wednesday night is named for the Bachelor ball at the Palace; and on Friday the youngsters have their dance. So you see, the Easter season promises to be a gay one even though it may be short.

Ollie Palmer had a luncheon on Wednesday for Jessie Hobart Leonard, who is down here from Nevada on a visit to Mrs. Brownell; there were two "openings" on Thursday—the annual exhibition of the State Floral Society in the Ferry Building, and that of the Art Institute—but I shall have to tell you about them next week. Laura and Edna Hamilton give Frances Harris a luncheon to-day. Mrs. Sam Buckbee had a bridge party on Tuesday night, and Kate Voorhies Henry another; at Mabel Toy's card party in honor of Frances Harris and her futur, we played seven-handed euchre and had the jolliest kind of a time. Don't you remember what a wide swathe that Italian Prince, Louis of Savoy, cut at Burlingame when he was here some years ago? You can therefore be sure there is great glee manifested at the news that he is on his way here in command of a frigate; so then look out for good times on board; he does so love to entertain—at least he did.

May Burdge has joined the ranks of Easter brides, as she and Bernard Miller are to be united in wedlock on Easter Monday night. As I told you before, Mrs. Smith is making the most elaborate preparations for the event; the ceremony is to be performed at Arbor Villa, with only a few friends to witness it, but a grand reception will follow, which is to be something quite gorgeous. Pink and white are to be the colors, both in the decorations and the costumes worn by the bridal party. Winifred Burdge, as maid of honor, is to wear a gown of pale pink, and the attendant maids—eight in number—are to be gowned in white and carry bridesmaid's roses. Charley Gooding is to be Bernard's best man, and there will be eight groomsmen—or ushers, call them by either name. Edna Barry is, I hear, to be an April bride, her wedding with Philip Clay being named for then.

Florence Callaghan's wedding is to be a very quiet home one, as her mother's health is so uncertain. It will take place about the middle of the month. The marriage of Edith Findley and George Gardiner will not come off for some time yet. I have heard September or October named as the probable time, and it will be at Mrs. Findley's home over in Sausalito. Did I tell you that Bee Hooper is engaged to John Blanchard? And they say the wedding is to take place very soon.

The last was quite a week of surprises in the engagement line. First came that of Ruth McNutt and Lieutenant Lee, followed by Eleanor Warner's to Stuart Rawlings, which was formally made known at the pretty tea Mrs. Warner gave last Thursday for the recent bride, Mrs. Frank Wakefield, and Mrs. Frank Baldwin; and then a third was Bee's. And now comes what is not exactly a surprise, but a story that Kate Dillon is to announce her engagement to

Lieutenant Winship almost any day, so the prettiest cups in town are being looked up to be despatched the moment it is "out."

As usual, we are having a lot of charity entertainments before the close of the season. The Indian tea at Mrs. George Law Smith's last week was a financial success, and has been supplemented by yet another "performance" on Thursday of this week. The Doctor's Daughters will have no cause to complain of the result of their exchequer from their horse show yesterday and circus to-day; and next of large affairs will come the musical comedy of "His Royal Nibs," the joint production of Shafter Howard and W. H. Clifford, which will be given at the Alhambra Theatre for the benefit of the California Women's Hospital, on the 21st and 22d of April. All the cast are to be amateurs, and great things are promised and expected. And we have also the dog show to look forward to, which opens at the Pavilion on the 13th of April.

Was it not a heart-break that the two days for the pony races at Tanforan should have been so vile—there is no other word for it? The rain spoiled a lot of pleasant parties that were arranged for them, and instead of automobiles and other vehicles being utilized, those who had courage enough to brave the elements went in the prosaic cars—steam and electric. Jean Reid was among those on Thursday, and had with her her friend Kate Barney, who is becoming almost as much liked as charming Jean; Mrs. Frank Carolan had Miss Kirk in her party—another visitor who is quite a favorite. We have all been condoling with Nellie Spreckels on the loss of her beautiful home in Sonoma County; you have no idea what a delightful place it was for house parties, and quite a number had been arranged to be given there as soon as the spring was fairly here. She had a lovely little luncheon last week for Mrs. Romualdo Pacheco. Another of last week's pleasant affairs was the pretty informal tea which Mrs. Taylor gave as an adieu to Pearl Sabin, who left on Monday to officiate as Kathro Burton's bridesmaid in Washington City.

The Clokes are among those who will be among the missing ere long, as Captain Cloke has been ordered to Fort Totten, New York, so we must make the most of them while they remain at Fort Baker. The Burgesses are in their new quarters at the Presidio—generally known as No. 9 of officers' row—where they hope to remain some time; their late locale was such a hard one to get to. Mrs. Burgess has always been noted for her hospitality, and once they are well settled, which will be about Easter, intends to open her doors to her friends from the

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city, who are delighted to have her back again with the prospect of a residence of several years.

People are not only planning where they are to spend the spring and summer, but some have already actually left town; others are busily packing up their belongings for an early flit, and Easter week will see a number of our winter residents safely ensconced in their own country homes. The Ross Valleyites are usually among the earliest to get away, and of those who are going next week are the Kittles, Harry Allens, Ed. Schmiedells, Clinton Joneses and Harry Bothins, and not long behind them will be the Eels, and the Ed. McNears. The Arthur Pages have decided to give Belvedere the cool shake this year, and go to San Rafael; the Ed. Eyres have already gone to Menlo Park, as well as the Taylors, and the Weirs are about to follow in their footsteps. The George Shreves go to San Mateo next week, and the Martin connection, including the Downey Harveys, when they arrive in May, will be found down in that vicinity later on. The Walter Magees go south to their ranch. The H. B. Chases do not return to Stagg's Leap until May, and the Wakefield Bakers go to the McCloud River early in June for most of the season; the Oscar Beatties are going to spend the summer at the Hooper ranch at Woodside; Mrs. Hearst, who is in New York, will pass the summer at her Pleasanton hacienda; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bates are building a bungalow at Belvedere, where they will spend the summer, and the Sam Knights are to build a villa at Burlingame in the immediate future. Among prospective losses are the Kruttschnitts, who are about to remove to Chicago; Mrs. Kruttschnitt entertains delightfully, and will therefore be greatly missed. But the McClurgs are to be back from San Diego, where they have been all winter, and what a warm welcome home they will receive; every one will be glad to see them again; Fred Horne is on the Adams, you know, which is expected here soon, hence their return. The Warners go back to Mill Valley in June, where, I believe, Eleanor's wedding is to come off some time during the summer.

—Elsie.

AT HOME.

Monday—Mrs. William Hopkins, St. Francis Hotel; Mrs. Logan, The San Marco; Mrs. John Van Arsdale, The San Marco; Mrs. J. W. Lake, The San Marco.

Thursday—Mrs. Philetus Evarts, 1st and 2d, the Empire; Mrs. O. C. Baldwin, 4th in April, 2415 Buchanan street; Mrs. Oliver Dibble, 1st and 3d in April; 1012 Pine street.

Friday—Mrs. Joseph Masten, 2d and 3d in April, 3954 Washington street; Mrs. John Heath, Oakland, April 21st and 28th.

RECEPTIONS.

April 5th (Tuesday)—At Century Hall in honor of Reverend Mr. Evans, 9 p. m.

BALLS.

April 6th (Wednesday)—Bachelors' Ball, at the Palace Hotel.

April 8th (Friday)—Junior Assembly.

CARDS.

April 5th (Tuesday evening)—Miss Isabelle Kendall, in Oakland, in honor of Miss Francis Van Ransselaer and Miss Edna Barry.

April 14th (Thursday)—Mrs. Lester Herrick, The Empire, in honor of Mrs. Greenfield.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Miss Ethel Low, daughter of Judge Charles A. Low and Mrs. Low, to Lieutenant James Hamilton, 13th Infantry, U. S. A., son of Major W. H.

Hamilton, U. S. A.

Miss Anna Wooster, daughter of Mrs. A. H. Small, to Frank Glass, son of Admiral Glass, U. S. N.

Miss Eleanor Warner, daughter of Doctor and Mrs. Alexander Warner, to Stuart Lamar Rawlings.

Miss Rose Ellen Hecht, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. M. H. Hecht, to Simon Walter Frank, of Baltimore, Md.

WEDDINGS.

March 26th (Saturday)—Miss Ethel Greene, daughter of Judge F. W. Greene, to Lathrop Jewell, at Mr. Carlton Greene's, on Union street, 9 p. m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

April 4 (Monday)—Miss May Burdge, to Bernard Miller, Arbor Villa, Oakland, 9 p. m.; at The Highlands, Washington City, Miss Kathro Burton, daughter of Inspector-General George H. Burton, U. S. A., and Mrs. Burton, to Lieutenant George Lee, U. S. A., son of General Fitzhugh Lee, 9 p. m.; Miss Eleanor Eckart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Eckart, to Edward Hume, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hume of Piedmont.

April 6th (Wednesday)—Miss Frances Harris to Ernest Stent, at the residence of Mrs. Chris Reis, aunt of the bride, 4 p. m.; Miss Ethel Kent to Lieutenant Gilbert Allen, U. S. A., Grace Church, 8:30 p. m.

May 11th (Wednesday)—Miss Ella Goodall to Doctor Charles Minor Cooper, at the residence of the Goodalls in Oakland.

DINNER.

March 29th (Tuesday)—Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Scott, Palm Garden, Palace.

April 8 (Friday)—Mrs. Timothy Hopkins, Palace Hotel.

CARDS.

April 5 (Tuesday)—Mrs. William P. Morgan, 2211 Clay street.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin M. Boyd will go to Casa Boyd, their country home in Alameda County, early in April, to remain through the spring and summer months.



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No. of Persons	No. of Persons
Ex-Mayor Phelan	6
Mr. Long	3
Mr. Lent	4
Col. Trumbo	2
Mr. Walter Martin	9
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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Herrscher entertained a party of eight at an elaborate dinner at the St. Francis Hotel opening, and later attended the performance at the Grand Opera House. Their guests were: Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Lichtenstein, Mr. P. Samuel, Miss L. Hesser, Miss E. C. Herrscher, Mr. M. Samuel.

Arrivals at Hotel Rafael: Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. J. W. Dickerson, Mrs. M. E. Carpenter, Miss E. R. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rawson, Mrs. M. C. Dennett, Miss C. Dennett, Mr. J. P. Bassett, Mrs. W. Osenberg, Miss A. Osenberg, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Stowell, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Foster, Mr. G. W. Hipple, Mr. and Mrs. M. Evans, Mrs. R. Shopleigh, Miss A. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stein, Jr., Mrs. C. Buckman, Miss M. Buckman, Mr. C. Detre, Mr. and Mrs. G. Watson, Mr. E. Webster, Mrs. C. Lentz, Mr. C. Lentz, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. Patterson, Mrs. H. F. Wallace, Miss M. E. Wallace, Mr. W. B. Ames, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Crowenhaven, Miss K. Crowenhaven, Miss K. D. Crowenhaven, Rev. and Mrs. Adams, Miss L. A. Mansfield, Miss E. Paddleford, Mrs. I. M. Potter, Miss Gardiner, Mrs. W. M. Fleming, Miss J. E. Fleming, Miss M. E. Gibbs, Mrs. A. V. Shannon, Mr. Ludwig Demeter.

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(San Francisco women have formed a new club called "Cap and Bells," for fun and folly.—Daily Paper.)

"When lovely woman stoops to folly,"
(And everybody knows the rest,)
She throws aside all melancholy—
She does her little very best.
For man is but a creature doltish
Who slowly yields to pleasure's sway,
While woman is by nature coltish—
The sort of dog that has her day.

Her daring dash, audacious, winning,
Half-hid by prudence, moves our smile,
She thralls us with her covert sinning,
Enchants us with her pretty guile.
But what will happen when she places
No further trust in cunning spells,
But throws aside her airs and graces
To wear the public cap and bells?

—Roland Whittle.

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To one acquainted with the procedure of the police in the Police Courts, the agitation raised by the Grand Jury over what appears to be a lack of energy on the part of the Police Judges in administering the law, looks suspiciously like what Carter Harrison calls "four-flushing." Nor would I attempt to defend the Police Judges against some of the charges made against them. I think, for instance, that they are guilty of neglect of duty in that they do not give sufficient time to their official business. In this respect, Conlan and Mogan are the greatest offenders. They may be seen too often in and about Tom Ferguson's to warrant the belief that they are giving the people \$4,000 worth of their time every year. In brief, Conlan and Mogan are lazy—and that is putting their dereliction very light. The Grand Jury, however, is on the wrong track when it holds the Judges responsible for the decreased income from fines levied upon offenders against the lottery laws.

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For many years the lottery business has been licensed in this city. The statute books do not provide for a license, but it has been the custom in the police courts to levy nominal fines in lottery cases. These fines are promptly paid, and the result amounts to licensing lotteries. All this has been done not only with the knowledge, but upon the recommendation of the police department. The police have never yet brought into court sufficient legal evidence to convict a Chinese lottery player, or the keeper of a Chinese lottery game. The Judges, the prosecuting attorneys and the police themselves all admit this fact. Whenever a Chinese, convicted in a lottery case, has appealed to the Superior Court, the finding of the Police Judge has been set aside for lack of evidence, and the man has been liberated. Six or seven years ago, the Judges, at the instigation of the Grand Jury, levied fines of from \$100 to \$250 in lottery cases. In every instance, upon appeal, these convictions were set aside. The fault, therefore, is not with the Judges. It is with the Police Department. Again, it is more than passing strange that the police never arrest the white lottery dealers, against whom legal evidence can be secured. All their efforts are concentrated on Chinatown. Some years since, the Chief of Police and the Chinese gamblers had an understanding that the gamblers would submit to pay-

ing into the courts in the shape of fines a certain amount each month. That agreement was kept for a long time. If, toward the end of any month, it appeared that the amount had not been paid in, the Chinatown squad organized a raid, and arrested enough lottery players to bring up the amount to the right figure, the men being fined \$5 each. In these instances, it is known that certain boss gamblers hired coolies to submit to arrest, and then paid their fines. If the Grand Jurors really want to find out something about the lottery business in the police courts, they should institute a secret inquiry. It would develop much of interest.

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The usual wrangle about the proper administration of the School Department is now on. Arrayed on one side are the Superintendent and the principals; on the other are the School Directors. The Superintendent and his supporters argue that, as they are school men; that as the proper instruction of youth is their specialty; that as pedagogy is their profession, to them should be left the direction of the scholastic part of the business of conducting the schools, and that the School Directors should give their exclusive attention to the economical expenditure of the vast sum appropriated annually for the department. The Directors, on the other hand, insist that as they are responsible, they should personally conduct every branch of the business, from deciding whether the children shall write according to this system or that, to determining how much paint shall go on a school fence. To one who considers the subject only from the standpoint of the betterment of the department, it would seem that the Superintendent and the principals have the strong end of the argument. Pedagogics is a science. Some thinkers say it is an art. But whether science or art, or both, certain it is that its principals can be best applied, and its methods made productive of the best results, only by those who, by long study and application, have become qualified to practice it. Only one of the School Directors is a teacher, and his greatest claim to distinction is his success in advancing his own interests. The others are business men, who may be competent to handle the finances of the department, but who are certainly not qualified by experience, education or inclination to formulate curricula or to suggest any improvements along scholastic lines. Of course, the argument will be decided finally in favor of the Directors. They will have their own way, for along that way lies patronage and big contracts occasioned by changes in text books.

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The Duke of the Abruzzi is coming back to Burlingame. He is reported bound for this port in command of an Italian man-of-war. The Duke is one of the most likable of the various heavy swells who have caused flutters in local society circles from time to time. When he was here several years ago, he followed the anise-seed bag over the fences and

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ditches down at Burlingame with as much enjoyment as an ordinary mortal—whereat the clubmen somewhat marveled. They had a limited acquaintance with the nobility, to be sure, for Lord Talbot Clifton, of pleasant memory, was much at the club in those days, and George Hall had just been decorated with the Order of the Medjilie by His Sultanic master, and was considered the real thing. But a real live Duke was big game, and the clubmen made the most of him. The Tobin boys led the hunt with the Abruzzi, and after the run luncheon was enjoyed on the club veranda. Some cold chicken had found its way into the Italian's department of the interior, when a lone and weary looking mounted figure was seen coming up the drive from the fields. It was Harry Simpkins. He and his noble steed had been lost in the shuffle upon the hillsides. The Duke speaks French fluently, and by this time, doubtless, can turn out a fair brand of English. Since his fox-hunt at Burlingame he has been within sighting shot of the North Pole, has gone around the world, has written a book, and is now in command of a warship. This scion of the ancient House of Savoy believes in the strenuous life.

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One Hugh Spillane was taken to the Central Emergency Hospital a few evenings ago, suffering from a fractured skull. The intelligent young medicos appointed by the Board of Health to attend to the unfortunates who drift into them at the hospital, looked at Spillane, and promptly decided that he was suffering from pneumonia. They wrapped him up in blankets, and let it go at that. Spillane promptly died. Then it was discovered that his skull was fractured. Now the Board of Health's doctors are trying to explain. No explanation they can make can satisfy the public. Since Schmitz took charge of the Board of Health, its record has been one of failure. One of its appointees had no license to practice medicine, and was forced to resign under threat of arrest and prosecution if he attempted to practice; another appointee was a dentist, and he was also forced out; a third appointee received a sailor whose intestines were protruding through a knife wound in the abdomen, and sent him in a wagon to the County Hospital, four miles away. The man died in the wagon. Now comes the Spillane case. The Board, however, has done much to retrieve itself. It has made Dr. Ragan Health Officer. Dr. Lawlor has been given some other job, and McQuaide, the ex-prize fighter, has been made assistant Superintendent of the County Hospital. You know, we should be consoled. It might have been worse.

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I am glad to know that something is about to develop from the movement to erect a statue in honor of Hall McAllister. He was certainly a great lawyer, and the city should honor him. It seems strange that only \$3,600 has been raised for the statue. That may be enough, but the amount indicates that the lawyers are not liberal givers. The statue will be erected on the McAllister street side of the City Hall. A splendid site would be in the grass plat at the eastern side of the Hall of Records. Incidentally, whom does Colonel Kowalsky represent in connection with the monument? He accompanied Judges Morrow and Hunt in the visit to the Park Commissioners to ask for a site. Is Kowalsky the successor of McAllister at the local bar? Has the accumulation of wealth, by whatever means, purged the Kowalsky of any delinquencies that might be charged against him? Or, by aiding to raise monuments to others, does he wish to suggest one to himself, entitled: "Kowalsky,

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Dr. Hachet-Souplet, a French savant, contends that the high speed of the automobile tends to break down the moral sense of the 'bilist, just as would the excessive use of opium or alcohol. He asserts that many chauffeurs are reckless, not really because they enjoy danger, but because the high speed at which they send their machines results in a condition of actual intoxication, in which they lose all self-control. Under these conditions, he says, even the normal instinct of self-preservation seems to disappear, and all the worst side of a man's nature forces its way through the cuticle of conventionality and comes to the top. That explains, says this very satisfactory Frenchman, why it is that a speeding chauffeur, interrupted by the hand of the law, is very apt to be pugnacious, spiteful and even violent. He is simply suffering from an automobile jag. Dr. Hachet-Souplet's ideas are interesting, if not convincing.

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It was after "taps" at a National Guard encampment. The soldier boys, restive under restraint, were sending out catcalls from every tent. The Captain of G Company whose ancestors had fought at Fontenay, determined to subdue the row. He rushed to a tent from which escaped the loudest volume of sound, and angrily shaking the flap, cried: "Here, here, this won't do at all, at all. How many of you divils are in there?"

"Three of us, Captain."

"Well, thin, half of you come out of that at once."

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RIDER'S CLUB—Horse Show Matinee—This afternoon.

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Minnie Maddern Fiske is a wonderful woman. She is more than that—she is marvelous. Her Mary of Magdala at the Grand is fascinating in its intensity and compelling in its interest. Mrs. Fiske is the reason of this. She has a subtle magnetism that holds her hearers with breathless interest. It is the suppressed emotions that tell on her audiences.

Her mouth twitches at times, and she becomes nervous, reminding one of her wonderful portrayal of Becky Sharp. The story is told throughout in the shades that Mrs. Fiske loves. She is artistic and intellectual, and this exemplified in the purple of the bejeweled wanton to the white of the passionless woman. As in "Parsifal," the audience sits spellbound and does not applaud.

Speaking of "Parsifal," it is regrettable that the orchestra at the Grand, under the baton of Mrs. Fiske's own impresario, Mr. Byrne, should have attempted a pretentious musical programme. Schubert, Rubenstein, Gounod, Wagner, Simonetti, Handel and Mendelssohn were successively murdered by the incompetents. The best mishandling of all was the march from "Athalie." This was hauled around and mauled into a flatness that bore no comparison to the score of the composer.

The Aulus Flavius of Frank Gillmore was very good. The rest of the men were only fair in their respective parts, while the women, except Mrs. Fiske, had little more to do except stand around.

It would be unfair to pass this play by without a mention of the wonderful scenery carried by Mrs. Fiske. The room in the house of Mary of Magdala, the scene in the house of Flavius, are magnificent creations by the scenic painter and the scene of a street in Jerusalem, the storm on the day of the Crucifixion, at the foot of the mountain, are magnificent pictures that overtop the actor and that will remain in memory long after the play and the players have been forgotten.

Mrs. Fiske's enunciation in the first act is excruciatingly bad, more like the catarrhal gabble of a guinea fowl. It is one of the kind of voices one hears in society's drawing rooms, an affected semi-French accent, a gloo-gloo agglomeration; the words come too fast, and the r's are rolled too much, but after the first act you become accustomed to the idiosyncrasy, and you seem to hear better. Judas (Mr. Hobart Bosworth) is afflicted by the same voice difficulty. Mr. Bosworth made the worst of a good part throughout the play. There's nothing like consistency.

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At the Columbia, Mary Mannering and Arthur Byron are the life of the show. Miss Mannering is perfect, and in "Harriet's Honeymoon" she has a chance to show her immense versatility. She runs the gamut of human emotions from gay to sad and from pleasure to anger very well indeed. She is the

jealous wife to perfection, and the loving, cooing better-half to the dot. There is a lot of quaint humor in the play. In the German watering place in which the plot of the play is laid, there is splendid scope for ludicrous situations, and the company make the most of Ditrachstein's comedy. "Harriet's Honeymoon" is a show well worth seeing.

The woodland scene in the third act of "Harriet's Honeymoon" is one of the most artistic ever presented on any stage.

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The Alcazar is still giving us a splendid production of "Parsifal," and I am disappointed at the short run of the play. The management announces next week as the last. The orchestra is doing fine work, and the musical end of the programme has been much improved since the premiere.

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Narcissus-like the performers at Fischer's in "The Rounders" have fallen in love with the play—their shadow. I am glad to be able to announce the coming of something good, at least I am told it is good. I have been fooled so often by the local theatrical managers that I am wary. "Kismet" looks good to me, and I sincerely hope it will turn out as predicted by those that are interested in its production.

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Manuel Klein is making a great name. He has given us some of the best lyrical music we have had in days. "Mr. Pickwick" is funny; it is tuneful and holds the interest of the audience well. Many of the solos, duets, trios and quartettes and choruses are being encored ad lib. The Tivoli always has good stage setting, and it has not fallen away from the record in "Mr. Pickwick."

Dora de Fillipe sings well and is rather pretty. This is certainly an improvement, and we should congratulate ourselves on this one point. She makes a splendid Arabella. Bessie Tannehill does the part of Mrs. Bardell very acceptably, and Aimee Leicester, as Rachel Wardle, is the ugliest good-looking woman I have ever seen. The men in the cast are all good. The house should be full at the matinee this afternoon.

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The concert by the pupils of Dr. H. J. Stewart at Steinway Hall on last Thursday afternoon, March 17th, was a grand success in point of numbers attending and in artistic excellence. The clever participants were Mrs. Zilpha Ruggles-Jenkins, Mrs. Wallace Wheaton Briggs, Miss Leola C. Stone, Mrs. Blanche King Arnold, Mrs. A. Silverman, Miss Camille Frank, Miss Ella V. McCloskey, Miss Juliet Greninger, Miss Florence Darby, Mrs. L. Snider-Johnson, and Miss Viola H. Samter. The programme contained 15 numbers, and it held its audience to the very last.

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The Central is enjoying its old-time prosperity again. "The King of Detectives" is a play suiting the tastes of its patrons, and the audience manifests its displeasure or approbation in vociferous style. The villain is hissed and virtue finds its meed of praise. The Central is playing to good houses.

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The date of the auction sale for seats at the performance of "His Royal Nibs" will be announced next week. This is the vaudeville to be given for the benefit of the California Woman's Hospital.

Mazuz and Mazett, "The Brakeman and the Tramp," who created such a sensation on their last appearance in this city some years ago, will return to the Orpheum next week. The Five Mowatts, Coakley and McBride, Wesson, Walters and Wesson, James H. Cullen, La Belle Guerrero, assisted by Philippe, will appear in the bill.

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Following "Kismet," the musical comedy to follow "The Rounders" at Fischer's Theatre, the house will close for two weeks to complete the improvements contemplated.

There will be a main entrance at Fischer's Theatre when the improvements are finished, forty feet wide. Two stairways will run direct from the balcony to the street, and the entire auditorium will be enlarged.

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The plot of the new skit, "Kismet," at Fischer's is quite a novel one, and the possibility for gorgeous costuming is unlimited. There are specialties galore and a number of new acts for the favorites.

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The Central Theatre's bill for the week beginning next Monday night will be the uproariously funny farce-comedy, "The Hustler," which has made the biggest kind of a hit in all the large cities of the East.

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The Military Band of the University Cadets will repeat the enjoyable "Half-Hour of Music" at the Greek Amphitheatre, Berkeley, to-morrow afternoon.

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Some weeks ago, Mr. Richard Mansfield fell and sprained the tendons of his leg. He has been playing "Ivan the Terrible" with one leg in plaster cast. This was removed on last Wednesday, and it is said that the leg, which for a long time was thought broken, is as good as ever.

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The next Columbia Theatre attraction will be Anna Held and an immense company in the gorgeous production, "Mam'selle Napoleon." The star will be surrounded by many of the clever people who were with her last year in "The Little Duchess." The chorus is said to be the handsomest in the world, and Miss Held's "A La Mode" girls are said to be a great feature of the production. Anna Held's engagement opens on Monday, April 4th.

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The Tivoli announces the "Beggar Student" in preparation. There are some great chances for fine work in this opera by the company now playing at the Tivoli. I want to protest against interpolations; give us the opera as the composer intended it to be given, and do not expect us to enthuse over any South of Market slang in a standard comic opera.

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Mrs. Fiske, whose production of "Mary of Magdala" is playing at the Grand Opera House, will, in accordance with her plans as already announced, present William Winter's adaptation of Paul Heyse's Biblical drama only during this, the first week of her engagement. The bill will be changed for each of the four weeks of her stay. Next week, beginning on Monday evening, Mrs. Fiske will present Henrik Ibsen's masterly play, "Hedda Gabler," one of the most powerful and thrilling dramas known to the stage.

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Easter and the Alcazar announces a series of lighter plays. Colliers "On the Quiet" is announced for the immediate future.

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It would seem that Russia's military and naval commanders in the Far East deem it essential to their reputation to burden the despatches with accomplished or contemplated exploits in which they personally are the issue and the all-important factors in making material for the historian. In this particular feature of the struggle the Northmen differ widely from their antagonist. By common consent, as well as being actuated by modesty, the Japanese give out no news concerning the personnel of their staff of commanders, nor do they do any boasting. In this connection it may be observed that as yet only one bit of news has come from Japanese sources, and that came in the nature of Admiral Togo's official report of the Port Arthur affair, but not until a month after the battle. They assume that the civilized world is not altogether composed of credulous fools, and do not try to bolster up their cause nor try to mislead by sending out "semi-official" or "from a high authority" manufactured news.

Events the past week seem to throw a little light upon Japan's strategy and Diplomacy. Japan's strategy, and it may be a positive departure from the original plan of operation. It seems to include the occupation of Port Arthur in any event, and the confining of field movements to Korea. That is, to hold all of Korea with the army's point on the Yalu, but not cross that river and attack the Russians in their fortified positions. Korea is surely destined to become a part of the Japanese Empire. Its square mileage is greater than that of Japan and nearly as great as that of California. But that would not be giving up a slice or all of Manchuria forever. The tactics of Japan's diplomacy seems to be just now to take and hold Port Arthur, retain possession of Korea, and then with an immense army concentrated on the Manchurian border she could say with grace and the force of logic to China: "The Russians stole Manchuria from you and are in possession of it. Now just throw an army into Manchuria, and we will stand by you with a helping hand." Those who know something of the hatred the Chinese have for Russia will not be slow to see how such an "offer" from Japan would inflame the Chinese population far beyond the control of the Peking Government; besides, an effort to rescue Manchuria would necessitate a formal declaration of war against Russia by China.

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How Matters are Going.

The policy of Russia in field operations is a waiting game, just as the News Letter said at the outset it would be. Falling back

upon centers of supplies and strategic points of concentration, and avoiding a general engagement is Russia's tactics, and because and only because of fear to engage the Japanese upon anything like an equal numerical footing; besides, such strategy obliges the opposing force to attack under disadvantages as well as keeping open a long line of communication with the base of operations. Therefore, Russia's tactics is an open book.

France is Restless.

On the surface the relations between England and France are reasonably friendly, but a little deeper down there is only friction. Recent utterances of leading French socialists, however, are likely to cause the Government to go very slow in picking a quarrel with England to please Russia. The socialistic following in France is numerically

strong, and to a man they hate Russian autocracy; besides, the Czar is making much of one of the Orleans princes by appointing him to an important command in the Manchurian army, and French socialists are using the incident to show that Russia's game is to make this young prince Emperor of France in return for French aid and comfort just now. It is this more than anything else that has turned the "common people" of France against Russia, and under such a condition of public sentiment it is not likely that the French Government will attempt to crowd England. However, all the French coast defenses are being put on a war footing, and Frenchmen in foreign lands who are subject to military duty have been notified to join their regiments forthwith.

The United States is in the Far Eastern complications a little deeper than a while ago, but Japan's aroit diplomacy to involve China to the extent of lending a helping hand to rescue her own territory—Manchuria—from Russia's grasp, if successful, is pretty sure to relieve this country and England from actual participation; still they will have to keep in hearing of the artillery. But what is bothering the United States very much just now is a clear title to the Panama Canal franchise. It looks very much as if the Washington Government had been "worked." All along certain cliques in France have insisted that the Panama Canal Company, nor yet France herself, could give a clear deed to the property; besides, the Republic of Colombia is in with a bill of exceptions on the ground that the withdrawal of Panama from the federation did not convey to her Colombia's interests in the venture. The French courts are wrestling with the title, and President Roosevelt has despatched a special commission to Paris to investigate. Fortunately, no part of the purchase price and bonus—aggregating \$50,000,000—has been paid to the canal ring. It looks very much as though in his break-neck haste to favor the canal syndicate, President Roosevelt came very near paying \$50,000,000 of the people's money for a brick that had none of the earmarks of gilt, much less of gold. Already the "deal" has cost the nation over \$1,000,000, not counting the expense of occupying Panama with marines for several months to keep the "Republic" from slipping back into the Colombian Federation. It is believed that the hitch in the transfer of the Panama franchise will not delay the policy of the President in San Domingo. The plan was to first close up the Panama deal and then take San Domingo as a necessity to complete the Atlantic and Gulf defense approaches to the Canal, but it is pretty well settled that the little Negro Republic will be "beneficently assimilated" without waiting for a clear title to the canal.

Brazil and a half-dozen other of the Latin Republics have joined in an offensive and defensive combination against the United States because of a suspicion born of this nation's treatment of Colombia that the Government's colonial policy and "manifest destiny" fad means the acquisition of more or less of the Latin States. The combination is simply a prudential step so as to insure pledged co-operation in the event the United States undertakes to extend their real estate holdings in South America. Although this agreement between the Latin Republics mentions only the United States, France and Germany are likewise under suspicion. On the whole the outlook for peace and good will among the nations for any length of time is not very

encouraging. Not in a century has there been as much restlessness and uncertainty, and never before did a war between two nations engender as much sympathy and hatred as the Russo-Japanese war is developing, and seemingly the people of every land are bitter partisans of the one or the other, and what is still more disturbing is the unfortunate fact that war is becoming the favorite theme of conversations, songs, dramas and religion.

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This inn will in time become one of the great show places of San Francisco. Everything in the way of comfort and convenience has been provided. There is plenty of room. Above all, there is cleanliness.

The decorations deserve especial mention on account of their originality. The ceiling is finished in a paneling of old English oak, and immediately below this we have a wide frieze, a submarine effect. Sunken ships are shown, in which disport themselves the denizens of the deep. Here is a mermaid with a babe mermaid in her arms. Here is a diver probably looking for that mermaid. His way is blocked by a sword fish. These and various other scenes depicting what might happen in the bottom of the sea have given scope for some clever artist's brush. The fauna and flora of the ocean's depths have been shown in a way that cannot fail to be attractive. The whole is seen through the mesh of a sun-browned fish-net. Pendant from this net are real star fish and all the shells of the Pacific and other seas.

Below the submarine frieze, in lighter tones, is the frieze of all nations. This represents the various nationalities in the act of partaking of their daily meal. We have the American, the Parisian, the Russian, the Jap, and a host of other peoples, under the genial influence of Bab's excellent cuisine, in amity.

Immediately under this frieze is a plate shelf, which is burdened with every pattern of stein that was ever made by man.

Under the plate shelf is the "Pickwickian Strip." This is a succession of mottoes that should appeal to all good fellows. One of them is the celebrated: "He that loves not woman, wine or song," etc., and we have others which state that "Who neither loves, nor drinks, nor sings, his life to no fruition brings." "Eat, drink and be merry," etc.

There is a fine bar on one side of the large room, and back of this is a magnificent leaded glass wine shelf. On this shelf may be seen the finest vintages of California and a representation of the wines of the Old World as well. Opposite the bar is a fine old brick fire-place that will add not a little to the cheer of the place with its fires.

Midway toward the rear of the room is the most original of all the original features of this wonderful eating place. Here are a number of booths. These are most comfortably arranged with benches instead of chairs. The walls and benches are upholstered in heavy leather and one sinks into their softness inviting to pleasant dalliance.

Each booth bears the name of a city. Thus we have New Orleans, Boston, New York, Pittsburg, Louisville, Saint Paul and other names displayed. Here birthday and other parties may be given. A broker or business man wishing to give a luncheon to some visitor from the East or to some city friend, and wishing especially to honor his guest, invites him to the booth that bears the name of the guest's birthplace. This idea, as far as we know, is unique with "Ye Olde English Inn."

The kitchen is a roomy, spacious affair, and the array of copper pans and kettles over the grill give a most inviting effect to the rear of the room.

Over the grill is a large shaft, open to the outside air. This will serve to carry away all the smoke and smell that is usually so offensive in down-town restaurants. The floor is heavily carpeted, and this is in itself a feature the man of business will certainly appreciate.

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The Battle of Charter Hill

They told us the brave days were ended,
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That the lamb and the pigeon were blended
In a new college breed that would last;
That the angel of peace had descended,
And the might of the heroes was grassed.

And we all gave our word to the tyrant,
The word that we meant not to keep—
So when night fell each plucky aspirant
For battle, refrained from his sleep;
And we all drank grim death to the tyrant
In whiskey, draughts potent and deep.

And when one from the college clock sounded
We faced the grim heights of the hill,
Where the hosts of the freshmen were rounded.
In ominous darkness and still.
While we felt that our fears were well-founded
And reckoned to swallow the pill.

As we mounted the steep in the dull light,
And our heart-beats kept time to our tread;
We came suddenly into the full light
Of a search-lantern stationed o'erhead.
And the foe galloped down as a bull might
And fiercely he whacked at our head.

We recked not the why or the wherefore,
But suddenly leaped in the gloom
Strange forms, that we knew not, and therefore
We saw o'er us hanging our doom,
And little was left us to dare for;
For our finish was plain as the tomb.

And the tyrant he caught a round dozen,
And handcuffed us there in the night,
In spite of our kicking and fussing
We were held in that horrible plight,
And the rest of us ran away cussing
And dropping our things in our flight.

And this is the terrible story
They will whisper in ages to come,
Of the battle-field awful and gory
And the beat of the militant drum.
They will tell of the triumph of Cory
And the sophomores beaten and glum.

So the battle of Charter Hill ended,
For they called in the Oakland police;
And the spirit of dullness descended
Which our foes call the spirit of peace,
But our poor little gang is suspended
And our days at the college must cease.

Roland Whittle.—

SPRING ART EXHIBITION.

Not since the opening of the Mary Frances Searles Memorial Gallery at the Mark Hopkins' Institute of Art has there been so keen an interest in an exhibition as that which opened last Thursday evening with a promenade concert, and this because the gallery has been refurbished with an effort to correct the mistakes in construction. Something more than a month ago the gallery was closed for repairs; it comes out of this time of seclusion with the entire room in a different color and the hanging space brought down to about the height of a home ceiling with a moulding from which the heavy pictures are hung by wire. The lower part of the wall is a soft terra cotta burlap, and the upper part and the ceiling a light tint of the same hue. The hanging space is divided by pilasters of green, the same color as other woodwork in the room. The light overhead has been tempered by canvas that is suspended in midair, an arrangement that is temporary and an experiment.

All these things gave the hanging committee a chance to distinguish itself, which it has not done. In the first place, the committee has been too lenient. Fully one-third of the pictures should have been rejected. This would have raised the standard of the exhibition to what it should be, and then there would have been space in the gallery to properly hang good canvases. As it is, some notable pictures—and there are many of them in the collection—are disastrously grouped with small and inferior ones. For instance, a portrait done by Mrs. Lucia Mathews, unquestionably one of the best things in the exhibition, was entitled to a proper setting. It is "on the line," but crowded about with inferior work. Another instance is the grouping of three large canvases at the end of the gallery, all good things, but one practically killing the other. The best in the trio is a French landscape done by Charles Rollo Peters, quite out of the vein in which he is accustomed to work. He has sent to the exhibition some moonlights and day-lights as well, and altogether his pictures add distinction to the collection.

William Keith, always honored and ever faithful to the Art Association, has sent two canvases which honestly represent him. One is a landscape of the woods, and another of the wind-swept, storm-racked high mountains. Cadenasso has done himself credit in three pictures, and C. Chapel Judson has one picture which shows that he can get out of the rut in which he has been painting for a long time. A picture which will certainly attract attention is from Southern California. It is a large landscape done by the mute artist Granville Redmond. Wachtel's pictures, on the whole, are not so good as on former occasions. Willis E. Davis's contributions to the exhibition are uneven, a few good, the others indifferent. John M. Gamble has a creditable California landscape. The sculptors make an excellent showing. Among the exhibitors are Robert I. Aitken, Earl Cummings and Arthur Putnam. Among the best miniatures are those done by Lillie V. O'Ryan, although others are well up to the best mark. The exhibition will be open the usual time, Sundays included.

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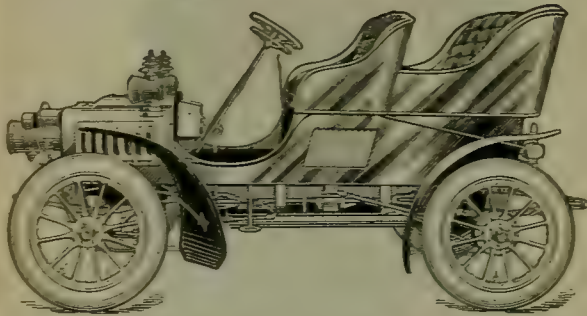
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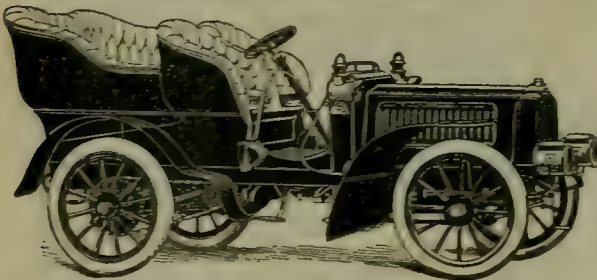
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It has been decided by the officers of the Automobile Club of California to hold a meet this year at Del Monte. The affair last year proved to be such a success that those in charge this year feel perfectly safe in making it an annual event.

The date has not been fixed, but it will take place either during the middle of May or the middle of June. It will not be definitely settled until the return of R. P. Schwerin to the city. The meet will be followed by a race meet in the city.

The start for the Del Monte event will be made on a Thursday. The first day's run will be to San Jose. The following day they will proceed to the destination. There will be racing on Saturday, a special run on Sunday and likely another day's racing on Monday.

If the weather will permit of it, the first run of the season will be held by the club to-day to San Jose. The San Francisco members will leave on the 3 p. m. boat, going by the other side of the bay.

According to President Flemming, of the committee of arrangements for El Camino Real State Convention, the greatest automobile run ever held in the West is being planned for April 18th, to be the feature of the convention. It is to be a run from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara over the road which in part will be followed by the King's Highway.

The run will be made under the Southern California Automobile Club or directly under El Camino Real auspices. The plans will include the meeting of the Los Angeles delegation at the county boundaries by the automobilists of Santa Barbara, and the many owners who will be sojourning here during April. The run in the main will end just outside the city, and a triumphant entry en masse will be a feature.

The members of the Automobile Club of Southern California are now contemplating another automobile meet here, to be held in May at Ascot Park. Preliminary arrangements are already under way. It is said that Barney Oldfield will be here to make a new world's record for Los Angeles. Among the prizes will be the cup offered last fall by H. E. Huntington, which is valued at \$1000. It was won by H. D. Ryus, his record being five miles in six minutes and six seconds. The track at Ascot, it is said, is much more advantageous for automobile racing than was the track at Agricultural Park. The turns are said to be of sufficient width so that they can be made with safety while the machines are running at a high rate of speed.

Work will be begun in a few days on the new model road and speedway planned by the Automobile Club of Southern California, that is to run between Los Angeles and Playa del Rey. Last week the last right-of-way signature was secured, and now the entire road is assured from the city limits to the ocean. This road is to connect with West Washington at the city limits, and will be built in a substantial and thorough manner.



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Mr. H. C. Tilden has received his two-cylinder Pierce Arrow touring car, canopy top. Mr. Tilden is greatly pleased with his purchase, and he anticipates much pleasure in touring during the coming summer.

A carload of Stevens-Duryea automobiles is due to arrive at the Pioneer Automobile Company's garage this week. The car contains a machine for Mr. W. H. Taylor, of Oakland, one for Mr. Eloise Merriam of Oakland, and one for Mr. Charles Morse of this city.

The automobile busses of the St. Francis Hotel which are being furnished by the Mobile Carriage Co., are now in operation, meeting all the trains and steamboats. San Francisco can boast of the only automobile hotel busses in service in the United States.

Mr. R. E. Olds, of the Olds Motor Works, at Detroit, Michigan, spent several days last week in San Francisco en route home. Mr. Olds was on the Coast purely for pleasure, having spent the last ten or twelve weeks in Southern California. He is very much pleased with the outlook of the automobile business on the Pacific Coast, and believes that California will use as many, or more, automobiles than any other State in the Union, the population considered. Mr. Olds spent the most of his time viewing the city in an Oldsmobile and at the Jefferson Square Club. He says the Pioneer Automobile Company's new garage is positively the largest and best-equipped automobile place in the world, and he believes that the automobile dealers throughout the East would do well to imitate the energetic California dealers.

Mr. W. J. Hole has just purchased from the Mobile Carriage Co., through their Los Angeles branch, a two-cylinder Arrow car. Mr. Hole is right-of-way agent for H. E. Huntington's system of electric roads in Los Angeles. He has purchased the car not only for pleasure, but for making trips along his lines. This is the first two-cylinder French type car which has been introduced in Southern California. On the good roads of the South the Arrow has made a great record.

In a recent letter received by the Pioneer Automobile Company from the Olds Motor Works at Detroit, Michigan, they have the assurance that the first carload of Oldsmobiles will be shipped about March 25th. In the meantime, orders for these machines are piling up on the books of the Pioneer people, and this good news is very welcome. From the reputation the Olds Motor Works has gained during the past three years in the selling of their small curved dash runabouts, great things are expected of the new models, and from information received from automobilists who have been East to the Chicago and New York automobile shows, the surprise will be a big one. The Oldsmobile Company have adopted the policy of rating their machines low, as is the practice

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with French automobile manufacturers. For instance, the Olds Motor Works rate their new tonneau car at eight horsepower. A letter was received, however, from an Eastern enthusiast, who has already received one of these machines, and who writes as follows, viz: "From the demonstration of tonneau, it has shown an excess power, and figuring by the liberal rules of makers of other machines, my carriage could well be rated at anywhere from ten to twelve horsepower."

It is claimed that almost \$150,000 worth of vehicles have been sold during the automobile show by Banker Brothers of New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg. It seems to strengthen their claim of being the largest automobile dealers in America. The orders taken are all for Pierce Arrows and Stanhopes and Peerless machines.

The Pierce Stanhope and Arrow touring cars which Banker Brothers are selling all over other makes, both foreign and American, are represented on the Pacific Coast by the Mobile Carriage Co.

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A 1904 Cadillac tonneau car was delivered this week to Paul K. Buckley, of Alameda, who has had a little sport between rain drops.

HIS ROYAL NIBS.

Shafter Howard has at last attained his ambition to appear as a playwright, a maker of operas, a sketcher of musical skits, and his genius in that line has been utilized in a collaboration with W. H. Clifford. Their joint production is called "His Royal Nibs." All society is interested, and there is sure to be a grand turn out. The list of patronesses comprise the names of all that compose "Who's Who" in San Francisco. The San Francisco production is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, April 21st and April 22d.

The performance in Oakland will be given at the Macdonough, on the evening of April 29th. The San Francisco performance will be at the Alhambra Theatre. We append a list of patronesses for this occasion:

Mrs. William Irwin, Mrs. John D. Spreckels, Mrs. Henry T. Scott, Mrs. E. W. McKinstry, Mrs. L. L. Baker, Mrs. H. G. Kittle, Mrs. William Hinkley Taylor, Mrs. Carter Pomeroy, Mrs. James R. Tucker, Mrs. Marriner Campbell, Mrs. Egbert Stone, Mrs. William S. Tevis, Mrs. Eleanor Martin, Mrs. Horace Blanchard Chase, Mrs. Emma Shafter Howard, Mrs. William Babcock, Mrs. E. D. Beylard, Mrs. Joseph S. Tobin, Mrs. George Pinckard, Mrs. Eugene Lent, Baroness Von Meyerinck, Mrs. Max Sloss.

Cupid's Pranks.

They must reach realization before the first of May. It is rumored that many weddings will be celebrated between now and the first of May. The authority for this statement is Mr. Potosien, corner 16th and Mission streets, who states that ever so many young folks have been and are daily buying Furniture, Carpets and Draperies, and leave them at the store until the first of May when the store closes. Evidently the young folks take advantage of the low prices. They seem to know that prices will double after the first of May, when the Potosien Store will be no more.

A neat little Coffee and Lunch House has been opened at 216 Sansome street by Mr. J. J. Jerssen. The establishment is artistically finished in natural oak and well appointed in every way. The cuisine will be excellent and prepared by experienced chefs with obliging and attentive waiters.

The latest style in shirts may be found at John W. Carmany's Chronicle Building.

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By Mabel Earle in Smart Set

I—Sunrise.

Thrilling of dappled dawn-clouds, far and far;
 Thrilling of birds awake in fern and heather;
 Out in the west, a fading moon and star
 Slip from the world together.

Quiver of gold across the hill-crest blue,
 Shiver of white where whispering aspens sway
 Out in the grass, a diamond world of dew
 Flashes and fades away.

Shade of the night sinks down behind the west;
 Hush of the night is drowned in songs above;
 O my heart's sunrise, hope is sweeter than rest;
 Better than peace is love!

II—Sunset.

A wide sky and a silver star;
 A mountain summit white;
 A bird's wing, black against the far
 Infinitudes of light.

Breaking waves on a pebbled beach;
 Long, shadowy leagues of foam;
 A lessening sail gone out to reach
 The Holy Lands of home.

Long was the weary glare of day;
 Wide was the world-waste sea;
 O my heart's rest, I turn away—
 Home to the dark and thee!

ROSEMARY AND RUE.

By Rosalie Arthur

Within the leaves of Memory's book
 I see, through blur of tears,
 Your gaze—a little withered spray,
 Brown with the stain of years,
 Yet subtly sweet as breath of spring,
 When love to youth appears.

O friend, if time and place must hold
 A bar between us two,
 If you may never see my face,
 Nor I touch hand of you,
 Beside your sprig of rosemary
 I lay my sprig of rue.

THE SPIRIT OF THE WILDERNESS PASSETH

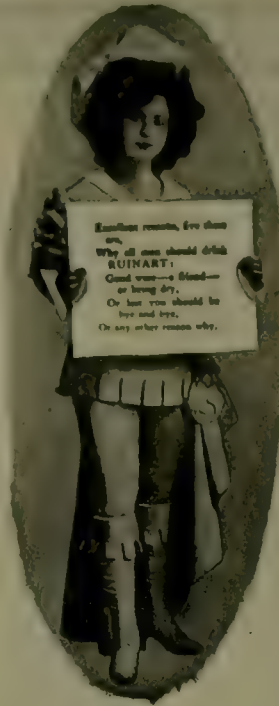
By Harold Child in Outing

With the sad sweet song of the whispering wild
 The sawmill mingles its rote,
 As with gleaming blade in primeval shade
 The woodmen feed its throat:
 When one by one the giant trees
 Are bit by its blasting breath
 The piercing shriek mid the ripping teeth
 Is the Wood-God's dirge of death.

THE GLACIER OF REGRET.

By Arthur Stringer in Everybody's Magazine

The eternal peaks of icy Wisdom scarred
 By Youth's hot sun where Law its bastion rears,
 The endless siege, the eternal heights debarred,
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INSURANCE

San Francisco has recently had within its gates quite a number of the more prominent insurance men.

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President Joyce of the National Surety Company of New York left for the East after a week's stay here.

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L. H. Lenehan, of the Phoenix of Brooklyn, sailed from here for the Islands last month, and he is expected to return next week.

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General Agent Irving, of the Phoenix of London, is in the city.

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George Kline, Western Manager of the Continental, came in on a belated train on Monday.

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City Engineer Grunsky and Consulting Engineer Stut met with a set-back at a recent meeting of the Fire Commissioners. They were employed to devise a plan by which the city could secure a supply of ocean water to be made use of by the Fire Department and for street sprinkling and sewer flushing. They made their report, and the Commissioners promptly rejected it, as not being a report in line with the object desired. The officials want a reservoir placed on Twin Peaks able to contain about 10,000,000 gallons of salt water, which would be ample to meet all requirements of the Fire Department in case of a conflagration without having to depend on the supply furnished by the Spring Valley Water Company.

The \$500 appropriated by the Board of Supervisors to meet the expenses of the preliminary work evidently will not go to these gentlemen since the Board refused to accept the report. It would be interesting to know just what position the Fire Underwriters take on the question of salt water. It is a safe assumption, however, that all they desire is water, salt or fresh, so long as there is plenty of it.

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The Chief of the New York Fire Department has expressed an opinion that Civil Service is not to his liking when applied to the New York Fire Department. He is a believer evidently in brawn rather than brains. He wants men used to physical labor, well muscled and strong. He is quoted as saying: "While it is a very easy matter for clerks, bookkeepers, etc. (who do not make the best firemen because they lack the physical qualities to successfully cope with the hardships, endurance, etc., incidental to a fireman's life), to pass the examinations, it bars out a class of persons peculiarly well equipped for just the kind of work that a fireman is called upon to do, and whose services would prove of great value." There is an idea in this worthy of consideration, coming as it does from the Chief of one of the best and largest fire departments in the world.

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The Baltimore losses are going to figure out, it is said, under \$30,000,000. This is bad enough, but it might be worse. February's losses alone footed up over \$90,000,000.

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The Mutual Life of New York has just loaned to the owners of the building at the corner of Fifth avenue and Twenty-first street, New York, \$900,000 for three years at 4½ per cent per annum interest.

President McCall, of the New York Life, pays a feeling tribute to the late Charles C. Whitney, who was Secretary of the Company. Mr. Whitney died suddenly on his way from the office of the company to his residence. He was in his seventy-second year. Mr. McCall says in part: "Outside of his business, he was devoted to his family and to the pursuits of a cultured life. He was a diligent reader of the best literature, a lover and patron of art, a friend who did not easily give his confidence, but who, once having given it, was as steadfast as his own integrity. He impressed me as a man who always did his best, who considered no effort too great to get at the truth, and who had full and absolute confidence in a conclusion reached upon a full showing of the facts. The death of a faithful man, while it always brings a sense of personal loss and sorrow to his friends, has yet this stimulating and wholesome effect, it causes every true man who knew the dead to gird up his loins anew, to take a firmer grip upon duty, and to labor more diligently, with full confidence that life is worth living well."

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The Conservative Life Insurance Company of Los Angeles expects to hold an Agents' Convention in that city commencing April 4th. Leading agents of the company from all over the United States are expected to be present.

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ance scheme for the formation of a new company in that city. There is to be a capital of \$200,000, and every stockholder will be entitled to such an amount of insurance as his contribution to the capital stock will pay for. Twenty per cent of the amount of premiums paid in the year by each stockholder will be given as an annual dividend beyond any other dividend earned on the stock. It reminds one of the Occident Insurance Company of California, and probably it will meet a like fate.

It is a mighty poor college or educational institution nowadays that can't arrange to give the students two or three courses of lectures on Life Insurance. Some of the life companies maintain and pay a lecturer; then the Insurance Commissioners are all experts, and they like to lecture, and it would not be hard work to gather a few officers of different life companies, who also have the platform fever. It the epidemic keeps up, it will be a case of every man his own agent, and who gets the rebate.

There is quite an exodus of insurance offices from California street to the California Canneries building, Pine and Battery. The North America, the Milwaukee Mechanics, the Phoenix of London, and another company, are to move to the new building.

The Northwestern National Life, it is said, has agreed to build an auditorium for Minneapolis, Minn., the consideration being that the citizens will take \$2,000,000 of insurance.

Judge Eugene Cary, manager of the Western Department of the German-American, died suddenly this week in St. Louis. He had lived seventy years of life in a manner which stamped him as a man of sterling integrity and endeared him to the many friends he made.

This is the 8th Week of Pattosien's Great Retiring Sale.—It seems the large crowds of buyers will not stop going to PATTOSIEN'S RETIRING SALE since the great sale opened six weeks ago. A double force of salesmen were engaged, and all are yet in the store. The place continues to be crowded with buyers of Fine Furniture, Carpets, Draperies, etc. Corner 16th and Mission streets.

—The appetizing things that come from the broiler at Moraghan's Grill, in the California Market, are responsible for the crowd that goes there for luncheon. It has become a regular business men's exchange. The quality of the chops, steaks, oysters and game served cannot be surpassed. More than that, the wants of the guests are attended to by perfectly trained waiters.

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North German Fire Insurance Company

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How San Francisco Looks to Me

By Fernand Travers, Tourist

No. 13

Egad, I owe San Francisco and San Franciscans a debt that I can never pay in like kind, and beggar me, I am willing, indeed I am, to go to the court of Gentlemanly Courtesy and plead my inability to repay my host of the other evening and escape my social indebtedness in this one case on the plea of lack of opportunity, and be declared bankrupt in my inability to entertain him at the opening of another hotel. I doubted at first whether I cared to accept the invitation or not. Roger said there is nothing much doing at the theatres, and so I dressed, had Roger call my auto car, and went to the initial dinner in the St. Francis Hotel. Gad, I'm glad I went. You know I am a chronic sort of first nighter at the theatres. I am not above losing a pony or two at the races if I find a nag which suits my fancy, but I never was a guest at a hotel opening before, but you know, don't you, I am willing to go again to the same sort of a function. The dear good old club chap that took me in tow seemed to know the management. I think he has some money in it, and I think we saw all of the place that was worth seeing. I went down somewhere in the bowels of the earth to see the kitchen place. I fancied that my clothes and white gloves would be soiled, but there was neither smelly things nor grease, and I was as immaculate when I got out to the ground floor as I was when I went in. Rather strange, don't you think. Dinner on for a whole lot of people and nothing but clean white tiling and no smoky smell. My host took us up in the lift to the top story, and ushered us into a corner room, and I thought that I could almost see New York. The bay, don't you know, from those windows seemed so close I fancied I could knuckle a marble into it, and the little park affair in front of the hotel has a Frenchy sort of look which you can't see from the level ground. One of the ladies in the party, a right well-gowned one, too, said it looked like a scarf-pin in the tie of the St. Francis. I thought that was rather clever. I am disappointed in the one thing that nowhere now do I know an equal to this inn. It is a sort of combination of a fellow's club, home and hotel. It is not gorgeous. It is the quiet sort of well-appointed place that takes hold of you when the porter opens the door, and it makes you feel that you are for the time in a good place where you can be comfortable. The colorings are restful; there is not a single note of the bizarre or nouveau riche in the whole place. I felt the East and West people had met at last; that here I had found a place exclusive enough and not garish, to satisfy even my critical taste. It has the repose and luxury of a good old English home with the freedom of the society of the West. I am infatuated with it. By Jove, I have wandered a bally lot in my enthusiasm over the evening. We went into the principal dining room, don't you know, for dinner. It was a stunner. I have seen a lot of dining rooms in my travels, both public and private, but nothing equal in effect to this one. The other persons there were a-plenty, and really the San Francisco men were for once in my knowledge all proper in dress. The one poor chap who had tweeds on attracted more attention than he wanted. I am not going to write anything about the beauties of the room. If the hotel will accept you, you can go and see it for your own self, but I trust that the management will make a rule, and sort of enforce it,

don't you know, and not allow people to dine in that beautiful room except they are in full dress. This makes it swagger and exclusive. If a fellow looks anything at all, he looks it in his dinner clothes, and the beggar that can't or won't dress for ladies had better dine alone. I saw for the first time in my stay in San Francisco an approach to Continental customs. Some ladies were in decollete costume. They were rather worth admiring, as your well and correctly frocked San Francisco gentlewoman always is. You have the best-dressed women and worst-dressed men on earth here, don't you know.

I felt that there was that relaxation of formality which only comes from the knowledge that those who surround you are well-bred and socially are on a par with oneself. My host knew how to do things, and we three gentleman, thanks to the grace of the three ladies, were requested to order "a deux."

And when the wine card was passed to me I had a revelation. I found a few old friends of mine, quarts of whose family I had helped down before—a Chateau Margeaux Bordeaux, served just at the right temperature, and then I gloated over the "Widow" Cliquot (yellow label), iced to a degree, and I swear, by gad, I never sipped a better bottle anywhere.

The things we had to eat were perfect, but eating is not pleasant to discuss at any time. The napery was beyond any cavil, and the glass on the table was perfect. You know I admire correct service; I hate to dine out without Roger, but the waiter person who served me did it like—like—well, like Roger would. I could not find any fault. He must have been trained abroad; he was the sort of alert, silent, watchful, unobtrusive waiter that makes a dinner a success and makes money for his master. With the music, the flowers, the effect of the room, its lights and the beauteous women and their frocks, I could have fancied myself in Berlin or Paris. It was only the excellence of everything that made me recollect a fellow can't get the sort of thing I enjoyed at the St. Francis anywhere on the continent; if he can, he is a better finder than I am. The European hotels are all bad, and not to be compared to those in the States. From Sheppard's in Cairo to Claridge in London, from the Claridge to the Waldorf in New York is a far cry, and I have tried them many times, but my patron saint in the hotel way hereafter is St.



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Francis. The man that caught that name for an Inn in San Francisco is, by gad, a genius. I really think, now, you have something out here that would make life pleasant all the year round, and maybe I will make up my mind to stay with you. It's not every day, you know, that a chap can domicile himself in a place where he can get just what he wants when he wants it, under one roof tree, with a library place and music and pictures and flowers and a place where he can entertain his friends sans reproche. If they will take Roger I rather think I shall figure with the urbane management. There was one feature of the evening I did not like; that is, the American manner of staring. It is very offensive. The crowd, also, was a little too much of a crush. I suppose the hotel could not help that, being the first night, but I'll wager that they know their business, and it won't come again. Also, they need a bobbie or two in front to make the common people move on. One does not like to be guyed by a costermonger when he leaves his auto. It shows to me, however, how careful we of the classes should be, because we set an example to the masses, and the beggars imitate us as closely as they can; still they must be kept in their place. Maybe in this country you won't agree with me, but that is the opinion of —Travers.

WHERE FLOCKS THE SMART SET.

Mrs. Cook's handsome millinery parlors in the Phelan building were decorated with apple blossoms on the occasion of the opening for this spring. The dainty decorations and the exquisite Paris importations called for much admiring comment. Among those present were several members of the exclusive set. Mrs. Cook has always been the recipient of the patronage of those who know, and the Spring Opening at her establishment was like a premiere at the opera.

The carpet becomes very dirty in winter, but this can easily be remedied by sending it to Spaulding's Carpet Cleaning Works, 353 Tehama street. There the carpet is cleansed from every particle of dirt without any injury to the fabric, and is returned looking as fresh and new as when first put down.

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ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company.

Assessment.....	No. 122
Amount per share.....	10 cents
Levied.....	February 10, 1904
Delinquent in office.....	March 15 1904
Day of sale of delinquent stock.....	April 4, 1904

E. L. PARKER, Secretary.
Office—Room 14, Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco California.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Exchequer Mining Company.

Assessment.....	No. 44
Amount per share.....	5 cents
Levied.....	March 7, 1904
Delinquent in office.....	April 11, 1904
Day of sale of delinquent stock.....	May 2, 1904

CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary.
Office—Room 79, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Julia Consolidated Mining Company.

Assessment.....	No. 34
Amount per share.....	3 cents
Levied.....	March 8, 1904
Delinquent in office.....	April 13, 1904
Day of sale of delinquent stock.....	May 3, 1904

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ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Chollar Mining Company.

Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Storey County, Nevada.
Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 8th day of March, 1904, an assessment (No. 65) of ten (10) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, room 79, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal.
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THE 12th DAY OF APRIL, 1904,

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M. J. HYNES,

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"Joined the union?" she cried.

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"Why?" she persisted.

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Across the sad and solemn sea
I reach a friendly hand to thee,
My brother in adversity,
Yi Yonk Ik.
I, too, have seen the lamp of fame
Snuffed out, just as its rosy flame
Filled the wick.

I, too, have seen coy glory flit
Just when my name had made a
hit,
And people tried pronouncing it,
Yi Yonk Ik.
The splendor that I made mine
own,
Now rests beneath a chiseled
stone—
"Jacet hic."

Your name, with rhythmic clink
and clank,
Was one before which others
shrank—
Mine with softness rose and sank,
Yi Yonk Ik.
My name was like a serenade,
Until some jealous lout or jade
Threw a brick.

My name was like a gentle sigh—
A song beneath the Southern sky,
But still, we're brothers, you and
I,
Yi Yonk Ik.
Although your name when spoken
makes
A sound like Westinghouse's
brake
Clutching quick.
But do not mourn. Rejoice with
me,
For future ages still shall see
Our names a-romp through history
Yi Yonk Ik.
Yes, Yi Yonk Ik and Wos y Gil
Shall through the coming epochs
peal,
We can't kick.
—W. D. Netbit in Chicago
Tribune.

"I suppose there is such a thing
as kleptomania." "Yes," answered
the physician. "A man steals be-
cause he can't help it." "That
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ten entered a trolley car in Brook-
lyn yesterday and bowed pleasantly
to a man who sat across the
aisle. He raised his hat in return,
but it was evident that he did not
recognize the young woman. "Oh,
excuse me," she remarked in tones
which could be heard by every one
in the car. "I mistook you for
some one else. I thought you
were the father of two of my chil-
dren." She left the car at the next
corner.

Mrs. R. J. Burdette, the humor-
ist's wife is a great traveler. She
has in her California home a col-
lection of beautiful bells from every
quarter of the world, and she has
in her memory a collection of odd
incidents and sayings gathered in
as many and diverse places as the
bells were. Mrs. Burdette says
that while touring in the Scottish
Highlands one summer she was
taken to a cave in which Macbeth
was said to have been born. She
examined the cave attentively. She
listened attentively to the eloquent
speech of her guide. At the end
she said to the man: "Come, now,
tell me truly; is this really the
place where Macbeth was born?"
The guide smiled awkwardly. He
shifteä about a little. "Well," he
said, "it is one of the places."

Professor E. G. Dexter, of the
University of Illinois, whose inter-
esting investigations have proved
football to be a harmless game, is
popular on account of his genial-
ity. After a certain football victory
Professor Dexter entertained
one night a group of students at
his residence. A magnificent
sword hung over the fireplace of
the library, and during a space of
silence, Professor Dexter took
down this sword and brandished
it impressively. "Never will I
forget," he exclaimed, "the day I
drew this blade for the first time."
"Where did you draw it, sir?"
a Frenchman asked respectfully.
"At a raffle," said Professor Dex-
ter.

Abraham Benedict tells of a
school teacher in Rochester who
had a great deal of difficulty with
a few mischievous boys. One day
when one of them had given her a
great deal of annoyance, she said
to him: "I wish I could be your
mother for just about one week. I
would rid you of your naughty dis-
position." "Very well, I will speak
to father about it," promptly re-
sponded the lad.



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8.30A	Port Costa, Martinez, Antioch, Byron, Tracy, Stockton, Newman Los Banos, Mendota, Armonk, Hanford, Visalia, Porterville.....	4.00P
9.30A	Port Costa, Martinez, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Visalia, Bakersfield.....	4.00P
9.30A	Niles, San Jose, Livermore, Stockton, (Milton), Lone, Sacramento, Placerville, Marysville, Chico, Red Bluff.....	4.20P
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10.00A	Vallejo.....	12.20P
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6.00P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose.....	9.30A
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7.00P	Vallejo, Sunday only.....	7.50P
7.00P	Richmond, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way Stations.....	11.20A
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8.10P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only).....	11.50A

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12.15P	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations.....	10.55A
4.15P	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations.....	18.55A
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9.00A	San Jose, Tres Pinos, Capitola, Santa Cruz, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Luis Obispo and Principal Way Stations.....	4.10P
10.30A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	1.20P
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1.30P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8.38A
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6.30P	San Jose and Principal Way Stations.....	19.00A
6.00P	Sunset Limited—Redwood, San Jose, Gilroy, Salinas, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Deming, El Paso, New Orleans, New York. Connects at Pajaro for Santa Clara and at Castroville for Pacific Grove and Way Stations.....	7.10P
18.15P	San Mateo, Beresford, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, Palo Alto.....	18.48A
6.30P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8.38A
8.00P	Palo Alto and Way Stations.....	10.15A
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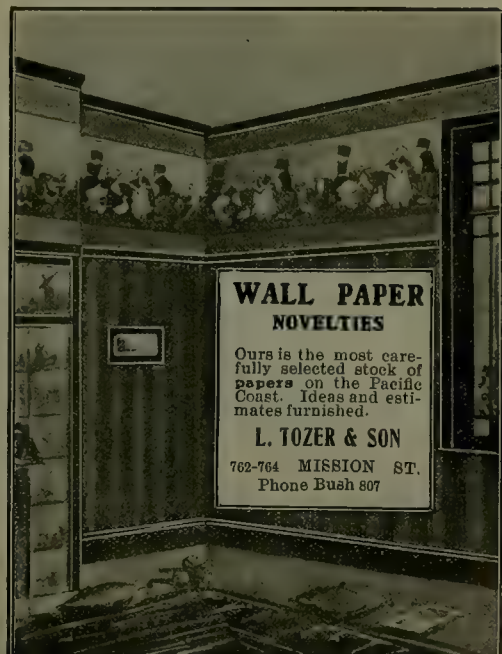
The success of the Hearst forces in carrying Rhode Island has materially changed their programme. They now claim that the editor will have California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Montana, Colorado, the two Dakotas, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri, with the two Carolinas, Georgia, Kentucky and Arkansas, besides several of the territories. While that does not give him two-thirds of the voting strength of the St. Louis Convention, it is a majority, for all that Judge Parker will get are New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, some of the Southern States, and such of the New England States as Hearst does not bag. Since before the Civil War it has been the rule at every National Democratic Convention to pass a resolution that it shall require two-thirds to nominate, but that is not a rule that the Convention cannot of itself abrogate, because it is the supreme power in the party, and moreover it is not even a rule that exists unless the Convention shall specifically so provide by adopting it. If, then, Hearst should name a committee on order of business that would make no report on the matter, or which would report in favor of a majority nomination, it would prevail if Hearst has a majority of the delegates, and he could in that way secure his nomination without the necessity of getting a two-third vote of the delegates. That is the plan, now announced at Hearst headquarters, proposed to put in force if Hearst finds when the Convention meets that he has the requisite number of votes to nominate him on a majority rule.

It can also be announced that he will be nominated by Bryan, and that he has promised to put that statesman in his cabinet if he is elected. It is now conceded all over the East that the nominee will be either Parker or Hearst, and if Hearst is not nominated he will secure an independent nomination from a convention of labor union delegates and radical Democrats. In that movement he will have Bryan's support. This latter part of the programme is not talked openly, but on the contrary it is said that Hearst will support the nominee at St. Louis, whoever he may be. That is said so as to give the conservatives no excuse for bolting if Hearst is nominated, but nevertheless they are already talking of doing just that thing, and another Palmer and Bucker campaign is not unlikely.

The question is naturally asked, what the local Labor Union party will do if Hearst jumps the Democratic nomination, and appeals to the Unionists to help nominate him as their candidate? That a very strong contingency would stand with him is certain, but where would the Mayor, who now professes to be a Republican, or Ruef, who attended the last meeting of the Republican Central Committee get off? Would they go back on their Union party or their Republican affiliations? If after the Democrats nominated Hearst the Union Labor party should endorse him, where would His Honor and his friends find themselves? How could the Mayor refuse to support Hearst after the trip he made East to help elect him to Congress, especially if Hearst were endorsed by the labor union element? Those are all questions that are being asked in Union Labor circles, because a movement is already on foot to endorse Hearst's candidacy, and there can be no ques-

tion but that if he is nominated, every union in the country will be asked to stand by him. Cornelius and the factions which Livernash owns are only waiting for the signal to call a meeting of labor unionists for the purpose of endorsing the so-called editor.

But while the politicians are calculating on the labor vote, so-called, it would be well for them not to overlook the fact that an organization has recently sprung into existence, the Citizens' Alliance, which proposes to oppose men like Hearst, who are endeavoring to raise class issues and to appeal to the prejudices and ignorance of those they can influence with their sophistries. The Alliance claims to have an immense membership all over the country, and while its real strength is probably much less than it claims, just as the union labor vote never equals a union labor parade, yet undoubtedly there are thousands who would vote with it on the issue of an open shop, and the turning over of the Government to men like Hearst and Livernash, and Richard Cornelius, and the McCarthys, and others who might be named. It is well, for instance, to remember that the farming community still believes in virtue and respectability, and has not forgotten how they suffered right here in this town when the teamsters would not allow their produce to be moved, but forced them to let it lie rotting on the wharves and at the depots. The farmers are the conservative element of the country, and they, with the laborers who want to be free, and the professional men, and the thousands who do not propose to turn this Government into a socialistic commune, will all get behind a banner that the Citizens' Alliance may raise. It



is well not to forget that there are 15,000,000 voters in the United States, and that only 2,000,000 belong to unions.

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It has been settled that Metcalf will not stand in the way of the Governor's ambition to go to St. Louis as delegate-at-large from this State, and unless there is a change in the present programme he will be accorded that honor. When Bulla was here attending the meeting of the State Central Committee he seemed very confident that he could defeat Judge McKimley for delegate-at-large from that part of the State. It is said that the fact that the Judge is the attorney for Griffiths, the man who attempted to kill his wife at Santa Monica, is going to hurt him politically. There is a great deal of feeling in Los Angeles against Griffiths, and the effort of his attorneys to get him out of jail, and to save him from the penitentiary is not looked upon with favor. Of course it may very correctly be said that the Judge is doing only his duty in defending his client, yet popular prejudice is a curious thing, and there is no question but that the unpopularity of his client is being worked for all it is worth against him.

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The Democratic State Central Committee has met, fought, been captured by Hearst and adjourned. It was a wonderful gathering when one reflects that it is the local representative of what was once a great political party. Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the whole show was the character of the men who have sold themselves out to the Hearst. An ex-Governor, two Congressmen, were the most conspicuous, though there were others. It might be well to keep an eye on them in the future, for men who would so far debase their country and themselves as to take Hearst's money, and certainly no other excuse can be offered by a Californian for endorsing his candidacy, are not worthy of public confidence. Barry and editor Leake of the Woodland Democrat tried to prevent the indorsement of Hearst's aspirations, but after ex-Congressman Maguire had eaten his dish of crow with a relish that did him credit, the resolutions went through with a whoop. Leake even intimated that he would support Hearst if he is nominated, and Green of the Colusa Sun, and Freeman, the Glenn County editor, who thought he was running for Congress against Metcalf some months ago, are all riding on the band wagon and cheering on the procession.

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But all is not yet serene. The State Convention is to meet at Santa Cruz on May 16th, and as all the delegates are to be elected at that gathering—district delegates as well as delegates at large—it would seem to be a foregone conclusion that Hearst will get the solid vote of this State at St. Louis, and probably he will; but meantime the country people who profess to be Democrats in this State are to be heard from, as they will be in November from all over the country, if he is nominated, and they are unanimously opposed to him. While they will hardly defeat the leaders who have seen Hearst's money, they can make a lot of noise at the convention, and undoubtedly they will avail themselves to the full of their opportunities in that line.

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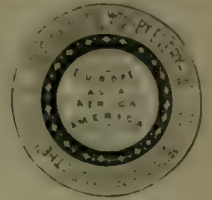


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It is curious that beer will put out a fire but won't cool "hot coppers."

General Ma is the name of a Chinese military commander, and not another term for the matron of an orphan asylum.

Oakland policemen, says their chief, must learn to shoot straight. Nobody gets a star across the bay who does not know how to vote and shout straight.

Hearst's hired orators declaim about his having been "reared in the lap of luxury." Has this any reference to the silver bath tub in his Sausalito cottage?

All right-minded citizens are pained by the news that prize-fighter Britt broke his arm and not his neck in a recent battle.

Pugilist Corbett says Referee Graney is a robber; Referee Graney, being too fat to fight or call names and run, retorts that Pugilist Corbett is a "thorough sport." This is the age of the soft answer.

Editor Hayes of San Jose is beginning to have "divine revelations." We wait eagerly for him to make public some supernatural communication touching the United States Senatorship.

The Mayor will not stand for "special privileges" to flower peddlers, but when it comes to the rock crusher, silent, sanitary and ornamental—ah! that's different.

As an interesting bit of war news we note that an expedition of California lady-bugs is on its way to rescue the stately maples of Evanston, Ill., from an invading fungus.

At ten years the son of a Harvard professor will be ready to enter that institution of learning—a scrap of information which is neither interesting nor amusing, but rather pathetic.

A United States Senator has been convicted of selling his influence, the goods being marketed as "legal services." Well, what of it? Does any one imagine that Washington is a health resort?

Careful people should refrain from gathering in groups where they may be observed, lest Hearst hear about it and publish them as holding mass meetings in his favor.

A young man of Baltimore rejoices in ribs made of rubber by his doctor. How different everything would be now if there had been that kind of surgery in Eden before Adam's loneliness was relieved!

Chicago children are to "play politics" as a part of their public school education. Excellent! Soon we shall hear that they being taught faro, mixing cocktails and robbing trains.

Crooked backs among athletes are found to be common. If there's anything about the athletes of pugilism that is not crooked it has not yet been mentioned.

Lieutenant-General Miles lifts his ear from the ground long enough to write for publication a few beautiful thoughts about the need of the hour for a pure and patriotic democracy.

There may be some doubt whether or not one of the participants in the latest prize-fight was robbed. We hope he was; generally it's the fool public's pocket that is picked in these affairs.

That irrepressible President lectured a bunch of Ogallala Sioux visiting the White House on the evils of gambling, and to the credit of the red men it is recorded that they did not laugh until they were out of doors.

Mayor Schmitz's doctors at the Emergency Hospitals may not be able to tell a fractured skull from a case of pneumonia, but their touch is so delicate that they can say off-hand how much money a patient has and in which pocket he carries it.

Dowie, having insulted King Edward in Australia cables that he has been so chased by mobs that he is coming home. If eggs were not still high-priced, it might be pleasant to arrange a little reception at the wharf.

"Nail pictures" of their sweethearts are the latest fad of fashionable young Parisians. Every now and then our own divorce records reveal some luckless benedict with a wife skilled in a kind of decoration that might be called by the same name.

Admiring St. Petersburg reads on the bulletin boards Admiral Makaroff's thrilling accounts of what he did not do to the Japanese fleet, and then shouts "Molodtz!" This is not so profane as it sounds, meaning, we are told, "He's a dandy!"

Colonel William J. Bryan swelled out his chest the other day before a Connecticut audience, and in the exordium of one of his hand-made lectures remarked: "It requires a brave man to stand up against error, to stand up against error in his own political party, and to maintain a righteous principle." Puzzle: Find the "brave man."

GRAFT IN THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

For months past the administration of the Department of Health has been spotted by instances of graft and evidences of gross incompetency. The main offenders have been the doctors appointed to care for those unfortunates who by reason of accident or other untoward circumstance, have been forced to submit to the mercenary desires or the negligent care of the city's physicians. We have had occasion heretofore to criticise the management of the emergency hospitals. It has been marked by incompetence so gross that it closely approaches to a disregard for human life. In one case, a sailor, stabbed in the abdomen, was sent by one of the hospital's young men on a wild ride in an ambulance to the City and County Hospital. On the way he died from loss of blood. More recently, a man suffering from a fractured skull was considered a pneumonia case. The fracture of the skull was not discovered until the autopsy. The other day, Dr. Pawlicki, of the hospital, charged an emergency patient a fee of \$2.50 for services rendered in the hospital, the physician acting at the time in his official capacity, for which he receives from the city a salary of \$100 a month. This petty graft was so "raw" that when the patient exposed it, Dr. Pawlicki was forced to return him the money. But now comes Dr. George F. Brackett, the Chief of all the physicians employed in the emergency hospitals, and calmly puts in a bill for \$500 against the estate of an old man who was originally under the doctor's care at the hospital, and who died subsequently while Dr. Brackett was attending him. It is said that when this patient arrived at the hospital, the attending physicians found on him a bank book showing deposits amounting to \$1,800. The next day they removed him to a private hospital, where Dr. Brackett attended him. In two days more the man was dead. Now Brackett, with an assurance that is astonishing, puts in his claim for \$500. Of course, the dead man's relatives decline to pay the demand.

In his defense, Brackett says the old man insisted upon being removed to a private hospital. But that defense is an evasion of the main question at issue, which is: Why should the physicians of the Board of Health be permitted to use their official position simply as a means of advertising and increasing their private practice? Why should they be permitted to practically force the emergency patients to subsequently pay them fees? These men receive salaries of \$100 a month. Dr. Brackett is paid \$150 a month by the city. That is ample recompense for the time they give to their duties. Their practice of using the emergency hospital as an ante-room to their private offices is grafting. The practice is vicious and dishonorable. We do not apprehend that any of these physicians would be guilty of malicious malpractice, nor do we think they would lend themselves in their private capacities to dishonest acts. It seems, therefore, all the more remarkable that as soon as they enter the city's employ they eagerly resort to measures which are not only unprofessional, but bear a very unpleasant resemblance to extortion. It was found necessary some years ago to bar out Police Court pettifoggers and their cappers from the city prison. Even the criminal is protected from human vultures. The Board of Health should see to it that it should not become necessary to pass ordinances for the physical and financial protection of patients of the emergency hospitals.

AN HONEST DECISION.

At least one judge sits on the Superior Bench of San Francisco of the kind men may be proud to vote for—James M. Seawell, whose term will expire next year. This upright and unreachable minister of justice has again proved his fitness for the bench by a prompt judgment given this week against the Harbor Commissioners in the malodorous case which involves the news stand privilege at the ferry. Instead of waiting for weeks or months, as is the practice of the Superior Court, Judge Seawell took only a few days after the final submission of the case to hand down his decision permanently enjoining the Harbor Board from ousting the holders of the privilege, Foster and Orear. Of course the Board, headed by the unscrupulous Spear, the petty politician with the ravenous relatives, will seek by appeal or otherwise to get behind this expression of the law and of justice. Meanwhile Spear's brother-in-law, one Rooney, will doubtless be given a place at the waterfront trough. We shall be surprised, also, if the Commissioners do not now accept the maximum bid of Foster and Orear, who offered \$1,500 a month for the concession as against the Spear-Rooney bid of \$1,200, but were refused consideration on the ground that the tender was never legally made, was not in good faith, and was too late, anyway, the prize having already disappeared into the Spear-Rooney pocket.

The ground of Judge Seawell's decision was that while the Harbor Commissioners had, under the law, discretion as to the letting of this privilege, it must be a sound discretion, and not, as had been fully proved, a bald, bold attempt to discriminate against a bona fide bidder in favor of a relative of one of the Commissioners. So Spear and his fellow commissioners stand convicted of a scandalous piece of "graft." They were "caught with the goods on them"—most of them on Spear. They ought to be, if they are not, politically damned, and the indictment on which they have been found guilty as to all counts runs not only against them, but against the administration which put Spear into office and permitted the others—Mackenzie and Kirkpatrick—to stay there. It is the most convincing argument of unworth and unfitness ever leveled at a State administration. Until this scandal broke, the personal and political standing of Governor Pardee was high. He had been scored by some as perverse, as unwise or unfortunate in his choice of men, but it had not been charged that there was anything the matter with his public morals or motives. Now it is different. His silence, amounting to consent, makes equally culpable with the predacious trio which runs the waterfront. He will hear of this news stand scandal when he asks again for public preferment—and so, we trust, will Judge Seawell.

PRIZE-FIGHTS AND CRIME.

How many of the thousands who attended the Britt-Corbett prize-fight last week, and of the other thousands who read of the fight in the press, paused to consider that San Francisco is the only city in the world to-day where such a contest is possible under the law? How many of the prominent citizens who sat at the ring side, and were afterwards proud to be quoted in the daily papers as experts at the game, paused to consider whether or not, by giving their countenance to the affair, they were aiding and abetting in the maintenance of an element than which none is more dangerous to the good name of a community? One who studies conditions in this city need not exercise much thought to draw the analogy be-

tween the prosperity of the prize ring and the prevalence of crime. Even now, the Chief of Police is explaining to the Grand Jury some of the reasons for the long continued series of violent crimes, which, for more than a year past, has put terror in the hearts of the citizens. But he bears all too lightly on the recognition publicly given to prize-fights and prize-fighters. The prize-ring is a forcing ground of all that is brutal and vicious in the criminal class. To begin with, there never yet was a prize-fighter in whom the brute part of his nature was not predominant. They are differentiated only by the comparative amount of gray matter they carry in their skulls, but in all alike the animal element is the controlling influence. Now, for every Jimmy Britt who may be a quicker or a stronger brute than his opponent, and thereby force himself to the top of his particular dung-hill, there are untold scores of young men who fail in their purpose to become champions of their respective classes. These are the fellows who are forced on in the "preliminaries" to whet the appetite of the multitude for the bigger bruisers of the night. What becomes of these "failures?" Ask the police. From their ranks the great class of vicious criminals is recruited. Having appeared in the lime-light, they have a distaste for honest toil. Having failed as prize-fighters, they resort to the road, with murder in their heart and bludgeons in their hands, taking loot and lives without discrimination. For every prize-fighter who has not committed a violent crime, fifty may be found whose pictures are in the rogues' gallery. Even the successful ones give their after-lives to the saloon business, pool rooms and the propagation of evil. The trouble with this community is that the so-called "good" citizen thinks but too little, if he thinks at all, upon the effect of those things to which he gives countenance.

VICTORY FOR THE FLOWER SELLERS.

Lacking the courage to veto the flower market ordinance, so unanimously and peremptorily demanded by the people, or afraid, perhaps, of splitting up his "solid five" in the Board of Supervisors, Mayor Schmitz sullenly allowed the bill to become a law without his signature. His position was, he explained, that the measure was not in conformity with the charter, being a grant of special privileges, and so would ultimately be knocked out by the courts. The Mayor, or the person behind the screen who pulls the string and makes the mannikin skip and posture, is grievously in error about the "special privilege" objection. The ordinance represents the intelligence and experience of the Merchants' Association—which practically built the charter—and the legal wisdom of that body's attorney. If such a combination cannot draw a measure that will not conflict with the charter, no other combination can. But it does not take a lawyer to find how foolish the Mayor's objection is; any layman ought to be able to differentiate between the "special privileges" barred by the charter and the "bogey man" of the Mayor's imagining. This ordinance permits anybody to sell flowers under certain restrictions in certain public places, provided the owners of abutting property give consent. If there be any "special privileges" in this, then all the other ordinances limiting certain operations or establishments to certain districts are unconstitutional—the fire-limit building ordinance, the cow ordinance, the pole and wire ordinances and all the laws akin to these.

But Schmitz is only "straddling" again. He dared not veto the flower market measure for fear of offend-

ing too far all the respectable elements of the community, including the powerful Merchants' Association, which fathered and forwarded the ordinance, and, on the other hand, he dared not sign it because of his relations or the relations of somebody else with the Association of Retail Florists. It is more than a suspicion, and almost a certainty, that this latter body, anxious as it may have been to drive the peddlers out of business, was cunningly used in this matter for the wreaking of a petty spite on a private citizen who championed the cause of the basket men, not for his own gain or advantage, but for the city's good. As often happens in the attempting of such meanness, the result was disastrous to the spite-wreaking agency. Instead of a few violet-venders on a single corner, the Retail Florists find themselves confronted by the competition of growers and others who will sell their wares freely on a dozen corners and be cheerfully patronized by a public which understands the flower business better than it did. So much for a mean-minded Mayor.

TO BEAUTIFY SAN FRANCISCO.

It does not matter who started the Association for the Improvement and Adornment of San Francisco, or who gave it such a handicap of a name. This body was the first to see a re-opening of the city's chance to acquire that noble garden by the sea known as Sutro's Heights and to begin the task of arousing public sentiment for that praiseworthy purpose. The citizen who does not approve of this step is guilty of short-sightedness, silurianism, mossbackism and all the other forms of incivism that belong to the ante-charter period of San Francisco's development. The News Letter does not hesitate to range itself on the side of the A. F. T. I. A. A. O. S. F., and to second warmly its efforts to add Sutro Heights to the city's pleasure grounds and show places.

The situation is this: After fighting the trust sought to be established under Adolph Sutro's curious will, and after knocking it out in court, the heirs have changed their minds. They admit irregularity in the legal proceedings and are willing to sell the Heights property to the city on the terms dictated by Sutro himself—at 20 per cent less than any other bidder, the proceeds to go to certain charitable bequests. We shall never again be offered such a bargain, for the excellent reason that there is not on the peninsula anything that approaches Sutro Heights in desirability as a place to be owned and used by the public. The late Mr. Sutro was a peculiar man in some respects that may well be forgotten. He was a remarkable man in respects that ought to be remembered. One of these latter was a prevision beyond all of his contemporaries as to the future of the city, its needs and its possibilities. It was this prevision that made him acquire and lay out the gardens at the heights and build the world-famed baths below the Cliff House, planning in them a public playground unique, vast and superb.

Now it lies in San Francisco's hands to make Sutro's dream come speedily and splendidly true. It was a dream plenteously worth realization at much more than the contemplated cost. That is why the News Letter heartily endorses the organization with the nine-jointed title.

"Dancing is akin to holiness," says Dr. G. S. Hall, of Worcester, Mass. Professor Griggs will kindly step down off his pedestal and let Dr. Hall take his place as the American woman's "ideal man."

THE INSOLENCE OF SERVANTS.

If there is one vice more prevalent than another in San Francisco it is the vile manners of such a large proportion of those who are brought into contact with the public and from whom a certain amount of at least ordinary courtesy is due. Every one complains of it. The stranger within our gates is repelled by it. He comes here quite prepared to be treated on terms of democratic equality. He finds instead a coarse boorishness which hurts his feelings and arouses his anger. He feels insulted, as a matter of fact, he is insulted, and the insult is as a general rule intentional and malicious.

It is no argument to say that the stranger behaves superciliously; this is very seldom the case, for the tradition of American equality has become so universal in Europe that every educated European approaches our shores in a spirit of trepidation, almost, lest he should appear to be over-ostentatious in his insistence upon a right to live.

The Eastern American recoils in disgust and dismay from the manner of our railroad officials, the petty little jacks in office of our steamboats and wharves, the flippant and imbecile wit of our car-conductors, and the lofty, supercilious dignity of the placid policeman.

But the list does not stop here. Go into the Police Court, and you will find the same insolent, supercilious manner at the hands of the assistant clerk, into the Superior Court, and the small official will snub you for asking a simple question, and all but down you with a stare when you seek knowledge of some of the matters upon which he is paid to inform you. When you enter the Supreme Court precincts, the vestiges of the same manner are there, as of the soil, but rarified and developed by maturity. The dignified quiet of the haunts of the distinguished old gentlemen who write such unnecessarily long, ponderous opinions, and fill up such numbers of comparatively useless books, has its effect upon the mind and manner of even the Californian servitor, and a colorable imitation of good manners prevails. But in the United States offices alone, and only in those connected with the judiciary department, do good manners and quiet courtesy have sway, so that it is not altogether humiliating and shameful to do business there. How is it that the officials of the judiciary department, even in some instances of the Marshal's office, be meek-mannered and kindly-disposed, at all events superficially, while those of the Customs House be unmannerly and uncouth? Some one to whom the subject was mentioned remarked parenthetically and inconsequentially: "Colonel Irish." But the influence of the gallant Colonel surely does not extend to the Customs House; on the contrary, the presiding genius of the Customs House presents a very marked contrast to that of the distinguished naval officer in the matter of geniality.

This raises the question as to the differences in degree of courtesy and attention. For instance, why should a steward at a hotel be courteous, bland and accommodating, and the purser on a ship grow more and more discourteous in proportion to his proximity to this port? These are hard riddles, almost insoluble, in fact; they do not appear to rest on any reasonable basis. I once knew a man who collected for the gas company, then he became a car conductor. As a collector he was the blandest, most winning, I was going to say most captivating, of individuals, so that it was a real sorrow to have to explain to him that you really had not the change, but as a car conductor, he developed a fiendish temper and a demoniac passion for hurrying old ladies on and off.

The only explanation, and this is no explanation, consists in the fact that some occupations as conducted in this city, but not elsewhere, mind you, not elsewhere, have an unavoidable and incurable tendency to produce a condition of manners which can only be fairly described as vile, and which have no counterpart in any other city in the world.

FERRY FREAKS.

In some previous carma, a number of the commuters must have been bears, lions, tigers or other beasts. They must have suffered long and serious incarceration. They did not forget the habit acquired in cages while in transition, and it sticks to them still. These poor creatures, not yet freed from this hereditary taint, still affect walking to and fro every time they are forcibly detained where there is a restraining railing. The water on all sides prevents their escape, and the illusion is complete. For the time being they return to their previous condition of servitude, and when in that condition are more or less dangerous. Their spite against humanity is vented on people who prefer to sit and watch the landscape and the bay. They trample on feet and obstruct the view with no more compunction than would any other animal. They are noisome and conscienceless, but not at all responsible.

ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

The St. Louis Exposition promises to be the greatest the world ever produced. The extent of its area is 1240 acres, almost four times larger than the Paris Exposition, and twice as large as the World's Fair at Chicago. The buildings cover 128 acres. This is about fifty per cent more than the space occupied for the same purpose at Chicago, while the cost totalizes the stupendous amount of fifty million dollars, compared with twenty-eight million for the latter Exposition. It will be opened on the 30th of April, but from present indications, will not be completed before the latter part of June. Several contracts have been let for work, allowing until June 30th for completion.

The Exposition management hold the signed promises of most old-established hotel managers, agreeing not to change rates during the Exposition. They are also making every effort to locate rooming accommodations. Several large hotels of temporary structure have been erected near the Fair site, also one very large one within the grounds. Notwithstanding these facts, rents are very high, and in several instances have been raised one hundred per cent. Desirable rooms are scarce. General admission to the Fair grounds will be fifty cents.

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How San Francisco Looks to Me

By Fernand Travers, Tourist

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In one of my communications to your valuable paper I saw fit to compliment the American boot-makers. I am really pleased to note that my judgment is confirmed in this particular by one of the most prominent ladies in the smartest set of American society, who is now in England. She sent back to this country to order her footwear. I really feel, don't you know, that Mrs. Bradley Martin compliments me by agreeing with my opinion. I don't really know if I had anything to do with the lady's actions in this matter, but I expressed myself so strongly in favor of the American boot-man that maybe I had.

You know that the custom pertains on the Continent of regarding the negro as a sort of white man—a social equal, as it were. I never could go this myself, and I never saw it in America, but the indications that it is coming is apparent. A black man has had his feet under the mahogany of the American President, and the other night at the theatre I saw from my box a big negro, coally black, accompanied by a negress of just as obscure a color, calmly walk down the aisle and seat themselves among some rather stylishly-dressed people who had white skin. These persons were, strange as it may seem, dressed in good taste. The negro man wore a dress suit and the female was in evening toilet. They were dressed for a box and should have had one. I really wonder if they tried to buy one and were refused. If they could not buy a box, why should they have a seat. It is, I think, as I said, that the negro is forcing himself into a place where he can buy anything he has the cash to pay for. You have had over here your prejudices against persons of color, but after the theatre episode, I think, don't you know, that the money of the negro is going to send your prejudices to pot. At least I am sure in my opinion that the "colored" dollar at some of the box-offices of some of your theatres here is as good as the other kind. I really don't know what I would do if I found the usher chap seating a negro and negress next to my seat. I think, by gad, I should get out, don't you know, and that demned quick. I take a box or loge anyway, so I do not worry much. I beg your pardon, but I think the personages who sell the tickets at the office might look after it so that the negroes are not seated next to people of pretensions. It is to be condemned very severely.

Yes, I had to go to the Horse Show to ensure its success, don't you know. Really a sort of creditable affair, given for charity by a society called the Doctor's Daughters. I really don't know who the Doctors were, but, by gad, the Daughters do the Doctors credit. Yes, a wholly bally lot of credit. The boxes were bewildering in the gay-colored frocks, and the beauty of the gentlewomen wearing them, and the men were so-so, but the chaps who wore the "horsey" jewelry were utterly in bad taste at a society function. This was a social affair and not a stock show at the capital of some 'shire, and some few of the guests got a bad idea of dressing appropriately. In England, we don't roach or bang our horses any more. It really spoils the effect of the animal to the eye, anyway. It suggests the Dartmoor or Pentonville hair-cut on the man. They do one thing over there, however; they shine the hoofs of the animals and they make a team keep step when driving. I

enjoyed the show, I really did, and think it was quite creditable to the Daughters in question. The crowding at the entrances and the pushing showed plainly to me, don't you know, that there is still a lot of missionary work to be done before you are as perfect here in the little things of good breeding as is

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 GRAND—Mrs. Fiske—only fair.

The Ibsen play, "Hedda Gabler," was given at the Grand all this week by Mrs. Fiske. It may have been a very enjoyable play to some who like that sort of thing, and who sat near enough to hear what was going on. It would seem the part of wisdom to remedy the defects that mar the Fiske productions. I am not alone in my criticism of the atrocious pronunciation of the star and her support. I am in receipt of a number of Eastern newspapers that give Mrs. Fiske credit for speech that might as well be Sanskrit or ancient Hebraic as far as her audience knows. The words come too fast for intelligible utterance, and then they are shot at the audience with Gattling-gun speed.

The rest of the company have caught the infection from the star, and with the exception of an occasional moment of absolute silence in the house, it was impossible to follow the thread of the play. It is said that Mrs. Fiske is suffering from nerves. The best training for the nerves is a slow and clear enunciation. Mrs. Fiske should put herself through a course of stunts and limit herself to less than two hundred words per volley.

Mrs. Fiske is a wonderful actress, and it is a pity that such a splendid scene as that of the burning of the manuscript should have been marred by limitations of voice. Mrs. Fiske's Hedda is a fine piece of work, and the actress shows her great ability in the last scene, just before she shoots herself. She is the personification of malicious jealousy and love and hatred. The company is quite as good as the star, but if you want to enjoy Mrs. Fiske, get a seat right under the stage, where you may be able to dissect society Volapuk at your leisure.

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The collaboration of Richard F. Carroll and Gustav Kerker, which resulted in "Kismet," now being produced at Fischer's Theatre, may easily take rank with a pretentious comic opera. The choruses are fine; there is a thread to the play; the specialties are all good, and the songs are full of music of a much higher order than any one would expect. "Kismet" is the most deserving thing in book and music that has been served to the public at this house since it opened its doors. It would be manifestly unfair to mention any one of the principals and omit another. They are all deserving of the highest praise. There is not a jarring line in the whole performance, and I am glad to be able to say so, because I have been finding fault with the productions at this house for these many moons. There is a feature that must take the women and children, and that is the song by Haideez (Mr. Carroll), and the little children of the Harem. There is a clever little tot in this bunch that brings encore after encore. "Kismet" should crowd Fischer's nightly.

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The show at the Orpheum is a distinct improvement of the foregoing week. The swinging club work of the Mowat boys is a most clever stunt. The

Hotel Repose act of the Warren, Walter and Wesson team is a comical affair, and will cause you to lay on fat. There are several other very clever features, and the holdovers are the best of the former week's performers, among them "La Belle Guerrerro."

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The curtain at the Grand, the advertising curtain, is enough to give one indigestion. It is an outrage on the public to have to face such an atrocity, such a fierce piece of the worst of the fence painter's art, between the acts. Is it not about time all such catch-penny devices were relegated to the junk heap, where they belong? If the commercial spirit prompts the adoption of this means of raising the financial wind, why not employ a painter (who knows his business), to tell us that there is balm in pink pellets and soothing influence in straight front corsets. The pictorial curtain is bad enough, old enough, moldy enough, but we can stand it because we know the management needs the money, but the advertising curtain is an infliction, an injury, and an unnecessary insult.

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The Alcazar folk are going back to the routine of a new play every week, and we may expect some fun in the farcical comedy "On the Quiet." The Alcazar stock is especially well-fitted for the humorous, and Augustus Thomas has given the company a great chance for fun-making that is not going to be lost sight of by the players. A young collegian makes sure of his bride by marrying her before he leaves for college, and Mr. Durkin is cast for the part. Miss Block, as the heroine of the affair, has scope for her best comic expression. It is said that the management has provided a yacht scene that will please everybody.

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Richard Mansfield has asked for accommodation for dressing rooms for 106 people, and he says that he will bring an enormous amount of special scenery for the production of "Ivan the Terrible."

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To-night is the final performance of the present engagement of Mary Mannerling at the Columbia. Sunday we have the Alameda Lustspiel in "Das Opferlamm," and on Monday "Mam'selle Napoleon," with Anna Held as the star, and a bevy of beautiful women as her assistants. "Mam'selle Napoleon" will be a Waterloo for the Johnnies. They will capitulate at the first change of costume of the sprightly little French woman, and by the time she has made her six changes it will be a complete rout.

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"Man Proposes," Henry Miller's new play, has made a big hit in Gotham.

Dore Davidson's engagement with the "Babes in Toyland" closed at Brooklyn on the twenty-sixth of this month.

Fischer's Theatre will close for two weeks following the last performance of "Kismet" on Saturday night, April 10th. Two grand stairways will lead directly to the main street, the seating capacity will be increased about three hundred seats, and many improvements added to make the house most attractive. The main entrance will be forty feet in width. Four well known playwrights are at work upon new burlesques for Fischer's Theatre, based upon strictly original lines and ideas.

On Monday evening, Mrs. Fiske will present for the first time here Sardou's sparkling comedy, "Divorcons," preceded by Mrs. Oscar Beringer's charming one-act play, "A Bit of Old Chelsea."

At the Central Theatre next Monday evening the great scenic and spectacular drama, "Around the World in 80 Days," will be produced, after weeks of preparation, in a manner that will cap the climax for splendor and elaborateness.

The third concert of the twenty-seventh season of the Loring Club is announced for Native Sons' Hall on the evening of Easter Monday, April 4th.

Hawley and Vass, who present an original sketch entitled "After the Wedding," will make their first appearance at the Chutes this coming week. Agnes Miles, the original "Annie Moore Girl," and Dutch Walton, the musical comedian, will also be new. The Sheck Brothers will continue their hand-balancing act; Clark's Comedy Dog Circus will remain in evidence and Mabel Lamson, the popular contralto, will be heard in new illustrated songs. The animatoscope will show new and amusing moving pictures, and the amateurs will appear on Thursday night.

Kolb and Dill, Barney Bernard, Winfield Blake, Maude Amber, Hope and Emerson, and the entire company, which shortly go to Australia, will play a farewell season of two weeks at the Grand Opera House, beginning Sunday matinee, April 17th. Their opening bill will be "Hoity-Toity," one of their greatest successes. Popular prices will prevail.

Blind Tom, not seen here for ten years, will be at the Orpheum next week. Blind Tom is a genius, and his memory is increasing in sharpness with added years. For over forty years he has been the wonder of musicians the world over. His ear is so keen and his memory so retentive that it is only necessary that he hears a piece of music once and he will then play it in its entirety. The Welsons, aerial artists, and Omar, the human top, and many other specialties, make up a good bill for the coming week.

"The Princess of Bong" will be given by the Mohican Club on April 9th at Steinway Hall.

The rehearsals of the new Choral Club will begin next week. The special work to be taken up for this spring is "Paradise Lost," a new composition by Du-bois, the famous Frenchman.

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LIBRARY TABLE

A notable feature of the present publishing season is the sudden increased demand for books on subjects connected with the Pacific Ocean and the countries now at war. Practically all books on Japan and Russia and the Pacific Ocean published in recent years have sprung into renewed popularity. The call for Mr. Colquhoun's "The Mastery of the Pacific" exhausted the edition on hand and necessitated a new one; the same is true of Mr. Wirt Gerrare's "Greater Russia." Mrs. Fraser's "Letters from Japan" is to appear in a welcome new edition in one volume. The last named work is widely known and liked as a charming and intimate picture of Japanese life by a talented woman who lived long in the island empire. The new edition will be published at a much lower price than the two-volume edition, which has had an extensive sale, and will contain all of the large number of beautiful illustrations which were in the original edition. Another volume published by The Macmillan Company which has been revived by recent events in the East is Mr. Lafcadio Hearn's "Kotto." This includes a translation of a very remarkable diary kept by a Japanese woman of the lower classes during several years, which gives a uniquely intimate picture of the inner life and thoughts of Japanese women. Other volumes of special interest just now include: "Japan: A Record in Color," by Mortimer and Dorothy Menses; Mr. Francis H. Skrine's "The Expansion of Russia," which is a historical study of Russian growth since 1815, especially in Manchuria; Mr. Walter Del Mar's bright and entertaining book of travel, "Around the World Through Japan"; and Mr. Wirt Gerrare's "The Story of Moscow."

Prophecy of West and East.

It has often been remarked that poets are prophets—though doubtless true that though "all prophets are poets, not all poets are prophets," says the Benicia New Era. Looking over some copies of the Overland Monthly of a year back two poems arrested our attention. One entitled "Builders of California" (A Prophecy) by Morrison Pixley, runs thus:

"Builders by the Western Sea
Where the golden rivers run,
Scarcely has your work begun.
Greater still your task shall be!
Here at end of all the world
Lies the goal of Empire's course;
Here, centripetal the force
Round which nations shall be whirled."

The other entitled "The Voice of the West," by John G. Neihardt, represents the West wooing the East, and closes with this stanza:

About whose sea-kissed feet the races kneel;
The years are ripening for our marriage feast.
Our weal shall be the hungry nations' weal;
Behold the spectre of the dark Past reel
And vanish in our path! The night is done!
I feel the sunrise in my blood! I feel
The strength for brilliant battles! Ho! we run
Hands clasped against the World: thus moves the sun.
"And O my destined Bride, thou queenly East,
These prophecies were written years ago, and the

events now going on in the Far East betoken their fulfillment. The West, as represented by the Pacific Coast of the United States, is to be married to the East, as represented by the opposite coast of the Pacific Ocean. The greatest pageant the world has ever seen will be the commercial and civil union of these great coasts, which this 20th century will witness. Like other great wedding feasts it will not be a selfish affair. The "open door" doctrine already proclaimed by this great country is an invitation of all nations to come and feast with us at the wedding of the West and the East.

The Viking's Skull.

This is a story of romance and love by John R. Carling. Although the book is not well put together, it has an ingeniously constructed plot, which tells how Idris Marville, true Earl of Ormsby, recovered a treasure hidden by one of his progenitors—a Viking of the Ninth Century—and how he cleared the memory of his father, who had been wrongfully convicted of murder. There are three scenes of more or less interest and strength—the tragedy of the prologue; the opening of the tomb containing the treasure; and a dramatic performance at Favenhall, the home of the noble house of Ormsby, where Lorelie, the heroine, denounces the spurious Earl. These and many other scenes and incidents make the story exceptionally strong, dramatic, vivid and interest compelling. It is a worthy successor to the author's remarkable and successful novel, "The Shadow of the Czar."

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Easter Fashions

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Ho! This way for the rag-fair! Special Easter offerings!

Not since the days of our grandmothers have these offerings been so shirred and tucked and puffed. If a single adjective is to be selected for the season's styles, "fussy" is the word. When you see a gown elaborated according to the mode and it escapes the mussy fussiness of the usual costume, you may bank on it an artiste has created the gown. Such a dress was worn by Mrs. McMullin the other night. When she was Molly Thomas, Mrs. McMullin was always distinguished by a tailored band-box precision that she now discards save for street wear. Her evening clothes have a fluffy femininity about them that is immensely becoming. The particular gown that hit me between the eyes was a pink and blue affair that hinted of the yesteryears, yet showed all the modern improvements. The material was a blue net showered with pink roses that might have fallen on it "over the garden wall." The gown was a quaint conceit in French puffings of the sort that grandmother always used for her best black silk gown. But perish the thought that these puffings were fashioned after granny's pattern. Modernity has contrived a way of running the puffs on cords that prevents the figure from looking roly-poly.

Mrs. McMullin wears a hat in the same color effect as the gown, which is one of the season's royal commands. Your hat need not show the exact shade of the gown—it may even contrast with it—but the effect must be a color symphony without discords. This means a plump supply of hats, for each and every chapeau is especially designed for some particular gown and shrieks its unfitness when pressed into service with a robe for which it was not built. The new-style hats have a union of their own which obliges the owner to give them shorter hours, and the milliners reap more pay in consequence.

While on the subject of hats, the so-called "baby hats" are picturesquely fashionable. The hats come in mull and swiss, with wash ribbon trimming, and are then labeled "lingerie hats." When they are fashioned of lace and flowers or ribbon, they are constituted for town wear, and are the essence of girlish simplicity. Frances Murphy introduced the first baby hat that was worn here, and the scoffers cried: "Whose little girl are you?" but now almost every maiden and young matron numbers at least one baby hat among her spring outfit. Mary Mannering wears a very fetching baby hat in the first act of "Harriet's Honeymoon."

Mrs. Fred McNear has a plaid silk gown that is very striking and may be taken as a conspicuous example of the vari-colored gowns that will hold the center of the stage all spring and summer. Veilings, nets, etamines—indeed, all the light-weight materials—now come shot with color as well as in plain shades. The silk used for Mrs. McNear's gown is in red and green plaid faintly barred with yellow.

The newest models show short jackets that are a compromise between the bolero and eton. They have the boleroesque effect in front, where the jacket is usually met by a high girdle. Mrs. Will Taylor has a very chic suit in this jauntily smart style. Lace waists still retain their popularity and frequently show a touch of color to match the gown with which they are worn.

Alice Hager has a grey and white check silk that

is silvery as moonlight. The skirt is made the round length, which is dear to the anti-microbe fiends. It is always a difficult problem to secure long lines in a short skirt, but clever dressmakers have an unexplainable way of suggesting length where there isn't any. Miss Hager's gown achieves this point, and many other desirable ones besides.

Lingerie sleeves are very much the thing, and many sleeves show ruffle after ruffle of lace. When the greatest width of the sleeve comes near the elbow, as is now the mode, this exaggerated fullness falls on a line with the hips when the arms are held at the sides, and frequently obscures the waist line. The stout woman must therefore take a tack in the chiffon sails on her sleeves if she wishes to retain the lines of her figure.

Apropos of plumpness, fancy Mrs. Joe Tobin, she of the former svelte sinuousness, having to make such fine discriminations. Mrs. Tobin has some gorgeous new clothes, and he who runs may read how the modiste has contrived to make Mrs. Tobin look as slender as possible. Mrs. Joe revels in the accumulation of flesh which she put on by going to bed for three months and "building up." She is no longer the sylphesque creature of former years—in fact, she is almost as big as Ethyl Hager, which is saying the last word on the subject of stoutness.

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TOWN CRIER

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Poor city clergy! Left with sinners here
While Oakland has monopoly of saints!
Still, all these Oakland saints are rather queer—
Not altogether what one's fancy paints.
Such little scandals in the church you hear
How Mr. E. goes on with Mrs. S.,
And nasty little bickerings, I fear,
That Oakland saints are only more or less.

The Board of Health is waking up to find that we are being poisoned. Surely this might have been easily discovered before. Many scores of coffins have been buried lately, to the benefit of the coffin trust, which might still be above ground had the highly ornamental Board of Health performed its elementary duties. Wonderful to relate, it now discovers that jams, jellies, pickles and other things of that sort are positively unfit for food, and that when one purchases a little something in the delicatessen line they are really buying a cemetery plot or a doctor's bill. One of the officers of the Board of Health says "we are preparing a campaign against bad vinegars that will startle San Francisco." The fact that a campaign is to be started in earnest is startling enough, but the fact of the bad vinegar would seem to be a very dull commonplace to those of us who are not members of the Board of Health.

It is not wonderful that the students of the University have no respect for the University authorities because the authorities do not keep their word and may always be trusted to back down on a matter of discipline. Take the last rush, for example. It was given out that any student caught participating in the rush would be expelled. Several were caught in the very act, and now the culprits are not to be expelled, but are to be put on probation. How can students be expected to pay any attention to an authority which stultifies itself like that? If Professor Cory and those who stood behind him are afraid to expel those who disobey their orders and injunctions, why on earth do they threaten? Such contemptible cowardice will soon put the University on too low a plane even to be criticised.

Highly-trained animals are, as a general rule, highly nervous. The same rule appears to apply to prize-fighters. Our pugilistic heroes are just as sensitive as young maidens or even more so. It will be noted, however, that all their sensitiveness lies about one region, that particular part which in the language of the ring is denominated the purse. Let but the purse be threatened, either by a decision or in any other way, and the ululations of the man of muscle fill the atmosphere. A frightened child is brave compared with a pugilist who dreads the loss of the purse. That is the meaning of the fuss about the decision in the Britt-Corbett fight. One had better be a nursery governess than a referee.

Thanks to ex-Mayor Phelan, the Bohemian Club is the possessor of an original manuscript of one of Sir Edwin Arnold's minor poems. We shall all be proud. Henceforth the Bohemian Club will be a genuine shrine of the literary. But it is pretty to observe how grateful our champions of the muses are for such exceedingly small mercies. A minor poem of a minor bard has raised enthusiasm higher than we should have considered possible even to a Bohemian.

It is a question whether Judge Lawlor had the power under the law to allow the two young men, charged with assault with intent to commit murder to go on future good behavior. There is a punishment provided in such cases, and some of it should unquestionably be bestowed upon those who come within the clutches of the law. A certain amount of consideration in the case of juvenile offenders is commendable, and the new Juvenile Court deserves approbation. This does not mean, however, that young hoodlums who are old enough to know better should escape punishment for their murderous acts. Leniency which is simply leniency is not justice, Judge Lawlor.

The methods of George Knight in the trial of the Botkin case do not reflect much credit upon the local bar. Of course, a lawyer has to try his case in order to win it, and in a murder case there is much latitude allowed. This is proper. But there are certain limits which a gentleman cannot transgress, and there is no reason why a man should not be a gentleman even in the trial of a murder case. What is the use of a trained bar if the members have no better manners or self-control than a grievance committee of the Brewery Workmen's Union? Besides, is it really good pleading to make a public display of the desperate condition of your case?

There are crooked people cursed

In each way that you can mention,
And they're every one for Hearst,
And will back him in Convention.
For the yellow man has taken
Everything that he has laid for,
If you may believe his papers,
And they know what they have paid for.

The Mayor has been beaten in his contest with the street flower-sellers. All the corruption fund and all the graft at the City Hall has failed to defeat a few poor men who had the popular sympathy behind them. If the public could be trained to act regularly as they act spasmodically, things would be different, and the Mayor, at all events, would not be in possession of those powers for mischief which his position gives him. Meanwhile his Honor sulks and is a bad loser. However, he will in all probability have much more practice in losing, and it is to be hoped he will learn how to do it with better grace.

We have a pretty set of officials. In spite of all the money expended on the public schools, they are now discovered, many of them, to be so unsanitary as not to be fit for occupation. There is one other thing to remember, that however unsanitary they may be as regards the plumbing, their moral condition is not a whit better.

The state into which local charities had managed to get themselves is apparent from a resolution of the Charities Endorsement Committee of Oakland to the effect that no collector for a charity shall receive a commission of more than fifteen per cent. Charity-collecting has been good graft, one of the recognized methods of getting something for nothing, and it is well that some sort of a limit should be placed upon the rapacity of collectors.

The privacy which has attended the movements of the President of Michigan University would lead us to believe that for once, at least, we have entertained an Angell unawares.

SOCIETY

Dear Bessie: Wedding bells are to ring out right joyously from now on, and all the coming brides have enjoyed the Lenten season as giving them time for the necessary preparations. And what a lot of them are close at hand! Here is a nice list of brides in the near future: Mae Burdge, Frances Harris, Ethel Kent, Florence Callaghan, Edna Barry, Hattie Currier, Kate Selfridge, Ella Goodall, Bee Hooper, Genevieve Huntsman, Ethyl Findley, Olive Hamilton, Ethel Low, Anna Wooster, Eleanor Warner, Rose Hecht, Grace, Martin, Ruth McNutt, and a lot of others talked of. "They say" that Belle Harmes will be one of the next to say "I am engaged," but rumors in the matrimonial line are not always to be depended upon.

Another story afloat is that Mabel Mason is going to bestow herself upon that rather good-looking apostle of ritualism, the Reverend Wilson, who has his habitat over in Sausalito while in charge of Christ Church. You know the Masons live in Sausalito, and the young people were much together before his departure East, and I understand there is a belief that he will remain there, so if the story be true it will be another California maiden lost to her native State.

All the girls are just longing to get a peep at the wonderful lace dress Frances Harris is to wear at her wedding, but as the ceremony is to take place at her aunt's (Mrs. Chris. Reis) only a limited few will be gratified. Frances has selected Fanny Arques from San Jose to be her sole attendant, and Mr. Stent will have Ferd Reis for his best man.

Ethel Kent's wedding will be a very pretty one, as button weddings usually are. In the first place, Lieutenant Allen is to bring a whole raft of his brother officers with him from the North to officiate; Captain Helms from Vancouver will be best man, and Captain Enoch, Captain Bradford and Lieutenant Wetherell will act as ushers, with Lieutenant Shinkle from the Presidio, who will all appear in the glory of full dress uniform. The bridesmaids, Florence Cole, Louise Hall, Jane Willshire and Mattie Milton, will all be gowned in blue, while Kathleen Kent as maid of honor and Mrs. Malcolm Graham as matron of honor will wear white. The wedding of Eleanor Eckart and Charles Hume will be a home ceremonial, with Mrs. Ben Thomas, Jr., as matron of honor, and Mabel Donaldson and Georgie Spieker the bridesmaids.

I cannot begin to tell you of all the pretty sights at the Horse Show last week, which was a most perfect success in spite of the weather; but I think the prettiest sight was the crowd of beautiful children at the circus on Saturday, and how they did enjoy it all! Almost everybody was there on Friday night in their best bibs and tuckers, those in boxes being especially fine. Edna Taylor, Georgie McNear, Virginia Jolliffe and Ethel Dean wore blue, which, with white, seemed to be the favorite colors for gowns; Jennie Blair was in black jet, and she was very happy over the success of the affair. Helen Taylor and Mrs. Peter Martin were among those who wore pink, but only fancy—what do you think is the last dread rumor? That it is all nonsense about the Peter Martins staying here—"not much; they are going back to dear Newport, probably this month," and then to let us down easy the prospect is held out of their coming back again next winter.

As I told you last week, Easter week is filling up rapidly. The officers of the 10th Infantry give a hop at the Presidio on Monday evening, for one thing; then there are all the weddings, two dances, and a fancy dress party at Mrs. Albert Scott's on Wednesday night, where there will be singing and recitations and instrumental music; Grace Jones and Cherry Bender are to be the monologists of the occasion. Mrs. Morgan has been the first to announce a large card party which comes off on Tuesday, and there are to be several others; and I must not forget the reception at Century Hall on Tuesday night which the Grace Church people are to give for their new rector, at which all the pretty girls of the parish will assist.

In the way of recent luncheons, Gertrude Van Wycke had a dainty little one on Friday of last week for Frances Harris, and the same day Mrs. Horace Hill gave one—quite a large affair—for Mrs. Postley, who went East on Tuesday last. Grace tells me Mae Burdge's pink luncheon for her bridesmaids was a regular "dear," and Mrs. Eleanor Martin was a luncheon hostess last Tuesday. Laura Farnsworth and Mattie Whittier Weir both have card parties to-day.

You never heard any one so enthusiastic as is Charlotte Ellinwood over the delights of her recent visit South. I do believe she is not a bit glad to be home again. She gives a card party next Wednesday for the benefit of the Nursery Guild, but you have to be regularly invited before you can purchase an admission ticket, so it will be confined to those who know each other, and no outsiders are to be let in. Leontine Blakeman is also home; she arrived last Friday from New York, where she had a perfectly sumptuous time all winter with Ethel Tomlinson.

Lucy Gwin Coleman will be a San Mateo girl this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman have taken a cottage in that attractive suburb for the summer months, and just think of what a gathering of swells there will be thereabouts—all the Parrotts to head the list, which includes the De Guigne girls and the Donohoes; the Haynes, Howards, Beylards, Hobarts, and the Burlingame set, etc. The Borels leave town next week.

There is general satisfaction felt at Menlo Park that the Feltons will be back there this summer, and Katie—Mrs. Elkins, you know—is to arrive from the East about the middle of April. Louise Lamontagne—now Mrs. C. E. Maud—and Mr. Maud are coming to California to live at Rutherford while the Darlings are abroad, which is likely to be for a couple of years, at least so I hear.

The Earle Brownells have gone to their new house

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POST and MARKET STREETS

on Gough street, where Mr. and Mrs. Leonard—Jessie Hobart as was—from Nevada, are visiting them, and where they had a charming little dinner last week. Quita Collier, now Mrs. Roy McDonald, has gone over to Oakland to live, and Bernice gave her a pretty little tea there last Thursday; Gertrude and Laura Bates have already departed to Belvedere, where the family are to spend the summer; Tom Driscoll is down at Santa Barbara, where he and his mother have taken a cottage for the month of April to recuperate after his mishaps in the polo tournament. The Fred Moodys have come to town to live; they got tired of Burlingame and sold their house there and have taken up their residence on Pacific avenue. I hear Bertha Dolbeer has named the 16th of April for her departure Eastward, expecting to sail for Europe from New York the first week in May; and also that Sallie Winslow is about to become a European pilgrim, and will probably be away the greater part of the summer; and we are to lose Jennie Blair again, but not quite yet; Mrs. Blair is going abroad in April for her health, and Jennie will follow her later. And yet others who talk of spending the summer in European travel are the Rudolph Spreckels, and Mr. Jim Phelan is going abroad again for several months; Baron and Baroness Von Horst, who have departed for England, gave a Tivoli party and supper at the St. Francis on Monday evening as a good-bye frolic.

The delayed travelers, including Georgie Spieker and Doctor Genthe, who were to have been here last week in time for the Horse Show, did not arrive till Monday last, so they missed a good time here.

—Elsie.

CHARITY ENTERTAINMENTS.

- April 9 (Saturday)—Garden party for the benefit of St. Ignatius Training School for Girls. Grounds of the Phelan residence on 17th street.
- April 11 (Monday evening)—Entertainment for the benefit of the Church of the Good Samaritan Mission. Lyric Hall.
- April 21 and 22 (Thursday and Friday)—Musical comedy of "His Royal Nibs," for the benefit of the California Woman's Hospital, Alhambra Theatre.

AT HOME.

- Monday—Mrs. George Oulton, St. Francis; Mrs. Ed. Polhemus and Mrs. Alfred Spaulding, Empire.
- Thursday—Mrs. Philetus Evarts, 1st and 2d, Empire; Mrs. Oliver Dibble, 1st and 3d in April, 1012 Pine street; Mrs. O. C. Baldwin, 4th in April, 2415 Buchanan street.
- Friday—Mrs. Joseph Masten, 2d and 3d in April, 3954 Washington street.

RECEPTIONS.

- April 5 (Tuesday)—At Century Hall, in honor of the Reverend Mr. Evans of Grace Church, 9 p. m.
- April 6 (Wednesday)—Fancy dress reception for Polyglot Club at Mrs. Albert Scott's, 305 Buchanan street.

BALLS.

- April 6 (Wednesday)—Bachelors' Ball at the Palace Hotel.
- April 8 (Friday)—Junior Assembly at the Palace.
- April 2 (Saturday)—Mrs. Timothy Hopkins, Palace Hotel.

TEA.

- April 4 (Monday)—Mrs. F. W. Croudace, from 3 to 6 p. m. 1831 Vallejo street.

DINNERS.

- April 8 (Friday)—Mrs. Timothy Hopkins, Palace Hotel.

CARDS.

- April 2 (Saturday)—Mrs. William Weir, bridge, Jackson and Laguna streets; Miss Laura Farnsworth, Five Hundred.
- April 5 (Tuesday)—Mrs. William Morgan, 2211 Clay street.
- April 9 (Saturday)—Miss Elsie Everson, in honor of Miss Mabel Donaldson and Miss Edna Barry, Five Hundred, Oakland.
- April 14 (Thursday)—Mrs. Lester Herrick, for Mrs. Edward Greenfield, The Empire.

BIRTHS.

- March 22—To Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Wright, a daughter.
- Recently at Fort McPherson, Georgia, to Lieutenant and Mrs. Charles B. Stone, a son (Charles Bertody, 3d). Mrs. Stone was Miss Katherine Bonesteel, granddaughter of the late General O. D. Green, U. S. A.
- Recently in Boston, Mass., to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, a son. Mrs. Johnson was Miss Edith Newlands, granddaughter of the late Senator Sharon.

ENGAGEMENTS.

- Miss Elizabeth Doyle, daughter of Mrs. Henry Doyle, to Lieutenant William Montrose Parker, 11th Infantry, U. S. A., son of Major Parker, of Washington, D. C.

WEDDINGS.

- March 27 (Sunday)—Miss Anna Wooster, daughter of Mrs. A. H. Small, to Frank Glass, son of Admiral Glass, U. S. N., Redwood City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- April 4 (Monday)—Miss Mae Burdge to Bernard Miller, Arbor Villa, Oakland, 9 p. m.; Miss Eleanor Eckart to Edward Hume.
- April 6 (Wednesday)—Miss Frances Harris to Ernest Stent, at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Chris Reis, on California street, 4 p. m.
- April 6 (Wednesday)—Miss Ethel Kent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Martin Kent, to Lieutenant Gilbert Allen, Grace Church, 8:30 p. m.



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May 11 (Wednesday)—Miss Ella Goodall to Doctor Charles Minor Cooper.

Captain H. L. Roosevelt, of the U. S. Marine Corps, has just been ordered home from the Philippines, where he has served for the past two years. His next tour of duty will be in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Roosevelt will be remembered as Miss Eleanor Morrow, a daughter of Judge W. W. Morrow. They will arrive on the transport "Sheridan" about the middle of April.

Arrivals at Hotel Rafael during week ending March 29, 1904: Mr. H. A. Hunsaker, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. K. Nuttall, Mrs. A. B. Games, Miss Dagmar Games, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hirschfelder, Mr. and Mrs. Mendell Welcker, Mr. Clarence Woodman, Mr. R. H. Parmelee, Mr. Harold S. Gay, Mr. T. J. Hanrahan, Mrs. W. E. Davis.

THE ITCHING PALM.

(A despatch from New York to San Francisco says: "The itching palm is epidemic on the upper West Side. It afflicts messenger boys, policemen, bar-tenders, professional men, society women, school-children, servants, persons in all walks of life. The name of what causes it is acarus scabiei.")

We have had it, we have seen it,
And it isn't in New York;
We know the little creature—
We can trace its little work.
They can give it all the Latin names
They have a mind to give,
But an itching palm's an itching palm,
You'd better just believe.

To look inside his Honor's palm,
I managed to contrive,
And his Honor had the acarus
As sure as I'm alive.
The clergy said they had it not—
I merely answered "Fudge!"
And I found it without looking
On the white hands of a judge.

For the policeman, and the postman,
And the labor leader, too,
They had it in most dreadful form—,
It's awful, but it's true.
And professional philanthropists
Could hardly keep them calm,
When I showed beyond all question
That they had an itching palm.

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 I have small joy and lots of fear.
 It is not that my conscience aches,
 Or that my record is not pat,
 The fear that tortures me and wakes,
 Is rain upon my Easter hat.

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I ventured the suggestion a couple of weeks ago that the Botkin trial would end in a verdict of not guilty or a disagreement. And that suggestion was not based upon the thought that the prosecution is not making a good case. It arose, rather, from the idea that for some reason, unknown to deponent, influences are at work to obtain an acquittal in this case, without much regard to the means whereby the end may be effected. I recalled the fact that, when Mrs. Botkin was in prison, three years ago, after her first trial, Judge Cook stated that he had seen in a street car a woman who, in appearance, was her counterpart. He permitted himself to be interviewed on the occurrence, and in the interview commented on the remarkable resemblance between Mrs. Botkin and the woman in the car. The Sheriff showed, afterwards, that Mrs. Botkin had not left the jail, and could not have been the woman the Judge saw in the car. It was a case of mistaken identity.

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On Monday last the Examiner published a sensational story to the effect that Mrs. Botkin's double had been seen again. It was stated that a woman, heavily veiled, and accompanied by an escort, had attended services at Grace Church on Palm Sunday. Some one noticed that in general appearance she greatly resembled Mrs. Botkin. After the services she hurried away. The purpose of this "exclusive story," (no other paper published it), was evidently to establish a public belief that Mrs. Botkin has a "double," for whose crime the life of Dunning's mistress is in jeopardy. The Examiner's Sherlock Holmes did not explain how he or his informant saw the features of the woman who was heavily veiled, nor did he admit that after service it was raining heavily, so that it was natural under the circumstances that the woman should hurry away; nor did he explain why the members of Grace Church should raise their eyes from their books and suddenly discover that a heavily veiled woman looked like Mrs. Botkin. Surely, the people of Grace Church are not among those that disgrace themselves by crowding into Cook's court room to listen to the nasty details of this trial. The Examiner's story is a fake on its face. Yet it may serve what appears to be its purpose—rendering aid to the Botkin attorneys in their apparent attempt to manufacture an alibi, or to raise in the minds of the jurors a reasonable doubt as to the identity of the woman who bought the candy. "Mistaken identity" is the keystone of the defense.

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A good story is told on Robert Ferral, now Assistant District Attorney. Years ago, when the Irish Land League was flourishing like a green bay tree, Bob Ferral, as he is familiarly known among old-timers, used to raise the rafters in Irish-American Hall the while he reviewed the many iniquities of the British Government, as practiced upon the Irish people. No man has shouted longer or louder for the freedom of Ireland than has Bob Ferral. In those

days, so excited did he get that the veins stood out like whipcords on his neck and forehead, and his friends often feared that before he had damned England to his full satisfaction he would explode in an apoplectic fit. Upon one occasion he was assuring his hearers that he would stay with the fight until the sound of the last trump.

"Gentlemen," he yelled, "let us all enlist in this holy cause. Ireland shall yet be free. To this cause I here devote my every energy, my every endeavor. My voice shall be ever heard raised in the cause of liberty. And if I should fail you—let the day never come—but, if I should fail, then, gentlemen, may this right arm"—and he extended it dramatically—"may this right arm—may this right arm cleave to the roof of my mouth."

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Dissension has thrust its head through the portals of the Mechanics' Institute; discontent is rampant among the members; disgust has filled the breasts of many of them, and dismay is commencing to assail the directors, who fear that existing conditions may result in what may approach closely to a public scandal. Since the first of the year many old members, dissatisfied with the management of the library, have resigned, and there are numerous rumors of other resignations yet to come. The trouble seems to be around the desk of the librarian. Many tales are told of favoritism in the distribution of books, and of unfair treatment. It is not my purpose to enter into the merits or demerits of these accusations, for that would require an examination of witnesses and a somewhat extended investigation. The fact remains that a spirit of discontent is abroad among the readers of the books. It is said that the librarian has been in the habit of reserving new books until they have been read by a favored few. Women predominate among these few. Originally the circle of the elect was comparatively small, but now, it is alleged, it has grown until it includes a couple of score of favorites. Until these people have read the new books, it is said no one outside the clique is permitted to have access to them. Cases are cited wherein members of the library not in the ring have applied for books and been informed that they were out, whereas the books were not only in, but within half an hour were issued to favorites, who then showed the books and boasted of their pull with the librarian. Many of the members complain bitterly. The condition of affairs may be exaggerated, but it is certainly worthy of investigation by the directors.

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Like politics, the practice of the law "makes strange bedfellows." Here are Garrett McEnerney and Charley Wheeler side by side in the defense of Hyde and Dimond in the timber land cases in the Federal Court. Not so long ago they had a very spirited encounter in the Superior Court, during the trial of a case in which they appeared upon opposite sides. McEnerney resented Wheeler's familiarity upon this occasion, and indignantly refused an invitation to

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dine with his fellow-Regent upon the Oakland boat. For some time subsequent, each man held his head very high when the other passed by. Now, perforce, they have to sit down, cheek by jowl, and exchange views as to the best methods to pursue to keep their clients out of jail.

The timber land cases have brought Francis J. Heney into prominence again. He appears as special counsel for the Government. Heney is a coming man at the local bar. In fact, I believe Heney "has come." He was counsel for the Government in the prosecution of the Nome cases, which created much scandal, and resulted in the discomfiture of a Federal Judge who took Alaska for his exclusive bailiwick. Heney was formerly Attorney-General of Arizona. He is a Democrat, and was a member of the Committee of One Hundred, which, some six years ago, tried to harmonize things in the local Democracy. Heney found no harmony could be maintained unless it bore McNab's personal stamp. So he resigned from the committee, quit local politics, and like a sensible man devoted himself to his profession.

Henry Ach was examining a witness in the District Court. He was trying to show that the witness had broken the law and injured his client by manufacturing a patented face powder, which belonged exclusively to Ach's end of the case. The witness testified that he and another druggist had mixed together some chalk and violet powder, and had sold it for the patented article. Then he began laughing.

"Well, what are you laughing about?" Ach yelled. "Oh, only this," said the witness. "While we were mixing the powder a couple of hairs fell into it some way, and we had an argument as to whether we would sell the stuff for a face powder or pour in a little water, make it a paste, and issue it as a hair-restorer. We flipped a coin—heads for powder, tails for hair-restorer. It came heads, and so we sent the stuff forth to the world as a face powder."

The assembled drawers of salary in the Department of Health, who have been placed at the public crib by Ruef, or kept there by him, have presented Abraham with a beautifully engrossed set of resolutions, setting forth at great length the gratitude they feel for his devotion to the public service, as exemplified by protecting their jobs. Ruef is a humorist. I have said that before, but this episode proves it beyond all doubt. He gets lots of fun out of his little manikins.

Ottinger's \$1,000 bond is reported missing from the County Clerk's office. Not, of course, that it is in point, or has anything to do with the disappearance of that bond—but how many Crimmins men are employed by the County Clerk?

Dr. Pawlicki, one of the Board of Health's surgeons in the Emergency Hospital, exacted a fee of \$2.50 from a patient at the Hospital. The man complained; the matter became public, and Pawlicki had to return the money. The circumstances connected with this incident surprise me; first, that the patient was forced to give up only \$2.50; second, that he ever got the money back. Pawlicki need not despair. There will be other chances.

That band of tongue-wagging patriots known as the Iroquoisquaws have, by resolution, opposed the proposed ordinance regulating the holding of open-air meetings on the public streets. If any one had

a doubt about the virtue of this ordinance, the resolutions should remove it. The Iroquoisquaws and all their long-haired kin can be suppressed only by rigorous measures.

One of the most enthusiastic of the Berkeley students captured in the attempt to make the rush at Charter Hill is a young Filipino, the son of Aguilardo's former Secretary of State. No other proof is needed that the Filipino can be thoroughly civilized if captured when young.

When Adjutant-General Corbin, Major-General, U. S. A., during his tour of the Philippines made a visit of state upon the Sultan of Sulu; flags flew from the Sultan's harem; his favorite wives were bedecked in their finest raiment; the royal standard of Sulu and the Stars and Stripes floated from adjoining poles, and carrouades belched forth equal honors to the Sultan and the General. Now, why don't Smith, Smoot & Co. move down to Sulu? It's part of the United States, you know, just as Utah is, and Smoot might become Senator from Sulu without objection being raised.

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FINANCIAL

Miner for Once is Recognized.

Mr. Aubury, State Mineralogist, leaves in a few days for the East to supervise the installation of the California mineral exhibit at the World's Fair in St. Louis. It is said that the miners have stood in well, and it is pleasant to be assured of the fact. If the statement is true, then the mining men of California must have recovered from the feeling of distrust and wrath engendered by the way they were treated in Paris the last time they were persuaded to make themselves agreeable by drawing upon their treasure in the way of rare specimens, running the risk of losing something the value of which could not be replaced by money. California ought to have a good display of minerals at the Fair. The State is rich enough to make one, and doubtless there will be all the money required at command were it not that the ordinary politician who controls all outlays of the kind, has a faculty of overlooking the mining industry upon all occasions to the pecuniary advantage of the fruit grower or butter maker. Mining made California, and goes a long way to-day, even if its light is hidden to a large extent under a bushel, to keep up the reputation of the State, but this is apt to be forgotten by the new people who have arrived here of late years in Pullmans.

Good Water Goes to Waste.

There will be oceans of water in the mining district this year for industrial purposes, and the torrent that has drowned out the garden patches along the banks of the swollen Sacramento could well be utilized in tearing down the great gravel deposits which perforce lie idle owing to the malicious interference of the valley men, who have never yet lost an opportunity to knife the neighbor from the hills good and hard. What millions of gold would be available for disposition were these great mines at work again! The much condemned slickens could be flumed down the valleys to build substantial levies and raise the elevation to a degree which would ensure them from ever again being drowned out by a winter's rainfall. It is said that fruit trees flourish in this slickens-made soil, and it certainly would end the malaria which poisons the air in so many naturally fine locations, when through means of this material the damp conditions could be removed. The people of the valley have been led away by the ever-present mischief makers who manage to eke a livelihood by constantly fomenting strife. They have followed false gods, and now in their trouble, which excites the sympathy of all Californians, and from none more so, if the truth were known, than the despised men of flume and giant, they may look to the hills, from which alone can come their aid.

Money in a Name.

A New York paper of that class which devotes its columns to the aid of promotion schemes now carries in bold type a statement that Tonopah is "the richest gold field in the world, accredited to John Hays Hammond, the well-known mining engineer." While quite ready to believe in the great value of Tonopah as a mining camp, we do not for one moment credit that Mr. Hammond ever made such a statement, even if he held that opinion of the camp. He has never been in the habit of gushing over the prospects of mines or a mining camp, and it seems unreasonable to think that he

is beginning at this time in his career to take the dear public into his confidence. The only reason to ascribe for his name being used in this connection is that he is not likely to see the paper which is taking the very questionable liberty of keeping it standing in the advertisement which it bolsters up.

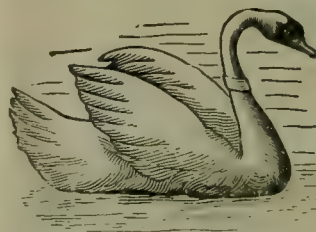
An Expensive Investment.

The gross earnings of the North Shore R. R. for February, 1904, show a decrease of \$2,962.14, a large net decrease as compared with the previous year. The road showed a deficit for the month of \$30,643.46 after paying all expenses and fixed charges. For the two months to February 29th, the deficit amounted to \$54,842.11, or \$32,623.64 more than last year. This is not surprising with the constant outlay for repairs and improvements.

Pine-St. Market.

Business on the Comstock Market has held up remarkably well during the past week, taking the elementary disturbances which have been going on at both ends of the line into due consideration. Prices have shown a disposition to harden, under a very moderate demand, which in turn developed the fact that the goods are not quite as plentiful as might be supposed. From all appearances, if the occasion arose to fill anything like a decent order for one of the leading stocks, it would either have to be limited to a certain figure, with the chance of not procuring a share, or the market rate at a sharp advance would have to be met. Work at all points along the lode is progressing in a most satisfactory manner, and before long things will be so changed in and around the mines in operation that the old boys who have crossed the divide would not recognize the place could they break out for a while from "under hatches." These improvements are bound to be reflected in the local market before long.

A lady who invested \$1,300 in stock of the Gray Gander and Columbia Oil Companies has just recovered a judgment for \$1855 and interest against another lady who certainly was not the "Gray Goose" in the transaction. A judgment is one thing and coin is another, and a peculiarity of these promoters, who make a practice of wheedling coin out of that enterprising portion of the public which takes financial bait as a trout does a fly, is that they do not pan out well when one wants to get money out of them by stress of law, or any other leverage, for that matter.



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INSURANCE

The Contemporary Review publishes an article by Mr. T. P. Whittaker, Member of Parliament, which is a sort of body blow to abstainers and refutes the hypothesis that total abstinence is conducive to longevity. It has been boasted for years by temperance people that the good drinkers died early. Mr. Whittaker, by his analysis of the facts and figures, proves beyond a question of a doubt the contrary. To quote from a published article:

"Mr. Whittaker attacks the problem empirically, and draws the data of what he claims is a demonstration from the experience of an English insurance company to whose actuarial records he has had access. This company was founded in 1840, and at first issued policies and continued them in force only to those who were and remained total abstainers. A few years later non-abstainers of a selected class were admitted. On the books of the company the two classes have been kept separate, and it is possible to compare their respective death rates—the two classes being about the same in number, recruited to the company under the same rules of examination and the same in all qualities except that the members of one were total abstainers and the members of the other were occasional or moderate users.

"Tables prepared by the actuary of the company, as quoted by Mr. Whittaker, show 31,776 life non-abstainers' policies aggregating 466,943 years of exposure with deaths to a number of 8,947, against 29,094 whole life abstainers' policies, aggregating 398,010 years of exposure and 5,124 deaths. The death rate among the non-abstainers has thus been 36 per cent higher than among the abstainers. Another table shows that the company's experience with its abstaining class indicates that of 100,000 living at the age of thirty, 55,382 would survive to the age of seventy, while among the non-abstaining class experience shows the number of survivors at the age of seventy would be only 44,424. As to the point which will be obviously raised in rebuttal—that the non-abstainers were not in general respects as good risks as the abstainers—Mr. Whittaker asserts that it is without validity; that, if anything, greater care was exercised in excluding bad risks from the non-abstaining class than from the other; that in no case did the company write policies on men who drank to excess."

The other side of the question the moderate drinking element seem to have overlooked this later apostle of St. Paul and a little for your stomach's sake, but the American life insurance companies' tables and experience would, beyond question, if they were examined, reveal the fact that Mr. Whittaker's deductions apply to the United States as well as to Great Britain.

To take the negative of this, it is fair to suppose that the life companies of the United States, if they found the abstainers were more profitable risks, would seek to insure them by granting a more favorable policy or a lower rate. This is not done. The moderate user of alcoholic stimulants is accepted by the most careful and conservative life insurance company at the same rate and on the same plan as the non-user, and the man who dispenses liquor from behind a bar can get a policy of life insurance in these days at so small an advance of cost that it is not worth consideration. The total abstinence theory in life insurance falls.

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Life insurance companies are careful in the method

of their selection of subjects, and while they discard the heavy habitual drinker, they take the moderate one and are glad to get him, and up to the present there is not known any reputable old line or legal reserve life insurance company which has offered any special rate to the applicant because he was eligible to become a Good Templar.

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The News Letter, amongst its various exchanges, has one called the Insurance Press, which in a recent edition heads its editorial columns with the following paragraph: "A friend of The Insurance Press sends us, as a souvenir of the Rochester conflagration, a copy of The Insurance Press of February 3d, taken from an insurance office in the Granite building, where so he says, 'all combustible matter was destroyed.' This reminds us that we frequently speak of The Insurance Press as T. I. P., which, it now appears, means The Imperishable Paper." Now, my merrie masters, I have found that The Insurance Press could not burn; I have tried to light fires with it and it would not ignite, and so it must be imperishable. To me it seems as if The Insurance Press was designed solely to burn others and not be burned itself. Our local insurance papers are of this class and character, and like The Insurance Press they are so poor in point of paper and contents that fire won't char them, and as for water they take it all the time. The T. I. P. might just as well stand for The Impotent Parasite as for what The Press imagines the letters to signify.

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C. A. Henry & Company, General Agents of the Sun of London, have appointed Mr. John N. Waters special agent for California, Nevada and Arizona, vice Mr. T. H. Williams, resigned. Mr. Waters has been for many years associated with the Dornin Agency. He is one of the most popular specials and a business-getter.

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The Maryland Casualty Company has declared a quarterly dividend of two and a half per cent.

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The District of Columbia has suspended the license of the Security of Baltimore.

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The Netherlands Fire Insurance Company has ceased writing policies on the Coast.

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There is a valued policy bill in suspense before the Iowa Legislature. A gentleman named West made some sensible remarks before the Insurance Committee, in which he said: "Insurance is an indemnity. If an officer is bonded for \$100,000 and absconds with \$40,000, the authorities seek to recover \$40,000 from the company bonding the officer. That is what the company has sold the authorities, an indemnity up to the face of the policy, and has not sold the guarantee to pay the whole \$100,000 if the officer embezzles half of it. So with insurance. The company guarantees the owner of property against loss up to the face of his policy. Now honest people do not want to burn their property and will not. The valued policy law is of no value to them, because they do not misrepresent to the company in the first place to get more insurance than their property is worth; the dishonest man, therefore, gains the benefit of the law at the cost of the honest insured." These remarks are worth remembering, and whether the utterer may be an insurance man or not, he has the

bump of common sense remarkably well developed.

The Paul N. Nippert Company is the latest agency corporation. It has absorbed the Powning Company, and will have the agency of the Aetna Indemnity Company, in addition to the British-America and the city exclusive agency of the Delaware.

Here is a story credited in the Review to Manager Shallcross of the Royal. It is the story of a claim for loss filed with his company: "The claimant (a woman, of course) had her household goods insured against fire, and claimed \$5 for the loss of a set of false teeth and \$2.50 for the loss of a canary-bird. When called upon for details, she explained that the house across the street caught fire, and she rushed to the window and leaned out to watch the proceedings. Her teeth fell out and were broken; and while she was at the window the cat caught the canary and ate it. Asked as to how she classified the teeth and the bird in order to justify her claim under the policy she said that the teeth were "dining room furniture," and that the bird was a "musical instrument."

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs

Admiral Makaroff, the new commander of the Port Arthur squadron, refuses to be bottled up in the harbor, and has the daring to go out in the open and offer battle to Admiral Togo, although his fleet is outclassed in guns and craft. The Japanese Admiral, in declining a test of strength just now, however, should not be charged with hesitating on account of fear of defeat, for it may be that he is maneuvering his squadron to cover troop transports carrying the remainder of the first mobilization to Korean ports. But, anyway, the new commander of the Russian fleet is enthusing his countrymen in, as well as out of the war establishment, with confidence in the final overthrow of the enemy by his bold and daring, yet cautious, effort to engage the Japanese ships. And one good result to his cause that is already distinctly observable is a degree of confidence in the Port Arthur garrison that did not before exist.

The massing of troops in North Korea is a change in the Russian's strategy, but that may be more of a feint than a reality to keep the home country in a state of enthusiastic expectancy until something else is thought of to satisfy public sentiment while waiting for Japan to cross the Yalu and assume the offensive. Meanwhile Japan has not been idle. The landing of more than 100,000 men on a foreign shore at various points, and the subsequent massing of them at admitted strong strategic points without losing a man or a transport at the hands of the enemy is conceded to be a most masterful exhibition of military skill. But that is not all. This great army is as well equipped with modern implements of war and officered by as capable and as fearless men as are the best military establishments of Europe, and what is still more to the point is that this horde of brown men are at this moment moving toward the Yalu.

The secrecy surrounding Japan's plans, and the deliberate and almost mathematic precision of the forward movement ever since the first transports sailed away to Korean shores makes it clear that there is a confident and determined national and individual moral and patriotic force behind it all that will be hard to overcome. But the first real trial of generalship and strength is near at hand. After that event there will be less occasion to mystify movements. That the fighting will be terrific there is no doubt, for both sides, from highest officer to the humblest private, are more or less fanatical in patriotism. The Japanese reasons: "I must die sometime, and it is glorious to have death come while fighting for the integrity of home and country." Besides, there is a broad and deep-rooted streak of fatalism running through the two religious systems of Japan. The inspiration of the Russian is that it is his religious duty to give his life in defense of the "White Father"—the Czar—and meanwhile to kill as many "heathens" and "pagans" as ever he can. From such soldiers fierce and destructive encounters may be counted upon with certainty.

It is an off-day when the Peking Government does not give a volunteer pledge that China will be true to her attitude of neutrality, but between pledges, preparations go forward to strike Russia hard and fast when the right moment comes. There is no reason to doubt that there is a perfect understanding between Japan and China. That fact is further confirmed every time Russia charges China with playing false. Though a great victory by Japan's land forces would postpone an

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China's Game of Deceit.

actual aggressive movement by China, and a serious defeat hasten such a movement, it is as certain as anything could be that the Peking authorities are determined that Russia shall not always hold Manchuria as a Russian province. And it is the concealed enmity of China and her haste to put her army upon a war footing, notwithstanding her protests to the contrary, that is bothering Russia. She knows what to expect of Japan, now that their armies are in the field, but China's double-dealing is a cause for apprehension all the time.

Our Own Troubles. Litigation in France to prevent the transfer of the Panama Canal franchise

to the United States was not enough to tangle the deal in a cobweb of cloudy complications. An application has been filed in the Supreme Court at Washington for an order restraining the Government from further proceedings in the matter. It is claimed that the whole affair has been engineered on lines that are unlawful and unconstitutional, but whether the petition is founded on fact or a mere scheme to hang the business up in the Supreme Court for an indefinite number of months matters not, for the fact remains that the more the public understands the true inwardness of the transaction the more pronounced becomes public sentiment against the project, or rather against the disreputable and high-handed methods that were employed by the canal ring through the aiding and abetting of the Washington Government. It may be true, as is hinted, that the Republic of Colombia is behind the move to hang the project up in the Supreme Court, but that only shows how deeply wronged that Republic feels over our treacherous treatment of her.

A Serious Charge. The Aborigine Protection Society of London has sent out to all the civilized world

a circular letter in which the grave charge is made that King Leopold of Belgium, as protector, and the several signatory powers to the agreement to not only put down the African slave trade in the Congo Free State, but destroy it, have been so remiss in their duties that the business of stealing and selling human beings is going on with little or no interference. In view of this, an appeal is made to all peoples to use their influence to right the great wrong. On the other hand, King Leopold claims that he has caused an investigation to be made, and that the tales of woe have little or no foundation in fact, but he has ordered a still more careful investigation. The United States are morally one of the signatory powers, but the Government at Washington is in a very awkward position to act. This country not only permits human slavery in its Asiatic possessions, but makes no very determined effort to either abolish the system or put a stop to slave trading, and it would not look well for us to make much of a fuss over slave trading in Africa, when we permit it in the Philippines. The Aborigine Protection Society is and has been doing a noble work for many years, and the United States should be in a position to give it our strongest moral help, but we have a beam of that kind in our own eye.

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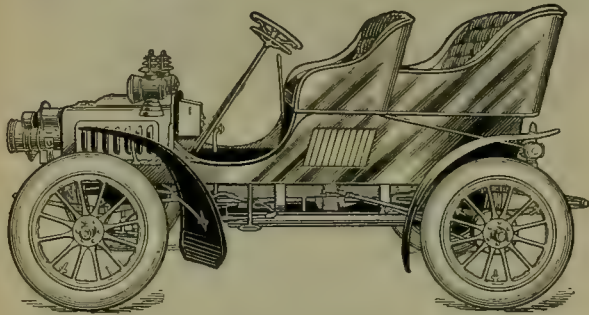
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BY THE AUTOCRANK

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What the auto owner really wants is club officials that will think out something new for each outing. A thing that would be a diversion would be an automobile paper chase around the bay or down the road, and then back to some unknown point. It could be so managed that the course could be laid down towards San Jose, passing through Burlingame to San Mateo and other places. There could be several checks and blind trails, and at some unknown points officials could be located who could register all those who properly went over the course, the first to arrive at a special place to be the winner of the trophy. Paper could be used as in the case of the regular chases over the hills. This would not only attract a great many owners, but would be interesting to many who would follow to see the fun.

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The American Darracq Automobile Company, the American representatives of the famous French Darracq, will soon have a representative on this coast. Darracq cars during 1903 captured 58 prizes—32 in Europe and 26 in America.

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Mrs. Fisk, who is stopping at the St. Francis, is using the automobiles of the Mobile Carriage Company provided for that hotel, for her trips about the city, Park and Presidio.

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The Locomobile Company in New York has received many inquiries recently from people, asking if the works are open to visitors, and take this opportunity of announcing publicly in an informal way that such is the case.

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During the past week Orient Buckboards were sold to Mr. R. D. Shelton, Santa Rosa; Mr. J. L. Ames, Sebastopol, and Mr. J. S. Butler of Salinas.

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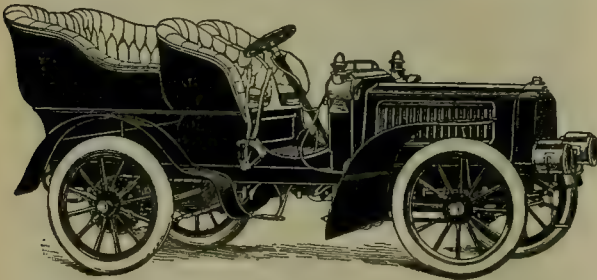
The Mobile Carriage Company has now installed a new automobile passenger office in the lobby of the Occidental Hotel, where it will provide its excellent cars for the service of the public.

This aggressive company has automobile passenger offices in the court of the Palace, lobby of the St. Francis, lobby of the Occidental, and has also traffic relations with the leading cafes, as well as with all the leading family hotels in the city. When you wish an automobile at any hostelry you can obtain it by asking the office "to call Mobile Carriage Co."

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about the 7th or 8th of April. The Pioneer people are booked far into the season for these machines, and orders are now coming in faster than ever.

The Sunset Automobile Company reports the arrival of a carload of 1904 Orient Motor buckboards. These popular machines show many improvements over the last year model, the principal ones being a two speed gear, wider seat, with spring back, higher bed and full elliptic springs, making it very easy riding. Mr. Wheelock, the sales manager for the company, is authority for the statement that one-half this carload was sold in advance of its arrival, and he predicts a lively year for the Buckboards.

We only request that visitors advise us in advance of their coming, so that we can make arrangements to take care of them properly, and avoid mutual inconvenience.

The White Sewing Machine Company reports, up to the 25th of March, twenty-one sales of White touring cars for the month. They are receiving machines at the rate of two carloads per week, and are still unable to make deliveries as fast as the orders are filled.

The American Darracq Automobile Company is about to place an agency in this city. The Darracq car is reliable, durable, comfortable and luxurious, easy to operate, speedy, silent, noiseless, strong, hill climber, and built for long roads. It holds the five-mile world's record, 4-01 2-5; six out of eight world's records in Europe. Over one hundred awards last year.

The following letters are printed in justice to the American Darracq Automobile Company, a reputable concern of New York City:

"Russelsheim, a Main, don 4. March. 1904.

"American Darracq Automobile Co., New York, N. Y.—Gentlemen: I am in possession of your favor of the 16th ult., and beg to reply that I have no connection at all with the man "de Feher" about whom you inquire. The fellow, who seems to be a swindler or commercial adventurer, has written several letters to me to the purpose of entering into business with my firm, but I have answered him plainly that I will have nothing to do with him. The last letter of the man, dated February 15th, I replied to, as shown by the enclosed copy. Besides, I have never made any offers of Darracq wagons to America, a statement you may safely trust in. I authorize you to publish the above communication everywhere, and hope the dark negro-existence of de Feher will not bother you nor me any more. In the expectation of having served you after your desire, I remain, gentlemen, Yours truly, (Signed) ADAM OPEL.

"Russelsheim, a M. den 4. Mar. 1904.

"Mr. S. De Feher, Belmont Auto Station, 1517-9 Belmont avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.—Your letter of the 15th ult. has been received. After what I wrote to you previously, I did not think to have any more news from you. By the present, I repeat to you plainly that I do not care to enter into business with you, and I request you to bestow your favors on some other auto firm. The Deutsche-Automil-Industrie Herring and Reinhard have told me your communication about having paid 5,000 marks on my account in advance for business to do was not true. I forbid you strictly to boast with your being in business with me, as this is an absolute untruth.

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A Midwinter Scene in Golden Gate Park. A line of White Automobiles.

Elwood Haynes, of the Haynes-Apperson Company, estimates that a man going ten miles an hour in an automobile strikes with a force equivalent to falling three and one-half feet; twenty miles an hour thirteen and one-half feet; thirty miles an hour thirty feet, and when traveling at sixty miles an hour the automobile strikes with a force equivalent to a sheer fall of 120 feet.

Would it be consistent for a horse doctor to use an automobile in his practice?

The strongest possible racing board has been appointed by Harlan W. Whipple, president of the American Automobile Association. A. R. Pardington, the popular chairman of last year, was again chosen to fill that important position. William K. Vanderbilt, the most eminent of American sportsmen, was selected as a member, and others chosen were Osborne W. Bright, S. M. Butler, secretary of the A. C. A.; William Wallace of Boston, standing in his community as solidly in popularity as Mr. Vanderbilt in New York; George L. Weiss of Cleveland, and F. C. Donald of Cleveland, a sporting man of wide repute, cyclist, automobilist and autoboat enthusiast.

Twenty-two thousand miles in a 12-horsepower car is a phenomenal touring record accomplished in France by Geoffrey G. Gilling, a record performance of its kind. Mr. Gilling carried four people with him, touring France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Germany. He started from Paris, going through Lyons, Monte Carlo, Geneva, Turin, making a circuit of the Italian lakes, and then on again through Riva, Innsbruck, Munich, Carlsbad, Muremburg, Stuttgart, Nancy, Bar-le-duc, Chartres, Alencon, Dinard, Dieppe and finally concluding his tour by driving from Carlsbad to Dinard, a distance of 1,400 miles in five days.

Governor Yates, of Illinois, in writing on the topic of road improvement, says he is not aware that the movement has taken definite form in his State. Nor will it ever take form, Governor, unless somebody wakes up.

Now that the Europeans have been convinced that Willie K. really did make that mile in :39, they are beginning to remember lots of unofficially timed practice spins they have made in :36, :37 and :38.

By April 1 there will be just half as many American automobile papers in the country as there are American manufacturers in the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers. When the

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Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McEwen, Misses Elsie and Josephine and Master Charles McEwen made a trip around the bay last Sunday in their new 1904 Winton touring car, recently purchased from the Pioneer Automobile Company.

The following is a list of purchasers of Locomobile gasoline touring cars: S. K. Martin, Jr., Chicago, Ill.; N. W. Bishop, Bridgeport, Conn.; Walter B. Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.; Frederick Wallace, Fitchburg, Mass.; J. J. Mandery, Rochester, N. Y.; W. R. Wiley, Chicago, Ill.; Anna P. Lowe, Fitchburg, Mass.; W. Worth Bean, St. Joseph, Mich.; W. R. Condict, Evanston, Ill.; Richard T. Robinson, Racine, Wis.; S. T. Murdoch, Lafayette, Ind.; Michael Ehret, Philadelphia, Pa.; John C. Spring, Boston, Mass.; J. Henry Linneau, New York, N. Y.; G. A. Trowbridge, Leetes Island, Conn.; Arthur L. Peck, Providence, R. I.; W. C. Weston, Newark, N. J.; George H. Davis, Kansas City, Mo.; A. L. Chamberlain, New Haven, Conn.; Joy Morton, Chicago, Ill.; George H. Pettee, Providence, R. I.; Charles Crompton, Worcester, Mass.; Franklin Farrell, Jr., Ansonia, Conn.; J. F. Dorr, Worcester, Mass.; P. W. Whittemore, Boston, Mass.; Frederick Taber, New Bedford, Mass.; C. M. Talbot, Boston, Mass.

The Mobile Carriage Company, through its Los Angeles branch, has just sold to Mr. George Austin of New York and Los Angeles a four-cylinder Great Arrow. He will use this car in New York for a time, then take it with him to the St. Louis Exposition, and then back again to Los Angeles and Santa Barbara.

W. S. Arnold, W. F. Brong and Mr. Bert Dingley have formed a combination and purchased four White touring cars, which they have put in the rent service, with headquarters at the White garage at Franklin and Market streets.

A letter has been received by the Pioneer Automobile Company from Mr. Jesse Poundstone of Colusa County, which reads as follows: "Owing to a break in the river, I have not been home for two weeks. Expect to have break close this week. Have been using Stevens-Duryea all through the high water of the river, and it has given good satisfaction." This news will be welcomed by people living along the Sacramento River, as there has been a doubt in the minds of a great many as to whether or not automobiles were suitable for using on the levees, soft dirt and through mud.

Fred W. Gregory, of Fresno, who is the largest dealer in automobiles in the State of California, outside of San Francisco, who has a record sale of sixty cars in sixty days, has sold out his automobile business to G. S. and E. B. Waterman. They have the best-equipped garage between San Francisco and Los Angeles, and have the agency for the White, the Oldsmobile and the Pierce.

The people at the big Locomobile garage in New York have advised the local agents that business is picking up very rapidly with the advent of better weather. The big six-story building at Broadway and 76th street is open days, nights, Sundays and holidays, and the first floor has been remodeled, giving the entire space, 75x80 feet, over to the storage of touring cars. One hundred and thirty machines are being taken care of in the building at present.

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The individual will suffer long and silently the aggressions of his neighbors or the inflictions of associations. The public will suffer longer than the individual, but once its anger is aroused it will take drastic measures. An angered population will establish institutions to protect its interests, and in a free country woe betide the individual or the association that has aroused the anger of a community.

As a natural consequence of the Labor Union we now have a new association known as the Citizens' Alliance, brought about by the tyrannical actions of the foreign leaders of the Labor Union. It is the natural outgrowth of conditions. It has arisen to serve the purpose of a protector of the community in general and the free laborer in particular.

It is the embodiment of the immortal principle laid down by Cardinal Gibbons when he said:

"The right of a non-union laborer to make his own contract freely and perform it without hindrance, is so essential to civil liberty that it must be defended by the whole power of this Government."

This great voice, in stating the rights of man and the essentials of civil liberty, has uttered the platform of the Citizens' Alliance. It welcomes immigration, but denies to the immigrant the right to outlaw our native youth. It makes no objection to labor unions, but demands that the equal right of all men to labor be respected, and that the laws which protect it be enforced impartially. It will not tolerate restrictions on the employer to prevent his employment of union labor, but his right to employ non-union labor is of equal dignity and must not be restrained.

The birth of the Citizens' Alliance means the freedom from industrial slavery. It means that the young American is to have a chance to learn a trade, and that no organization may say to the youth of this country: "You are barred from an apprenticeship in any shop. There are too many of you. We (the Labor Unions) mean to reserve the places in the shops for the foreign-born. They came over here with a trade already acquired, and the American-born boy will have to stand aside while we feed the foreigner; for in him and in his anarchism is our strength. In his turbulence, his hatred of all Government restraint, we find a friend on whom we can depend in any emergency, for murder or votes."

It is astonishing that the American laborer has not had the sense to see the trend of Unionism. It is astonishing that the American mechanic does not cast off the yoke of its foreign element, which controls in Labor councils. Unionism finds its perfection in China. Here everything from the vegetable picker to the china-painter is unionized, and the immediate effect of this thorough unionizing has been the utter obliteration of the national feeling and the effacement of individuality. The only class that does not suffer from the evil effects of the principles of Unionism is the scholastic class. From among these are gathered the diplomatists and the legislators.

It behooves every business man in this community to go to the offices of the Citizens' Alliance in the Crossley Block and place his name on the register as an application for membership. It must be understood that the Alliance does in no way intend to act as a persecutor of labor or of those that believe in the principles of Unionism. It does, however, act as a protector to the public and will cause the agitator to hesitate. It means the end of strikes and the firm establishment of the principle of compulsory arbitration.



OBITUARY.

There is no citizen in San Francisco who is better known than Mr. F. W. Dohrmann, and the sympathy of the entire community will go to him in his affliction in the loss of his son, Dr. W. F. Dohrmann, who died on Saturday night at Santa Barbara. Mr. Dohrmann was the victim of acute pneumonia. Dr. Dohrmann was a most lovable man, and his friends were legion. He had been on a visit to Santa Barbara in company with his wife when he contracted the fatal disease. His short stay in the Southern city had made him a vast number of friends, and there is a general gloom in Santa Barbara.

O. V. Walker, former caller and chairman of the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange Board, passed away last Saturday at his residence, 2500 Broadway, this city. He was one of the founders of the Exchange, and was an estimable and well-liked citizen. He was sixty-one years old at his demise. He was a native of the State of Maine, and during his life in San Francisco he was always a prominent figure in business and social circles.

In the death of Professor A. B. Arnold, the world has lost a great scholar. Professor Arnold ranked with the highest of the translators of the ancient Hebrew classics and the Arabic Epistles. Dr. Arnold was a native of Eppinghausen, Bavaria. He was a thorough American in all his tendencies, however, as he came to the United States at the age of fourteen years. After a successful career at Jefferson and other Eastern colleges, Dr. Arnold came to San Francisco in 1898. He was eighty-five years of age at the time of passing away. His book on nervous diseases has run through many editions, and is generally used in the United States as a text-book. He was twice president of the Maryland Medical and Chirurgal Society. He was the author of a metrical translation of Lessing's "Nathan der Weise," and a frequent contributor to leading medical and literary periodicals. At the time of his death he was engaged on a translation into English of the Hebrew-Aramaic writings. He leaves three sons and one daughter, Mrs. M. H. Hecht, Jr., Dr. J. Dennis Arnold and Harry Arnold of San Francisco, and William E. Arnold of New York.

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JAPANESE TEA GARDEN.

The Japanese Tea Garden and its quaint tea houses is the thing of beauty it was once, no longer. It will soon be an eyesore. It takes a Jap to keep the peculiar characteristics in plant life going, but it is also true that it takes some one who understands him to keep the Jap's peculiar characteristics going. Some one who understands the Jap must see that he does his duty.

People are beginning to wonder why the place is so ragged and unkempt. A recent visit to the once pretty and attractive spot caused a pang of regret at the only too apparent neglect which is fast deteriorating this most beautiful feature of Golden Gate Park. The universal comment of Eastern visitors is that "the garden is not nearly so pretty as it was some years ago when I visited it!" One of the most palpable pieces of neglect is the dirty, ragged condition of the paper covering of the "shoji" (doors.) An outlay of a few cents would remedy this defect. If Mr. Hagiwari could be prevailed upon to spend a little of his precious time, which he now utilizes in his own garden, just outside the Park, in opposition to the Park Garden, upon such little attentions to the Tea Garden the decay and neglect would not be so apparent.

All the pretty dwarf and quaint potted plants have been removed, and the storks likewise have flown. The fence is broken and in sad need of repairs. Rotten stumps are not replaced by others or by stones, as they should be. The rear of the house is most unsightly as well as unsanitary. Piles of useless bamboo and filth offend the nose and the eye. Tea is served, not by a neat Japanese maid, but by an untidy, coatless, dirty boy.

The fact of the matter is the gentleman in charge is developing into a Pierrepont Morgan, and he is telling his friends that it hurts him to work in Golden Gate Park, while he shows no disposition to shrink when it comes to laboring in his own tea garden just outside.

Surely the Park Commissioners see a necessity for a change when the general public needs no guide to point out the bad management. This Japanese is simply using some very strong pull to keep his position in the Park, and at the same time advertise his own garden just outside the limits of the people's playground.

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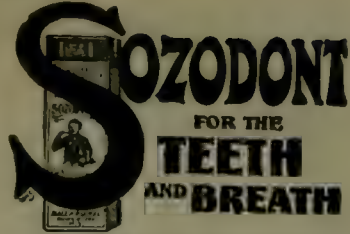
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Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 24th day of March, 1904, an assessment (No. 90) of ten cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary at the office of the Company, Room 35, third floor, Mills Building, corner Bush and Montgomery streets, San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 27th day of April, 1904, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of May, 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors. C. L. McCOY, Secretary.

Office—Room 35, third floor, Mills Building, corner Bush and Montgomery streets, San Francisco, California.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.
Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company.

Assessment.....	No. 132
Amount per share.....	10 cents
Levied.....	February 10, 1904
Delinquent in office.....	March 15 1904
Day of sale of delinquent stock.....	April 4, 1904

E. L. PARKER, Secretary.

Office—Room 14, Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco California.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.
Exchequer Mining Company.

Assessment.....	No. 44
Amount per share.....	5 cents
Levied.....	March 7, 1904
Delinquent in office.....	April 11, 1904
Day of sale of delinquent stock.....	May 2, 1904

CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary.

Office—Room 79, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.
Julia Consolidated Mining Company.

Assessment.....	No. 34
Amount per share.....	3 cents
Levied.....	March 8, 1904
Delinquent in office.....	April 13, 1904
Day of sale of delinquent stock.....	May 3, 1904

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At last we have the truth, even from the university. A professor, who is a man, who has had the courage, even for a few moments, to really express himself, and to do it in terse language, which reads as if it were meant, is so unusual a phenomenon that we must pause for a moment to raise our hats to Professor Charles Mills Gayley, head of the English Department. He is one of the wonders of his age. He has cast aside all the stupid chivalrous traditions from King Arthur down, and actually dared to do a bigger thing than dragon-killing, to tell the woman, nay, several women, and those women university students, the truth about themselves: Said Professor Gayley, as reported by the shuddering co-eds., who repeated his utterances: "If God Almighty or the Angel Gabriel had written this poem, it would not interest you. You are a lot of giggling girls. Half of you should be made to pay for your education. Class dismissed."

The truth of all of this is absolutely beyond question. The girls have no interest in this subject because they have not the requisite amount of brains. In the present case, there can be no question where the blame lies. Professor Gayley is a man of international reputation, for whose work leading publishers compete, and who is one of the most delightful readers and engaging speakers to be found anywhere. Yet his class could not pay attention. The reason is clear: they have not the intellectual force which enables them to keep their attention; they are undeveloped children, not fitted for a university training.

"You are a lot of giggling girls," said the Professor, and so saying he told the truth about the manners, not only of the class to which he spoke, but of the vast mass of the university students. Unrestrained vulgarity and defectiveness of training show themselves in the giggling, and worse, of the girls and the noisy hoodlum behavior of the boys. It is to be questioned if two thousand young people of respectable appearance could anywhere be got together whose behavior is on the whole so unsatisfactory and whose manners so deplorable. They have not the slightest notion of their responsibility, and they have reached the very depths of vulgarity when a class of nearly one hundred young women can sit back and giggle during recitation period in the face of a man whose reputation for scholarship is world-wide, and who has occupied a responsible position in their own university for close upon a score of years.

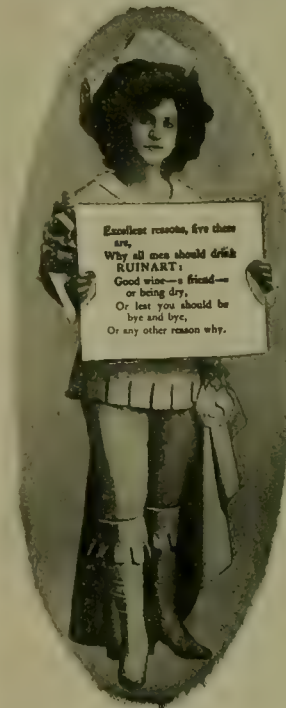
"Half of you should be made to pay for your education," said Professor Gayley, and his remark was exceedingly conservative. Not half of these boys and girls are fitted to be university students. They do not possess the intellectual qualities which repay the State for educating them. There is plenty of good manual work to be done, which would employ both boys and girls to the great advantage of the State and their own individual happiness. They are wasted where they are, and they are wasting the money of the State. The girls grow up to despise domestic duties, to shirk the bearing of children and the natural life, to shrink from matrimony, even, as imposing personal duties and responsibilities. They grow up into nervous old maids, disturbing the community with continual petty agitation, and endeavoring to satisfy their hungry souls with the pursuit of that will-o'-the-wisp which they call culture.

Free education! Yes, free as air to those who can

profit by it and who have the intellectual capacity and stability of disposition to enable them to climb the rocky path of scholarship and intellectual attainment. But why should the State pay for the higher education (save the mark!) of those who have no intellect to grasp its significance, and who repay the munificence of the State by laughing in the face of its professors.

—The carpet becomes very dirty in winter, but this can easily be remedied by sending it to Spaulding's Carpet Cleaning Works, 353 Tehama street. There the carpet is cleansed from every particle of dirt without any injury to the fabric, and is returned looking as fresh and new as when first put down.

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GOOD MORNING.

By Frederick A. Wright in 'The Critic'

Good morning, my little boy blue,
 The flush of the dawn 's in the sky,
 The grass of the meadow is wet with the dew
 And the robin is singing on high.

The sun of ambition not yet
 Has come with its pitiless rays,
 To bring you the panting, the pain, and the sweat
 Of the noontide of passion ablaze.

No sign of the cloud-rack appears,
 No hint of the wild afternoon,
 Its lightning of loss and its tempest of tears
 And the darkness that falleth too soon.

Then follows the bow of that peace
 Which paints the departing of light,
 When pleasures and labors and sorrows must
 cease
 In the infinite calm of the night.

Good morning, then, little boy blue,
 The flush of the dawn 's in the sky,
 The grass of the meadow is wet with the dew
 And the robin is singing on high.

GOD'S HOUR.

By Julia C. R. Dorr in Scribner's

O restless soul, canst thou not wait God's hour?
 "Let there be light!" He said, and lo! the day
 Gilded the mountain-tops, and far away
 The dimpled valleys thrilled beneath its power,
 Claiming the glorious sunlight as their dower.
 A myth, a fable, that the wise gainsay—
 An idle tale for children at their play.

Yet fable is fair truth's consummate flower!
 Earth waited long till Day, unheralded,
 Unsung, unprophesied, in splendor swept
 A radiant presence through the Orient gates
 Not unto us shall the last word be said;
 Yet one sure secret have the ages kept—
 Light breaks at last on every soul that waits!

By ROBERT LOVEMAN.

In 'The Critic'

Byron, Shelley, Keats, and Poe,
 Wrath and rapture, wit and woe;
 Dreamers, debauchees, divine,
 Frantic with a frenzy fine,
 Hearts of fire, souls of snow,
 Byron, Shelley, Keats, and Poe.

Byron, Shelley, Keats, and Poe,
 O sweet pain the poets know!
 Doomed, and damned, and crowned, and caught
 To bliss upon the wings of thought;
 Brain and vein, and pulse aglow,
 Byron, Shelley, Keats, and Poe.

Byron, Shelley, Keats, and Poe,
 Kingdoms crumble, empires go,
 Truth the jewel, wrought in rhyme,
 Sparkles on the brow of Time;
 Gods, upon them peace bestow,
 Byron, Shelley, Keats and Poe.



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By Order of the Board of Directors, **CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary.**

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of CHARLES BLOXHAM, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, M. J. HYNES, Public Administrator of the City and County of San Francisco and Administrator of the Estate of CHARLES BLOXHAM, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Administrator at Room No. 568 Parrott Building, 825 to 865 Market street, San Francisco, Cal., the same being his place for the transaction of the business of the said estate in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

M. J. HYNES,
 Administrator of the estate of CHARLES BLOXHAM, Deceased.
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Club Notes

There is a funny chapter still untold about the recent fracas in the Papyrus Club, the one that resulted in the formation of the new club, "Cap and Bells." All the investigations which sought to explain why the tempest tossed so terribly in the Papyrus tea-pot accentuated the first report, that with true American spirit the members were opposed to a third term, even for so popular an executive as Mrs. C. Mason Kinne. All this may be true, but a few of the most active opponents had a further cause for grievance. This is the "low-down" story that is going the rounds:

Some time ago, there was talk of Decoration Day, and one of the members who is a loyal Southerner, a member of the Daughters of the Confederacy, contended that a point should be made of decorating the graves of Confederate soldiers as well as those who fought under the Stars and Stripes. At this suggestion, Mrs. Kinne is reported as objecting and saying, among other things, that did not partake of the "Blue and Gray" sentiment:

"A Southerner is a traitor, dead or alive."

The spunky Southern woman remembered this when the time came for the nomination of candidates, and although she did not succeed in defeating Mrs. Kinne, she managed to make the fur fly.

The Press Club is making elaborate preparations for an art exhibition, which will be held in its room on Ellis street from April 16th to April 23d, for the benefit of the Children's Hospital. All the prominent artists have promised to exhibit, and it is expected that the affair will be an artistic, financial and social success. It will be a "sketch" exhibition, inasmuch as there is a size limit to be placed on the pictures shown, and it is also understood that some limit will be placed on price. The exhibition is to open with a jinks for members of the club and exhibitors. During the week the club will be opened to the public except Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and Monday and Wednesday evenings, when admission will be by card. On Wednesday afternoon there will be a ladies' reception and tea, and on each of the special days entertainment and refreshments will be provided. The committee in charge of the exhibition follows: Howard E. Morton, chairman; A. Dixon, L. Maynard Dixon, H. C. Best and Dr. Philip Mills Jones.

A FINE EASTER SERVICE PROGRAMME.

The Easter Sunday services at St. Dominic's Church include the following: High Mass at 11 a. m. Vidi Aquam, Stewart; Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis, Credo, Sanctus and Agnus Dei from Rosseau's Mass in D minor. Benedictus from Gounod's Messe Solennelle. For the sequence, "Victimae Paschali Laudes," Stewart. Offertory, "O Salutaris," Rosseau. The mass will be sung by the regular choir of the church. Soloists, Mrs. B. Apple, soprano; Miss Ella V. McCloskey, contralto; Messrs. A. Mesmer and T. G. Elliott, tenors; Messrs. J. J. Rosborough and C. B. Stone, basses. Violin, Mr. John Marquardt; violoncello, Mr. A. Gutterson; harp, Mrs. John Marquardt. Dr. H. J. Stewart, organist and director of the choir.

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The new institution has copied the idea of "popular price" as well as several other features from the older company, but in order to make the place more attractive, they are exhibiting nude pictures on the pretense that they are high "art," and the place is crowded by men and boys, their minds are corrupted, and it is high time this place was suppressed. Once before similar institutions were in vogue, but in a more retired section of the city, and it was weeks before the police could eradicate the evil. Little girls and boys were given an opportunity and a license to feast their young minds on prurient pictures.

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"No wonder a fellow gets discouraged occasionally," said the struggling family man, "it's hard getting up in this world." "Perhaps," replied the man who had once seen better days, "but the coming down is harder."

Sal—So poor old Stoker Bill's given up stoking. Jack—Well, I don't know; he's dead; but, from what I knew of him, I shouldn't like to say that he'd given up stoking.

Theatrical Manager—I don't know what I am going to do; I can't find a press agent for you. Star—How about my husband He isn't working. Manager—Well, I would prefer one who doesn't know you so well.

"One of the component parts of sugar," said the professor, "is an essential in the composition of the human body. What is it?" "I know," shouted the grocer's boy. "Sand."

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Teacher—Wilfred, to what are the teeth fastened? Wilfred—To the gums. Teacher—And how many gums have we? Winfred—Three—pepsin, wintergreen, and blood orange.

He—I suppose you hold that a man should never deceive his wife? She—Oh, no, I wouldn't go as far as that. How would it be possible for the average man to get a wife if he didn't deceive her?

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8:30	Port Costa, Martinez, Antioch, Byron, Tracy, Stockton, Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Armona, Hanford, Visalia, Porterville.....	4:10
8:30	Port Costa, Martinez, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Visalia, Bakersfield.....	4:50
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8:00	Vallejo daily, except Sunday.....	5:20
7:00	Vallejo, Sunday only.....	7:50
7:00	Kitchmond, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way Stations.....	11:20
8:05	Oregon & California Express—Sacramento, Marysville, Redding, Portland, Puget Sound and East.....	8:50
9:10	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only).....	11:50

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8:16	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Way Stations.....	6:55
12:16	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations.....	11:55
4:16	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and way stations.....	18:55
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6:10	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8:30
7:00	San Jose and Way Stations.....	5:35
8:00	New Almaden (Tues, Frid, only), Gilroy (connection for Hollister), Pajaro, Castroville, (connection to and from Monterey and Pacific Grove), Salinas, San Ardo, Paso Robles, Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo, principal stations thence Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Saugus, Los Angeles.....	10:45
8:10	San Jose, Tres Pinos, Capitola, Santa Cruz, Pacific Grove, San Luis Obispo and Principal Way Stations.....	4:10
10:30	San Jose and Way Stations.....	1:20
11:30	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations.....	7:30
1:30	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8:35
3:00	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove (connects at Santa Clara for Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek and Narrow Gauge Points) at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Castroville for Salinas.....	12:15
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6:00	San Jose, (via Santa Clara) Los Gatos, and Principal Way Stations (except Sunday).....	18:00
6:30	San Jose and Principal Way Stations (except Sunday).....	18:40
6:00	Sunset Limited—Redwood, San Jose, Gilroy, Salinas, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Deming, El Paso, New Orleans, New York. Connects at Pajaro for Santa Cruz and at Castroville for Pacific Grove and Way Stations.....	7:10
8:15	San Mateo, Beresford, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, Palo Alto.....	18:48
6:30	San Jose and Way Stations.....	6:38
8:00	Palo Alto and Way Stations.....	10:15
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The Political Situation

A new force has been interjected into the campaign against Hearst, or, rather, it would be more correct to say that a new element is about to join the opposition. The women of the country are being aroused by the danger of his nomination and the disgrace it would be to the nation, and just as they have opposed the seating of Roberts, the Mormon Congressman from Utah, just as they fought seducer Breckenridge of Kentucky, just as they are now fighting Senator Smoot and polygamy in Utah (and although they have no votes they have won all those contests) so they propose to take up the contest for home and purity in the White House and battle against the nomination of the Sausalito debaucher. The Hearst men sneer at the women, and allude sarcastically to the W. C. T. U., etc., but if they were wiser in their generation they would know that if the women fight Hearst he will lose thousands of votes, and that his chances will be much slimmer than they are already. As one of the Vice-Presidents of a California woman's club said to me the other day, when speaking of what the women proposed to do: "Why should not the women take up this fight? Are they not interested in the purity of the home, in the decency of the occupant of the White House? How would it be possible to point to the Presidency with pride, to encourage our sons in the ambition that every American boy is supposed to have, to become President, if the Presidency is to be bought by men whom no decent woman would allow to enter her house? If you men have not more respect for the Presidency than to even talk of putting such a man in control of the Government, it is time that we women should act, and we will."

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Figures are dry, I know, but I have been asked so often the last few days if Hearst would not be easily elected if he were nominated, on the supposition that the Union Labor vote would be solidly for him, that I shall venture to do a little figuring on the next Presidential vote. According to the last census there were 21,329,818 persons in the United States entitled to vote, and of course there are several million more now, but not to exceed two-thirds of those who are entitled to vote do so. At the last election the entire popular vote was 13,959,653, and this year it will not reach 15,000,000. The entire Labor Unionists number 2,100,000, so it is clear they are in an immense minority. When we consider the population from the standpoint of occupations, we find that out of the 23,956,115 male inhabitants of this country, over ten years of age, engaged in work of some kind, the farmers number 9,458,194, the professional men 833,584; the domestics 3,592,581; those engaged in trade and commerce, 4,274,659, and those in mechanics and manufacturing (the two branches in which unionism is almost exclusively found), 5,797,097. It is evident, then, that even in those branches where unionism is the strongest, it does not represent fifty per cent of the voters, and yet it is that vote which must elect Hearst if he is to be elected. But it is certain that he will by no means get the united Union Labor vote. The vast majority of the members of the unions are men of family, men with an interest in the community, men who own their homes and have money in the bank, and none

of that class will support a man whose personal character is like that of Hearst, and whose election would bring on the country the worse panic it has ever known. Hearst's influence—or, rather, his lack of influence—in this State even, where he has been carrying on his anarchical propaganda the longest, and where unionism is strong, has been strikingly illustrated by the fact that not one of his candidates has won a place of any importance since the mind of man runneth not to the contrary. Lane's experience is fresh enough to be easily recalled. With Hearst in opposition, he gets ten thousand majority for Governor in this town; with Hearst supporting him for Mayor, he carries only the Alms House precinct. Why should any one suppose that Hearst can do for himself what he has never been able to do for any one else?

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Assemblyman Dunlap of Stockton is a candidate for the State Senate from that county, to succeed Senator Meunter. Dunlap has been three times in the Lower House, is now expert of the Board of Examiners, and has a gubernatorial bee in his bonnet. W. T. Leeke, of Ontario, San Bernardino County, and Colonel J. L. Paul, of North Ontario, are both candidates for the unexpired term of Senator Hubbell, who died since the last session of the Legislature. Leeke is President of the San Antonio Water Company, and Paul was chairman of the Republican County Central Committee of San Bernardino County.

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Smith of Bakersfield does not come out for the place. Smith, however, will probably be a candidate for the reason that he wants to go to Congress, and the times seem to be propitious to his candidacy. He was a candidate two years ago, and after a long dead-lock was defeated by Daniels, of Riverside, under the management of Hays, cashier of the Orange Growers' Bank, now charged with embezzlement. While Hays says that Daniels knew nothing of his shortage, Newberry, a former Director of the bank, who lives in Los Angeles, has given out a very damaging interview which places Daniels in a bad light in the matter, and it is a fact that all the shortage occurred while the Daniels' campaign was in progress, and the fight was strenuous. Of course, that fact may be only a coincidence; but in politics a man's opponents are prone to take advantage of such coincidences, and it is evident that Daniels cannot even get the support of his own county for a renomination; that, of course, there was the field open to other candidates and of those, Smith, who has twice been State Senator, is the most promising, although Senator Ward of San Diego also wants to go to Washington, and there are others, including Assemblyman Barnes, Victor E. Shaw, and D. C. Collier, Jr., besides former Congressman Bowers, who is now Collector of the Port of San Diego, but who would gladly give up that place if his fellow-citizens will send him East to represent them in the halls of Congress. General Frank C. Prescott is also mentioned as a candidate from San Bernardino County, and Senator Greenwall, who distinguished himself by never opening his mouth nor introducing a bill when he was State Senator from Santa Barbara and Ventura, thinks he wants to do the silent act on the other side of the continent on a larger political stage, and Judge Ballard of Orange would be willing to spend a couple of winters East, and editor McPhee of the Santa Ana Blade is willing to add M. C. to his name.

In the Fifth District the only two names mentioned for Congress are Frank McGowan, who was once a Senator from Humboldt, and Dr. A. E. Osborne.

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A Republican Club has been organized in San Jose to gather under one wing all the various factions of the past, and to unite them for one ticket. It will not interfere, I am told, with municipal matters. The city elections in Santa Clara County this spring are to be conducted with the aid of voting machines, so as to prepare the people to use them at the general elections in the fall.

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W. S. Lyons, a brother-in-law of the Hayes brothers, is a candidate for Senatorship to succeed Oneal, and will probably get the nomination. He is a pleasant gentleman, who, however, has his spurs to win in politics. Black will be renominated again for Assemblyman from the Palo Alto District.

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Up in Napa County they are very bitter against Congressman Livernash for his recent attack on Congressman Bell for endeavoring to have one of the new naval vessels built at Vallejo. Livernash suggests that Bell was a cheap politician who was trying to stand in with the labor element. Coming from Livernash, most people will find the remark decidedly amusing, but nevertheless it has undoubtedly strengthened Bell in his district.

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The fattest woman in the world has laid her 420 pounds to final rest, but there are plenty of capable understudies to take up her important role.

Hearst bites a piece out of the Coal Trust and then loses his temper because Roosevelt gives no sign of anguish.

The difference between an argument of the lawyers in the Botkin case and a prize-fight is that the legal jawsmiths talk without gloves on.

Whatever else Japan may fail to accomplish in her war with Russia, she has already earned the world's thanks by putting the kibosh on yellow journalism.

The prune blossoms only once a year, but systematic irrigation produces a brandy blossom that lasts a lifetime.

Kaiser Wilhelm may be the joke of Europe, but he has proved his courage anew by locking up that one of his aunts who wrote a book about him.

Filipinos at the St. Louis Fair are growing fat on dog meat. If it would not be cruelty to four-footed animals, we should like to see the process reversed.

"Young Corbett," a pugilist, keeps on yelling that he was robbed. What pains the decent public is the knowledge that he was alive when it happened.

Dowie's "Zion City" wants a male printer who does not smoke, chew, drink or swear—in fine, a printer with wings and a halo.

The mountain in Maine reported as having vanished is probably identical with the one that was a "hole in the ground" when the original settler arrived.

A "champion newsboy" from New York found the woolly side of the West in Sacramento, where footpads took his money and railroad ticket while he held his hands as high as he could put them.

Eight giddy young couples of Jersey City wound up a Sunday night frolic with mock marriages for all hands. Next day they learned that the weddings were legal and binding. It generally takes longer than one day for the joke of matrimony to evaporate.

The name of David B. Hill has for years been enough to set most of his fellow Democrats to howling with rage, but now that Hearst has selected him for a target of abuse, Hill is almost popular.

Bryan's inevitable "hoodoo" steps in again just as he is dipping his hands into a dead friend's coin, and tells him that if he wants money he must either connect with the Hearst barrel or go to work.

A British officer with the tender name of Young-husband is busy shooting the inhabitants of Thibet into a condition of closer fellowship with the Christian nations of the earth.

Scarcity of ammunition prevents firing of Russian cannon at Port Arthur, but while the supply of vodki holds out, the besieged may go on firing their imaginations and telling the Czar of their heroism.

Pierrepont Morgan may be acting wisely in going to live abroad, where his friends who were "let in" on Steel Common and Ship Trust stock cannot follow him until the Transatlantic walking is better.

The clubwomen of New York are far enough along in planning a magnificent clubhouse to be squabbling over the propriety of a room where they may sign checks for and consume cocktails and highballs.

Secretary of the Navy Moody has passed up to Congress the question of whether or not "Hail Columbia" is a national air. It used to be, but that was before we had that classic composition, "Beldelia."

An English astronomer finds that the canals on Mars are irrigating ditches. Knowing that they are sixty miles wide, it is easy to figure out that the Martians who dug them are very big men—even bigger than William R. Hearst thinks he is.

To-day justice is done to the memory of a gay young man of Toledo, whose death had been charged to cigarettes and dancing, the Coroner announcing that he was poisoned by the polish on his shoes. Better to perish of vanity than feeble-mindedness.

The limit of husbandly unkindness is reached in a recent divorce suit wherein a grieving wife charges her spouse with pulling her nose, calling her crazy, and endeavoring to throw her down-stairs. This may not have amounted to cruelty, but unquestionably it was discourteous.

While Livernash bombards him with stinkpots, President Roosevelt, recalling how not long ago this same Congressman was shooting up his fellow citizens, masquerading as a negro wench and proving his own insanity, can afford to grin and ejaculate "Dee-lighted!"

THE CARMEN'S THREATENED STRIKE.

If the signs of these times portend war between the United Railroads and the Carmen's Union—and we hope they do not—it is pretty certain that public sympathy will not be with the men in case of a strike nor even in the event of a lock-out forced upon the employing interest. The company has gone to large expense in preparing for a protracted struggle with its employees, and has done so, publicly, upon specific information of what the carmen have been planning. The clause in the latest demand which was most significant of trouble was that calling for a further increase of wages, but the one which sought to commit the company unequivocally to the "closed" shop policy, graciously allowing it sixty days in which to get rid of all its men not unionized by that time. When this demand was made the leaders of the carmen knew for a certainty that the answer would be a flat refusal. Obviously, then, the raising of this point anew was a deliberate attempt to provoke hostilities. Close on the heels of this menacing demand came an ultimatum to the employers giving them a half-day to agree to "break in" no more new men beyond those actually needed on pain of a refusal to educate any more "students" whether needed or not. Behind this truculent manifesto was the statement that the carmen had positive proof of the company's bad faith in hiring here and elsewhere men not in sympathy with the principles of unionism, in "strike-breakers" in other cities and preparing its barns for a state of siege. To cap these iniquitous acts was alleged the General Manager's frank statement that he had been "preparing for possible trouble." Now, as against a corporation grinding the faces of its employees, cutting their wages to the point of subsistence, harrying them with schedules exacting a maximum of work for a minimum of pay, the public would be from first to last on the side of the men. But the United Railroads has shown a spirit of calmness and justice in dealing with its employees, has been patient with their hot-headed leaders, has kept the pledges and observed the conditions imposed under arbitration, has had nothing to say when the chiefs of the union threatened and blustered, and all the time has striven to provide for the comfort and convenience of its many thousands of patrons. So far as the present management has been concerned, all the trouble-making has been done from the side of the employees. They wanted arbitration and they got it. Because it yielded them less than they demanded, they cursed the arbitrators and swore that they would settle no more disputes in that peaceful way. Now, apparently, they are about to carry out the threat, and it is a sinister one. This time they will not have with them the great body of public opinion which won the strike provoked by the tactlessness and brutality of a company manager who is gone but not regretted. This time the burden of proof will lie upon them.

It is true of the Carmen's Union, as of most other bodies of its kind, that it is dominated by its radical members, honest men all, we dare say, but utterly mistaken in their creed, "the union, right or wrong." There are hoodlums at the grips and controllers, and on the rear platforms, but take them as a rule, the great majority of our carmen are civil-spoken to those who speak to them fair, are industrious, faithful and honest. There are in this union men of bad principle and of no principle at all, but the great majority of carmen is made up of careful, conservative, peace-loving citizens. Unhappily, the radical

minority controls the conservative majority, and it is this minority which has pushed the unions forward in a movement which may turn quickly into a grave industrial struggle. If trouble shall come, good citizens will applaud the company's firmness even as they have approved its fairness.

DOCTORS IN THE SCHOOLS.

The Board of Health now proposes to send a lot of doctors into the public schools to look after the physical welfare of the pupils. Theoretically, this proposition is good enough in its way. Children should be taught how to sit at their desks, how to hold their books, how to stand and how to walk properly, and many other things; teachers should know how to arrange the light effects in the school rooms so that the pupils' eyes should not suffer; they should devise schemes whereby all the hats would not be piled together by monitors, and then distributed, thereby propagating scalp and skin diseases; greater care should be taken to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, and so on ad infinitum. But judging from the kind of work done in the hospitals, the much-vaunted volunteer corps of physicians appointed to visit the schools will soon find ways to the pockets of the parents of the children—and this is said with due regard to the fact that, according to their lights, they may all be honest men. The trouble of the whole thing is that some men do not seem to know when they are stepping from the straight and narrow path. Volunteer services by professional men, extending throughout the year, as is proposed in this instance, will never amount to much in this town. A few capable doctors may be willing, as an experiment, to give something of their time to the city, but it will be found at the end that the most exacting of the visitors to the schools are physicians of but small practice, who see in this opportunity a chance to widen their acquaintance, experiment to their hearts' desire, and incidentally to increase their incomes.

THE POSTAL FRAUDS.

Upon the floor of the United States Senate, a member of that "greatest deliberative assembly upon earth," has stated during the debate on the Postoffice bill that "wherever graft was looked for, there graft was found; wherever crime was looked for, there crime was found; wherever swindling and corruption were looked for, there swindling and corruption were found." His references were to the exposures of corruption in many administrative departments of the Government for many years past, but particularly since the outbreak of the Spanish war. The accusing Senator is a Democrat, and one who will play a part in the coming Presidential campaign; it might be presumed, therefore, that his charges were greatly exaggerated for partisan purposes; that he was indulging his imagination in mere figures of speech. Unfortunately for the peace of mind of those Utopian dreamers who will not open their eyes to existing conditions, and who delude themselves with the fond belief that in this Republic those in high places are not, like so many Orientals, filled with mercenary desires, the assertions of wide-spread corruption in Government offices are absolutely true. Whether the Republicans or the Democrats are responsible is beside the question. Democratic Missouri is to-day as fully honeycombed with corruption as is any department at Washington, officered by Republican

appointees. Corruption is not a matter of politics; it is, rather, one of opportunity. When war was declared against Spain, the opportunity was presented. Then came the tales of fraud in Government contracts. And they were true. England had the same trouble in the Boer war, and Russia is now suffering from a like cause. Corruption, therefore, is not a matter of geography either, for there are just as many men in this country eager for a dishonest dollar as may be found in Europe. The million dollar frauds in building contracts in the Carolinas, which caused the imprisonment of a Captain of Engineers; the land timber frauds, now under hearing in the Federal courts; the frauds in the U. S. Senate, which recently resulted in the conviction of U. S. Senator Burton on a penal charge; the great and far-reaching postal frauds—all these and many others which have not gained the notoriety of national scandals, give proof to the charge that wherever "graft was looked for, graft was found."

In the postal cases Bristow's report resulted in thirteen indictments. Only two of these cases have been tried. Powerful political influences have succeeded in keeping the other accused men out of court. Of their guilt there is no doubt, even in Washington. Why, then, should they be protected? Because Barstow went too far. He exposed scores of Congressmen who had used their positions to fraudulently aid their political proteges. These Congressmen have combined to smother Bristow and his report, and as to the accused office-holders caught in their guilt the combination at Washington says to the public: "Forget it." Now, if civic reform associations want something to "resolve" upon, here is a case at hand. But if the civic reformers want to accomplish anything, let them first examine their back-bones before taking up the battle.

VERTICAL HANDWRITING.

It is to be hoped that San Francisco's Board of Education will take notice of the prompt action of Sacramento's School Trustees in throwing out the "Vertical Writing" abomination and putting in a standard which insures character, individuality and rapidity of production. The gentlemen who direct our own common schools have secured from business men and others vitally interested an abundance of testimony as to the unworth of the "vertical" system and should be at no loss to know what to do with this unfortunate error in education. They and their predecessors have utterly ruined the writing of some thousands of the younger generation. This harm is beyond undoing, but the School Board can and ought to wipe out the cause at once. Every day of delay adds to the injury.

The "vertical" method is as foolish in theory as it has proved pernicious in practice. For the dubious benefit of uniformity and legibility—a benefit so rarely achieved as to make the system a flat failure—it contemplated the sacrifice of all the other elements of use and value that pertain to the written expression of human thought. It would have been quite as desirable and almost as practicable, to attempt a course of physical culture designed to make all school children alike in size and appearance, or a course of elocution that would make one voice indistinguishable from another. As we are informed, the inventor of this "vertical" system was an estimable enough lady, who devised it chiefly because she needed the money. It chanced that she had a certain influence with a body of men who could not

have been fitted for their responsibilities. They were ready to oblige the lady with the fool-theory in order to let her make a little easy money. They had not the intelligence to see the falsity and futility of the scheme, nor the capacity to estimate its incurable bad effects, so it went through a-whooping.

We are not surprised to hear that the business community has jumped at the chance offered it by the School Directors for a free expression of opinion concerning the "vertical" system. Nor to learn that this opinion is strongly against this acme of foolish faddism. It is a fact not to be denied that the average Englishman writes a far better "fist" than the average American educated as to penmanship on the old model, and it is also a fact that the average victim of "verticalism" writes unspeakably worse than the average American. The English schoolmasters have clung tightly to the accepted standards of writing, and have drilled their charges with severe thoroughness, producing a script so typical that one accustomed to reading handwriting matter knows at a glance when he encounters the output of an Englishman. We will be doing well if we return to the fashion of our fathers in writing and strive to live up to it. "Verticalism" means merely the substitution for writing of a set of sprawling turkey tracks.

SENATOR BURTON'S CONVICTION.

The conviction in the U. S. District Court at St. Louis of U. S. Senator Burton, of Kansas, on a charge of having illegally used his high official position to advance the interests of the Rialto Grain and Securities Company, of St. Louis, is a sign of the times. It means that the efforts of "that man Folk," the fearless Circuit Attorney, of St. Louis, have not been in vain. It means that the people have awakened to the necessity of compelling those in high places to respect the laws of the land. It means that the efforts that for five years past have been made by many honest men in various great cities of the country to effect municipal reformation in municipal Government are certain of beneficial results. We know nothing of the merits of the Burton case, but the fact of his conviction in a Federal Court gives us probable cause to believe not only that he was guilty as charged, but that the evidences of his guilt were made so apparent that not even all the corrupt political influences of Missouri and of Kansas—States where political corruption is practiced as a business—were sufficient to save him. It is a lamentable commentary on the condition of morality in this country for a public journal to find cause for congratulation on the possibility of the conviction of a man of great political influence upon a criminal charge. When one considers the personnel of most of the political leaders in the great municipalities of the United States, and further considers the reasons that usually animate many of them in selecting candidates for the U. S. Senate, the wonder is not so great that occasionally a Senator falls from grace. Observation of the ways of his political sponsors, and of their apparent immunity from punishment, may well cause a weak and grasping man, as Burton must be, to forget the dignity of his high office, and, in search of ill-gotten wealth, reach out like a ward politician for everything in sight. But that, upon detection, he should be arraigned, tried and convicted like any common malefactor—that is indeed a sign that the people have sickened of the iniquitous practices of their office-holders, and intend to punish them.

THE LAZY JUDGE AND THE ROTTEN JURY.

Now perhaps our Judges will wake to some realization of their duties, and try and get a decent jury to pass on issues of fact. The neglect of duty brings trouble even on a Judge, and the disgraceful exhibition in the Botkin case should send a wholesome shock of alarm down the vertebrae of our negligent or political holders of the scales of justice.

Who are the most competent members of the community to serve as jurors in cases which involve life and death, and the maintenance of law and order in the community? According to present practice, they are loafers and men with no fixed occupation who enjoy the title "professional" jurymen for lack of having any other profession. Venders of lottery tickets, hangers-on of saloons, worn-out political hacks who have outlived their usefulness for even the coarsest and dirtiest work of municipal politics, constitute the personnel of the jury, and pose before the community as vessels of probity and integrity. From such dirty vessels only muddy water can be drawn, and the waters of justice are filthy enough in all conscience in this town.

The fault rests with the Judges. They have the selection of panels, and they should take care that no names find their way into the jury box whose possessors are not men of the strictest integrity and the most undoubted honesty. This is talking mere commonplace, so commonplace, in fact, that it is known to every child, but ignored by our Judges, who go the scriptural injunction one better and are simpler than little children. And when the jury is selected and the trial begun, it would seem that a close supervising eye should be kept upon the actions of those upon whose decision so much depends. But no. They are allowed free scope to roam about the city, to meet and consort with whom they will, to follow their inclinations, which may, and in fact do, lead them to saloons and other places, where life is freer and evil tendencies do more abound. To continue a case for three days and let your jury roam untrammelled is a peculiarly satisfactory way of ditching justice, and justice does manage to get ditched. When shall we have a judiciary all the members of which will take ordinary precautions in the selection of a jury and ordinary care in watching it after it is selected? It seems little enough to expect, but Heaven knows it may be too much.

CHINESE EXCLUSION.

From Washington is foreshadowed an effort toward letting down the bars of Chinese exclusion when Congress assembles again this winter. It takes no long-range prophet to foretell it that California will present no unbroken front of opposition to such a movement. Rather will large and patent influences throughout the State be found exerting themselves openly for a relaxation of the restrictions on immigration from the Orient.

The Chinese exclusion movement was born on the sandlots from the loins of Kearneyism, but the workingman of that day was not the workingman of today. He asked only a chance to sell his labor for what it was worth. There was no union club in his hand. When he raised the cry of the "yellow peril" it was taken up by the State, by the Pacific Coast, and by the nation. The opposition to exclusion came from those States where the gospel abolition had its earliest preaching. It was not a commercial or industrial consideration that moved the New England States to resist the barring of the Golden Gate, but a senti-

ment belonging to the broader platform of the brotherhood of all mankind, white, black and yellow. How little the opposition availed is evidenced by the law as it stands.

Things are different now. The manufacturers of California, the producers, the employers of labor of all kinds have seen a steady advance in wages and a steady reduction not only in hours but in the productive capacity of the individual workingman, for these be the fruits of unionism. They have seen the exclusion of the Chinese followed by unequivocal attempts to exclude all kinds of labor. Less than a year ago, when in response to the cry for help from the fields and groves and orchards of California, an effort was made to encourage the immigration and settlement here of working people from the East, the central labor bodies denounced it as a blow at unionism. They back-fired this movement for a greater California with false tales of hunger in this land of plenty, swearing that there was no work for thousands of those already here, when, in fact, ranchers were watching their crops rot for lack of hands to harvest them.

Every acre of new land brought under cultivation intensifies the labor problem in California. It is a problem that will be solved by a reasonable lowering of the Chinese exclusion bars. When the question goes before Congress again, there will be a loud outcry from the labor unions through those newspapers that dare not tell the truth about industrial conditions, but the gentlemen who represent this State at Washington will not be left in doubt of the fact that there is a great and insistent demand here for labor, white, black or yellow, that will do California's work for a living wage and will not devote its time to scheming how to throttle enterprise and frighten capital back to its hiding places—a demand for labor not bidden by a crew of walking delegates.

HIS ROYAL NIBS.

It has been decided to have an auction of the box and orchestra seats on the night of April 14th. Mr. William Greer Harrison is to be auctioneer, and the genial gentleman and his assistants will be sure to realize handsome prices for the seats. The proceeds are to go to the California Woman's Hospital. After April 14th the seats will be on sale at the Sherman & Clay and Kohler & Chase music stores.

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Are you ever compelled to ride on a tram? If so, by Gad, I pity you. It is on a tram, you know, that the San Francisco male pig rises to the fullest height. They squat hidden behind a paper, which I doubt from their manners if they can read, and allow tired women to hang on to the leather straps, and also, you know, they throw their big, muddy feet across the tram, and sit and grunt like all the rest of the porcine creation. I have been made truly glad to see on more than one occasion, a tired, illy-clad laboring man take his lunch-box in his hand and give his seat to a female, while the other man whose clothes indicated a little better breeding, sat still. You know our discomfort should not count among gentlemen when there is one of the sweeter sex in question. Gentlemen and men of San Francisco, place aux dames, if you remember your mothers or sisters, or if you expect to marry. If I were a woman, I would watch my fiance in the tram cars before I married him. Egad I would.

I have expressed my severe disapproval to your good people here on several occasions on the question of your behavior at the table, and you now know how I regard your actions when riding in a tram. I mean in this case your physical actions. They only offend a fellow's feet or those of a tired female, but your constant mastication of something which you (I have to use the vulgar word) chew, is a desecration of the commonest kind of decency. I note in the trams that a really nice-appearing girl will exhume a sweetie from a sticky box and commence to masticate it, and I have seen men even keep on using their jaws on something that they held between their teeth. It is vile. Hostler chaps in England "chew" tobacco, but how any one, even if he does have to work for a living, can masticate in public is beyond comprehension. I am told you call it the gum-chewing habit. It is awfully bad form. It goes on in the theatre, in the home, and I saw it even at the Easter morning service in one of your swell churches. It is unpardonably ill-bred, and should be stopped. It may be possible downstairs amongst the servant people, and of course, if you want to be understood as being that sort of person, why, keep on using your gum and gums. Another peculiarity you have over here is the use in public of that most unspeakable thing, a toothpick. I have seen chaps that are fairly good fellows leave the club and walk down stairs and out on the street with one of these implements of torture in active use. I have been pained to see at a proper function a dainty lady hide her pretty face behind a napkin while she used a toothpick on her ivories, and by masking her action called more particular attention to her breach of good manners.

I never saw in all my experience anywhere on the globe, and I have traveled a bit, don't you know, toothpicks served as a part of the menu, except here in America. The man that will use this toilet article at table should dine alone, and be served with a toothbrush as well as fork, knife and spoon. I really hate to criticise your gentlewomen here; they are so fresh, so healthful and so well gowned. They are almost English girls in their love of fresh air and golf and yachting. They are athletic, and at the same time feminine to a degree, but they lack the repose of the really. I don't hardly know how to say delicately

what I want to, but it is poor form to stand with the hands on the hips, and look like a wash-woman, and it is worse to sit with one ankle across the knee. I am sure I shan't note these things again in my set. For the gentlewomen have been kind to me and thanked me for pointing out to them the little things that were not really proper. There may be a few other minor things, but I am sure, don't you know, I really feel the ideas I give will be taken in the spirit I give them. The distinction between the correct person of either sex is in the manners and bearing of the individual. The stenographer clerk or the shipping clerk man may have good clothes, but they wear out. It is well-bred manners that last, and that makes one's presence acceptable to those who are correct in deportment. Your servants here are not servants; they are your masters, and I have had to call Roger to heel. The chap who said in your valuable paper recently: "The only explanation, and this is no explanation, consists in the fact that some occupations as conducted in this city, but not elsewhere, mind you, not elsewhere, have an unavoidable and incurable tendency to produce a condition of manners which can only be fairly described as vile, and which have no counterpart in any other city in the world." Must have been referring to your servants. Let me assure you that the well-bred mistress of the house has only well-trained servants, and the well-bred gentleman a correct man, but if the mistress and the master don't know how things should be done, the servants are a lot of unpardonable and disgusting bunglers. Like master like man, you know. Let's be correct; it adds so much to the pleasure of living.

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"Divorcons" was the most successful play so far of the Fiske productions at the Grand Opera House. The little lady still suffered from limitations in enunciation, and there were many remarks, as people left the theatre, such as: "Wasn't it a pity—I didn't hear a thing!" and so on. Well, we'll forgive her. She is ill. It is a most fortunate thing that the select audiences at the Grand have a very comprehensive knowledge of Sardou and Ibsen, or the howl would have been longer and louder. "A Bit of Old Chelsea," a very well written curtain raiser, met with the approbation of the public and served as a fine prelude to the Sardou masterpiece.

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The best piece of spectacular work that we have seen this season is on at the Columbia, and Anna Held has scored a triumph. The little actress has improved in all directions. She displays an amount of dramatic ability that few would have dreamt she possessed. Her characterization of Mademoiselle Marz is a splendid piece of work, and her singing has improved to such an extent since her last visit to San Francisco that there is absolutely no comparison. Her duet with Frank Rushworth (Noel Gilot) was a most pleasing and effective bit of vocalization. By the way, Rushworth is a mighty good-looking fellow with a most sympathetic voice. "Mam'selle Napoleon" is a costume show, a musical extravaganza, a triumph in scene painting, the acme of light effects, and singularly enough, and contrary to the daily newspaper critic, it hath a plot. The characters are historical, and many of them are presented merely as gorgeous fashion plates. There is with this company the best Napoleon that I have ever seen. Arthur Lawrence's character sketch is a wonderful creation. He has given this careful study. He has all the little shades of the great Emperor's nature at his fingers' ends. The scene at the kiosk in the grounds of the Chateau of Compiegne is a more than usually good piece of work for the trio (Gilot, Mademoiselle Marz and the Emperor), and raises Lawrence and Anna Held to the rank of stars. The first part of this scene is devoted to a weird dance of Satyr and Wood Nymphs. This is a wonderful dance, and the mechanical effects are splendidly handled. The sign for the week should be "standing room only."

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At the Alcazar, the very capable company has easily dropped down from the heights of religious hysteria in "Parsifal" to the rollicking fun of "On the Quiet." Mr. Durkin gives us an appreciation of the character of Young Ridgeway that is quite as good as the original of Willie Collier. There is not much chance for any one to shine exceptionally in this play, and it would be an injustice to mention any of the participants except Mr. Butler and this

because, we have seen so little of him lately, it is a deserved tribute. His McGeechy is splendid. It is to laugh and to laugh long and heartily.

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Next week is the last of the Fiske engagement at the Grand. She will give us a continuation of the pretty little story of the London flower girl, "A Bit of Old Chelsea," by Mrs. Oscar Beringer, and this curtain raiser will be followed by the Ibsen "A Doll's House." Mrs. Fiske is said to have achieved her best work in the Ibsen play, and there is sure to be an increased attendance.

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Minnie Maddern Fiske, I am told, will probably temporarily retire from the stage after the end of the engagement at the Grand. She is suffering severely from nervous prostration. She is under the constant care of a nurse, and what with massage treatments and quiet is enabled to fill her dates, but this is only setting off the time for relinquishing her life on the stage. The nurse sits at her bedside and reads her the lightest sort of child's literature. The room is darkened somewhat, and the absolute quiet is disturbed only by the sweet and droning voice of the attendant. People who have been angered by her atrocious enunciation will more easily forgive Mrs. Fiske, knowing the terrible conditions under which she has kept her engagements with the public. It is now in order for the special writer for the jaundiced dailies to give this item a whole page, with pictures of the nurse, Mrs. Fiske, the doctor and the medicine bottles.

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La Belle Guererro and Blind Tom still hold the boards at the Orpheum. In addition there is a fine vaudeville company, and the house is crowded nightly.

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The Central is giving a splendid performance of that standard melodrama, "Around the World in Eighty Days." Here, too, the appreciation of the public is shown in crowded houses.

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At Fischer's, "Kismet" is holding large audiences through the medium of Kerker's splendid music and the delightful lyrics of Mr. Richard Carrol.

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At the Tivoli, there is another holdover, "Mr. Pickwick."

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Madame Schumann-Heink has been the delight of all music lovers at the Alhambra, and the matinee this afternoon should be the signal for a turn out of all those who love good singing. Madame Schumann-Heink has given herself assurance of a rousing reception on her return to this city, and I hope that it will be soon.

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Following Anna Held, the Columbia Theatre attraction will be the celebrated farceurs, the Four Cohans, surrounded by a company of sixty people, in George M. Cohan's "Running for Office." The stars are well known here, and bring a splendid chorus.

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The very efficient company at the Alcazar will give us a new bill for the coming week in the shape of "Aristocracy." Mr. Durkin and Miss Block have the roles created by Wilton Lackaye and Viola Allen, and the full acting resources of the excellent company will be employed. To follow, April 18th, will come the first stock representation in any theatre of "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson," the vivacious comedy written by Clyde Fitch for Amelia Bingham.

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With the coming week, a new bill at the Orpheum, Sam, Kittie, Clara and Paul Morton, the fun-makers, are on the bill. Edmund Day, playwright and author, will appear, with the support of a competent company, in "Shipmates." Special scenery is carried, and it is said to be a great comedy success. There is a lot of new vaudeville and a lot of new faces. Blind Tom, with a lot of new selections, holds over.

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LIBRARY TABLE

Paul Elder & Company, San Francisco, have published "Fairy Tales Up to Now," by Wallace Irwin.

Like the "Love Sonnets of a Hoodlum," "Fairy Tales up to Now" is issued in a 25-cent edition. The scareline typography of the "yellow" newspapers and up-to-date journals have been borrowed from and adapted into a novel, but very correct piece of bookmaking. The Matrix Edition is a bold departure, each copy being bound in genuine matrix boards that have first served their purpose in the issue of a great daily. Obviously no two copies are alike, and the edition presents many very amusing combinations.

The introductory verse of the volume is unique, and will give the book-reader an idea of the contents of the book:

Of yore the foolish Fairy made
His fame in childish story;
But now he wisely plies his trade
And never thinks of glory.

The Ogre at his modern meal
Boasts loud of stocks and margin,
Breakfasts on Standard Oil and Steel
And keeps right on enlargin'.

The Woodland Babes your childhood met
May still enjoy their capers;
But when they're lost they only get
A write-up in the papers.

Where is the Wizard dark of fate,
Whose word brought sloth and ruin?
Behold the Walking Delegate
Who murmurs, "Nothin' doin'!"

And if the stage attracts our fays,
None will forbid, that's certain.
But hush! the play is on—so raise
The advertising curtain.

Rocky Mountain Exploration.

The "Expansion of the Republic Series" receives a valuable addition in this work by Reuben G. Thwaites. This author, whose works on Daniel Boone and Father Marquette have earned for him a wide reputation, writes this book with especial reference to the expedition of Lewis and Clarke. In this year, when especial interest is being shown in the Louisiana Purchase, this book should possess particular interest. The history is simply told, with no effort at literary style. There is a short chapter on the Conquest of California which is interesting reading, as the story is simply and vividly told, and is free from the prolixity and superabundance of detail into which this subject has usually been encumbered.

D. Appleton & Co., New York.

Medical Union Number Six.

This is rather a clever skit on the excesses of labor unions, by William Harvey King. It is a satire of things as they would be if carried by modern trades unionism to their fullest extent. The medical profession has formed a union. Union doctors work only six hours a day, and the various ailments are catalogued and divided off, one man being only permitted to prescribe for a certain

ailment. Patients are obliged to take such doctors as union headquarters prescribe. No doctors are allowed to work more than the prescribed number of hours. Union undertakers and clergymen refuse their services to those who die in the hands of a non-union doctor. A tragedy ends the story. Because Doctor Schneider lets a patient die rather than transcend a union rule there is a popular uprising against the Medical Union. The physicians go on a strike, but the people hold out, and finally the union, in order to bring the public to its senses, causes an outbreak of the bubonic plague, which devastates the country. Then the people humbly sue for relief, and the strike is declared off after millions of men, women and children have died, and towns and cities have been wiped out. "Of course," the story says in conclusion, "there was nothing left for the doctors, but the principles of the union were maintained."

The Monograph Press. New York.

This, the last volume in the series entitled "Appleton's Business Series," is from the pen of Amos K. Fiske, Associate Editor of the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin. It contains a description of the functions and methods of modern banking, together with a history of banking institutions. It is a clear and concise description of the matters with which it undertakes to deal, and should prove of great service to students of commercial methods. The various European banking institutions are touched upon as explanatory of the various American systems. There are numerous tables and forms illustrating various steps in banking operations, and the method of clearing house is put more plainly than is usually the case.

D. Appleton & Co., New York.

Why the Baroness Von Hutten should have written "Araby" is a problem not easy to solve on terms satisfactory or complimentary to the lady. She has shown a power of doing strong work with some meaning in a recent piece of fiction which she called "Violette," and now she satisfies herself by writing a short novelette which possesses no qualities to recommend it except the skill in construction which marks her as a master in her craft. The book is poor, tawdry, unsatisfactory, flashy and untrue. The construction of this riff-raff material is unusually clever and the best possible use is made of bad matter. "Araby" is not deserving of this much notice from a literary standpoint, but as an example of ability gone astray, it may serve to point a moral.

The Smart Set Publishing Co., New York.

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A Few Puffs at the University

The recent report anent the University of California co-eds. and the cigarette habit has stirred up a pretty howdy-do in Berkeley's classic halls. The girls indignantly deny that La Cigarette was among those present at the "kindergarten" show given the other day by the Sophomores to the Senior girls. Some dreamer mounted a night-mare and carried a thrilling account of the "doings" to a weekly paper which announced that the floor of Hearst Hall was literally covered with cigarette stubs after the entertainment. The girls are on the trail of the reckless man who gave out this false story, and when they hunt him down, the chances are he will have to take to the tall timber for breathing room.

Now, for the truths about co-eds. and cigarettes. Every girl in college is ready to "cross her heart and hope to die" that there wasn't so much as a single puff taken at the kindergarten entertainment. The affair was a novel imitation of a kindergarten, about thirty Sophomores doing the stunts of the Froebellettes, while the rest of the girls split the ceiling with peals of laughter over the antics of the kindergarten "kids." Mere man was not allowed within half a mile of the place, for some of the girls were "just too cute" in knickerbockers, and they looked so much the real thing that a cigarette wasn't necessary to complete the boyish effect.

But ssh! whist! while I tell you something! The other day, the Senior girls called a meeting to arrange for the jinks which is held in the girls' gymnasium during commencement week. The affair is in the nature of a parting jolly-up, and usually takes a prankish turn, the girls indulging in all sorts of ludicrous costumes. Everything was running on ball-bearings at the meeting until a young lady arose and suggested that it be plainly understood beforehand that no smoking would be allowed at the jinks!

This smacks very much like a confession; not from the young lady who made the motion, but that such a rule was necessary hints strongly of some one having indulged in the weed somewhere. The truth of the matter is that at the jinks given by the girls several months ago to raise money for a boat, a few co-eds. were so carried away by the spirit of the affair that the cigarettes lit in jest were smoked in earnest. Several girls who came dressed as boys were provided with the weed as an accessory to their costume, and in a moment of bravado they indulged in the pernicious pastime. One prominent girl, who is a member of a sorority whose motto was supposed to be "Dignity," blew smoke wreathes with a dexterity that told of long chumming with the cigarette. No one appeared very shocked that night over the cigarette stunts, but the next day in sober afterthought, the majority of co-eds. regretted that they had countenanced such a thing. The girls kept close counsel with themselves, and decided that the affair must be hushed, and only the frailest rumors of it ever stalked the campus. Nothing of the sort was indulged in at the "kindergarten" affair, and now that the Seniors have gone on record against the cigarette appearing at their "Gym Jinks," the smoke of the co-eds.' battle with the cigarette may be said to have cleared away.

That a sprinkling of girls out of such a large number as the University of California enrolls have predilections for things not down in the college curriculum, should not be a matter of great surprise, after all. Given several hundred girls anywhere under the shining sun, in college or out, and it won't take radium to discover that they are not all clear

water diamonds. But the co-eds. have never yet blotted the escutcheon of the University of California. No broad-minded person can condemn them altogether on account of that smoking episode. It must be a matter of regret that cigarette smoking was indulged in, if only by a few girls, at the boat-club jinks, for that serves as a peg to hang all sorts of charges on. And it puts all the girls in a hazy light, while only those who "smoked up" deserve censure. If those same girls choose to smoke cigarettes in private, it's up to their families, but when they indulge at a college function, it's an insult to the alma mater which the girls agree must not be repeated.

The matter of smoking for women has been threshed out a number of times, but it is still debatable. There may be pros and cons on the subject of mature women indulging for one reason or another, but on the question of college girls cigaretting there can be but one opinion—"don't." Dr. Jordan took a stand on the subject several years ago when it leaked out that the habit had taken up quarters at Roble Hall. He rooted it out vigorously, and it has never dared to come out of cover since that time. Stolen puffs may not be sweetest, but at least they do not bring odium undeservedly upon the entire college.

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His wife had left the linen out,
All in the pale moonlight,
And as the brave of Baker's Beach
Was wondering what to do,
He saw a sight that settled him,
And pretty quickly, too.

For a policeman came into the yard,
And gathered up the clothes;
He stole the socks and petticoats,
And queerer things than those.
The man had his suspicions,
But of course he couldn't breathe 'em,
So he shivers in his breeches,
For he's nothing underneath 'em.

I do not suppose that there has ever been a more unblushing example of corruption than that shown in the Kryzyanowski matter. The estate, which was valued at some eleven thousand dollars, got into the hands of as unscrupulous and malodorous a crowd of shysters as any that hangs about the edges of court. Perry and the Nagles practically divided the entire estate between themselves. Who is to blame for these buzzards? Surely not the creatures themselves, for they merely act according to their kind, and no other conduct should be expected of them. The real culprits are the Supreme Court, which makes admission to the practice so easy; the Judges who do not watch the actions of the men whom they must feel to be corrupt, and first and chiefly the Bar Association, which does not know enough to protect the honor of the profession it pretends to watch over.

"The habits of Boyen are exemplary, as he neither drinks, smokes nor gambles." So says the daily paper of a young man in San Rafael, who is accused of systematically robbing his employer. How is this? According to all the tenets of the Y. M. C. A. and the addresses of the successful, this young man should now be sitting in the seats of the successful and pointing the way to a doubting world by which it might hope to reach a corresponding eminence. If one neither drinks, smokes or gambles, he is in the eye of the professional moralist irreproachable and should climb the heights of fame. Occasionally, however, it appears beyond dispute that these three gentlemen who are so puritanical in their tastes are merely weak in their character, and that their non-indulgence in manly vices is only an evidence of their effeminate disposition.

What with the Santa Clara Blossom Show and the various other festivals of a flowery nature in which our people are beginning to indulge it looks very much as if we shall have in a short time quite a reputation among the peoples for innocent merriment. More or less innocent merriment would perhaps be nearer the mark. These carnivals and other similar things are perhaps on the whole a little too artificial to be altogether admirable, and the esthetic sense is by no means always gratified by the artistic efforts of the participants, but it is a poor soul which can never find anything to praise, and if these open-air festivals do nothing else they increase the receipts of the transportation companies and encourage flirtation.

If Tobin, the Burlingame coachman, was trained in England, as he must have been, for no self-respecting Burlingameite would have any other, he should be impressed with the valor of old Kentucky. To run against a Kentucky girl who compelled him to marry her, true it was only by contract, and enforced her wishes with the explanation that she had buried one man in Kentucky and fixed another in Arizona, is an experience enjoyed by few British coachmen. As a matter of fact, it is not on record that Tobin enjoyed it. But the crowning achievement of the Kentuckian consisted in buncoing Tobin out of a thousand dollars, and then making a bargain with her successor in his affections to take all the rest he had. And there are some who say that the Southerners have no enterprise.

The hard-hearted municipality of Alameda has imposed a tax of ten dollars a quarter upon clairvoyants and seers. This is an unwarrantable interference with the freedom of the individual. Such people are frauds, you say, but that is no reason for imposing a tax upon them. If we begin taxing quacks and humbugs where are we to stop? Should a tax on humbugs go on, the streets, nay the very roofs will be crowded with physicians, attorneys, clergymen and professional philanthropists scrambling out of the way of the tax collector. It is for the gaiety of nations that humbugs should be allowed to exist, otherwise what opportunities should we have of ridiculing human gullibility, and there is nothing quite so delightfully entertaining as the fact that some one else has been made a fool of.

It is to be doubted if any society, for its numbers, has anything like the fun which the French Mutual Benefit Society appears to get out of life. Every year their little quarrels fill columns of the papers, and such high-sounding names as Bearnais and Camac-Marquis become objects of interest to the ignoble vulgar. The duel is dead, but witty repartee and keen invective still belong peculiarly to the Gallic race, and whatever may be the sanitary value of the French Hospital, there can be no doubt about the gaiety promoted by the struggles for the control of it.

Here is a question for citizens and Police Commissioners: Is it better to have a good clean-up, show all the rascality, take the necessary punishment and have as a result a solid, decent force, or to palter and be afraid, trying to make terms with the municipal conscience as easily as possible? On the answer to this question depends the future good government of this city.

So the tax against automobiles is to be enforced, and one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars added to the city treasury. Henceforward let no one say that the rich are not public benefactors. Think of the poor City Hall official and the odd sums which this windfall will enable him to spend in the French restaurants.

Oakland is suffering from an overplus of garbage. The scavengers who are being proceeded against for not incinerating it claim that the crematory is not large enough to grapple with the quantities of waste material. I have inside information that a large quantity of the surplus rubbish consists of manuscripts of Lenten sermons.

SOCIETY

Dear Bessie: Well, the long agony of anticipation is over and done with, and the engagement of Susie Blanding and Knox Maddox has at last been formally announced. Everybody knew it was to come sooner or later, but it is a satisfaction to have it ex cathedra, so to speak, isn't it? Then another engagement just announced is that of Margaret Simpson to the Reverend William Cuthbert of Japan; she met her futur last year while visiting her sister Agnes Partridge in Kobe, and after her marriage in the autumn is going there to live.

What a week this Easter has been! Nearly all the good gained by society folk in the six weeks' comparative quiet of Lent will soon be exhausted if there are many more like the one just past, for it has been crammed full of doings in the swim of one kind or another. There have been weddings, dances, receptions, and dinners, to say nothing of circus parties, theatre parties for Anna Held, concert parties for Schumann-Heink, card parties and luncheons. It is a pity they all come so close together, for it is hard to make a choice when one wants to do everything and finds it a physical impossibility. For instance, on Monday night there was the hop of the 10th Infantry officers at the Presidio; Anna Held's first night; the Loring Club's concert; Mae Burdge's wedding in Oakland; and Eleanor Eckart's in-town; and on Wednesday the Bachelors' dance at the Palace and Ethel Kent's wedding; besides Frances Harris' in the afternoon.

There were three home weddings this week, one of them a rather quiet affair. That of Eleanor Eckart and Ed. Hume came off on Monday night at the Eckart home on Clay street, which was all dressed with spring blossoms and filled with guests to see the ceremony performed by Dr. Clamptt.

On Tuesday evening the quiet wedding was that of Miss Katherine Hamlet and William Boole, at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Wellington, on Baker street, the Reverend Kirk Guthrie officiating. Then on Wednesday afternoon came the most elaborate of these home ceremonies, which was at Mrs. Chris. Reis's, on California street, where Dr. Clamptt united Frances Harris and Ernest Stent in marriage. Frances looked very handsome in that wonderful lace gown which has provoked so much curiosity and chatter among her girl friends; Fanny Arques was her only attendant. Ethel Kent's wedding on Wednesday evening was, as I told you it would be, a very pretty one.

Grace Church, which lends itself so well to make a pretty setting for an evening wedding, never looked more attractive than with its brilliant lights and lovely blossoms, and the bridal party was "hard to beat." You see, all the men were in full dress uniform, and the gowns of the bridesmaids were dainty and effective, though I think pale blue looks better in the day-time than at night, and that was the color of the gowns worn by Florence Cole, Mattie Milton, Jane Willshire and Louise Hall, and Kathleen Kent, who was maid of honor, wore white. I hear that Mae Burdge's wedding, which took place at Arbor Villa, on Monday night, was the most elaborate that Oakland has ever seen, and that the prettiest sight was when the bridal party came down the stairs into the large hall, where the bridal ceremony was performed. I was so sorry not to have been there. All

the details for Edna Barry's wedding have been completed, and it will be a very pretty one, I am sure. The ceremony is to take place on Saturday afternoon, April 30th, at St. John's Church in Oakland, amid a profuse setting of pink blossoms and green foliage; Jane Barry Will be her sister's maid of honor, Marian Goodfellow, Lettie Barry, Madeline Clay and May Coogan the bridesmaids, who will all wear pink gowns. I have not yet heard who is to be Philip Clay's best man. All the guests are invited to the church, as the house reception is to be quite a small one. They are coming to live in San Francisco.

The card parties this week have all been large ones. Those at Charlotte Ellinwood's on Wednesday and at Native Sons' Hall on Thursday night, were both charitable affairs; those that were otherwise were Mrs. Morgan's on Tuesday of sixty guests, and Mrs. Tim Hopkins's yesterday, where bridge was played. Another big bridge party to come off next week is the one Mrs. Mayo Newhall is to give on Tuesday, and it is to be on a very elaborate scale, I believe.

Among other affairs this week were Mrs. George Wheaton's tea in Oakland on Wednesday afternoon, and in the evening Mrs. Scott's fancy dress reception for the Polyglot Club; Mrs. McAneny gave a luncheon at the Palace on Monday. She will spend some time at Del Monte. The Shiels had a tea on Thursday at their home on Page street, and Elsie Sperry was one of the assistants; to-night the dance that I told you was to come off in Sausalito will be given by the Lantern Club. You never saw such enthusiastic workers as there have been for the garden party in the Phelan grounds to-day, and now it remains to be seen what the clerk of the weather will give as his contribution. Mrs. Bowie-Detrick, who has charge of the grab-bag, has a collection of pretty trifles—and some big ones, too—and among them a lot of daintily dressed, wee dollies; pretty little Mrs. Covode has the candy booth under her charge; Ada Sullivan looks after the needs of the inner man; Mrs. Walter Dean is chief boss of the tea table, and Helen de Young dispenses ice-cream. How hard every one connected with the affair is working to make "A Dream of Fair Women" a success! It is to be given at Lyric Hall next Monday for the benefit of the Good Samaritan Mission.

Well, I suppose we ought to be happy at the official announcement that the Martin colony will be such a large one at San Mateo this spring, for the Peter Martins are to be here until June at least, they having taken the Kruttschnitt cottage there, and

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the Walter Martins have re-considered their intended trip abroad, and will occupy the Jo. Tobin villa at Burlingame. The Downey Harveys are to have a local habitation near by. The visit of the Whitelaw Reids to California this year has been earlier and briefer than usual, and every one is sorry not to have seen more of the charming Jean; but you know they always stop down at Millbrae. The Menlo Park folks are glad to hear the Flood place will be inhabited this summer, as Mrs. James Flood will, 'tis said, move down there very soon, and with the assistance of Miss Jennie, do a lot of entertaining.

The De Guignes have named June for their trip abroad, and will spend the summer in Florence chiefly; meanwhile they will be at San Mateo, where all the Parrotts will be found the first of May. The Tom Magees are to spend the summer at Burlingame or San Mateo—it is pretty much the same thing—if they can get a place to suit them; the George Shreves left last week for their cottage in that lovely suburb. There are to be a lot of people at Del Monte ere long. The Louis Parrotts, including Marie Louise and Mrs. Low and Flora, have gone already for the entire summer, as usual; the Joe Tobins go to Calistoga. Jennie Blair is not going away after all, but will stay in California this summer; Mrs. Blair is going to Paris to join friends there. We are to have Eleanor Morrow Roosevelt here next week, as she and Captain Roosevelt are coming home on the Sheridan en route to Washington. They are to be here some little time, I believe, and you may be sure will receive an ovation from their friends.

—Elsie.

AT HOME.

Monday—Mrs. William Thomas, Miss Gertrude Thomas, St. Francis; Mrs. Albert Gerberding, San Carlos.

Thursday—Mrs. Oliver Dibble, 3d in April, 1012 Pine street; Mrs. O. C. Baldwin, 4th in April, 2415 Buchanan street.

Friday—Mrs. Thomas W. Huntington, Mrs. W. J. Terry, 2d and 3d in April, 2629 Pacific avenue; Mrs. Joseph Masten, 3d in April, 3954 Washington; Mrs. Harold Copeland de Wolf, 3d and 4th in April, 609 Sacramento street.

BIRTHS.

March 30—To Mr. and Mrs. George Newhall, a son. Mrs. Newhall was Miss Caroline Taylor.

CHARITABLE.

April 9 (Saturday)—Garden party for the benefit of St. Ignatius Training School for Girls, Grounds of the Phelan residence on Valencia and 17th streets.

April 11 (Monday evening)—Entertainment at Lyric Hall for the benefit of the Good Samaritan Mission.

April 13th to April 23d—Art Exhibition by the Press Club for the benefit of the Children's Hospital, Club Rooms on Ellis street.

April 21st and 22d (Thursday and Friday)—Entertainment for the benefit of California Woman's Hospital. Musical comedy of "His Royal Nibs," Alhambra Theatre.

CARDS.

April 12 (Tuesday)—Mrs. Mayo Newhall, bridge, Post and Van Ness avenue.

April 14 (Thursday)—Mrs. Lester Herrick, for Mrs. Ed. Greenfield, Empire.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Miss Bright Wallace, of Oakland, to Lieutenant Gilbert A. McElroy, 13th Infantry, U. S. A.

Miss Ethel Miles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Miles, to Brander Townsend Brady, son of Cyrus Townsend Brady.

Miss Margaret Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson, to Reverend William James Cuthbert of Japan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

April 14th (Thursday)—Miss Mary Elizabeth Wayte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wayte, to Charles Abbott Whitmore, St. Luke's Church, 8 p. m.

April 18th (Wednesday)—Miss Florence Alice Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philipp Boone, to Ralph La Rose Phelps, 2029 Durante avenue, Berkeley, 8 p. m.

April 30th (Saturday)—Miss Edna Barry to Philip Clay, St. John's Church, Oakland, 4 p. m.

May 11th (Wednesday)—Miss Ella Goodall to Doctor Charles Minor Cooper.

Seldom has there been a more delightful tea than the one given last Saturday by Miss Helene Heise at the residence of her mother, Mrs. R. D. Fry. The bevy of pretty girls, with their charming hostess, made a picture long to be remembered. Among those present were the Misses Vivienne Gedge, Cornelia Curry, Caro Nichols, Emma Kenyon, Anna Kenyon, Callie Cluff, Ida Hasson, Barbara Small, Constance Jeffries, Lillian Hodghead, Lucy Garrard, Valeria Gerrard, Ada Adair, Jean Adair, Mabel Miller and Miss Hinds.

Arrivals at Hotel Rafael during week ending April 5, 1904: Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Hopkins, Mr. B. M. Gunn, Mr. Richard C. Harrison, Mr. F. Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Kendall, Mrs. C. F. Gohde, Miss A. Thode, Mrs. J. W. Loneridge, Miss H. Loneridge, Miss M. Haywood, Miss E. Haywood, Mr. J. H. de Graff, Mrs. C. Weston, Mrs. E. Mathewson, Mrs. V. O. McAllen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kingsbury, Mr. R. McLillie, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. W. Beckwell, Mrs. E. Scherline, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Levy, Mrs. Lizzie Cook.

The California Promotion Committee will give a dinner at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco. This dinner will be a State function, celebrating the united effort in promotion work. Owing to extensive preparations, acceptances are requested by April 15th.

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Our women are still progressing in vigor and picturesqueness of language. One of them the other day called her husband a "dog-faced man" and threatened to brain him with the frying pan. Two institutions combine to add to the effectiveness of the militant female, one being the woman's club, which, by its literary research, adds to the strength and copiousness of the vocabulary; the other, physical culture, which improves the muscle, and renders them better able to contend against the office-stale complement of the dominant sex. Let us keep up our courage. We shall soon produce a female who will combine in her own person the physical vulgarity of the Spartan woman with the linguistic ability of a Billingsgate fish-wife.

Coupon No. 605 won the Pony and Trap raffled by the "Doctor's Daughters," and has not yet been called for. The party holding this coupon is requested to present it to Mrs. Fred W. Tallant, southwest corner Buchanan and Washington streets, and receive the pony and trap, otherwise it will be necessary to have a second drawing to dispose of the outfit.

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It is charged that three policemen, tired of inactivity on their beats, have resorted to burglary in an endeavor to create excitement. I am not prepared to believe that the policemen committed the crimes charged against them; not because I consider them guiltless of such desires, but rather because the paper that makes the charge has for years made the police department the object of many unwarranted attacks. While it may be true that policemen are guilty of many offenses, it does not seem probable that the three accused men risked San Quentin for the paltry amount stolen from the saloon on their beat. There is proof, however, that they were certainly very negligent of their duty, and for this reason they should be severely punished. I made some reference recently to the practice in the Police Courts of licensing Chinese gamblers by levying nominal fines. That is one instance of mal-administration of police affairs. It is also notorious that "bunco" men are numerous in the city because policemen will not arrest them without specific orders from headquarters. That is another instance of mal-administration. One of the officers, now accused of robbing the saloon, arrested several notorious confidence operators several years ago, but was required to release them, by order from the "upper office." If he is now trying to reap a harvest on his beat, much of the fault would seem to be with those directors of police affairs, who seem to be eternally winking with one eye, the while they are very vigilant with the other.

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Being filled with modesty, I will not lay claim to powers of divination in relation to the Botkin case, but I may say that readers of this column are, of course, not surprised with the scandalous developments in the course of that notorious trial. I pointed out that it was apparent that nothing would be left undone to save the defendant from the gallows or life imprisonment. It is not necessary to repeat my suggestions regarding the very remarkable story of Mrs. Botkin's "double," discovered first by the trial Judge, and quite recently elaborated upon by the Examiner. Listen to what Mrs. Botkin herself said during her direct examination the other day:

Knight—Were you in a street car on Sunday, April 22, 1900?

Mrs. Botkin—No, sir.

The date mentioned is the day on which Judge Cook says he saw in a street car a woman who, he says, he thought was Mrs. Botkin. During her ex-

amination Mrs. Botkin also denied that she had been at other places, and added to her denial, "it must have been my double." So the "double" has entered into the case. Now, prepare for a real, sure-enough double, manufactured for this occasion only. Then, for the argument on mistaken identity. After that, in the event of a conviction, an appeal, reversal and new trial based on the prejudice aroused in the minds of the jurors by the incident of the alleged bribery, and the motion to dismiss the jury. Then would come a new trial with its attendant expense and the difficulty of again getting the witnesses from Delaware. Mrs. Botkin is fighting for her life, and no card in the deck will be left unturned to her disadvantage. Meanwhile, who is paying her expenses? She is not a woman of wealth; her former husband is not a millionaire, and for years he has not overburdened her with coin. Yet she appears in jewels and fine raiment, and it is charged that some one offered a juror a bribe for his vote in her favor. Strange, isn't it?

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The editorial in last week's News Letter on the graft in the Board of Health has not been without its effect. The Board of Health has adopted rules for the guidance of the physicians in the Emergency Hospitals. These rules prohibit the physicians from charging fees against the persons of those emergency patients who may escape with their lives, or putting in bills against the estates of those who may die, as more than a few have while in charge of the "accident doctors." To a layman, it seems more than passing strange that it should be necessary to adopt rules for the guidance of a job lot of physicians along the path of honesty. It is certainly cause for not a little wonderment that professional men have such insufficient personal sense of the eternal fitness of things—such disregard for the proprieties of the occasion in which they may find themselves—that it has become necessary to fetter them by rules devised for the sole purpose of keeping them honest. No man was ever made honest by reason of a rule or a law. If his brand of honor is of the kind that requires penal attachments to keep it in place, it is beneath consideration. It is strange that the members of the Board of Health do not see that point. Why, take this latest case in which Chief Surgeon Brackett is implicated. He attended a butcher named Buttgenbach, who was taken to the hospital after being shot by unknown assassins. Of course the butcher died, but now along comes Brackett with a bill of \$250 for medical services rendered the butcher, who came to him as an emergency patient. The doctor says he will not push the claim, because he is now aware that its presentation was contrary to the rules of the Board of Health. Is that an admission that the claim was not a just one, to begin with? If it were proper, how can a rule make it improper? Let me see. Brackett gets \$150 a month salary; last month, in addition, he presented bills amounting to \$750 to patients whom he met in his capacity as

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Mrs. P. A. Finigan is reported as earning fame and dollars in London as a demonstrator of all that may be graceful in the female form divine. She should succeed easily along that line, for she was known here for years not only as one of the most beautiful and graceful women in society, but also as one of the most charming. She has resumed her maiden name—Boysen—and judging from the reports in the English papers, has gained a large clientele among the women of the British metropolis. The general idea is to teach English girls to be as graceful as Parisiennes or Americans. There is no gainsaying the fact that while there may not be found on earth a more charming companion than a highly cultured Englishwoman, the fact remains that as a class they do not seem to possess so much innate grace as their more fortunate sisters of the two Republics. Mrs. Finigan, or Boysen, has therefore discovered a mission. If she wins out, the Colonel may no longer be troubled by reported endeavors to conceal hoarded wealth so that his wife may not reach for it for purposes of alimony.

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One of the very last names on the list, if you wrote down the names of domesticated public men, would be Ferris Hartman. Now, wouldn't it? When you see him gyrating around the Tivoli stage, it is hard to imagine him closely hugging the gas grate and lulling the baby to sleep by singing: "He Never Cares to Wander from His Own Fireside." But Hartman is it with a big I. What do you think he was doing last Sunday? Why, pushing a baby carriage around the music stand at the Park before the eyes of admiring thousands. The curtains of the carriage were closely drawn, but it is said that within, calmly sleeping, was Hartman's latest production. Next Monday night, pictures of the baby will be distributed at the door of the Tivoli, and on each will be this autographic inscription: "With the compliments of the author.—Ferris Hartman." By the way, has any one ever noticed how much Hartman's every-day face looks like General de Young's? This with regrets and apologies to both of them.

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The Merchants' Association thinks Assessor Dodge has been making too much money. It wants to know by what authority of law he drew about \$3,000 extra last year, when the amendment doubling his salary did not become operative until January last. Dodge says he drew the increased amount because the people voted it, the Legislature ratified it, he needs it, he thinks he is entitled to it, and it is the money of the people, anyhow. Yet the Merchants' Association is not satisfied. It may be that the statements of the directors of the Association will bear revision before the assessment roll is made up.

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The investigation made by Judge Kerrigan into the spoilation of the Kryzyanowski estate shows the need of a vigorous and watchful Bar Association in this city. There are too many Nagles and Perrys and Solomons pirating at the local bar. Out of an allowance of \$10,000, the lawyers got away with \$8,000, and now they not only decline to tell where their woman client is, but they "do not remember" whether she got a cent of the ten thousand. One of the Nagles thought the remaining \$2,000 went for "expenses."

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Jack London's forte is certainly not correspondence from the field of battle. In a long story he states this very important discovery: "Ever since war began and man domesticated the fowl, chickens and eggs have been considered lawful loot, and so long as man shall be irrational enough to fight wars, that long will the stomach and the ethics of the soldier remain unchanged." And Hearst pays \$1,000 a month—or is it a week—for that sort of stuff. Another evidence of the fact that he is not fit to be President.

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George Whittle has been at it again. If old Nick Luning ever thought his hard-earned dollars would be burned along the roads of Alameda County, at the rate of forty miles an hour—but why pursue a painful subject. George has caused his father more trouble than all his money. If the unfortunate young women from Natoma street ever get out of the hospital, the only romantic thing young Whittle can do, of course, is to marry her. This automobile business is just as dangerous for the heart, it is said, as it is occasionally for the limbs.

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Richard McVey, the Delaware detective, now enjoying the hospitality of San Francisco, is a "bad actor." When he left here, after the first Botkin trial, he forgot to settle a choice collection of bills. Among them was one due to Patrick Sullivan. The latter stood up McVey the other day and demanded his coin. There was a glitter in the Sullivan eye, and harsh was the Sullivan tones. McVey immediately drew an order for the money, and the creditor went his way rejoicing. It is not well to owe money to large, rude men bearing the honored and ancient name of Sullivan.

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FINANCIAL

Peerless Oil Wells.

Report No. 53 of the Peerless Oil Company, says in regard to betterments on the Kern River ground since last report on January 1, 1904, that wells Nos. 31, 32 and 33 have been completed, but No. 32 is being re-drilled because of the upper casing. A pump house is being constructed over our pipe line pump. The production during the three months ended March 31 aggregated 479,160 barrels; the deliveries during the same time aggregated 582,217. Seven million two hundred thousand barrels are yet to be delivered on contract with Pacific Coast Oil Company. There is nothing to show that any difficulty will be experienced in producing this amount of oil during the time limit of the contract. The production of well No. 1 on the Coalinga property of the company has increased steadily, until on March 29 it was 266 barrels per day. The gravity of this oil is 21 degrees Beaume, and it finds a ready sale at 20 cents per barrel. As soon as oil was struck, two 1200 barrel tanks were put up, and the Pacific Coast Oil Company has extended a line to these tanks. Our regular deliveries began March 5th. The pump plant station has been completed. A strike of oil is expected at any time in well No. 2 at the Fulton. The experienced oil men who have examined this property concur in the opinion that its value is at least as great as that of our property at Kern River wells. Well No. 5 has been finished, but the flow of sand, gas and oil from No. 2 has prevented its completion. The gas pressure has, however, relaxed in all our six wells, and some of them are now being pumped."

The Coming Gas Election.

Not much publicity has been given to the unsigned circular which shareholders of the S. F. Gas and Electric Company received with their dividend checks recently. This inspired document warns shareholders that a proxy given to any one outside of those endorsed by ten members of the present Board of Directors will augment a faction of discord in the directory and can only result in hampering the management and interfering with its efficiency. Following is this bid for support, an appeal to pockets already, in the majority of cases, badly depleted by a shrinkage in values: "Before the present management assumed control, stock was sold under \$35 per share. Before the date of Mr. C. O. G. Miller's first circular letter it was over \$70 per share. After the date of Mr. C. O. G. Miller's first circular letter it was under \$55 per share. Shareholders supporting the regular ticket will assist the management in upbuilding the property and increasing the value of their holdings."

There is one thing to be said about the Miller circular—it was unsigned; this anonymous screed is fathered by nobody, possibly because nobody had the colossal gall to put his name to it. In the first place, it admits that a faction of discord does exist in the directory by the fear expressed that it may be augmented. Again the insinuation that the break in the stock has been quite a recent affair and due entirely to the action of Mr. Miller, who, by the way, comes in for a nice little stab in the back from some unknown hand, overlooking the fact that the movement up to \$70 mentioned was simply due to manipulation, and that the real break in the stock, and the

one that caused the most serious injury, took place long before the company changed its complexion, with practically no change in the main management. Who was in control at that period, pray, when the scheme for the present combination was being hatched out. If this circular, anonymous, by the way, exercises any effect upon the shareholders who received it, there is only one way it can sway the mind of an **old-time shareholder**, and that is to desire and work for a clean sweep of the present board outside of the existing faction of discord.

The only safety for the shareholders of this company lies in discord and plenty of it. The resignation of Manager Lawless points to him as a man who recognized the difficulties of a situation where a man's best efforts and good will were handicapped in every direction to his own disadvantage and disgust. The consumers of the doubly execrated product of this unpopular concern will be quite ready now to relieve Mr. Lawless of the responsibility for the treatment of which so many complaints have been made of late to pose him in the position of martyr. It is a relief also to be informed that Mr. Miller is about to enter the board, but only in a measure. It would have served the public better had he stuck to the good fight he was making, and went in as President and in control of the corporation. However, it is useless to expect everything in this quarter of the globe. It remains to be seen how the cat will jump at the approaching election. There is one thing that shareholders should remember, that a continuance of the present powers in control will be a piece of insanity upon their part which they will regret in the future.

Pine-St. Market.

Business continues good in the local market for Comstock shares. Prices have shown considerable strength throughout, with fluctuation, active enough to permit traders making handsome profit provided they chose to take them. Some radical changes are likely to take place in Comstock affairs before long, in conformity with the plans already outlined by the management of the mines. All is working, however, to improve the situation, and furnish strong and material backing to the market. This should result in much higher prices, which means money-making for all who have the nerve to get into the market and hold on. People who bought Ophir months ago at and below \$1 per share, had no cause to regret their venture, and there are stocks in the list now, and some of them very low-priced at that, which are to do just as Ophir has done, before long.

Local Stocks and Bonds.

There is no vital reason why local stocks should be so quiet as they are just now. Money is plentiful in town, and there are good opportunities offering for investment on the Board outside of Gas and Electric, which gave the old-time investors such a disagreeable bump. There are any number of other stocks which are available for the investment of idle funds to good advantage. Considerable more trading has been done in the bond market of late, but the movement is small, even then, compared with what it ought to be. The Pacific Lighting Co. paid its regular monthly dividend of 35 cents per

share on April 5th, and on the same date the Onomea Sugar Company paid a dividend of 20 cents per share.

A sale of the old Sierra Buttes mine, near Sierra City, has been sold, it is said, through Richard Phelan to San Jose parties. A consideration is named, but the figures given are not official, and cannot be relied upon.

The Mining Reporter of Denver states it has reason for believing that the directors of Stratton's Independence mine, at Cripple Creek, Colorado, are considering the closing of the property. The assigned reasons for this are that developments in the lower levels are unsatisfactory, although it is believed that there are bodies of pay ore in some of the upper levels.

James K. Wilson, president of the San Francisco National Bank, who was elected a member of the Executive Council at the Convention of the American Bankers' Association, held here last year, is about to leave shortly for New York to attend the meeting of the Council to meet in that city on April 27th and 28th.

The Mining Journal of London, of March 5, 1904, contains a supplement in which is printed a tabular arrangement of the distinguished characteristics and localities of precious stones, compiled by Mr. Leopold Claremont, of London, the eminent authority on precious stones. Thirty-six varieties of gems are listed, among them being several gem stones found in California.

OBITUARY.

Dr. Louis A. Kengla is dead, and was buried on March 28th. He was, at the time of his death, editor of the Pacific Medical Journal. Dr. Kengla was a splendid man, and an ornament to his profession, and his taking-off is bemoaned by many. He had a large charity list, and there are many poor families in this city, and, indeed, in Oakland and Alameda, that will now have to look elsewhere for a physician, and much suffering will ensue, as many of these are not able to pay for medical services and much suffering is sure to follow. The community could well have spared many another man.

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs

Great Britain in Thibet.

A battle between the British army of observation in Thibet and the troop of the Llama was not expected, but the unex-

pected has happened. Of course, the Thibetans were routed with considerable loss to themselves and little loss to the British column. The British were attacked most treacherously, which was a mistake on the part of the natives, as they are likely to discover later on, for whatever Great Britain's original purpose was in sending a small column into Thibet, it may now be assumed that British garrisons will hereafter be permanent fixtures in that land of Shamanism. But already the diplomatists and military experts of Europe are at it, trying to fathom the bearing and influence on international politics the event is likely to have. Had the column of observation entered Thibet before Russia and Japan crossed swords, there is no doubt that the London Government would have been met at the boundary line by Russian threats and Chinese protests. For many years the Russian Government has coveted Thibet, and was waiting for some sort of an excuse to throw an army of occupation into the Llama's territory, but the Czar has been too busy for a dozen years in his venture in Manchuria to court a war with England by seizing Thibet. However, only a month or so ago the threat came from St. Petersburg that if England attempted to do so much as send a corps of observation into Thibet, a column of Russians would invade the territory and march on to England's possessions in India, but it turned out to be a diplomatic bluff. It did, though, awaken Great Britain to the fact that with Thibet under Russian control, and with the Himalayas as a base of hostile activities, India would be placed at a dangerous disadvantage, and consequently the British column was sent ahead not only to observe, but now to occupy. It was understood that before the British corps entered Thibet that the consort of the Emperor of China, whose suzerainty over Thibet was recognized by all nations, had been obtained, and presumably in exchange for valuable support in the event of Russian success over Japan and an attempt at the invasion of China. And what is bothering diplomatists now is the reason of Russia's seeming acquiescence in British occupation of Thibet—the kind of occupation that always means a permanent stay with Great Britain. It is given out from St. Petersburg, but no doubt greatly exaggerated, that an entente has been agreed upon between England and Russia which provides for Russia's right to hold as much of Manchuria as she may want, and great Britain's right to dominate in Thibet, with more or less of a cold shoulder turned toward Japan. Anyway, a change in the general programme, as between Russia and England, seems to have been made, but what it all means, even diplomatists are puzzled over.

England and Russia.

The report of a probable entente between Great Britain and Russia is undoubtedly a St. Petersburg "campaign lie." Russia has been for a century, is now and ever will be Great Britain's political and commercial enemy. They are rivals in Asia for commercial and political supremacy. For a century Russia has been grunting over England's hold upon India, and the grunting has been more pronounced since the London Government secured a larger slice of China's territory and harbors. Naturally Great Britain would not be con-

tent to have restrictions placed upon her ambition to acquire still greater advantages in Eastern Asia. Russia wants exactly what Great Britain proposes to have, nor is it possible to agree upon a division of anything. Hence there is not room for both as a dominating influence, and the reason why the commercial world stands for Great Britain as against Russia is that England's policy is open doors to the commerce of the world, herself being willing to take her chances in the whirl of competition, while Russian domination would mean commercial advantages for Russia and disadvantages for other nations. That is the real secret of the pro-British sentiment in America's official and unofficial going and coming, and now that Japan has adopted England's trade policy, it is easy to see why the two Anglo-Saxon nations should give their moral support to Japan, and why an entente between London and St. Petersburg would be an unnatural alliance. In fact, the point has been reached in the concerns of Eastern Asia where the one question is, shall Russia by arbitrary obstructions monopolize the commerce and industries of 500,000,000 people, or shall all the world be placed upon a common footing, letting competition do the rest? The Anglo-Saxon and the Japanese are for open doors and commercial rivalry.

Word comes from Chili that **Sensational in** Japan has secured a treaty from **the Extreme.** that nation which provides that in the future Japan will stand as a sort of heavy-weight friend of Chile in any international complications, even to the extent of substantial aid should war ensue. In return for all this, Chile is to cause Ecuador to cede the Gallapagos Archipelago to Japan for a naval station. The Archipelago is mortgaged to Chile for all it is worth, which makes Chile's voice a thing of convincing power with Ecuador; besides, the compact includes the safeguarding of all the South American States in the event of foreign complications. To the public it is called a "commercial treaty," but in any event it is a severe slap right in the Kaiser's face, for Germany has been intriguing for years to secure the Archipelago, and would have succeeded long ago, but for the fact that the United States would not permit the transfer. The Archipelago, if well fortified, would about command the Pacific approaches to the Panama Canal, but the Washington Government is too closely tied up in treaties with Japan to enter a protest against Japanese ownership of the Archipelago, even if it does command the Panama Canal's Pacific end. Japan is not forgetting the diplomatic end of her national life because of war with Russia. In this connection it may be said that every day St. Petersburg is more convinced that China is playing false, and that before the war is over Chinese and Japanese soldiers will join hands and make Russian defeat a common cause.

The Emperor of Germany continues **The Kaiser's** to miss no opportunity to let the **Predicament.** world know that "me and Providence and Germany are standing right at the side of Russia." And for some days his "by the grace of God" imperial greatness has been running after the "yellow and brown peril" ignis fatuus, and crying in a loud voice that "Russian defeat would mean the yellow and the brown men's civilization for Europe." Of course he is not taken seriously in any quarter of the globe, but his "notion" is turning his friendship for the Czar into a sort of holy zeal for Russian success and the complete putting under the foot of Christianity the entire

race of browns and yellows, and there is no telling what day he may override all opposition of his ministers and openly espouse the cause of his friend, the Czar. Of course, such an act would at once involve Europe and America in the Russo-Japanese muddle. France is rapidly losing her pro-Russian sentiment. The suspicion is gaining ground that Germany is slowly but surely supplanting France in the affections of Russia, and that should an emergency arise in which Russia's friendship would come handy, the Paris Government would have only the cold shoulder of the Czar, while the Kaiser would have his ear.

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INSURANCE

The American Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Iowa, is safely in the hands of a receiver. Its business amounts to about \$3,500,000, and it has 7,500 policyholders. It began business in 1897. It is dollars to doughnuts that the receiver will get the little there is to grab, and the innocent, poor fool of a policyholder, who was beguiled into paying for a cheap insurance, has to settle with a receiver.

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The insurance companies interested in the Bass loss at Indianapolis, Ind., have entered suit in the Federal Court at Indianapolis against the Fort Wayne Gas Company to recover the amount paid by them to Mrs. Bass, who is the insured whose residence was destroyed by fire in February, 1902, with a loss to insurance companies of \$63,000 on building and \$47,000 on household and personal goods. The house was heated by gas and was set afire by an overheated furnace, which is said to have been caused by an unusually high gas pressure, the gas pumping station at Fort Wayne having been out of order on that night. The case is peculiar, inasmuch as the companies involved are evidently using their subrogation rights. Here in San Francisco, the insurance companies might possibly sue for damages on account of failure to provide the pressure, but they would not dare to enter our courts and plead that the pressure was too strong or excessive.

The Milwaukee Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Church recommends that a church insurance company be inaugurated. In the meantime it requests that present policies of insurance on the property within its demesne be renewed. It seems that the Council has recognized the fact that Lent is over and has gone in to enjoy itself. When it is remembered that the Capitol of Wisconsin, the abode of the un-Godly and irreverent, burned last month without practically any insurance, it is amazing to see and note the trust that the Episcopalian Council reposes in the Lord. Trust in Providence is a great factor, but after a fire the body that payed for its insurance and trusted to a good company to reimburse it for burned property, is usually more smiling than the fellows who pray, but don't pay.

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The fact that insurance companies can be made to pay is exemplified in the recently decided case of McMahon vs. the United States Life Insurance Company. To quote from an exchange: "The United States Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans rendered a decision giving a verdict of \$10,000 against the United States Life, in favor of the widow of Rudolph McMahon. McMahon was in Mexico when one of his premiums became due, and had written the company, asking if it had any accredited agents in that country. The company replied that it had not, and asked that the premium be remitted direct to the home office, specifying that a check or draft would be sufficient. McMahon bought, for gold, a draft on the Leon Rasst Bank of New York and sent it to the company, which acknowledged it by returning a receipt for the premium. Within a few days the Rasst Bank failed, and shortly after Mr. McMahon died. The widow made a demand for the insurance, but was refused on the ground that the premium had not been paid, and a tender of the premium in cash was refused. The Texas Circuit Court rendered a verdict in favor of the insurance company, on trial, but the Court of Appeals overrules this decision

on the ground that the insured had paid the premium in good faith, and that when the company accepted the draft and sent a receipt the consequent loss, by failure of the bank upon which the draft was drawn, should not fall upon the insured."

The evidence of good faith was shown which is all that is or should be needed in an equity case. The company involved is not reckoned amongst those of the recommendable kind, and its actions in trying to defeat the McMahon claim is in keeping with the usual methods of those companies which are counted amongst the smaller ones.

On the other hand, there are life insurance companies operating under the non-forfeitable law which continually incur a large expense in trying to make a settlement of claims with the beneficiaries of deceased policyholders who in innumerable cases has not any knowledge whatsoever that there is anything to be collected or due from the insurance company. Here in California, one company paid a detective agency to locate the descendants of a policyholder who had not paid the company his premium for years, and when the legatees were finally located, they objected to paying one-half the expense of their exhumation, but the life insurance company was honest, and voluntarily paid the amount due the heirs of a policyholder who failed to pay his premium.

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Mr. James H. Borland left for the East on Wednesday to visit the home office of the U. S. Fidelity and Guarantee Company at Baltimore. He expects to be absent for about two weeks, and the trip is taken at the request of the company's president, who is a warm personal friend of Mr. Borland.

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Mr. Butler, the general agent of the Phoenix, announces that he has appointed Mr. R. Gallegos an assistant manager.

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Mr. Washington Irving, of the Phoenix of London, who has been on the Coast the guest of Manager Butler, has returned to New York.

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The officers of the Crocker-Wheeler Company, manufacturers of electric generators and motors, of Ampere, N. J., whose branch office in this city is at Fremont and Howard streets, are working up a plan of life insurance for the men in their employ. The company will assume the entire expense of the insurance and make the families of the insured the sole beneficiaries. As Crocker-Wheeler Company employs in its works at Ampere from 500 to 700 machinists alone, the item of insurance will involve a very considerable annual outlay, the only return from which will be the good-will of the employees.

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The Ammonia Tank

A Story of April 2, 1904.

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They were the best of friends,
And in the wherefore and the why,
A tragic story blends:

For she asked him if the Poodle Dog he knew,
And he acted in a manner very queer,
And when she still persisted,
And he fretted and insisted,
She answered him: "I saw you there, my dear."

"You were coming down a fire-escape, my pet.
You had little on of value to be seen,
And the breezes that were blowing
Made a very curious showing.
And your countenance resembled Paris green;
There were lots of other people just the same:
They were coming down the fire-escape in shoals.
They were in a pretty fix—
It was only half-past six,
And they'd little but their bodies and their souls."

He took his hat and went away,
His soul was full of care.
He does not know, even to-day,
Just how she saw him there.

TO THE WELL-DRESSED MAN.

Mr. C. H. Rehstrom, formerly Sanders & Johnson, and Mr. E. W. Hagbom, late cutter for J. W. Bell Sons & Co., of New York City, have formed an association in the tailoring business. This is surely a boon to the man who believes in the omnipotence of neat dressing. The gentlemen are well known, and to wear clothes made in the new establishment will be to wear a cachet of good taste. The new firm is located in the Phelan Building, and they are just now offering for inspection some exquisite spring and summer patterns in carefully selected suitings.

VACATION.

The California and Northwestern Railway has just issued a new edition of the annual booklet called "Vacation." For years hundreds of people have availed themselves of the information found within the pages of this little volume. The information is for those who intend to go into the country for their vacation, and all the information is reliable and to the point. The book gives a complete list of the mineral spring resorts, country homes and farms, where summer boarders are taken, and the select camping spots. The illustrations in the "Vacation 1904" are good, and the publication is a credit to the railroad and its passenger department.

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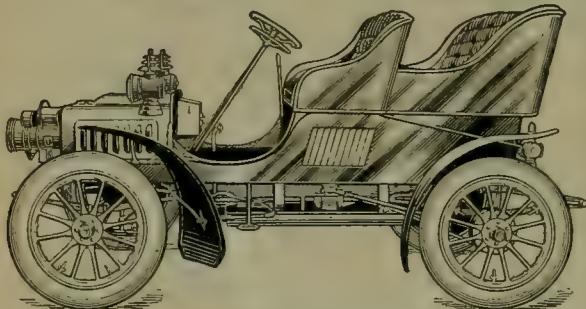
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BY THE AUTOCRANK

The automobile outlook locally is most promising. The race committee is hard at work formulating plans for a most successful race meet to be held some time during next month. The experience of last year has taught the officials many things which an occasion like last year could only bring forth.

This event, with the annual run to Del Monte, will be the features of the spring season. Also there will undoubtedly be a paper chase by automobiles, as suggested by the News Letter.

One of the club officials, in speaking of the paper chase said "that is what we want—something that will bring the owners together in an event that will be out of the ordinary. Then, again, it may be made to serve as an endurance test, inasmuch as the course could be so laid out that it would try both the ability of the handler and the machine. With a Runs Committee located at unknown points it would ensure perfect fairness. There are roads near at hand which would give all the tests needed."

It has been also suggested that a captain of the gallery be appointed, whose duty it would be to lead those who wish to follow and see the fun and finish, along the route to the finishing point in time to see the winners come in.

This event should be called the week after the race meet, when there will be a number of visiting automobilists in the city. One also could be held during the Del Monte meet.

Another thing advocated by the News Letter that has caused some discussion is the Woman's Automobile Club. It will be one of the greatest helps to the local club in its work towards good roads. Some of the enthusiasts who have discussed the proposition have said "that there are not enough women handling automobiles to form such an organization." This is wrong, as can easily be proven by the records at the headquarters of the Park Commissioners. If the list of permits to the South drive is looked over it will be found that a club could be formed that would make a very strong adjunct to the local State body. What should be done is for the officials of the Automobile Club of California to appoint a committee to organize a woman's annex. This would give the necessary support that such a club would need at the start. The women could elect their own officers, and in all respects practically be a separate body from the parent club. The presiding officials of the "auto" club might be a director of the woman's club, and the President of the latter body a director of the State body, and this way both would be held together by bonds that would make them stronger in every respect.

A meeting of the Automobile Club will shortly be held, when the season's programme will be made out.

Mr. L. G. Rowell has just purchased another new 1904 Winton touring car.

Mr. George H. Lent of San Francisco went down

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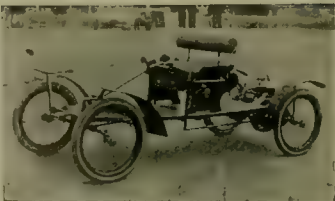
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to San Jose on Friday of last week in his White touring car, and reports a very interesting trip.

Mr. John Bremer's new Winton touring car was delivered to him Sunday morning, and Sunday afternoon he was seen driving through Golden Gate Park in same.

Ed. McKinney of Yreka, Cal., who purchased a White Stanhope some months ago for use in Siskiyou County, has found it just the thing for that mountainous section, and has purchased three more Stanhopes for use in the same county.

The Sunset Automobile Company reports sales of the Buckboard to the following people during the past week: J. S. Meyers, Salinas; S. M. Rice, Dixon; F. P. McCray, San Francisco; J. A. Lamb, Coquille, Ore.; H. Muzzy, Rio Vista; and E. R. Stewart, Denverton, Cal.

The Scott & Blakeslee Company, of the Pioneer Automobile Renting Agency, have just added two Winton touring cars to their list, making seven in all. These people are doing a good business, as will be noted by the number of cars they have recently purchased.

Dr. F. K. Ainsworth has sold his White Stanhope and purchased a White touring car. The machine is painted White and it makes a striking showing. Dr. Ainsworth is frequently seen in it, and is enjoying the new car immensely.

Last week, Mr. Meyers, of Salinas, purchased one of the new 1904 Buckboards, and together with a friend, started in the rain to drive it to Salinas by way of San Juan Hill. The next day the Sunset Automobile Company received the following message on a postal card:

Salinas, Mar. 29, 1904.—Sunset Automobile Co., San Francisco. Gentlemen: Made San Juan Hill in a blinding rain storm without any aid.

MEYERS & BUTLER.

Those who drove expensive touring cars on the recent run to Del Monte, over the San Juan Hill, will appreciate what this performance of the Buckboard means.

Mr. W. T. Robertson, of Alameda, is enjoying the splendid spring weather in his Winton touring car. On Thursday, March 31st, he took a party of friends from Oakland to San Jose, by way of Niles, making the trip in one hour and forty-five minutes. The return trip, over the regular route, was made in the record time of one hour and thirty-five minutes. Mr. Robertson reports the roads dry, but rather rough in some places.

Mr. C. O. Widholm is the latest to engage in the renting business in San Francisco, with a White touring car. This quiet, easy riding car is becoming very popular in this business. White cars are now being run in rent service by C. O. Widholm, Ed. Calif, Bert Dingley, W. F. Brong, W. S. Arnold, George Corey and others. The White Sewing Machine Company is also renting out a limited number of its demonstration machines.

Another of the late converts to the gasoline automobile is Dr. Cunningham of Oakland, who has recently purchased a Stevens-Duryea machine from

the Pioneer Automobile Company. The doctor is highly pleased with his Stevens-Duryea, and says that his out-of-the-city calls or night work are now a pleasure.

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On Friday of last week a White touring car gave a series of interesting hill-climbing demonstrations in Oakland. The steepest hills in East Oakland and Linda Vista were climbed as if the machine were merely working on the level. The steep Fish Ranch grade was then ascended at a speed of twenty miles an hour.

The White Sewing Machine Company reports a flattering number of recent sales. Touring cars have been sold to Mrs. Russell Cool, San Francisco; Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, San Francisco; George S. Schafer, San Francisco; C. S. Watterman, Fresno, Cal.; E. B. Watterman, Fresno, Cal.; F. A. Wiggins, Salem, Oregon; R. S. Moore, San Francisco; F. W. Wolfson, Merced, Cal.; Dr. F. K. Ainsworth, San Francisco; Mr. Schute, Portland, Oregon; A. E. Poole, Los Angeles, Cal.; C. E. Runyon, Portland, Oregon; A. E. Todd, Victoria, B. C.

The new Packard four-cylinder car will arrive in the city on Monday evening by express.

The Pacific Motor Car Co. have sold a St. Louis car to Arthur Sutton.

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Last December the Mobile Carriage Company sold a Northern runabout to James Waters of Watsonville. Mr. Christenson, the company's representative at that point, ran the car from Watsonville to San Francisco on Saturday, the cyclometer showing a distance of 156 miles. The average rate of speed was 24 miles an hour.

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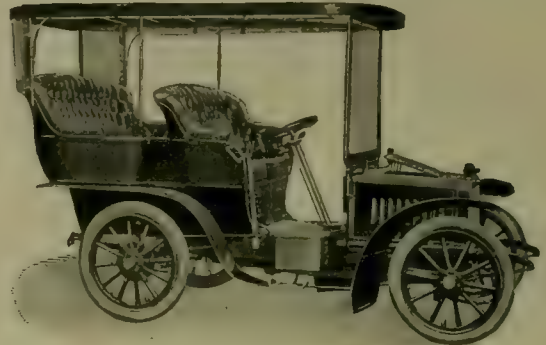
The Mobile Carriage Company has just been advised that another carload of Pierce Arrow touring cars has left Buffalo some days since, and will reach the city in a short time. The sales on these cars exceed the company's ability to furnish them.

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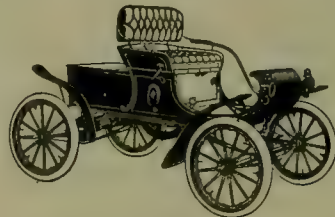
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NABOTH'S VINEYARD.

By Robertson Trowbridge in Scribner's

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 Small store of wine its presses yield,
 And truly but a slender hoard
 Its harvest brings for barn or board.
 Yet though a hundred fields are mine,
 Fertile with olive, corn and vine;
 Though Autumn piles my garners high,
 Still for that little field I sigh,
 For ah! methinks no otherwhere
 Is any field so good and fair.
 Small though it be, 'tis better far
 Than all my fruitful vineyards are,
 Amid whose plenty sad I pine—
 "Ah, would that little field were mine!"

Large knowledge void of peace and rest,
 And wealth with pining care possess—
 These by my fertile lands are meant.
 That little field is called Content.

THE CROWNING TOUCH.

By Eugene C. Dolson in New England Magazine

In girlhood's unconsidered ways,
 She walked from care apart;
 I guessed not, in those bygone days,
 The sweetness of her heart.

But while to-night, in woman wise,
 She bends her child above,
 I read in those deep, soulful eyes,
 Her depth of mother love.

THE MIDDLE GROUND.

By Katharine Warren in Century

They stood and sang of grief that comes
 In all men's hearts to dwell—
 The young, that knew not what it meant,
 The old, that knew too well.

And I, that am not young nor old,
 Sat still when they had sung,
 And shrank from growing old, and yet
 Would not again be young.

RESIGNATION.

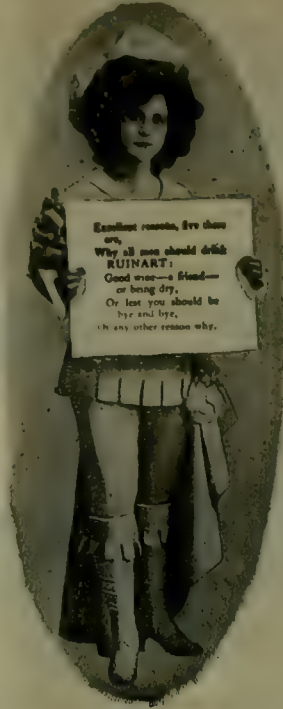
By Carrie Blake Morgan in Lippincott's

The sad-faced sister of Content is she.
 When thou hast courted sweet Content in vain,
 Hast turned thy back to Joy, thy face to Pain,
 Pale Resignation will join hands with thee.

A HERO.

By Clarence H. Urner in New England Magazine

I see a picture on the canvas of the Past—
 A lad with wondering eyes, but not afraid of Life;
 I see an image by the faithful Present cast—
 A youth elate and strong, equipped for any strife:
 The Future shows a man o'erspent, at Life dismayed,
 Who looks on Death with calm, clear vision unafraid.



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At the Central, the bill will be changed to "In the Hands of the Enemy." It is the story of the adventures of an American mining engineer in the wilds of Bolivia. It is full of exciting situations and it ought to satisfy the patronage of the Market-street shrine of the excruciating melodrama.

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Fischer's Theatre will go back to their regular burlesques shortly. When the theatre closes, it will be only for a fortnight, during which time many important improvements will be made, including two wide stairways leading direct from the balcony to the street, the auditorium will be enlarged, and the entire theatre made safe, comfortable and most attractive.

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It is a pleasure to note that that genial gentleman, Mr. S. L. Ackerman, is soon to give his undivided attention to the business of managing the Grand Opera House. He has but just recovered from a very severe illness, and he is now being besieged by his many friends with their congratulations. Mr. Ackerman promises us a great season, with such attractions as Mrs. Leslie Carter, Blanche Bates and other foremost American stars.

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The Tivoli clientele is all agog over the forthcoming production of "The Beggar Student," which is to be made at the Opera House Monday evening, the 11th inst. It has been some years since Milloecker's masterpiece has been seen in San Francisco, and the Tivoli company will be ideally cast in this, one of the most fluent of the light operas.

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The coming production of "His Royal Nibs," a musical comedy written by W. H. Clifford and Shafter Howard, are set for the evenings of April 21st Greer Harrison and Mr. James D. Phelan are to act as auctioneers. There will be a vaudeville entertainment, including singing and monologues by Arthur Bodley Watson. This will, of course, be a free entertainment open to the public.

The regular sale of seats begins on the morning of the 15th at Sherman & Clay's, Kohler & Chase's, and Benj. Curtaz & Son's music stores.

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and 22d, at the Alhambra Theatre. The boxes and some of the seats will be auctioned off on the evening of the 14th at the Alhambra at 8:30. Mr. William



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A sale which has attracted a great deal of attention in real estate circles is to occur at Sausalito this Saturday afternoon. Mr. Henry Stern, of the firm of David Stern & Sons, will offer at auction the property facing Buckley and Excelsior aves., Reade and El Monte Lane, formerly known as Hotel Geneva. This comprises twenty-two choice residence lots. These lots command a beautiful view of the bay, and they are in a sheltered and warm locality. As an opportunity to secure suburban residence sites, this cannot be excelled. The sale is by auction, and this ensures securing an ideal lot at your own figures. There are no fogs to be dreaded, and the climate is milder than either Alameda or Berkeley. The sale will be held on the arrival of the 1:45 p. m. boat from San Francisco. For particulars and catalogs, apply to Henry Stern, of David Stern & Sons, at his office, No. 11 Montgomery street.

SUMMER OUTINGS.

"Summer Outings" for 1904 is out. It gives illustrated descriptions of cottage and camp sites, resort hotels, farm boarding houses, hunting, fishing and camping trips. Issued free on application at ticket office and information bureau, No. 626 Market street, San Francisco, or mailed free on receipt of 2 cents postage.

Arthur M. Best's picture, "Law and Peace," has been on exhibition at Steinway Hall, and is the subject of much complimentary comment. The Reverend Doctor Rader and Rabbi Voorsanger have spoken on the lessons that might be derived from this picture, and have thus added to the popular interest.

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Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 24th day of March, 1904, an assessment (No. 90) of ten cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary at the office of the Company, Room 35, third floor, Mills Building, corner Bush and Montgomery streets, San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 27th day of April, 1904, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of May, 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors. C. L. McCOY, Secretary.

Office—Room 35, third floor, Mills Building, corner Bush and Montgomery streets, San Francisco, California.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.
Exchequer Mining Company.

Assessment.....	No. 44
Amount per share.....	5 cents
Levied.....	March 7, 1904
Delinquent in office.....	April 11, 1904
Day of sale of delinquent stock.....	May 2, 1904

CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary.

Office—Room 70, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.
Julia Consolidated Mining Company.

Assessment.....	No. 34
Amount per share.....	3 cents
Levied.....	March 8, 1904
Delinquent in office.....	April 13, 1904
Day of sale of delinquent stock.....	May 3, 1904

J. STADTFELD, Jr., Secretary.

Office—Room 56, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal.

The Citizens' Alliance and Labor Unions

By Herbert George

Written for the News Letter

We may have serious labor difficulties to contend with between now and the middle of May, but present indications do not favor such a conclusion. The fact is, San Francisco Labor Unions have about all the weight they can stagger under, meeting assessments levied by the "walking bosses" to augment the "strike benefit" fund. With the constant drain on the labor treasuries to meet the call for help from Los Angeles, Sacramento, Stockton, Oakland, Palo Alto and Fort Bragg (with a dozen or more bonfires in sight), Messrs. McCarthy and Cornelius will enjoy rare luck if they are able to keep their slaves in line while they pick their pockets. The truth is, the rank and file of decent Unionism already show unmistakable signs of weariness, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that the leaders are beginning to realize they have been putting up too stiff a game even for the case-hardened unionist, who is willing to give up all his earnings, but draws the line on going without food or clothing in order to meet the assessments made "to keep de b'ys a-goin, while dey fights against de open shop." There may be some trouble with the Cornelius gang of socialists during the month of May, but it won't last long. Decent Unionism is growing very weary of standing all the blame for the bad breaks of so-called socialists, who are really anarchists. Even educated, enlightened socialists are showing unmistakable signs of disgust. If the street-car strike materializes, the more conservative element of Unionism is likely to let Cornelius paddle his own canoe if all signs do not fail. There is no denying that skilled trades are tired of carrying unskilled hoodlums who get up teamsters' strikes, waiters' strikes and ash-haulers' strikes, and strikes of that class galore. Had it not been for the arbitrary methods of the ignorant leaders of that class of unions, a six-dollar man would not be working for \$4 per day, nor a \$2 man be on the pay-roll for \$4 per day. In the good old days when unions considered themselves subject to the natural laws of supply and demand, and honest, well-meaning union men worked in "open shops" side by side with non-union men, giving a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, the constitution of the Labor Union was not regarded as an instrument superior to the constitution of the United States. In those days Union men enjoyed the sympathy and support of "public sentiment," and public sentiment backed them up "to a finish," when greedy employees sought to force unfair conditions upon those who earn their bread by the sweat of their brows. All this is changed now. Public sentiment no longer supports the man with a union card, whose union condones the acts of violence practiced against non-union men who wish to work. Public sentiment no longer supports unions that deny our boys the chance to learn a trade, nor does it take kindly to the theory of the "closed shop." The public knows the closed shop is a violation of the rights of American citizenship as guaranteed by the Federal Government in the Constitution of the United States. The public does not believe that the open shop is a question that can be arbitrated any more than can the questions of race, color, creed, political or fraternal affiliations of mankind under the Stars and Stripes. The open shop is the corner stone of American liberty, and if the question is ever brought to an issue, it will be "Free labor or a

free fight," in which eighty per cent of our people (comprising merchants, doctors, dentists, lawyers, clerks, farmers, manufacturers, etc.), who can neither join the trust of capital or the trust of Union Labor, will take the side of law and order and good Government. Suppose a foreign foe were to appear at the entrance of Golden Gate to destroy our city, how many union men could be found in our State militia or in our regular army or navy ready to defend our city. Go ask Cornelius or McCarthy. Unions that forbid their members joining the State soldiery can not expect much comfort from public sentiment. The claim is made that the militia is used to shoot down strikers. Why should strikers assume unlawful attitudes, ignore the courts and seek to take the law in their own hands. Surely some one is making a serious mistake, or else a show of military force would not be necessary to overcome unlawful force. It should be plain to any one in San Francisco why the police authorities do not keep the peace in labor strikes, and it ought not take a wizard to guess why the Hall of Justice defends the Union law-breakers. It is this sort of thing that has brought into existence that mighty organized force that is now sweeping the country from one end of it to the other, known as the Citizens' Alliance. There is no effect without a cause. Union radicalism has at last brought a mighty resisting force that cannot be downed. It is an American movement, started in America by an American who believes in American institutions, and it stands for the rights of American citizens who can speak the English language, and who vote, fight and pay taxes to maintain law and order. If the radical element of San Francisco Unionism desires to test its power on the Coast, it is up to Cornelius to roll his hoop. His kind may own the municipality and possibly Pardee, as they claim, but one thing is certain—they don't quite control the Government at Washington, that still lives, thank God, and stands for all the people and not for any particular church, creed, political belief, nor for any Labor Union, but for all. There may be a strike in San Francisco, but that feature of it that means broken arms, intimidation and violence will not be tolerated any longer than it will require to get at the peace authorities that will maintain law and order. The last issue of the local labor paper gave the unions some very good advice when it said "No union is any stronger than the public sentiment that sustains it." Public sentiment in San Francisco does not countenance violence, as the phenomenal growth of the Citizens' Alliance fully attests. Labor and capital must work together in harmony or go to destruction individually. Wise men will counsel moderation and justice. The hot-heads should be relegated to the rear. Unions have the right to organize and maintain their unions; so have those who belong to Citizens' Alliances. The Federal Government guarantees this privilege, but neither the Alliance nor the Unions have any right to say that none but Alliance members or Union men shall be denied the God-given right to earn a living. San Francisco is unionized very thoroughly, but it does not compare with the thoroughness of the unionization that once existed in Denver when everybody wore union labels, ate union labels in their bread, and displayed union signs in the shop windows. People who live in Denver to-

day grant unions the right to better their conditions, working and sanitary, shorter hours and secure better pay if they can do so without lawlessness and violence, but nobody in that city now wears the inverted boycott, better known as the union label, nor do the business men of Colorado's metropolis permit union signs to be displayed in windows—and all this in one short year. Surely, California has nothing to fear. Its Unions have not three dozen cold-blooded murders and assassinations to their credit as the unions of Colorado have. Taken as a whole, the Union men of California are good citizens who mean to do right. The leaders of California unions need a little trimming up, and the chances are the unions will do the work without calling upon the Citizens' Alliance for aid. The Citizens' Alliance is not in the business of "busting up" unions, as tricky leaders claim, nor does it seek to pose as anything but a liberty-loving, peace-advocating institution that sustains the constructive side of life and frowns upon the distinctive side. The members of the Federated employers and alliances now number fully as many as the unions. They are as well organized and can raise as much money. Why not recognize this fact and get together like men and think out the problems that visit commercialism instead of trying to shoot it out or hate it out. We are all God's children and all off the same piece of cloth. None of us can escape the results of lob-sided justice or false economics, nor can we stand in the way of progress. The law of growth and evolution cannot be interrupted by the pin-heads of this world, who fancy they know it all and seek to make the people accept conditions they are not prepared to accept simply because they do not understand them. Reforms come when they are needed, and they usually move on schedule time. Most of us love to reform a neighbor and forget to reform ourselves. The greatest reformation is that reformation that begins under one's own hat. There are religious people who have yet to learn what righteousness is; there are intellectual people who have yet to learn what enlightenment is, and there are Alliance and Labor leaders who are good hot-air artists, who have yet to learn what leadership means. Let the people lay aside false leaders and cling to that side which means peace, protection, and happiness. Let us be tolerant and try to remember that the world is made up of all sorts and conditions of people, and that each and every one is trying to live up to his or her highest conception of truth and succeeds fairly well in wabbling in the right direction. Enlightenment is a plant of slow growth. Let us not lose faith in mankind. Usually the world is nearer right than we individually are. Let us be patient, but remember that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. Come! Let us reason together.

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By Order of the Board of Directors, **CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary.**
OFFICE—Room 79, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, California

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of **CHARLES BLOXHAM**, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, **M. J. HYNES**, Public Administrator of the City and County of San Francisco and Administrator of the Estate of **CHARLES BLOXHAM**, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Administrator at Room No. 568 Parrot Building, 825 to 855 Market street, San Francisco, Cal., the same being his place for the transaction of the business of the said estate in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.
M. J. HYNES,
Administrator of the estate of **CHARLES BLOXHAM**, Deceased.
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7:00 A	Benicia, Suisun, Elmira and Sacramento	7:20 P
7:30 A	Valejo, Napa, Calistoga, Santa Rosa, Martinez, San Ramon.....	8:20 P
7:30 A	Niles, Livermore, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton.....	7:20 P
8:00 A	Shasta Express—(Via Davis), Williams (for Bartlett Springs), Willow, (Fruyt, Red Bluff, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle).....	7:50 P
8:00 A	Davis, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville.....	7:50 P
8:30 A	Port Costa, Martinez, Antioch, Byron, Tracy, Stockton, Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Armona, Hanford, Visalia, Forterville.....	4:20 P
8:30 A	Port Costa, Tracy, Lodi, Merced, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Visalia, Bakersfield.....	4:50 P
8:30 A	Niles, San Jose, Livermore, Stockton, (Hilton), Jones, Sacramento, Placerville, Marysville, Chico, Red Bluff.....	4:20 P
8:30 A	Oakdale, Chinese, Jamestown, Sonoma, Tehama and Angels.....	4:20 P
9:00 A	Atlantic Express, Ogden and Lodi.....	11:20 P
9:30 A	Richmond, Martinez and Way Stations.....	6:50 P
10:00 A	The Overland Limited—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, Chicago.....	8:20 P
10:00 A	Valejo.....	12:20 P
10:00 A	Los Angeles Passenger—Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton, Merced, Raymond, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Lemoore, Visalia, Bakersfield, Los Angeles.....	7:20 P
12:00 M	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations.....	7:20 P
11:00 P	Sacramento River Steamers.....	11:00 P
3:30 P	Benicia, Winters, Sacramento, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville and way stations.....	10:50 A
3:30 P	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations.....	7:50 P
3:30 P	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno and Way Stations beyond Port Costa.....	12:20 P
3:30 P	Martinez, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi.....	10:20 A
4:00 P	Martinez, San Ramon, Vallejo, Napa, Calistoga, Santa Rosa.....	9:20 A
4:00 P	Niles, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi.....	4:20 P
4:30 P	Hayward, Niles, Irvington, San Jose, Livermore.....	18:50 P
5:00 P	The Owl Limited—Ogden, Los Banos, Mendota, Fresno, Tulare, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Golden State Limited Sleeper, Oakland to Los Angeles, for Chicago, via C. R. I. & P.....	11:50 A
6:00 P	Port Costa, Tracy, Stockton.....	12:20 P
6:30 P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose.....	7:20 P
6:00 P	Eastern Express—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and East, Port Costa, Benicia, Suisun, Elmira, Davis, Sacramento, Rocklin, Auburn, Colfax, Truckee, Boca, Reno, Washworth, Winnemucca.....	5:20 P
8:00 P	Valejo daily, except Sunday.....	7:50 P
7:00 P	Valejo, Sunday only.....	7:50 P
7:00 P	Richmond, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way Stations.....	11:20 A
8:05 P	Oregon & California Express—Sacramento, Marysville, Redding, Portland, Puget Sound and East, Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only).....	8:50 A
8:10 P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only).....	11:50 A

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8:15 A	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Way Stations.....	6:55 P
12:15 P	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations.....	10:55 A
4:15 P	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and way stations.....	18:55 A
6:30 P	Hunters Train, Saturday, San Jose and Way Stations. Returning from Los Gatos Sunday only.....	17:25 P

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San Jose and Way Stations.....		6:30 P
7:00 A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	5:38 P
8:00 A	New Almaden (Tuces, Frid., only), The Coaster—Stops only San Jose, Gilroy, (connection to Hollister) Pajaro, Castroville (connection to and from Monterey and Pacific Grove), Salinas, San Ardo, Paso Robles, Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo, principal stations thence Surf (connection for Lompoc), principal stations thence Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Saugus, Los Angeles.....	10:45 P
8:00 A	San Jose, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Luis Obispo and Principal Way Stations.....	4:10 P
10:30 A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	1:20 P
11:30 A	Santa Clara, San Geronimo and Way Stations.....	7:30 P
1:30 P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8:36 A
3:00 P	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove (connection to Santa Clara for Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek and Narrow Gauge Points) at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Caspersville for Salinas, Tres Pinos Way Passenger.....	12:15 P
5:30 P	Tres Pinos Way Passenger.....	10:45 A
4:30 P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	18:00 A
5:00 P	San Jose, (via Santa Clara) Los Gatos, and Principal Way Stations (except Sunday).....	19:00 A
6:00 P	San Jose and Principal Way Stations (except Sunday).....	19:40 A
6:00 P	Sunset Limited—Redwood, San Jose, Gilroy, Salinas, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Belling, El Paso, New Orleans, New York. Connects at Pajaro for Santa Cruz and at Castroville for Pacific Grove and Way Stations.....	7:10 P
6:15 P	San Mateo, Beresford, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, Palo Alto.....	16:48 A
6:30 P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8:39 A
8:00 P	Palo Alto and Way Stations.....	10:15 A
11:30 P	South San Francisco, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto.....	9:45 P
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The Political Situation

An event in no wise connected with politics is likely to have a very decided effect on the political situation in Santa Clara County and incidentally on that of the State, since the persons whom it most effects have been mentioned for both the positions of Governor and Senator. Every one who knows anything of politics in California has heard of the Hayes Brothers and of their successful fight with Johnnie Mackenzie, the erstwhile boss of Santa Clara County. The Hayes are very wealthy, their income being a thousand dollars a day, it is said, and they have a wealthy mother, a charming and intellectual old lady, who devotes most of her time to religious topics. She is the founder of a denomination of her own, and preaches every Sunday to a congregation, which if it is small, is select. She formerly had a church of her own, in which she held her services, but the edifice recently burned down, and now she uses the Unitarian Church for her Sunday gatherings. Last Sunday she undertook to explain how she had personally reached a high altitude of holiness and communion with the Deity, and then she proceeded to explain that her son, E. A. Hayes, commonly known as "Black Hayes," who sat near her on the platform, had also reached a great height religiously; that he held special intercourse with the Almighty, and was, in fact, a prophet and leader appointed to uphold her doctrines when she is gone, and to reach a height of holiness and understanding of the Divine Will accorded to few mortals. Tuesday this sermon was reported in one of the papers, and though denied in part by the son, was confirmed by the mother in an interview in the same paper Wednesday. The result in San Jose has been marvelous. Owing to the defalcation of the City Treasurer, the only Mackenzie man elected last year at the city election, the "push," alias the Mackenzieites have been practically wiped out, and Justice Lorrigan of the Supreme Court, who has long been the brains of the "push," while Mackenzie was its ostensible leader, tried to get Vic Scheller, the lawyer, to run as a candidate for Mayor this spring on the Democratic ticket, promising him the support of the "push," which was not strong enough to put up a candidate of its own. I mention this as showing how demoralized and discouraged the push was, when the report of the supernatural powers of Black Hayes was first revealed to an awe-stricken public. Now, all is changed. On every corner in San Jose you can hear the citizens declare that they do not want any supernatural leader in mundane politics, and Jim Rea is even irreverent enough to say that he "wants no spooks in his." The irreverent are busy ridiculing the pretensions of Hayes, and when a man becomes a subject of ridicule, it is almost impossible for him, even with a big bank account, to have much influence in the community. Mayor Worswick will be renominated by the Hayes faction, and will probably be elected, but he will lose hundreds of votes because of the revelations, and it will take all of Black's supernatural powers to pull him through. By the way, I am told, though not being there I do not know if it be true, that Madame Hayes declared that the defeat of Mackenzie by her son was the direct result of a revelation which she received and which she explained to them.

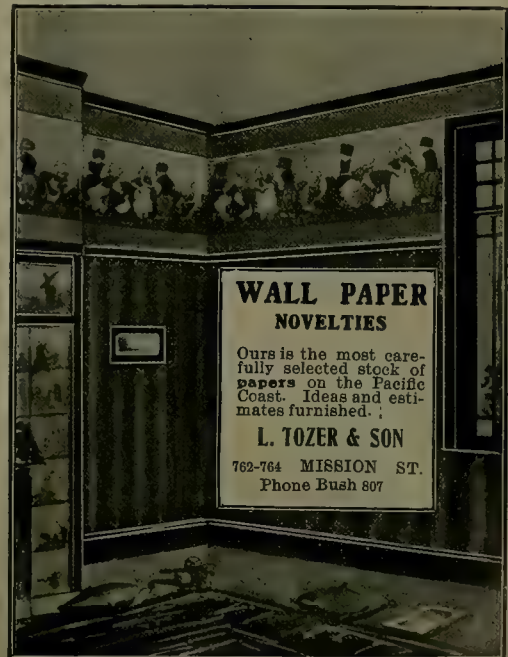
It is said that the publication is due to Mackenzie, or some of his followers, and Justice Lorrigan's name is mentioned in that connection also. He lives at San Jose, goes up and down from the city daily, and is shrewd enough to see what use could be made of the revelation politically. Color is lent to the statement by the fact that while the discourse was delivered to some three hundred persons Sunday, it did not appear in print before Tuesday, and meantime the Justice had had time enough to come to town and consult with friends here. It is well to remember that he is a candidate for election this fall, and that the Hayes faction would not favor him. If he could weaken them, as this move undoubtedly has done, the result would be greatly to his advantage. I may add that E. A. Shumate, formerly principal of the Night School, but who was removed by the Hayes' influence from the place, is to be the opponent of Mayor Worswick in the city campaign.

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I was talking to John C. Lynch in the Palace Grill the other day, and he tells me that the Republicans have settled all their difficulties, and that Abe Ruef is to manage the Presidential campaign. The announcement means that the campaign will be run shrewdly and that every vote possible will be secured for Roosevelt. There are, of course, some Republicans that would prefer another leader, but as Lynch says: "We want the best General we can get, and there is no question who he is."

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The Hearst boom is not what it was, and there is a decided hedging on the part of a number of distinguished gentlemen who not long ago were shouting



with loud voices for the hero of Sausalito. The trouble is this: It looks now as though the conservative element in the party has been aroused, and that the Democrats of the South will stand behind New York in its support of Parker. If that should prove correct, the supporters of Hearst at St. Louis will be persona non grata with a vengeance if Parker is nominated and elected, and Phelan and Coleman and the fellows that are anti-Hearst to-day will control the distribution of patronage, and will be the local representatives of the White House. It is a very difficult position for the Democrats who want to ride on the band wagon, a position that is none the less embarrassing that to-day their allegiance to Hearst is openly attributed on the streets and around the hotels to his check book, and not to his popularity. It is a stigma that will stick to them in the future, and which will undoubtedly keep several of them out of office when the Democrats have any to give.

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It is noticeable that a number of the Democratic editors of the State are coming to San Francisco, calling at Democratic (alias Hearst) headquarters and going home filled with the assurance that Hearst is going to be elected as well as nominated. Mark Plaisted, of the Fresno Democrat, has just made the pilgrimage to the local political Mecca and returned home after giving out an interview in which he lauds Hearst to the skies. Those who know Mark best will be least likely to believe that his enthusiasm is entirely disinterested, and that his visit will result in substantial dividends to the eminent gentlemen who are stockholders in his paper. He will no doubt at once buy another Mergenthaler and name it "William Randolph Hearst," a fact that contains a hint which the country editors and newspaper proprietors of the State should not neglect.

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I notice that Colusa Green, the Democrat of Democrats, who was once State Treasurer of this commonwealth, thanks to Governor Budd, and who has been reported as willing to support Hearst if he is nominated regardless of his dislike of the man's record, is getting in line with Leake and Barry, and in his latest issue of the Colusa Sun, hints very broadly that if Hearst is nominated he will not support him. It is of course, quite an effort for Will Green to take such a position, but he loves the Democratic Party too well to be willing to help bury it, which is what the nomination of Hearst would mean.

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I understand a Parker club will shortly be inaugurated here, and that it will include a number of very prominent Democrats among its members. Those who have the movement on foot are only waiting until they are certain that New York will endorse Parker, and then they will at once call a meeting and come out boldly for him. Meantime there will be anti-Hearst tickets at the Democratic primaries in every ward and precinct in the city on May 4th, and if New York endorses Parker, the antis will mean pro-Parker.

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Hamilton A. Bauer, Senator from the 22d District and son of Emile Bauer of the San Francisco News Company, is out for Congressman for the 4th Congressional District, and hopes to get the Republican nomination, believing he can defeat Livernash.

—Junius.

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The red cross is to be put on Oakland street cars, but the double cross will continue to be favored in Oakland politics.

A Russian lady with a name like an after-dinner drink has been enrolled in a Cossack regiment. This looks like an appeal to Japanese chivalry and sentiment.

The press gravely records the arrest of the Bishop of Mush for "disseminating malevolent reports," but does not tell us what brand of breakfast food it was that he maligned.

If it was warm in San Francisco at the last weekend, what will it be at Santa Cruz when the Democratic delegates begin to say what some of them think about Hearst?

A Los Angeles man foolishly tries to boost himself into notoriety by confessing that he has been engaged to thirty women, when we have among us freak sinners who have married more than that.

A hundred-dollar diamond in each champagne glass was the distinguishing feature of an Atlantic City dinner. The function must have been given by one of those who held the buckets while the water was being squeezed out of Wall street.

Another brilliant discovery at Washington is that lime and sulphate of copper kills insects and disease germs in water. No volunteer has come forward as yet and offered to taste the water after such treatment.

The police say the police judges are responsible for the unpunished crime of San Francisco, and the judges return the compliment. One finds it not at all difficult to agree with both sides to this controversy.

That English preacher of prominence who denies the inspiration of the Scriptures, calling the Bible a "manual of morality," is being roasted in the newspapers instead of at the stake, wherefrom we deduce the progress of civilization.

Congressman Livernash weeps bitterly because another Democrat, a Georgian, said to him that he assumed a good deal in assuming that he was a gentleman. It hasn't taken the House long to get Livernash's measure.

The poissant Emperor William's seismological observatory can detect a disturbance of its instruments caused by a shock central 4,000 miles away. It ought to have no difficulty in recording the tremors that shake the empire when his Majesty makes his ministers quake in their shoes.

Gone like the foam of yestreen's beer,
 (Or like the eggs in last year's nest);
 Gone the Willie Hearstlet boom,
 Damned to eternal rest.

An organization of employes is a union; an organization of employers is a conspiracy.

"A new note with every baby" is the claim of a famous contralto who is addicted to maternity. Usually it is the doctor who gets the note.

When Mrs. Botkin cries over her conviction, the tender-hearted should reflect that tears are no antidote for arsenic.

Buffalo's "exclusive clubmen" who witnessed a bloody battle of bull-dogs would be clubbed men now if Buffalo had the right kind of a police force.

The latest air-ship inventor in San Francisco is busy regretting that there is only one "sucker" born every minute.

The reason the gallery does not care for the Ibsen drama is that it will not pay money to see at a theatre what it can't help seeing at home.

Let it be hoped that the bit of pigskin grafted on a colored lady's countenance was tanned first, and that the lady was saddle-colored.

It is beginning to dawn on William Randolph Hearst that there are other things in politics besides a home-made reputation as a trust-buster.

The scratch of a cat killed a man in Tacoma—a fact which should promote peace among some of our warring club ladies.

In New York the theatrical value of a human life in money is \$5,000. The figure decreases steadily as you come West.

General Kurapatkin is accused of winning all his victories under the influence of morphine. Apparently the Japanese have succeeded in shutting off the Russian "dope" supply.

Oakland doctors are so skilled in the healing art that they recently amputated a man's stomach, but none of them has discovered a cure for Alameda County's epidemic itch for office.

THE FORCE OF ARMS.

Thoughtful Americans are watching with anxiety the morbid conditions that disturb the internal economy of the State of Colorado. Here the limited military authority of the commonwealth is coming into direct and painful conflict with the legal authority resident in the courts. The issue is the labor question, not in any economic phase, but in a cruder and more difficult aspect, involving open resistance to and defiance of constituted authority. For years Colorado has been a hot-bed of the most virulent form of unionism, because of its vast mining interests, bringing within its border a class of men easily led into the error of violent opposition to the law and its ministers. For years, it has had a National Guard not to be despised as a factor in the working out of the problem of peace for all and oppression to none. As nearly as can be ascertained an unfortunate incident is that the acting commander of the State's troops is a man of ardent bravery and complete fidelity, but ineffably pompous and pig-headed, talkative where he should be silent, threatening where he should be tactful and firm. The State courts, or some of them, have swung into line with the leaders of labor, and only the extreme of patience and good sense on the part of an executive whose lot no one envies, can stave off a most regrettable conflict. The prospect of federal intervention is by no means remote.

Right or wrong, the labor leaders, whose wisdom, if not their patriotism, is to be doubted, will best serve their cause by yielding to the military pressure by counseling their followers to such a course as will leave no room or excuse for activity on the part of the militia, and by trusting to time and to a fair-minded people for adequate justice and redress.

Here, where there is the daily menace of a situation not unlike that which is troubling Colorado—we mean the threatened car strike, with its probability of an ultimate appeal to State or to nation for an armed adjustment—the labor leaders ought to consider well what is happening in our sister State and move with caution lest they precipitate a struggle full of the possibilities of evil for San Francisco and California.

AFTER THE SCHOOL TEACHERS.

The Board of Health is making war upon the microbes of Chinatown; it has given notice to the germs of the telephone; the milk men have also been warned; the school children are to be subjected to daily inspection, and now, with the assistance of the Board of Education, the city's doctors propose to find out whether there are any school teachers whose sight has become weakened during the course of years, or whose hearing has been dulled by the monotonous droning of hundreds of pupils. Such teachers will be marked for sacrifice. The Health Board is certainly undertaking a most extensive campaign, which, prima facie, appears to find its causes in a most enthusiastic desire to improve those conditions over which the Board may have jurisdiction. No one has any fault to find with any of the propositions, considered solely upon its merits; but it is to be regretted that the Board of Health does not possess the entire confidence of the people. The exposures of the practices in the emergency hospitals are of too recent occurrence to be yet forgotten. The proposition to submit school teachers to medical examinations by the "volunteer" doctors, smacks somewhat of a scheme to find a way to get rid of instruc-

tors who have lost their pull. The public schools are part of the State system, and the Board of Health, which is a purely municipal affair, has no business with them. Nor can the consent of the Board of Education to the entrance of the doctors into the schools give the latter any authority therein. The physicians are in the schools only by sufferance, and any recommendations they may make upon teachers can in no legal sense be received as official.

There may be teachers who have become superannuated; there may be others who, through sickness, have lost temporarily the energy needed for success in instruction; there are doubtless many who, at times, are on the verge of nervous collapse. But it is not the business of the Board of Health to pass upon them. That matter lies absolutely and alone in the province of the Board of Education. The State school law provides the only manner in which teachers may be dismissed. If the Board of Education could fall back upon a long report, signed by several of the assistants of the Board of Health, showing why, in the opinion of the latter, a certain teacher should be dismissed, the School Directors might find it easier to make vacancies than at present. Just as a coincidence, positions as school teachers are much in demand, and numerous vacancies would be hailed with joy by certain people. The public school teachers are the most deserving, the hardest worked, and in many ways the least appreciated by the city's employees. They enjoy the public confidence, which can hardly be said of those who may undertake to condemn them. Heretofore, they have had sufficient political influence to ward off attacks. It behooves them now to get at the bottom of this sudden interest taken in their physical well-being. If the purpose is an honest one, not much harm can come of it, but it is much to be feared that this sudden streak of paternalism is fraught with danger to those who have no friends at court.

PORTFOLIO OF THE U. S. NAVY.

Secretary Moody is to be commended for his forthright opposition to a Congressional suggestion of a general staff for the navy like that which "advises" the Secretary of War with regard to the army. It has been common knowledge ever since the opening of the Spanish-American war, and it may have been known long before, that to the experts the navy is better organized, more efficiently directed and far more effectively disciplined than the army. In a measure this may be due to the obvious wide differences between the machine that fights on land, a thousand-legged thing crawling on its belly, and the fighting machine of the sea.

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From Appomatox to Santiago the army of the United States was a fiction. The rapidity with which it was converted into a ponderable and forceful fact was a thing for other nations to wonder at and for this nation to be proud of. In most of that same thirty years the navy had been developing steadily, in personnel and equipment, to a state of instant readiness and ample preparedness. The very Congressmen who had lifted their voices against a "great standing army" had won re-election upon their eloquent pleas for a "great standing navy." We would brook no idle legions marking time through the decades of peace, but we were comforted by every four million dollar battleship that slid off the ways. The

difference of national sentiment as to army and as to navy was—and, in a degree, still is—a curious anomaly. Fortunately, a comparatively trifling affair of arms has changed public opinion and we hear less than we did, in and out of Congress, about the evil of a big army in time of peace. Matters are now nearly equalized between the two great branches of the military arm.

But there still remains a condition of things at the center of the army's administration which keeps it below the right limit of efficiency—a condition chargeable largely to political and other kindred influences operating to breed favoritism and a host of smaller allied evils. The navy has been almost entirely protected from this condition. Its scandals, aside from occasional jobbery in the building of ships, have been few and promptly and severely dealt with. Its effectiveness and its capacity for taking care of itself and of the enemies of our peace, are unquestionable.

To place extensive powers, even of an advisory character, in the hands of a general naval staff, would be to expose the navy to the ills that afflict the army and to invite them. Secretary Moody is right when he says that no board should be created which would usurp the powers attaching to the portfolio of that department.

UNCULTIVATED MANKIND.

Curiously enough, in all the progress of mankind the one thing the making of which science has not touched and improved is mankind itself. This passing reflection is inspired by the recurrence of an event which is held by some to be of importance and consequence—the annual dog show. In it will be exhibited the results of scientific study and experiment applied to the great and mysterious re-productive forces of Nature, the fruit of selection and training carefully carried on through some centuries of intelligent effort. We shall see how marvelously man has wrought out the betterment of his friend, the dog, eliminating, combining, marking and making use of the laws of heredity until that family of the beasts with which man is in closest touch has risen toward four-footed perfection with truly astonishing rapidity. The snarling, wolfish creature of the caves and fens has been trained and bred into a rare degree of usefulness and of intelligent comradeship and differentiated into widely varying types of beauty. Artificially man has done for the dog in a comparatively few years what Nature unaided could have accomplished only in ages if at all.

But there has never been—and probably never will be—a man show. We shall continue to cultivate our pets, shaping their bodies and their intelligences to our own views of what constitutes dog perfection. We shall go on learning how to hurry the silent influences of creation and to direct their operation for our pleasure and our profit, but never for our own advancement. Save for the ameliorating and uplifting that comes from a church or a college here and a gymnasium there, sporadic centers of man-culture, chance-founded and chance-sought, we are as we were a thousand years ago. Carlo, Don and Fido on the show bench are as unlike and as superior to their ancestors of a score of generations ago as we are unlike and superior to them. Their breeding for a hundred years has been a matter of vast thought and of experiment: ours has been a matter of happen-chance, of environment, of impulse, a purely natural selection. The dog of the bench show is strikingly

illustrative of what discrimination in breeding may do: his master illustrates how slowly Nature unassisted moves to her own molding and shaping.

It will not do any particular good, but neither will it be productive of evil if, when you go to the dog-show, you think what a different kind of being you might have been had your ancestors, in the "dark backward and abysm of Time," turned their attention to the breeding of men instead of dogs.

HEAVEN OR THE PENITENTIARY.

In the land of the Mormons there is a weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. The General Conference of the Mormon Church has formally declared that all true believers who may now take plural wives will be excommunicated, and from them will be withdrawn the mighty influence of the church. Whereat there is much travail in Zion. Surely it is a most unpleasant predicament into which the modern Saints have been forced. If they would gain that paradise of which the original faith had the vision, it is apparent, it is their bounden duty to take unto themselves numerous wives, so that their seed may not perish from the earth; but should they do so, Uncle Sam will fall upon them with all the fierceness of the devastating Assyrian, scatter their folds to the four winds, and place them in jail. Meanwhile, the elders of the church will look on calmly, refuse to interfere and lighten the affliction of the sufferers with the comforting assurance that they are martyrs in a holy cause. President Smith has declared his belief that polygamy is a divine institution, given into the keeping of his ancestor by the power of revelation. Upon his return to Salt Lake from Washington, he gloried among the faithful in the fact that to him had been given the opportunity of asserting the divinity of the church and its institutions in the face of the scoffing queries of the hard-headed investigators. But Mr. Smith is a man of much worldly wisdom. His visit to the capital convinced him that the laws of the United States must be obeyed in Utah, divine revelations to the contrary notwithstanding. So the head of the church has given out the word, and the expansive hearts of his followers are saddened accordingly. The Congressional Committee has issued subpoenas for many prominent polygamists, and it would seem that at last fear of the law has found its way into the Mormon stronghold. It may be the beginning of the end. With polygamy forbidden and punished, Mormonism is on the wane. Polygamy was its foundation stone. With that removed, the structure will soon totter to its fall.

It is a pretty commentary on the management of the Emergency Hospital when the injured would rather take chances than undergo treatment at the hands of the surgeon in charge. Three such cases occurred during this week, and in each case the injured person, battered as he was, had sense enough left to beg to be excused from the attendance of the city sawbones.

During February and March of this year, the U. S. Mint in this city coined \$54,409,500, the largest sum ever coined by any mint in the world in the same length of time. None of it got away, either, although Solomon, Perry and the Nagles were in town all the time. Dear, dear, what chances even the best of us miss sometimes!



LIVERNASH IS REBUKED.

That E. J. Livernash, who represents Mr. Hearst, and presumably the people of the Fourth Congressional District of this State in the House of Representatives, should have taken advantage of a favorable opportunity to insult another member of Congress, will surprise no one acquainted with the Livernash methods. That he quickly withdrew into his shell when the other Representative assured him that he assumed a great deal if he assumed that he (Livernash) was a gentleman, will also be taken as a matter of course, for the ability to withdraw under fire is one of the leading characteristics of the member from the Fourth District. When he attacked Bartlett, of Georgia, Livernash woke up the wrong man. Those men from the South have a way of hurling back an insult, and following it quickly with an offer of personal violence that may well put fear into the heart of a man of wind and words. Livernash, it may be admitted, possesses considerable ability, but he lacks a saving grace of humor, but for which he would see himself as others see him—a somewhat ridiculous figure, beating with his tongue upon the drum of his vocabulary, to the end that "me and Hearst" may be great in the land. Hardly had he become firm in his seat when he tried to introduce a resolution charging the President with all sorts of high crimes and misdemeanors. Upon that occasion, Mr. Speaker sat him down so hard that chips of brass fell from the Livernash cheek. But as soon as he regained his assurance, he was again knocking at the door of notoriety, a practice he has indulged for years, occasionally to the physical discomfiture of those who may have been in the way of his missiles. His arrogance and irascibility have done more to gain opponents for Hearst in his own party than any other elements in Willie's Falstaffian campaign for the Presidency. For this reason, mayhap, the election of Livernash may be considered, philosophically, as a blessing in disguise.

SAN FRANCISCO'S SAM PARKS.

It seems passing strange that the Carmen's Union, which contains so many bright and intelligent men, should not see that they are being made cats'-paws of by Richard Cornelius. If he can carry his scheme of allowing only members of the union to work on the United Railroads he will have every one of them at his mercy. If they undertake to criticize him they may expect the fate which befell Dingwell and his friends who committed "lese majeste," and had to go to the courts to obtain reinstatement under the great Cornelius. Any man who does not pay his dues promptly, any man who is not completely pleased with all that Cornelius does, who does not yield his manhood and independence to this labor Czar, who does not contribute out of his hard-earned money to keep the agitator in champagne and cigars, will be deprived of an opportunity to earn a living.

That Cornelius is no true friend of union labor was

shown when he stood by Livernash, who openly defied the Clerks' and Barbers' Unions. Does that not show to any thinking man that he is in the labor union business for what there is in it for himself, and not for the men who are allowing themselves to be his dupes? If he really believed in the principles he pretends to advocate he would have stood by the Clerks and Barbers, but no; he knew on which side his bread was buttered, and he stood by the man who openly insulted those unions, ignoring their boycotts and insulted their committees. Why was Dingwell expelled at a secret meeting from the Carmen's Union? Was it not because he denounced Cornelius for selling out the union to the Examiner and its clique? But let any of the men who are supporting Cornelius in ease and luxury go to their headquarters in the Emma Spreckels Building and see the style and airs the fellow puts on. The visitors wait in an uncarpeted room on benches, while his henchman comes out, and in an insulting voice wants to know: "What's ye bisniss?" If Cornelius condescends to see you, you get into an inner room furnished more luxuriously than any banker's office in San Francisco, and there you see the great man. Who pays for all of this? Either the Carmen or some one else, and if some one else it is because Cornelius is using the Carmen to hold up some one. That this whole business is a case of graft is evident. Why do not the Carmen see what is so clear before their eyes, and at least put at the head of their union a man who is devoted to unionism entirely, and who is not the well-known hireling of a political debaucher? How can they expect the Clerks and Barbers to sympathize with them when they have shown through their leader their contempt of their fellow unionists? Meantime, Cornelius might profitably read the biography of that other traitor to labor, Sam Parks, formerly of New York, but now of Sing Sing.

Once upon a time, W. F. Whittier went fishing. He caught a lot of rheumatism. Some one told him the best cure for rheumatism was massage. He was properly massaged. The massage artist has been on his trail ever since. She even camps upon his doorstep; she will not be denied. All she wants is about \$25,000. All of which shows that it is a dangerous thing—to go fishing.

In Pennsylvania, the other day, an air tank exploded, killing one man and injuring six others. Politicians will please take notice.

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How San Francisco Looks to Me

By Fernaud Travers, Tourist

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I really trust, my dear News Letter, that you will pardon me when I tell you this is about the last, if not the very last, letter I shall send you. I am in a bally lot of trouble—of course not any financial difficulty, and I think I shall return at once. You know, the chap at the club who said he could get me the house place to live in tells me that the chap that owns it is in stocks or something of that kind, a broker sort of fellow, and he has been caught short on the market, and so is sort of on his uppers, don't you know, and can't take a run over to Europe, for he is short of the quid. I am disappointed in not getting the house and being able to show you over here how to entertain correctly.

Another thing in distaste muchly is the fact that Roger, my man, is bullying me for an advance of wages. The beggar can't figure out the difference between dollars and pounds sterling. Dollars seem big to him. You know I would like to keep him, but a dear, sweet old chum at one of your clubs has seen how correct a gentleman's man he is, and I am really afraid he has thieved Roger from me. I told Roger, however, that if he stayed here he ought to get lots of money from the other fellow, so I may keep him yet, but without a living place of my own and without Roger to attend me the life out here would be unlivable. I am truly glad to have come, and I may return, but if I do it will be to remain. I like your climate, I like your gentlewomen, but really the chaps are impossible.

You will, I am sure, let me state that I think I have been of inestimable and incalculable benefit to your people since I have been among them. You will concede this, I am sure. I know I have noticed an improvement in manners since I commenced to show you how San Francisco looked to me.

I really think I should be more appreciated than I am, if that is possible. In the meantime, I am instructing Roger to pack the trunks, and if I can get the accommodations I want on the railway, I am liable to trust myself to the negro porter between here and New York. After the coaching I have given Roger I shall smile while I am on the railway to think of how Roger will abuse the American chap who hired him away from me. I have arranged matters so that Roger can reach me by cable when he gets tired of the new master, and I'll wager a pony Roger catches me in New York before I sail for Liverpool. If I have the time, don't you know, before I leave, I will write again. I must, of course, pay my P. P. C.'s and a few other calls of a different social nature, which will be hard to me, but really and truly, don't you know, I never encouraged a young lady in my life, for of all things there was never anything of the marrying man about

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TIVOLI—Schumann—Heink farewell—Sunday afternoon.
CALIFORNIA—McFadden's Flats—Very Flat.

Bronson Howard is credited with a finesse in writing, with a keen appreciation of all that goes with cutting sarcasm, with a deep knowledge of the things mechanical necessary to a good stage production, but I will bet four dollars and ten cents that he never intended the misfit clothes of the Marquis of Normandale, neither did he intend that character to descend to the level of melodrama of the Folsom street variety. Mr. Gattan, who did the part in a "hand me down" Prince Albert, was sadly handicapped by the length of his trousers. Mr. Gattan has a good voice, and we believe that is all. Probably in some other play he may be able to develop something else.

Miss Crosby did her Virginia Stockton with a most remarkable lack of all feeling, and the Sheridan Stockton of that hitherto splendid actor, Mr. Hilliard, was colorless and unamusing.

"Aristocracy" is a strange medley of remarkably poor dialogue in the first, second and fourth acts, and a splendid, well-sustained piece of playwriting in the third. The situation when Diana, the wife of the seventeen times millionaire Californian, is hypnotized by the villain, Prince Emil Von Haldenwald of Vienna, is very strong in many ways. Miss Block made a splendid Diana, and once again showed that as an emotional actress she has but very few equals on the American stage.

Mr. Durkin's Jefferson Stockton was good, without being remarkable, while the Haldenwald of Mr. Conness was really out of the ordinary. Mr. Mason's Caryston-Leigh was easy and natural, and it occurs to me that one fool Englishman in one play is amply sufficient for all needs. Once again that clever young man, Mr. John B. Maher, has shown his extreme versatility. His Duc de Volante enjoys distinction because it is not overdone—simply a clever, natural piece of work. We must not forget Miss Starr and her infectious laughter. She was charming, as usual.

Mrs. Fiske has just found out that in past performances nine-tenths of her audience has not heard her. Some one, a reader of the News Letter most probably, has given her this valuable tip, and I see that the Daily Booster says the newly acquired "articulation is perfect." It is better than it has been at any time during this engagement. The performance of "A Doll's House" was a generally good one, and with the improved enunciation of the star left little to be desired. Max Figman deserves special mention as the best example I have seen in many moons of doleful and inane potato mouthing.

The four Mortons at the Orpheum are the best fun-makers I have seen in a very long time. Samuel would make a horse laugh, and Kittie is very clever. The children, Clara and Paul, are very bright and the team work of the four is excellent. It is in the trio, however, that they bring down the

house. This is Irish wit without vulgarity. The young man's cockney-dude song is a very good one, and he and his sister are able descendants of nimble-footed parents. This is taking it for granted, of course, that the programme tells no lies, and they are related. Flo Adler is the only poor bit of work on the programme. She has a very good stage presence, and presuming on this, she murders "Navajo" and other songs nightly without compunction to the accompaniment of a pale young man with a morphine cast of countenance. He sings from the audience.

"McFadden's Flats" is given at the California. That's what it is—flats and no harmony.

There is a sensational escape from prison and a battle for life at the Central in "In the Hands of the Enemy." The audience is an enthusiastic one, as usual. The Chief of Police of Carthage, as portrayed by Mr. Harry Shumer is given a make-up that is a replica in caricature of the Mayor of San Francisco. In order to make the resemblance more striking and life-like, the author has made the Chief of Police accept a bribe of \$100,000.

"Kismet" is still holding the boards at Fischer's. Lovers of good music and clean comedy have been more than pleased with this bright opera. It was an ambitious thing to put on at such a small house, and it is pleasing to think that the management has not lost any money on the enterprise.

Schumann-Heink, after a very successful season at the Alhambra, finishes up with a concert at the Tivoli. She will give an entirely new programme, and there is a feast in store for music-lovers.

"The White Squadron" will be the bill at the Central for the coming week. It deals with the combined forces of the world at sea, assembled at Rio Janeiro, and there to deliver an ultimatum to the Brazilian Government, because of various outrages committed by the war-like people of the interior. The Congress of Navies will give an opportunity for color.

Richard Mansfield is heading this way, and will be at the Columbia some time next month. Now look out for all kinds of yellow stunts by the jaundiced papers. Mansfield is proper prey for the hysterical dailies, and they never fail either in rapturous admiration or in vitriolic invective. Mansfield is unfortunately independent, and this results in fawning praise or effluvial criticism, according to the dictates of the "business department."

Fischer's will not close until after "Chow-Chow." There are to be one hundred more seats on the ground floor when the architects get through with the remodeling. "Chow-Chow" is described by the press agent as "real pure fun." Unfortunately, he makes a comparison that is odious. He says it resembles Weber & Field's. Now, that is not real pure fun. It's fun, but it is not pure. However, the Fischer productions have never smacked of the vulgarity of Weberfield, so we may hope the press agent aforesaid is wrong in his forecast. "Kismet" was such a good show that the old patronage of the

little play-house flocked again, and if "Chow-Chow" is anywhere near the standard, we may look for crowded houses.

The Four Cohans will hold the boards for two weeks as the next attraction at the Columbia. They will appear in George M. Cohan's "Running for Office," a laughable farce.

Maude Adams is starring under a large guarantee by Gottlob, Marx & Company, who are directing a trip in conjunction with Charles Frohman.

Henry Miller and Margaret Anglin open at the Hudson on Monday night in a revival of "Camille."

Sunday night will see the last of the phenomenally successful engagement of Anna Held as "Mam'selle Napoleon."

Millocker's "Beggar Student" is on for a long run at the Tivoli. Want of space prevents the extended notice the elaborate mounting demands. I shall handle the subject in the News Letter of next week.

The old Fischer favorites, from Kolb and Dill to Hope and Emerson, will follow Mrs. Fiske at the Grand. There is sure to be a crowded house at every performance.

Mrs. Fiske will appear in the curtain raiser, this afternoon and to-night, "A Bit of Old Chelsea," preceding Act 2 of "Hedda Gabler," Act 2 of "Divorcons," Act 1 of "A Doll's House," and Act 4 of "Tess of the D'Urbervilles." The admirers of the little lady will fill the house, as this is a feast they will not again enjoy in a long time.

The chorus in the "Beggar Student" at the Tivoli is creating great enthusiasm. Dora de Fillipe's "Bronislava" is like a bounding rubber ball covered with spangles.

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The judge's speech was low,
He said: "Tell me the pull you have
And I will let you go."
He handed up his card;
The judge bowed and grew pale.
The prisoner said he'd pardon him—
And he didn't go to jail.

Government officials are obliged occasionally to play strange roles. Thus, it takes more than an ordinary amount of imagination to fancy Collector Stratton as Poundmaster, and Alexander Crow, who rejoices in the magnificent and polysyllabic title of Horticultural Commissioner as the presiding genius of what, in order to keep up with his title, we must call a lethal chamber for stray quadrupeds. All the force of the entire department, was directed with energy and weight against a King Charles spaniel, belonging to the daughter of Colonel Mears, an officer of the United States Army who gave his life in the service of his country. Much machinery was set in motion to compass the death of the little dog of the daughter of the dead officer, and in view of the postal frauds, it is pleasant to know that the greatest energy and promptitude was shown, and that no one has so far even been accused of taking bribes in connection with it. Special mention must be made of the Honorable Fred Stratton, Collector of the Port, who carried on the correspondence with the Washington officials, of Inspector Gallagher, who intercepted the terrier and to whose keenness of vision the successful termination of the affair is largely due, and to Alexander Crow, Horticultural Commissioner, who administered chloroform to what the newspapers sentimentally term "the pet."

The feminine footpad now graces the scene, and an additional terror is added to the life suburban. The newspaper accounts of the gallantry of Berkeley women in standing off footpads has naturally given rise to the deduction that if a woman can be a match for a footpad, a little footpadding might be an acceptable occupation for the more desperate. At any rate, she has taken it up, and has shown a commendable good sense in beginning by holding up her fellow-woman. These female highway women had better devote their attention exclusively to their own sex, for the mere wearer of trousers is so held up by the fair sex all the time that it is doubtful whether a female footpad would be able to get anything. In some cases she would not even get the trousers, as they are frequently worn by the dominant partner in the firm matrimonial.

The *Town Crier* can cry praise as well as blame where an opportunity for praise really exists. Such is afforded by the open air concerts in the new amphitheatre at Berkeley. The idea is in every way to be commended. It is a good way of utilizing a beautiful place, and provides first-class entertainment for audiences of close on five thousand. I wonder what the Puritan element thinks about the idea.

There is a fine flavor of romance in the story from Fresno to the effect that two young men of the ancient and honorable borough of Sanger, having failed in their wooing, literally proceeded to take it out of the proverbial hides of the ladies who denied them the favor which they craved. To this end, having masked themselves, they proceeded to whip the girls, who were on their way home from an entertainment. The young ladies, in a true modern spirit, retaliated by a charge of battery, and a prosaic modern judge will follow matters up. The method of the Sanger swains suffers from the defect of either being too drastic or not drastic enough. The aboriginal men who followed it in prehistoric times took two precautions which these young men omitted. In the first place they never gave the lady an opportunity to refuse them, for they stunned her with a club, striking her from behind, and in the second place they always took care that the lady came into their possession, a fundamental condition in such cases, which these ignorant young men appear to have overlooked.

What fun the University is, to be sure. A week ago Professor Gayley spoke his mind to the women students in their giggling propensities; this week Professor Moses has been telling them his opinion upon their manners and their lack of respect for the commandment against stealing, and now the whole town, or at least that part of it which earns a meager and laborious living by providing students with board and lodging is to be subjected to a strict investigation, and soup, pies and the like to be analyzed and overhauled. I suppose it is all right; the students are not sufficiently bad to poison, and death by typhoid is a luxury which it is just as well to confine within as narrow limits as possible, but taking everything into consideration, it is still a matter of mystery why in the names of the muses so many of them are students. The vast majority do not seem worth saving in that capacity.

Now we shall have some Eastern and probably European comments on the curious qualities of the California literary man. In the short course of three months we have produced two prodigies with the same name, each being a wonder in his class. George Sterling, the poet, who wrote "The Testimony of the Suns," gained fame and recognition at a stroke; George Sterling, the robber, called for the resources of the Police and Fire Departments combined before he was compelled to reasonable submission to his fate. The Eastern and English papers are very sure to mix the two names, and it is going to be a little hard on the poet. But think of the comments and headings: "Literary Lawlessness in California," and the like.

Life is full of apparent contradiction, and the cross-purposes of the power which preside over things mundane are so involved and so absolutely without rational basis that it is the merest folly to trouble about them. Here last week an honest working man was caught in a noose in a rope and dangled for some time above the pavement. At the same time there was another person in this city whose presence in a noose in a rope would have been an unmixed blessing, and yet twelve men, and the existence of undeniable facts, and a cost of eighty thousand dollars to the State combined, were unable to put that head in that noose.

According to Law

There is a certain Justice of the Peace in the immediate neighborhood of San Francisco—we will call him for convenience Hon. James Wesley Hawkins, who was not very well versed in the criminal law of the State when he took office, as can readily be seen by the following, which occurred the first day he assumed his new position. This was, however, not the first official position which has been thrust upon him. For two years previous he had been president of the town club, and was considered an expert on parliamentary rules. So much so that many persons holding similar positions in nearby villages came to this "Solon" to ask his opinion on important matters involved in the more disputed points of parliamentary law.

On the day he assumed office the first case on the docket was that of a man named "Wilson, alias Peters," who had been caught red-handed in the act of breaking into the town bank.

When the defendant, Wilson, was brought into court, he was accompanied by a lawyer from Fresno, whom he had retained. The Hon. James Wesley Hawkins called the court to order. The charge of burglary was read to the prisoner. When it was concluded the attorney from Fresno arose to his feet.

"Your honor!" he said, "I move the defendant be discharged on the ground that the complaint does not state an offense against the State."

The Hon. James Wesley Hawkins cleared his throat, and in a sonorous voice asked: "Do I hear a second to this motion?"

At this point the attorney from Fresno nudged the defendant in the ribs. "I second the motion," said Wilson.

"All in favor," continued his Honor, "will make known by saying 'aye.'"

"Aye," said the defendant and his attorney in unison.

"No," screamed the prosecuting attorney who was sitting by himself in one corner of the room up to this time, but now he arose to his feet with the words: "This proceeding is preposterous."

"The ayes have it," shouted Hon. James Wesley Hawkins, "and I order the defendant discharged."

When the Army Suffered.

Some of the officers of the Marine Service at the Presidio have decided that hunger is not the best sauce. The cook, C. Nelson, at the Marine Hospital, went crazy recently, and as a result dinner had to be postponed. Here the story ends. It doesn't continue by saying who cooked the supper and how many doctors were subsequently placed on the sick list. So far only one man seems to know who cooked it and he won't tell.

Guilty of Murder.

At the Polytechnic High School in this city the students are a cosmopolitan lot. There are representatives of almost every nationality included on the roll book. Several months ago a Chinese boy named Jaw Bing came to school. His teacher in drawing was a Miss Murdock. On the first day she attempted to explain some of the minor points of art to him, but to her dismay he couldn't understand a word of English. She then asked another Chinese named Lee Toy to act as interpreter. After considerable confusion Lee informed the teacher that as Jaw came from an inland province he could not effect a means of communication. For several months Jaw has

been coming to school regularly, but day in and day out, he still carried the same blank expression. Not long ago Miss Murdock perceived what a trial it was to jaw to sit and understand absolutely nothing, walked over to him and said in tender tones: "It must be very hard for you to come to school here, Jaw, where you can't understand a thing." In a moment Jaw's face lighted up, his almond eyes sparkled, and with all the feeling of the American school-boy he said: "Sure!"

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Indians of the Yosemite.

In this book we have a valuable little history of the customs, traditions and legends of the Indians of the Yosemite Valley. The writer is Galen Clarke, pioneer of the Yosemite and the discoverer of the Mariposa Big Tree Grove. He is ninety years of age, and has only now been persuaded to write the story, which he knows so well and which is possessed of interest not only to the people of California but to those who are interested in the American aborigines. The book is well and simply written and deserves every commendation. Chris. Jorgensen has done the illustrations, and numerous photographs in half-tone give accurate views of the inhabitants and the locality. Mr. Clark was largely instrumental in bringing Yosemite Valley under State control, and was a member of the first State Commission to manage the Valley in 1864.

Published by Galen Clark, Yosemite Valley, California.

"Young America in the Hands of His Friends," a political drama, so-called, by Arthur W. Sanborn, published by James H. West Company, Boston. If the author had put himself "in the hands of his friends, it is at least doubtful if he would ever have published the little work, for small as it is, its size is the only thing which can be found to praise about it. Young America becomes enamored of Miss Empire, who has come from Europe and who is something more than the proverbial handful to the young husband. It will be seen that the book deals with the somewhat well worn subject of Imperialism, and contains no really new or valuable ideas on the subject. The pseudo-dramatic form is of no value to the elucidation of the subject.

"Russia at the Bar of the American People" is a book written by Isidore Singer, Ph. D., Projector and Managing Editor of the Jewish Encyclopedia. It contains expressions of the opinions of public men, such as leading politicians, ecclesiastical dignitaries, university presidents. It also reprints the Kishinef Petition, including the addresses of President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay. The book is valuable as giving an account of one of the most dreadful and barbarous events in recent years. The material is well arranged, and upon all grounds can be entirely recommended to all who wish for information upon this question. (Funk & Wagnalls, New York.)

"Essays and Letters of Leo Tolstoy," is by Aylmer Maude, to whose work on the Russian novelist and moralist we called attention recently, has translated a number of essays and letters by Count Tolstoy and printed them in a small book issued by Funk & Wagnalls. There is no necessity to do more than call a passing attention to this work, for the opinions and ideas of the Russian writer are by this time very widely known and there is nothing here to cause me to change any opinions already formed with regard to them. The translator has produced a good, easy English version, and the author is highly pleased with the correctness of the revision.

Funk & Wagnalls, New York.

"The Trouble Woman," by Clara Morris, is a very short and pathetic story of an old woman who had suffered much. It is a very clever analysis of what constitutes real trouble as seen by one who has suffered it. Clara Morris is a very striking instance of the development of literary talent at an advanced age. Her work is strong and is sure to be popular, for she seizes instinctively upon those points which appeal directly to the greatest majority.

"Running the River" is a story of the Mississippi at the time of its greatest prosperity, when it was crowded with craft. It is full of dash and adventure, and makes excellent reading, particularly for young people, boys and girls alike. George Cary Eggleston is too well-known a writer of this class of work to require any advertisement, and it is sufficient to say that in the present volume he is well abreast of his best achievements.

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SOCIETY

Dear Bessie: Cats and dogs have been the engrossing topic this week, the annual Bench Show going on at the Pavilion opening on Wednesday, and what a variety of doings that same Pavilion witnesseth. Last week it was devoted to the circus; on Monday night the Scouts gave a drill, and drew a big crowd, and then came the Bench Show. We have had rather a reaction this week from the crowded gaiety of the last, not that it has been by any means dull, but there has been less doing, and there has been a lull also in the matrimonial line, the number of new engagements out making amends for the lack of ceremonials. Florence Callaghan was the chief bride of the week, her marriage to Vincent de Laveaga taking place at her home on Washington street at eight o'clock on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Callaghan's health is so poor, a large affair was deemed unwise, so only a limited number was invited to see the ceremony performed by Archbishop Riordan; Mabel Hogg was sole bridesmaid, Ed. de Laveaga his brother's best man. The decorations were all in pink, and were, I hear, extremely pretty. The Pettigrews had a very pleasant tea on Friday of last week, given for the purpose of announcing Helen's engagement to William Lemmon. June is to be the wedding month of several happy couples—at least, such is the general belief—I mean of Genevieve Huntsman and H. S. Williar; Susie Blanding and Knox Maddox; Florence Bailey and Fred Mohr; Clara Sawyer and Ed. Bishop. I hear that the Sperry-Carrigan nuptials are to come off in September, and that Jean Nokes Murphy will come here from Fort Russell in time to return the compliment to Anna, who was her only bridesmaid, by officiating as her matron of honor on the happy occasion. Jean is to be here a couple of months on a visit to her grandmother, Mrs. Rodgers.

We are having a good deal of music just now. First, there was the Schumann-Heink concerts, which were delightful; then Professor Adelstein gave one of his charming mandolin concerts at Steinway Hall last week, which was excellent; Mrs. Worthy Ames and Gertrude Wheeler are to be the soloists at the Twentieth Century Club concert to-day, with sixty voices in an oratorio. I am looking forward to Carrie Little's song recital, which she gives next Tuesday afternoon, and in the evening we are to have a dance at Century Hall, something like the Gaiety Club dances, a young ladies' affair, with Leap Year features; to-night the Valentine Holt's have one in the same hall. Another thing we are looking forward to is the dance to be given on board the U. S. S. Marion on the 30th. Now, if there is one thing more delightful than another, it is a naval ball, given on tolerably smooth water and not too much wind for the transit to the ship. How one gets home is another consideration.

Don't you remember my telling you of the jolly little Sunday teas Ethel Bent and Mrs. Lansing gave over at Fernside last year? Ethel is no longer here, but Mrs. Lansing, who is a host in herself, remains, and she intends to repeat the teas this year, giving the first last Sunday. So, you see, country hospitality is commencing. Mrs. Roe had a luncheon party over at Ross Valley on Thursday; yesterday Mrs. Frank Findley gave a tea in Sausalito for some of the brides of the near future—Edith Findley, Anna Sperry and Ollie Hamilton.

The hot weather last Saturday lured many away from town to enjoy life in, and get a breath of, country air, and so parties were made up to spend it in divers directions. The Burlingameites had a crowd down their way; Mrs. Martin took a party over to have luncheon at the Hotel Rafael, and Helen de Young had what she called a picnic at Meadowlands, their country home near San Rafael.

Last Friday was quite a card day; Mrs. Tim Hopkins had forty to play bridge at the Palace, and Sara Drum's bridge and 500 party was one of the largest of the month; both games had their votaries, and some very pretty prizes were won. Julia Buckbee was one of the guests, her first appearance since her late illness, from which she seemed to have quite recovered. Mrs. Sam Pond had a very pleasant euchre party yesterday afternoon. Apropos of cards—for I always couple Mrs. Middleton with pleasant afternoon card parties—much to our regret, she and Dr. Middleton are really and truly going to leave us, going East next week, and then possibly to Europe; as they have set no date for their return, I greatly fear it will be a long time in the future, if ever, and we can ill afford to lose them.

For next Saturday there is the Horse Show at Burlingame, to which you can be mighty sure all who can are going; it is to be at the Frank Carolan place, the Crossways.

I understand that Mamie McNutt Potter is one of the happiest of the happy, that Ashton has at last decided to give up army life, and sent in his resignation, something she has been eager for almost ever since her marriage. Possibly the next one to do so will be Martin Crimmins; "constant dropping, etc," you know, and Lottie is by no means infatuated with life in barracks, and would prefer it somewhere else—at least, such is the general belief. The Boardmans—Bernie and Sam—are going to keep house in the parental Drown abode on Jackson street, while the elders are at Paso Robles, which seems to be almost as attractive to "the quality" as is Del Monte just now; Newell goes with them, as it is on the cards that they all go East for a passager before they return to San Francisco. Mrs. Stubbs and Helen arrived from Arizona last week in time to welcome the latest addition to the family, the infant son of Mary and Doctor Morton Gibbons—the first grandson, I believe.

Daisy Parrott Whitney and Parker have been down from Rocklin and are staying at the St. Francis; I have met her almost every day of late, "replenishing my wardrobe," as she expresses her interest in dry goods, and at one or two cozy little

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afternoon teas, where she has been the center of interest; she is looking well and blooming. Carrie Merry has arrived from the East on her visit to Grace Martin, and says she is so glad to be here again, but would hardly know San Francisco with all its new tall buildings. Louis Bruguiere was one of the arrivals of last week, but does not intend to stay long. Howard Veeder is back, too, after a long visit East, and Arthur Cheesebrough came back from Korea last week—a trio of long-lost beaux.

Lilly and Stella McCalla were down from Mare Island last week—came for the bachelors' ball; Natalie Coffin is going East for the summer months; the rest of them are at their Ross Valley home, and Edith Simpson will spend the spring months in New York. The Dan Murphys and Mrs. Frank are off for a trip abroad, and will probably do Europe very thoroughly during their absence, which is not limited to any period, so will likely be a long one.

Mrs. McClung and Gladys did not come up after all, and are still at San Diego, but Alma is here with her husband, Lieutenant Horne, and has been up visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Beverly Cole, at her home in Napa Valley; Mrs. Voorhies is anticipating a visit from Miss Wright, en route from New York to Manila, where she goes to join General Luke Wright; Ursula Stone, who has been away since last summer, has come home, and intends to stay, she says, but there are whispers to the contrary. The George Moores are forsaking Blithedale this year in favor of foreign parts—they go abroad, and will be absent all summer; the Gallatins left for Europe last Friday, first making a stop in the East, and are to be away indefinitely. Leta is going to study music in Paris; the Downey Harveys have taken the Poniatowski house at Burlingame for the season—they are expected home next month. The Albert Dibbles are at their Ross Valley cottage, where they will pass the entire summer; the Ed. Schmiedells and the Eells have also gone over to their homes in the valley. Del Monte is claiming a lot of the smart set at present; there are the George Popes, the George Lents, Emily Carolan, Mr. and Mrs. Brander Miller—May Burdge, you know—Mrs. Houghton and Minnie, and oh, heaps more. Bertha Dolbeer will soon be among the missing; she and Miss Warner are going abroad for an indefinite time; Mattie Milton is going to China; some of the O'Connor girls are to spend the summer touring Europe; the Allan Wallaces have been spending April in Cuba. Mrs. Chamberlaine, wife of the Inspector General in the Philippines, came back on the transport Sheridan from Manila, where she has been the past few months—the climate did not suit the baby, I believe. She is a charming woman, and every one is glad to see her again.

—Elsie.

The sixth anniversary of the "call to arms" of the First Regiment Infantry, N. G. C., will be celebrated by the officers Wednesday evening, April 27th, at headquarters, 21 Page street. Dancing will commence at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Charles Keilus, of The Hub, left last Tuesday for the East, to be gone five or six weeks on a business trip selecting his fabrics and models for this fall season.

The usual monthly programme of sacred music will be given at St. Dominic's Church on Sunday evening, April 17th. There will be litany with sermon at 7:30, followed by the Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.

Music at Benediction—O Salutaris, Rosseau; Tantum Ergo, Widor. Soloists—Miss Ella V. McClos-

key and J. J. Rosborough. Jubilate Deo, Stewart. Organ solo—Fantasia on Themes from Wagner, Motett. "Victimae paschali," Stewart. Solo—"Hear Ye, Israel," Mrs. B. Apple. Motett, "Bone Pastor," Vivet. Solo—"Ave Maria," Bizet, Miss Camille Frank. Solo—"Panis Angelicus," Caesar Franck, Mr. T. G. Elliott. Solo—"Where Have They Laid Him?" Sullivan, Mrs. Jenkins. Organ Postlude—"March in D," Best. Dr. H. J. Stewart, organist and director of the choir.

An entertainment was given at Lyric Hall last Monday evening for the benefit of the Cathedral of the Good Samaritan. The following patrons are entitled to the credit of making it a success: Mrs. S. L. Abbott, Jr., Mrs. Henry F. Allen, Mrs. Harry Babcock, Mrs. Richard Bayne, Mrs. E. S. Breyfogle, Mrs. Phillip Caduc, Mrs. Horace B. Chase, Mrs. William B. Collier, Mrs. Joseph Coryell, Miss E. B. Garber, Mrs. R. D. Girvin, Mrs. R. C. Harrison, Mrs. W. I. Kip, Mrs. J. C. Kettle, Mrs. B. G. Lathrop, Mrs. Milton S. Latham, Mrs. P. McG. McBrann, Mrs. Geo. A. Pope, Mrs. Lawrence Poole, Mrs. Wm. H. Taylor, Mr. William Alvord, Mr. H. F. Allen, Mr. Harry Babcock, Mr. Edgar Mills, Mr. James Phelan.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs of the University of California will give a concert at Steinway Hall on Tuesday evening, April 26th, with the object of raising funds for the trip which the clubs have arranged to visit the World's Fair at St. Louis. The programme will include many numbers specially prepared for the World's Fair concerts, under the direction of Dr. H. J. Stewart.

Arrivals at Hotel Rafael during week ending April 12, 1904: Miss Hazel Blackwell, Mr. P. F. Dunne, Mr. C. W. Durbrow, Mr. H. L. Cook, Mrs. Willis E. Davis, Mrs. A. E. Raas, Mrs. F. Schweitzer, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McKim, Mr. and Mrs. H. Reeves, Miss F. M. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones, Mrs. J. B. Fontaine, Miss M. V. Fontaine, Mr. J. B. Fontaine, Jr., Mrs. C. A. Tower, Miss G. C. Tower, Miss A. M. Tower, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Welmenberg, Mrs. F. Freeborn, Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Freeborn, Miss M. McGinnis, Mrs. C. Meyers, Mr. E. Titus, Jr., Mrs. W. B. Roberts, Mr. Browning, Jr., Mrs. Youngs, Miss Powell, Mr. W. V. Youngs, Miss A. Holmes, Miss Woodward, Mrs. M. A. Freeman, Miss E. Freeman, Mr. S. P. B. Snell, Mrs. F. G. Yengling, Mrs. D. W. Bland, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Billings, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ripley, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Hawkes, Mr. and

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AT HOME.

Thursday—Mrs. Oliver Dibble, April 21, 1012 Pine street; Mrs. O. C. Baldwin, April 28th, 2415 Buchanan street.

Friday—Mrs. Will Sherwood, Pacific avenue and Baker street; Mrs. T. W. Huntington and Mrs. W. I. Terry, April 21, 2629 Pacific; Mrs. Joseph Masten, April 21, 3954 Washington street; Mrs. Harold Copeland de Wolf, April 21st and 28th, 609 Sacramento street; Mrs. Albert W. Scott, May 6th and 13th, 305 Buchanan street.

BIRTHS.

April 7th—To Doctor and Mrs. Morton R. Gibbons, a son. Mrs. Gibbons was Miss Mary Stubbs. Recently in Denver, Colorado—To Mr. and Mrs. Grey Leavitt, a daughter. Mrs. Leavitt was Miss Julia Reed of San Francisco.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Miss Susie Blanding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Blanding, to Mr. Knox Maddox.
 Miss Helen Pettigrew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Pettigrew, to Mr. William Lemmon.
 Miss Georgie Butler, daughter of A. B. Butler, to Captain John W. Joyes, U. S. A.
 Miss Eleanor Robinson, daughter of Mrs. James Robinson, to Mr. Martin Kay, of London, England.
 Miss Winifred MacIntosh, daughter of Doctor James MacIntosh, to Robert Menzies, son of the late Thomas Menzies of San Rafael.
 Miss Clara Sawyer, to Edward F. Bishop, son of Thomas B. Bishop.
 Miss Hilda Rosener, daughter of Mrs. S. Rosener, to Sydney B. Vincent.

TEA.

April 20 (Wednesday)—Mrs. R. A. Wellman, Miss Wellman and Mrs. F. G. Beardsley, East 14th street, Fruitvale, 3 to 5 o'clock.
 April 21 (Thursday)—Miss Noelle de Golia, Oakland.

WEDDINGS.

April 14th (Thursday)—Miss Edith Wadsworth, daughter of Doctor and Mrs. C. C. Wadsworth, to Clifford H. Logan, 1104 Van Ness avenue, 8:30 p. m.; Miss Clara Kilbourne, daughter of Colonel Kilbourne, U. S. A. and Mrs. Kilbourne, to Captain Thomas L. Leeds, 59th Scinde Rifles, Indian army. St. John the Divine crypt, N. Y.
 April 12 (Tuesday)—Miss Ethel Miles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Miles, to Brander Townsend Brady. San Marco, 9 p. m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

April 16th (Saturday)—Miss Serena Fisher, daughter of Henry Fisher of Baltimore, to Henry Cecil Jenkins. Bella Vista, 12 m.
 April 18th (Monday)—Miss Florence Alice Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Boone, to Ralph La Rose Phelps. 2029 Durant avenue, Berkeley, 9 p. m.
 April 19th (Tuesday)—Miss Elvira Hobbs, daughter of Mrs. J. K. C. Hobbs, to Earl Newman Percy, 9 p. m.

April 30th (Saturday)—Miss Edna Barry to Philip Clay, St. John's Church, Oakland, 4 p. m.

May 11th (Wednesday)—Miss Ella Goodall to Doctor Charles M. Cooper.

CHARITABLE.

April 16th to 23d—Art exhibition by the Press Club for the benefit of the Childrens' Hospital. Club rooms on Ellis street.

April 21st and 22d—Musical comedy of "His Royal Nibs," for the benefit of California Woman's Hospital, Alhambra Theatre.

April 23d (Saturday)—Horse Show at Burlingame for the benefit of the Bishop Armitage Orphanage.

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 But the weddings that happen each day of the
 Are eating my heart away. [week,
 My bills pile up for silverware,
 My milliner's after me,
 But my heart is sore and full of care
 For nobody marries me.

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Mrs. Botkin has been convicted again; the jawing lawyers have given rest to their tongues; the contemptible Dunning has hidden himself in the shadow of his sins; the "fair defendant's" prayer book has been put back on the shelf; the women without self-respect, who crowded the court-room, are wandering around Butchertown or slumming upon the "dumps," eager yet to satisfy their insatiable longing for filth, and the daily papers are seeking new sensations. For all of which, "Dei gratias." The conduct of the Botkin trial, to my mind, was more than reprehensible. I do not hold Judge Cook to blame, for in permitting the crowding of the court room and in allowing the lawyers to conduct themselves like so many fish-wives, he only followed local precedents. He is no worse in this respect than the other judges, but that does not excuse the complacency which permits a murder trial to be conducted with all the low comedy properties of a wretched opera bouffe. Knight will be the greatest loser by the trial. By his own statement, he gets no fee; he lost his case and he dropped several notches in the estimation of many who had considered him a good lawyer. It used to be said that when a lawyer has a poor case his only recourse is to abuse the other side. Knight's greatest efforts were directed to the abuse of the other side. The gaping crowd was much disappointed at the non-appearance of the mysterious "double" of Mrs. Botkin. Well, some things are too dangerous to attempt, even in a murder trial.

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The bathos written in the daily press about Mrs. Botkin was sickening. One paper had her reading from the Book of Common Prayer; another had her calling for her mother; a third described her cell, which she had beautified with "her own fair hands." When one considers the terrible horrors of the crime she committed, and remembers that she yet encumbers the earth, and may again subject this city to great expense for a third trial, the endeavors to arouse sympathy for her are disgusting. As Judge Ferral said, she is a woman without a conscience, lost all sense of morality, a pervert to whom remorse is impossible. If it should be necessary, unfortunately, to try her again, it is hoped the trial Judge will restrict the attendance, and above all, bar out all women. A trial of this importance should be conducted with dignity, a feature that cannot be maintained in the face of a court-room so crowded that movement within it is next to impossible.

The Board of Health has discovered in the mouthpieces of the telephones in the ferry building germs of streptococci and staphylococci; in the telephones in the Western Addition, the fierce microbe saprophytes has been found lurking in the mouthpieces awaiting a chance to jump down the throat of the unsuspecting gossip; in the office of the Harbor Commission traces of the notorious charleyspearacuss have been removed for bacteriological examination. For all these reasons, the Health Officer, backed up by the serried ranks of the "volunteer" physicians, insists that the mouthpieces of public telephones shall be covered with carbolized paper, or some other preventive that will catch the unwary microbe in its flight and render it innocuous. There must be many thousands of public 'phones in the city. A patent carbolized anti-germ wafer to cover the mouthpiece of a telephone costs from twenty to thirty-five cents. They would average in price about \$250 a thousand. If the Health Officer put upon them the stamp of his official approval, of course that would make them more valuable. The accommodating Health Officer could assist the public by selling the wafers at his private office. They would all be warranted not to bear the slightest suspicion of inoculation with the germ of prafiticoccus.

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The builders of high-class hotels and apartment houses should take warning from the fate of the San Marco, which has gone under, after a career of only three months. It is a magnificent building, and the house was conducted in first-class style, but the opposition was too fierce. Builders have gone mad on private hotels and apartment houses. The town is over-crowded with them, and some one must bear the burden of the over-production. C. A. Plotner, of the San Marco, paid \$1,300 a month rent, and invested some \$25,000 in furnishings. Now the furniture man has sued him for the price, and the Musto estate has taken back the house.

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Bailey Millard has broken loose again in some "fine writing." Millard occasionally rests from his labors in the line of the higher literary criticism, and tries his hand at writing a news story. He did the Sacramento flood to the Queen's taste, and now he has told an admiring public just how a little tailor down in Kearny street put bullet holes in the body of his sweetheart. Millard describes the victim of the tailor's gun as "a fresh, bright-eyed, resilient young woman, arising on a soft April day, as rare as Lowell's famous day in June." Such a fair creature, he says, "with the thoughts borne of a peaceful morning, can share nothing of the Prospice idea." Now, in the name of Noah Webster, what is a "resilient" young woman? Is she some peculiar product of North Beach, who possesses true metallic qualities? Did she wear a "pull-back," and therefore have the true spring-back resilience properties? What did the copy-reader think when he passed Millard's copy? Did he fear toying with the vocabulary of a self-made

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critic? If Mr. Millard will only stay with the higher criticism, I shall overlook all the liberties he may take with the English language, for ordinary men never presume to enter the higher heavens of the craft; but when he gets down to describing a North Beach seamstress, I decline to give his literary imagination full swing. We must have our seamstresses true to life.

The Commonwealth Club will give a dinner at the Palace in honor of Alfred W. Cooley, United States Civil Service Commissioner, and Elliot H. Goodwin, secretary of the National Civil Service Reform League, of New York. Mr. Cooley is inspecting the various Federal Civil Service departments.

The Cosmos Club had a very enjoyable anniversary evening during the week. Though not so big as some of its more pretentious neighbors, the Cosmos is one of the "chummiest" clubs in town.

The Press Club is gaining fame from its entertainments. It always manages to gather together numerous interesting people, each of whom can and does contribute some part to the evening's pleasure. Its next affair will be the art exhibit.

The Monticello Club banquet in honor of the much lamented Thomas Jefferson was socially successful, but politically innocuous. The heavy-weights of the Monticello are but light-weights in their party, and what they do, or say, or think, seems to make but little difference in the progress of the nation.

The Dutch are slaughtering the Achinese in northern Sumatra; the French are pumping lead into the tribes of the Soudan; the Germans are decimating the aborigines in Southern Africa; the Belgians are cutting off heads and hands along the Congo; the British are using machine guns upon the people of Thibet, and we are plugging the mountain tribes of the Philippines with bullets and reform. Gentlemen, it is certain that the progress of modern civilization cannot be stayed.

Mike Tarpey, the last of the "Old Bills," is directing the course of the Hearst boomlet throughout the State. Have you noticed the storm of enthusiastic silence with which the press and the people have received his efforts? Tarpey is a genial fellow, and he dearly loves a practical joke. He is now perpetrating one of the biggest in the State's political history. It is the best thing since the days when the ancient Romans attached the political hoodoo to M. F.'s family name by painting it on that rock on the Capitoline Hill from which the "has beens" were hurled to destruction. It was always a question among the Alameda students of nomenclature whether Hearst's manager took his name from the Tarpeian rock, or whether some seer of old Rome, peering into the future, and seeing M. F. struggling with his present fight, named the rock after Tarpey. The latter will give a piece of the rock to any one guessing the conundrum.

General Miles, when asked if he were a candidate for the Presidency, said he was in the hands of his friends. Seems to me, I have heard that remark before. It has a familiar ring. Strange that some men do not gain wisdom with age.

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glory last Monday night at the Pavilion, where they gave a battalion drill to the end that more money might be raised for the monument to Father McKinnon, the "good padre." There are four tribes represented in the battalion of scouts, and so far as possible, all the men of the same tribe are put in the same company. In camp, each tribe also has its own street. The little brown men will make a hit at St. Louis. They will be under command of Major Carrington, who, it seems, will accompany them, instead of returning to the Islands.

When the present Board of Health started in business it was proudly proclaimed that the expenses of the Department would be greatly reduced. Now it has filed its first budget. For the Emergency Hospitals it wants \$10,000 more than was allowed last year. Well, its hospital doctors are expensive men; they come high. The Board wants also an increase of over \$80,000 for running the County Hospital, an increase of \$7,100 for the Alms House, \$2,800 for the Small-Pox Hospital, and over \$500 for the Leper Hospital. It needs only about \$100,000 more than the former Board to conduct its business. It should be given what it asks—of course, of course.

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Are we never to hear the last of the "craze" for oil investment, where cheap stock in cheap land were peddled out by cheap people to the get-rich-quick class, who are always pitching into some ditch dug especially for their injury, head first and eyes open, and then howling a deafening howl for sympathy in their troubles, which they never get? Scarcely a day passes without an aftermath of the boom (?) in oil. How many of those cheap, so much a yard in fancy paper certificates are in existence now? Only the big concerns are alive now, those which were used as a bait by the "Johnnies-on-the-Spot," who make their hay when the sun shines, and who will always be found next the hand-wagon when the hungry-eyed dollar chaser starts a rush for some good thing cooked up and manipulated for his particular benefit. Even these are free from their troubles, and only within the past week a row has broken out between a heavier class of operators. H. H. Blood, the well known oil operator, is the defendant in a suit brought by a number of wealthy people who think that he made too much money out of a deal in oil lands, which took place some years ago. While the defendants likely got all that the traffic would bear, it is just possible that he in turn thinks there might, in all fairness to himself, have been a few cents more profit. Opinions differ upon a proposition of the kind. However, in this, all the parties concerned are able to hold their own and indulge in litigation, if so desired, to their hearts' content. It is the conception of the promoter's fertile brain that works havoc in quarters either too proud to confess their mistake or too poor to seek relief in the courts. And then, what comes of it, nine times out of ten? Take, for example, the suit brought by H. F. Bulwer against the Yukon Crude, the American Fuel, Rex Crude and the Union Con. Crude, in which he charged. This suit was brought by the plaintiff in 1902, and after a year's experience of the law's delay, Bulwer departs this life, and now, in the year of grace 1904, the proceedings that were always "in futuro" have been dismissed, the principal witness having removed his residence beyond the reach of any earthly subpoena.

A Sensible Mining Law.

There is a disposition upon the part of mining men all over the country to convene for the purpose of taking action to simplify the American mining law down to a point where lawyers will not be in a position to make ducks and drakes out of the statutes for the purpose of conforming to the rulings of a Supreme Court handed down one day, to be reversed the next. The simplicity of the Mexican mining law would recommend it for special consideration to take the place of the complicated code of our own. The apex of a lode, on which so many decisions have been rendered in the American law courts, cuts no figure there. Whatever ore is found within the lines of a mining property belongs in Mexico to the man who owns the ground, and no one can gopher it on the plea that it could be followed to the surface in the territory covered by his location. There is no jumping, and no questions can be raised as to ownership once the land is set aside to any one and the taxes, which amount to a few dollars every year. Mexico may not be so far ahead of us in many ways, but in the matter of mining law we can well afford to follow her lead. The proposition to change

and remodel our system upon similar lines, and then there will be less chance for the miner to escape hazard of law and the outside blackmailer.

Business has been rather quiet during the week on the Pine-street Exchange, but this has

been due entirely to the manipulation of certain lines of stock by the representative of a new capitalistic force now in the field for control of some of the leading Comstock mines. Whether they will succeed or not in attaining their end, it is difficult to say, but in so far as the present operators are concerned, there is no opposition of any kind, as all the interests are being arranged upon an amicable basis. The injection of new life into the business is something that will be hailed with satisfaction on all sides. In the future management of the mines the Sutro Tunnel will be an important factor, saving the hoisting of ores above the tunnel level. An electric trolley system is to be installed in the tunnel and connections will be made with all the mines.

Representative Van Duser of Nevada hits the nail on the head in the interests of legitimate mining by the resolution which he introduced in the House. This document, if adopted, will place the Secretary of Commerce and Labor in a position to investigate the dishonest and fraudulent mining companies conducting their operations and sale of stock by advertising and circularizing through the use of the United States mails, whereby thousands of investors have been defrauded through mis-

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representations in circulars and printed matter. The resolution goes on to say that this printed matter contained exaggerated and false statements, and the Secretary will investigate the organization capitalization profits, sources from which dividends are paid, the conduct, management, promotion of stock sales, and methods of mining companies and mining corporations in general, who conduct their sale of stock by means of advertising and circularizing through the use of the United States mails. He will, in turn, make a report of the findings to the House. Just imagine what a revelation there would be if this resolution was carried into effect. It would develop a condition of affairs which would astound people.

Dr. C. T. Deane, secretary of the California Petroleum Miners' Association, has compiled a statement of the production of crude oil in California for 1903. The total number of producing wells in the thirteen oil-bearing districts in the State is placed at 2914. These yielded last year 23,602,000 barrels, 15,750,000 of which came out of the Kern River district alone. The estimate is conservative and therefore safe. The extraordinary growth of the industry is revealed in the fact that the output last year exceeded that of 1902 by nearly 10,000,000 barrels. It is fully expected that the yield this year will reach at least 30,000,000 barrels, as the demand for refining, for fuel and export, is steadily increasing.

The California Fruit Cannery Association has just closed a very prosperous year. The financial statement submitted for the year ended February 27th states that \$208,195 had been paid in dividends, and that an increase had been in the surplus and reserve funds of \$225,134. In contributing to general results, the adoption of improved methods of distributing the products of the association was an important factor. The sales for the year were \$1,000,000 in excess of the previous year. The officers elected were: President, William Fries; first vice-president and treasurer, S. L. Goldstein; second vice-president, Henry F. Allen; third vice-president, Francis Cutting (in place of W. L. Thomas); secretary, Charles B. Carr; general manager, R. I. Bentley; general superintendent, Mark J. Fontana; assistant general superintendent, T. B. Dawson; manager of the sales department, C. H. Bentley; assistant secretary, George McLean; auditor, C. F. Jackson; and attorneys, Thomas, Gerstle & Frick. As additional directors, there were chosen F. Tillmann, Jr., Percy T. Morgan, W. L. Gerstle, and W. C. B. de Fremery.

The local market for securities has been steady during the week, and prices show few changes, with the exception of little bolstering aid lent Gas and Electric. The market must be considered quiet for this time of the year.

The Old Camper

has for forty-five years had one article in his supply—Borden's Eagle Brand Condensed Milk. It gives to soldiers, sailors, hunters, campers, and miners a daily comfort, "like the old home." Delicious in coffee, tea and chocolate.

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Since the recent impetus to building on Montgomery street and the completion of several fine buildings for offices with a good class of tenants, good restaurants and lunch rooms are in demand. To meet this emergency, W. W. Moore, who for years has been a caterer to the better class in San Francisco, has opened a lunch and coffee house at 426 Montgomery street which will vie in excellence of cuisine with any other similar establishment in this city. The rooms are handsomely decorated in natural wood, while plate glass mirrors in continuous panel surround the wall. A private dining room for ladies is one of the features, and as the kitchen is separate, the fumes will not offend the most fastidious. W. W. Moore & Co. are sure to get the preferred customers in this vicinity.

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Guarantee Capital.....	200,000

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Office of the Sierra Railway Company of California, Room 229 Crocker Building, San Francisco, Cal., April 1, 1904. Coupon No. 14, due April 12, 1904, from first mortgage 6 per cent, bonds of Sierra Railway Company of California will be paid at the fiscal agency of this company, the Crocker-Woolworth National Bank on after that date.
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Deposits, December 31, 1903 \$33,232,908
Guarantee Capital, Paid-up 1,000,000
Reserve and Contingent Funds 899,516

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Guarantee Capital \$1,000,000
Paid-up Capital and Surplus 500,000
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Guaranteed Capital and Surplus \$2,423,751.60
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Deposits, December 31, 1903 36,049,491.18
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The Minister of Foreign Affairs

French public sentiment is as variable as March winds, except that always it is for France as a whole. A few weeks ago the Socialists raised a hue and cry against any sort of Franco-Russo alliance to help the Asiatics, and the masses took up the theme and made much over it. But the socialists and the masses are now just as vehement in their denunciation of the "yellow and brown people," and an object lesson in the weather-vane character of the French will be of interest to very many religious cultists of San Francisco. A private letter has just reached this city telling of the treatment the Reverend M. Dharmapola received in Paris a fortnight ago. It will be remembered that Dharmapola represented Buddhism at the Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893, and that he became a sort of center of attraction in religious cult circles all over this country and Europe, and especially in San Francisco were his scholarly attainments and high character known and appreciated. In fact, he has been a great favorite here among liberal religionists, and was made a member of one of the Theosophical societies, besides being a most welcome guest in many homes. En route to his home in Ceylon, Mr. Dharmapola decided to stop in Paris and visit old friends, who had on former occasions given him hearty welcome, even the general public treating him kindly, though perhaps because of his grotesque robes and Asiatic cast of features. Upon reaching Paris on this trip he found a radical change in public sentiment. He reached his particular friends—a count and countess—late in the evening, but his arrival was made known by the "cabby," and a few minutes later the count and his illustrious guest were startled by stones flying through the mansion's windows, accompanied by loud yells of the mob, "Down with the yellow peril," "Down with the Asiatics," "Get out of France, you yellow-robed pagan." The count was quick to take in the situation, and by rushing Mr. Dharmapola to a hotel, and to a train bound for Italy early the next morning, he saved his house from being wrecked and possibly himself from bodily harm at the hands of the mob, to say nothing what might have been the fate of the yellow Buddhist priest. There has been an effort by the count and his San Francisco friends to keep the incident concealed from the public, but the News Letter deems it proper to give it publicity because it reflects the uncertainty of French sentiment. A year ago Paris religious cultists so lionized Dharmapola that his yellow robes commanded something akin to adoration, and now he is practically run out of France for no offense other than having been born in Asia.

For a United White Race.

There is no little diplomatic and political cunning in the effort of St. Petersburg to play upon the prejudice of the white race against Asiatics and Africans, so as to resolve the Russo-Japanese war into a united white race struggle against yellow, brown and black race aggressiveness. But the scheme will fail so far as the Anglo-Saxons are concerned. Events the last century in the world of commerce, industry, invention and politics show clearly that while the white race is endowed with those moral and intellectual qualities which make for a higher and a still higher civilization, the Anglo-Saxon leads in every channel and avenue of human progress. Moreover, it is the mission of the Anglo-Saxon to raise the races of Asia and Africa to higher levels of individual liberty and

national administration, and while accomplishing that work the other branches of the white race will necessarily advance, but as recipients rather than as distributors of the accruing political, social and intellectual blessings. And, again, the Anglo-Saxon could not be inveigled into a race war on lines of prejudice of superstition, for it would be repugnant to his sense of justice and good will towards mankind; besides, the God of civilization and human rights has committed too many black and brown and yellow peoples to the tender care and uplifting influence of the Anglo-Saxon to permit him to treat for either their destruction or humiliation. The Slav is likely to be hoist by his own petard.

China's fast and loose dealing with Russia has about reached the point that the Peking Government has evidently been playing for, which is to force Russia to declare war against the entire Chinese Empire. In this play of perfidy diplomatists have not been fooled by the Chinese, yet so adroit has the play been that China could not be charged with actual unfriendliness to the Russian Government, and if the Czar declares war it will appear to the unthinking world as a wanton attack upon the Celestial Empire to obtain more territory. That is what Chinese diplomatists have been scheming to accomplish. They want the neutrality treaty broken, but want Russia to force the breaking, and this the Czar knows as well as the Dowager Empress knows it. On the other hand, actual hostilities with China would be preferable to the Judas-like policy of Peking; hence a formal declaration of war is likely to be made any day, and then will come fresh complications because of the "spheres of influence" which nearly all the nations of Europe possess in Chinese territory. However, Russia would have little to lose if she would guarantee the permanency of the spheres in any event, and might gain the active support of France and Germany, and certainly would if the Anglo-Saxons rush in to preserve China's political identity and national life, neither of which could they allow to be destroyed. For the moment the play between Russia and China is to inveigle the other into committing an open overt act of war, and Japan's diplomacy is China's coach.

Although fighting is going on almost every day or near the Yalu, no engagement that is worthy to be called a battle has been fought. The Russians are employing the tactics the News Letter said they would at the beginning of hostilities—i. e., contest the Japanese advance, but avoid a decisive battle until the enemy had been drawn far inland and away from his base of supplies. Such strategy would not regard the Yalu river as of sufficient value to hold at the expense of even a small defeat. As time goes on the field plans of both sides are being at least partially revealed. Russia's plan is to mass an enormous force and oblige the Japanese to attack under the disadvantages of maintaining a long line of communication with their base, and in case of defeat be thrown on the defensive for the balance of the war. Opposing this, the Japanese seem to be handling their four armies to first strike in detail and then concentrate for a crushing blow. Those familiar with the McClellan-Lee campaign that culminated on Malvern hill, will not fail to see that both the Russians and Japanese have studied the strategy of those great war captains to some purpose.

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INSURANCE

The entire United States business of the Thuringia of Erfurt, Germany, has been re-insured by the Firemans Fund of San Francisco. The negotiations were carried on in New York between President Dutton, of the Firemans Fund, and an executive officer from the home office of the Thuringia. Voss, Conrad & Company were the managers for the United States, Mr. Conrad controlling the Western States and Mr. Voss handling the other side of the Continent from New York. The company had a large agency plant, and were well established. The Thuringia entered the United States in 1896, and have deposits in New York, Massachusetts and Oregon. The business done in premiums for 1902 and 1903 amounted to about a million dollars per annum. An examination of the figures of the company, as shown by the statement made to the Insurance Commissioner, shows that while the company's income was increasing year by year in the United States, the outgo outgrew the income. Its loss ratio to premium for 1903 was nearly 57 per cent, and its expense to premiums was almost 45 per cent, thus showing that the company was not making any money on the transacting of a business amounting to one million one hundred thousand dollars in the last year. Various reasons are advanced by underwriters for this condition of affairs, cut rates, excessive expenses of management and enormous commissions. Whatever the reason or reasons may be, the home office got tired, laid down and quit, and the business went to the Firemans Fund, and under the management of that company it is safe to say the business will be cleaned up and put at once on a profit-paying basis. It is understood that the Thuringia ceases writing on the 18th instant at noon. The company has in the United States, in the hands of its United States trustees, assets of \$1,273,489. Its initial agents in this country were Voss, Conrad & Co., and the company has never seen fit to make any change. During its brief stay there has from time to time been heard a lot of rumors regarding the strength of the company, but so far as known, it has met every obligation fairly, and the home office of the corporation has, it is said, on more than one occasion come to the rescue of the United States branch by sending remittances. Mr. Conrad and Mr. Hall are both too valuable men to be long out of the management of a fire company, if they wish to continue in the business. The agency of Voss, Conrad still retain the United States agency of the Frankfort, another German company, which confines its business to accident, liability and marine insurance.

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Mr. A. C. Olds, State Central Agent of the Phenix of Brooklyn has accompanied General Agent Lenehan on his way East as far as Denver.

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The Superintendent of the Insurance Department of the State of New York, in his recently published annual report to the Legislature, takes occasion to skin a few Lloyds. He intimates these pirates are sailing around on the ocean of fire insurance and robbing and plundering, and that although he has tried to prevent this kind of privateering, he is unable to stop it, because he is not clothed with sufficient authority and the laws of the State do not meet the exigencies of the situation. He pleads his cause in this manner: "The department ought to have authority to restrain these associations from transacting in-

surance business, for failure to file reports, and for false or fraudulent statements therein, and the provisions of section 577 of the Penal Code applying to corporations ought to be extended to apply to these associations as well."

The conflagration in Baltimore is cited as an object lesson to induce the insurance companies to continue their policy of accumulating large reserve funds, a feature studiously avoided by Mutuals and Lloyds.

"The large part of the loss, variously estimated from \$40,000,000 to \$60,000,000," he says, "will ultimately fall upon insurance companies, and the prudent and conservative policy followed in past years has resulted in accumulation of reserves so large that the companies, with scarcely an exception, will be able to pay their losses promptly and without embarrassment.

"From general information it would appear that the city of Baltimore was as free from danger of conflagration as any of our large American cities; that it occurred where the construction was substantial, the Fire Department efficient, and the water supposedly adequate, justifies the fear that a similar catastrophe may happen elsewhere at any time. Such being the case, it is advisable that fire insurance companies should continue to pursue the same policy in regard to the accumulation of large reserves to meet like disasters when they occur."

Mr. Hendricks then requests that authority be given him to revoke the license of any company of another State whose capital shall become impaired, and then asks that assessment insurance companies be barred from organizing or being admitted to transact business in the State of New York. Vive Hendricks.

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The Spring Valley Water Works Company object to putting in the three hundred and odd additional fire hydrants asked for by the Board of Fire commissioners upon the request of Chief Sullivan, claiming that it would cost a quarter of a million dollars to comply with the request of the Fire Commissioners. In the meantime, the Board of Fire Underwriters, the Fire Insurance Companies, and the Fire Department are wondering how they are going to come out. The Fire Department can't fight fires without water, and the Insurance Companies, realizing this fact, are liable to give a gentle boost to the rates of insurance in the unprotected or inadequately protected districts. The fire limits are to be extended, and a bill has been passed to print by the Board of Supervisors limiting the erection of frame buildings in the prescribed limits to three stories in height.

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Mr. Rolla V. Watt, an ex-member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, says the Spring Valley Water Company should be paid a lump sum for fire protection, and the question of hydrants settled in this way. Others of the underwriters see the safety of the city from the conflagration hazard only in the installation of an auxiliary salt water plant for fire protection.

One of the safest and best remedies for biliousness or bilious headache, is Leipnitz Liver Regulator. It is an excellent alterative and tonic to the digestive organs. For sale by Leipnitz & Co. N. E. Cor. Sutter and Grant Ave.

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Ladies—For a good complexion try the Post St Hammam.

A PRESS CENSOR WANTED.

"Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey, where wealth accumulates and men decay." So sang the bard. The purport of this article has nothing to do with the accumulation of wealth. It has to do especially with the decay of man. The question of decay naturally brings to mind a certain class of the daily press. "Hastening ills" aptly applies to Sunday literature and Sunday and daily newspaper advertising. Open the pages of last Sunday's Daily Excreta published in San Francisco, and what is the nature of its advertising? Here you have an astounding array of quack and patent medicine advertising, mechanical appliances and nostrums that will cure from tuberculosis to cold in the head. The "hastening ills" that beset us are the ills of the thousands who are made ill from the ill-advised use of quack remedies. In full confidence in his favorite Sunday magazine (?) the victim buys a remedy that takes every hair from his head, pours salicylic acid into his stomach to its eternal destruction, introduces his wife to a poor brand of whiskey under the name of a remedy for the nerves; women are given cancers by the use of a vacuum developer; men have been known to bleed to death because of the use of a developer (shamelessly advertised by the daily press), and yet the community goes unmurmuringly on, apparently oblivious of this debauching influence.

A press censorship is wanted, and it is wanted as soon as possible. Laws should be passed that would provide for a State Board to examine into the merits of the appliances and the nostrums offered to the public. This power should have the right to veto the insertion of advertising and prevent the sale of such articles inside of the State. It should be the province of such a board to look into the nature of the advertising offered, because of the effect on the minds of the young. The chief offender in this line publishes in the same issue cartoons that we are sorry to say have become very popular with the youth of the country. After reading these cartoons it is but a glance to another page to read of the vilest diseases known to mankind. These advertisements are sometimes adorned with color, and not satisfied with this, the shameless proprietors (one of whom is a candidate for the Presidency) publish pictures of an apparatus for the use of men that it is best we leave undescribed. We are surprised that this shameless individual did not add a personal endorsement of this appliance.

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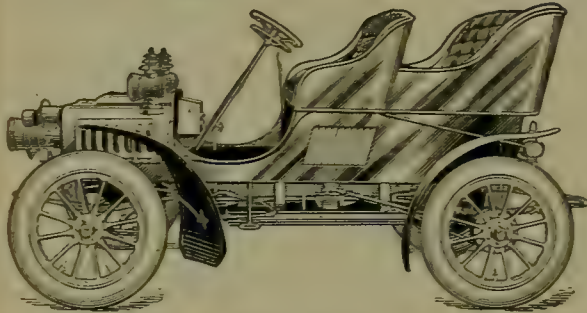
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It has been suggested that instead of trying to restore the great "King's Highway" that the local automobilists could profitably turn their energies to better profit nearer home.

San Francisco has not an over-abundance of good and interesting roads within the city and county limits. Why not try and have the great highway south extended along the Coast to Half-Moon Bay? What other drive could be proposed that would bear comparison with it? The famous drive at Del Monte would be changed.

San Francisco and San Mateo Counties could easily build such a road at a comparatively small cost, as there are no bad grades to be encountered.

Such a drive would soon make San Francisco famous amongst the tourists.

The Pacific Motor Car Company report that the four-cylinder "Vulture Legers" new Packard car arrived last Monday.

The Western Automobile Company report the following sales of Cadillacs: Two to J. Scherere of Sacramento, two to Letcher of San Jose, one to J. B. Robinson of Chico, and one to ex-Commodore Dr. Thomas L. Hill.

Almost a mile per minute has been clipped from the world's track record for automobiles since Alexander Winton established the mark at 1:47 in 1897, and since that time the record has been almost continuously to the credit of the Winton car. Mr. Winton raced his own cars until he had approached the minute mark, when he gave into the hands of Barney Oldfield the task of reducing the figure still further. Oldfield hit the minute mark at Columbus last August with the little Bullet, and before the season had ended he had succeeded in getting below 55 seconds. The following list shows the record speed developed by Winton cars from the introduction of automobile racing to the present time: Made by Mr. Winton—1:47, Cleveland, May 30, 1897; 1:33 2-5, Chicago, September 18, 1900; 1:12 2-5, Detroit, October 10, 1901; 1:09, Detroit, October 23, 1901; 1:06 4-5, Detroit, October 24, 1901; 1:02 1/4, Cleveland, September 16, 1902. Made by Barney Oldfield—1:00, Columbus, August 28, 1903; :59, Cleveland, September 4, 1903; :57 1/4, New York, October 3, 1903; :56 4-5, New York, October 3, 1903; :56, New York, October 3, 1903; :55 1-5, Los Angeles, Nov. 20, 1903; :55, Los Angeles, November 20, 1903; :54 4-5, Los Angeles, Nov. 22, 1903.

A carload of St. Louis cars have been shipped to the Pacific Motor Car Co. They will arrive in a week and are 14 horsepower vehicles of a new type.

George J. Grinnell made a tour to San Jose, Los Gatos and vicinity last Sunday in his Cadillac. He covered 140 miles on four gallons of gasoline. He went from Los Gatos to Niles in one hour.

Mr. Douglas McBryde of this city purchased a

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Rambler touring car, also Mr. F. H. Brown, Dr. J. H. Baumeister, H. S. Foote and C. H. Goddard.

Mr. William Brong has lately purchased the handsome \$20,000 Mors from ex-Governor James Budd. The machine is now being re-fitted for renting purposes, by Andrews, Keenan & Blasauf, 81 City Hall avenue.

No longer will the enthusiastic automobilists of San Francisco go about in nondescript, piece-meal costumes after May 1st. The real toggery from Europe, and the fine domestic makes as well, in all its variety, the first complete assortments of automobile clothing for men and women brought to the Coast, will, on the first of the month, be on sale in a brand new department of the Emporium, to be devoted exclusively to this class of goods.

Among those who took the run to San Jose Saturday and Sunday were the following, all of whom ran White touring cars: Mr. George H. Lent, Mr. A. M. Shields, Mr. Fred W. Gregory, Mr. W. M. Gardner, Mr. Leon Roos, Mrs. Russell Cool, Mr. A. W. Wilson, Mr. C. H. Wiggin, Mr. John H. Spring, Mr. John D. Spreckels, Mr. S. G. Buckbee, Mr. L. P. Lowe, Mr. J. M. O'Brien.

Mr. George Merriman, of Alameda, purchased a Stevens-Duryea automobile from the Pioneer Automobile Company, and, after one or two lessons, on Sunday, April 10th, took a party of friends for a trip to San Jose in his machine. He returned late in the evening, thoroughly satisfied with his purchase. Although having never run an automobile before, Mr. Merriman handled the machine very skillfully, making the run of over one hundred miles with no difficulty whatsoever.

On the run to San Jose, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Luce were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shields. They made the trip in Mr. Shield's White touring car.

A party of Oakland people, owners of Stevens-Duryea machines, toured around the bay on Sunday. The party consisted of Mr. George H. Strong, Dr. Cunningham, Dr. Chamberlain, Mr. F. A. Lathe, and their friends.

Mr. John H. Spring has purchased his second White touring car and run it to San Jose Saturday, over to Los Gatos and Congress Springs and back Sunday afternoon. The machine had a canopy top, and Mr. Spring says it is a great goer.

The big Locomobile gasolene touring cars are being produced at good speed, and Superintendent Russell, of the factory, promises eighteen cars a week at an early date.

A carload shipment of four-cylinder Packards is on its way to San Francisco for the Pacific Motor Car Company.

Messrs. Hansen & Kahler of Oakland purchased a Rambler touring car from the Rambler Automobile Agency last week.

Douglas and Arthur Watson toured Los Gatos and vicinity last Saturday, over Sunday, in their St. Louis cars.

Up to the present time it has not been reported that any one has secured the Darracq agency. This is surprising, when it is considered the splendid reputation of the car.

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Douglas Watson reports he was the first to reach the Hotel Vendome at San Jose last Saturday.

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Among the owners of St. Louis cars who took in the run to San Jose were Otto Tum Suden, F. D. Clark, Albert Sutton and Howard H. Gregory.

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The Rambler Automobile Agency received two carloads last week, which were all disposed of before they arrived.

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Mr. H. B. Larzelere will have as guest next Sunday on a tour to San Jose in the new four-cylinder Packard, Mr. James Spears, H. M. Holbrook, A. B. Costigan and Samuel G. Buckbee.

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Mr. Fred A. Jacobs took a party of friends down to San Jose and Los Gatos on Sunday in a Rambler touring car; they visited many side towns going and coming, and were afforded a most delightful trip.

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The Winton Motor Carriage Company has just issued a booklet giving a short, concise description of the "making of Winton Motor Carriages, and the reason why." Every one interested in automobiles should secure a copy.

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Mr. A. W. Wilson's White car met with a provoking accident just as it got into San Jose. A milk wagon turned suddenly in front of it, and in order to avoid it, Mr. Wilson went over the curb, severely jarring the car and breaking all but the main leaf of the right-hand front spring. The broken spring was the only damage done, and a bumper was extemporized out of an old inner tube.

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Mr. S. C. Hammond and party rode through the Park and Presidio in Mr. Hammond's new Winton touring car.

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The White Sewing Machine Company took the girls of the Anna Held Company out for a run through Golden Gate Park last Monday morning, and a series of photographs were taken.

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Mr. George Ritchie of Bakersfield was in the city Monday, and purchased a Rambler touring car, and drove the same overland to his home.

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In Memoriam

Let'ter R. I. P.

As I wandered onward aimlessly
By the ocean's sandy brow,
I chanced to meet an old man—
A fisherman, I trow.

He motioned, and I sat me down
By the noisy, restless sea,
And the tale which I now unfold
Is as 'twas told to me.

"When I was but a gentle youth,
I remember well the day
That Willie Hearst, a prodigal,
For President did bray.

The old man rose as thus he spoke.
I turned and went my way,
While I mused on the old proverb:
"Every dog will have his day."

SHAKESPEARE IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

"Hamlet" had its first presentation in New South Wales the other day, and this is what the critic of a local paper thought of the play and its author:

"There is too much chinning in the piece. The author is behind the times, and appears to forget that what we want nowadays is hair-raising situations and detectives. In the hands of a skillful playwright a detective would have been put on the track of Hamlet's uncle, and the old man would have been hunted down in a manner that would have excited the audience out of their number elevens. The morals of the piece are not good. The scene where Hamlet cheeks his mother is a very bad example to the rising generation, and it is not improved when the dreary old ghost comes in and blows him up. Our advice to the author is a little more action, a little more fine sentiment, and a fair share of variety business in his next piece. In the specialty arts of the play-scene he has entirely missed his opportunities."

SUMMER SESSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The doors of the University of California will open for the annual summer session on June 27th, and will close on August 6th. There are some names among the faculty that are famous in letters, specialists from London, Amsterdam, Cambridge, Stockholm and other learned centers. Science and historical instruction and the classics will receive the attention of such savants as Lord William Ramsey, Professor Jaques Loeb, Hugo de Vries, Svante August Arrhenius, Bernhard Moses, Archibald Cary Coolidge, H. Morse Stephens, Frederick J. Turner, W. A. Merrill, Hammond Lamont, Charles H. Grandgent, Francis B. Gummere, Fonger de Hahn, Albin Putzker, M. J. Spinallo, C. W. Wells, L. J. Demeter, and James Ward. The greatest colleges of the world are represented.

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Pleasure's Wand.

(Continued from Page 7.)

Wilfred Clarke, the well known actor, who last appeared in San Francisco in a starring engagement, has returned to vaudeville, and will re-appear at the Orpheum for a limited engagement this coming week. He is supported by a strong company, which includes such capable people as Archie Gillies, Miss Lucille Spinney and Miss Theo Carew, and will present for his opening week his adaptation from the French, entitled "No More Trouble." It is described as a playlette of unique conception, laughable and possessing a condensed and coherent plot.

The programme at the Chutes for this coming week will be almost entirely new, and the offering is one of the best made by this popular place of amusement. Alberta C. Hadley and Helen Archer, direct from the East, will present a high-class comedy sketch, entitled "The New French Maid," and the three Malverns, society acrobats, will give a daring and graceful act. Storey and Van, accomplished musicians who play upon a variety of instruments, will make their initial appearance here, and little Ruth Roland, the greatest child favorite who ever appeared in this city, will re-appear after a long absence. Mabel Lamson, the sweet singer of illustrated songs, the Robinsons, clever colored singers and dancers, and the animatoscope, showing the latest novelties in moving pictures, will complete a bill that will challenge comparison with those offered by many higher priced places of amusement. The amateurs will appear on Thursday night. Esmeralda and her lately born monkey are objects of unceasing interest.

"The Frisky Mrs. Johnson" will be the bill at the Alcazar for the coming week. I see that some of those who know, or pretend to know, say this play is an adaptation from the French. Poor Clyde Fitch! He has been responsible for a good many things, but plagiarism is the last straw. Thus do the mighty fall. The play is an unusually interesting one, and the Alcazar company should bring out everything there is in it. Mr. Edward Price, the general manager of the Alcazar and Central Theatres, and Mr. Belasco, have left for an extended Eastern trip. They will secure additional attractions for the O'Farrell and Market street houses.

The new fire-proof theatre, the Majestic, will open the coming week with Isabel Irving, in Winston Churchill's play, "The Crisis." The direction is by James K. Hackett. Tickets have been placed at \$1.50, \$1.00 and 50 cents, and box seats, \$2. It is claimed that the system of exits is the best in the city. San Francisco has needed a first class theatre in the vicinity of Tenth and Market for a long time, and the large population in the Mission district now has a chance to show its appreciation of the new enterprise. The theatre is as easily reached from all parts of the city as it is from the south, and will meet with a quick patronage, providing the quality of performance is in keeping with the price.

Although this will be Miss Irving's first local appearance as a star, she is too well known and too well liked by play-goers here to need many words of praise. As leading woman for John Drew, in which capacity she was last seen in this city, Miss Irving won for herself the name of the cleverest of American comedienues. She created that inimitable

fibber in "The Liars," with brilliant success, while her earlier performance of Lady Susan in "The Case of Rebellious Susan" is a classic of comedy. Before her experience with Mr. Drew, Miss Irving appeared in conjunction with her present manager, Mr. James K. Hackett, in the first great performance of "The Prisoner of Zenda." Hers was the original Princess Flavia, and all her successors followed closely in the lines laid down by Miss Irving. Those who saw these performances have never forgotten them, Flavia in particular being the very embodiment of sweet womanly loveliness and charm.

Since those days Miss Irving has made tremendous strides professionally. Her impersonation of Virginia Carvel, the warm-hearted but hot-headed young Southern belle, has won the name of being one of the most delightful stage characters of the present day. In its way it is fully as loveable a character as the Flavia of "The Prisoner of Zenda," but with more light and shade, and a great deal more of that dainty, merry comedy of which Miss Irving is the acknowledged mistress. As the young Southern girl, she runs the whole gamut of human feeling; a merry, impetuous coquette in the first act, she develops into a sweet, womanly young girl, with a keen realization of all that life means, a gentleness and tenderness engendered wholly by love, and a wholesomeness that marks the very best type of American womanhood. No one can see this careful character study without a keener appreciation and a closer and better knowledge of what womanhood really means. Mr. James Hackett, Miss Irving's manager, has provided his star with an excellent company, while the scenic investiture is said to be one of the most beautiful seen on the stage in a long time. Miss Irving's engagement is for two weeks only, with matinees only on Saturday.

"His Royal Nibs" is to be produced at the Alhambra Theatre next Thursday and Friday evenings for the benefit of the California Women's Hospital. The play is by Shafter Howard, who has given evidence in several of his published musical compositions of ability in the line of song-writing. Several of the musical numbers are being rendered by the orchestra at the Hotel St. Francis, Zinkand's and the Louvre with pronounced success, and are being repeated every evening at the request of the guests of all three places. "His Royal Nibs" will be presented by a cast and chorus of over seventy people.

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along that if the management of the local theatres would only give us money's worth I would in turn give unstinted praise. The week has been a banner one for good performances, and it is hoped that this will continue. The San Francisco public is not at all hard to please, and the critic is not trying at all times to find fault. It is a fact that, because of business reasons the daily press will praise and puff unreservedly. Think, for a moment, what the cry would be if a patron of a daily newspaper asked the editor to praise a patent medicine editorially, to say that a fake appliance was the boon of mankind, that a new brand of catsup was beyond compare, and that Rugglass shoes were the best ever made. All this regardless of the quality of the goods advertised, and yet this and more is what the theatrical manager asks of a daily newspaper and it is what he gets. He receives columns of free publicity. What for? Because he's a good fellow, because he sends business, because the critic is made much of by a chorus girl, because he ADVERTISES. The only protection the San Francisco public has is the News Letter. The News Letter is read and it is believed. Why? Because the News Letter tells the truth.

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Klaw & Erlanger have mounted "Rogers Brothers in London," soon to show at the Columbia on an elaborate scale, and there should be no room for complaint by the San Francisco theatre-goer.

EXCURSION TO UKIAH.

The California Northwestern Railway, the Picturesque Route of California, will run one of its popular excursions to Ukiah, Sunday, April 24th. The fare will be only \$2 for the round trip. Leave Tiburon Ferry, foot of Market St., at 8:30 a. m., and on the return leave Ukiah at 5.00 p. m. As is well known, the company looks carefully after the comfort of its patrons on these Excursions, and no tickets are sold beyond the number of seats provided, thus insuring a seat for everybody. Tickets will be on sale Monday, April 18th, at 650 Market street, Chronicle Building.

San Mateo is to see another large sale of real estate—one hundred and fifty large lots will be sold. A special train will leave Third and Townsend streets on Saturday, April 30th, at 11 a. m. Tickets for the round-trip, fifty cents. The sale will be made by G. H. Umbsen & Co.

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There is a general cry among the people of San Francisco because of the increased cost of living. Food is continually rising in price, rents are being raised all over the city, and while the general cost of living is less than in most of the cities east of the Rocky Mountains, it must be admitted that it is out of all proportion to the earning capacity of the individual. It is worthy of note in this connection to remember that the increase is greater in all centers where the labor union is paramount in its influence.

In San Francisco, an unholy combination exists among the planing mills created by the union of capital and labor to exploit the general public. Prices of building materials have been raised to such a pitch that it is a millionaire or a fool who indulges in the luxury of building. The union policy has encouraged a cessation in building. It has encouraged the trusts to employ a scheme of perfect organization and higher prices, and the laborer who received \$3 a day four years ago, and who was not tied down to dues and union meetings and dictation, now finds it difficult to save carfare where before he had the opportunity to save much money. To-day he receives four to five dollars a day, and has the satisfaction of receiving it to pay it out again as quickly as possible. The union is responsible for high wages, high rents, high meat, high groceries, and in fact, an unnatural and unbearable condition of affairs in general.

We append an excerpt from an editorial in the New York Evening Post on this subject:

"The true explanation for this unfortunate rent increase, therefore, must be found in the causes underlying the cessation of tenement building. This is accounted for in several ways. In the last year the mortgage loan market has been unfavorable, though building operations in tenements have not been hampered as much from this cause as the larger and more hazardous class of undertakings. The high price of building materials has also stood in the way. Probably the greatest deterrent, however, is the demoralized state of the building trades. The extortions of the unions and the contractors, the combinations which have been made against investors in buildings, the high wages, and the incessant strikes, have paralyzed what, without these untoward influences, would now be a most flourishing industry. The increase in wages is especially significant. Thus in 1897 the prevailing rate for bricklayers was \$4. They now receive anywhere from \$5 to \$5.50. Plasterers then got \$4; they now get \$5. Carpenters six years ago were eager for employment at \$3.50 a day; the rate at present is \$4.50. And so all along the line."

The mass of the people have not been benefited in any way. The professional man, the writer, the dentist, the doctor, the school teacher, the advertising agent, the clerk, in fact the great majority of the people, among which may be counted the farmer, receive no more for their product than ten years ago, and in many cases wages have been reduced to enable the employer to pay the extortionate demands of the man with the labor union club. There's a good time coming, however, and unionism is going to get its just deserts. It will receive its worst defeat at the hands of those of its members intelligent enough to realize that if four dollars is divided between Casey and Schmitz, McCarthy and Ruef, there will be little left for Maggie and the children, and that three dollars and a half for Maggie was better wages than four dollars for the gang.

The Pilfering Sorority Girls

"Some people say that a co-ed. won't steal. But I caught one in my corn field," is the favorite refrain on the Berkeley campus just now. "Holy Moses!" is the exclamation whenever Professor Bernard Moses swings into sight. And the Pie-Biters, formally known as Pi Beta Phi, are wearing their best Sunday-go-to-meeting expression and consider themselves martyrs to the cause of Professor Moses' unholy wrath. His case against them has been duly and daily aired, but the scene when Professor Moses actually saw his apple and peach blossoms decorating the walls of the Pie-Biters house remains to be told.

Enter Professor Moses, his spic-and-span appearance somewhat impaired by rather dusty shoes which he has surreptitiously wiped on the porch with his pocket handkerchief. To two gurgling young ladies who came up just then he remarked, "I have been tramping through my orchard." The three are greeted in the hall by members of the reception committee and the young ladies exclaim: "My, how beautiful the house looks with all those blossoms, doesn't it, Professor Moses?" The ex-Philippine Commissioner gazed at the decorations with open-mouthed admiration—at least that was the way the sorority girls translated his expression. The Professor then walked around the rooms sniffing at the bloom and closely examining it. Finally he strode over to a table where two girls, who are members of his class in political science, were serving tea. "So charmed to have you here," began one of them, but Professor Moses put the stop-cock on the polite etceteras by asking in a melodramatic whisper, "Where did you get those blossoms?" And then the trouble began to brew, which—all the doctors could not subdue, ginger and paregoric, too! much less sorority tea. Professor Moses acted like a gentleman and a scholar at the tea—he waited until his lecture hour next morning before he publicly denounced the act that has ruined this year's crop in his orchard.

The sorority girls claim that they had permission from a real estate agent, supposed to be in authority, to pluck the blossoms, and their statement is generally believed around college. That they did not know the orchard belonged to "that mean old Moses" is substantiated by the fact that he was bidden to the be-blossomed tea. Professor Moses' next book will probably be called "The Pilferings of Perdita," and will deal with co-education. And the next time a sorority gives a "blooming old" tea it is safe to say the bloom will not come via the Moses orchard.

This affair has raised the ghost of the article Elizabeth Knight Tompkins wrote last year in an Eastern periodical anent the University of California in general and the sorority girl in particular. Miss Tompkins scored their social attempts as cheap imitations of the real thing, and suggested that the time spent in scouring the hills for green and borrowing the neighbors' cushions and dishes might be better employed over books. The truth of the matter is that the sorority girls do have to rustle around rather lively to keep up their social status, for many of the members are girls whose allowances barely permit them to get along at college without any margin for the inevitable assessments of a sorority house. Even the few girls of wealthy families who are sent to a

co-educational institution like Berkeley are cut down to much smaller allowances than their brothers enjoy, on the theory that girls do not sow wild oats, and therefore do not need so much money in their halcyon days. So the sorority girls are on the whole "a poor lot" in the literal meaning of the phrase. They have to resort to many makeshifts to have their "frat. house" put on a bold front as the average impecunious housekeeper with social aspirations.

Professor Moses did not empty his locker of ammunition on the Pi Beta Phi girls. He gave the co-eds, who disturb university meetings a hot shot, too. These university meetings are held once a month, and the students are addressed by prominent men. At the last meeting, the famous Dr. Myer was the chief speaker, and Professor Moses scored the girls because a troop of co-eds, noisily left the hall in the midst of Dr. Myer's lecture. The girls claim that the University meeting is supposed to last from eleven o'clock until twelve, and when speakers drag along into the noon hour they have to break away in order to get a bite of luncheon before their one o'clock recitations. But Professor Moses pointedly remarks that the men remain seated no matter how long the meeting lasts.

Dr. Myer is a very learned savant, but his enunciation is so bad and his talk was so long and erudite that it must be confessed the students gave a sigh of relief when he finished, and ex-Mayor James Phelan, who was present, arose to hand out a few remarks. Mr. Phelan was not prepared to talk, but President Wheeler insisted, and the obliging Jimmy could not refuse.

"I hesitated about talking to you in this off-hand manner, but I have sat on the platform the last hour and have observed that you are a very indulgent audience!" was the gist of Jimmy's first rounded period. The hall rocked with mirth, only Jimmy himself and Dr. Myer not seeing just where the joke came in.

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 Oh, give me day and the sun thereof,
 And night with never a goal,
 And never a love that's worth the love,
 But the love of a child's young soul!

Rains from the heaven's wide arch
 Troop down the dawn to smother.
 The long-lost waters march
 Back to the sea, their mother.
 The byre shall roof till dawn be red.
 Then on from sun to sun.
 They are more than the price of a crust and
 bed,
 The smiles of my little one.

The tide the hour shall beat,
 The turbulent reminder.
 Kind are the folk we meet.
 The birds and beasts are kinder.
 Then up the road and o'er the wild,
 And through the darkest door,
 With ever and ever a little child,
 That skips and trips before.

ERE COMES THE NIGHT.

By Nannie Byrd Turner in Smart Set

Ah, pain that a rose should die,
 That a lily's grace should fail;
 That dark should dim a sunset sky,
 And a rainbow's glory pale—
 And lovers say good-bye!

Alas, that Youth is fleet—
 Swifter than Age is swift—
 That dearest hopes have winged feet,
 And Love's a transient gift,
 As shadowy as sweet.

So kiss we while we may,
 While lips are still afire.
 For all too surely creeps a day
 When fades the dear desire
 To ashes cold and gray.

Too surely comes the night
 When the star of Love shall set,
 And the bitter snow of Time lie white,
 And the soul would best forget
 The old, beloved delight.

A VANISHED STAR.

By Eugene C. Dobson in New England Magazine

Last night I saw, in light elysian,
 A fair star gleam across the sky,
 To dawn a moment on my vision,
 Then into darkness fade and die.

And now at morn, with weary eyes on
 Yon white sail, lessening down the bay,
 I see beyond my life horizon
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M. Moustier is a master mechanic from the Delauney-Belleville works. He arrived last week to oversee the installation of the engines his company will exhibit. The labor union protest was one

of the first difficulties he met. The next day after a solution of the trouble occurred to him the walking delegate came around to reassert that no work could be done except by union men. Previously M. Moustier had indignantly refused to comply with labor's demands. Now he surprised the delegate by graciously acceding, one of his colleagues doing the talking. "Certainment," the interpreter said, "we haf decided to let you do ze work. Here are ze plans. All you haf to do ees to follow ze plans. M. Moustier, you know, speaks no Englaise."

The delegate looked at the roll of blue prints. Everything but the white lines was in French. "These won't do," he said, "the foreman here can't read a word of this. Get the specifications put into United States."

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out hees assistance. Eet ees very intricate. I could not myself. Eet take a month to send zem back. Ze fair be half over before we get done. Eet ees an impossible obstacle."

The delegate believed it. He stared at M. Moustier and then at the plans. "Well, I'll be —. I can't ask you to work my men when they can't do the work. Put your men to work and let her slide."

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A popular British weekly has just discovered the existence of a novelist named James Fenimore Cooper, and writes of his "Pathfinder" as the work of a promising author. A London daily is better informed, and ironically observes that Mr. Cooper is "now well over his hundredth year," and is engaged on another book which, as at present arranged, will be entitled "The Last of the Mohicans." Americans, however, need not be in haste to jeer. It is not very long since a school superintendent in a thriving town of the Middle West wrote to a historian named Hume to ask him to make some changes in his history of England which would fit in for class room use. Later he expressed some surprise that his politely worded request had elicited no reply.

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Cannon on right of dem, Cannon on left of dem, Cannon on top of dem, Wolleyed and t'undered; Smashed with dis shot and shal, Dev ant do wery val; Most of dem ketching hal— Nearly sax hundred!

Yes, all dem sabres bare Flash purty gude in air; Each faller feel his hair Standing—no vonder! Yudas! It ant ban yob For any coward slob, Fighting dis Russian mob— Ay tenk Ay vudn't stand General's blunder.

Cannon on right of dem, Cannon on top of dem, Cannon behind dem, tu, Wolleyed and t'undered. Finally say Captain Grenk, "Ve got enuff, Ay tenk! Let's go and getting drenk." 'Bout twenty-sax com back Out of sax hundred!

Ven skol deir glory fade? It ban gude charge dey made— Every von vondered. Every von feeling blue— 'Cause dey ban brave old crew, Yolly gude fallers, too, Dis har sax hundred! —Milwaukee Sentinel.

Levy's brother died in Chicago the other day. The undertaker telegraphed to Levy: "What shall I do with the body? I can embalm it for \$50 or freeze it for \$30." And Levy telegraphed back: "Freeze it from the knees up for \$20; he had his feet frozen last winter."

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9.00 A	San Jose, Tres Pinos, Capitola, Santa Cruz, Pacific Grove, San Luis Obispo and Principal Way Stations	4.10 P
11.20 A	San Jose and Way Stations	1.20 P
11.20 A	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations	7.30 P
1.20 P	San Jose and Way Stations	8.38 P
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6.30 P	San Jose and Way Stations	6.38 A
8.00 P	Palo Alto and Way Stations	10.15 A
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The Political Situation

Although the Hearst papers may endeavor to keep up the impression for a little while longer that their owner is still a candidate for the Presidency, it must be evident to even the readers of those delectable journals that he has lost all hope of winning the nomination, or even of preventing the nomination of any candidate who is persona non grata to him and his clique. His papers are busy letting him down easily, and his friends are as busily occupied in seeking cover and announcing that they never were for him. I have no doubt that since the returns have commenced to come in from the "cow counties," Cammenetti wishes he had not introduced the resolution endorsing Hearst at the last meeting of the State Central Committee, and that Budd and Maguire wish they had never heard of the editor. Of course Maguire was dead politically anyhow, and you cannot kill a corpse, and Budd has not the power and influence in the councils of his party that he once had; indeed, Lane is the only man who seems to have gathered any strength out of the Hearst fiasco, since the counties that have repudiated Hearst have done so, in most cases specifically, because of the position of the Examiner in the Lane fight for Governor. As Lane ate no crow, but announced distinctly that he was not for Hearst, he stands well with the country delegates and representatives of his party, and has something to hope at its hands in the future, but the Hearstites have tarred themselves with a brush that it will take much party loyalty and hard work to rid themselves of. For years to come the finger of scorn will be pointed at them, and the question: "What did Hearst pay you?" will be the question asked of them whenever they come up for office.

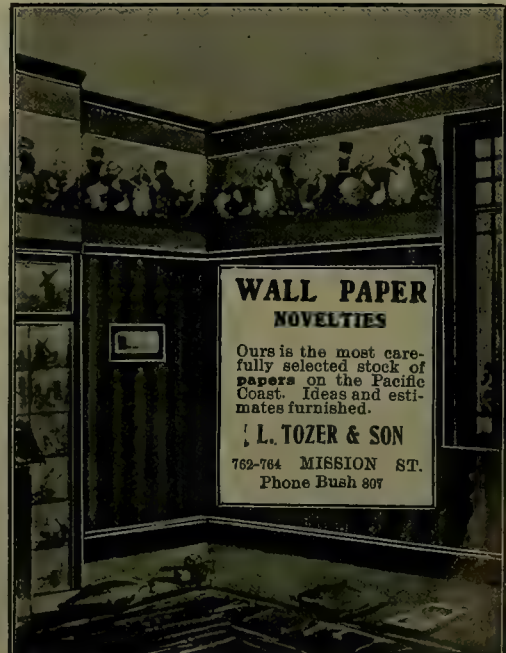
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What would have happened in the whole country if by any accident Hearst had been nominated and elected President is shown by the experience that San Francisco is having with her street car employees and their threatening strike. While those who only see what is written on the dead walls of the city in poster type may have fancied that the strike was purely a labor trouble, having no connection with politics, those who know anything of the political conditions that prevail in this locality will have no difficulty in discovering that the "nigger in the wood pile" is Hearst. In the first place Richard Cornelius is well known as the henchman of Livernash, and it was because Dingwell, the Secretary of the Carmen's Union, declined to have the union made an adjunct of the Hearst campaign that he and those who thought with him were summarily expelled from the union by order of Boss Cornelius. Those men will tell you that Cornelius never makes a move until he has gone to the Examiner office and asked for orders over the "longest leased wire in the world." They will tell you that Cornelius opposed Schmitz, the Labor Union candidate for Mayor last fall, because he got orders from Livernash to do so, and they will call your attention to the fact that if the trouble with the car company had been allowed to wait adjustment until the time when the agreement between the men and their employers expires, it would be only a day or two before the primaries which Hearst is so anxious to carry. They would call your attention to the further fact that although Liv-

ernash pretends to represent union labor, and Cornelius is never tired of harping on the rights of labor and the outrages of capital, and although he publicly denounces those workmen who are not union men as traitors to the cause of labor, yet he supported Livernash when he refused to recognize the Clerks' Union in its boycott of a haberdashery in this town, and the Barbers' Union when it boycotted an anti-union shop, and even when the Clerks and the Barbers sent committees to Livernash to call his attention to his inconsistency in those matters, and he insulted them in his rooms at the Grand, Cornelius said Livernash was alright, and still continued to hold him up as the friend of labor and to take orders from him. They will call your attention to the fact that the Teamsters' Union proposes to join the Carmen in a strike, the President of the latter union being the infamous Michael Casey, of malodorous fame, who is also an attache of the Hearst gang, and who, like Cornelius, takes orders, if nothing more, from Hearst. Both Cornelius and Casey are announced as among the representatives of labor unionism who are to go to St. Louis on Hearst's special train, wearing his collar and drinking his champagne, while the Carmen and the Teamsters stay at home and put up money to keep their bosses in luxury and idleness. It is clear from all those facts that politics is at the bottom of the Carmen's demands. Possibly the men themselves do not know it, but let them do a little reflecting and figuring for themselves, and they will see that they are being used as dupes by their so-called leaders.

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There will be no special train to St. Louis, however, and no need of the services of either Casey or



Cornelius at the World's Fair metropolis, so much that they have been anticipating will be lost to them. Indeed, it is a question whether Hearst will be so enthusiastic in the cause of labor as he has been, now that he finds that it cannot give him the prize he coveted. There are already rumors that the arrangement by which he was to pay a large number of men in the several towns where his paper is published, for imaginary work on his colored Sunday supplement, will be abrogated, and that he will pay only for work performed, unions or no unions.

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The country and State having rid itself of the Hearst, should not stop in its good work until the entire gang is retired to private life. Livernash, who only lacks the money to be even worse than Hearst, should be turned down by the Democracy and a decent citizen put up in his place next fall as the party's candidate for Congress. If the Democracy has any hopes of ever returning to power in this State, not to speak of the country at large, it must rid itself of the men who are revenue Democrats only, and who are willing to pander to every vice, indorse every anarchical idea, and lend their support to every enemy of morality, decency and patriotism, in a vain effort to be the political bosses of the commonwealth. The Democratic Party is a pretty big institution, but it is not large enough to contain a Hearst and a Cleveland both within its folds.

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The Republicans of the First Congressional District have agreed to send ex-Senator Vorheis of Amador and Major Bull of Eureka to Chicago.

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In the Second District, Senator Devlin of Sacramento, and some one from Napa, not yet determined upon, though it may be Duncan McKinley of Santa Rosa, who wants to go to Congress instead, as that would give him a position to become more prominent than if he stayed at home. In the Third, Postmaster Luckinger of Vallejo is certain to be one, and Contra Costa may name the other as Governor Pardee is to go as delegate at large from Alameda County, and that County will not be allowed everything. None of the other districts are yet certain whom they will send, though all have a number of candidates.

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Los Angeles has developed a new Senatorial candidate in the person of James Lankersheim, whose campaign is being managed by John W. Mitchell, which to those who know Mitchell will be a sufficient indication of what Lankersheim principally relies upon to win the prize. In the South the candidacy is looked upon as a joke, although General Otis has added to the gaiety of nations by indorsing it. That, of course, settles any possibility of the new candidates getting a vote in the Legislature.

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THE BEGGAR AND PROFLIGATE

A Fable of the Man, the Dog and the Barrel.

Once upon a time there was a Man, and this Man possessed the Society Eye and the inherited Barrel. He had also a Dog. This Dog was an Extraordinary Dog. Not because of Pedigree, but because of Achievement. He succeeded in having Himself incarcerated in an Asylum for the Insane and afterward he was elected to the Office of Congressman. He was a good Dog to his Master, and became known as a Retriever.

There was this difference between the Dog and His Master. At times the Dog acted according to an innate instinct of righteousness. The Profligate Man we are writing about became known far and wide as the Apostle of Discord. The Dog was simply the tool. Through the Dog the Master in Profligacy became connected with Labor, and through this acquaintanceship he fomented discord, hoping thereby to pose as the Apostle of the Poor. But the Common people know him best at Home. The Profligate is now parading about the Country with the Dog and a Tin Cup begging the nomination from the Democratic Party. Under his Arm he Carries the Barrel, and from this Barrel pours a Yellow Stream. This stream goes to the Walking Delegate and the Professional Agitator, and the Labor Element sees it not. Do the Working People take any Stock in the Man, the Dog and the Barrel? Oh, no, they are ON!



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Congressman Hearst's boom for the Presidency is so noiseless that nobody but himself can hear it.

Admiral Togo is suspected of "salting" mines at Port Arthur with explosives.

Hill looked it right straight in the eye, and then the Tammany tiger purred and went to sleep.

Every now and then Russia lifts her head from the mat long enough to catch the referee's eye and yell "foul."

It may be true that a gallant Kentucky editor would not take Hearst's coin, but we will wager that he bit it first.

"If you have no baby, adopt one," shrieks a lady reformer in New York. In other words, if you have no trouble, borrow some.

A gentleman called Gayley tried to live up to his name and succeeded in being such a jolly good fellow that his wife is getting a divorce.

A hundred dollars a pound for a bulldog sounds like a high price, but it must be remembered that there was a good deal of bark thrown in.

Congress is asked to establish an American "Cross of Honor." Make it of oak, seven feet by five, and tie it firmly to Representative Livernash.

One of the funny things about a dog-show is that the exhibits do the barking and the exhibitors attend to the fighting.

Public ovations to a Chinese prince remind us that Kearneyism and the sandlots were ancient history a long time ago.

Hearst's hired men are busy trying to find one of their numbers who will admit that it was he who first mentioned their employer for the Presidency.

An article in a San Francisco newspaper attempts to illustrate the stowing of a cargo, but gives no picture of Captain Barnes or Colonel Kowalsky at luncheon.

The club ladies who are called upon to defend an expelled member's suit for damages, have learned that "knocking" is not scientific when you are caught with the hammer on your person.

If Emperor William's voice must be amputated, it must be comforting to reflect that already he has talked as much as one man ought to.

A Government inquiry about the "loco weed" seems absurd when everybody knows that it is the favorite vegetable of the yellow journalist.

Russia has put the ban on wireless telegraphy for war correspondents, and has her eye on the smokeless powder proposition as a doubtful point in military ethics.

That Oakland husband who whipped his chickens when he was angered at his wife, is in a way to find out that there is no vicarious plan for paying alimony.

Berkeley has put a premium on that form of inebriation technically known as the "silent soak." Noisy drunkenness in the college town now costs the offender anywhere from \$1 to \$100.

We might feel sorry for Texas, which is washed away by floods in winter and devoured by grass-hoppers in summer, if we were not so busy rubbing the places where the labor agitator bites.

Now, if the Carmen will strike, and the Hackmen will stay out, the average citizen who does not own an automobile can read his title clear to all-night enjoyment of the bock beer season.

It is possible that suspicion concerning the robbery of a saloon safe had much to do with the "breaking" of three policemen, but it is only fair to add that there are pockets in the clothes of some of their superiors.

An expert alienist thinks that Hetty Green shows evidence of insanity when she lugs around \$2,000,000 in bills in a hand-bag. It is noteworthy, however, that the old lady is not crazy enough to let any kind person hold the satchel for her.

That McGlade, who is best known as "Pete the Penman," served his sentence at San Quentin with no complaint until he learned that the town was "wide open" again, and then he began to pine for a "wide open" prison.

It's too bad about Judge Parker's shattered boom. Discovery that he puts on evening dress for dinner every day queered him with the rank and file, and learning that he drinks water and not much else settles it for him with the Solid South.

If the supply of mines lasts long enough in the harbor of Port Arthur, it will be necessary for the Japs to reduce their fighting strength on the sea. The Russian land forces are now carrying large signs inscribed with the words: "Don't fire till you know who we are."

BETTING ON THE RACES.

At Monday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors an ordinance was passed prohibiting the laying of wagers on horse races except on the race track. The proponents of this measure urged it as the most practical law for the restriction of gambling on horse races. They pointed out that by restricting the area in which wagers may be laid, the opportunity for gambling was likewise restricted, and therefore that young men who cannot go to the race track, having no opportunity to lay wagers down-town, will stop gambling on the races. So weak and ridiculous is this argument that those who made it must have had their tongues in their cheeks when they did so. The only result of the ordinance passed last Monday is to give the race track gang a monopoly of the gambling, under protection of the law. None of the Supervisors imagine for a moment that their prohibition of the down-town pool rooms will have any effect whatever upon the laying of wagers. The police will arrest a few pool-sellers who are not in the ring, and the others will continue to contribute for "protection." It is more than strange that a man like Supervisor Brandenstein should lend himself to a measure surrounded by such iniquitous influences. There is some satisfaction in the knowledge that at least one member of the Board—Supervisor Comte—has not only convictions on the subject of race track gambling, but also has the courage to express them in the face of a bitter opposition and threats of political enmity by the combined forces of the race track gang. Mr. Comte submitted an amendment prohibiting gambling on horse races at any place in the county, the race track included. He said he did not pose as a moralist, but that as a good citizen whose attention had been directed to the numerous embezzlements and other crimes, and to the increasing number of suicides, all directly traceable to the race track, he wished to perform his duty in endeavoring to do something effectual toward suppressing an evil which has caused wide-spread demoralization throughout the community. Comte's amendment received only four votes.

Brandenstein and Brauhnart, in urging the passage of the race-track bill, argued that it would be useless for San Francisco to prohibit gambling on the local race track, unless it were also prohibited at Tanforan and Emeryville. This is a vicious argument. They might as well say it would be useless for San Francisco to prohibit pocket-picking or open prostitution, unless other cities or towns had similar laws. It is surely our duty to keep our own house clean, notwithstanding the habits of our neighbors. They must know, moreover, that the race track bill is class legislation of the worst kind, with no excuse for its passage except the fact that the people behind it are popularly supposed to control about 2,000 votes in the red light district. It is worthy of notice that at the same meeting at which the bill was passed the Supervisors directed the City Attorney to bring suit against the Commissioners of Public Works and their bondsmen, who are responsible for the theft by bookkeeper White, of the Board of Works, of over \$10,000, most of which White lost at the race track. Widber, the city's former treasurer, also dropped at the track a small fortune stolen from the coffers at the City Hall; McKeown stole over \$50,000 from the funds of the State University, and lost it all at the race track; Peter McGlade, now in San Quentin, was another public employee who forged pay warrants to raise money to play the races; Jus-

tice's clerk Williams got into trouble, though he was not a defaulter, by going to the race track; and endless is the list of young men, employed down town, who have lost their employers' money and their own good names at the race track. Yet Mr. Brandenstein says the Supervisors are not the keepers of the public conscience; in other words, that it is not their duty to make laws the object of which is to prevent crime. Upon what theory, then, did he support the race track bill? Was it not to close the pool rooms, because they are a public evil? If they be evil, because they are the outcroppings of the race track, why not close down the fountain from which springs all the many streams of vice—the race track itself?

JUSTICE.

The News Letter believes in Fair Play, with capital letters, and when the Mayor of San Francisco comes out with a manly statement, such as he made in regard to the impending strike of the Carmen's Union, we believe that he should be given full credit. The responsibility of office has taught him that he is the Mayor of the whole city, and not of any particular class of its citizens to the detriment of all the rest.

He asks the men to ponder before they take any step that will mean the serious crippling of the business interests of the city. He asks the men to listen to the promptings of their minds rather than the dictation of their leaders, who lose nothing by the strike but who gain much in fomenting discord and dissatisfaction.

The Mayor asks the men to take a secret ballot to obtain the untrammelled opinion of the workers. This is wise advice, as it will establish beyond a doubt whether it is the sense of a majority of the carmen that there shall be agitation and unsettledness every six months.

CENTRAL EMERGENCY HOSPITAL.

City hospitals are rarely what they ought to be, but that San Francisco institution grandiosely called the "Central Emergency Hospital," goes away below the limit of what such a plan ought to be. Before this, the Receiving Hospital—that is its popular name—has been afflicted with incompetency and dishonesty and rapacity, but it remained for Mayor Schmitz to fill it with wolves in silk hats and whiskers. Worst of all the crew is one Brackett, a person of shambling intellect, a straggling beard, and fingers that crook for clutching like a vulture's talons. He has been in office only a few weeks, and has been unpleasantly in the public eye most of that time. From the frequency with which men suffering from fractured skulls have been treated under his administration for such ailments as pneumonia or cholera morbus, it might be inferred that Mayor Schmitz looked for his medical staff among the livery stables, but the inference would be incorrect. If Brackett be guilty as charged by the recent verdict of a Coroner's jury, then, plainly, he got an important part of his education in a pawnbroker's shop or the office of a cent per cent loan shark. This jury found from the testimony given before it that Brackett frightened a poor woman into refusing to have her desperately injured husband go to a public hospital for treatment; that he began to reach out for her few dollars while her husband lay helpless in the Receiving Hospital, and that after the victim's death, following an operation by the talon-fingered Brackett, the dead man's employer was hounded and harassed by Brackett for still more money. All this upon the sworn evi-

dence of a physician more reputable than any Brackett could ever be; of a reputable business man and of the woman widowed by Brackett's knife.

The city is full of physicians not much worse than Brackett, but happily they do not often get into places where they can "operate" upon men and women stricken by casualty and where they can graft under the protection and with the aid of official position. They are the physicians who will swear to anything for a few dollars, and for not very many dollars will perform any surgical service, including those expressly inhibited by statute. But they are less dangerous than Brackett. Any man, any man's mother or sister or daughter may be laid low by accident and flung into the eager hands of Brackett and his underlings. Seemingly it would be better for any one to be sent to jail than to the Receiving Hospital, for we have not yet heard of prisoners in any city jail being cinched out of their money. Moreover, it is always possible that a patient in the Receiving Hospital may be operated upon by Brackett or one of his associates before he can be rescued from their mercies.

As a diagnostician of the condition of wallets and bankbooks, the Receiving Hospital doctor of the Brackett school is at his best. He may overlook a fractured skull or a row of broken ribs, and men may die under his knife and bone-saw, but he makes no mistake about the patient's money. Nobody has accused him yet of "grafting for a case," as it is called in this hospital, when the victim had empty pockets and no relatives or friends.

THE EFFORT TO FREE McGLADE.

Public attention is earnestly invited to the case of Peter McGlade, confessed and convicted forger. McGlade is wearing stripes at San Quentin, but is letting his hair grow in the hope of a parole which will let him loose upon society before his insufficient sentence has been served. After five trials, in which the gang of "case fixers" and jury bribers to which McGlade belonged did its dirtiest work to save him, he was convicted upon a portion of the long list of felonies charged against him, and sent to San Quentin for an eight year term. On Monday he will go into court—the same court that convicted him—and try to rid his record of the remaining indictments that stand between him and the operation in his behalf.

McGlade is an expert bookkeeper. He filled the books and accounts of the city Street Department with forgeries which lined his pockets and the pockets of his confederates with the city's coin. Detected, he ran away, was caught in another State, was brought back, confessed his guilt, went free on bail, "jumped" his bonds, and was caught again. It might have been thought that conviction would be easy. The proof of this rascal's guilt was plain, even if he had not run away, even if he had not confessed. But convicting him was another and intensely difficult proposition. Daily during his trials the courtroom and the adjacent corridors were filled with the most dangerous foes of organized society—professional perjurers, past masters in the corruption of jurors, the stranglers and hatchetmen of the "push." Even the minor officers of the court were leagued in iniquity with the defense. The bailiff of the court, Deputy Sheriff Dasher, did valiant service for McGlade in driving people of the prisoner's own kidney to sit on the jury and in permitting and encouraging such conduct on the part of the jurors as would lead

to a mis-trial. Dasher has since been convicted of a felony in "substituting" Chinese prisoners left in his charge. And Dasher was not the only man who took liberties with his official oath in order to help McGlade. Four trials went wrong, thanks to the criminal "push," and then a conviction which was not so much a triumph as an accident.

It may be asked: Why all this interest of the jury-fixers and their kind in a criminal of a very ordinary kind? It is not loyalty, we may be sure, nor any other manifestation of the fabled "honor among thieves." Nor can it be that McGlade compels sympathy and assistance through his personal qualities. A vile fellow, he was in his hey-day of forgery and prosperity, associating by choice with the hags and harpies of the tenderloin, preferring black skins to white. To these he was "handsome Pete McGlade." To the vicious crowd which helped him before and is behind him now he was "Pete the penman." That probably is the secret of his influence—his skill in writing other men's signatures. A man of such a talent, criminal in his tendencies, is too valuable to the "push" to be left in prison. That is why this effort to free him is being made, and that is precisely why the court in which he is to appear—the court of Superior Judge Carroll Cook—needs watching.

THE PROMOTION COMMITTEE'S WORK.

The California Promotion Committee announces that on the 30th inst. it will hold a public banquet for the avowed purpose of bringing together representative men from all parts of the State to boom California. The recent tour of the committee has aroused good feeling throughout the great valleys and the rapidly growing Southland, and a public sentiment has been created to the effect that it is about time Californians got together and did something for California. It is about time that all the people, from Siskiyou to San Diego, and from the Sierras to the sea, should be thoroughly educated in the idea that anything that will help the State at large will certainly benefit every individual portion of it; anything that will increase our foreign commerce, or our inland trade, will put dollars into the pockets of every man, let his business be what it may; anything that will induce immigration will double values by the course of natural development. But these things can be done only by united effort. Too long have the merchants of San Francisco given but small heed to the wants of their brothers in other places; too long has the interior been arrayed against this municipality and glared at it with eyes of envy; too long has the South lived within itself behind the shoulder of Tehachapi; too long has the North struggled alone for the fruits of the birth-right given it by nature. The California Promotion Committee comes at an opportune time with the hand of brotherhood extended, and with words of fair promise for California's future greatness. Leading men—men of actual personal influence—should attend that banquet from all sections of the State. If they find it impossible to come, they should send a message assuring the co-operation of their section in this endeavor to develop the State—in accordance with a definite plan. Between now and November next, over 100,000 people, representative in greater or less degree, will visit this State from the East, to attend national conventions in this city. They should be sent back to their homes as advertising agents for California. This is the time for action. Let the watchword be—co-operation and advertising.

"THE RUIN OF SOCIETY."

Gertrude Atherton thinks that society is a magnificent ruin from a moral standpoint. She may not be alone in this belief, but she says it right out in public; wherefore her remarks are worthy of attention. Modern society, she says, has reached the same depth of degradation in which wallowed the belles and dandies in the days when George IV was king. She admits that the women of to-day are not absolutely worse than those of yester-year, but she insists they are no better. And as for the men! Mrs. Atherton classes them as "superior sort of grooms," who know no higher law than the satisfaction of all their desires. She refers, of course, to the men of the "smart set," the real insiders, who have their names blown in the bottle. The pace they set has shocked even Mrs. Atherton. The main cause for the slump in morality, she finds, is, first, the all-controlling influence of the smart set; second, the demand for dress, the insane desire for display, the insatiable yearning to exhibit more peacock feathers than our neighbors. Mrs. Atherton really doesn't know what we can do about it, but she very much fears the result will be something akin to the Reign of Terror. Now, here is a subject for the women's clubs. There are many able and honest women in the local clubs who should be willing to break a lance in defense of their sex and their class. Are the society women of the day degenerates? Are the men social lepers? Do society girls resort to any means so that they may have new gowns? Are we getting worse from a moral standpoint? Have we any standard of morality—practically, not theoretically? Can we learn anything new from a close study of the times and manners of the days of the last of the Georges? In brief, what justification exists for the charges of Mrs. Atherton? The News Letter will be pleased to publish any answer to Mrs. Atherton that any local club-woman may submit.

A LAMENT TO GENERAL MacARTHUR.

That part of San Francisco which is tributary to the Presidio should be rid of the drunken and the discharged soldier. The commanding officer at the big garrison has every intention to keep his men within bounds. We are told that patrols attempt to round up refractory characters, and that the civil authorities are trying their best to co-operate with the military. The discharged soldier is the greatest offender. He finds an able assistant in disgraceful conduct from the vampire civilian of the Barbary Coast. These people are a stench in the nostrils of the citizen who patronizes the Ferries and Presidio Railroad.

Two suggestions have been made that would undoubtedly mitigate this evil. Large numbers of the soldiers might be transferred to Angel Island, and they would be exempt from the temptations of the city. They would enjoy better climate and the public would be generally benefited by their removal. Another scheme contemplates the re-establishment of the "canteen" and the insistence by superior officers of cleanliness in the matter of clothes. Most of our soldiers appear drunk or sober in the streets of San Francisco with clothes that are little better than those of a tramp.

Let no one for a moment suppose that the News Letter means a slur on the privates of the United States army. The army is a good one and the vast majority of soldiers are deserving young men who have enlisted through patriotism, and at times

through poverty. The army is a necessity. There is no reason why it should be a dirty necessity.

Neatness and cleanliness will lead to sobriety and good behavior. Who ever saw a drunken marine? The deck officer on a ship of war inspects each man as he leaves the ship and as he returns, and the result is that the U. S. Marine Corps is an honor to the Nation.

There is no valid reason why an American soldier should behave more boisterously in San Francisco than in Manila; there is no reason why a soldier should be dirtier in San Francisco than in Peking or Nagasaki, and yet these are facts. Do the commanding officers think it wise to let the men become hoodlums once they are in our city? We think not. We ask that General MacArthur enforce rules of cleanliness. If we cannot have the canteen to keep them sober, let us try to do so through the agency of white shirts, white collars and cuffs, belts, polished buttons and clean clothes.

On the other hand the civil authorities under our present inefficient Mayor should put a stop to a policy that puts a premium on crime. They should hale to the bastille the male and female vampire who lives on the uniformed representative of Uncle Sam. There is much to be hoped for in this direction from the military authorities. All they need is a suggestion, but when it comes to the civil authorities we must confess that there is very little to be hoped for. The present administration is bound by marriage in indissoluble ties to a wide open policy of criminal indulgence.

THE ENDORSEMENT BY THE PEOPLE.

It is no little gratification to the News Letter to feel that it has in many directions curtailed the shameless effrontery of criminal office-holders. From the waterfront to the City Hall there is a long line of offenders who are now compelled to do their work in the dark. The continual campaigning of the News Letter has not stamped out vice, but it has lessened the exploitation of the public in public. We are proud because of the enemies we are making. The circulation of the News Letter is increasing so rapidly that it is difficult to keep up with it in the way of printing press and paper. This is the only endorsement we care for. Our enemies read the paper, the public reads the paper, enjoys the discomfiture of the grafters, and the ultimate result is interesting to the advertiser. He it is that reaps the final benefit.

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**Jewish Encyclopedia,
Volume VI.**

The "Jewish Encyclopedia" is a descriptive record of history, religion, literature, and customs of the Jewish people, from the earliest times to the present day, and is prepared by more than four hundred scholars and specialists. It is published in twelve volumes, and embellished with upward of two thousand illustrations.

A subject of curious interest in volume VI, pages 157-158, is "Hair," an article contributed by Dr. Immanuel Benzinger. Here the writer describes the fashion of wearing the hair by men and women, also the religious customs followed. The rabbinical section of this subject, written under the direction of Dr. Solomon Schechter, President of the Faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary in America, is supplied by Dr. I. Broyde, who tells us that in rabbinical times "a man who curled his hair was regarded as a vain person. At the age of seventeen Joseph was still termed 'na'ar,' or lad, because he was childish enough to curl his hair. Elijah had naturally curly hair; his enemies, however, mocked him, declaring that he curled it . . . While Samson was filled by the Holy Spirit, his hair," we are told, made a noise like bells, and the sound was heard from Zorah to Eshtaol. One authority states that a person who does not wash his hands after shaving his hair suffers from spells of anxiety for three days. A brief note on the superstitions that relate to the hair is added by Joseph Jacobs, B. A., the eminent folklorist. author of "English Fairy Tales" and other contributions to Jewish lore, who points out among other things that to have a hairy body is a sign of luck; and to throw away hair cut from the head will cause a headache.

The topic, "Hand" (pp. 211-212) is from the pen of Dr. M. Grunwald, who in treating this subject covers the origin of tattooing, the customs of the laying on of hands, and of using the hand in taking oath, and of kissing of hands. He tells also that according to the Haggadah the hands of Adam were covered with a horn up to the time of his fall. Dr. Fishberg also contributes interesting data upon "Idiocy" (p. 556) and "Insanity" (p. 603). The statistics which accompany these articles will prove of especial interest to students of anthropology. On the subject of "Insanity," Dr. Fishberg shows that the proportion of Jewish insane in nearly all the places from which statistics have been obtained is often more than double that of the non-Jewish population.

Funk & Wagnalls Co., Publishers, New York.

**The Horse-Leech's
Daughters.**

The ambition of a selfish wife as extravagant as she is beautiful, the ruin of a generous, typically American husband (a member of the Stock Exchange) and his ultimate happiness through the love of another woman, give the central motive of the plot of Mrs. Jackson's new novel. It is further explained by the origin of the title, which is taken from the familiar verse in Proverbs: "The horse-leech hath two daughters, crying, 'Give, give.'" The book shows the reckless extravagance of well-to-do Americans. It is set to the stirring pace of present-day New York, and reflects the mood of buoyancy and power which belongs to the great metropolis and its brilliant society. To one who thinks life is a comedy, as well as to one to

whom it is a tragedy, this novel will have an attraction as extraordinary as it is unusual. The story is told with a skill that leaves in the mind a vivid picture and a sense as of having just watched the actual play of character, so real is it. Through all the apparently hopeless tangle, the author keeps in hand the thread of the happy ending.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Publishers, Boston and New York. Price, \$1.50.

"The Yeoman," published by John Lane, is a novel consisting of thirty chapters, and written something on the line of the dime novel. Price, \$1.50.

"The Life of an Actor," by Pierce Egan, contains twenty-seven colored illustrations and several designs in wood. It is a new edition, founded on that published by C. S. Arnold in 1825. The illustrations are rather crude, and are certainly not superior to anything printed in 1825. The text is well written, and will be appreciated by book readers as well as the theatrical profession. D. Appleton & Co., Publishers. Price, \$1.50.

Edward N. Townsend is to the front again with new "Chimmie Fadden" stories. Mr. Townsend has a large following, and those who enjoy his writings will be as well pleased with his latest book, "Sure," as with "Chimmie Fadden" and other books of a similar character.

Dodd, Mead & Co., Publishers, New York.

"To Windward" is by Henry C. Rowland, the author of "Sea Scamps." It is partly a sea story, and partly the account of a man's struggles in New York. It is full of incident, strong and invigorating, and shows quite a distinct development in style over the preceding works of the same author.

A. S. Barnes & Co., New York.

"Parsifal, the Story and Analysis of Wagner's Great Opera," by H. R. Haweis, is an appreciative and well-written account of the opera. It is seasonably re-printed at this time when this particular opera is receiving much public attention. The author was eminently fitted to do the work, and his readers will no doubt be entirely satisfied. This small work is published by Funk, Wagnalls & Co., New York.

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FINANCIAL

The Chinese and the Rand.

Some weeks ago, when the subject of the importation of Chinese into South Africa for mining purposes was rife, the News Letter remarked that the question was one which the Afrianders would settle eventually to their own satisfaction, and more rapidly than by law. The Chinese as a body have not commenced to come in, and yet a feeling of uneasiness prevails in the community, and a determination has already been announced to keep them when they arrive in a compound or enclosure. That this is not a very satisfactory proposition is evinced by a story told of an experience the late Boer Government had with a "Chink" at the time they were prohibiting the entry of undesirables into the Transvaal, when all the trains arriving over the border were examined and any objectionable characters were turned back. On one occasion a Chinaman arrived in a passenger train. He was removed from the train and taken to the border, and he came back into Charlestown. That evening the Chinaman secreted himself in a goods truck, under a tarpaulin, and essayed to get through in this manner. He was again discovered and kicked from the station to the little stream which divided the two countries, and he again drifted back into Charlestown. Next morning John started on foot to walk up to the promised land. Two days later two Boer policemen arrived, leading him between them with a rope. When they arrived at the border the policemen dismounted and literally wiped up the dust with the yellow man. Then they released the rope, and he again came into the colony. That evening John went to a store; he purchased some red ochre, some blacking and a blanket. He borrowed a bucket of water from the storekeeper and went into the back yard. When he returned he was the most unsightly Kaffir the world has ever seen. Then he started again on his weary way. He got through all right; at any rate he did not come back. It would be a pretty difficult trick to keep individuals of this type in a corral or compound.

Jere Lynch on this city is out in print again. the Klondike.

Ex-State Senator Jere Lynch of this city is out in print again. Since his memoirs of an Egyptian trip, he has rested in quiet until again the silence is broken and the Sphinx speaks, this time upon the frozen North and the ice-clad domains of the Klondike. The tale is told from the standpoint of a "cheechaka," one of the motley gang of adventurers who "rushed" the new diggings in the spring. It was a case of tinker, tailor, soldier and thief with a sprinkling of the capitalistic leaven in this omnium gatherum, which hailed from everywhere and nowhere. Not having been honored with a copy of "Three Years in the Klondike," it is impossible to descant upon its merits, but from what we hear from across the water, the volume has interested people who have read it there. It is said to have a wide range, dealing with all the details of a live mining camp in the true spirit of Bohemianism, which of course will be tolerated and rather admired by Great Britain from the pen of a foreigner, while it would mean failure and rebuke for any author, a resident of that part of the world. It is remarked, however, that in so far as throwing light upon the question of staking claims and working pay dirt and the subject of mining, the information afforded is meagre. While comment also is made that the Mr. Lynch had left

his readers in the dark as to the success of his own venture, it is implied by his critics that he was numbered among the lucky ones who accumulated a pile of the "stuff." Quien Sabe!

Capital Moving on Tonopah.

That the big monied men of the East have their eye on the the mines of Tonopah, is evident from the movement in that direction of capitalists or their experts which has been going on of late. Charles M. Schwab, well known in connection with the great steel trust, has just returned from a personal examination of the camp, and the interests he has already attained there are about to be increased, from all that can be learned. This shows what merit will do in the way of pulling a mining district to the front, and also that there is just as much money ready in America to back up American mines as there is abroad for South Africa or Westralia. The Guggenheim corporation is now the owner of the biggest property in the camp, and with Schwab and a few more like him in point of wealth, this section of Nevada will have as strong a backing as any other camp in the Silver State had, even during the palmiest days of Silver mining. It is too bad that San Francisco got left on the Tonopah disposition, but an investment there would have necessitated somebody putting their hands in their own pockets, and that means something in this burg. The big Board of Brokers also had its chance to control the share selling end of the proposition, but it had no more use for the shares than the local capitalists had for the mines. Fortunately for Nevada, this, however, will not affect Tonopah or its people, who pride themselves now of being independent of San Francisco.

Local Securities are Weak.

The feature of the trading on the local Stock and Bond Exchange during the week was an advance in the stock of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Co. It was just slow and jerky enough to bring into evidence each turn of the jack-screw which worked the oracle. It did not take the up grade with flying leaps, which might have been expected from the news of the new blood about to be interjected into the management of the company. At the rate it is now going, it will be some time before the price reaches a point anywhere between \$80 and par, which represents the point where not a few of the present holders got in. This slow movement does not show much buying upon the part of holders of high-priced shares, desirous of averaging up so as to cut the figure of original purchase down to a level where a chance can be hoped for of getting out of an investment which has caused a lot of people much worriment of mind. Outside of this

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stock, the transactions in which have been regularly marked with the significant mark of time sales, business has not been as brisk as it might be, although in all lines, both bonds and shares, prices, as a rule, have been steady.

A Big Cut Needed in Salaries.

It is now morally certain that C. O. G. Miller, who is an experienced gas man, will have actual charge of the manufacturing department of the S. F. Gas and Electric Company, although not assuming altogether or wearing the mantle of "Manager." He will likely, however, be empowered to put in his own engineers, among whom will likely be his chief, employed when he was at the head of the Pacific Gas Improvement Company. This is one step in the right direction, the next is to cut down the expense of running the institution, reducing all the high-priced lists down to a figure in accord with the requirements of an income which is already strained to meet weighty obligations of an imperative nature. Some money put into improvement and renovation of a very antiquated service plant would be utilized to much better advantage than by the payment of fancy salaries when first-class men in all departments from the head of the institution down can be obtained at a very much lower rate.

The Comstock Market has been quiet of late, prices ruling firm at the north-end, where the principal work on the lode is now being done. The preparatory work at other points has not yet been sufficiently advanced to allow of operations upon the newly arranged plan which involves the utilization of the Sutro tunnel more than ever before in its history.

OBITUARY.

Despondent because of continued ill-health and brooding over the law's delay in settling a long-standing libel suit against a San Francisco paper, with which he had been in litigation for nearly a score of years, Judge J. W. Turner, one of the most prominent attorneys in Northern California, committed suicide in Humboldt Bay April 15th, about 5 o'clock, just as day was breaking. The body of Judge Turner was found by some fishermen about a mile from the spot where the fatal leap had been taken. The Judge had been troubled with neuralgia for a number of months. Lately this was accompanied by insomnia, superinduced by constant worry over the libel suit. After sixteen years' battling the courts recently awarded him \$15,000.

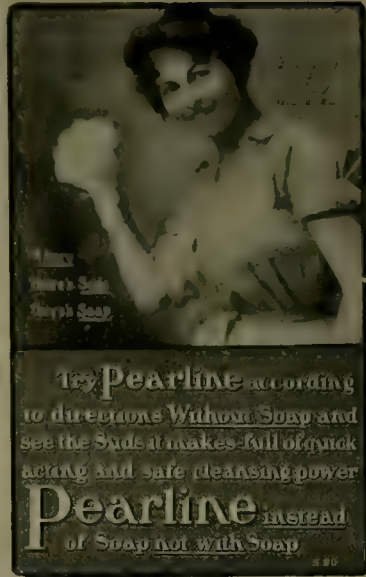
Judge Turner was a prominent Mason, and leaves a family of five children, three daughters and two sons, at San Jose. His oldest son is a student in the law department at Stanford University.

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TOWN CRIER

He sat in gloomy silence
While his family glowered around,
The woe that he was feeling
Was obviously profound.
He was gripping at the table,
And his trembling under lip
Was as soulful as a waiter's
Who has had too small a tip.

It was not that his first-born
Had been buried yesterday,
It was not that his fortune
Had chased itself away.
It was harder, sorer trouble
That produced the sigh and frown—
His daughters were insisting
On a summer out of town.

The municipal work bug is afflicting the brains of our local women to an inordinate extent, and unless a halt is called, we shall have several alarming cases of wheels revolving far too free in charming little heads. It is reported that the babies of some of our most delightful society women ask for models of municipal cars at six months, and before they are two years old display a wonderfully precocious knowledge of the analysis of milk. In some cases, it is whispered that the feminine zeal for pure food has actually led to sterilization. This new feminine departure is being watched with great anxiety by medical experts, who have not yet located the microbe, but in some cases, where the family treasury has been sufficient to warrant it, have entered upon a system of treatment, of which the leading ingredient appears to be more babies. It is observed that the municipal interest of a woman with five babies is much less than one-fifth of her who possesses only one. On the other hand, from a series of close observation, it has been determined that of unmarried young women, those at whose home a young man is observed to call, have very little interest in municipal affairs.

The dictum of the scientists to the effect that evolution consists in the development of specialization does not apply to the local police department. One of them added to his usual equipment a sledge-hammer, a punch and a chisel, all these as assistants in the guarding of a shop. He is unfortunately accused of burglary. This cannot be the case, for the purity of our police Department is so well and generally known that none of our very finest can be even remotely connected with such an offense. The tools are simply evidence of a desire on the part of the policeman to pursue manual training, and may be considered as a distinct compliment to the Board of Education, which has made such entertaining part of the regular school instruction.

We are to have a musical comedy in praise of the devil. This is San Francisco with a vengeance. The French go seriously into the worship of his Satanic Majesty and invent a thing called Diabolism about which learned writers hold forth. They have made a ritual and lots of other stuff in connection with the matter. We write a comic opera, put on a crowd of society people to play it, and enjoy our diabolism in our own way.

One of the curiosities of the University town is the close affinity between its women and robbers, highwaymen or burglars. Surely a professor might be spared to examine the question. Three months ago the phenomenon became apparent in series of highway robberies perpetrated on women; then the women took to highway robbery on their own account; now a woman is credited with the discovery of a burglar, and the tale is still untold. What does it mean? Is it merely a manifestation of the love of notoriety which takes possession of womenkind in this salubrious climate or is it a result of the moral influence of the University student, which affects the most sensitive and sympathetic part of the community. I ask these questions in all seriousness, for the University cannot afford to be laughed at any more at present.

What devilment is the Hearst contingent up to now? On page 28 of the Examiner for last Sunday we read a paragraph heading as follows: "Several Ways of Looking at the President.—He is Identified as Assailant of a Four-Year-Old Girl, and Citizens Give Him a Beating Before he Can Leave Town." Of course, as an item of news, it is about on a par with the usual yellow press standards of veracity, as an example of cleanliness it will bear comparison fairly well with the short editorials, and its usual run of cartoons, and a sample of political amenities it does not come far behind its recognized method of warfare. The delightful part of it is its daring, its unblushing audacity. The news editor, I understand, is to have a raise in salary to mark the appreciation of his employers.

Father Yorke is keeping up his reputation. The Oakland people allow freely that he gives "the most original entertainments on this side of the bay." He did just the same thing in San Francisco. Anything "more original," or more—never mind, let by gones be by gones—than Father Yorke used to give would be so original as to be inhuman. I note; however, that he is leaving labor questions alone and is taking to negro minstrelsy. Not only are the good people of Oakland to be congratulated on the change, but the reverend father will doubtless find it a more agreeable occupation. In either role, whether of agitator or entertainer, he seems fated to provoke laughter.

The Pacific Coast Women's Press Association, the fame of which will live for a considerable time, in the satire of Ambrose Bierce is up against a stiff proposition. Suit has been brought against its members by an expelled member. She claims to have been expelled from the association without trial, owing to the jealousy of her fellow members. The fun of the thing is that the lady in question estimates the loss of social advantages of the Pacific Coast Women's Press Association at one hundred thousand dollars. Mrs. Foster, the lady in question, must have either a glowing imagination or a pretty wit; but what about the lawyer who commenced such an action?

The University is carrying out experiments looking to the formation of a silk industry in this State. Should success follow their efforts, the University authorities should be allowed to turn out a pretty fine variety of the fabric, for, goodness knows, the President is smooth enough.

A SWINDLING DEVICE.

The World's Fair at St. Louis is bringing out the usual crop of swindling devices and questionable schemes that follow in the wake of all great shows. The latest to come to our notice is a company that pretends to issue a "souvenir coin of admission." Mr. Morris B. Gregg and Walter B. Stevens, respectively Director of Concessions and Director of Exploitation of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company, have issued a letter which is countersigned by Mr. D. R. Francis, the President. In order to minimize the loss to Californians as far as it is in our power, we reproduce the warning letter below:

St. Louis, U. S. A., February 27, 1904.

Numerous inquiries have recently been received by this Company from newspapers, publishers and others, making inquiry about the "Louisiana Purchase Souvenir Coin Company," many of them asking whether the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company is officially connected with such "Louisiana Purchase Souvenir Coin Company," or has authorized the operations of that company.

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Every mail brings a number of letters addressed to the Louisiana Purchase Souvenir Coin Company. The Exposition has a Souvenir Coin Department, but has no connections with the company named or any similar company. The only souvenir coin recognized by the Exposition Company is the United States Government gold dollar, which is sold as a souvenir, but which has no relation to the admission of the visitors to the Exposition.

"What is meant by the best?" asked the latest arrival from Mars, as he stepped from his airship. "If you mean the best to eat, the best on earth, and you want oysters straight from their beds, succulent and fresh, go to Moraghan's, at the California Market." An hour after, the Martian was enjoying a fine cigar, and he remarked that there were "no better oysters on the planet," and the crowd endorsed this evidence of good taste in the traveler from afar.

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THE BARD AND THE YELLOW PERIL.

The Bard of the Sierras
Has a grievance to relate;
His language teems with terrors
Of a sort I dare not state.
But the upshot and the zest of it—
Not to bother with the rest of it—
He has lost, and gone in quest of it—
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And the Bard of the Sierras
Sallied out to do the work.
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Threatens Mr. Joaquin Miller,
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A Chat With a Mormon Lady

"Show me a Mormon is the inevitable request of one class of tourists—tourists are divided into two classes: the Cook-ed and the un-Cooked. The raw product expects a Mormon to sprout some distinguishing mark, like hoofs or horns. These people are grievously disappointed when they realize that the Latter Day Saints are cut after the same pattern as their Protestant or Catholic brothers. If the tourist has the open sesame, and is bid to a social function, he is sure to elbow with Mormons, for the bars have long since been let down in Salt Lake, so that the wealthy Mormon and Gentile may take his pleasure in the same pasture. It must be confessed that only the younger generation of Mormons grasp this privilege, and it is unquestionably true that the younger generation rarely enters into polygamy. So there is no chance to study plural wives at first hand in the smart set.

While in Salt Lake recently, I met a number of people at a tea whose names are as well known here as in Zion: The Salisbury, the Kirkpatrick, the Trumbo families were all represented. The affair was given by a leader in the Gentile set, but at least two dozen Mormon ladies were present. They were pointed out to me, and I managed to get one of them for a little chat a dieux in a cozy corner. This lady is a descendent of Brigham Young, a graduate of an Eastern college, and is married to a physician who took his degree at Ann Arbor. She has a fascinating manner and a modern mental range that can take high C in literature and G in art. She touched on subjects ranging from submarine boats to Satsuma ware, from Shakespeare to sewing classes. Afterwards I heard her lecture to the girls at the Zion University. "I am the daughter of a man who had five wives," she said, "and I know that the home life of my mother and my father's other wives was as beautiful as possible under monogamy. I wish I were a good enough woman to let my husband take another wife!"

The next time I met her—it was at a dinner given at the University Club—I braved a question on this delicate subject which Mormons rarely talk about to outsiders. "My husband does not believe in polygamy," she answered. "He would not take another wife if I begged him on my knees, and I have not yet reached that state of spiritual nobility, nor have I attained that divine spirit of renunciation necessary for polygamous relations. How charming the decorations are to-night!"

Which shows that, given a certain religious slant, no amount of mental message can bring the religious bent to the worm. This college-bred Mormon took her creed literally while many other Mormon women of her set, who had not had half the advantages in study and travel she had enjoyed probably accepted the spirit of Mormonism, but laughed at the letter.

The Mormons are very proud of those who achieve distinction in the fine arts. They are delighted over the success Clawson, the portrait painter, has enjoyed in San Francisco. I was asked about him on all sides, and was surprised at the detailed knowledge everybody seemed to have of his work. "Was his picture of that Miss Haydenfelt really a Bohemian Club star success?" "Did the portrait of the Tevis child achieve as much distinction?" were the sort of questions asked by people outside his own family. The Clawson family take up not a little of the census man's time, their progenitors all having had plural wives. This generation, however, has not

taken the polygamy cue from their forefathers. It was a half-sister of Clawson who was the first wife of Governor Wells of Utah, but it was not until after her death that the Governor took a second wife.

The threat of disfranchisement which has tripped on the heels of the Reed Smoot affair as caused a merry tongue-wagging in the land of Much Married Saints and Some Sinners. Judge Powers, of Salt Lake, who is something of a jokesmith, created a ha! ha! by declaring that the Gentile half of Utah would at once turn Mormon. "We won't be able to get a man to serve on the juries in event of Mormon disfranchisement," predicted the Judge. "Every man who wants to get out of jury service will swear he is a Mormon! The average American would swear he was the shade of Joseph Smith himself to escape jury duty."

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Dear Bessie: There is always something odd cropping up here, and the latest is the Chinese Prince who came in on the Gaelic last Sunday en route to St. Louis. He was the first royal personage we have had from the Flowery Kingdom, so Chinatown has been a sight to see—swept and garnished to do him honor, the decorations chiefly yellow, and the triumphal arches made that dingy quarter quite radiant, and it has really been one of the sensations of the week.

Were it not for cards, I fear some of the matrons of the swim would find these long afternoon hours hanging rather heavily on their hands while waiting for the time to come for them to pack up and be off out of town, and scarcely a day passes that one or two games are not played—sometimes more. Seven-handed euchre does not seem to have had its day in spite of the popularity of bridge and 500; it was played at Mrs. Pond's card party last Friday, which was voted one of the best of the season. Leontine carried off one of the pretty prizes and Kelcy Patterson another. Mrs. Frank Wilson had a big card party on Monday—a sort of house-warming for her new home, and Mrs. Shotwell had a little smaller 500 one in her rooms at the St. Dunstan the same afternoon. Mrs. H. M. A. Miller gave a luncheon, followed by six-handed euchre on Thursday, and there are no less than three card parties on hand for to-day. Mrs. George Gibbs, who has gone down South with the Kaness, closed her season in town with two very pleasant affairs last week; a bridge party on Tuesday, a game to which she is "perfectly devoted," and a tea on Thursday, both given as adieus for Mrs. Kane and Stella, who have been with her most of the winter.

While there is not so much doing in town just now, there are quite a number of little affairs being given across the bay, both in Oakland and Sausalito, as well as at San Rafael. Laura Prather gave one of her charming little studio teas last week, and Mabel Mason had one for Rebecca Dixon, who is to marry Arthur Chambers ere long. I had a lovely time at the Findley tea in Sausalito last Saturday—charming weather which brought out many pretty spring costumes, and how glad every one was to see Carrie Merry again. We had a hop at the Presidio the night before, but it was a garrison affair, and not one of those the 10th intended giving, but was pleasant all the same.

It has been rather slack this week in the amusement line; there are always theatre parties both large and small, and I suppose I can class "His Royal Nibs" as the chief event of the week, both on Thursday and last night, at the Alhambra. Mr. Greer Harrison auctioned off the boxes and best seats last week, and nearly every one was on hand to give it a good send-off, with the usual adjuncts of dinners before and suppers after. I expect there will be a crowd in the Sorosis Club rooms this afternoon, when the Chrysanthemums hold their bazar and fete for their free bed at the Childrens' Hospital. You know, most all the girls belong to them in one way or another, and have worked hard to make the affair to-day a success. There will be booths for fancy work, candy, tea, ices, a fish pond, and a musical programme which Laura Taylor has arranged—the hours are from 4 till 6, and I can't begin to tell you all who have promised to be there. Then there is

the Horse Show at Burlingame to-day, too, but it will draw another kind of a crowd, though some I know hope to do them both.

The St. Francis is now the great place for theatre dinner and suppers—yes, and for luncheons and teas, also; Mrs. Rudolph Spreckels, Mrs. Bergovine, Mrs. Ed. Baker and Mrs. Tim Hopkins had luncheons there last week, and Mrs. Joe Tobin a dinner; Mrs. Jack Wilson gave her luncheon last Tuesday—which was for a lot of girls—in the Palace Palm Garden. They were all talking of the Mohican's coming back so unexpectedly, and the hope of some more of the jolly little parties on board which are to memory so dear in the recent past. Admiral Glass is looked for in the near future from his cruise, and in anticipation of his coming, Mrs. Glass has returned from Coronado, where she has been for several weeks, and is at the St. Francis. The St. Louis Exposition is going to attract a lot of our people by and bye, and all who go East are to take it in either going or coming. Jennie Blair and her brother, and Anita Bertheau and her brother, are among those who will soon be off there. The Jack Wilsons have gone to do the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, and will be away till early in May. The Herman Shainwalds are home again—arrived on Monday—so we are hoping ere long to have a peep at all the pretty things in the way of table ornaments which she is said to have picked up during her travels.

Hattie Currier is to be married a little sooner than was intended, and the wedding is named for next Thursday at her home on Pacific avenue, with only the family and most intimate friends present. Dolores Wilkins is to be maid of honor, Jane Barry of Oakland and Mary Nichols of Chico bridesmaids; Charles Gardiner is to be Walter Hale's best man. They go East for their honeymoon. Kate has been telling me of the pretty wedding Miss Elizabeth Doyle and Lieutenant Parker, U. S. A., had last Monday. It took place in St. Matthews' Church, San Mateo, at half-past ten in the morning; she said the bride looked lovely in white silk, point lace, and long tulle veil; and her sister looked equally well in a pink and white costume and large white hat. The men attendants were all in the service, of course—Lieutenant Hickox, who was the best man, and Lieutenant Potter and Lieutenant Farrell, who officiated as ushers.

Don't you remember my hinting to you several weeks ago of Marjory Gibbons' engagement to Lieutenant Shinkle? To be sure, I gave no names, as they did not wish it to be known so soon, but I

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thought you could make out who I meant. The engagement is now, while not formally announced, so well known I need not hesitate in mentioning it, but I believe the wedding will not take place just yet awhile; the death last week of Marjorie's grandmother, Mrs. Raymond, may influence all arrangements in a degree. He is much liked in the service, and quite popular, and she—as you know—is a dear. There are two other engagements talked about—those of Marjorie's cousin, Elsie Dorr, and Hazel King, and 'tis said it will be only a question of a short time before they are formally announced. Alice Rutherford will not be so long behind her sister Emma in becoming a matron as some people seem to think, as news of her engagement to John Erving of New York has been received here this week, so Mrs. Crocker will be happy at having both her daughters married and settled so near at hand.

The 11th Cavalry has come and gone, leaving for its new quarters during the week. We were glad to have Jakey Haines here for a bit—it seemed like old times to see him round again—for he was here a few days before his regiment arrived on hand to welcome its home-coming from the Philippines.

The Garceaus, who have spent the winter at the Richelieu, have selected the Hotel Rafael for their summer locale; Mrs. Garceau is rapidly winning the distinction of being one of the best bridge players in society, and if, as I hear, bridge is to be the game most played at the Rafael this summer, she will be most happily situated. The W. G. Irwins go East next Monday, and will be away all summer; Helen goes with them. Bessie Ames, who has been with her sister in Boston the past month, is, it seems, going to Europe before she returns home; some appear to think it is on trousseau thought intent, as there have been whispers that way for awhile past; she sails the last of May. Helen writes me that Azalia Keyes is just a mite tired of Europe, and coming back to spend the summer on Long Island with her cousin Eleanor, who expects her almost immediately; Kate Salisbury Keyes is down at Paso Robles with the mater. The O'Connor girls are going to Paris with the Robert Boyles, who left yesterday; Mrs. Jimmy Keeney and her daughter have gone on a trip East.

The Dennis Searles go to Menlo Park for the summer; the Athearn Folgers have already left town for their country home at San Mateo; Charlotte Russell is to spend part of the season with the De Sablas at San Mateo, where they have taken the old Howard place now owned by the Martins; the Jack Wilsons are going to spend the month of May and June in the Yosemite Valley and the vicinity, and may possibly be away even longer; the young Sam Wilsons are going to a cottage in Mill Valley for the summer; the Fred Fenwicks have joined the Ross Valleyites this season, and will be among the cottagers there. —Elsie.

AT HOME.

Monday—Mrs. Van Orsdale, The Cumberland; Mrs. Henry Glass, St. Francis.

Thursday—Mrs. O. C. Baldwin, April 28th, 2415 Buchanan street; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abbott Whitmore, nee Wayte, May 12th, 4 to 6 and 8 to 11 p. m., 2529 Van Ness avenue.

Friday—Mrs. Harold Copeland de Wolf, April 28th, 609 Sacramento street; Mrs. Arthur W. Scott, May 6th and 13th, 305 Buchanan street.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Miss Alice Rutherford, daughter of Mrs. George Crocker, to John Langdon Irving, of New York.

Miss Marjorie Gibbons, daughter of Doctor Henry Gibbons, to Lieutenant Edward Shinkle, U. S. A.
Miss Alice Hauxhurst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hauxhurst, Alameda, to Mr. Ronald Clark Kennedy, Hilo, Hawaii.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

April 28 (Thursday)—Miss Harriet Nataline Currier, daughter of Colonel J. C. Currier, to Walter Scott Hale, 2922 Pacific avenue, 12 o'clock noon.

April 30 (Saturday)—Miss Edna Barry to Philip Clay, St. John's Church; Miss Geraldine Scupham to George Steel Lackie, Oakland, 9 p. m.

May 11 (Wednesday)—Miss Ella Goodall to Doctor Charles M. Cooper.

CHARITABLE.

April 23 (Saturday)—Art Exhibition by the Press Club for the benefit of the Children's Hospital, Club Rooms on Ellis street.

April 23 (Saturday)—Horse Show at Burlingame, for the benefit of the Bishop Armitage Orphanage; Fete for the benefit of Chrysanthemum bed at the Children's Hospital, Sorosis Club Rooms, 1620 California street, 2 to 6 p. m.

May 7 (Saturday)—Vaudeville Show and Garden Fete at Arbor Villa, Oakland. In aid of Fourteen Charities.

BALL.

April 30 (Saturday)—On board the U. S. S. Marion.

Arrivals at Hotel Rafael, San Rafael: Mr. and Mrs. M. Van Vliet, Miss Green, Miss Boas, Mr. H. P. Sonntag, Mr. W. L. Meussdorffer, Mr. and Mrs. A. Raas, Dr. and Mrs. Frank C. Pague, Mrs. W. R. Smedberg, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Gunther, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Beaver and family, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haight and family, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Vose, Mrs. Martha L. Ure, Miss Florence Ure, Mrs. Henry Gundelfinger, Miss Smedberg, Dr. C. G. Levison.

Orlof N. Orlow has announced the fourth evening of music to be given at United Crafts and Arts Building, corner of Central avenue and Washington streets, Thursday, April 21, 1904, at 8 o'clock. The programme will be rendered by Miss Ellen Constance Walker, contralto; Miss Blanche Tomie, soprano; Miss Mary Broeck Pasmore, violinist; Miss Susanne Nicholine Pasmore, pianist; Miss Dorothy Bickford Pasmore, cellist; Mr. H. B. Pasmore, Mrs. Charles Warfield, accompanists.

Much interest is felt in the concert of the University of California Glee and Mandolin Clubs at Steinway Hall on April 26th. The re-organized Glee Club has been doing splendid work since Dr. H. J. Stewart assumed the leadership, and the programme for this concert is full of good things.

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VACATION DAYS AT HOTEL DEL MONTE.

Society and all people interested in healthful recreation are planning to go to Del Monte earlier than usual this season. The spring days there are delightful, with wild flowers covering the hillsides, the golf-links a wonderful carpet of green, and the surf just right for swimming. A number of families have already engaged quarters for the season, and others will arrange doubtless before the first of May. Next month there will be an automobile tournament, and during the summer, as usual, the hotel will be the center for all sorts of out-of-door sports. Under the new management, this favorite resort promises to become more popular than ever.

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Only a few weeks ago I referred to the illegal practice existing in the Police Department for years of requiring owners of stolen property, which has been sold to pawnbrokers by thieves, to repay the former the amount they claimed to have paid for the goods, before the owners could recover. Now comes Colonel Pierce, of Oakland, with a complaint that the police are trying to blackmail him in the very manner I described. Pierce's home was robbed. After considerable search, he discovered that the police had recovered his jewels from the pawnbrokers to whom they had been sold. He applied to the Chief of Police for his property, and was informed that he would have to settle with the pawnbroker before he could get back his gems. Pierce refused to be blackmailed, and sued out a search-warrant. Then the whole thing was tied up in the Police Courts in the mysterious manner so usual in those temples of justice. Whether Pierce has yet recovered his property, I am not aware. His experience, however, coming right on the heels of the exposure of the methods of the police, gives added strength to the News Letter's assertion of an urgent need of an investigation into the many violations of the law practiced by the police under the assumption of authority. The relations between the police and the pawnbrokers are illegal, and productive of crime. The police are acting as protectors of the receivers of stolen goods. This assertion is amply proved by the facts in the Pierce case. If the Grand Jury wants to keep itself busy, let it inquire into this affair and others of like nature.

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News comes from the East that Al. Hayman, late of the old Baldwin Theatre, has retired from the theatrical business with a great fortune, and is now touring Europe in his \$14,000 automobile. Hayman always was lucky. Even years ago, when he was running the Baldwin, and before he had made his later strong Eastern connections, he made money, as did no other local theatrical manager. But sometimes he lost it, too, which reminds me of this story:

A friend, meeting Hayman shortly after the close of the theatrical year, thought the impresario looked rather glum.

"What's the trouble?" he asked. "Isn't business good?"

"Oh, fair, fair," said Hayman; "but it might be better."

"Why, I thought you were doing a magnificent business," said his friend. "The street has it that you made a clear profit of at least \$100,000 last year."

"What?" said Hayman, in tones of angry expostulation; "make \$100,000! Why, the fact is, I lost \$25,000 last year."

"I would never believe it," said the friend. "That is astonishing. How did it happen?"

"Why, see here," said Hayman; "year before last I cleared \$100,000. That was good business. But last year everything went wrong, and I came out with a profit of only \$75,000, a clear loss of \$25,000 on the business of the previous year. So, you see, I am a loser to the extent of \$25,000. But I will try to make it up."

And the friend went away slowly, thinking sadly on the losses of Hayman.

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The Supervisors are quarreling over the distri-

bution of the permits to the prize-fighting clubs. The latest phase of the question includes the so-called "amateur" clubs. Most of these clubs are fakes, impure and by no means simple, and the sole object of their promoters is to make money. The amateur clubs are not required to pay the same license as the regular organizations, consequently the amateurs are eager to get as many permits as possible. Of course, they do not comply with the law, for they pay their performers for going into the ring, and in other respects they follow the methods of the bigger clubs, each doing its utmost to get the most dollars from the pockets of the public. The financial interest of all the prize-fighting clubs has grown so great that certain Supervisors now devote more time to the affairs of the plug-uglies than to any other business before the Board. These Supervisors, of course, are "patrons of sport," and their activity in obtaining permits for their favorite clubs is not actuated by any consideration of the success of the financial investments of their friends. Of course not. In striving to strengthen the prize-fighting trust, the Supervisors are animated only by a desire for the public good. They are anxious to show their constituents in what high regard they hold the welfare of the public.

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Lieutenant-Colonel William L. Pitcher, Twenty-Eighth Infantry, being left in temporary command of his regiment at the Presidio, thought he would make a tour of inspection, just to see whether it would be necessary to use his new broom. When he returned to his quarters, the Colonel was hot and muddy and angry. His eagle eye had discovered three old oyster cans and various scraps of paper in the company streets, and he had found slouchy-looking soldiers with unbuttoned uniforms sprawling in the cantonments. The Colonel immediately wrote an order which caused his subalterns to gasp. They have not yet recovered. He directed them to get busy cleaning house, and ordered further that until they had made everything clean and orderly, not a man-jack of them should leave the precincts of the Presidio. Then came petitions, protests and appeals, supplications, prayers and entreaties—all piled in and poured over Pitcher until he was nearly buried in the missives. He stood the storm for three days and then surrendered. Another attempt to make



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some army officers attend to their business had failed. Two Lieutenants, however, will be court-martialed, because they went down town from the Presidio, between the time when Colonel Pitcher began to consider the revocation of his order, and the hour of its actual revocation. The occasion demanded a sacrifice. To a serious man, engaged with worldly affairs, this terrible tempest over the discovery of a stray oyster can seems very much like "playing house." Army officers should keep their petty little squabbles to themselves if they would retain public respect.

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"Uncle George" Bromley celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday last week, and for the eight hundred and eighty-seventh time he recited "When the Cows Come Tinkling Home." He may not be as young as he used to be, but his spirit is as gay as ever. Years ago, a stranger in this strange land, he was one of the party that sat around the board in honor of another birthday of Uncle George. Now this stranger had heard that on these festal occasions the wassail bowl sometimes flowed over. So he decided to be modest and to turn down his glass early in the game. Likewise, he had promised his wife to return to the hotel early. During the dinner the stranger decided that the best thing he could do would be to tie up to the venerable guest of honor, for "surely," he said unto himself, "that nice, old gentleman will leave this crowd of roystering young blades at an early hour, and I can escape with him." So the stranger lingered, lingered, lingered, and Uncle George and the cows made several trips up and down the "dingle, dingle, dingle," but the venerable guest of the evening continued to keep in good spirits. Presently the rays of the morning sun came peeping into the red room to see what was doing. Old Sol saw old Uncle George, and quickly moved along. About 6 a. m. the stranger, true to his original scheme, wandered forth with Bromley. They came to anchor at Lotta's Fountain, and watched the cars file by. The hotel was in sight across the street.

"Now for it," said the stranger. "It is sad to leave him alone and unprotected in the midst of the city's streets, but I must away. Mr. Bromley, I have had a most delightful time, for which I am your debtor. But now I must away."

"What, not going?" Uncle George asked.

"Yes, I must," said the stranger, thinking of the lonely wife.

"Well, what are you going to do the rest of the evening?" asked Uncle George.

And then the stranger fell upon his neck and wept.

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William Wright, a gentleman of color, entered a jewelry store, and when he thought the clerk was not looking, swallowed a locket worth \$60. Willie is about due for an operation for appendicitis.

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Eight undergraduates have been examined at Berkeley to determine their qualifications for admission to Oxford in accordance with the provisions of the Cecil Rhodes scholarships. It is reported that every one of them failed in the preliminary tests in Latin and Greek. The questions were sent out from England, and they bowled over our young men in short order. Schoolmen are aware that the English schools give far more attention to the classics than we do, but that is but small excuse in seeking for an explanation of the failure of the representatives of Berkeley. These undergraduates have been instructed in Latin and Greek, and if their instruction had been

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thorough, it would seem that they should have acquired enough knowledge to have passed the entrance examinations to Oxford in these branches. The tests, the Professors report, were no more severe than the usual tests for matriculation at the great English university.

Business men will see little, if any, cause for complaint in the inability of the Berkeley students to overthrow the problems of the dead languages, for they will submit the old argument that a knowledge of Virgil and Horace or Homer will be of but small assistance in accumulating dollars in the marts of trade. There are a few people, however, who are yet foolish enough to think that the piling up of coin is not the main object of man's existence. To these, the failure of the representatives of the State University will be cause for regret. It might be well for the Regents to look into this matter, for the collapse of Berkeley in the competition certainly indicates weakness somewhere in its structure.

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Under the cornerstone of the new Carnegie Library at Berkeley was placed no box filled with coins, newspapers and official documents. The town officers did not rise to the occasion. But the contractor did. He pasted his business card to the bottom of the corner stone. There is at least one contractor who bids fair to live in history.

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Eleven pupils of the Fairmount School broke into the school building last Sunday and cut up the strap used by the principal to enforce discipline. They also broke some furniture and stole some chalk. These lads are evidently preparing for a course at Berkeley.

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Thomas H. Russell, the original Little Lord Fauntleroy, was married the other day. Gentlemen, we are getting old.

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TIVOLI—"The Beggar Student."—Beggars description.

Miss Irving, at the new Majestic Theatre, is a great success, but she is no greater than her company of the play. "The Crisis," dramatized by the gifted author, Winston Churchill, is one of the best I have seen in many moons. Here is a company worth seeing, a play worth sitting down to and enjoying. It is a natural, sweet and most interesting piece of stage work. There is none of the Ibsen morality. It is a wholesome bit of Americanism. There are no problems that smell to heaven. It is a play that leaves a delightful memory. The management should come in for first praise. I have rarely seen such painstaking care in the setting of a play. You can easily imagine yourself away back in St. Louis in the strenuous days of the war, and you remain in St. Louis until after you wake to find yourself in San Francisco's streets again.

The piano, the tables, the chairs are old vintage. The costumes are a study from the fashion plates of the times depicted in the play. The scenery is good, the acting is splendid, the seats are comfortable, and the theatre, when finished, will be one of the finest in the United States.

Miss Irving as Virginia Carvel is a sweetly winsome conception. The rest of the company is very well balanced with the honors going to Mr. North as the Bostonian and to Mr. Thomas A. Hall's Colonel Carvel, who never forgets his part and lives it to the letter to the infinite enjoyment of his audience. The noble and refined character of the grand old Southron is depicted in a manner that must please the author.

If you want an evening of quiet, keen enjoyment that will appeal to your better nature and to your intellectuality, go to the Majestic and see "The Crisis."

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At the Grand this week the principals are a howling success. The merry press agent is at work making capital for the Antipodean tour. There is a nice story of a ten thousand dollar guarantee or forfeit to be given by Winfield Blake that he will not wed on the Australian tour. It now remains for some one to fake up a story that Amber will not flirt with the Kangaroos, that Kolb will let the Ponies alone, and that Bernard will stop joking about his father-in-law. The chorus at the Grand has the Chutes amateur night "skinned to death." It is the fiercest thing that ever came over the pike in the way of ensemble work.

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Fun fast and furious is the keynote of "Running for Office," the new risical frivolity presented for the first time at the Columbia. No better setting for the varied talents of the Four Cohans could have been devised. George M. Cohan is versatile, indeed. Not only has he written the book and the music, but dancing, singing, joking or gesticulating he is almost

constantly before the footlights during all of the three acts of the play. Were it not that he is so ably surrounded by his father, his mother, his charming, sprightly sister, and the well chosen people who fill so adequately their respective roles, he could easily constitute the whole show. He is a host in himself. The Cohan family form a quartette of rare excellence, for nothing could be more effective than their ensemble playing. Josephine Cohan shows herself a sweetly natural actress, and a gracefully vivacious dancer. "If I were Mr. Morgan," "Sweet Popularity," and other songs and choruses were—with "I'll Be There in the Public Square"—sung effectively by Della Nivens—the musical features of the play. But it is the noise, the nonsense, the fun-engendering situations, the jollity, the hilarity, the costumes—all forming an irresistible, mirth-provoking medley—which leave their impress upon eye and ear long after the curtain is rung down. It is a fun-show which fun-lovers—may their tribe increase—cannot afford to miss.

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Fischer's has a good show this week in "Chow-Chow." General Hardtack is a fine piece of work by Frank Kelly. Roy Alton gives some splendid acting as Beef II, a poor king who afterwards becomes a good cook. Helen Russell has not much to do, but what she does in "Chow-Chow" is well done. The rest of the characters are all well portrayed, and the piece is generally good without being extraordinary. The music seems very thin in spots.

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The Tivoli boards are held by the "Beggar Student" this week. It is to be presumed the players are doing their best with Milloecker's opera. This is a case of where the best is like the worst. Hartman's Ollendorf was a very poor production, and the rest of the male cast is a bad second. Caro Roma sang well in the character of Laura, but her stage presence is becoming daily more markedly bad. The crowning incompetency of the whole thing is the singing and acting of Dora de Fillipe. Some one told this lady, many years ago when she was young, that she could sing and act, and she believed her informant. The result is to be seen every night at the Tivoli.

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There's a good show at the Orpheum this week. The Mortons are still with us. The Ellis-Nowlan trio and several other first-class artists help to make a most enjoyable performance pass smoothly.

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"The White Squadron" at the Central is drawing quite a crowd. Scenically considered, this is a great success, and the rapid play and sparkling effects please the people who attend.

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When Clyde Fitch wrote "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson," he dubbed it a comedy. This is where he made his mistake. It is a first-class drama with a fine vein of sarcasm and merriment thrown in. Some of the Eastern critics have been accusing Mr. Fitch of an adaptation from the French. These critics cannot have seen the play. It is Fitch's own, without a doubt.

The Alcazar company is an aggregation of the most versatile artists in the United States. This was shown at no time to better advantage than in "Frisky Mrs. Johnson."

Miss Block and Miss Starr shared the honors in their respective parts, and Miss Block's acting, in the parting scene between herself and brother Jim (Mr. Durkin), was a sample of some of the very high order of emotional work this lady always has at her command. She suffered from a frightful cold, which, was scarcely perceived by the audience, and through the whole week she held herself right down to her fine acting. Mr. Conness was at his best, and it is a relief to know that he can play the good man as well as he can the villain. There was but one rift within the lute, and that was the Dindeau of Osbourne. There is a soupcon that Osbourne's French pronunciation was acquired at a young ladies' seminary. He pronounces French words with the fluency and correctness of a Pomeranian peasant.

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At the Alhambra, "His Royal Nibs" scored a great social success on Thursday evening and last night. I will reserve a critique of this very interesting little operetta for next week, limiting myself to the statement that Shafter Howard, considered musically, is cut out for larger and better things than a light comedy harmony.

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The recent hot spell is responsible for the discovery that the new Tivoli Opera House is one of the coolest spots in the city. Its ventilation is simply perfect.

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The Mansfield productions in San Francisco call for eleven railroad cars to carry the scenic embellishments. Mr. Mansfield is super-sensitive as to minor detail, and it is said that he has developed his penchant to excess in the production of the batch of plays we are soon to have at the Columbia.

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It has been arranged to give Maud Adams a big reception in Salt Lake City on the arrival of her special. Some Eastern wag says that this is due to the fact that Maud has always been considered in the class of "safe women" to trust one's husband with. Trust a Mormon as a keen judge of woman's nature.

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Mr. George C. Tyler will leave for Europe about the middle of May, and will probably remain away until October. He will rest in Italy and be in London in time to see Miss Eleanor Robson present "Merely Mary Ann" at the Duke of York's Theatre early in August. To Mr. Tyler may be credited all the great successes of Liebler & Company.

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Russian diplomatists have always been considered astute politicians and masters of the art of statecraft, and for a half a century the war est-

ablishment of the Empire has stood at the front of the European nations for ability of management. But for all that, neither Russia's diplomatists nor her war ministers have failed to see that the multiplicity of facilities for the transmission and distribution of current events have enlightened the world so much that all attempts to play upon the credulity of the public and mislead by deliberate falsehood resolve themselves into boomerangs. In the face of scores of able and critical newspaper correspondents, and their graphic descriptions of current events, which are promptly flashed over the wires to every commercial center in the world, St. Petersburg Government officials occupying the highest places in the State persist in falsifying every report of conflicts in the war zone. To such an extent has this practice been carried that even the truth is discredited when coming through Russian channels. Immediately after every clash on land or sea, an overwhelming defeat of the Japanese and a great victory for the Russian is claimed and announced. Already more Japanese warships and boats have been sunk, according to Russian reports, than Japan ever possessed, and several land engagements have been fought in which the ground was covered with dead and wounded Japanese, and all the wonderful events happening without the correspondents or even the Japanese soldiers knowing anything at all about the happenings. Such deliberate lying is not only belittling to the St. Petersburg Government, but it is sure to disgrace it in the estimation of decent people the world over. If it be true, as is intimated, that the public mind in the Czar's empire is in such a state of unrest and dissatisfaction that the people have to be bolstered up with greatly exaggerated reports of Slav victories, to prevent a revolution, the moral sense and patriotism of Russians are at a very much lower ebb than was supposed. A wise Government would know that sooner or later the people would get all the facts and know how unjustly they had been deceived, which would be likely to incite them to acts of violence that might end in the overthrow of the empire. But likely the fault lies mostly with the officials on the ground, who purposely falsify the situation to deceive St. Petersburg. Certain it is, no field commanders ever took more pains to have "favorable mention" or "puffs" of themselves in the world's newspapers than the Russian Generals at the front. At the beginning of hostilities the News Letter pointed out how lying reports and self-puffed generals was likely to become a weakening process which would pretty well demoralize the Russian soldiers in the field and the Czar's subjects at home. Thus far the campaign of the Russians has been one of boastings and altogether amateurish.

Instead of countermarching out In Thibet for of Thibet for good and all as ordered by the Llama, Great Britain is re-inforcing the Thibetian army of observation from India, the viceroy undertaking to garrison Thibet from details from his own contingent. And since only mild protests from the other powers have been lodged against England's intentions north of the Himalayas, it may be accepted as a practically consummated fact that for all time to come British influence will be behind the Thibetian Government. In this connection it may be of inter-

est to know that the area of Thibet is nearly six times that of California, and that the country is adapted to grain growing and stock raising; that in those respects it is superior to Canada, and that the country offers rare advantages to white home-seekers. And since the present population is only about 7,000,000, mostly worthless religious fanatics, immigrants will find plenty of room for farming and stock raising on a large scale. No doubt the London Government will see to it that a satisfying tide of immigration is headed that way. There is some surprise at the Kaiser's acquiescence in Great Britain's policy to add more than 800,000 square miles of Asiatic territory to her Indian possessions, but it is not believed that Germany has any promise of British moral or any other kind of support should she attempt to enlarge her own territory in the Far East. It seems to be a case of "can't help it" with the Berlin Government; besides, the reorganization of the British army by doing away with the army corps and putting the entire military force upon the divisional plan of organization, may be engaging so much of the Kaiser's attention that the Thibetian affair has escaped his notice, for the new basis of England's army organization means that there has been an awakening in military circles to the necessity of complete preparedness on all possible lines of the science of war for any eventuality.

Our Own Affairs. Our own outlying possessions are in a fairly good state of peace, but not so much can be said of their commercial or moral prosperity. All of them, however, are clamoring for so much of a modification of the Chinese Exclusion Act as will permit them to rely upon China for plantation labor under contract. Labor union organizers have reached most of the island territories, and planters as well as merchants are fully aware of the fact that it will be merely a question of time until they will be face to face with organized labor and all that it implies. Hence it is that they are anxious to take time by the forelock and be prepared to meet the tyranny of organized field labor by a sufficient force of Asiatics who will contract their service for a specified number of years, thus making it impossible for organized labor to take advantage of the pressing needs of matured crops and advance wages beyond the ability of the products to pay. In our Porto Rico Island the crop-devastating hurricane continues to make farming an uncertain business, but barring that the island gives promise of large and profitable crops of all kinds of ground products. A good many Americans are already there, and driving ahead in agricultural ventures, and it is they who are demanding of Congress a modification of the Exclusion Act. Hawaii is gradually increasing in population, individual wealth and civilization, but it is a good place to keep away from unless one has capital to invest, or to risk, rather. The Philippines are still in a state of unrest because the natives are not over anxious to be "beneficently assimilated," but Americans and the better class of Filipinos are gradually placing the agricultural and mining industries upon a reasonably strong basis, and on the whole, the outlook is fairly promising, but the entire products of the Archipelago would fall very far short of paying the expense of the maintenance of the military establishment that is required to keep the "old flag" flung to the breeze. There is hope in Washington, however, that the time will come when the wisdom of buying the Archipelago will appear in a more convincing way than it yet has, although Spain's books show that 400 years

trial by the Madrid Government failed to show anything but an annual deficit for the islands. Our Panama Canal venture is still a perplexing problem. A clear title to the franchise and right of way is by no means assured, which, together with the enormous steals already provided for and the great annual cost of military and naval protection that will be absolutely necessary in the event of the canal being constructed, are cooling the sometime canal enthusiasm of our people. Still, the syndicate is powerful in political influence, and the project will be a fact sometime.

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Pleasure's Wand.

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Flo Adler, the mezzo-soprano who toured with Remenyi, the great violinist, for two seasons, and who has also sung with many noted opera companies in the East, will make her first appearance at the Chutes the coming week. Bowers and Curtiss, presenting their farcette, "Where is John," and Huston, the comedy juggler, will also be new. Alberta C. Hadley and Helen Archer will introduce specialties in their comedy sketch, "The New French Maid"; little Ruth Roland, the talented child, will change her songs and dances, the three Malverns will continue their graceful and daring acrobatic exhibition, and the animatoscope, showing the latest novelties in moving pictures, will conclude a varied and attractive programme. The amateurs will appear on Thursday night, and an electric May pole dance will be given Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 30th and May 1st and 2d. Many rare animals have recently been added to the zoo.

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Melbourne McDowell, who is said to be a changed man and a much improved actor, will open on May 1st at the Grand with a support headed by Constance Crawley, of Ben Greet fame. This clever woman will be remembered by theatre goers as one of the "Everyman" Company. McDowell will give us a batch of Sardou plays.

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The "Still Alarm" should fill the Central all of next week. It is a melodrama that has always drawn crowded houses, and while there are many of the hypercritical and the blase who would not enjoy the "Still Alarm," there are thousands of others who will gladly hie themselves to the home of melodrama and come away thrilled and satisfied. The Central is the Mecca of the seekers of strenuous actioned denouements.

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The Tivoli will give us a week's season of "When Johnnie Comes Marching Home." It is more than probable that there will be a large attendance. This opera, if it may be so called, was immensely popular in its former long run with the patrons of the beautiful Eddy street house.

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"The Runaway Girl" will succeed "When Johnnie Comes Marching Home" at the Tivoli.

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"Chow-Chow" will have but a brief run at the house of Fischer, as the intention is to close soon for improvements.

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Caroline Hull is to succeed Miss Russell at Fischer's.

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Next week the Roger Brother's advance sale of seats will open at the Columbia. The date has been changed from Thursday to Wednesday. This company travels by special train, and it is a very large one.

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Properly fitting Glasses and Murine Eye Remedy promotes Eye Comfort. Murine makes weak eyes strong. Soothes, doesn't smart.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of PAUL BROCK, deceased, Dept. 30335 No. 8. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, M. J. Hynes, Public Administrator of the City and County of San Francisco, and Administrator of the Estate of PAUL BROCK, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, the said deceased, to exhibit them with necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Administrator, at room 569, Parrott Building, Nos. 825 to 855 Market street, the same being his place for the transaction of the business of the said estate in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

M. J. HYNES

Administrator of the estate of PAUL BROCK, Deceased.
CULLINAN and HICKEY, attorneys for administrator, Rooms 567-668-569, Parrott building, San Francisco, Cal.
Dated at San Francisco, April 23, 1904.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

Office of the Sierra Railway Company of California, Room 229 Crocker Building, San Francisco, Cal., April 1, 1904. Coupon No. 14, due April 21, 1904, from first mortgage 6 per cent. bonds of Sierra Railway Company of California will be paid at the fiscal agency of this company, the Crocker-Woolworth National Bank on after that date.

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Lew Sully, fun-maker extraordinaire, has been dubbed "President of the Laugh Trust." It is said he can spread contagion in his audience by cracking a smile.

At the St. Francis, the bell hops have been living on the fat of the land since Anna Held came to town. Miss Held regards the bell boy institution as one of the glories of the American Republic. Her Secretary extended an invitation for two nights to the boys for the front row of the orchestra. It is needless to say that the hotel Mercuries appreciated the compliment. Anna gave a dinner on last Saturday to her entire company at the Saint Francis.

The four hundredth consecutive week of the Alcazar stock company will begin Monday, April 25th, with "The New Clown" as the attraction.

Irene Palmer, under the direction of Hugo Mansfeldt, gave a highly enjoyable piano recital at Steinway Hall on Thursday. This child gives wonderful promise, and it is to be hoped that an undoubted genius will not be spoiled by the necessary overwork to develop her into a professional child prodigy.

The Kolb-Dill-Blake-Bernard Combination are playing to large houses at the Grand. "Fiddle-Dee-Dee" will hold the boards until Wednesday night; then comes a change to a double bill, "Whirl-i-Gig" and the "Big Little Princess."

Frederick A. Gower, brother of the Duke of Tacoma, Nordica's first husband, escaped the bonds of matrimony by the balloon route, and was not heard from again until last week, when he is said to have turned up in Paris. Mr. Doehn, the diva's present husband, whose name is strangely like a swear word, with a Belgian twist, is seeking a divorce, and the suggestion is made in one of the daily papers that he will use the re-appearance of number one to influence the court. This is an "unfair shop," and there should be a statute of limitation as regards gents of a roving disposition who take aerial flights. It is decidedly uncomfortable for women of a domestic tendency, doehmed if it isn't!

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ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Justice Mining Company.

Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Gold Hill, Storey County, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 19th day of March 1904, an assessment (No. 80) of ten (10) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the company, room 70, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on 22nd DAY OF APRIL, 1904

will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Wednesday, the 11th day of May, 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors.

E. E. KELLY, Secretary
Office—Room 70, Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco California

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Gould & Curry Silver Mining Company.

Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works—Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 16th day of April, 1904, an assessment (No. 104) of 10c per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation payable immediately, in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, Room 69, Nevada Block No. 309 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on

THE 19th DAY OF MAY, 1904,

will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Tuesday, the 7th day of June 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors,

J. B. SHAW, Secretary.

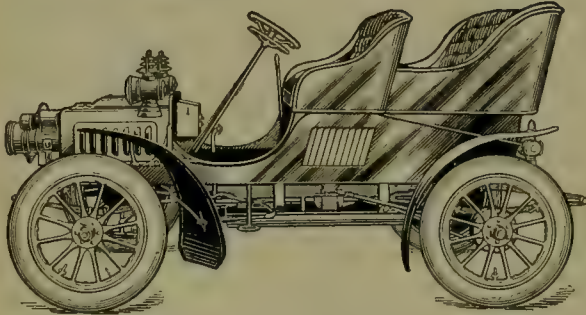
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BY THE AUTOCRANK

Now comes the news that the Automobile Club of California will give a race meet and show next month.

This will be a very important event, as it will have a great bearing on the future of the pastime and sport in California, especially in and about San Francisco. There is no doubt but that the automobilists of the Southern part of the State will make a success of their part of the automobile races. But last year showed the local men that they will have to look to their laurels. They tried Barney Oldfield out last year for a record, money spent, nothing doing! The South raised the price and Oldfield made the world track record for Los Angeles. So it is up to the officials of the local automobile club to retrieve the name of San Francisco from its worthy competitors of the lower part of the State.

Considerable comment has been caused by the suggestion of the continuation of the great highway south to Half Moon Bay. It is one of the things that the Supervisors of this and San Mateo County should give considerable consideration. What could be suggested in the way of a road that would be its equal.

American Darracq Automobile Company is considering several applications for the agency of this machine, but have not as yet decided upon who to bestow the privilege of representing the famous machine.

The Darracq, with King of Belgium tonneau, is one of the handsomest and most satisfactory machines ever built.

The Locomobile Company of America has just been advised of some excellent work done by a four-cylinder touring car owned by M. E. Gaines of New York. The car was shipped to the Pacific Coast, and a tour made in Lower California, covering 2,600 miles. During this entire distance, absolutely no attention was given to the machinery, except to substitute a few clean spark plugs, and at no time on the tour did the engine stop once of its own accord.

The Mobile Carriage Company reports the sale of a Pierce Arrow touring car to Mr. Jafet Lindeberg. Mr. Lindeberg was one of the first discoverers of the great gold fields in the vicinity of Nome, and since his return to business he has taken an active interest in automobiling.

Mr. G. A. Boyer of the National Automobile Company has just returned from the South, and reports the following sales of four-cylinder Pope-Toledo mile-a-minute cars: George M. Pullman, Tracy Drake, Michael Cudahy, E. W. Davies, Mr. Aler-ton, M. A. Gunst, George P. Fuller, E. E. Peabody, L. P. Lowe, Marshall P. Harris, and James L. Flood.

The great garage of the Mobile Carriage Company is nearly filled with machines, the company having made provision in order to give the owners first-class service. The company permits no novices

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or apprentices in the shop; it will not allow any one to work on cars they are not familiar with, which is very satisfactory on the whole to their patrons.

Permission to hold the English elimination trials for the international cup automobile race on the Isle of Man has been granted to the Automobile Club of Great Britain, and the fifty mile course will be covered six times by the aspirants for the honor of representing Great Britain in the trying speed test over the German course.

The Mobile Carriage Company has just sold a Stanhope, through its Los Angeles branch, to Mr. A. P. Fleming, secretary of the Los Angeles Automobile Club. Mr. Fleming is touring Southern California, making trips as far north as Santa Barbara. He reports satisfactory results, and is delighted with his new purchase.

A Pierce Stanhope has also been sold through the San Francisco house to Mr. Jeffries of Fresno. He is in the fruit shipping business, which requires him to make daily trips through the country, calling on farmers who have goods to sell. There are in Fresno now about forty Stanhopes.

The Mobile Carriage Company furnished the automobiles for the Prince Pu Lun, the nephew of the Emperor of China, and his routine of servants. By special permit, the automobiles were run on the Mail Dock, from where the visiting party was escorted through Chinatown, the trip ending at the Chinese Consulate.

Mr. and Mrs. Heber C. Tilden have spent several days touring in their Pierce Arrow, in the vicinity of Byron Springs. The trip from Oakland, a distance of 75 miles to the Springs, was made in a little less than three hours.

The Mobile Carriage Company has just received another carload of two-cylinder Arrows. These are finished in royal blue, and provided with Mercedes hoods and Whitlock radiators. Orders for these cars are increasing, and this shipment will soon be sold.

The Bullet No. 2 is unquestionably America's greatest and most successful racing car. It won 26 track races last season, broke every world's track record from 1 to 15 miles, won the world's mile straightaway championship in competition from Wm. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and lowered the world's one mile straightaway record, also in competition, to 43 seconds.

During the past week Buckboards were sold to the following: Mr. J. Craig, Woodland; Mr. J. S. Miller, Dayton, Oregon; Mr. F. E. Baker, San Mateo, a one-time yachtsman; and Mr. E. C. Schnabel, San Francisco.

A. C. Aiken, the attorney, has just purchased a White touring car. Mr. Aiken will be remembered as having been one of the first to take an automobile into the Yosemite.

Dr. E. E. Kelly, President of the State Medical Association, has purchased from the Mobile Carriage Company a Pierce Stanhope. Dr. Kelly has a large practice which calls for the use of several horses. After carefully computing the expenses of

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A telegram was received by the Pioneer Automobile Company, from its Los Angeles Branch, to the effect that a carload of the curved dash Oldsmobile runabouts had arrived there; consequently there is great rejoicing at the home office. A carload of these runabouts is due to arrive in San Francisco Tuesday or Wednesday. The 1904 machines have several new improvements and an increase of two horse-power.

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Mr. E. J. McCutcheon made the trip from San Francisco to San Jose and return last Sunday in the White touring car, taking the road on the Alameda County side, and going over on the nine o'clock boat. The trip was taken in easy stages, and yet the party made the four o'clock boat on the return.

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Alexander Winton has again demonstrated his loyalty to American motoring interests by announcing his willingness to enter the Winton Bulletin No. 2 in the Gordon-Bennet cup race. When Mr. Winton was told that the Automobile Club of America had decided to re-open the Gordon-Bennett entries, because the American team remained incomplete, he immediately expressed his willingness to supply the deficiency, notwithstanding his earlier determination not to have Winton racing cars compete abroad this year. If the A. C. A. accepts Mr. Winton's entry, the Bulletin will be manned by Harry Owsney, who has succeeded Barney Oldfield as Mr. Winton's racing representative.

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During the past week the Pioneer Automobile Co. have received orders from their country agents for Oldsmobiles as follows:

Stockton Automobile Co., Stockton, Cal., three curved dash Runabouts and two tonneaus.

Hanford Agricultural Works, Hanford, Cal., one curved dash Runabout.

P. J. Steiger, Petaluma, Cal., two curved dash Runabouts.

F. S. Jacks, Napa, Cal., one curved dash Runabout and one tonneau.

George H. Osen, San Jose, Cal., four curved dash runabouts.

Three Stevens-Duryeas were shipped this week into Oregon, and orders have been received from Washington for two 1904 Winton touring cars, which will go forward the latter part of this week.

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Dr. C. B. Brown, of Portland, recently shipped his White touring car from that city to San Francisco, and has been touring in California. After a few preliminary lessons in the operation of his car, he went out unassisted, and ran from San Francisco to Los Angeles, touring the country in the vicinity of Los Angeles.

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President E. P. Brinegar, of the Pioneer Automobile Company, makes the following announcement, viz: "The company has purchased from Mr. L. E. Lee, at a valuation of \$95,000, the real estate on which their new garage is situated. They have also purchased the business of the Oldsmobile Company of Southern California, which embraces Los Angeles and all surrounding territory. The business in Southern California will be in charge of Mr. John F. McLain and Mr. Leon Shettler. Mr. Shettler has purchased a substantial interest in the Pioneer Automobile Company. Under this new arrangement, the company will have the Pacific Coast agency for the Winton touring car, Oldsmobile, Locomobile, Stevens-Duryea, the Georges Richard-Brasier French cars, and the Vehicle Equipment Company's Electric Trucks, etc.

The international cup race is for a challenge trophy offered by James Gordon Bennett for an automobile race over a distance of about 300 miles. Three cars from each country are allowed to start, but the cars must be manufactured and every part of them made in the country that they represent. The country winning the trophy keeps it until the following year, and has the privilege of having the next race on its own grounds. Last year it was won by Jenatz of Germany, and the year before by Edge of England.

America's trials will take place at Ormond, Florida, and the tremendous strides in manufacturing automobiles here warrants the belief that his country will secure high honors in the contest abroad, albeit we don't bring back the cup. The French trials will be held over the Ardennes Circuit during May.

The 18x36-inch panorama photograph of the Anna Held Company in White Touring Cars has just been completed, and is one of the finest automobile photographs we have ever seen.

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The sales so far this season have been a great deal in excess of those of last year. Although the Pioneer Automobile Company has not shown sample of the Oldsmobile as yet, they have forty-eight orders with deposits for machines. In the sale of Winton touring cars, the company have sold seventeen cars more this season than they did at the same date for 1903. The general outlook for the company this season is very bright.

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INSURANCE

The insurance world, at least that part of it which is engaged in life insurance, knows of Mr. Gage E. Tarbell, the author of monthly letters to the agents of one of the companies among those known as the "three giants." He, not content with writing on insurance matters, has climbed over the prosaic fence which is supposed to confine the domain of cold-blooded life insurance business, and has run riot in the orchard of poetry and drama. He has lugged dear old "Parsifal" into the insurance business. Here is what he writes during one of his recent monthly attacks: "The American public have heard much of Richard Wagner's great music-drama, "Parsifal," recently. Even those who have given it the most superficial study are impressed with the fact that it was a tremendous undertaking, but few probably know that it was only by indefatigable industry that Wagner scored the work in three years, notating with his own pen about one million three hundred thousand characters. Think of it! Think of the labor involved in any great task that comes to your own mind, and then ask yourself if there is any reason why you should be an exception to the universal law." Shades of Wagner, "think of it," "think of it"—think of any man desiring to point a moral and adorn a tale of life insurance by citing the career of that guileless fool (parsifal).

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Mr. Stanley Forbes, the General Agent of the Mutual Life, is on a brief trip to Southern California.

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Echoes caused by the Conservative Life Insurance Company's field day convention have reached as far as San Francisco. It lasted for almost a week, was largely attended by the leading managers and agents of the company, and so far as heard from, it was a brilliant success. The company is advertising California and itself by these annual gatherings. It gave a trip to the Catalina Islands, and the glass-bottomed boats were used by the guests as well as other glass bottoms not boat shaped. The leading citizens of Los Angeles met the visiting guests, and the banquet given by the company as a finale to the convention is reported as having been among the most prominent social affairs ever known in Los Angeles. A round dozen of the San Francisco leading agents of the company, headed by Mr. Fred Bennion, were present, and the northern part of the State held its own in oratory and courtesy with that of the Southland.

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Mr. Flitcraft, editor of the Insurance Courant of Chicago, passed through San Francisco to attend the Conservative Life Insurance Company's convention at Los Angeles, and Mr. C. D. Drew of the Denver Insurance Report was also a passing visitor pilgrimaging to the same Mecca.

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It is understood that a solid fire insurance company, hailing from some place near Chicago, contemplates securing the services of Mr. Hall, who was so prominently connected with the Thuringia. Another rumor is that the re-insuring company has recognized the value of his services, and made overtures to retain him in its employ.

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It is said that Mr. J. G. Conrad will decline the offers made to him by other fire offices to take a company to replace the Thuringia and that he contem-

plates retiring from the active representation of any fire insurance company whatsoever. This will be a loss to the fire underwriters, as Mr. Conrad's counsels and diplomatic ability have helped to smooth over more than one rough place, and this within the memory of those who are nearest to the workings of the inner circle of the leading managers.

The new fire insurance centre, Pine and Battery, begins to take on an air of business which leads to the supposition that, after all, the business follows the company, and that more than a good office location is needed to get a good business.

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The Austrian Phenix is to move into the new Board of Trade building as soon as it is completed.

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It is understood that Mr. Stovel and Mr. Bates went East to secure the agency of the Rossia, and it is further rumored that they stand a chance to get it. The Rossia deposited with the Insurance Department of New York and with its American trustees, United States and New York city bonds of the par value of \$500,000, and the market value of \$564,000, and complied with all other necessary requirements and was duly licensed. The company is one of the leading insurance corporations of the Russian Empire. Mr. Carl F. Sturhahn is its United States manager. The United States trustees of the Rossia are Mr. Hugo Schumann, president of the Germania Fire, Mr. Hubert Cillis, vice-president Germania Fire, and Mr. Isaac Seligman, the well-known banker.



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The fire extinguisher fake is exploited by an insurance journal as follows: "A form of fire extinguisher now extensively sold under various fancy names substitutes for the solution a dry mixture of salts, usually in a long tin tube. The contents generally consist of common salt and bicarbonate of soda, of course in their cheapest commercial forms. Such a fire extinguisher, making a liberal allowance for the cost of the tube and the brilliantly colored wrapper with the picture on it, probably costs the manufacturer about fifteen cents; it is sold for two dollars, although if you work hard you can beat the agent down to twenty dollars a dozen. The mixture is, of course, fairly effective for extinguishing a fire if thrown directly on the burning material, and at a reasonable price such extinguishers are good things to have around." The News Letter, however, holds to the idea that a hose attached to a faucet and properly used, is better than any extinguisher as a sort of ad interim fire killer pending the arrival of the fire department.

If you ask ten persons where their nearest fire alarm box is located and where to find the key to open it, maybe you would be surprised to find that not one of the ten people to whom this query was propounded by the News Letter man knew anything about it, and the whole ten of them were in the fire insurance business, and eight of the ten said call the policeman.

Baltimore fire—Yes, Baltimore did have one, but it, like the Rochester fire, is forgotten.

Considering that San Francisco is now discussing the advisability of furnishing an auxiliary salt water system for fire protection, it leads to the conclusion that there is nothing new under the sun.

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Relations of Capital and Labor

It is the opinion of many of the leading financial and business men that the present strained relations between capital and labor are a menace to the continued prosperity of the country. A very clever and interesting treatise dealing with both sides, is printed in the Bankers' Magazine, by Charles N. Chadwick. This able writer says:

"The terms capital and labor must be understood to mean combinations of capital and combinations of labor in their restraint of trade. In other words, they relate to the industrial situation of the country; and the question must be viewed as a whole, not from the standpoint of capital alone, nor from the standpoint of labor, but from the standpoint of the body-politic.

"Capital and labor as such, are instruments in the development of the industrial resources of the country; good and proper instruments and capable of doing good work, if handled understandingly, wisely and well, but destructive instruments when used by an ignorant, careless and indifferent hand."

"The tendency to consolidation and centralization of power is marked and rapid. From the trust, or combination of individual firms, through various stages of consolidation, pooling and lease, we now have what is known as the holding corporation, organized to acquire and hold stock. It does not deal in stocks, it holds them, and is an effective method of controlling several corporations. It can perpetuate control of corporations through the minimum expenditure of capital for maximum control. In other words, it controls the company which controls the corporation, and the flower of this plant is the controlling director, as destructive a force to the industrial world as the walking delegate of the trades union.

"The particular evil flowing from this rapid, evasive and changeable form of combination of capital from corporations through trusts into holding corporations is the tendency to the destruction of free institutions, and is repugnant to the instincts of a free people, and contrary to the whole scope and spirit of the Federal Constitution. It is doubtful if free Government can exist in a country where such enormous amounts of money are allowed to be accumulated, to be held and to be used by the few against the interests of the many. It is destructive to the fundamental rights of the individual and to that free competition which is the life of business.

"The power of the State to make, ordain and establish all manner of wholesome and reasonable laws, statutes and ordinances, is adequate, and wild-cat corporating, like wild-cat banking during the early history of our country, can be domesticated under Federal supervision and control. Quasi-public corporations can be made to be rid of the water in their stock and to put on a sound financial footing, and the public thereby be protected, not only in the investment of stock, but also be benefited by the proper operation of public franchises.

"The shortsightedness flowing from the greed and avarice of capitalistic monopolies has, on the other hand, encouraged labor organizations of various kinds throughout the country to come into existence and adopt various methods of organization, some responsible and some irresponsible, in the attempt to create

another great monopoly to secure the control of that monopoly which has already been brought into existence through and by means of capital.

"Combinations of capital have sought to secure their ends through finesse, evasion of the law and intellectual acumen, while combinations of labor, on the other hand, are seeking to secure their ends through physical violence and the application of brute force.

Methods of the Labor Unions.

Unionism claims the right to dictate to the employer regarding the matter of employees. It declares that non-unionism shall have no place in the field of labor. It asserts that the non-unionist secures the benefits of all that is accomplished by organization, but pays nothing and contributes nothing for the welfare of the union. Therefore the non-union man should be deprived of the right to earn his living.

"The Anthracite Coal Strike Commission declared that no person should be refused employment or be in any way discriminated against on account of membership or non-membership in any labor organization.

"Under date of September 30, 1903, the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, Samuel Gompers, President, in an address to the Organized Labor Union of America, states: 'That the right of the non-unionist to work when, where and how he pleases, carries with it the logical right of the unionist to work or refuse to work when, where, for what he pleases and when he pleases.' Will this claim of the Anthracite Commission and the admission of the American Federation of Labor stand against the order of the walking delegate?

"If the labor union is to solve within itself the problem of labor, it must take into consideration two facts: First, that it has become a destructive force in the industrial world; and, second, that it might be a constructive force.

"Intended through organization to secure amelioration in the conditions of the laboring class by means of higher wages and better hours, it has degenerated, except in some notable instances, into a great machine governed by a bureaucracy dominated and controlled by the walking delegate.

"As a unit, it has found that it can control legislation, and, conscious of its power, it crushes obstacles with brute force. Unreasoning and unreasonable, it requires an immediate acquiescence to its demands. Incapable of sanity of judgment, it cannot view the problem as a whole, but sees in part and demands all.

"The socialism of Germany, the anarchism of Russia, now being interpreted by the Southern European mind that does not understand the institutions of our country, is slowly but surely dominating the labor situation.

"No longer the Puritan and Cavalier who founded this country and established its institutions upon settled convictions, are in control; no longer the sober common sense of the American character, at the front so long, is dominating. The new element that has come to us during the last twenty years seeks to substitute a socialistic labor organization for our civil government. Strikes, direct or sympathetic, boycotts, unfair lists, picketings, bullying and blackmail are tools of force; while inferior, careless and indifferent work are the results of a standard

whose measurement is the labor of the slave, and not the capacity of the free man. Greed and avarice of the grasping monopolist are elements of destruction; while a scared and weakened conscience is a fruitful cause of decay in business integrity.

"These causes, added to an inordinate desire for wealth and power, now hold the American character in solution. Is it not, then, high time with the passing of the walking delegate, to leave to him all things that work for destruction, and to turn the power of the labor union toward the construction of the industrial life of our great commonwealth? The thinking minds of the labor union, the men of courage and conviction, must come to the front and take upon themselves the burden of responsibility."

"In the matter of education, the labor union should draw into its ranks the youth of the country. It should throw down the barriers and open the doors to all who desire to learn trades and become artisans. It should devote its surplus funds to the establishment of training schools for these young men and women. It should insist upon it that boards of education should establish technical schools, so that the young women may be trained into a knowledge of the theory and practice of the trade that they have elected to pursue. No longer the guilds of the Middle Ages, with the apprentice, the journeyman and the master, can solve the problem of hand work. Machinery has changed the industrial condition of the country. The man who enters the shop to-day becomes attached to it and is part of the machine, learning to do one thing well, but with no opportunity for learning the business as a whole. Therefore, he must obtain a knowledge of his trade beforehand in a school established for that purpose, and the certificate or diploma granted by such school should be sufficient to guarantee to him the right to practice his trade without fear of molestation. The diploma of the lawyer or of the doctor, with the license to practice his profession, is sufficient to insure to him the undisturbed practice of his profession, and no combination of professional unions of lawyers or doctors would be for a moment tolerated which insists that unless he joins this or that particular organization he cannot practice his profession. This same liberty should hold good for the carpenter, the engineer or the artisan, whatever his trade.

"And particularly the labor union should take into consideration in its educational work the necessity for practical training schools in the technique of trades or arts. To-day, in almost all trades, specialization begins at once, and the result is a one-sided man incompetent except in that one thing in which he has been taught. Piece or section work makes this unavoidable, and unless he has mastered the theory and practice of his trade before entering the shop, he never will. Hence the necessity for the all-round training of the artisan school. Will the labor union eliminate the walking delegate and turn its attention from the destruction of the industrial resources of the country to their upbuilding and reconstruction?

There must be a constitutional solution of the industrial problem. The fact that labor unions are not incorporated does not necessarily prevent a jury from holding them responsible for injuries to a third party when the injuries complained of are the result of the act for which the union is responsible, for the law will assume that where responsibility exists compensation be made, as stated in a recent decision of the United States Circuit Court of Indiana."



ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Crown Point Gold and Silver Mining Company.

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Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 24th day of March, 1904, an assessment (No. 90) of ten cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary at the office of the Company, Room 35, third floor, Mills Building, corner Bush and Montgomery streets, San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 27th day of April, 1904, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of May, 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors. C. L. McCOY, Secretary. 2M
Office—Room 35, third floor, Mills Building, corner Bush and Montgomery streets, San Francisco, California.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

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Assessment.....	No. 44
Amount per share.....	5 cents
Levied.....	March 7, 1904
Delinquent in office.....	April 11, 1904
Day of sale of delinquent stock.....	May 2, 1904

CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary.
Office—Room 79, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Julia Consolidated Mining Company.

Assessment.....	No. 34
Amount per share.....	5 cents
Levied.....	March 8, 1904
Delinquent in office.....	April 13, 1904
Day of sale of delinquent stock.....	May 3, 1904

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7.30A	Vallejo, Napa, Geology, Santa Rosa, Martinez, San Ramon.....	6.20
7.30A	Niles, Livermore, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton.....	7.20
8.00A	Shasta Express—(Via Davis), Williams (to Bartlett Springs), Willow, Fruto, Red Bluff, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle.....	7.50
8.00A	Davis, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville.....	7.50
8.30A	Port Costa, Martinez, Antioch, Byron, Tracy, Stockton, Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Armona, Hanford, Visalia, Porterville.....	4.20
8.30A	Port Costa, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Visalia, Bakersfield.....	4.50
8.30A	Niles, San Jose, Livermore, Stockton, (Milton); Long, Sacramento, Placerville, Marysville, Chico, Red Bluff.....	4.20
8.30A	Oakdale, Chinese, Jamestown, Sonoma, Tuolumne and Angels.....	4.20
9.00A	Atlantic Express—Ogden and East.....	11.20
9.30A	Richmond, Martinez and Way Stations.....	6.50P
10.00A	The Overland Limited—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, Chicago.....	6.20P
10.00A	Vallejo.....	12.20P
10.00A	Los Angeles—Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton, Merced, Raymond, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Lemoore, Visalia, Bakersfield, Los Angeles.....	7.20
12.00M	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations.....	3.20P
1.00P	Sacramento River Steamers.....	11.00A
3.30P	Benicia, Winters, Sacramento, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville and Way stations.....	10.50A
3.30P	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations.....	7.50P
3.30P	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Burrenda, Fresno and Way Stations beyond Port Costa.....	12.20P
3.30P	Yosemite Valley, Mon., Wed., Fri.....	9.20A
3.30P	Martinez, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi.....	10.20A
4.00P	Martinez, San Ramon, Vallejo, Napa, Geology, Santa Rosa.....	9.20A
4.00P	Niles, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi.....	4.20P
4.30P	Hayward, Niles, Irvington, San Jose, Livermore.....	11.50A
5.00P	The Owl Limited—Newark, Los Banos, Mendota, Fresno, Tulare, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Golden State Limited Sleeper, Oakland to Los Angeles, for Chicago, via C. R. I. & P. (last trip April 19).....	9.20A
5.00P	Port Costa, Tracy, Stockton.....	12.20P
5.30P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose.....	7.20A
6.00P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose.....	9.30A
6.00P	Eastern Express—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and East. Port Costa, Benicia, Suisun, Elinira, Davis, Sacramento, Rocklin, Auburn, Colfax, Truckee, Boca, Reno, Washoe, Winnemucca.....	5.20P
8.00P	Vallejo, daily, except Sunday.....	7.50P
7.00P	Vallejo, Sunday only.....	7.50P
7.00P	Richmond, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way stations.....	11.20A
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8.00P	Palo Alto and Way Stations.....	10.15A
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The Political Situation

Both sides in the Democratic camp continue to make claims of how many delegates they will control at Santa Cruz, but really nothing will be known until the primaries in the cities on May 3d have been held. The State outside of the cities is overwhelmingly against Hearst; but he will certainly carry a majority of the delegation in this city, and Mayor Snyder, having publicly joined his camp, is doing all he can for him in that locality. Unless Hearst wins out, Snyder does not go to St. Louis, and if he is defeated for candidate at large there is no hope of his looming up as a Gubernatorial possibility two years hence. The rest of the "push," who rather foolishly, as they now admit, came out for Hearst at the State Committee meeting, are in the same fix, and they recognize that it is Hearst or oblivion for them. Either Governor Budd or Maguire will preside at Santa Cruz if Hearst wins the majority of the delegates, and Cammenetti is to be chairman of the Committee on Platform. Ed. Leake expects that honor if his side is successful, and Barry hopes to be in the Convention, too, though he cannot get in there on a proxy, and Tarpey is going to do all he can to defeat him as a delegate at the polls. Barry will undoubtedly have the fight of his life at the primaries.

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George Hatton tells me that the Oxnard boom is looking most encouraging. There is absolutely nothing in the rumor that the Southern Pacific and other influences are opposed to his man, and think of switching to Bard. "They would not have Bard under any circumstances," Hatton says, and he ought to know. He does not think there is any danger of Judge McKinley coming out as a candidate, and he is not afraid of General de Young. As for General Otis, his opposition, Hatton feels assures Oxnard's election. Oxnard is expected home very shortly, and then he will issue a pronouncement and open headquarters and begin his campaign in earnest.

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I hear via the Examiner office that Livernash will not be a candidate again for Congress. If Hearst is nominated and elected, he will have a far more exalted place, and if the Chief goes down to defeat, the smaller fry will devote themselves to journalism and stirring up discontent. Of course, there is another side in this latter part of the programme, and that is the ability of Hearst to keep his papers going after the Presidential contest is over. He is spending money like water, and one Washington correspondent estimates that he has already spent \$2,000,000, although I am inclined to think that is an exaggeration. He is, however, making most elaborate preparations for his delegations and hangers on at St. Louis. He tried to rent the whole Planters' Hotel for the time of the convention, but could only get three floors, and has rented two more floors and a half at another hotel at a cost for both hostelries of \$3,500 a day. He is to bring a very large clique with him from all parts of the country, and any one of position or influence and weight in Democratic or Labor Circles can get to St. Louis free of cost if he will agree to work and shout for Hearst. Special trains are to take delegates and shouters to St. Louis, and their bills are paid while there. It is estimated

that Hearst's expenses at St. Louis will be over \$10,000 a day, and that with the other expenses he is paying, that convention week will cost him half a million. While it is understood that he is receiving some family assistance, his expenses are so enormous that a collapse is predicted by those who are in a position to know what his resources are; and a gigantic financial failure may follow the political catastrophe.

It will be necessary, if these rumors are true, that he and his followers devote themselves more to business and less to politics, and that is the explanation of Livernash's retirement. But if he wins out, then everybody will be taken care of, which leads to the inquiry: "How can any man expect to recoup himself for the expenditure of \$3,000,000 out of the Presidency and do it legitimately?" Evidently this country would be a second Russia with Hearst in the White House and Livernash, Long Green Lawrence and Carvalho handling the financial end. Carvalho, by the way, is the head of the new corporation which has possession of the Hearst papers. He is a portuguese who practically owns Hearst and who controls him in every particular except that so far he has not succeeded, notwithstanding his utmost efforts in making him break with Lawrence. The name of the corporation is the Star Publishing Company, and it is nominally the owner of the Hearst New York papers. All those particulars are of interest as showing how Mr. Hearst does politics and the class of men who surround and control him, and who would rule him if he were elected.

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I may mention incidentally that the news from the East received by the anti-Hearst Democracy does not point to Judge Parker as strongly as it did last week. Undoubtedly the indorsement which he received at

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the hands of Grover Cleveland has hurt him in the South, and if there was any one else who had a chance to carry New York, Parker would not get the Southern vote. Those who fancied that Cleveland would have been elected if he were nominated must be convinced now that they were mistaken. The hatred of the only Democrat who has sat in the White House since Buchanan is so intense in the South that it would probably bolt and nominate some one else if he were to get the nomination at St. Louis. While Cleveland would carry New York possibly with the help of the Democrats and Wall street, he would lose Southern votes if any other Democrat were put up against him. Hearst could beat the ex-President in the South beyond doubt.

It is this uncertainty that makes Lane, and those opposed to Hearst, prefer an uninstructed delegation to St. Louis. They argue that California should be free to avail herself of the opportunities that will arise when the delegation reaches the convention, and that to tie the hands of the delegates is suicidal. Leake is now spoken of as one of the delegates at large on the anti-ticket, and he favors no instructions. If Hearst is defeated at Santa Cruz, Lane will be once more the biggest man in the Democratic party of California, though he will not be a candidate for vice-President, as the Brooklyn Eagle avers, for the simple reason that, being a Canadian, he cannot be.

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Charley Shortridge is announcing everywhere, in a voice that can be heard far and near, that he expects to get the Republican nomination for Congress in the Fifth District, and that he will conduct another cyclone campaign, with traveling choruses, perambulating pianos and other side-show attractions; I learn from other San Jose sources that there is not the slightest chance of his being allowed to exhibit himself in the character of a Congressional candidate this year, and that Santa Clara has about all of his services as a representative anywhere that it desires, now that he is a State Senator. There are the two sides of the story and you can choose which is the most likely to prove correct.

The Second District has not yet gotten into shape so that it can be definitely settled who will get the Republican nomination; Bell of course gets the Democratic. The chances of the Republicans winning are much better than they were, as Bell made a bad break in the interests of the saloon vote in Napa County. For years there has been trouble at the Soldiers' Home at Yountville, with the old soldiers who would go to the neighboring saloons and get full, and were abused and badly treated. The death rate rose alarmingly, and the management of the Home put in a canteen to suppress the disorder, and furnish good liquor at reasonable rates, and under proper restrictions on the grounds. That change has entirely broken up the local saloon business, and the saloon keepers appealed to Bell, who put a proviso in the bill appropriating money for the Home that it should receive nothing from the Federal Government if it kept up the canteen. The Grand Army has taken up the matter, and recently at its Los Angeles meeting denounced the Bell amendment and has appealed to the Senate to defeat it.

The Veterans are going to do all they can to defeat Bell, whom they say cares more for the saloon vote than for the health and lives of the old soldiers, and a very strong movement against Bell is already on foot, and will make it very difficult to re-elect him.

—Junius.

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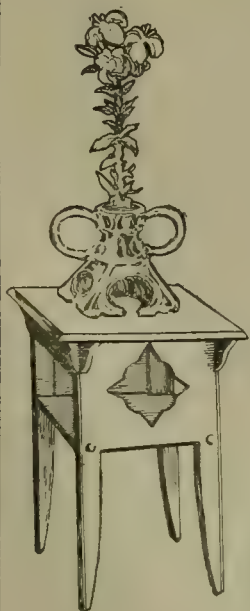
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"Carmen" remains a popular opera, but "will the carmen strike?" is the popular inquiry.

If Schwab had not so much money he would probably be called a Schrub.

The good people of the Mission have discovered that what we need is not more policemen but more honest policemen—in brief, more Wittmen.

An epidemic of crime which imprisonment does not cure is reported from Great Britain. It may be coincident with a shortage in the English hemp supply.

The Louisiana doctor who says he can cure leprosy may be able to find out what causes the mouldy spots on Congressman Livernash's intellect.

President Harriman has gone to view the cut-off, while his unornamental Sierra snow-sheds continue to cut the view off.

A preacher who wrote bad sermons has found that there is more money and excitement in writing bad checks.

Iowa jokers, pretending to burn an honest old negro at the stake, frightened him to death. We Americans are indeed a merry race.

Bleaching the black man and brother is a matter of scientific interest, but it politically robs the South of its only issue.

Since prize-fighter Jim Jeffries has won a bride, we have revised our theory that the gorilla type of humanity was not popular.

Bourke Cockran has called a fellow member of Congress "what cannot be said in the House." That is what everybody calls Congressman Hearst.

Crude petroleum kills a new pest on fruit trees known as "thrip," and besides gives the fruit that lovely coal oil flavor.

While we are busy with municipal improvements, we should not forget that Sutro's forest lacks only a few gas jets to make it a perfectly appointed suicides' retreat.

Pierpont Morgan has gone to Europe to find out what is the matter with him. He might have known that the tired feeling which afflicts most of his pet stocks was catching.

India ink and tattoo needles may change the color of the human eye, but not so quickly and cheaply as the old process of doing it by hand—right or left.

John D. Rockefeller is on record as saying that he likes to see young men from the country. So do the "green goods" men.

It is rather late for any Presidential aspirant to begin competition with Roosevelt as an exponent of the full cradle theory in politics.

William Jennings Bryan, having had his nose wiped with Hearst's handkerchief, is able to smell a plot to betray the Democracy to the corporations at St. Louis.

Two suits just filed, alleging conspiracy and asking big damages, strengthen the suspicion that the Pacific Coast Women's Press Association is not affiliated with the International Peace Society.

The tin-and-scantling vault of a New York get-rich-quick concern would be a fine place to deposit what the public wins by backing "good things" at the race track.

Prize-fight promoters may take a vacation until after the warmest event of the season is over. We refer to the Democratic Convention at Santa Cruz in May.

Mr. Yell, the new warden of Folsom prison, may have a noisy name, but when it comes to putting the fear of God into a felon's heart his methods are both silent and effective.

A yellow correspondent mourns because he has been "turned back from the front," whence he was cabling graphic accounts of how he learned to ride a Korean horse.

A high-caste Brahmin has become a student of the University of California. In order to do this he had to forego all the advantages which his exalted position gave him. He became an outcast. These Hindus are knowing people, and worldly-wise withal. Our Brahmin had no intention of being superior to the people with whom he was to associate, and before coming into the company of his fellow-students, he took care to divest himself of the outward marks of a gentleman.

The Carmen's Union has held a secret ballot to determine whether we are to walk or ride for an indefinite number of weeks, pending a dispute with the employing company. The decision affecting the comfort, in a good many cases, the life and death of the citizens, is determined by a private association of men, who have no responsibility to the public. The public is to suffer a wrong which it is powerless to avert, and which it is useless for it to resent. Could absurdity go farther than this?

CHARITY AS AN AID AND ABETTOR OF CRIME.

A noble institution is the Fabiola Hospital in Oakland. It is excellently conducted by a group of women about whose goodness there has never been and never can be any question. And yet every year this institution is the beneficiary of "Fabiola Day" at the Emeryville race-track. Every year these good, God-fearing women are the patronesses of "Fabiola Day." If they do not know that the money which comes from this annual benefit to their hospital is blood-money, the wages of sin and shame, then they do not read the newspapers; they must shut their eyes and stop their ears to what is going on about them; their ignorance is not to be excused. But if they do know what devil's mint mark is on the coin they take from the California Jockey Club, and knowing, square it with their consciences by complacent sophistries, then theirs is an easy religion and theirs are comfortable consciences. We believe that they do know a part of the truth, and that they hold to the theory that money has no morals—"no dirt sticks to a dollar" is the vulgar way of putting it—but we cannot think that they understand fully the real nature of the bargain. In cold truth, when this ring of race-track gamblers hands over a day's net earnings to the Fabiola Hospital, it is paying for protection—paying these good ladies, their husbands and all their associates and friends to keep silent when outraged public decency complains of the iniquities of race-track gambling.

Fabiola Hospital is mentioned here not because it is the only institution thus dragged in the bloody ooze of the racetrack, but because it is the most conspicuous. Every other charitable concern that accepts the money of the California Jockey Club is equally censorable, equally a participant in this carnival of debauchery. All these institutions are managed by the women whose lives are given to caring for the sick and succoring the needy, women so blameless in deed and thought that the spectacle of their alliance with the monstrous evil of turf gambling is one to sicken the souls of thoughtful men.

To-morrow, doubtless, many of the good women who control and conduct the Fabiola Hospital and the kindred establishments which accept race-track benefits, will sit in their pews at Church. While they search their hearts, let them think how their names have been blazoned as "patronesses" of this or that "day" at Ingleside or Emeryville; let them think what they have given or tacitly promised to give in exchange for the turf-ring's bright pieces of gold; let them think how the gamblers got the gold, how it was stolen from the cash-drawers of trusting employers, filched from the hard-saved hoards of wives and mothers, squandered in gambling where it should have bought clothes for naked little bodies, shoes for naked little feet, food for hungry little mouths. Let these good women think, as they pray for the erring and the unfortunate, of the men with shaven heads and striped garb in San Quentin and in Folsom. Let them think of the young man at San Jose whom race-track gambling converted from a good citizen, husband and father into an outlaw, shot down by the police for his desperate crime; for it is not impossible or improbable that some of his last dollars are among the \$3,500 netted at the last "Fabiola Day" at Emeryville.

THE POWER BEHIND THE THRONE.

Refusal by the Superior Court to let the Police Commission act as a collection agency, calls to public attention again a semi-judicial body which ostensibly regulates municipal matters of minor importance, but really is the point of application of corrupt pressure upon the largest sources of "graft." Controlled absolutely by an administration which overlooks no possible penny of tribute money, the Police Commission is a most important factor in the game which Mayor Schmitz and his associates are playing. Its actions with regard to the granting and revocation of liquor licenses are theoretically reviewable in the courts, but practically its powers in this direction are autocratic. The dive-keeper or saloon keeper who would go to law over a license refused or revoked would thereby stamp himself a fool. He might enforce his rights, but they would do him no good. As a matter of fact, nobody has been found foolish or stubborn enough to "kick against the pricks" when the Police Commission has issued its fiat.

And vice does not flourish in brothel or gaming den, or saloon or "restaurant," or anywhere, without the adjunct and stimulus of whiskey and beer. The primrose path is poor walking without irrigation. So, holding the license power, the Police Commission constantly has Vice up against the wall, and Vice either pays or quits. It is whispered constantly, and it is often audibly charged, that the Commission gets a direct "rake-off" for every red light that twinkles in the tenderloin, but the indirect tribute is the preferred method. Thus we see Police Commissioners who were laborers a little while ago, men of no means and no credit, breaking into prosperous business—insurance, for example—such as other men win only after years of effort and expenditure. It would be a stupid "red-light" proprietor who would not hasten to insure and over-insure with a Police Commissioner just launched in business.

To complete the "squeeze," it is necessary to have policemen both discreet and honest—discreet in knowing when to be blind and when to see, honest in being able to collect and pay in the tribute without losing any of the "change." It would be possible to secure such discretion and honesty by giving the patrolman his little percentage, but it would be expensive, so there is another method for that. Recently three down-town policemen were charged with negligence in being off their "beats." They were promptly dismissed. The next week two residence patrolmen were caught similarly offending. They were fined in small amounts. Obviously this is a cheap and effective method of securing a discretion and an honesty up to the Police Commission's requirements.

And this is only a lifting of the lid. The pot bubbles merrily, and soon the lid will be off altogether, and we shall have the "widest open" city in the United States, so prosperous, withal, that Police Commissioners will be owners of rows of flats and fat bank accounts. The weather signs indicate the approach of a severe storm of scandal which will soon be central over the Hall of Justice.

THE STRIKE AND THE LAW.

At this writing, the street carmen of this city are on the verge of a strike. They have rejected the proposals of the United Railroads, and have asked for a conference, but the outlook for peace is very gloomy. The General Manager of the road says the corporation has nothing more to offer; the men

say they have not received proper consideration; the probabilities are that when this issue of the News Letter is published, the men will be on strike, transportation will be greatly impeded, if not stopped temporarily, the entire city will be inconvenienced, and stories of lawlessness will find their way into the daily press. This article is not concerned with the rights and wrongs of the controversy between the railroad company and its men; both sides have presented to the public long and able arguments, and the people have made up their minds on the matter. Incidentally, it is public opinion that the men are in the wrong; that they have asked too much; that they are inconsiderate of the rights of the company; that they are arrogant in their treatment of the public, and that their strike (if they strike) will fail because it does not appeal to the people. But the News Letter is concerned far less with the success of either contestant in this controversy than with the maintenance of law and order during the conflict. The recollections of the teamsters' strike are yet too strong in the public mind to view without alarm the arising of conditions which, it seems certain, will lead to many crimes of violence. In saying this, the law-abiding course of the carmen during their strike two years ago is not forgotten. But at that time their grievance appealed to the people; they had public sympathy, and they went about the business of gaining redress in what was apparently a fair-minded spirit. But now their leaders, flushed with the success of yesteryear, have lost their wisdom; they have led the men into a morass in which their struggles will only make more certain their own destruction. As the case becomes daily more hopeless for the men, some of them will attack the non-union men and the property of the company. To prevent destruction of property and danger to life, all the forces of the city Government will be needed. That brings us to this question: If necessity should require the protection of the property and of the lives of the employees of the United Railroads, what would the Police Commissioners do? Would they extend the protection of the Police Department to all citizens, irrespective of political affiliations or class distinctions? In brief, do the Police Commissioners stand ready to uphold the law?

We would not be alarmists, nor do we wish to intimate that the carmen will resort to violence, but observation has shown that the Carmen's Union is controlled by a few daring spirits, who may have among their more intimate supporters more than one man who believes in resorting to war measures during a strike. These men should remember that this is a law-abiding community, and that the day of the thug has passed in San Francisco. The people expect the street cars to run for their accommodation whether the union men strike or not; that the cars will run, and that the public will ride on them goes without saying. It is also certain that if the city officials find themselves embarrassed between their love and their duty, when it comes to the enforcement of the law, a way will be speedily found to relieve them of the terrors of the situation by calling upon the State or the Government for aid and protection. It is to be hoped that the Police Commissioners will not be untrue to their oaths of office.

MENDOCINO IS LIVERNASHED.

The people of Mendocino County have been Livernashed. Because of the envy and malice which fills what he may consider his soul, Hearst's personal representative, by the lifting of his raucous voice,

has prevented the consideration in Congress of the bill introduced by Representative Bell, opening to homestead settlers a tract of 63,000 acres carved out of the Round Valley Indian reservation. This bill is fraught with importance to California. It is acceptable to the Indians, to the settlers, to the people of Mendocino, who see in it a means whereby their county may gain immediately a large increase of desirable immigrants, and to everybody concerned in its passage. So well had Representative Bell presented its merits to the House Committee on Public Lands that it had reported unanimously in favor of the bill. To facilitate action upon it, Bell had obtained the permission of Speaker Cannon to call up the bill out of order. Now, to consider a bill out of order requires unanimous consent. Bell had the support of the Speaker of the Committee, and of the members of the House, with whom he has gained a large measure of popularity because of his earnestness, modesty and common sense. He did not doubt that unanimous consent would be granted, and that, in consequence, he would be able to secure the passage of the bill before adjournment. When Bell called up the bill, for a moment no protest was made. Livernash was waiting for some one else to object; but no objection came, and the Speaker was about to announce that unanimous consent had been given, when the voice of Livernash was raised in objection. Under the rules, that one objection, animated by envy, jealousy and malice, and uttered with an intended disregard for the welfare of the people of this State, prevented consideration of the bill.

The question naturally arises: Why did Livernash object to the consideration of this beneficial measure? He, like Shylock, can give "no plain reason," except "a certain loathing and a lodged hate," he hears Bell, that he "carries thus a losing suit against him." Livernash hates Bell because the latter possesses those characteristics which commend him to his fellow men, and the absence of which in Livernash sets Hearst's man alone and apart. Livernash proudly hoped to be the leading light from California, but Bell so easily outshone him that the Fourth District misrepresentative went wild with envy. He announced that he would not vote for any bill introduced by Bell. The latter submitted a bill for the building of a collier at Mare Island. Livernash promptly opposed it, but the bill was passed, and the collier will be built, notwithstanding the opposition of the "eccentric" self-styled friend and champion of labor.

The actions of Livernash in Congress are at least consistent with his course in this city before his election. While posing as the friend of the union men, he was caught by the union pickets making purchases in boycotted stores. It then took all the influence he could gather to save him from the condemnation of the unions.

But Mr. Hearst's assistant recently gave forth one evidence of good sense. He said he would not be a candidate for re-election. Of that there is no doubt. Even the subservient part of the Democracy or the frequently fooled labor men will draw the line at his renomination. If he should, by some hocus-pocus get a nomination, the people of the Fourth District will attend to his case. As an exhibit of the wonderful freaks of nature produced in California, he easily takes the prize.

Scratch a Russian and you find a Tartar. Scratch a Japanese and you get your nose punched.

IF HEARST SHOULD BOLT.

It must be very evident to those who indulge themselves in the delectable occupation of reading Mr. Hearst's local paper that that great man is preparing to bolt the Democratic convention at St. Louis if he does not receive the nomination for the Presidency at its hands. There would, of course, be nothing strange in the distinguished plagerist taking such a course; indeed, it would be more remarkable if he did not attack the nominee and platform of the party he pretends to belong to. Fidelity to party or obedience to the decision of a party majority, whether expressed in convention or elsewhere, has never been characteristic of his methods. It is a policy of rule or ruin with him, always and usually it has been a policy of ruin.

But the distinguished citizens who are clamoring so loudly for his endorsement at the hands of the California Democracy should not lose sight of the fact that in asking that Hearst be given the delegation from this State to St. Louis, they are asking their party to put a premium on party treason, and are placing a party in this State in a position where it may be formally taken out of the party entirely. If the delegates to St. Louis are pledged to Hearst, will they walk out when he gives the signal? And if so, in what shape will they leave the Democracy of California, who still believe in fidelity to a party organization? If the Democrats nominate their national leader without any votes from California, will not that cause a split in the party in this State which can never be healed?

A delegation to St. Louis pledged to Hearst will mean that the Democrats of California are for him first, last and all the time, and that if Hearst is not nominated and he leaves the convention, California Democracy has repudiated the party and left it. No other construction could be placed, nor will be placed, on the attitude of the Democrats of this Commonwealth if they sent Hearst men to St. Louis and the delegation walks out of the Convention. The men who go to St. Louis are supposed to represent the entire, or at least the majority of the Democrats of the State, and if they take part in the Convention, which Hearst evidently proposes to hold to organize a new party with himself at its head, will it not mean that the majority of the Democrats of California have joined the new party?

But more than this? If the Hearst men get control of the Convention at Santa Cruz they get control of the party machinery, which means that they will have it in their power to so manipulate things that they will nominate the Presidential electors. The anti-Hearst faction will then be forced to put up a ticket by petition, if they can get the necessary number of signatures, and they cannot put the names on the official ballot as the "Democratic Ticket," because under the primary election law, the Hearst ticket will be able to claim that name and place. That would mean an immense loss of votes to the anti. It would practically wipe them off the political slate in this State, and they would be at the mercy of the Hearst wing for years to come.

THE CORRUPTION OF UNION OFFICIALS.

It is no secret that many of the labor bosses are corrupt, that they sell out and defraud not only the firms, with whom they are supposed to have agreements, but the very men whom they are supposed to represent. The following story of the happenings in one particular union recently will illustrate this

fact: Local 19 of the Painters' sent delegates to the Building Trades Council. The delegates of this union were opposed to the boss of the Building Trades Council, McCarthy, an individual who had been frequently compared with the notorious Sam Parkes of New York. The delegates of the union in question made themselves obnoxious to McCarthy by insisting upon the books being expeted, proper account being rendered of money, investigation into the actions of the officials, and of McCarthy in particular. This sort of thing did not suit the boss. Investigation is not in his line, and he took steps to destroy the opposition.

His creatures formed a clique in the union, and on the evening preceding the election of officers on December 28, 1903, issued a defamatory letter, then proceeded to stuff the ballot-box, and in spite of the protest of the decent element, elected three officers.

This action met with such opposition that on January 4th, 1904, a meeting was called to protest against the action of the McCarthy element, and a special meeting was arranged for January 11th. At this meeting two squads of police were introduced by the McCarthy faction, but the police, seeing who were the real aggressors, and that they were being used for factional purposes, withdrew, and the faction of the boss was beaten by majorities running from one hundred to two hundred.

Subsequently a general mass meeting of all the painters' unions in the city was called and attended by over a thousand men, and this meeting decided by a unanimous vote NOT to accept the McCarthy faction.

Now, one would imagine that the ordinary boss would have been content to have accepted conditions, but he had arranged beforehand with the General Executive Board at Lafayette, Ind., that the delegates of the faction opposed to him should not be seated in the Building Trades Council, and a letter from his creatures in this city bearing date January 16, 1904, says: "Should the neutral faction sway to their side on the 18th, they will elect the delegates to the D. C. of P. and the B. T. C. We are safe in the B. T. C., for that body will not seat those delegates."

Of all the perils to the well-being of the State, there is none greater, as a matter of fact, there is none so great, as the labor-boss, for he combines all the vices of the mere boddler, with the more dangerous and destructive powers of the politicians who use their strength for unholy purposes.

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LIBRARY TABLE

A few years ago, a very few years ago, probably not more than ten, the name of a leading firm of publishers, printed on the title page of a book, was sufficient to give that book a certain place in the literary world. It might be a popular success or not; it might make money for the publishers and the author, or it might go into the limbo of forgotten works, where it would have plenty of company. But whether it was destined to play a conspicuous role, or to sink into obscurity, the name of the publishers was a guarantee that the book was at all events grammatically written, that it obeyed to a certain degree the canons of literary art, that it was not crude, amateurish or absolutely worthless and without skill.

This has all been changed now. The publishers, even the best of them, even those whose names have become famous through the distinguished writers they have introduced, and the standard of literary achievement which they have maintained, have joined the mad rush of the more adventurous, and produce books, as one presses cheeses, so many per day. There is this difference, however, The cheesemaker must keep a standard or lose his trade; the publisher, on the other hand, debauches the public taste, and actually thrives by doing so.

This melancholy condition is partly the result of the machine for type-setting, which has made the mechanical side so much easier. A machine which is not employed is eating its head off, and the linotypes must be kept going, turning out the fodder for the asses called the public. Who knows what book may catch on? Who can say whether that which appears to be the trashiest may not find the largest sale, and a large sale means many dollars, and publishers are very human. Again, there is an increasing tendency on the part of publishing firms from whom better things might reasonably be expected, to publish at the expense of the author. When once this is done, all standards are thrown ruthlessly to one side, and the reader, the only protection which the public has against the attempts of the ignorant, is victimized. The result of this deterioration in the standards of publishing firms is that the name of the publisher now means simply nothing as a guarantee of the excellence of the work, and the critic's desk is littered with a pile of trash, bearing the names of publishing firms whose reputation was formerly simply beyond question.

Life in a Garrison Town.

There is a translation of the title of the work, "Aus einer kleinen Garnison," by Lieutenant Bilsle of the German Imperial Army, which book resulted in six months' imprisonment for the intrepid young author, his dismissal from the service, and no end of scandal, punishment and trouble for the people whose names figure in the work. Lieutenant Bilsle is only twenty-five years of age. He joined the army with an enthusiastic desire to make the career of a soldier his life work, and gave every promise of being a useful and able officer. He was sent to a garrison town, Forbach, on the French frontier, and there he discovered the material out of which he has formed his book, and which so disgusted him with military life that even before the authorities visited their displeasure upon him he had sent in his resignation and decided to have done with soldiering. The book,

which is in fictional form, is not so remarkable for the fiction as for the facts upon which the story is built. As a story, it is not by any means an artistic success, although for a first novel by so young a man it contains not a few evidences of literary ability. The glaring fact is the utter brutalization of the German army in the frontier posts under present conditions. The military life throws the officers back upon their own resources, and unless they are unusually intellectual men, all sorts of intrigue and vice soon prevail, and drunkenness and adultery become every-day happenings at the post. The non-commissioned officers, on their part, tyrannize over the men, resort to all sorts of low speculation and dishonesty, and by the driving of honest privates from their ranks by unjust punishment, swell the army of the social democrats, which a disgusted people opposes, to the army of the Kaiser. It is a strong indictment of the conditions in the Kaiser's army, and in spite of his six months' imprisonment, Lieutenant Bilsle should feel very pleased with the work which he has accomplished.

John Lane, Publisher. The Bodly Head, New York.

The Vineyard.

John Oliver Hobbes, known in private life as Mrs. Craigie, if it is not an impertinence to allude to the fact, has at last written a novel. Her former works were remarkable more for their skill in the handling of the conversation of the cultured, and for that elusiveness of treatment of which Mr. Henry James is past-master, too much past, in fact, for he occasionally passes the understanding of the intelligent and careful reader. John Oliver Hobbes was always readable, now she is more than that—she is actually fascinating; one could always be sure of entertainment at her hands, but she gives us in this book more than entertainment, and succeeds in the task which the really serious novelist always undertakes, of making her readers do some independent thinking and form personal judgments. The theme is a somewhat bold one. Given a handsome and eligible young man, attractive and personally charming, who has been a soldier, moreover, and won the most coveted of all distinctions, the Victoria Cross. Such a young man fails and proves himself a poltroon, and all for lack of moral force and consistency. It is a true story and a virile one, though not without its faults for the same tendency to over-elaboration and psychological analysis which was the distinguishing mark of her former work, still hangs about it. If prophecies go for anything, her next novel should be a landmark in modern fiction.

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FINANCIAL

Ore Selling at a Discount.

If any one outside of some market manipulator can assign any intelligent reason why Ophir should sell for \$5 with fluctuations in advance of a few cents, with the mine looking better than ever before in its history, now is the time for him to arise and speak. It is satisfactory to realize, however, that ore is bound to tell in the long run, and that no one ever gets something of value for nothing. At latest accounts the ore in the 2,000 level in the N. E. drift is improving all the time, the grade being even higher in that extracted in opening up the drift than that found above in the ground now being stoped on the 1850 level. The 3,000-foot level drift is now extended to within 125 feet of the Mexican lines, the 1850 level being within 300 feet. Work is now about to begin in the Northeast drift from 2500 level of Con.-Cal.-Virginia to tap the ore found above on the 2150. From the way things look now it should not be long until the fact is determined whether or not the same body of ore now running through Ophir goes into Mexican. From all appearances it should be safe enough to say that it does, but it is safer to await developments. It does seem strange, however, upon comparison of mining and market conditions, to find that values intrinsic and speculative are not appreciated by people, the modern representatives of a class that in the golden days gone by would have gambled on the drop of the hat, and would have simply gone wild over present appearances in Ophir. It must be remembered that the same people not so long ago let the mines of Tonopah slip through their fingers, so that one need not be surprised at anything they may do after that.

Peace Reigns at Last.

Chief Miller of the opposing clans in the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company, have won out, and, backed by two of his partisans, Mr. Miller will have a representation in the Board of Directors. It will not be a very heavy one, to be sure, but at the same time it is large enough to carry a good many reforms in behalf of shareholders. There should be no difficulty in cutting down the salary of the president and other officials. Five hundred dollars per month is enough for the President of this or any other corporation where he is virtually a figure-head. The only man worth paying in a concern of this kind is he who can either devise plans to make money for the company, or he who can inaugurate a plan of economy which is calculated to make money by saving it. All these propositions, including the manufacture of something else than the fitful yellow glare now on exhibition under the misnomer of gas, on dark nights in this city, and the extension of some civility to consumers, can be evolved through the benign influence of Mr. Miller and his associates, if they are so disposed.

A Mine Inspector Wanted.

From all over the Western country comes the demand for an Inspector of Mines, for an official who can be called upon by shareholders for reliable information upon properties which may be owned by them for the moment. The promoters of worthy mines will not fear the actions of an official of this character, as they will only be too desirous of having a report upon whatever mine they may be handling, and upon him will rest the responsibility for mistakes or exaggera-

tions. Nearly all the mining regions of the West have suffered severely of late from the actions of thieving manipulators of mining stock. It has grown so bad now that it is almost impossible to raise money upon the very best class of investment. Once bitten, twice shy, seems to be the motto of investors, and the only salvation now is to have an official of this class appointed to supervise things generally and put a stop to, or a check, at least, upon the rascality which has been going on without any interference for a long time past.

Local Stocks and Bonds.

While there has been quite a movement in bonds on the local Stock and Bond Exchange during the past week, the demand has not been what it should be at this season of the year. Sales of stock have been light and in remarkably small lots. The strength seems to have kind of given out in Gas and Electric, the campaign movement having evidently ended. The funny way the stock has acted for some days past has been quite suggestive, the small short interest which was put out after each advance looking very much like "hedging" in an effort to play even financially by some one who seized the opportunity to sell some stock by lifting it, at the same time covering any possibility for eventual loss in speculative investment of coin by a small short interest. The California Gas and Electric Company did pretty well last month, according to its latest financial statement, the net earnings over all expenses and charges, including sinking fund, being reported at \$27,912.60. There is room for improvement in the business on this board, and there is no reason why times should not be better with the commission brokers, as money never was more plentiful in San Francisco than it is at present.

Campaign Issues and Financial Conditions.

People interested in financial propositions are naturally discussing the possible action of markets of the country in view of the approaching election. While it is true that in many of the former presidential years a reference to statistics will show that the average quotations of all the leading stocks de-

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clined as the result of opening the campaigns; that bank clearings declined in 1888 and 1900 with less than normal conditions in 1892 and 1896, and that in every presidential year since 1860, except in 1880 and 1888, gold exports exceeded the imports, nothing so far has given any indication of trouble this year. No doubt concerning the result of the forthcoming election is apparent, and everything points to steady prices and normal conditions generally.

President E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fe and E. H. Harriman as president of the Southern Pacific, have issued statements of the earnings of their roads for the first eight months of the present fiscal year. The Santa Fe earned gross \$46,566,450; increase over the same period of the year before, \$4,665,228; net earnings, \$18,363,078; increase over the same period of the year before, \$1,679,413. The Southern Pacific had gross earnings of \$63,703,229; increase over the same time in 1903, \$4,799,239; net earnings, \$20,077,795; increase over the same period in 1903, \$2,056,677. The Union Pacific, including Oregon Short Line and Oregon Railway and Navigation Company had \$37,923,071 of gross earnings; increase over the same months last year, \$4,400,095; net earnings, \$17,502,461; increase, \$2,093,262.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

The San Francisco News Letter in its issue of today pops it to W. R. Hearst, the Democratic aspirant for Presidential honors, in a manner that would indicate that the aspirant is better suited as a candidate for Town Bull than a candidate for the office highest in the gift of the American people.—Angels Echo.

Now that Davenport, the cartoonist, is no longer in the employ of the yellow journalist, his pencil is playing hob with the Hearst personality. If one look at the current issue of the San Francisco News Letter this week doesn't make Willie weep—or swear—it will be because he is no longer a baby or because he fails to find language sufficiently lurid to express himself. But it serves him right.—Napa Register.

"Ad Sense" for April should interest every advertiser in the land. It is by far the best publication of its kind in the United States, and when we say this it means in the world. There are numbers of color plates that show the most modern development of color photography and printing, and the contents of the book are readable, and the best samples of the ad writers' art that have come to our notice in a very long time. "Ad Sense" is published by the Ad Sense Company, Chicago.

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He thought that work would bring him fame
That toil would give him money;
He worked, and found things just the same—
His creditors were funny.

He persevered, and worked again,
His debts were past concealing;
He threw off work, and toil and pain,
And took to clever stealing.

Mark the result: He paid his way,
His foes were filled with fury;
Indictments never came to stay—
He always bought the jury.

And when his earthly course was run,
And daisies o'er him waving,
The preacher spoke of him as one
Who throve by honest saving.

The Board of Public Works has been busy, very busy. Some of the members, it is alleged, maliciously have been busy buying property, and the whole Board has devoted itself with an energy which Boards seldom show to the piling up of expenses. Mr. Michael Casey appears to be what in the language of the street is technically called "a bird." We need never despair of Irish-American enterprise. Take Mr. Casey's case. Only a short time ago he was driving a team, not a very dignified team either, and three dollars a day steady would have represented the sum total of his mundane aspirations. To-day he plays with the thousands of dollars of the rate-payers like a Monte Carlo croupier, and like the croupier he represents an institution which always wins. There may be depression in the streets, but there is not even a hint of depression about the fortunes of Michael Casey. The sewer system may be imperfect, but Michael the Merciless is always sure of his own system. He has paraphrased and adapted Wolsey and made his motto, "If I had but served the city as industriously as I have served myself I should not see anything ahead for my old age."

Theodore Lowe, of the "Raven," has had two more charges of felony embezzlement placed against him. It is only a short time ago that he was charged with the same offense and acquitted. He may possibly be acquitted on these charges also, but I submit that for a young man who is unjustly accused, the accusations succeed each other at too short intervals, and he is putting too great a strain upon the indulgence of his friends. A maleficent fortune appears to pursue unremittingly certain men. In spite of their protests of innocence, a censorious and uncharitable world will persist in imagining them to be guilty, and it must be confessed that the ungenerous world has a peculiar faculty of making good in the long run. Therefore, Mr. Lowe had better make up his mind that it is not well that the run should be too long, and the best way in which he can do that, as well as the most comfortable for all concerned, is that he should try the effect of a change of climate.

In days to come, it will be written down that San Francisco was inhabited by a race of men who were in all probability congenital idiots, upon whose natural idiocy softening of the brain had supervened. Then the existence of the Examiner and the Carmen's Union will be cited as irrefutable proof of the proposition.

The recent hold-up of clubmen in San Jose, coming so soon after a similar occurrence in this city, raises the question of why clubmen should be such an easy mark. One man goes into a room in a club and holds up ten men, extorting from them about two thousand dollars. True, it was about one o'clock in the morning when the hold-up took place, and the solution naturally suggested is that the clubmen were too torpid to resist. All married men have a grievance against these San Joseans, for heaven knows, it is hard enough to get permission to stay at the club under the best of circumstances. What is the poor man to reply when his wife says: "You can't go to the club, Joe. You'll be robbed." He won't dare to plead poker and that being robbed is no new experience.

Funny town, Oakland. It is a church-going community, and its inhabitants have a peculiar habit of raising questions of casuistry. The particular point at issue is as to how far the Mayor's secretary is justified in renting typewriters to the city. When the facts are sifted out, it appears according to the secretary's statement that he only rented one typewriter, and then he adds somewhat naively that this was an old one. The question, therefore, naturally arises: Is a secretary justified in entering the typewriter renting business with the employing municipality, and if so, how does the fact that the typewriter is old affect the moral proposition. I understand that the matter is having the serious attention of the Y. M. C. A. and the Home of Truth. Father Yorke has refused to preach on it, as he is too busy blacking his face for another minstrel show.

Dr. Hobdy, the United States Marine Hospital Boarding Surgeon, is reported to have knocked down a British army Captain who failed to report in time for inspection upon the America Maru. The agility which our local officials show in getting the best of globe-trotting Englishmen is one of the most charming features of our local life, and it is hard to say whether the physical prowess of our officials or the imagination of our reporters is the more to be applauded. Any one who believes this story and has seen Dr. Hobdy must believe in the physical deterioration of the Briton or the subjugated captain is a mere invalid on sick leave. Anyway the incident is gratifying as tending to offset the wholesale failure of our local competitors for the Rhodes scholarship.

The police raided a lottery place in the city this week. This is gratifying, for it shows that a certain portion of the force has for a time abandoned the business of robbing grocery stores. It was a small lottery place, moreover, which was raided, and, there being nothing small about the police force, of course they would not allow it to exist. The proprietor complains that the tickets which he sold were not those of the particular lottery favored by the Department. Such negligence on his part was simply inexcusable. He should have consulted the Police Captain as to his favorite brand of lottery ticket, and taken a bunch up as a sample. Small lottery ticket sellers and poor unfortunate women cannot be too careful.

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CRIMINALS AND FOOD PRODUCERS.

In 1897 the News Letter, in common with other reputable journals of the State made a combined attack on the adulteration of food products. As a direct result of this crusade a label law was enacted. This law is to-day a dead letter. Feeling secure in their criminal practices and with a desire to flaunt evasion of the law in the face of the public, an "Exposition of Pure Food Products" is being held in Mechanics' Pavilion. The public is lured by the title into a belief that the foods exhibited are all pure, when, as a matter of fact, the exposition is simply one of "Food Products," and the question of purity is not considered by the management. Any food product can be exhibited if the makers pay for the floor space. So there are pure foods and impure foods side by side. Here are a few sample exhibits:

We have spices adulterated with cocoa shells; honey with glucose; jams, jellies and preserves with starch, apples and coal tar coloring substances; baking powder with alum and ammonia and terra alba; olive oil with cotton-seed oil; vinegar made out of shavings; molasses (black strap), pure cider and wine vinegar out of grain and burnt sugar; pepper out of the refuse shells from confectioners; coffee with extracts, chicory and artificial coffee; molasses with glucose; maple sugar with glucose and molasses; all drugs are adulterated. Tomato catsup, as made by nine-tenths of the manufacturers, contain salicylic acid and not one iota of tomato. The pulp is apple parings and the coloring matter is coal tar. Tomato catsup is the most injurious of the adulterated foods.

The Board of Health should visit the exhibition and remove a sample from the different grocers' exhibits, analyze them, and then, after giving the result to the public, the offenders should be arrested, heavily fined, and if possible imprisoned. The News Letter knows whereof it speaks; it has had samples analyzed and the conditions to-day are far worse than in 1897, and while the associated offenders and criminals have their wares on exhibition the authorities should pounce on them and make public their crimes against the community.

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The far-reaching influence of the labor leader was never better illustrated than in the vote taken by the carmen. They (the carmen) voted to reject the very attractive terms offered by the company, and they have placed a new construction on the term known as "recognition of the union." They now demand that this be construed as more than treatment with their leaders, that it shall mean absolute starvation to free and untrammelled labor. The free laborer must starve and none but contract or organized labor be hired. It is high time this matter be brought to a head, a fight made, and the contest be kept up all summer, if necessary, to bring the anarchistic foreign leaders to a full appreciation of their powerless condition. In the meanwhile let not the public blame the men—they are swayed by fear. The individual in the labor union is to-day governed by a despotism that is worse than that of the Czar of all the Russias.

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San Francisco is a city of many phases, cosmopolitan yet provincial; progressive, yet slow to appreciate her own inheritance. She has yet to waken to the fact that within her own gates her gifted sons and daughters struggle for even a meagre recognition and support, which becomes renown and advancement, are they fortunate enough to be able to take their gifts elsewhere. Verily, the prophet is not without honor save in his own city of the Golden Gate.

It has remained for a stranger coming in our midst to see the material here and provide a place for its development. Dr. Orlow, with his artistic perceptions, his broad-mindedness, which looks for the greatest good to the greatest number, saw and appreciated the wealth of possibilities awaiting recognition and assistance, and forthwith fashioned a building where the crafts and arts should find a home. In the big house, from whose every window an inspiration may be gained, are evidences of what can be done when artistic ideas are worked out by skilled craftsmanship.

In the workshop downstairs, where the pungent fragrance of the pine and redwood fills the air, busy fingers are fashioning the furniture for the San Francisco house at the St. Louis Exposition. This unique furniture is on display this week, and should be seen by lovers of artistic furniture. One floor of the house will be fitted entirely by furniture designed and made in this shop; the second floor will be partially furnished from the same place. Mrs. Hearst has given an order here for dining-tables and chairs, which in design and finish suggest the dining-halls of the horsemen of old. One room is used entirely for the making of picture frames, each made expressly to suit the demands of some one canvas, because Dr. Orlow declares that pictures have individuality, as well as people.

The main hall, with its charming side gallery, is a fine and spacious apartment, used for a picture gallery, as well as an audience room for the weekly receptions. This, as well as the smaller rooms adjoining, are furnished with a simplicity which is refreshing to the eye accustomed to the multitudinous carvings and elaborations of modern houses. The tables, chairs and settle are severe in outline, but harmonious and restful as well, and every piece has come from the room below.

In the rooms on the upper floor one finds a collection of beautiful productions. Embroideries on textures of various kinds, from heaviest satin to softest gauze; graceful shapes in porcelain show the skill of the china-painter. In a small room is a mass of glittering bead-work, so perfect in its way one wonders what Indian tribe has yielded up its treasure. Beautifully illuminated scrolls and parchments next claim the attention, and nearby are evidences of the bookbinder's art.

To every question of "Where" and "How," Dr. Orlow makes the same reply: "All made here."

The house is indeed an ideal workshop. Where the actual work may be done, or having wares for sale, the worker may bring them here, and place on exhibition.

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Dear Bessie: Royal Princes are becoming quite a drug on the market. First came his Royal Highness from China, and this week we have had Prince Louis of Savoy, who returned to us again after an absence of several years, when he was quite a noted guest in the halls of the wealthy and at Burlingame, then in its infancy, and has expressed himself as pleased to be here again. His ship, the Liguria, is to remain here while the Prince pays a flying visit to St. Louis, but from all I hear there is to be something done on board of her as well as at several places ashore directly he returns. But, my dear, Prince Louis is not the only notable guest the city has had of late. Think of the richest bachelor in the United States having been within our gates this week in Robert Walton Goelet, who arrived with the Harriman party last week in time for the horse show at Burlingame, and perhaps he wasn't feted there and in town during his brief stay! Mr. Harriman himself had a dinner in the Palm Garden on Saturday night for the members of his party and several of our San Francisco notables.

Again there is a lull in weddings, but think of all there are to come off in June. The only one of moment this week in town was that of Hattie Currier and Walter Hale last Thursday at noon. It was a comparatively quiet affair; I mean there was no large reception, the ceremony taking place at the Curriers on Pacific Avenue, with only just a few outside the relatives to witness it. The flowers were lovely and such lots of them; Dolores Wilkins was maid of honor, Mary Nichols and Jane Barry the bridesmaids. There was another wedding on Thursday at the Unitarian Church over in Oakland, where Miss Minnie Wilson and William Olney were the high contracting parties; it was quite a swell affair, I believe.

It seems as if all the excitement of the week was crowded into Thursday, for beside these two weddings there was the launching of the new man-of-war, the California.

The expected has happened, at least to all those who were at Del Monte during the recent polo tournament, in the formally announced engagement of Miss Cora Kirk, who has been on a visit to Hattie Pullman Carolan at Burlingame, to Paul Clagstone, who represented Southern California among the polo players. I intended going down to the Burlingame horse show last Saturday, but at the last moment had to give it up; Helen tells me they had a splendid time and that she didn't know which attracted most attention, Cora and her fiance, young Goelet, who was there with the Martins, or Birdie Fair Vanderbilt, who is here on business connected with the settling up of the Fair estate. I hear that Tessie Oelrichs will be here next week, but if she does, her stay will be of the briefest possible.

Gay doings in town are commencing to be rather few and far between. Mrs. Henry Dodge gave one of her pleasant luncheons last Saturday, inviting ten guests to meet her niece, Mrs. Hodgson, who is here on a visit from the East. Emily Wilson had a little tea on Monday afternoon—just a few girls; on Tuesday the Spinners gave a tea in honor of Miss O'Ryan, at her studio on Pine street, and you know how common they always enter into anything they undertake. Grace Buckley has got the bridge fever,

and had a pleasant little set of her friends to play it last week; Ethel Cooper had a bridge party on Wednesday of this week, and Emma Breedon has had two bridge parties within the last ten days. I wanted very much to go over to Edna Barry and Philip Clay's wedding, which comes off at St. John's Church in Oakland this afternoon, but, you see, the hour is four o'clock, so that I should never have time to do it, as I promised to go over to Ross Valley for the dance which the Lagunitas Club is to give at its club-house to-night, and I expect it will be lots of fun.

You never saw any one more pleased to be what she calls "home" again than Mrs. Roosevelt, who has been over at San Rafael with Judge and Mrs. Morrow almost ever since her arrival from the Philippines.

Mrs. Southworth gave her a very pretty tea the other day, at which she shared the honors with Charlotte Moulder and Winnie Mackintosh, and how every one did talk over old times when Eleanor was one of the most popular girls in the swim. The Roosevelts leave very soon for Washington City, where Captain Roosevelt is to be stationed for the next two years. It is too bad when we have pleasant people that we cannot keep them, but that is the penalty of army life—one never knows how soon one is to lose them. Another case in point is the Overtons, who are the most recent to be ordered away, and they are going to Fort McKinley almost at once. Mrs. Overton's sister, Kathie Kline, as her friends call her, who has been here all winter, has already gone, much to the regret of those who met her during her visit. In the other branch of the service, Lieutenant Horne has been ordered off to Samoa, so Alma will remain here with her mother for awhile, at least, as Mrs. McClung and Gladys have returned from San Diego, where they have been all winter, and as soon as Horne sails, the whole party will go up to Napa to stay with Mrs. Cole, who has such a pretty home in that lovely vale.

I hear that the Jim Floods will soon be off to the big house at Menlo Park, to stay there all summer, and it is surmised that they do not intend to keep closed doors. Sausalito is full of glee over the acquisition of the J. D. Spreckels, who are having their recently purchased abode done up in fine style against their taking possession next month. The locale is a lovely one, and it is said the girls will do no end of entertaining this summer.

Helen and Constance de Young got off last week for New York, where they will make some little stay,

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"shoppin', you know," as Alice says. I understand there are to be gay doings at Meadowlands when they return.

The O'Connor girls have departed with Mrs. Blair, and Mrs. Stubbs and Helen have gone to their Chicago home after a pleasant visit here. Kate Dillon talks of going to the St. Louis fair, and of then prolonging her journeyings across the big pond, and spending the summer in Europe, but promises to be back again for the winter season. The rumor is that Kate Voorhies Henry is also going abroad, though she may stay here all summer. Louise Harrington that was, Mrs. Leahy that is, who came down from Vallejo last week, will remain with her mother till the return of the Tacoma from its trip north, and then it will be time enough to make plans for the future.

The Walter Deans have gone to San Rafael for the summer. I have not heard what Alice and Ethel Hager intend to do—have not yet decided, I believe; the Eells are also at their home in Marin, and Mrs. Smedburg and Cora have been spending some time at the Hotel Rafael. The Loughboroughs are coming home, I hear—have had all they want of European travel for the present; Mrs. Stanford will be here from her trip to Australia and China next week, but is going off again to Europe in a few weeks. The Blandings are going to spend the summer at Belvedere, but may go to Tahoe later in the season for a short time. Margaret Newhall is down visiting her uncle Walter in Los Angeles, and having an exceedingly good time from all accounts; Edith Chesebrough has been up at the Navy Yard on a visit to Mrs. Miller; Jessie Dorr and Georgie Lacey have both returned from their visits to Honolulu.

But what did I tell you? The idea of the Burlingame set fancying Mrs. Peter Martin would content herself there all summer! They—she and Peter—will be here a couple of months longer, that is all, for early in July, at the latest, off they go to the beloved Newport, where they have taken a cottage for the season. Gossip has it that Mrs. Eleanor is going with them, as she enjoyed her former visit so much, and just then it is so woefully dull hereabouts. So we shall see when the time comes.

—Elsie.

AT HOME.

Thursday—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abbott Whitmore, nee Wayte, May 12th, 4 to 6 and 8 to 11 p. m., 2529 Van Ness avenue.

Friday—Mrs. Arthur W. Scott, May 6th and 13th, 305 Buchanan St.

BIRTHS.

April 22—To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Murphy, a daughter. Mrs. Murphy was Miss Frances Hopkins.

TEA.

May 4 (Wednesday)—Miss Mary Barker, in honor of Mrs. Bernard Miller, nee May Burdge, Oakland.

BREAKFAST.

May 2 (Monday)—By the Sorosis Club at St. Francis Hotel.

May 14 (Saturday)—By the Century Club, at their clubrooms on Sutter street.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Miss Cora Kirk, of Chicago, to Paul Clagstone, of Riverside.

Miss May Nickerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Nickerson, to Lieutenant Nathaniel E. Bower, Engineer Corps, U. S. A.

Miss Eleanor Moseley, daughter of Colonel Edward B. Moseley, U. S. A., to Arthur T. Harris, of Brookline, Mass.

Mrs. Jane Webb, nee Jennings, widow of Doctor Webb, U. S. A., to Julius Hackmana.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

April 30 (Saturday)—Miss Geraldine Scupham, to George Steele Lackie, Oakland, 9 p. m.

April 30 (Saturday)—Miss Edna Barry to Philip Clay. St. John's Church, Oakland, 4 p. m.

May 11 (Wednesday)—Miss Ella Goodall to Doctor Charles M. Cooper.

CHARITABLE.

May 7 (Saturday)—Vaudeville Show and Garden Fete at Arbor Villa, Oakland. In aid of fourteen charities.

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Arrivals at the Hotel Rafael during the week were: Mrs. Edward May, Miss Alice B. May, Mr. F. W. Tallant, Mr. and Mrs. C. Dudley Dean, Mr. Dudley B. Gunn, Mrs. I. Franklin, Mr. T. C. Friedlander, Mr. W. L. Meussdorffer, Miss Williams, Mr. F. A. Woodward, Mrs. E. J. Jones, Mrs. P. C. Deuroche, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ferney, Miss C. L. Hartsborn, Miss L. Kueen, Miss Mary B. Sickley, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lee and family.

Arrivals at Hotel Del Monte include: J. Lichtenstein, S. Alfred Archler, Paul von Neindorff, Miss Alice West, Mrs. Nelson Morris, Mrs. Hoffheimer, Miss A. Schultz, Miss Hester Hill, Mrs. W. J. Gorman, maid and child, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mead, Miss J. M. Lane, J. Hoyt Smith, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Palmer, Mrs. Charles W. Cooper, Miss Cooper, Miss Garrett, Mrs. W. H. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. T.

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THE DAILY AMUSEMENT OF A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

Arthur Brisbane is writing letters to the Hon. (?) Willie Hearst and signing them "A Broken Hearted Mother." In the Hearst newspaper offices this is called "human interest business," and in other newspaper offices it is called "damned lies." The other newspaper offices are right. It is good stuff to fool the public with, however, and there is many a lowly home in which bitter tears will be shed over the magnificent fabrications of the cunning Brisbane. It is said Mr. Hearst occasionally sheds a tear himself. On one occasion he is said to have remarked to Brisbane: "Arthur, you are (sob) the most (sob) touching (sob) liar (sob) I have (sob) ever (sob) hired," and then he slid down to the middle of his back in the Morris chair, elevated one knee in the air, and, touching a button, asked if there were any new chorus girls at Weber & Fields who could be induced to spend the evening in his company.

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He had just come back from Paris
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 And the dinners in between.
 Till a friend asked him discreetly,
 With a most mysterious air,
 "Do you like the things in Paris?
 Do you like the pommes-de-terre?"

He smiled the smile that's knowing,
 And he winked the other eye.
 He seemed to be as wicked
 As a man can be, and try.
 "No!" he answered, with regretful tone;
 "Those things I did not see.
 I had no pommes-de-terre at all—
 My wife was there with me."

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Mayor Schmitz now has another name "bracketed" with those of Mershon and Parry. The latest candidate for ill-repute, whose graft in the Emergency Hospital was exposed in the News Letter weeks ago, has had all the benefit of an investigation by a friendly investigator; he has been able to secure denials from those, who, from all accounts, accused him until his head was in danger, but all the pails of whitewash in the City Hall could not save Dr. Brackett. The Mayor found that he was "too indiscreet." Of course, he took money in connection with an Emergency Hospital case, but it seems his offense was not so much the fact of taking the money as the indiscretion in using his official position to extract it. That distinction gives much food for thought. Brackett may now retire into that obscurity from which he was dragged by the Mayor's favor, and in the course of human events, if he takes his lesson to heart, he may rehabilitate himself in the good opinion of those who knew him as an honest man before he sought a political position. Why any professional man should accept a minor job in the City Hall is one of the mysteries of human nature. If he is a competent physician or surgeon he can only injure himself by becoming known as a politician; if he is not competent, his reasons for taking the place are apparent. The conclusion is that most of the City Hall doctors are either foolish or incompetent. And that is not very far from the facts.

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Mayor Schmitz has suffered more than most Mayors from his appointees. Mershon was a bad one; Brackett may not be corrupt in the worst sense, but he is of too small a calibre to be a success; Parry has been a thorn in the Mayor's side ever since that colt incident, and if his resignation as Fire Commissioner were presented to-morrow, it would be tidings of great joy in the Mayor's office. Schmitz has done much to clip Parry's wings, for which some measure of approval is due to the Mayor. Parry has been deposed as chairman of the Department of Electricity, and he has been side-tracked to one of the minor committees of the Fire Commission. For some time past, he has kept comparatively quiet, for the idea has evidently forced itself in upon him that his resignation will be demanded in a prompt and summary manner as soon as he makes his next break.

Captain Harts, U. S. A., a soldier by profession and a smuggler by preference, is indignant. He has

raised his voice with words of rudeness, and his temperature has increased greatly in the vicinity of his collar. The Captain has much reason for his indignation. He arrived the other day from the Orient, and that minion of the Government, Chauncey St. John, had the temerity to search the Captain's trunks, and to seize a choice collection of dutiable goods therein discovered, neatly tucked away in places where the Captain, honest man, thought no one would ever find them. Now, Uncle Sam, abetted by this same officious Mr. St. John, demands a fine of over \$1,000 from the Captain; your uncle has also seized the Captain's goods. Now, if that is not enough to raise the ire of a professional soldier, what is? What! risk your life for your country, and then not be permitted to take in without duty a few hundred dollars worth of trumpery, and all because some old curmudgeon from nowhere made a law to that effect! Well, Republics ever were ungrateful.

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And now the School Principals are making laws to suit themselves. Principal Bush, of the Polytechnic High School, suspended six boys last Tuesday because they refused to pay a fine of \$20 levied by him against them, because, in a hurry to enter the school, they kicked the front gate and dislodged a few inches of paint. Of course, the boys should be punished; first, for being late for school, which is against the rules; secondly, for kicking the gate, which was very rude. They must not expect to kick and smash things until they go to Berkeley. But when was Mr. Bush, or any other principal, empowered to levy a fine against any pupil? Whence does Mr. Bush obtain this judicial authority? The thing is farcical. Even if he had the power to levy a fine, the amount he demanded was excessive. School principals should attend to their own particular business, and leave the punishment of misdemeanors to the Police Courts.

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Senator Perkins has secured an appropriation of \$15,000 for the adornment of the Presidio. This money will be available immediately. The Senator also has in hand a bill appropriating \$35,000 more for Presidio improvements, making a total of \$50,000 to be used during the next two years. With this money much will be done to make greatly needed improvements at the big military post. It has always



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seemed to me that the people of this city do not make enough of the Presidio. It is the largest military post in the country, and it has always been the favorite post with both officers and men. For years past, ever since the Spanish war, thousands of troops have been stationed there; every incoming transport brings home warriors from the Philippines; every out-going troop ship carries away detachments. The men are always kept in good shape by drills—not prosy, tiresome drills—by battle exercises, sham engagements, with rattle of small arms, boom of cannon, and call of bugle. These are held frequently, and are as entertaining to the onlooker as they are instructive to the men. Then the cavalry exercises are something to put the best circus stunts in the shade. In addition, there are athletic field days, when all the strong soldier boys show what they can do by power of lungs and arms and legs. The Presidio should be cultivated by the people.

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The Abruzzi and his warship have arrived, wherefore some tremors of excitement have agitated the Italian colony. The most notable incident connected with the Prince's arrival was the accidental loss of Consul Serra in the midst of the plan of congratulations. The Consul thought the Prince would come in his boat to the Vallejo street dock, and there, serene in his official dignity, the Consul awaited him. But Luigi pulled in at the Clay street dock, and then had to elbow his way through the crowds of the curious until he found the Consul. But the Prince is a good fellow, and he doubtless cared far less for the misunderstanding than did Serra. The Consul is an unhappy man, for his position here is not conducive to his peace of mind. Some years ago some of the Italians said he was unsociable; that he did not extend to them that hospitality which they thought they had a right to expect from their country's representative. Serra replied that he could not be expected to entertain the entire Italian colony. Not long ago he made a trip to Europe. During his absence it was said he would be transferred to some European city, but he came back to San Francisco. His ambition, it is said, is to get a mission upon the Continent.

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A younger brother of Eddie Hanlon, the prize-fighter, the "Pride of Telegraph Hill," has been sentenced to six years' imprisonment at San Quentin, after conviction on a charge of burglary. After his arrest, Hanlon was released upon \$500 cash bail deposited by the prize-fighter. The burglar jumped his bail and fled to the East. He was captured in Colorado, brought back, pleaded guilty, and now he is a convict. Can any minister, or any Supervisor, find in the conviction of Eddie Hanlon's brother a text for a sermon upon the evil effects of the prize-ring? Is this case alone not sufficient to prove the arguments made by this journal that the prize-ring, like the race track, leads young men into crime? I do not wish to moralize, but who is the greater offender against society—the unfortunate youth now in San Quentin, who fell into evil ways because of the opportunities presented in the prevalence of prize-fights in this city, or the Supervisors who make these opportunities possible? True, Supervisor Brandenstein says the Supervisors are not the keepers of the public conscience. But, has a Supervisor any conscience of his own?

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Mrs. Marion B. Foster sued the members of the Women's Press Association last week, and now comes Mrs. Mate H. Cartwright with another suit

against the same defendants. Mrs. Cartwright's complaint relates a long tale of woe. She wanted to be elected something in the club, and the mean things wouldn't elect her. She was pained, shocked, aggrieved, sore, indignant, and, briefly, "all broke up" by her defeat. She knows the unkind women who write things just defeated her out of pure spite, and now she wants to get even. So she has sued them and their combined unhappy husbands for \$100,000 damages. Now, wouldn't that keep you waiting! One hundred thousand simoleons! Newspaper writers—and women newspaper writers at that—sued for one hundred thousand! Why, ladies, it's a dream.

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Mme. Perrier, one of the most charming ladies of the French colony, while visiting at a friend's house two weeks ago, dropped dead. She was buried from the French church. The funeral was attended by many representatives of all that is considered the most select in local society, for Mme. Perrier was sincerely mourned. She was past the prime of life, and for many years had been a widow. Her married life had been very happy, and frequently did she speak to her intimates of her husband, whom she loved sincerely. Of late years, she had made her home at a private hotel. There, two days before her death, she told this story of a dream.

It was at luncheon on a Sunday. She sat with two lady friends. She said that during the night she had dreamed a dream which had made upon her a deep impression.

"I dreamed," she said, "that I was walking slowly along the banks of a beautiful stream. I was alone. Now and again I stopped to pluck a flower, for they were plentiful and beautiful. I mused upon the wonders of the glorious sky, the sparkling waters, the delightful flowers, and within me there was a sense of rest. But, withal, I was not happy, for I was alone. Suddenly, I heard a voice calling my name. At first, it was faint, as though far away. As I listened, it grew stronger; it seemed to come nearer. Yet I saw no one.

"Who calls?" I cried.

"Again came the voice, but now louder than before. And then, opposite me, upon the other bank of the stream, I saw—whom do you think? My husband! It was he—just as he had been twenty years ago. He looked at me. His eyes were filled with love.

"Come!" he said, "I want you!"

"Then I awoke. It was but a dream; I am no believer in dreams, but this has impressed me strangely."

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The absence of Mr. Durkin from the Alcazar stage was a feature that called for regret from many of the regular attendants at the popular O'Farrell street house. It was manifestly impossible to place that gentleman in the "New Clown," and the piece went very smoothly without him. Miss Starr, Mr. Osbourne, Mr. Maher, are deserving of special mention, and the play, generally speaking, was well carried by the company. San Franciscans are terribly partisan, and there were many who felt keenly Miss Block's assumption of a minor role. Miss Starr, however, was easily the star in the "New Clown." She is pretty and artistic and never once forgot her quaint patois. Osbourne was a very good John Baker, and the Lord Cyril Garston of Mr. Maher was a finished piece of work, as is all of the work of this conscientious young man.

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The Orpheum has a splendid show on this week, and Sully is one of the king fun makers of the world. The four Mortons are still with us, and there is no end of other attractions that keep one's wits going from the rise to the fall of the curtain. A good show to drive away the blues.

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Mr. Charles W. Strine has been made assistant manager of the Tivoli. I wish to congratulate Mr. Leahy on the acquisition, for I believe it means additional and successful efforts to popularize the big Eddy street house.

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At the Columbia we have the hold-overs, the four Cohans, fun-makers, and they are pleasing fair-size houses.

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Kolb and Dill, Winfield Blake, Amber and Barney Bernard are doing very well at the Grand. To-morrow night will see the last of these artists on an American stage for many months, and the house is sure to be packed by their admirers.

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"The New Clown" is something entirely new in the line of plays, and it is drawing very well at the Alcazar.

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Sembrich called out the usual quota of admirers at the Alhambra, and the advance sale for the matinee this afternoon is a good one. The prices are rather too high to ensure good houses, and the theatre is out of the way.

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The Central is doing a good business with "The Still Alarm," and Eugenia Thais Lawton is winning fresh laurels. Herschell Mayall is again a great hero and there is joy south of the slot.

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The Chutes has a good bill all the week, and there have been additions to the Zoo, and other attractions.

The Pure Food Show, which, by the way, is a show of foods of all kinds, pure and impure, is on at the Mechanics' Pavilion.

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The Majestic continues the admirable bill, "The Crisis," until to-night, with a matinee this afternoon. The play has drawn a little larger crowd each night to the unfinished theatre. Miss Irving is a capable and sweet little woman, with a splendid support.

The Majestic has taken a straight leap into the good graces of the culture and refinement of the city, and it is a pity that the house is not in a better condition to entertain its patrons. When finished, the Majestic will be a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

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"When Johnnie Comes Marching Home" draws the usual old-time crowd at the Tivoli, and there is rejoicing at the box office. There is but one element that needs suppression, and that is Dora de Filipe. She is simply impossible in any role.

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For the last night before closure, there is all probability of a large house at Fischer's. The chorus is good, and Roy Alton is a host in himself.

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At the Alhambra, last week, Shafter Howard and Harry Clifford gave evidence of great ability in the operetta of "His Royal Nibs." The music and the lyrics are good, and had the piece been put on as was originally intended by the Fisher Company, with Bernard, Dill, Kolb and Amber as the principal portrayers of the hero and other characters that go to make the play, it would have taken like wild-fire. The amateurs who presented it at the Alhambra did the best they could, but that best was not anything at all wonderful.

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"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" is to be the bill at the Central for the coming week, and there is sure to be a great attendance.

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Pinero's powerful drama, "The Profligate," is to be put on at the Alcazar for next week, and the full strength of this remarkably good stock company will be employed. There is a thread of romance running through the entire play, two love stories and a problem, not an Ibsen problem, however, and the gloom is lifted. It is a four-act play, which will allow much swing in the matter of scenic adornment.

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The repertoire for Richard Mansfield, beginning May 16th, is as follows: Monday, May 16th, he will be seen as the Tzar Ivan, in the production of Count Alexis Tolstoi's Russian tragedy, "Ivan the Terrible"; Tuesday, May 17th, first time here of Wilhelm Meyer-Foster's play of German student life, "Old Heidelberg," Mr. Mansfield as the Prince Karl Heinrich; Wednesday, May 18th, a revival and only time of "A Parisian Romance," Mr. Mansfield as the Baron Chevrial; Thursday, May 19th, a revival of "Beau Brummel," Mr. Mansfield as Beau Brummel; Friday, May 20th, "Old Heidelberg"; Saturday matinee, May 21, only matinee of "Beau Brummel"; Saturday night, "Ivan the Terrible." The second week Mr. Mansfield will appear in the following plays: Monday, May 23d, "Heidelberg"; Tuesday, May 24th, the last time of "Ivan the Terrible"; Wed-

nesday, May 25th, last time of "Beau Brummel"; Thursday, May 26th, "Old Heidelberg"; Friday, May 27th, only time of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," Mr. Mansfield as Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde; Saturday matinee, May 28th, "Old Heidelberg"; Saturday (farewell) night, in a scene each of five plays of his repertoire.

Some time last year, one of the San Francisco theatres gave us what purported to be a Rogers' Brothers show. This was essentially disappointing. The performance was only mediocre. We are now to be given the real thing, with Gus and Max Rogers in the cast. They open at the Columbia next Monday night. They are under the direction of Klaw & Erlanger, which is in itself a guarantee of flawless production. Lottie Uart and many others of the best will interpret musical specialties and features. There are sixty-six pretty girls in the chorus.

The Sardou season will open at the Grand on Monday night with "La Tosca." Melbourne MacDowell will appear as the Baron Scarpia. This is conceded his greatest impersonation. He will be supported by Miss Ethel Fuller, who is said to be exceptionally fine in emotional roles. The scenery has been designed especially, and is said to be wonderful. For the second week, Mr. MacDowell will give us Sardou's "Cleopatra," and it is expected that this will be a gorgeous treat. Mr. MacDowell will appear as Marc Antony and Miss Fuller as Cleopatra.

Hal. Davis, Inez Macaulay and a strong supporting company will present at the Orpheum this coming week, "An Episode in One Act," by Edmund Day, entitled "Pals." Briefly told, the story is one of unflinching love. A young man and his wife are visited by an old college pal of the former, who has been an unsuccessful suitor for the hand of the latter. The young husband is called away and returns to discover his wife hysterically fleeing up a flight of stairs to escape the proposals of love from the friend, and what ensues in the way of action is sensationally stormy.

This coming week, which marks the third successful year of the Chutes in its present location, will find a capital list of attractions at the popular pleasure resort. To-day, to-morrow and Monday, a May Day Festival, a feature of which will be an electric May Pole Dance, will be held. Queen, Stowe and Diamond, comedy acrobats and dancers, promise a lively act; Ted McKenna will introduce his \$5,000 performing dog for the first time here, and Bowers and Curtis will present their original farcette, entitled "Where is John?" Mildred Manning, a sweet singer of illustrated songs, will make her initial appearance at the Chutes.

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Interesting Developments.

Perhaps the most interesting developments in the Far Eastern question the past week are only indirectly related to the war, but

diplomatically and politically they may be considered almost sensational. It seems that Russia is already preparing for the settlement of her differences with Japan through neutral powers, two of which are supposed to be quite friendly to Japan. But this diplomatic strategy does not mean that peace will be sought before a few great battles have been fought. It is simply laying the foundation of a basis upon which Russia may build hopes and expectations that when she can honorably invite a conference with certain nations for the purpose of intervening between herself and Japan with proposals to not only stop the war, but to do so with reference to such an adjustment of differences as will insure peace for many years, and the surprising, if not amazing thing about it all is that Germany is ignored almost insultingly, and the United States, Great Britain and France made Russia's confidants and attorneys. Of course, the Kaiser is furious behind his mask of indifference, and the three nations that Russia is relying upon, as well as Russia herself, would give a good deal to know what the German war lord is likely to do in the premises. It is conceded, however, that the Kaiser has so angered the Asiatics by calling them the "yellow peril" that as one of the arbitrators his very identification with the purpose in hand would be a serious stumbling block; hence his name had to be scratched off the list of Russia's "friends in need." This diplomatic strategy is being handled by the anti-jingo party in Russia, and the Czar himself is said to be the prime mover of it. The people generally, as well as court circles, of Russia realize that the jingo statesmen and war establishment officials conspired to force Japan to declare war, and that had the Czar not been fooled by falsehood as to the real situation, Japan's demands would have had favorable consideration and war averted. Then, again, the unpreparedness of Russia for war has disgusted the Czar and his honest friends. On paper the nation was amply prepared for war, but when war actually came it was found that although appropriations for the war establishment had been ample for years, there was very little to show for the vast expenditures. It was the same kind of treachery and rascality that gave Louis Napoleon one of the finest and best-equipped armies of Europe, with vast stores of munitions of war all ready for use, on paper, which was revealed in humility and shame when the Emperor threw down the gauntlet to Germany. It was very different in Japan. For several years large appropriations were made to better the war service of the Empire, and every dollar was honestly expended. There were no "paper" items, and when the movement against Russia was undertaken, the army and navy moved forward like a mighty machine with every cog in every wheel a perfect cog. This was almost as great a surprise to the Czar as was the treachery and rascality of his jingo confidential advisors. But an "honorable peace" must come after a few great battles, for Russian pride demands "blood letting" first and diplomatic strategy afterwards. But meanwhile the jingoes will not be idle. The Czar's Eastern Asia venture is no longer a pleasing theory. It is a hard, cruel and perplexing condition set in cold realities.

Strange and mysterious rumors are coming from the Latin-American States. The Hague award in the Venezuelan case made it quite clear to all the South American Republics that when European capital accepted their pressing and flattering invitations to come over and invest millions of dollars, capital did not intend that its millions should be considered a free donation, but that it should expect ample remuneration and perfect safety for investments and interest money. But the Republics did not so understand it, and now rumor has it that they have formed an inter-Republic league, or are about to form one, to resist as one nation any and all efforts of Europe to collect these debts by seizing custom-houses, or by any other measures of force. Hundreds of millions of dollars of foreign capital are invested in public improvements in South America, and nearly every debtor is not only in arrears for interest, but is making no provisions to pay the principal. This kind of impudent indifference has been flung in the face of creditors so long that they are appealing to their Governments for protection. England, France, Germany and Italy have "intimated diplomatically" to those delinquent Latin-Americans that they propose to go into the collection business with warships and marines if their subjects are not settled with. It is to resist these collectors that the League of South American Republics has been formed, or is forming. Hitherto, they have concealed their ultimate purpose behind the Monroe Doctrine, believing, as they did, that the United States would stand between them and any foreign power that attempted to seize either their customs or territory for debt, but now that the Washington Government interprets the Monroe Doctrine to mean that temporary occupation of territory or seizing customs to collect debts is permissible, the Republics have concluded to "stand together" and meet with armed resistance what they are pleased to call "invasion by foreign States." But nearly all the Latin States have been so injudicious and prodigal with their borrowed millions that seizing their customs is the only remedy their creditors have, and they may be sure that, League or no League, the debts will be collected.

Our New Possessions.

The United States has again expanded their colonial possessions. A strip of land across Panama, together with a railway and a canal franchise, has been deeded and transferred to the United States, which, among other advantages conferred upon the powers that be in Washington, opens up a way for the appointment of a brand-new corps of territorial officers, from Governor down. The \$10,000,000 that goes to Panama from the United States treasury comes in the nick of time. The patriots who carried Panama out of the Republic of Colombia and established a new nation with themselves holding down every public office, started their venture without a nickel, and are very hungry for a little ready cash. The other first, but by no means the last disbursement, by the United States Treasury, \$40,000,000 goes to the syndicate that secured the stock of the old Panama Canal Company. When the Canal is finished the United States will own and operate two "public utilities," a waterway and a railway, which Golden Rule Jones says is the beginning of Government ownership of all the transportation, telegraph and industrial establishments in Uncle Sam's dominions, and labor unions will then be the Government.

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Central Trust Company OF CALIFORNIA

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Authorized Capital.....\$3,000,000

Paid-up Capital and Reserve.....1,725,000

Authorized to act as Executor, Administrator, Guardian or Trustee. Check accounts solicited. Legal depository for money in Probate Court Proceedings. Interest paid on Trust Deposits and Savings. Investments carefully selected.

Officers: Frank J. Symmes, President; Horace L. Hill, Vice-President; O. A. Hale, Second Vice-President; H. Brunner, Cashier.

SAN JOSE'S DEFAULTING TREASURER.

The McGeogheghan scandal in San Jose grows worse as the time passes. The defaulting treasurer had formerly been an army officer and came to San Jose with all the glamor of shoulder straps and brass buttons attached to his person. He was pushed to the front by the McKenzie and Oneal gang of corporation plunderers and was elected to an office, to maintain which he had to spend about three thousand dollars a year, and he received as pay the paltry sum of \$1500. The total shortage as revealed by the city's expert was, in round figures, \$8,700, and it was further claimed by the city authorities that the shortage occurred in the months beginning the 4th of January, and continuing until the 8th of March, 1904.

Now comes the revelation of the expert hired by the bonding companies. It is conclusively shown that the stealings began systematically with the second month of the Treasurer's incumbency, and continued at the rate of about \$800 a month, and that in January, 1904, the total peculation for that month amounted to \$3,000.

All this has been shown by the report of Expert McLaren, and the grand total is made out to be \$9,800. The city charter calls for an experting of the books of the Treasurer once every year. The Mayor failed in his duty, and it is suspected that the experting was purposely delayed to give McGeogheghan enough rope to hang himself. In January the Treasurer made his report, and Mayor Worswick refused to sign it because of a knowledge of conditions, and yet this Mayor, in the month of February, in answer to a letter from the American Bonding Company of Baltimore wrote as follows: "... no reason to think there is anything wrong with our Treasurer."

The deduction naturally follows that as the election was coming off in May, and as the city was amply protected against loss. Worswick, Oneal and others, who were cognizant of the thefts, would let them go on and then at some critical time just before the casting of the ballot, explode the bomb in the McKenzie camp in the hope of destroying that unworthy gentleman's prestige. Thus it was that the politicians gambled with the money of both the American Bonding Company and the United States Fidelity and Trust Company.

Pleasure's Wand.

(Continued from Page 17.)

"When Johnnie Comes Marching Home" will continue as the drawing card all of next week at the Tivoli.

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Augustin Daly's great comedy success, "The Runaway Girl," will be put on at the Tivoli on May 9th. This musical comedy ran for 300 nights in New York.

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Fischer's Theatre will close on Sunday night for a short time to allow the builders, carpenters, painters and an army of other workmen to make the necessary alterations that will transform this popular house into one of the most commodious and safest of modern theatres. The expectation is to open up again in May. The entrance will be widened by forty feet, and there are to be two new stairways, which will empty the balconies directly on O'Farrell street.

One hundred more seats will be added in the body of the house. Upon re-opening, all new faces will greet the audience.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of PAUL BROCK, deceased, Dept. 30335 No. 8. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, M. J. Hynes, Public Administrator of the City and County of San Francisco, and Administrator of the Estate of PAUL BROCK, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Administrator, at room 568 Parrott Building, Nos. 825 to 855 Market street, the same being his place for the transaction of the business of the said estate in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

M. J. HYNES,

Administrator of the estate of PAUL BROCK, Deceased.
C'LLINAN and HICKEY, attorneys for administrator, Rooms 567-568-569 Parrott building, San Francisco, Cal.
Dated at San Francisco, April 23, 1904.

PROMOTION OF CALIFORNIA.

Regarding the splendid work being done by the California Promotion Committee in advertising this part of California, it must be noted that this movement was the outgrowth of suggestions made by Isidor Jacobs, President of the California Canneries Company at the Convention of Fruit Growers held December, 1900, also in an article contributed by him to the San Francisco News Letter for the Christmas edition of 1900. In this article Mr. Jacobs pointed out the necessity of accomplishing something for advertising Northern California. The result was that a meeting was held shortly thereafter in the rooms of the Manufacturers and Producers Association in the Mills Building of a committee appointed from the different counties around the Bay. At this meeting Mr. T. H. Goodman of the Southern Pacific Company, was asked to be present, and he delegated Mr. McCormick to attend the meeting. Mr. McCormick stated he was about to go East in reference to the establishing of rates from Eastern sections of California, and would see what could be done to put into effect a colony rate. It is unnecessary to mention the fact that this colony rate was put into effect, and has resulted in great good to the movement. The outgrowth of this committee, of which Mr. Isidor Jacobs was chairman, was the formation of the California Colony Association, of which Mr. H. D. Loveland was appointed President. This committee accomplished considerable, and finally yielded to the formation of the California Promotion Committee, which now deserves the support of every citizen that has the good of this part of the State at heart.

In the same article written for the News Letter in 1900, Mr. Jacobs outlined the necessity of the commercial organizations of this State having a personal representative at Washington to take up on behalf of our commercial interests, matters of importance requiring national legislation or action. From this suggestion came the appointment the year afterwards by the Chamber of Commerce of William M. Bunker to locate permanently at Washington to represent the Chamber of Commerce in all matters vitally effecting this city and State.

Tickling the palate of the epicure with all the viands and the best vintage the market affords is the business of the Moraghan Oyster House in the California Market. This restaurant has earned a repute that is as broad as the United States and as long as a line drawn between San Francisco and New York.

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Special excursion trains will leave as follows: From Third and Townsend St. Depot, San Francisco, Saturday, May 7, 1904, at 7:30 a. m. From Fourteenth and Webster Sts., Oakland, at 7:45 a. m. From Park St., Alameda, 8:20 a. m. Returning, special trains will leave Santa Cruz, May 7th, as follows: Via Broad Gauge and Pajaro at 4:15 p. m. Via Narrow Gauge and Los Gatos at 4:20 p. m. Excursion tickets will also be good returning on any regular train Broad or Narrow Gauge, Sunday May 8th.

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Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 2nd day of April, 1904, an assessment (No. 85) of ten (10) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, room 33, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on **THE 27th DAY OF MAY, 1904,**

will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on **FRIDAY, the 17th day of June 1904,** to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

M. JAFFE, Secretary.
OFFICE—Room 33, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, California

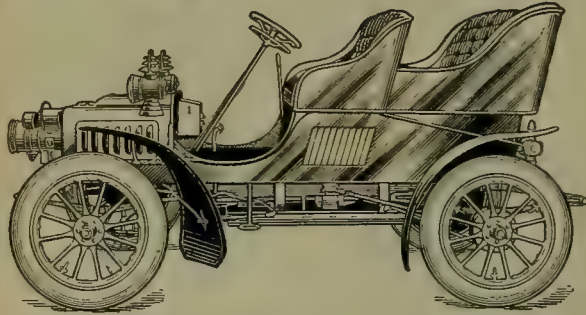
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BY THE AUTOCRANK

The Race Committee of the Automobile Club of California, composed of L. P. Lowe, chairman; Samuel G. Buckbee and Charles C. Moore, have settled on the dates for the race meet and show.

Saturday, May 28th and Monday, May 30th, are the days scheduled. This will practically give two holidays for the event. It is impossible to give any races on Sunday, as the National Association, under which they are racing, does not allow of Sunday racing.

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The show will take place under the grand stand at Ingleside in the space now occupied by the betting ring. The area has been divided off into forty sections, which will be rented to the different representatives.

The show should be a great attraction, as it is the first time such an event has been held in San Francisco.

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The programme for the races has not as yet been made out, but the Race Committee has guaranteed that it will be so completed that there will be interesting finishes in every event. The races will be worked so as to illuminate processions. Besides, the purses will be of an amount that will attract the crackerjack drivers of the East.

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The Sunday intervening between the two racing days will undoubtedly be used by the club for a run about the city on the many drives. Like last year, many automobilists will be on hand from all over the State, and a "squadron" run would make a very pleasing feature of the occasion.

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It has been suggested that the Park Commissioners might be prevailed upon, on this occasion, to throw open all the drives of the Park for the day. There will undoubtedly be many visiting automobilists, and to enforce the present rules and regulations would bar many visitors who would prove, by their attendance, their ability to comply with the rules, but who, on account of the limited time they would have in the city, would be unable to take an examination to get the right to use the Park drives.

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The suggestion made in the News Letter some weeks ago of having the great highway south extended down to Half Moon Bay, has met with approval, but as yet no attempt has been made to interest the Supervisors of San Francisco and San Mateo Counties. If these officials do not look with favor on the proposition, it would be in the power of the local club to build a speedway some three miles long over the proposed route.

Los Angeles is building such a speedway, and San Francisco should not allow the southern part of the State to hold the honors for progressiveness, although they did capture the world's track record on a track not the equal of Ingleside.

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A general meeting should be called by the Automobile Club of California at the time of the racing meet. It will be the one occasion during the year

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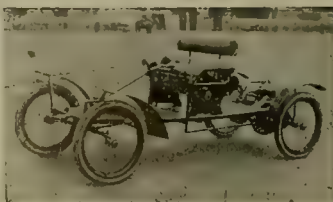
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when an enthusiastic gathering would take place. Such a meeting is important, for California is shortly to hold an election, and the way the county officials have been passing ordinances demands that in that locality the automobilist must ignore party lines and work to elect men who will stand for good roads and uniform rules and regulations.

We will come to it sooner or later. It will be but the repetition of what has happened in New York State. So we might as well strike now as later.

The motor-cyclists and the representative wheelmen might be requested to attend. They are interested in good roads and control a vote that alone would elect or defeat. The former are experiencing almost the same trouble as the automobilists.

James D. Phelan has purchased a high-power French machine, and has it at the Pioneer Automobile Company's garage.

The Darracq car is the favorite of two continents.

L. T. Shettler announces that the Pioneer Auto Co., of San Francisco, with branch office at 420 So. Hill street, Los Angeles, purchased the Oldsmobile agency for Southern California, retaining him as their sales-manager for that territory. The business will be continued as heretofore at the same old stand until the 1st of May, when they will remove to their city branch.

The Mobile Carriage Company finds it necessary to enlarge its garage space at the expense of the classroom. Machines have come in for storage at such a rapid rate that it has exceeded the expectations as well as the garage and locker space.

The California Automobile Company Outing Club enjoyed their initial run Sunday, April 24th. They left the garage at 11 a. m., and after a short run around the city, took the Creek Route to Oakland. After visiting the places of interest in and around Oakland and Piedmont, they proceeded to Haywards, passing through San Leandro. Luncheon was enjoyed at the latter place. Among those who made the run were: Bert Marron, Frank Marron, John McCarthy, Leo. Maxon, Frank Maxon, Theo. Shieve, Perry Minner, George Fairweather, Al. Robinson, William Newbert, Charles Tamany.

Seventy-five per cent of all motor cars imported into the United States are Darracqs.

Winton's entry is made for the International Cup. Bullet II will be in the American eliminating trials. Harry Owensey may drive. No German trial event will take place. The Mercedes and Opel Darracq only entrants.

There is a chance that there will be a Darracq car on each of the French, English and German international cup race teams, this car being manufactured in these countries. What an elegant chance for "team work." Ought to man these cars with old bicycle riders.

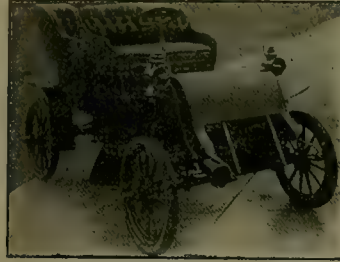
The Mobile Carriage Company provided a number of automobiles on Sunday for Charles E. Schwab. The start was made from the Hotel St. Francis about 11 o'clock. The trip included the Cliff House, Presidio, and other points of interest.

J. A. Marsh, president of the Mobile Carriage Co., and Mrs. Marsh made a trip to San Jose on Saturday, returning Sunday.

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MOBILE CARRIAGE CO. Golden Gate Ave. & Gough St., S. F.

Mr. Charles Gorndt, special representative from the Winton Motor Carriage Company, who has been visiting Winton branches and agents between Cleveland and San Francisco during the past ten weeks, returned to the factory in Cleveland last Sunday. Mr. Gorndt's mission from the factory was to make a general and thorough inspection of all Winton cars in service, as the Winton Company's one desire is to give satisfaction to owners of their cars.

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Probably the best way to note the rapid progress of the automobile industry in San Francisco is to take a seat on a bench along the South drive in Golden Gate Park on a Sunday afternoon, and note the number of machines which are being driven. An interested party counted seventy-three cars passing through the Park last Sunday. They were as follows: Wintons, 35; Whites, 13; Pierces, 3; Autocars, 10; Packards, 4; Peerless, 1; Toledoes, 7; total, 73.

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Mr. C. H. Wall has just purchased a White touring car. The company was unable to make immediate delivery, but Mr. Wall's car will be here within a month.

Mr. A. H. Piepenberg was in San Francisco last week with a White Touring Car.

Mr. Fred W. Gregory of the White Company has just returned from Fresno, where he sold White Touring Cars to S. N. Griffiths and Waterman Bros.

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H. H. Owens, Arthur Hull and C. M. Lee toured around the bay Sunday in Cadillacs. H. Kugler took in the Presidio, while W. onig went to San Mateo.

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Dr. J. H. Healey returned from Madera in his Rambler car last Sunday.

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The National Automobile Company delivered two four-cylinder Toledos on Sunday, which had been received on Saturday. One went to L. P. Lowe, chairman of the Race Committee of the Automobile Club of California, and the other to E. E. Peabody.

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A Rambler car was delivered to G. M. Farnsworth on Saturday. Later in the day he started for his home, arriving Sunday safely. He reports the roads in bad condition.

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The Mobile Carriage Company was pressed into service by the various hotels to take care of their cab and passenger service about the city and to the depots. The company successfully handled the business of the Palace, Grand, Russ House and Occidental Hotel, in addition to the Hotel St. Francis, with which it has its regular bus line contract.

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THE PASSIONATE READER TO HIS POET.

By Richard Le Gallienne in *The Book Lover*

Doth it not thrill thee, Poet,
 Dead and dust though art,
 To feel how I press thy singing
 Close to my heart?
 Take it at night to my pillow,
 Kiss it before I sleep;
 And again when the delicate morning
 Beginneth to peep?
 See how I bathe thy pages
 Here in the light of the sun;
 Through thy leaves, as a wind among roses,
 The breezes run.
 Feel how I take thy poem
 And bury within it my face,
 As I pressed it last night in the heart of a
 Or deep in a dearer place. [flower,
 Think, as I love thee, Poet,
 A thousand love beside;
 Dear women love to press thee, too,
 Against a sweeter side.
 Art thou not happy, Poet?
 I sometimes dream that I
 For such a fragrant fame as thine
 Would gladly sing and die.
 Say, wilt thou change thy glory
 For this same youth of mine?
 And I will give my days i' the sun
 For that great song of thine.

MY GOLDEN SANDS.

By Elsa Barker in *Everybody's Magazine*

To-day I meditate upon the years
 Whose sands have fallen in the glass of Time
 Since I was flung into this foreign clime
 Out of Infinitude. And it appears
 That the reward of agony and tears
 Is always knowledge; while the masqued mime
 Of mortal life is modeled on sublime
 Experience—to teach all things but fears.
 And though these little grains of golden sand
 Have drawn one thread of silver thro' my hair,
 I would not count them backward. And I
 swear
 That each to come shall leave to my demand
 Some spiritual treasure in my hand—
 And take no bauble that I would not spare!

THE FIRSTBORN.

By Margaret Bartlett Coble in *Good Housekeeping*

Into the light of the days to be,
 Out of the dusk of Eternity,
 In the white hush of the fragrant morn,
 God shall give thee my soul new-born.
 Thine be the anguish, mother mild!
 The ecstasy thine of bearing the child!
 Mine the still wonder of life begun,
 The brooding joy of being thy son!
 Into the shrine of thy motherhood
 God sends my soul to be fashioned for good,
 And in thy dream of the man to be
 Thou shalt fathom divinity.

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INSURANCE

Application has been made in the Court of Chancery at Toronto, N. J., for the appointment of a receiver for the Supreme Lodge of the Knights and Ladies of the Golden Star to compel the supreme officers to make an accounting. The application is made by Leonard F. Brill of Newark.

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A new fire company with a capital stock of \$500,000 is being organized in St. Louis, Mo.

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Insurance Commissioner Dearth of Minnesota has turned \$30,319 into the State Treasury as March collections from insurance companies. Of this amount \$26,186 represents taxes paid and the remainder is fees.

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Mr. John Wanamaker, after carrying his own insurance risk on his Philadelphia department store, for years, has concluded to protect himself against the conflagration hazard. Baltimore, Rochester and Toronto has evidently waked him. The store has been rated, says an Eastern exchange, at 2 per cent, and \$3,000,000 of insurance is being placed on an agreement that the insurance shall not participate until the loss exceeds \$1,000,000. The store is protected with sprinklers and stand-pipes, and the employes are organized into an efficient fire-fighting brigade.

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Manager Wilbur S. Tupper, of the Conservative Life of California, claims the world's record for three and a half years' growth. He is advertising in the East, says the Insurance Herald, for strong managerial and producing men for service in the Western States. All who wish to share in the opportunities created by this growth will learn more by writing to Los Angeles. For the period named the company's record stands: Assets, over \$1,500,000; surplus, over \$317,000; insurance in force, over \$21,500,000; or, to be exact, \$21,743,690.

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The retirement of the Thuringia has caused the arrangement to be made as explained in the following circular issued on the 20th inst., and signed by Voss, Conrad & Co.

"In consequence of the dissolution of co-partnership of the firm of Voss, Conrad & Co., we beg to announce the transfer of Voss, Conrad & Co., of San Francisco, Incorporated, of the business conducted at San Francisco and of the Pacific Coast Agency of the Frankfort Marine, Accident and Plate Glass Insurance Company of Germany. Being under the same personal management as heretofore, the General Agency will be conducted under the same general directions and without change.

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The recent annual election for directors of the Home Insurance Company of New York made some changes. Mr. John H. Washburn, connected with the company for many years, in various positions of responsibility, and since April, 1901, its official head, declined re-election as President and presented his resignation. The office thus made vacant has been filled by the Board of Directors by the advancement of Mr. Elbridge G. Snow to the Presidency. Mr. Washburn will continue in close touch with the management of the Company, having been elected to the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors. The titles of Second and Third Vice-President

have been discarded and that Mr. Emanuel H. A. Correa has been honored by election to the Board of Directors and to the Vice-Presidency, and that Mr. Frederic C. Buswell has been re-elected Vice-President.

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The next convention of the International Association of Accident Underwriters will be held at the Hotel Lafayette, Portland, Maine, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 19, 20 and 21, 1904.

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The death of M. M. Rohrer, for almost twenty-seven years the chief deputy insurance commissioner for the State of California, died on the morning of the 24th. Mr. Rohrer made amongst the insurance men of San Francisco an enviable reputation for probity, and his death is deeply regretted.

It is wondered who will be appointed his successor and it is feared that the position will be filled by some politician who knows only politics and nothing of insurance. If this be done, the business of insurance will suffer, and it is to be hoped that the enormous interests of insurance as represented by the managers of the various companies of all kinds will take such action as to compel the appointment of an efficient deputy.

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Captain A. W. Masters, United States manager of the London Guarantee, having recovered from his recent severe sickness in Switzerland, whither he went for treatment, is en route to the United States.

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Mr. Altho M. Hall, recently of Thuringia, will not accept the general agency of the Traders.

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The National Surety Company has created a burglary department. Mr. G. E. Hart has been selected to fill the position of manager.

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William A. Hunt, alias Hunter, who attempted to swindle the Fidelity Mutual Life out of \$15,000, on fraudulent death claim papers, was recently convicted at Dallas, Tex., and sentenced to five years in the Penitentiary. It is reported to have cost the company over \$30,000 to convict him.

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The annual report of Captain J. de C. Hamilton, the chief officer of the London fire brigade shows that in the year 1903, 3,400 fires occurred within the

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Mr. B. G. Burling, the well-known insurance man, has gone into the bond brokerage business in addition to insurance.

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The Boole-Sloan Company has been incorporated to do a general insurance business.

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The Paul M. Nippert Company has filed articles of incorporation, and represent as General Agent the British-American Fire Insurance Company of New York and the Aetna Indemnity Company.

The Homer W. Hedge Company has secured the services of Charles E. Etheridge, who has been connected with the Lyman D. Morse Agency for 23 years. Mr. Etheridge will be treasurer of the new agency. He has a reputation as an able and conservative credit and financial man.

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An officer of the English Navy, well versed in the sentiments and customs of the Japanese as a people, says that the Japanese are "Excellent little chaps"; they were always at it, always anxious to learn. The only thing about them was that when they thought you weren't looking they would pick up things you had not shown them and try to find out the secret.

If those Japanese officers had known it, they would have gone to the ends of the earth to remove so dubious an impression, for in the traditions of the Japanese fighting class, honor is more than life. "Bushido," their code of honor, was the religion of the Samurai. Literally translated, the word "samurai" means military-knight-ways, the path the fighting man must tread in his daily life as well as in his vocation.

All this came nominally to an end with the downfall of the feudal system in 1870. The samurai—the knightly class between the nobles and the plebeians—ceased to exist as an exclusive caste after the edict prohibiting the wearing of swords. They began to intermarry with the plebeians, and to engage in trade. Bushido was no longer the only rule of life, providing for all its shifting changes. Chivalry—which is class privilege at its best—could not live in a democratic atmosphere.

Every Japanese, be he noble or plebeian, must now serve his term in the army. Nor are the officers an exclusive caste, for promotion is open to every man who will take the trouble to earn it. But it happens in the Japanese army, as it happens in the English and the German—while every private soldier is free to become an officer, the great bulk of the officers do, as a matter of fact, come from a restricted section. In England it is in the upper and upper middle class; in Japan it is the samurai—samurai still, whatever the edicts and the constitutions may say.

In the very fibre of their being the traditions of Bushido remain. Those who are not less than 35 years old were taught it at their mother's knee, and many of the younger men, coming of the same warrior stock, are imbued with the principles of the code.

Dr. Nitobe, who has written a wonderful little exposition of Japanese thought, "Bushido, the Soul of Japan," protests against the assertion that Japan beat the Chinese by means of Murata guns and Krupp cannon. "No! What won the battles on the Yalu, in Korea, and Manchuria, was the ghosts of our fathers, guiding our hands and beating in our hearts. They are not dead, those ghosts, the spirits of our warlike ancestors. Scratch a Japanese of the most advanced ideas, and he will show a samurai."

The samurai began his training at a very tender age. Young children were sent among utter strangers with messages to deliver; they were made to rise before the sun, and to walk to their teachers with bare feet in the cold of winter; small boys were taken to see executions, and sent back alone to the place by night, to leave a mark on the decapitated head. Sometimes they were made to go without food, and taught that a samurai should not be ashamed to be hungry. Self-control, courage, fortitude, loyalty were the cardinal virtues.

The young samurai was taught fencing, archery, jiu-jitsu (clutching such part of the enemy's body as will make him numb and incapable of resistance),

horsemanship, the use of the spear, tactics, calligraphy, ethics, literature and history.

"He was not to think of money; ignorance of the value of different coins was a token of good breeding. He was taught to forgive injuries, but he was also taught to hold his honor sacred, and to defend it at all times and at all hazards. To win honor and to avoid shame the samurai would go to any lengths.

Naturally, the man with a sword and Quixotic notions of honor was not always as gentle as he might be with those who assailed that honor. A citizen called the attention of a Bushi to a flea jumping on his back. Forthwith the Bushi cut him in two, and afterwards explained his reason by a syllogism: "Fleas are parasites which feed on animals; he said a flea was on me; and it is an unpardonable insult to identify a noble warrior with a beast."

The sword was the soul of the samurai, and the swordsmith worked as if he were performing holy rites. Even the learned doctor feels the spell of his magic. "Its cold blade, collecting on the surface the moment it is drawn the vapors of the atmosphere; its immaculate texture, flashing light of bluish hue; its matchless edge, upon which histories and possibilities hang; the curve of its back, uniting exquisite grace with utmost strength—all these thrill us with mixed feelings of power and beauty, of awe and terror."

Under certain conditions suicide was the plainest duty, and elaborate ceremonies were laid down for the manner in which it should be done. But the glorification of the deed offered alluring temptations. "For causes entirely incompatible with reason, or for reasons entirely undeserving of death, hot-headed youths rushed into it as insects fly into fire; mixed and dubious motives drove more samurai to this deed than nuns into convent gates. No circle in the Inferno will boast of greater density of Japanese population than the seventh, to which Dante consigns all victims of self-destruction."

The women were also taught that death is a better thing than shame. "When a Japanese Virginia saw her chastity menaced, she did not wait for her father's dagger. Her own weapon lay always in her bosom. It was a disgrace to her not to know the proper way in which to perpetrate self-destruction. She must know the exact spot to cut in her throat; she must know how to tie her lower limbs together with a belt, so that, whatever the agonies of death might be, her corpse be found in utmost modesty, and with the limbs properly composed."

Although Bushido, with its fortitude and its punctilio, its odd mixture of the Spartan and the Quixotic, is no longer a recognized system, its spirit remains; and that may be the reason why the unofficial Japs are so eager for war, and so confident as to its result.

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Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on 22nd DAY OF APRIL, 1904 will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Wednesday, the 11th day of May, 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors,

R. E KELLY, Secretary

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ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

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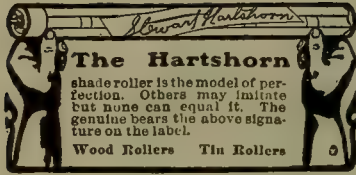
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The Political Situation

As county after county elects its delegates to the Santa Cruz convention, the chances of Hearst controlling the Democratic party in California grow slimmer. One hundred and fifteen delegates so far have been elected, or selected, for in many localities the County committee does the choosing, who are either avowedly anti-Hearst or uninstructed, which in this case means the same thing. There will be 723 delegates to the convention, and Los Angeles and San Francisco will supply 223 of those, so that the country delegations with those from Sacramento and San Jose and San Diego number 500, and one-fourth of those are already anti-Hearst. So far as delegates have been chosen, the Hearst men are outnumbered two to one. In this city a fight will be made in every precinct against Hearst, and while he may get a majority of the 168 delegates, there is but little prospect that it will be a majority large enough to overcome the adverse country vote. Of all the county conventions, the one controlled by Editor Ben Maddox of Visalia was the most pronounced in its opposition to the self-styled champion of the people. It denounced Hearst plainly and by name. The Examiner will soon have to enlarge its building to afford accommodations to its rapidly increasing black list if this thing keeps on much longer.

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Lane's letter to his former running mate on the State ticket, Dockweiler, will help along the anti-Hearst sentiment in the State, for Lane has many friends, and it is the general impression that he would be Governor to-day were it not for the Examiner. In fact, during the Lane campaign in 1902 Caminetti, who was managing the campaign, expressed that opinion, and although he is now imitating Maguire and bowing down to the Hearst shrine, he talked quite differently eighteen months and less ago.

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It should not be understood, however, that because the Democrats of California are not for Hearst they are for Parker. The Parker boom is not in much better shape than the Hearst. Democrats say very freely that they favor a man with a record of some sort, and they fear it will be impossible to elect Parker, especially with the influences that are behind him. The idea is to go to St. Louis uninstructed, and when there to try and find who will win out and give him the California votes. It is understood that Isadore B. Dockweiler will be the anti-Hearst candidate for delegate at large from Southern California as opposed to Mayor Snyder, and that Lane, Ed. Leake and Ben Maddox are the most likely candidates from this end of the line. Will Green and Congressman Bell are also mentioned as possible candidates.

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Ex-Senator Bulla practically admits his defeat as candidate for delegate-at-large to Chicago from the South, and is now talking of two Southern delegates-at-large, but that idea does not meet with much encouragement, and is not at all likely to be adopted by the Convention. There are too many Northern candidates to make such a thing as two Southern delegates-at-large possible. The defeat of Bulla means the end of Bard.

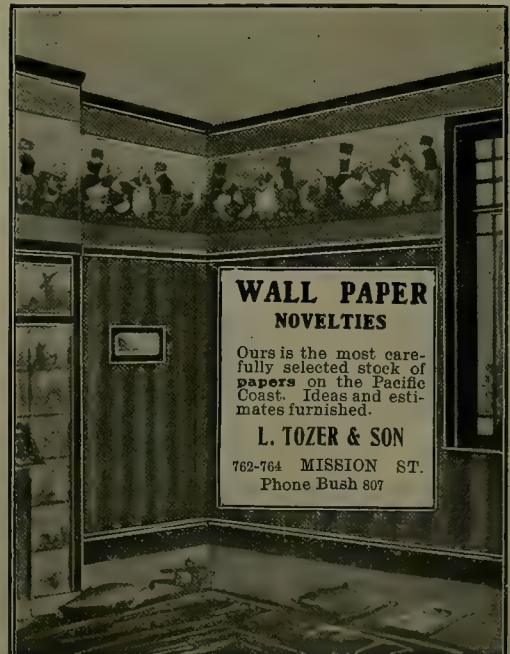
There is going to be a lively time in the Third Senatorial District among the Republicans who want to go to the Legislature to succeed Senator Tyrrell. In the first place, the Senator would like to go back himself, and as he has made a good record, there seems no particular reason why his wish should not be gratified, except that John B. Irish of Sierra County would like to be called Senator for the next four years, and so would Senator Lardner, who has been switched out of the Fifth into the Third District, also thinks that his record justifies his return. Then F. M. Rutherford of Truckee would also like to wear the toga, and there are probably others who have not as yet announced themselves. Four candidates, however, ought to keep things from being dull in the Third this summer.

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In this city, the list of candidates for the Legislature increases daily. The Senate, of course, is practically settled in some districts. Nelson and Wolfe are both candidates for re-election, and will both no doubt be re-named by their party. Thomas H. Lindsay is likely to get the chance to succeed the late Senator Williams in the Twenty-fourth District. For the Assembly, however, the crop of candidates promises to be very large. A number of them have already been mentioned in this column, including W. W. Allen, Jr., E. D. Knight, and others who have been there before. John T. Graham is a new candidate in the Thirty-third District, Frank Twigg in the Twenty-eighth, E. F. Hunt, who, I believe, however, wants a Labor Union nomination, although he is a "promoter," I. P. Kincaid, J. F. Quigg, and W. H. McMartin, who was in the last session.

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In Stockton, or, rather, in San Joaquin County,



they are already having a lively time over the nomination for State Senator. Senator Meunter wants to go back, and Assemblyman Dunlap wants to be promoted to the Senatorship. As they are entirely different types of men, the contest will be more than ordinarily bitter, and will last up to the last moment, with no hope of a compromise. C. H. Farrell wants to succeed Dunlap, and John W. Moore will probably go back from the district he represented in San Joaquin in the last Legislature. In Alameda County, John J. Mattos would like to be a State Senator from the Fifteenth District. Senator Flint proposes to be a candidate from his district again, and ex-Assemblyman C. W. Merrett of Santa Barbara wants to be the Senatorial representative of that section of the State.

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The Democrats have not been as much in evidence as their Republican neighbors, but there are some of them willing to serve the State for a consideration. For Senators, Senator J. M. Plunket would like to be returned from the Seventeenth District. C. A. Sweigert is a candidate in the Twenty-first District, and Assemblyman Copus, the only brainy representative that Union Labor had in the last Legislature, wants to go back to Sacramento, but as Senator from the Nineteenth District. He would, of course, expect to be a Democrat as well as a Labor Union candidate, and I presume that the Democracy would be willing to endorse him, as they did before. Joseph Wannamaker wants the Democratic nomination for Assemblyman in the Thirty-eighth District, and Frank Malloy in the Forty-third.

It is practically settled that Duncan McKinley is to be the opponent of Congressman Bell in the Second District. Senator Devlin of Sacramento, who was mentioned for the place, has formally withdrawn, and Deputy Attorney-General Stutevant declines to be a candidate, although Mendocino would be only too glad to give him her vote. That leaves McKinley a clear field, and he will undoubtedly get the nomination. The attack made by Bell on the Soldiers' Home at Yountville has arrayed all the Grand Army influence against him, and McKinley says that although Bell is very popular, and has made a good Congressman, he thinks he can beat him.

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In the Eighth District, however, things are not such plain sailing. Daniels is going to have a very hard fight to secure a re-nomination, and besides ex-Senator Smith of Kern and Senator Ward of San Diego he is likely to be confronted by C. C. Chapman at home. The papers in his District, even in his home town, are not for Daniels, and while they do not openly oppose him, they are continually booming some one else for the place. There are rumors, too, that Santa Barbara is looking up a candidate, so the prospect is that there will be as many candidates as there are counties in the district when the convention meets. One curious feature of the campaign for the nomination in the Eighth, however, is the fact that all the papers in the Southern end of the district are urging the Republicans not to cross the Tehachapi to name a candidate, declaring that it is good politics to boom your own community. Any one north of the Tehachapi is persona non grata to the good provincials who live south of that barricade.

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The Brooklyn Eagle suggests that every body to be elected from the radical element of the party should be the most able man in the party. It is not a bad idea. The party should be made up of the best men in the party. The party should be made up of the best men in the party. The party should be made up of the best men in the party.

Early Fall to Him
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THE BRISBANE DISCUSSION

Clarity in Whistling Him as Other Papers Agree.
 (From the Jacksonville Journal.)
 The Brooklyn Eagle which was first for Parker has published a series of articles and then returned to Parker and began to attack the Brooklyn for President in case the Brooklyn is not of the New York Journal. The Brooklyn is not of the New York Journal. The Brooklyn is not of the New York Journal.

The Eagle's banner is vegetative and if it had possessed a combative life, the President William Franklin Hearst for the President Arthur Brisbane, the average point would have been somewhat different. —Baltimore Herald (1911)

In reply to the suggestion of Mr. Hearst's boss in the New York Herald by Arthur Brisbane Mr. Hearst's article reads: "The Brooklyn Eagle rises to support Mr. Hearst for the Democratic nomination in case of his complete qualification." There are those who believe that Mr. Hearst's other man as the Lord made the world be the word of His power. In the time of His days and all very good of as good as could be expected. Had Mr. Hearst's man agree to be anonymous as he is in all multi-questions. This is already well understood, but it is bound to become even better understood. —New Britain Herald (1911)

BRISBANE TIE DRAKES

The Kettle and its correspondents are right. Mr. Brisbane is the hero of the hour. He should get the honor of the moment. It is for the honor to it. —Knoxville Herald

As the Eagle truthfully says, Brisbane is the Journal and the Herald is Brisbane. The money is the money of Hearst, but the voice is the voice of Brisbane. —Schererville Kalamazoo Star (1911)

His nomination would be an indignity and a humbug. It would be the real thing. The Eagle desires two editorial columns to setting forth the availability of the radical Mr. Brisbane, but as stated, it does not agree to support him. But it evidently considers him better in the real thing than Hearst. —Jamaica News (1911)

Give the Honor to the Man.

(From the Rochester Herald.)
 The Brooklyn boom, launched from the Brooklyn Eagle a few days ago, eliciting much favorable comment, favorable, at least, from the point of view taken by the Eagle in its discussion of the Brisbane campaign. Hearst's plan is to elect Mr. Hearst to the office, in all that the Democracy is to have heard of that form of political lunge. As the Schererville Kalamazoo Star says: "It is Mr. Brisbane whose peculiar style of writing and diverse belief in the extreme doctrine he proclaims has given the New York American its political character and popularity, and all the other Hearst papers are but reproductions of the New York original."
 Mr. Hearst has exploited himself mainly with the talents of Mr. Brisbane, and while Brisbane's writing has not appeared in Hearst's newspaper, it has appeared in the papers of the conservative people. It has made Hearst's paper popular with a large class. Brisbane is a wage earner and a laborer who has written, the father was an aggressive Socialist. If the radical class wish a capable leader, let Brisbane, and not Hearst, who should have their support.

Mr. Hearst himself ought to perceive this plain ethical truth and withdraw in favor of Arthur Brisbane, subject to the will of the Democratic National Convention. Let us see if he will rise to the great moral duty with the situation so clearly transparent upon him.

If we are to have a red-dog revolutionist and Hearst socialist for a candidate the party should be made up of the best men in the party. The party should be made up of the best men in the party. The party should be made up of the best men in the party.



Hearst and Brisbane--or, The Fable of the Lion in the Ass's Skin

There was once a Lion who had, in Early Boyhood, imbibed the Principles of Anarchy, and desiring to teach these Principles to the "Common People" that he might better destroy them through their Unleashed Passions, he found himself face to face with a Problem. He had no Medium. So he sought a Guileless Ass and told him: "Through you shall the Common People be Saved." The Guileless Ass was easily identified through the Inherited Purse, the Society Eye and his Unbridled Lecherous Morality. The Ass agreed, and the Lion is now going about the country wearing the Skin of the Ass upon his back, thereby to fool the People. The Skin is Too Short, however, and the Lion finds it necessary to spend much of the Ass's Inheritance in his efforts to spread the Doctrine of Anarchy.

(The next chapter will be at Santa Cruz, and the conclusion, otherwise known as "finish," at St. Louis.)

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Not more than ten thousand American labor unionists observed May-day by going on strike.

It is to be noted that nowadays the walking delegate rides in an automobile.

"Three strikes and out" applies to the labor agitator's business as well as to baseball.

The weather man who would permit it to rain during a street car strike would renew our adherence to the doctrine of total depravity.

A lady whose offspring took first prize in a baby show wants its father arrested for failure to provide. So much for heredity.

A new fad is finding out the color of one's soul. The world at large prefers to see the color of one's money.

Russia keeps on sending to the front her best ikons while Japan rushes forward little brown iconoclasts with long-range rifles.

If Secretary Knox is "an old hen sitting on a door-knob," then Congressman Hearst is one of the crowless roosters we read about.

Co-education went well enough at Berkeley until it turned to the study of French, in which it got no further than the conjugation of the verb "aimer."

The awkwardness observable at college dances makes it seem certain that higher education begins above the belt.

If the soul of John Brown "goes marching on" around Harvard College it will have to do it under the protection of the faculty.

Boston bakers have struck, and the beans-and-brown-bread industry is paralyzed, but there is still the codfish to keep soul and body together.

Owing to an accident to a circus train, the good people of Truckee were able to "see the elephant" without paying fare to the "redlight" section of San Francisco.

A mouse, faithfully enacting the nursery rhyme, ran up the clocks in a Chicago theatre. The clocks, however, were on a lady's hosiery, and the result was a panic, during which the mouse ran down again.

Biliousness among men is matched by automobiliousness among horses.

With Sunday picknickers once a week, and mosquitoes all the time, the restfulness of suburban living is not what it is cracked up to be.

If it had happened in the Sunny South instead of Oakland, one would say that the police marksmen had enjoyed an exciting and successful "coon hunt."

Alameda's "Jack the Thumper," who devotes himself to punching the small boys he finds abroad after dark, may be a wicked person, but he has made the curfew ordinance useless in the Island City.

A whole conference of colored preachers has done its best to pray Roosevelt back into the White House, but nobody outside the Tarpey family is addressing the throne of grace on Hearst's behalf.

Over in Illinois, where the unusual is always happening in politics and religion, Oak Park, a Chicago suburb, has broken out suddenly with an epidemic of passionate piety. Oregon's "holy rollers" must have come to town.

Lyman J. Gage stoutly affirms before young Mr. Rockefeller's Bible class that "individual wealth is not an injury to society." After that the class should have sung "Shall We Gather Dividends at the River?"

A pretty Los Angeles girl smiled so effectively on a St. Louis photographer that he up and married her. The moral of this is that one should not only "look pleasant," when the camera man so orders, but look affectionate.

To amuse his friends, an obliging Easterner swallowed keys, rings, chains, knives and nails, which the doctors are now trying to get out of him. It's even money that if they opened his head they would find it filled with saw-dust.

A Brooklyn lady is bankrupt because she spent all her money buying Easter bonnets and spring gowns for her friends, and in paying the notes which she endorsed for them. Now she is figuring out the difference between a "good fellow" and a "good thing."

To set one's house on fire by misadventure, and to be thrashed by the landlord while trying to save something from the flames, helps to make clear the Scriptural paradox: "Even that which he hath not shall be taken away."

A Gentile club-lady of Utah will not be permitted to address the National Federation of Women because she voted for Senator Smoot while she was in the Legislature. Even the women's clubs are uplifted for the national pastime of Mormon-whacking.

EXIT CORNELIUS.

However it has been accomplished, San Francisco is devoutly thankful that she is to be spared the horrors of a street car strike for a year to come, if the carmen keep faith. Mayor Schmitz appears to have been the messenger of peace. Certainly no one desired or needed peace more than he. A strike would have set him down between the devil and extremely deep water. Had he been compelled to the extremity of putting policemen on the cars or of refusing to do, he might have begun figuring on going back to his fiddling, for in either case he would have been politically dead and cremated. Thus he had a motive stronger than his sense of duty to the community or any hope of direct profit such as often goes to the one arranging such a bargain as this. When he pleaded for peace he was pleading for his political life, and in such circumstances any man pleads his best.

It was three days of delay that turned the trick. Mayor Schmitz did not spend this time in persuading the men on the cars, but in begging the United Railroads for some concession, no matter how slight, which he could flourish triumphantly before the mass meeting. The concession was slight enough, as the carmen have doubtless found out by this time—a mere re-phrasing of one clause of the agreement so scornfully rejected by the employees only a few days before, adding nothing to the wages offered, yielding nothing of the company's determination to do its own hiring and discharging of men. But it sufficed for a showing. There was only Cornelius to be convinced. It was he, ruling the union by terror, who demanded a strike. It was his hand that clutched at the company's check-book, his lifted hand that made the carmen crouch and cower. Sometime on Tuesday last Schmitz "convinced" Cornelius—how one may not say—that he wanted peace, and not a strike. It is not hard for a man with money at his command and with jobs to give a promise to deal with a man who wants both or either. At all events, Cornelius, the bully-leader of the carmen crawled back into his kennel and became a good dog. The rest was easy.

There may have been some understanding between Schmitz and Cornelius, but that will not matter much to the public. Almost any evil would be preferable to such a conflict as a car strike would have inevitably brought about. And besides a year's peace, it is probable that this transaction will produce still greater good in the elimination of Cornelius, than whom organized labor never had a worse exponent. After his deal with Schmitz, it is not likely that the few who trusted him will trust him any more, nor that the many who feared him will any longer tremble at his frown. As between Schmitz and Cornelius we should not select Cornelius.

INDISCRIMINATE CLOSING OF SCHOOLS.

We are properly fond of that California fraternity, the Native Sons of the Golden West, and properly proud of the staunch warships built in this harbor, but the fact that one of these vessels was christened "California," and that on this account the Native Sons had charge of her launching, was no excuse for a holiday in the public schools. We are prone to ridicule our Latin-American neighbors, who make the anniversary of almost anything or anybody an excuse for shutting up shop and giving the day to feasting and idleness. Before we laugh at them again, let us recall that we tried to have the

launching day of the California made a legal holiday—fortunately Governor Pardee had the good sense to forbid us this foolishness—and that we succeeded in closing up the schools for a day. The absurdity of this appears when it is known that not one in a hundred of the city's school children saw the launching or could have seen it had they desired. It was largely a private function, visible by invitation, and only in a limited way open to those who could afford to pay their way, as nine-tenths of the school children could not afford to do. Closing the schools for an affair not wholly public and of only minor public importance is foolish and worse than foolish; it is an injustice to the people, who pay taxes for the education of their children and an injustice to the children themselves.

We may very well be not too severe in administering that greatest of public trusts, the public school system, and it is far from the News Letter's thought to preach against patriotism and State pride, but we do object to tom-foolery like that of the California's launching. If the affair had been arranged for the benefit and instruction of the children, if they had been the guests of honor and the chief participants in the ceremony, then this sermonette would have no text, but as it was, the School Board merely told the children to run out and play while a few of their elders went out to see a warship slide into the water. The members of the Board simply allowed themselves to forget their duty. They and the young men of the Native Sons should have the grace to be ashamed and to promise themselves and the public that they will not do it again.

LIVERNASH'S LAST HOWL.

One of the memorable incidents that marked the day of adjournment in the House of Representatives was the manner in which Congressman Williams, leader of the minority, took the floor from Livernash, the misfit from this city, and choked him off so effectually that the last howl of Hearst's man was heard in the outer corridors, and not on the floors of Congress. During the absence of Livernash, Bell had called up his Mendocino land bill by unanimous consent, and it was about to be passed when Livernash entered the House and asked time to oppose the bill. This opposition was animated by his envy of Bell's great success at Washington, and was in furtherance of the announced purpose to oppose every measure Bell might introduce. Williams gave Livernash the floor, but within three minutes the minority leader crowded Hearst's man aside, choked him off, and retained the floor himself until final adjournment for the very purpose of preventing Livernash again raising his voice in opposition to a measure which was not only beneficial to California, but which had also been given the support of a majority of the members of the Lower House. The House adjourned without passing the bill, and Livernash thereby gained his point. But it was at great cost to himself and his proprietor, for his conduct proved to the satisfaction of all the members of the House that the estimates given of the Livernash character by those who knew him in this State were by no means overdrawn. Ever since he met Bell at Washington, and learned of the high respect in which that able young man is held, the petty soul of Livernash has been filled with envy. He has taken advantage of every opportunity to work out his spite, and it is characteristic of his nature that he now finds pleasure in the sensation of having satisfied his de-

sire for revenge that arose from his own acknowledgment of his colleague's superiority. He will return to a constituency that long since found out the enormity of the error it committed in electing him, and that is accepting with true contrition and resignation the burden it must bear until his term is over.

How different will be the home-coming of Bell! The people of the Second District are thankful to him for all he did, and for all he tried to do for them in Washington. The enmity of Hearst and Livernash has endeared Bell to his people. They love him for the enemies he has made. The Democrats of his district are with him in his fight against the "yellow fellow" and his hirelings. While Bell was attending to the business for which he was sent to Washington, Hearst's hired man was running errands for his master. On the day that the conference committee reported against the provision in the naval appropriation bill providing for the construction of colliers at Mare Island, neither Hearst nor Livernash was present; but Bell arose to the occasion and saved the colliers, despite the adverse report of the committee. That was another reason why Livernash opposed Bell. The latter met with too large a measure of legitimate success. The people of the Fourth District have only themselves to blame for inflicting Livernash upon the country. With the lesson before them, a repetition of the error is impossible.

MURDER IN THE NAME OF THE LAW.

Oakland, long foremost among California cities in education, religion and all the refinements of civilization, has suddenly and strangely relapsed into a condition of savagery. Last week its uniformed policemen lay all one night about a shanty in which was a demented negro, armed, sullen and defiant. They had him so surrounded that his only hope of escape was in suicide. Oakland's Chief of Police, a mild-appearing, spectacled person named St. Clair Hodgkins, at the head of a squad of police demolished the house and riddled the place with bullets. A little later a policeman brought out what was left of the negro from what was left of the shanty. House and man had been literally shot to pieces.

The next day a Coroner's Jury, composed of God-fearing, church-going, order-loving Oaklanders, found that the police had killed the negro "in the discharge of their duty," and that "said shooting was justifiable and commendable upon the part of said officers."

All this in the name of law and justice, in the enlightened twentieth century and in the pious and peaceful city of Oakland!

The city across the bay is to be condoled with for back-sliding into a degree of barbarism that would have disgraced a frontier town of forty years ago; for the affliction of this Hodgkins, and for such a jury of citizens. All the facts prove this to have been a murder, all the more cowardly and contemptible because it was done under the guise and protection of the law. The scene of this official slaughter was a street which is never crowded, and is not at any time an essential part of Oakland's system of thoroughfares. A dozen or more expert riflemen covered every possible avenue of escape. All the adjoining houses had been vacated. No life but the negro's was in possible peril. A telephone message to the nearest engine house would have brought apparatus enough to deluge the shanty and wash the negro out like a drowned rat. If that had been deemed inexpedient, the street could have been roped off, as is

done in Oakland whenever there is a fire. The guard could have been maintained in safe places and at safe distances, and in a few hours at most hunger would have cooled the negro's madness and sent him out to a meek surrender.

Had this "justifiable and commendable" killing taken place in Oklahoma or Arkansas or down in the "black belt," the press of the bay cities would have damned its perpetrators from Gehenna to breakfast as uniformed murderers. But it was done in humane, civilized Oakland, and so, to this hour no editor has criticised it, no citizen's voice has cried out "shame!" against the brutal bungler of a Hodgkins. A man who would do such a thing is not fit to carry a loaded pistol; is not fit to patrol a beat, let alone captain a force of peace-preservers. Knocking mild-eyed sheep on the head with an axe in the stockyard shambles at West Berkeley would be the proper billet for Hodgkins. As for the good citizens who found his course both "justifiable" and "commendable," let them take it to their souls—and we are certain of this as the sober judgment of the decent men in their community—that they are well-nigh as guilty as the butcher they have praised. Oakland has need to get rid of Hodgkins, to draw better citizens on her inquest juries, to wash her hands of the blood that is on them, and to strive by faith and works and repentance for a renewal of the State's esteem.

COOK'S REMARKABLE WRIT.

Superior Judge Carroll Cook seems to be suffering from a misconception of the respect which he should accord to his own rulings. Having issued an injunction restraining the police from interfering with the propagation of vice at the notorious resort on upper Dupont street, he now considers it his duty as an "honest, upright judge" to levy heavy fines upon policemen who have arrested the women who have flaunted their colors of scarlet under the protection of the court's writ. Judge Cook, when a practicing attorney, was noted for the persistency with which he conducted his cases, and particularly for the technicalities upon which he relied for success. He seems to have carried this regard for technicalities to the bench. He overlooks the wide distinction between the practice in criminal courts and courts of equity. A technicality which would estop proceedings in the former should be of but little avail in the latter. Courts of equity are, presumably, conducted on broader plans than others. It is the main business of an equity judge to get at the right of the question before him, and to render rulings based on equitable grounds rather than on technicalities. In the cases before Judge Cook, the question at issue is between the community and these inmates. The latter have succeeded in obtaining an injunction prohibiting the police from arresting them. It is very questionable whether such petitioners should be heard at all in a court of equity. They come into court covered with the slime of their corruption, and actually succeed in getting an order under which they may ply their nefarious business without interruption. It is a most remarkable condition of affairs for which few parallels can be found. It seems to us that Judge Cook would render better service to the community and comply more strictly with the spirit of equity practice, if he would dismiss the injunction, and permit the police to suppress the vile den now protected by his writ. It is sometimes necessary for a court, upon more mature deliberation, to change its rulings. One of these opportunities has come to Judge Cook.

FOR SUBURBAN RESIDENTS.

Suburban residents find much to interest them in a bulletin on annual flowering plants just issued by the Department of Agriculture at Washington. The Department has taken up the subject of the adornment of small suburban houses on estates, and the gardens on city lots. Every lover of the beautiful in nature may obtain the advice of the Government scientists, without cost, by procuring a copy of the bulletin. The plans suggested for adornment have all been formulated with strict regard for economy, for the main purpose of the bulletin is to aid people of moderate means, rather than to assist the wealthy, who may hire landscape gardeners of their own. Every detail has been worked out with great care, with the result that it is demonstrated that most satisfactory effects can be produced with no greater expenditure than now attends the maintenance of many small gardens that are noted mostly for their simplicity. It is the Government's intention to encourage planting home areas according to prepared plans. Model working plans have been drawn, which, with proper modifications for soil, climate, topography and other local conditions, can be adopted by small owners. These plans make provision for the growing of small fruits and vegetables, as part of the scheme of embellishment. Particular attention is given to the great variety of species of flowering plants and decorative vines and shrubs that may be used for adornment. The plans also present photographic prints of homes adorned in accordance with the suggestions of the experts of the Department of Agriculture. Owners with limited means, who may not wish to invest in shrubbery, will find the chapter on decorative annual grasses of much interest. Detailed instructions will assist in the proper development of that very rare charm of a residence property—a perfect lawn. The bulletin tells not only what grasses are best for the various sections of the country, but how to grow them. Much attention is also given to the artistic arrangement of walks, drives and terraces, and the location of fountains, flagpoles and other objects with regard to the best effects. The entire bulletin is replete with matters of delightful interest to those who enjoy nature's beauties. High ideals have been kept in view, the purpose of the Department's scientists being to cultivate an intelligent appreciation of beautiful homes among the people, to the end that all the communities of the country, and the nation at large, may be thereby benefited. Local residents, and owners of homes in Oakland Alameda, San Jose, Berkeley, San Rafael, Sausalito, and other towns, would do well to avail themselves of this opportunity to obtain valuable advice for home adornment. The bulletin referred to is officially known as Farmers' Bulletin No. 195, and is entitled "Annual Flowering Plants." It may be obtained upon written application to the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C.

THE PREVALENCE OF CANCER.

A New York surgeon, with an eye for figures, has issued a very remarkable statement regarding the prevalence of cancer in the United States. He says that the terrible disease has had a most remarkable growth during the past quarter-century, and he quotes statistics to prove his assertions. He says that the highest mortality is along the Pacific Coast, where the rate is 51.9 in 100,000, and that among the larger cities San Francisco leads in mortality, the fig-

ures being as follows: San Francisco, 112 in 100,000; Philadelphia, 73.6; New York, 64.7; Chicago, 63.3. The New York authority does not state the source of his statistics, and they are probably home-made. Wherever he obtained them, their publication throughout the country will certainly have a tendency to injure the entire Pacific Coast, and this city in particular. Women are supposed to be more prone to cancer than men, and the wives of intending immigrants are certainly not going to rush into a land where, according to the New York physician, one of the most fearful diseases known to mankind is more prevalent and more deadly than anywhere else in the country. We do not believe the figures given are reliable, for if they stated facts, they would not be received with the intense astonishment with which local physicians have read them. They are somewhat in line with the very remarkable statistics which have been published from time to time regarding the prevalence of insanity in this State. California sometimes suffers in the statistical column because thousands of people afflicted with incurable maladies, mental or physical, after trying all the cures known to the East, are sent here by their friends in a last endeavor to bring them back to health. Naturally, many of them are incurable when they arrive, and when their cases go into the statistical tables, California is thereby burdened with the ills of strangers, who have nothing in common with us, and who should not be charged against us. The cancer canard should be run down by the local Board of Health, and by the State Board also, and the correct figures given to the world, so that the city and the State may not again suffer for something that does not exist.

What a dreadfully demoralizing place the Philippines must be! An army officer who contracted a bigamous marriage in San Francisco has been pronounced insane, and his disability is stated to be due to service in the Philippines. We have heard that climate of Manila made accountable for all sorts of speculation and fraud; we have heard it blamed for what the strict would call immoralities, but never yet have we heard it accused of causing bigamy in San Francisco. A trip to Manila seems to be a necessary preliminary to a full enjoyment of life.

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How Tyson Came Home. This is one of the best stories which it has been my good fortune to read for a long time. William A. Rideing, the author, whose "Captured Cunarder" showed for the first time what he could accomplish, has followed up his success and has produced in the novel with the above title a really interesting and wholesome tale. Not that it is by any means a perfect story; some parts are, on the contrary, quite hackneyed. He has been unable to avoid the obvious, and in one instance, that in which the villain is discovered to have wronged the sister of the principal character, he has made too evident a bid for the approval of the multitude who doubtless would expect some such denouement. This might pass unnoticed with the ordinary novelist of commerce, but Mr. Rideing belongs to so superior a type that this incident causes a feeling of disappointment and something of regret. It is a little too bad, however, to dwell long upon the blemishes in what is, after all, a fine, healthy bit of writing. Poor Tyson, who dreamt of England in the wilderness, who idealized it in his loneliness, and went home to find what it really was. He came back West and finished his days, small blame to him, and discovered that home is, after all, the place where one's affections are most closely bound up. Strong and interesting the book undoubtedly is, and every one who reads it will look forward to more work at the hands of the same writer.

John Lane. The Bodley Head, New York.

Three Years in the Klondike. This book is placed before the public at a seasonable time of year. Fortune hunters are about prepared for the summer trip to Alaska, and will appreciate "Three Years in the Klondike." There are twenty-three half-tone illustrations, printed on a fine quality of paper. There is also a map showing the Klondike district. The author carries the reader from San Francisco to Dawson in a well-written description of the varied scenes encountered on the way. Experiences with snow, sleigh journeyings, stampeding, fire, robbery and murder, and then the fortunes and misfortunes of treasure-seekers all lend to the interest of the book. It is not alone of interest to seekers of fortune in Alaska, but is of value to the student who wishes to be informed of the manners and customs of the natives. The author tells us that all necessary vegetables will grow near the main stream of the Yukon, as well as food for horses. A man can now take his family to near Dawson, settle in one of the valleys, and sell all his produce at good figures to Dawson and other settlements that now exist. The rigors of the winter have been lessened by modern innovations, and people who can winter in Montana and Northern Russia would almost enjoy existence on the banks of the Yukon.

(Edward Arnold, Publisher, London. For sale by A. M. Robertson, San Francisco. Price, \$2.)

In his new story of London life, **Anna, The Adventuress.** Mr. Oppenheim takes for heroines two sisters, Anna and Annabel, who look almost exactly alike. Annabel got herself talked about when the sisters were living in Paris, and then calmly married Sir John Ferringhall, a prospective M. P., although that astute Britisher thought he was marrying Anna. This is followed by many complications. The subtle

study of character, as shown in the two sisters, is masterly. The subordinate characters, Sir John Ferringhall, David Courtlaw, and others, are delineated with almost as much ability. But it is for his power of telling a story that Mr. Oppenheim first made a name, and in none of his novels is this power more manifest. From beginning to end it goes on increasing in interest as it progresses, and sparkles with brilliant conversation and unusual situations.

The book contains sixteen illustrations, including a poster frontispiece of "Anna."

(Little, Brown & Co., Publishers, Boston. Price, \$1.50.)

"I" is one of those books in which, as the advertisement says, a woman tells the truth about herself. Experience has taught the reviewer of many books that this sort of book is generally unveracious, and that as a study of real life it is practically useless. This book is no exception to the rule. The writer's point of view is the only interesting, and, it must be confessed, unpleasant, part of the story. As a study in morbid self-consciousness it is perhaps, within certain limits, a success. As a contribution to serious study of human nature, it is an unmitigated and distinct failure. "I" is a neurotic egotist, in which the sex instinct is abnormally developed, and whose self-consciousness is almost hideous in its exaggeration. One does not know whether she is most detestable as a woman who accepts gifts from a man other than her husband, and who shrinks with a sort of unctuous righteousness from the consequences of her own acts, or as a penitent whose overwrought self-flagellation still bespeaks the same prurient self-consciousness as the yielding to her sensuous nature. There is a diabolism of self-denial just as there is of over-indulgence, and the amiable lady who spreads herself for our delectation over three hundred and fifty pages of type is all the way through the victim of diabolism in one or other of these forms. The introduction says that the picture is not one of an ideal woman. If the term ideal be used in the sense of unreal, it is just what the picture is, and it is to the credit of human nature that it is so. One redeeming feature is that the author has wisely chosen to veil herself in anonymity.

D. Appleton & Co., New York.

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FINANCIAL

The Coming River Convention.

The commercial organizations of the bay, and contiguous to Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties, have called what is known as the River Convention, with the intention of providing some effective remedy for floods which now and then inundate the fertile plains of the Sacramento and San Joaquin. Why in the world they should eternally allude to these vast stretches of territory as valleys is something not easily divined. The convention is called to meet on May 23d at the Palace Hotel. The project is colossal in character, and one which will involve, if it is determined to make the work thorough, an immense amount of time and labor. The \$5,000,000 suggested as the likely cost of cutting a new channel to tide water from a point sufficiently high to meet the exigencies of some unusually wet winter, ought for safety sake to be multiplied by ten. Another thing which has never yet been considered in connection with this scheme for handling the overflow of water from these rivers when running bank high, nor has it yet ever been publicly discussed, is the tidal movement which no down current has ever or will ever be strong enough to check when it is on the flow. This, with a normal rise to the height of six feet, must always be a factor to be considered in any proposition to carry off the surplus water from the channel cut in the process of centuries. That the old levee system would answer the purpose better than anything else seems to be susceptible of proof, when the years are taken into account which have passed without the lamentable losses of the winter just passed.

The new method of dredging material for construction work from the river bottom puts it within reach of owners of this valuable land along the river to secure themselves against loss, and the only wonder is that they have not to take the precaution to protect themselves against the possibility of any unusual rise of the river to the danger point. The hope is expressed in local mining circles that the mercantile organizations, which are naturally only too desirous of helping out the farming element of this section of the State, are not being used by the opponents of hydraulic mining to inaugurate a new war on the miner. It is remarked that among the interests invited to attend the convention, the Miners' Association of California does not appear. Some eight years ago, Lieutenant-Governor Neff appointed a committee, consisting of Judge Niles Searles, Marion Biggs, Edward Coleman, Charles D. Yale and W. C. Ralston to attend one of these river conventions at Sacramento. They went according to appointment, but were allowed to cool their heels in the corridor, nor were they asked to take any part in the proceedings. If the anti-debris men are to have a hand in the coming convention, the miners should be represented as well in a spirit of fairness, if nothing else.

Gold First—Then the Farmer.

The gold lost to the State during the ten years which the injunction against hydraulic miners prevailed at the instance of the cabbage growers on the river flats below, is estimated at between eighty and one hundred millions of dollars. Now that the dredgers are

at work on the upper stretches of the rivers, the loss is being regained to some extent. Speaking of the good results now being obtained by recovering the yellow metal from ground hitherto deemed sacred to the orchardist and agriculturist, the Call of today says editorially: "Along the Feather and Yuba rivers the modern gold-dredging machine has become a great producer of wealth. The deposits of the precious metal that have been swept down by floods for thousands of years have been discovered. Where orcharded areas have succeeded the yearly wheat fields by the river banks dredgers for gold have come to effect another transformation. The orchards have been pulled up and destroyed." It seems impossible to convince the fanatical disciples of the so-called Anti-Debris Association that it is always time enough to grow grain, fruit and vegetables on gold-bearing soil after its valuable product has been recovered. However, the right always prevails at last, as the work now going on at Oroville and around there proves. The orange growers there were a little too previous, that is all. Now that the golden store has been taken from their soil, it will go to pay in the future for the golden fruit they will now proceed to raise.

A Light which Darkens our Darkness.

The price of the S. F. Gas and Electric Company has not bolted out of sight as a great many thought it would upon the settlement of the differences which existed between the managerial cliques, nor is it likely to in the future. Boosting, for the sake of appearances, may work prices up a few points, but the advance is only likely to continue until some outsiders begin to sell, and then look out. There is one thing dead certain—the higher the stock goes, the more money there will be for the man of means who has the nerve to sell upon each advance and keeps his stock out. It is only a matter of a very short time until a new company will be heard from. There are one or two propositions now in the air, but they need not be taken seriously. The old concern has the means to smother them all right when the encroachment on territorial rights and profits becomes threatening. For the benefit, however, of long-suffering consumers of the sickly apology for illuminating gas that they can bank on relief from a quarter backed with money sufficient to give this city gas works on a scale of magnitude competent to furnish both quality and quantity, which will be required for the rapidly developing necessities of this growing community. So far nothing has been made public regarding a retrenchment in the old company's affairs in the way of cutting down the salaries of the inside office people. Possibly the new material introduced in the Board at the last election will be heard from in time, especially as the position likely to be taken by Mr. Miller on this subject was very clearly delivered before he joined the Board.

The Comstock Market, while quiet, is not a tempting proposition for the short element, which religiously keeps its distance. The outlook in the North-end mines has had wonderful staying powers, the bullion yield of Ophir from the ore discovery made recently showing clearly that no one can tell from day to day what is in store for shareholders in one

of these mines which has proved the wonder of the world.

The financial situation here is dull, notwithstanding the quantity of money held by the banks, and the abundant opportunities which could be made here for a profitable investment. Business with the brokers dealing in industrial securities is unusually light even for this season of the year.

OBITUARY.

Judge Charles N. Fox died at his home in Oakland on Monday. Judge Fox practiced law in San Francisco for more than twenty-five years, and during most of this time acted as general attorney for the Spring Valley Water Company. He was made the successor of Jackson Temple on the Supreme Bench by appointment from Governor Waterman. He was a prominent Odd Fellow, and was President of the Board of Education of Oakland. Death came to him through a stroke of paralysis.

Alfred Rix has gone to his fathers, and with him goes one of the foremost figures in California's history. Rix was a stalwart, strong, uncompromising character, one of the builders and doers of things. On his Canadian birthright was grafted the sound common sense and ability of a Vermont education, and this was topped by the experiences of a life in the earlier and more stirring days of California. He was remarkable in every one of his undertakings, and in none more so than in the fight to safeguard the Nobel patents. Rix's genius in patent law protected the inventor of dynamite and eventually secured the millions for the great philanthropist.

The litigation over this patent occupied Judge Rix for years in the courts both of the United States and Europe. He was also general counsel for the Atlantic Dynamite and Giant Powder Company, as well as for many other corporations. His practical bent led him to interest himself in the problem of cable railways in San Francisco, and the solution of this question was worked out with his professional aid. Judge Rix was married twice, but survived his second wife, who was Miss Margaret Tuite, who died in 1894. He leaves four sons—Julian Rix, the mechanical engineer; William Rix, of the legal firm of Bishop, Wheeler & Hofer, and Alfred Shirley Rix of San Jose.

AN INJUDICIOUS MOVE.

In view of the fact that President Roosevelt is cracking the party whip over the Senate in order to secure the confirmation of the appointment of Crum as Collector of the Port of Charleston, South Carolina, it is in order to suggest that the Republican Campaign Committee appoint a censorship to vise the actions of the Executive. The News Letter suggests that Mr. Crum be sent as Collector to the Port of Boston or New York. At either of these places there would be no objection, and Mr. Crum would finally land where he is apparently wanted. Why force him on a community that has no use for him, and where, if he is finally confirmed, his life will be one continual misery. Mr. Roosevelt would find his appointee in his element among the poor white trash of the Hub. They would undoubtedly feast him and fete him, and one of the principal elements of opposition to Mr. Roosevelt in the Solid South would be removed. This is not a joke.

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TOWN CRIER

The Methodists who have been holding a convention in this city are eager for the Christianization of Japan. It must be confessed that the nimble little yellow men appear to be holding their own pretty well, and that the image of Buddha seems to be quite an efficient substitute for the ikons which are blessed in such numbers and sent, like patent medicines, as a cure for all the ills from which the Russian generals appear to be suffering. As an addition to Japan's material strength the missionaries would not appear likely to be of great weight. As far as the moral side is concerned, the report of an American woman, a missionary in Siberia, should set the matter at rest. She says that the great obstacle to the Christianizing of the native Atricans lies in the low morals of the visiting Christians, and that the moral code of the natives is much stricter than that of the white men who visit them. The meddling missionary business does not lead to much else than the debauchery of the native population, and our worthy local Methodists could spend their spare funds much more effectively than in imposing on the Japanese a religion which they do not want.

"Sir Harry Westwood" Cooper, the notorious, expects shortly to regain his freedom, and has, by the way, perpetrated the greatest joke upon our San Francisco jail, a joke, moreover, which should make us an object of genial ridicule wherever men know how to laugh. Cooper has succeeded not only in being married in jail, without the consent of the authorities, but his wife is about to present him with that pledge of affection for which all good wives sigh, and of which all good husbands are so inspiringly proud. He is a shrewd man, this Cooper, and they say that the whole arrangement only cost Mrs. Cooper twenty dollars. That sum appropriately expended provided the happy couple with a nuptial chamber. She is an enterprising young woman, and Cooper's sixth wife. It is no small thing to match Henny the Eighth in the matter of wives, and to bluff the prison authorities out of a baby as well. When Cooper gets out, and he and his wife work together, some of us will have to be pretty wide awake.

I have called attention before to the case of Edward K. Clarke, who was drugged into a marriage with Rosalind A. Bower, known as the "Sweet-pea Girl." It is worth noting this remarkable fact, as showing the present condition of the San Francisco bar. Judge Seawell promptly annulled the marriage and Clarke's attorneys are now suing him for nearly two thousand dollars as a fee. The action of the attorneys who took up the woman's case has already been commented upon, and the same comment practically applies here. No one will be safe until we have a strong bar association and fixed fees for service. Unless something is done, every decent lawyer will have to carry the stigma that goes with the behavior of the hyenas of the profession.

It is not often that I feel moved by the spirit to praise the trial judiciary, but the action of Judge Cook in punishing the police who violate the injunction against interfering with the women at the so-called Nymphia, deserves every commendation. We are breeding a pretty crowd of hulking scoundrels in the force, and it is well that the Judges are beginning to recognize it. A fine of fifty dollars deducted from their pay, as the Judge threatens, should help to improve their manners. Their morals are, unfortunately, past praying for.

What a palpitating spirit is this Alfred J. Waterhouse. No sooner has he revisited our shores than his emotional nature shocks our nerves by its crude spasms and, enthusiastic sentiment oozes out of him like fat from a roasting goose. In a recent outburst he refers to Markham's "Man With the Hoe" as a tremendous presentation of truth, whereas it has been shown over and over again to be nothing but a tremendous example of the effect of clever versifying. It is poetry, if you like, but to claim it as truth is mad folly, that only a benighted Hoosier poet could be guilty of it. The verses which the rustic bard gives us as a sample of the music of the spheres breathed through his pipe, are as musical as the whining of a love-lorn heifer. To rank Joaquin Miller with Virgil and Dante, and then to throw hints upon his sanity—he declares that he is "unmaddened by the madding crowd"—should tickle up the Bard of the Sierras, and if he has not lost his old spirit should lead to the effective kicking of the offending versifier.

It is unfortunate that we have not yet succeeded in handling a function effectively. The launching of the California gave every opportunity for a good display. The weather was good, the crowd numerous, everything was propitious for a fine show, and some real enthusiasm. Instead we had a dingy affair that was simply flat. The Governor, with his potbellied staff—it is strange that the Governor's staff should always be too rotund for uniforms—and the entire absence of military discipline or a well-ordered programme, made a dreary farce of what should have been a stimulating spectacle. A French town of half our size would have had more fun out of opening a new pickle factory.

It is pleasant to know that the disputes in the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company are ended; that the President's salary has been reduced, and that harmony prevails. It would be still more satisfactory, however, to know that prices were to be reduced. It is said that the directors at the meeting sang a song, of which the chorus is as follows:

The San Franciscan owns the world
When he goes out o' nights;
But he is only half a man
Because we own his lights.

One of the papers says that the Misses Boxall are psychological studies. That is a mild way of saying that they are the most pathetic figures in recent California history, and he would be a poor sort of a man that did not have the greatest sympathy and the most chivalrous feeling for them. As for their uncle, the man Lloyd, it is one of the most remarkable and at the same time one of the most discreditable facts in the history of the State that he should not have been lynched. The worst of the lynching business is that the wrong man seems always, or nearly always, to be caught.

One of our prominent local orators speaking at the banquet of the Monticello Club is reported to have said: "All wealth springs from the womb of earth, as it is wooed by labor." Labor as a lover is a new and interesting view of the whole industrial question. The boycott thereupon becomes an example of passive wooing; the genial cry of "unfair house" is a lover's ditty, and the failure of a boycott love's labor lost. It is beautiful.

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SOCIETY

Dear Bessie: Cards are still the chief dissipation this week. There have also been some luncheons, the largest of which was given by Mrs. George Boardman, a style of entertainment to which she is very partial; and there has been something doing in clubland this week. The Sorosis had its annual breakfast at the St. Francis on Monday; the California held its annual election on Tuesday, and Mrs. W. P. Buckingham read "A Winter's Tale" for the Channing Auxiliary that afternoon; the Forum Club listened to a "talk" from Miss Agnes Murphy on Wednesday, and on Thursday the Irving Club had its annual reception at Elks' Hall, when Doctor Stewart delivered a lecture on modern songs. Then besides all this, a new club—the Sequoia—due to the efforts of Miss Edna Robinson, was inaugurated on Wednesday night; and at the Bohemian Club on Monday night Jim Phelan gave a large dinner in the Red Room for the Willie Vanderbilts. Apropos of Mr. Phelan, I wonder if autos are as numerous where you are as they are becoming in San Francisco? In fact, they are no longer objects of curiosity, but are regarded as quite the correct thing, and not to own one is to acknowledge that one is away in the rear. I saw Jim Phelan in one yesterday, and hear he is almost as wrought up about them as was Willie Vanderbilt, and can language further go? He and the Rudolph Spreckels leave for a trip to Europe next week, and it is understood that when he returns he will be the owner of the latest and handsomest thing out in the automobile line.

Lulla Wenzelburger's tea last Saturday was for Eleanor Eckart Hume, Eleanor Warner and Mabel Donaldson—one bride and two fiancées—and was a large affair; pretty flowers and lovely spring costumes in evidence and a pleasant time generally. On Wednesday, I went over to Oakland to Mary Barker's reception, which she gave for May Burdge Miller, and met all Oakland society. To-night there are to be two dances—the one at Century Hall will be a bachelor affair. The other is to be given by Mrs. Campbell and Francis Reid at their home in Sausalito; you have no idea how that place is growing, so many have gone over there to live, and others have their summer cottage in that hilly locale. Let me see who all have had card parties. The largest was given by Mrs. Somers last week at the Sorosis club house, and Kate Dillon had a bridge party the same day; she is becoming quite an expert at the game. The Moultons, Mrs. Irving and Hallie gave card parties on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the clubs which have been in force all winter are now holding their last meetings for the season.

Birthday celebrations among our pioneers have been quite a fad of late. Dear old John Perry held his in the form of a reception to commemorate his 89th natal day—is he not a wonderful old man?—and looked as bright and spry as though he were fully a couple of decades younger. Then followed the supper party given by Burke Holladay to his pater, Sam, he of the flowing locks, on attaining his 81st year. Aunt Susie was telling me the other day of his wedding to Kate Ord, sister of General Ord, away back in the fifties. And next in order, John H. Jewett, a patriarch of 80, celebrated his birthday this week at his Cloverdale ranch. Truly is there something in the air of California to keep men young,

for look at the dean of them all, George Bromley, who had his goth birthday breakfast at the Bohemian Club the other day.

I have been hearing a good deal lately of the delights of a visit at Mare Island from a lot of girls who have been there during the past month or two, and Edith, who came back from there the other day, declares she had the time of her life during her visit. The dwellers at the Yard are a hospitable lot, card parties, dinners and luncheons being exchanged among them nearly every day, and the dances, sometimes got up on the spur of the moment, are always delightful. One of the most charming affairs given there in a good while was the dancing reception on board the transport Solacé last week by Commander and Mrs. Bull, who had as their guests of honor their son, Lieutenant Bull of the army, and his bride, who were married the other day in Washington City, and who sailed last Saturday for the Philippines. Apropos of brides, let me tell you of the wedding of Edna Barry and Philip Clay at St. John's Church in Oakland last Saturday afternoon, the Rev. E. F. Gee officiating. Pink and white was the color scheme both in decorations and costumes; Edna wore white satin trimmed with duchesse lace; Jane Barry, her maid of honor, was in white lace over chiffon, and the bridesmaids wore pale pink gowns, big white hats, and carried white flowers. Robert Bein was best man, and acquitted himself, I hear, to the admiration of all beholders.

Where people are going and when, appears to be the chief topic of talk, and nearly every one has perfected their plans for the next few months. Mrs. Martin and Grace, and the Gaston Ashes returned to their Sausalito homes the early part of the week; the Frank Sullivans and their daughters have gone to Santa Cruz, where they usually spend the summer at their handsome home by the sea. San Rafael promises to be in high favor this summer, and every day nearly one hears of some fresh recruit. Mrs. Fred Tallant had not quite decided when I saw her the other day, but I am pretty sure it will be her choice. There will be so many at Sausalito this summer that 'tis said more interest will be taken in yachting and things nautical than for some time past. The Corinthian Club had its opening afternoon dance and evening jinks at the pretty Tiburon club house last Saturday; the San Francisco Club had its jollification at Sausalito the Saturday before. Among others, the Jack Merrills will be there, having taken a house for the season. Jane Willshire has gone East on a visit, and will be away most of the summer.

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Mrs. Rogers and Millie have also bid us adieu, and they are well on their way to Europe by this time; Hazel, who has been East, or rather South, in Tennessee, for some time, will join them in New York and go abroad with her mother and sister for what promises to be an extended absence. I have heard three years spoken of as the probable time. Mr. and Mrs. John Landers are also gone from our gaze, but have left Pearl behind them, she remaining with her sister, Mrs. Fred Tallant, during their absence. Rumors get started in the most wonderful way of what people intend to do; one is that the Buckley girls are going abroad after their visit to the St. Louis exposition; and another I told you of last week that Kate Voorhies Henry was on the eve of departure for Europe; but she is not going abroad after all, but will spend the summer here and go East with her mother in the autumn. Mrs. McCalla and Stella went East last week, but will be back again early in June.

Jennie Blair is credited with turning her thoughts towards Clear Lake during the early part of the season, taking in St. Louis later; Nanny Rogers has been over in Ross Valley staying with her brother Henry and his wife, who have taken up their abode under the shadow of Mount Tamalpais; Mrs. Rogers is in seclusion, owing to the death of her step-mother, Mrs. de Santa Marina. We shall soon have an opportunity of judging of the Harney girls, over whom their grandmother, Mrs. Cutter, has been raving, as they sailed for home last Wednesday, and are to be here before the end of the month. They will form part of the Martin colony at San Mateo this summer, where Downey has taken a house, and the eldest girl—Anita—is to be one of next winter's buds. I hear Mrs. Irwin and Helen will spend the latter part of the summer in Honolulu; they did not go last year, and will sail directly they return from their trip East. The Stents have been heard from at Coronado on their leisurely way East, seeing everything in the rosiest hue—at least Frances is. Mrs. Davenport and Eleanor hope to be in their new home on Pacific avenue in a couple of months, and then we shall see all the pretty things they brought home from their recent travels.

Daisy Whitney and Parker have been down again this week from Rocklin to take in the sights of the city—dry goods and otherwise; and in a couple of weeks or so, Mrs. Martin Crimmins will put in an appearance from the North on a visit to Mrs. Cole, and will, I believe, remain in San Francisco the greater part of the summer.

—Elsie.

The Ladies' Stringed Orchestra, Miss Rose Brandon, director, rendered some beautiful Italian melodies and Italian selections at the Century Club rooms on Saturday last, and later in the day delighted the participants at the Grunsky tea.

The programme of Dr. H. J. Stewart's concert, which takes place at Steinway Hall on Thursday evening, May 12th, contains many attractive novelties. Several of Dr. Stewart's recently published songs will be heard for the first time in public, and amongst these may be mentioned "Contrasts" and "A Boat Song" (Miss Carrie B. Dexter); "A Winter Love Song" (Mrs. L. Snider-Johnson); "A Little Way" (Miss Ella V. McCloskev); "For Love of Thee" (Miss Camille Frank); "A California Night Song," with cello obligato (Mrs. Wallace Wheaton Briggs); "The Lords of Song" and "The Angelus" (Mr. S. Homer Henley). Mrs. Blanche King Ar-

nold will sing Beethoven's "Adelieda" and "In questa tomba," and Mr. Paul Freidhofer will contribute some violoncello solos. The concerted music includes the celebrated trio of the Rhine-Maidens, from Wagner's "Gotterdammerung."

Arrivals at Hotel Rafael this week: Mr. C. Sonntag, Mr. Robert McMahon, Mr. Leavitt Baker, Mr. Herbert Baker, Mr. S. L. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Grinbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Jones, Mrs. Long, Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Truitt, Mr. C. P. Pomeroy, Mrs. G. E. Whitman and daughter, Mr. P. H. Lombard, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Younger, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hunsaker, Mr. M. D. Miller, Miss M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. F. Israel, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith, Mr. W. H. Morrison, Mr. W. L. Meussdorffer, Mrs. Pauline Franklin, Mr. Julius Van Vliet, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Soderberg, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fitch and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Welcker, Mr. F. L. Berry, Mr. Harry P. Franklin.

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ENGAGEMENTS.

Miss Margaret Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bartlett, of Fruitvale, to Harold White Wetherall, of San Francisco.
Miss Constance V. Lawrence, daughter of Mrs. M. V. Lawrence to Robert Armstrong Dean, son of the late Peter Dean.

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May 11 (Wednesday)—Miss Ella Goodall to Doctor Charles Minor Cooper.

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It's up to you, gentlemen of the Board of Health!

The promoter of the enterprise should be made to return the individual grocers the money expended on preparation of booths and for the rental of stalls. In some instances this has amounted to a great deal, and as the crowds did not come and the benefit did not accrue, these exhibitors have a right in equity to demand their money back. It is only simple justice. The exhibitor carried out his part of the contract to the letter, while the other party to it did not. It is doubtful if the promoter of the scheme ever believed in the ultimate benefit to those exhibiting. It has been an expensive lesson, and no one has benefited, while the city authorities have probably lost a splendid opportunity to pounce on the adulterators of food while they were in a convenient bunch for prosecution.

George E. Butler, well-known insurance agent, has moved to handsome new quarters, corner Pine and Battery streets. This is one of the sunniest corners in town. Mr. Butler is agent for Phoenix Assurance Company, Providence-Washington Insurance Company, and Pelican Assurance Company.

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When picknickers on Sunday trip,
Strew dirty paper o'er the land,
And come back, bearing in their hand,
The flowers suburbanites have grown
And hoped in vain to call their own.

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Since the Native Sons returned from their convention at Vallejo, tales have been whispered about some things that happened there—and why. The friends of Louis Mooser, sometime treasurer of the Democratic State Central Committee, an adherent of McNab, and until very recently a political opponent of Hearst, are busy explaining how Mooser was defeated for the office of Grand Trustee. Various reasons are given, but behind all of them appears one painful fact which, it is admitted, did more to defeat Mooser than anything else. That is his presence on the political war path aiding the Hearst boom. Mooser did not attend the Grand Parlor, for he was somewhere up in Oregon or Washington assisting Mike Tarpey in capturing stray delegates from the cow counties. Now, though many of the Native Sons at Vallejo are prominent in politics, it is worthy of remark that most of them seemed to consider Mooser's activity in the Hearst campaign as something reprehensible, and unworthy of a man who aspired to be a Grand Officer of the organization. One main object of the Native Sons is to elevate the moral tone of the community. Whether or not Mooser's attitude as a Hearst boomer was considered antagonistic to the principles of the order, only those who defeated the young man at Vallejo can tell. For Mooser was defeated badly; he received only sixty odd votes out of a total of over 300. A remarkable sequel was that in publishing the account of the election of the Grand Trustees, the Examiner omitted all mention of Mooser's name. The names of all the other candidates and their votes were published, but not even a reference was made to the man who doubtlessly owes his defeat directly to his activity in Washington and Oregon in behalf of his unappreciative master. Now that Mooser has assisted in turning Washington and Oregon away from Hearst, and has shown his own weakness in the Native Sons, Hearst will probably have no more use for him.

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The Natives are also whispering about the encounter between the fearless Billy Gett and the Admiral at the latter's board, on the occasion of the hospitalities extended the Sons at Mare Island. The conversation was general, and many topics were discussed. It was not until the subject of "expansion" was tossed about that Billy Gett broke loose. He told the Admiral just what he thought about expansion and about the position of the Government on that question, and about other things. The Admiral was at something of a disadvantage, considering the occasion, and the Honorable William easily carried off the honors of the day. "That Billy Gett is a corker," the Natives say.

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In defending a mediumistic client, who had separated a farmer from \$500, in exchange for stock in an oil well, which exists in spirit land, Colonel Kowalsky told a story of being chased by a bull over

in Marin County. Being more agile than his companion, he outfooted the bull and vaulted the fence like a bird. His companion was gored and died from his wounds. Twenty years later, said Kowalsky, he met on an ocean steamer a medium whom he had never seen before. This medium went into a trance as soon as he saw the Colonel. There was nothing else to do. Then he called up Kowalsky's bull-ridden friend from spirit-land, and recounted the adventure in Marin County. The Colonel told the tale to prove the efficacy of spirits. Judge Hunt listened to the story, and promptly decided that Kowalsky's mediumistic friend had buncoed the farmer out of \$500, which was an eminently just decision. Now when Kowalsky tells that bull story again he will please let us know what kind of bulls romped in Marin County twenty years ago that one could not catch him in a foot-race. Was that bull of the famous "bull con." breed? The Colonel should also inform a waiting public to what kind of a bird he referred when he said he went over the barbed wire fence "like a bird." Just close your eyes for a minute and imagine you see the Kowalsky vaulting a barbed wire fence "like a bird."

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A writer in an Eastern journal says that a vocabulary of only 350 words is sufficient for all ordinary purposes. If Supervisor Braunhardt would only remember that!

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Miss Emma S. Richards, formerly of Los Angeles, who conducted her own breach of promise suit against J. J. Willingham in Judge Graham's court, has raised a new question in legal technicalities. Being asked whether she had any objections to the jury, Miss Richards beamed upon the jurors, and coyly said: "They certainly look good to me." Thereupon the defendant's attorney roared dozens of objections, but the jurors chuckled and blushed. Now, the question is, if the jurors certainly looked good to the fair deceived woman who had builded all her hopes of happiness upon one man, why couldn't she say so? The jurors did not object.

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The Health Officer and the Chief Inspecting Physician have been allowed \$25 a month each by the Board of Health for "car fare." That is an average of over eighty cents a day for every day in the month, or an allowance of sixteen daily trips on the cars

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for every day in the month. No one wants to say that this is only another case of petty graft in the Board of Health, but the allowance does seem somewhat excessive. The United Railroads give trip tickets to other departments at the City Hall, for which no charge is made. Doubtless the Board of Health could get such tickets upon application, but then, the two physicians would not get the allowance.

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George D. Collins has rushed to the defense of Judge Carroll Cook in the somewhat notorious injunction case whereby the police have been estopped from arresting the inmates of the vile resort on upper Dupont street. Collins defeated Cook! Well, that is as it should be.

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The wardens of the State prisons are on the right track. At Folsom, the order has gone forth that all convicts must be kept clean-shaven and close-cropped. Their privileges have been curtailed in other respects, and the inmates are commencing to realize that they are under imprisonment, and not at a summer resort. At San Quentin the guards have been sent to the rifle ranges, and the men who cannot hit the bull's-eye have been notified that unless they can do so in a month, their services will be no longer required. Stricter regulations have been needed at the penitentiaries for a long time. Convicts are sent to San Quentin and Folsom for punishment, and not to grow fat and saucy.

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Coxey, who led the famous Coxey's army to the White House, is now a capitalist. The other day he borrowed half a million from an Eastern bank upon the bonds of a steel corporation; Sam Parks is resting from his labors, with thousands in the bank; Cornelius, the leader of the local Carmen's Union, is said to have \$28,000 at his command. Labor agitation seems to be a good thing for some labor agitators.

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The University Club is in its usual dilemma. Some of its members want to branch out on a high financial scale and place the club on a better footing; others, who may be quite as willing to enjoy the benefits of the suggested improvements, look with fear and trembling at the schedule of costs. The discussion has been prolonged and fierce, and the end is not yet. Whatever the outcome of the building project may be, it is apparent that if the club would continue its existence, it must acquire new vitality. Its field is limited, many of its members belong to other organizations, and it cannot expect to retain its hold upon them unless it "gets a move on." No club ever lived on reminiscences and academic discussions alone.

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Victoria, of Wales, rides astride. Girls, get your trousers ready.

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The appointment of Dr. Millar to fill the place recently vacated by Dr. Brackett at the Emergency Hospital shows that Mayor Schmitz sometimes has his own way with appointments, notwithstanding the wishes of his political mentors. Ruef favored the appointment of Dr. Stevens to the vacancy. Stevens is a Primary Leaguer and did some service for Ruef in the last campaign. But Schmitz had been impressed by the abilities of Millar, who is a hold-over from the Phelan Board of Health, and the Mayor decided that ability rather than politics should

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"The Land of the Heart's Desire" is a good title to conjure with, and the play was as good as the title. There is a subtle mysticism running through the whole plot, which is a very simple one, and the witchery was catching. The audience drank it in and wanted more.

Miss Wycherly is a fine actress and her powers in pantomime and facial expression are great. "The Land of the Heart's Desire" was followed by "The Hour Glass," and this playlet served to show the great ability of Mr. Charles Lamb, of Isabel Irving's Company, and that of the rest of the actor folk who so splendidly helped entertain the public at the matinee at the "Alcazar," on Friday afternoon. The plot of "The Hour Glass" is a strange one, and possesses much of the weirdness that William Butler Yeats has incorporated in "The Land of the Heart's Desire."

A Wise Man has convinced all the world, but a Fool, that there is no Heaven, nor Purgatory, nor Hell. There is the Fool, but he hardly seems worth the Wise Man's sophistries. Then God's angel comes to the Wise Man and tells him that he must die because no longer do souls from his country pass the threshold of Heaven. He has but the time of the running of the sands once through the glass to live, and then he is damned. He begs for mercy, and the angel finally gives him one chance. If within the hour of the running of the sands he can find one who believes, he will eventually go to Heaven. But the Wise Man can find none; he has convinced all that there is no future, no Heaven, no Hell. He calls his pupils to him, but they think he merely wants to argue and laugh at him; so does his wife. As he dies, the Fool tells him that he knows there are angels, because he has seen them. Then the angel comes once more and carries away the Wise Man's soul.

Melbourne McDowell gives us a fine interpretation of Sardou's "La Tosca" at the Grand this week. His conception of the character of Scarpia is a splendid one, and Miss Ethel Fuller should come in for a great deal of praise for the artistic way in which she renders the characterization of Floria Tosca. She easily conquers a lack of beauty and the limitations of a rough voice. While it is in order to mention that the entire company does its work well, I cannot refrain from saying that "La Tosca" strikes me to-day in the same way in which it struck me some fifteen years ago.

I can praise the playwright for his artistic grouping of characters, his finished study of history, his knowledge of human nature and its passions, but I cannot say that the play is conducive to anything but unrest and disgust. Scarpia is a finished scoundrel and a cruel libertine. The relations between Mario

and Tosca are vile, and while she seems glorified by her great love for the artist, she is easily suspected of a very shady past. The play leaves an extraordinarily bad taste in the mouth, but it thrills and to the bottom. It is the equivalent of a horrid nightmare, that it is so attractive that it is willingly and horribly dreamed again.

"Rogers Brothers in London" at the Columbia is one blaze of color, and the principals are clever. Max Rogers as "August Furst" is very funny, and the "Ferdinand Falls" of Gus Rogers is a good second. The deck scene on the "Kronprinz Wilhelm" is a very fine piece of stage setting, and it easily lends itself to elaborate effects. There is practically no plot to the play; it is a hodge-podge of very amusing nonsense and clever dancing. The light effects are good, but not so well managed as was the masterly handling in "Mam'selle Napoleon." Indeed, from a spectacular standpoint, the whole show falls behind the Anna Held aggregation. There are too many girls with large noses in the chorus. The majority of "beaks" is suggestive of the fact that there has been a successful invasion of the stage by the Semitics, and that the Hebrews have captured the Syndicate. There are many very pretty girls in the chorus, though, notwithstanding their noses.

The Lord Harry Hartford of Mr. M. Melville Ellis is easily the best piece of characterization in this show. He is simply inimitable. There are some songs that will be remembered, and are sure to become popular. These are "Queen of the Bungalow," "The American Beauty," and "By the Sycamore Tree."

Klaw & Erlanger may always be depended upon as trying to furnish the public the best the market affords, but when they secured William J. Cale as an Irish comedian they got a badly damaged job-lot. There are hundreds of better "Irishmen" turned out of the various "schools of acting" all over the country weekly. They generally make their debut, and then go back to the ribbon counter or the old farm.

Pinero's "Profligate" gave a splendid opportunity to the Alcazar Company again to please very large houses this week. This theatre is constantly growing in popularity and it is entirely due to the liberality of the management with press and public. There is no department for the making of enemies connected with the Alcazar.

Mr. Durkin was on hand again after a week's rest, and his acting was, as usual, letter-perfect. He took the part of Dunstan Renshaw, the husband, and appeared to great advantage in the third act, where there is a very strong scene. Miss Starr did the best work she has given us since coming to the Alcazar, and Miss Block easily divided the honors with her. Conness was good. Hilliard and Maher are cast in congenial roles, and the performance on the whole is a highly enjoyable one. It is a play that, in the hands of the capable Alcazar stock, calls for vociferous and enthusiastic applause.

Herschell Mayall is giving us some real acting in the dual characterization of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" at the Central. He has been applauded to the echo every night of the week, and if the enthusiasm of previous audiences is a gauge of success,

he will be greeted to-night and Sunday with a crowded house. There are some new faces in the company, James A. Montgomery, as a comedian, and Miss Olive Skinner as soubrette.

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There has been a change in "When Johnnie Comes Marching home," and Arthur Cunningham is taking the part of "Johnnie."

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"Pals," at the Orpheum is a playlet, said to have originally been cast for Corbett. I am told that, in the scrap that takes place between the husband and the villain, some hundred and twenty-four dollars' worth of "props" are carefully broken to bits nightly.

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Dr. Callahan's play at the California is entitled "Tom's Wedding Gift," and it is the most extraordinary example I have ever seen of a miserable plot badly acted by a poor company. I condole with the author on the limitations of the plot, and with the actors I sympathize because of the play. What more can I say, unless it is that the house may be the cause of the hoodoo on author, drama and player-folk. Better combinations have suffered severely by the same token.

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An old associate of Charley Reed and Billy Emerson, who used to raise storms of laughter in the old Standard Theatre, George H. Wood, the "somewhat different" comedian, will appear at the Orpheum next week.

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Three hundred nights is the record of "A Runaway Girl" at Daly's in New York. It has a run of six hundred nights at the London Gaiety. Such a record should fill the Tivoli for many a day. The girl in the play is a ward of Lord Coodle, and she is known as Winifred Grey. She escapes from a convent in Corsica and joins a band of wandering minstrels. There is a love story, a bunch of Italian Brigands, and all the other necessities that go to make a lyrical comedy a scenic and musical success. The Tivoli management will put on a largely augmented chorus for "A Runaway Girl."

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There is to be a prima donna of great repute at the Orpheum the coming week. Her name suggests the crossing of the Yalu by the Japs. Mme. Slapoffski is heralded by the press agent as a wonder. Her home, when she is at home, is in England. This leads us to hope she is a Pole. She is said to be thoroughly at home in sixteen oratorios, a repertoire of forty-two operas, and a voice that is rich in fioritura and the ornaments of vocalization. The selections will be popular and classic, and there will be no room for complaint. The rest of the bill is fine.

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Maude Adams is heading this way. She played an enormous engagement at St. Louis, the receipts running up to \$18,000 in one week.

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"When Johnnie Comes Marching Home" is a better card at the Tivoli than was any of the old operas put on lately. There is an improved attendance.

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What the Tivoli needs is a censor that will pick out women with faces as well as voices. I do believe that it is possible to find good looks, a voice and a capacity for acting combined in one or more women. I believe that it would be possible to secure as many as four or five women who would combine these qualities. "I may be wrong, I may be wrong."

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Japanese Land Victory.

It took four days of hard fighting, though at long-distance mostly for the Japanese to secure a passage of the Yalu River and establish the advance of their army on the west bank. On the next day (Sunday last) General Kuroki ordered a general attack on the first line of the Russians' entrenched position on the hills beyond. The advance of the Japanese army is supposed to have been about 15,000 of all arms with an unusual allotment of heavy artillery. The Russian force is placed at 30,000 men of all arms, with a large allotment of cavalry. The actual firing line was about four miles long and behind earthworks as to the Slav forces. The odds, therefore, in numbers and position were decidedly against the Japanese, but no doubt a line of reinforcements kept crossing the river and moving to the front after a passage was secured. But whether so or not, the Russians were driven from both of their positions and sent in confusion across the plateau to the mountains miles to the west, but in the direction of their general base. The charge of the Japanese is said to have been with recklessness, and yet with the precision of cogs and fellows in a great wheel. This is the first opportunity that has been given to judge somewhat of applied field tactics and generalship, as well as the marksmanship of the combatants.

Result of First Battle.

The result shows that the Japanese are masters of their profession, and that the Russians are either ignorant of the science of war or are easily "rattled." Certain it is that the Russian loss was greater than the Japanese, notwithstanding the latter had to charge through the open against two to one, and who were protected by strong entrenchments upon which were mounted forty rapid-fire and eight machine guns, together with the number of field pieces that are usually assigned to an army of 30,000. The fact is, the Russians were out-generated in preparation for the combat, and hoodwinked in field tactics.

Russia continues to operate its war lie factory

at night and day; besides, the factory report of the Yalu affair is a sample of its products. It denies that there was anything more serious than heavy skirmishing. It says that Russia had only about 5,000 men there, and that they were on the Yalu merely to harass and annoy the Japanese advance. But the factory fails to explain why only 5,000 men should have forty rapid-fire and eight machine guns, together with heavy and light artillery enough to equip an army of 30,000, to say nothing of two lines of fortifications several miles long, with trenches between and redoubts on the flanks, and the whole business under the personal command of not less than four distinguished generals; then, again, the lie exposes its skeleton when it tries to make the world believe that it took 15,000 Japanese five days to cross the Yalu River and defeat 5,000 Russians, at a total loss on both sides of about 1,500 men. Evidently the Russian war office is being grossly deceived by its generals at the front, or is itself a willing tool of the jingo party; but anyway, constantly promulgating stories that all the world knows are base fabrications, is doing Russia great harm in the moral world, and making friends for Japan in all countries. The News Letter's measure of General Kuropatkin, taken when he took his spec-

tacular departure for the Far East, is now verified by the gentleman himself. The Japanese are winning the victories and Kuropatkin is claiming them for his own, and all the world knows it. Kuropatkin is Russia's Falstaff, barring avoirdupois greatness. At least he says the Yalu River affair is exactly what his mysterious and intricate strategy provided for.

The Dowager Empress Takes a Hand.

The Russian ambassador at Peking, abetted by all the generals and admirals in the Far East, is pressing the Czar harder than ever to make haste and declare war against China, and to show her appreciation of his efforts in that direction, the Dowager Empress has ordered that the money intended to be squandered in celebrating the anniversary of her advent into this world be used to equip 70,000 soldiers, and the celebration be omitted. But the Russian ambassador is justified in his effort to secure a declaration of war, for the several little armies the Dowager has near the Manchurian border are a sharp thorn in the side of the viceroy and the generals. They do not know what moment the Chinese will open fire, but they do know that they are enemies of Russia, and they prefer actual hostilities to treachery clothed in the smiles of friendship; besides, public sentiment all over China, especially in the provinces bordering on Manchuria, is becoming more hostile every day to Russia, and the ambassador realizes that delay in declaring war only serves to aid China in preparing for the inevitable. But the Czar is stubborn. In fact, personally he would be willing to withdraw altogether from Manchuria to stop the war, but the jingo party will not let him. Such a move would probably cost him his life, and he knows it.

The Thibetans Want War.

The Thibetan Government has concluded that the British column of observation must leave the country forthwith, and the viceroy of British India, in whose hands the "Thibetan question" has been placed, gives answer by preparations to reinforce the column already there. Thibet has a population of only some 7,000,000, and the Government has the insane notion that 3,000 of its male religious fanatics will be quite sufficient to make Great Britain countermarch out of the country. Strangely enough, the women-folk of Thibet are the influence that is enraging the people over the British occupancy of the land. A large percentage of the women are ultra religionists, living in monasteries and practicing celibacy, consequently polyandry is permitted by the State to those not living monastic lives, and there is great fear that the system of plurality of husbands will be abolished if the British get a foothold. In that event the men of Thibet themselves would demand the abolition of the monastic system for women, and thus two well-defined and religiously-adhered-to forms of social life would be uprooted. Polygamy, too, is permitted, but the scarcity of marriageable women, or, rather, women who refuse to marry for their religion's sake, makes the practice of plurality of wives not at all general. It is these two questions of domestic economy that is at the bottom of the opposition to British influence dominating in the political and social concerns of the empire, but the moral sense of Christian countries, certainly, will agree that to remedy these evils is reason sufficient to give Great Britain a free hand in Thibet, to say nothing of the 800,000 square miles of good grain, grazing and mineral land that would give civilized people good homes.

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Pleasure's Wand.

(Continued from Page 17.)

The Central, after scoring a great hit with "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," will put on "The Three Musketeers." Herschell Mayall will essay the star part of D'Artagnan, the brave and reckless "sabreur" who carves his way to fame and fortune. There is scope for splendid acting in this play, and I look to see Mr. Mayall do some very clever work. There is a great chance for scenic magnificence, and it is said the management has not neglected this important factor.

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I wonder when we will see the last of the modern German comedian? What a relief it would be to see a real funny German, one of those flesh and blood creatures devoid of horseplay. Our actors are what we make them. They are simply a reflex of their audiences. They never inaugurate ideas. They simply follow the desires of the public. Any real innovation is dreaded on the stage. The average American audience is superficial and unthinking. Its thoughts touch the high places only. If a play is put on that demands heavy thinks on the part of the public the play is immediately dubbed a bore. By the same deduction it can easily be seen why yellow journalism has subsisted so long. It lives on the unthinking, the unwashed and uneducated.

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The female acrobats at the Orpheum are a very attractive feature this week.

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At the Majestic that splendid little woman, Isabel Irving, continues pleasing her audiences with her fine company of players and "The Crisis." The Majestic, as soon as it is completed, will be one of the most popular houses in the city, and everything an experienced manager can do to make the public enjoy a performance will be furnished. Just now audience and player-folk labor under a heavy handicap.

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The first San Francisco production of the French comedy, "The Two Schools," will be made at the Alcazar Theatre next Monday evening. The play is in four acts, and is said to abound in sparkling dialogue and clever situations. The plot is a long series of complications due to the flirtations of a susceptible young husband; his almost equally impressionable father-in-law, and a young woman of the middle class. The situations in which the three are placed are often of a broadly farcical nature.

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Barr and Evans, character comedy creators, will make their first appearance at the Chutes this coming week. They offer an original and amusing dialogue, some side-splitting parodies, and a lot of up-to-date eccentricities; they come highly praised by the Eastern press. The three Millards will also be new, presenting their musical comedy, "Willie Green's Visit." Bowers and Curtiss will continue their amusing farcette, "Where is John," and many other attractive features will complete a capital bill. The amateurs will appear on Thursday night as usual.

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Richard Mansfield secured architectural drawings of the original rooms and palaces in which the events represented in "Ivan the Terrible" took place, and these were re-produced with fidelity in preparing the production which is to be seen at the Columbia on May 16th. There are five acts and eight scenes in "Ivan the Terrible."

Melbourne MacDowell will appear at the Grand Opera House Monday night and all next week as Marc Antony in Sardou's "Cleopatra." Mr. MacDowell's ability in this role is acknowledged all over the United States. Actors of eminence have played it in the Shakespearean and Sardou versions, and it will be interesting to make comparisons. He will be supported by Ethel Fuller as Cleopatra, and the standard she has set herself as La Tosca will naturally cause the public to expect much. "Cleopatra" will be succeeded by "Empress Theodora."

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The Rogers Brothers tried their hand in journalism while they were in New York to play their recent engagement at the Knickerbocker Theatre. They were asked to conduct the funny supplement for one of the great Sunday papers, and they did it with the most conspicuous success. Their original jokes were considered as bright and funny as those which they are so fond of springing on the stage.

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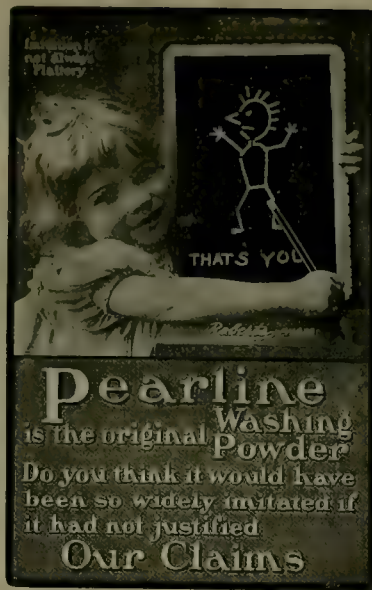
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THIS WEEK'S CARTOON.

The subject of this week's cartoon is "The Fable of the Lion and the Ass's Skin." The artist has very deftly depicted a curious situation. It is probably new to the realm of politics outside of the monarchies of Europe to have a man pretend to the highest office in the gift of the people whose utterances are manufactured for him at so much a line. This is the age of utilitarianism, and if the Yellow Pest can buy the brains of a Brisbane, an Arthur McEwen or an Ambrose Bierce, bottle them up so effectually that he may use them "on tap," as it were, it is an innovation that may have beneficent results in politics. It is not with this we are concerned. We are concerned through our high regard for justice and the proprieties of the occasion. If it is Brisbane who is the man behind the Yellow Pest, to him belong the honors. We demand justice, simple justice, and an instructed delegation for Brisbane from Santa Cruz to St. Louis. If a man made a fine speech through a megaphone, one would not think of praising the trumpet, but the trumpeter. Brisbane is the logical candidate of the "Insane and Unsafe Democracy." It seems one branch of the party bears the badge of the "Sane and Conservative Democracy."



On May 1st the new schedule went into effect on the California Northwestern Railway, and the special rates for the summer season took effect. There are an increased number of trains and a special fast service to Willits and Ukiah. The extension to Sherwood has been completed, and trains are being regularly operated. At Summit the road reaches an elevation of 2395 feet, and in the Sherwood Valley extends for miles into redwood forests. Two trains daily will run from Willits to Sherwood, thus affording an excellent opportunity to all who wish to view what is said to be the grandest mountain scenery in California. On Sundays, last train leaves Glen Ellen at 6:15 p. m., arriving in San Francisco at 8.45 p. m. The last train from Guerneville branch leaves Camp Vacation at 5 p. m., and arrives in San Francisco at 8.45 p. m.

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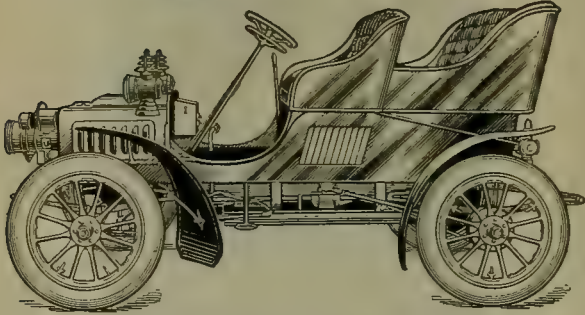
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Stockholders' Meeting.

Pursuant to an order made by the Board of Directors of the Overland Monthly Company, a corporation at a meeting thereof held this day, a meeting of the stock-holders of said corporation has been called for the purpose of increasing the capital stock of said corporation to the sum of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars. Said meeting will be held on the eighth day of July, 1904 at the hour of 3 o'clock, p. m. at the office of said corporation, to wit: Room number 11 of the building known as 320 Sansome Street, in the city and County of San Francisco State of California.

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BY THE AUTOCRANK

Local automobilists at the present time are like a lot of thoroughbreds at the tape waiting for the flag to get away. All the attention is centered in the big meet and show to be given at the end of the month on the Ingleside track. From the present indications, it is going to be the greatest event of its kind ever pulled off in California.

It will be interesting, inasmuch as the show feature may bring out some of the cars never seen on the Coast.

It is to be hoped that when the Race Committee of the Automobile Club of California makes out the programme for the race meet at the end of the month that it will include a run and a meeting for good roads.

Following are the records made by the Darracq cars in America:

Empire City Track, July 25, 1903—Five mile race, under 1200 pounds, Darracq Second, L. O. Gitchell; Darracq Third, George Papillon. Ten mile race, under 1800 pounds, Darracq First, 10.25 4-5, Jules Sincholle; Darracq Third, George Papillon. Fifteen mile race, free-for-all, Darracq Second, George Papillon; Darracq Third, Jules Sincholle. Five mile race, Darracq Second, 5.13 3-5, F. A. LaRoche.

Cleveland, September 5—Ten mile handicap, Darracq First, 11.52 2-5, Jules Sincholle. Five mile open, Darracq Second, Jules Sincholle.

Detroit, September 8—Fifteen mile special, Darracq First, 16.3. Five mile open, Darracq First, Jules Sincholle.

Detroit, September 9—Five mile open, Darracq First, 5.24. Ten mile triangular match race, Darracq First, 10.24, Jules Sincholle.

Syracuse, September 12—Ten mile race, Darracq First, 10.35 2-5, Jules Sincholle. Darracq Second, F. A. LaRoche. Special match race, 2 in 3 heats, won by Darracq. One mile record trials, for any car, Darracq, 1.04 3-5, won by F. A. LaRoche. Exhibition record, Darracq, 1 mile, 1.00 2-5.

Providence, September 19—Five mile race, 1800 pounds, Darracq First Heat, 5.30 1-5; best mile, 1.04 4-5. Five mile match race, Darracq First, 5.32 1-5. Five mile final heat, Darracq Second, F. A. LaRoche.

Empire City Track, Oct. 3, 1903.—Five miles, 1200 pounds, Darracq Second, J. J. Lavin.

Philadelphia, October 10, 1903.—Five mile race, Darracq First, 6.16 2-3, L. Nuneman. Five mile handicap, Darracq First, F. A. LaRoche.

Brighton Beach Race Track, October 31, 1903.—Five mile race, 1200 pounds, Darracq First. Ten mile race, 1800 pounds, Darracq Second. Five mile race, gentleman operator, Darracq First, 5.40. Final heat race, Darracq First, 6.03. Five mile race, open to members American Motor League, Darracq First, 6.03 4-5, F. A. LaRoche. Fifteen mile, free-for-all, Darracq Second, 17.30. Pursuit race, free-for-all, Darracq Second, L. Nuneman.

Mr. Frank Pressey and party of friends made a trip to Vallejo one evening last week in a Winton touring car. The officers of the town of Vallejo

were all taken for short rides, and claimed that automobiling was more fun than traveling in the finest Pullman. In fact, Pressey (who is a splendid chauffeur) was the hero of the town during the time of his stay there.

Mr. H. P. Teichner made a trip to San Jose and back last Sunday in his White touring car, starting out undaunted in the rain. The storm blew over, and he reports a very pleasant run back.

Mr. R. C. Kirkwood last week drove his new 1904 Winton touring car from San Jose to San Francisco, and reports the roads as being in very good condition—not much mud.

Miss Kate Dillon had her White touring car down at San Jose the closing days of last week, and she brought it back to San Francisco last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. S. C. Hammond is enjoying to the fullest extent the pleasures of riding in his 1904 Winton touring car. These moonlight nights here will see him traveling around with his four immense searchlights, turning the night into day before him.

Among sales made by the White Sewing Machine Company last week are cars to Major Russell of Los Angeles, H. D. Rucker, and O. M. Greenwald, both of San Francisco.

A clothing store hired six rigs one day this week from Mr. A. E. Brooke-Ridley. They were in constant use all day.

Mr. C. H. Wall, whose White touring car has not yet arrived from the East, borrowed one of the White Company's demonstration machines last Sunday, and after the rain cleared away made an extended trip through Alameda County, which he reports very enjoyable.

Mr. William Bogen has made several century runs during the past week in his 1904 Winton touring car.

Miss Mary Craig (of Mills College, Oakland, Cal.) has joined the ranks of chauffeuses, having just purchased a Stevens-Duryea automobile from the Pioneer Automobile Company. Her brother, Mr. J. S. Craig, of Woodland, Cal., purchased a Duryea early last season, and the machine gave him such good satisfaction that Miss Craig decided to purchase a car exactly like that of her brother. Mr. Craig last week purchased a 1904 Winton touring car from the Pioneer Automobile Company, and he is now the proud possessor of both a Winton and a Stevens-Duryea.

The girls of the Anna Held Company seem to be expressing a decided preference for White touring cars. While in San Francisco they were taken through the Park in a dozen of these handsome vehicles, and news comes from Los Angeles that they made an extended trip in White touring cars while at Los Angeles last Saturday. Mr. H. D. Ryus, manager of the White car at that point, arranged the party, and through the courtesy of White users there, was able to supply sufficient carriages to take the whole company out.

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in which he advises that Mr. Barney Oldfield has been reinstated and will probably drive Winton Bullet No. 2 in the Gordon Bennett races.

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On Wednesday of last week, Mr. John H. Spring ran his White touring car over into Contra Costa County, going by way of the San Ramon Valley, the road through which, by the way, makes a very delightful run. When Mr. Spring reached Mt. Diablo, its towering height tempted him to try the hill-climbing qualities of his machine. He inquired around, and found that there was a road up to the top of the mountain, and he pluckily tackled it. He progressed splendidly until he got half-way up, when he came to an immense boulder which had just fallen into the road and blocked its progress. Mr. Spring says that he had no doubt about the ability of his car to climb the boulder if it had not been for its spherical shape, which meant that one part of the boulder would strike the bottom of the car before the driving wheels would reach the boulder.

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The Pioneer Automobile Company is expecting an Oldsmobile tonneau to arrive by express next Wednesday or Thursday. This machine will be immediately placed on exhibition.

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The West Coast Motor Car Company of San Francisco will move to their new quarters, 606 Van Ness avenue, near Golden Gate avenue, on or about May 7th; they were temporarily located at 123 City Hall avenue. Their new store will be nicely equipped, and is one of the best automobile salesrooms in the city. This firm represents the famous Autocar and the well-known Columbia automobiles for the entire Coast. Recent purchasers of Autocars are Messrs. J. R. Burnham, P. E. Bowles and H. D. Nichols of Oakland; J. D. Grant, J. Dalzell Brown, H. A. Hedger and W. J. Eva of San Francisco; Robert Coleman, Perry Eyre, and J. L. Flood of Burlingame; E. T. Stirling of San Jose.

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Mr. J. L. Flood recently purchased from the West Coast Motor Car Company an electric automobile as a present to his wife.

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Mrs. C. S. Middleton has been entertaining the well-known actress, Miss Michelena, who is known to theatre goers as Beatrice Bronte. They have been seen many times during the past week in Mrs. Middleton's Autocar taking a drive through the Park or the city.

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The Cadillac machine was used this week by Mr. H. H. Owens and party to Palo Alto; Mr. Cuyler Lee and party to San Jose; Mr. William Koenig and party to Del Monte and return.

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1904 Cadillacs were sold last week to Mr. A. L. Hendricks, Eureka, Cal., Hr. E. A. Hersey, Cantara, Cal., Mr. P. D. Tull, Spokane, Washington, Mr. Myers of Myers & Ward, San Francisco, Mr. Malcolm of Woodland, Mr. Charles Miffen Hammond, Upper Lake, Cal., Mr. Len Briggs, Portland, Ore. A carload of Cadillac automobiles left Detroit on April 28th.

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Wind-winged, among the sycamores; the clear
Slow sound of reedy waters whispering.

I'm famishing for scents of forest birth—
Of reaching root and dawning mist of grass;
The smell of wet green lichen and of earth—
Of haw and willow-bud and sassafras.

I pine to see the dogwood's creamy barge,
Clear-cut, against the sunset's orange stain,
Or bent and shaken by a sudden charge
Of silver-pointed bayonets of rain.

My heart is wood-sick—thirsty for the things
That only one who loves the forest knows—
The gracious grandeur of the strong old kings,
The golden fires that cuckoo-buds disclose.

My day-dreams lead me in the dappled ways
Where sunlight spatters down in yellow spots,
And set me revelling in phantom sprays
Of hyacinths and blue forget-me-nots.

WAR.

By Florence Earle Coates in Lippincott's Magazine

In the beginning was I born,
With man from out the dust;
And presently, from Earth uptorn,
Came Cruelty and Lust.
Always, the vassals of my will,
They twain go with me still.

Where'er my flashing sword they see,
Where'er they scent my breath,
Quickly they follow after me,
Bringing despair and death;
Yet still the mighty wear, with pride,
My liveries, crimson-dyed.

Once long ago, in ages gone,
When man seemed as the brute,
I looked with dread to wisdom's dawn,
And virtue's ripening fruit:
Now sages wreathe my brow with bays,
And poets chant my praise.

Peace wore a royal diadem:
And once, in little Bethlehem—
Once only, not again—
But I could trust to men,
And crucified upon a tree,
Peace is a memory!

MY PURPOSE.

By Julia Ditto Young in Good Housekeeping

'Tis only, through life's little span,
To give and get what joy I can,
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The proposition is not by any means as modern as it appears.

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The J. C. & C. B. of New York re-publishes the following account of a fire in that city, which was printed in a New York paper of November, 1750: Nov. 5. Number 407.

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New York, Nov. 5, 1750.

"Last Tuesday Evening, being the Anniversary of his Majesty's Birthday; it is supposed from some Squibs thrown by the Boys. A House took Fire at the Corner of Pearl street near the White Hall Slip, and the Roof was in a light Blaze before it was observed; but by good Providence, it being very calm and nigh the River, it was prevented from spreading any farther, and extinguished with little more damage, that what was done to the House it began in.

"As no doubt you'll advise the Readers of your Weekly Paper of the late Fire in the South Ward of this City; please to add these few Hints for our future Safety. It is well known that the Fires in this Town of late, as that in Duke street, the School House and This, happened to be situate within Reach of the Rivers; by which Means, the Engines could be supplied without great Difficulty; and thus to our happy Deliverance, as those raging Fires were extinguished, I propose that a Drain or Brick Channel may be carried up at Low Water from under the Long Bridge, in broad street, that, at three or four convenient Places opposite to Thwart Street a large pump or two be filled in such Drain or Channel to serve in case of Fires in those Streets or Neighborhood, that the Drain end in a large Well or Basin, near City Hall having three or four Pumps to serve in the Neighborhood about the public Building; and perhaps an expedient may be found to convey the Water issuing out of this inexhaustible Fountain, by some Means or other Parts of the City remote from the Water Side."

There has been more than a few experiments in this line, and infallibly the experiments have proven a failure.

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The salt water has corroded the pipes, and in an emergency requiring extra pressure on the pipes and mains, disaster has followed.

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The city of Brighton, England, experimented with a salt water system for fire protection, and found, after it had given it a fair trial, that it was not satisfactory.

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San Francisco may try this method, and possibly it will be a good thing, but all precedents lead to the idea that it will not.

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Salt water for fire protection purposes is not superior to fresh water, the only thing required or asked by the insurance companies being a plentiful supply.

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In the case of the Ashbury Heights fire, which was a miniature conflagration, there was an abundance of water, but the engines, owing to the height

of the hill, could not get there as promptly as might have been desired.

The result was and is a warning to fire underwriters that the same rates as made for a detached dwelling is not adequate for a frame range, and it is a well-known fact that at least one of the burned dwellings was written at fifty cents for three years and the company which got the loss deserved it.

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The Wholesale Grocers recently held a convention in this city. It discussed the several things aside from sanding sugar which pertained to the welfare of the grocery business, and incidentally the following is found in the report of the proceedings: "Mutual fire insurance is becoming a great factor in the insurance field, and of valuable assistance in association work, and has proven wherever tried that it is a good proposition and worthy of endorsement and support by the retail merchants of this country. It is no experiment, but an assured fact; your interests are better protected and your premiums materially reduced."

In connection with this is to be noted that two of the numbers on the programme are an address by E. A. Tyler, Fargo, N. D.—"Why Members Should Interest Themselves in Mutual Fire Insurance," and another address by C. H. Spencer, Seattle, Wash.—"How Our Mutual Fire Insurance Company Co-operates with the State Association."

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The Tyler man is unknown to fame up to the present, and the Spencer person too well known to need comment.

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Grocers, as a rule, are sensible and not inclined to patronize any fad outside the premium trading stamp business. They have been gulled cents by this method where they are or will be gulled dollars by the mutual co-duperative insurance plan.

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It is not so easy to understand why a grocer will not permit an insurance man to assure him that he is charging too much for his groceries, especially if the grocer has any sense.

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The suggestion made by the insurance man would be met with scorn or a club, for the grocery man feels he knows his own business best.

In this light, it is a poor rule that won't work both ways, and the grocery men want to tell the insurance men that they are charging too much for insurance. Funny, is it not?

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The fire insurance men, as a whole, would, it is safe to say, just as soon as not let the grocers unite in the proposition of loaning each other five dollars apiece.

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Mr. Haley Fisk, vice-president of the Metropolitan Life, is expected to arrive in San Francisco about the 15th inst.

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The bankers are different, and when insurance policies are needed as collateral at the bank for a sixty day discount, it is an assured fact that the Grocers' Mutual policies will not be accepted, for the simple reason that the company is founded on wind—hot-air assets—and banks do not care about this kind of policy as collateral.

Mr. Stovel, after his Girard hunting trip, seems content with the spoils of the Eastern visit. The Girard is not a big line writer, and its experience heretofore on the Coast is not calculated to make it any more liberal.

The Girard is notoriously a non-compact, and the success of its venture will be watched with interest by legitimate fire underwriters.

It is safe to say that the Girard, like the Germania, will not cut much of a figure among the non-boarders.

Mr. Cyrus King Drew has returned from Southern California, where he attended the New York Life and the Conservative Life Convention. Mr. Drew is the editor and proprietor of the Insurance Report, and is accompanied by his wife.

Toronto, Indianapolis and some minor fires serve to keep the companies guessing, and to pile up a loss ratio which is appalling.

The Canadian companies are reported to have suffered severely in the Toronto fire, but there is no danger of their doing the Firemans of Baltimore act. The British-America and the Western Assurance are too strong.

WHY EX-GOVERNOR BUDD WENT TO EUROPE.

Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, is rambling over the State giving lectures or caricaturing, and incidentally telling stories about his former employer, Hearst. He was in Bakersfield the other day, and after his lecture amused a party of oil men, including H. Segur, President of the Monarch Oil Company, with a lot of Hearst stories, many of which cannot be repeated in print, at least. Here, however, is one of the mildest: "When Hearst was running for Congress in New York," said Davenport, "he invited ex-Governor Budd of this State to come on and speak for him. After the election the party, including Hearst and Budd, went to Washington on a special train, taking some "fairies" with them. On the trip, as there were no temperance principles practiced, a row took place over the girls, which, however, was eventually settled amicably, and Hearst sent Budd to Europe so as to square things. That is how and why the ex-Governor made his recent European trip."

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The Typewriter Girl

By the Private Secretary

Business men are sitting up and taking notice that the "typewriter girl" is really a modern sword of Damocles. She is not the merry jest that the joke-smiths would have us believe. Witness the testimony of Mrs. Belle Curtis in the land fraud case. There are dozens of stenographers in San Francisco who have the secrets of their employers locked up in their breasts, and it is devoutly hoped by the men who employ them that they are very tightly locked and the key thrown away. Mrs. Curtis swung wide the doors to the chambers of her confidences, and that fact is worrying men in nowise concerned in these land cases.

Fancy what a topsy-turvy business world this would be if other stenographers should take their cue from Mrs. Curtis and divulge the methods of their employers for one reason or another. Fortunately for the peace of mind of doctors, lawyers, merchants, chiefs, it is almost without precedent, at least in San Francisco, for a woman to take the stand against her employer. The shock occasioned in this instance may bring the business man to his senses—of the part the stenographer plays in the scheme of things.

The highly-successful stenographer who earns a salary anywhere from \$100 to \$200 a month is invariably the repository of the secrets of the firm. What about the moth-eaten adage that a woman cannot keep a secret? Of a truth, the average woman cannot keep her own counsels, much less any one else's. But the stenographer who, in terse mercantile argot, is a crackerjack, cannot be pigeon-holed among the "average women." Count them over, and you'll find in every case that they are women who have none of the usual attributes of the witching sex. Their mental machinery works like a man's, their ideas, opinions, and idiosyncracies are all masculine gender. The fluffy-haired, gewgawed little typewriter who rattles like a brass band with jangling bracelets and chatelaines does not enter this discussion. It is the sort of woman who can make herself indispensable to a big firm that is under consideration.

That sort of woman, as stated before, belongs to the class whose mental slant is more like a man's than a woman's. She seldom marries, although she has more opportunities of meeting men than most women. But she is a business woman through and through, and that type appeals to few men from a cardiac standpoint. They admire her business acumen, her keen insight into character, her razor-edged judgment—but they look for other attributes in their wives.

There are between fifty and seventy-five women stenographers in this city who have reached the top-notch in their profession. Their resignations would be taken in the nature of a calamity by their employers. Needless to say, they are not fledglings—they have all said good-bye to the twenties. Four of these experts take their luncheon together in a down-town restaurant—the lowest salaried one receives \$120 a month, the highest \$180. They are each in the confidence of their employers, and the slightest breach of this confidence would shake the firm to its foundations. Two of the members of this luncheon quartette are working for rival firms, and though they have spent the noon hour together for ten years,

they say that they have never once "talked shop." An outsider mentioned the subject of the Curtis testimony to them the other day, and with one accord they denounced the stenographer who for any cause pries open the strong box of confidences entrusted to her.

The high-class, high-priced stenographer is the one who knows that silence is 24 carat golden. She would as soon think of turning her own affairs inside out for public gaze as her employer's. Employers never appreciated this fact as much as they do now that the Curtis incident has stirred up so much discussion.

It is undoubtedly true that the business world is just waking up to the fact that the stenographer is a "mighty powerful pusson." To her credit be it said that she very seldom takes advantage of her position behind the scenes. There are tricks in every trade, and even men whose commercial honor is above par would not want the methods of their firms exposed on the highways. In the nature of her position the stenographer must know her employer's most intimate business secrets, and she should know how to keep them.

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 And buys them with the money
 He takes to settle union jars—
 He's fat, and smooth, and sunny.
 He sells his union brother out,
 His union brother likes it,
 So greets his mandates with a shout,
 And, when he orders, strikes it.

The union man is bold and free,
 That's what his leaders tell him;
 They rob him of his liberty,
 And, having caught him, sell him.
 The union man is ordered round,
 He's badgered and bulldozed,
 He does not dare to make a sound—
 The shop he works in 's closed.

Oh, happy, happy union man,
 Who has a union ticket,
 They put his shop beneath the ban,
 Then send him forth to picket;
 He pickets hard, he pickets long,
 He does not shirk or quail,
 His leaders put him in the wrong,
 And the police put him in jail.

He takes to politics in force,
 And so elects his Mayor,
 He finds that things are rather worse,
 His prospects far from fair;
 For the Mayor he is a canny man,
 He sees he has a plum,
 He grows rich quickly as he can,
 But the voter's "on the bum."

Oh, happy is the union man,
 He is a man of might,
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Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on THE 19th DAY OF MAY, 1904, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Tuesday, the 7th day of June 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.
 By order of the Board of Directors,
 J. B. SHAW, Secretary.

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 By Order of the Board of Directors,
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of PAUL BROCK, deceased. Dept. 30335 No. 3. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, M. J. Hynes, Public Administrator of the City and County of San Francisco, and Administrator of the Estate of PAUL BROCK, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Administrator, at room 568 Parrott Building, Nos. 825 to 855 Market street, the same being his place for the transaction of the business of the said estate in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

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There are a number of women in the California Club on the verge of nervous prostration, and all because they have just passed through an annual election. The contest has been waged as bitterly as if the officers were fat with emoluments and perquisites, instead of being laden with responsibilities, lightened with a few honors. The election took place last Tuesday afternoon, the polls being open from 2 to 5 o'clock. It was creeping on to midnight, however, before the ballots were counted. During all the evening hours, the cliques were grouped in the different rooms, talking over the candidates and all the animosities that have marked the month of electioneering. With all the avidity of seasoned politicians, they called for bulletins on the count, but when the result was announced the attitude of the two factions was a matter of credit to them. The defeated candidate for President, Mrs. J. W. Orr, one of the most brilliant women in the California Club, was quick to offer congratulations to the successful candidate, Mrs. Aylett R. Cotton, and promise loyal support for her administration.

The manner of election in the California Club is quite different from that in any other. The plan has been in operation for the past two years, and was patterned after that of the big Chicago Club. As many nominations as the members please are made from the floor. These names are mailed by the nominating committee to the members, who indicate their choice, the candidates receiving the highest number in this preliminary vote constitute what is called the "first ticket"; the second highest set of names are placed on the "second ticket," and all the others are dropped from the race—left at the gate. The two tickets are printed and mailed to the members who have a chance to study them over before the election time, a month after the first choice was made.

When the ballots were counted, Mrs. Cotton was found to have received 160 votes, and Mrs. Orr 126. The other officers on the successful ticket were: First Vice-President, Dr. Dorothea Moore; Second Vice-President, Mrs. A. W. Scott; Directors, Mrs. Arthur W. Cornwall, Mrs. Virginia Bradley, Mrs. Charles Warren, Mrs. J. J. Scoville, Mrs. E. P. Schell, Mrs. C. L. Hovey, Mrs. Horace Coffin and Mrs. H. H. Fassett.

These officers will be entrusted with important work, because it is this year that the California Club will begin the building of its new clubhouse on the lot on Clay street, between Polk street and Van Ness avenue. Besides this, every department of the club has big civic, social and educational measures to be carried forward.

There is too much of interest in the machinery of this club to permit the disgruntled members to withdraw or to hold aloof. They will all be at their posts when the club re-opens its work in September.

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A certain judge was a splendid lawyer, and could talk a jury out of their senses. He was once counsel for a man who was accused of being a horse-thief. He made a long, eloquent, touching speech. The jury retired and returned in a few minutes with a verdict of "Not guilty." An old pal stepped up to the prisoner and said: "Jim, you are free; and now, honor bright, didn't you steal that horse?" To which Jim replied: "Well, Tom, I've all along thought I stole that horse, but since hearing the judge's speech, I don't believe I did."

A friend of ours tells the following story of a school-ma'am who has a dread of all kinds of contagious diseases. She sent a child home because her mother was sick. The next day the little girl presented herself at school with her finger in her mouth and a little hood swinging by the string, and said: "We's got a baby at our house, but mamma says I shall tell you it's not catching."

An Irish undertaker was laying out the deceased husband of a weeping Hibernian woman. The corpse wore a wig, and it was very difficult to induce it to stay on straight. The bereaved widow was called in to assist. "Go an' git me a pot of glue, Mrs. McGovern," said the undertaker, "so that I may keep this wig where it belongs." Mrs. McGovern set out after the sticking material, and after a time returned, saying with a sigh, "Here is the glue for ye." "Mrs. McGovern, you kin take back the mucilage," said the undertaker, "the difficulty is fixed; I used a tack."

A Hebrew was sitting on the Islesworth porch in Atlantic City reading a paper, when another Hebrew came up and said: "Mose, don't look now, but dat voman sitting next to you is de ugliest voman I have ever seen." Mose replied: "Yes, I know; dat's my wife."



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7.30A	Niles, Livermore, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton	7.20P
8.00A	Shasta Express—(Via Davis), Williams (or Bartlett Springs), Willows, Frisco, Red Bluff, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle.....	7.50P
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8.30A	Port Costa, Martinez, Antioch, Byron, Tracy, Stockton, Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Armona, Hanford, Visalia, Porterville.....	4.20P
9.30A	Port Costa, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Visalia, Bakersfield.....	4.50P
8.30A	Niles, San Jose, Livermore, Stockton, (Hilton), Jone, Sacramento, Placerville, Marysville, Chico, Red Bluff.....	4.20P
8.30A	Oakdale, Chinese, Jamestown, Sonoma, Tuolumne and Angels.....	4.20P
9.00A	Atlantic Express—Ogden and East.	11.20P
9.30A	Richmond, Martinez and Way Stations.....	8.50P
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10.00A	Vallejo.....	12.20P
10.00A	Los Angeles Passenger—Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton, Merced, Raymond, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Lemoore, Visalia, Bakersfield, Los Angeles.....	7.20P
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11.00*	Sacramento River Steamers.....	11.00P
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3.30P	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations.....	7.50P
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3.30P	Yosemite Valley, Mon. Wed., Fri.	9.20A
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4.00P	Niles, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi.....	9.20A
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6.00P	Vallejo, daily, except Sunday.....	5.20P
7.00P	Vallejo, Sunday only.....	7.50P
7.00P	Richmond, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way Stations.....	11.20A
8.05P	Oregon & California Express—Sacramento, Marysville, Redding, Portland, Puget Sound and East.	8.50A
8.10P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only).....	11.50P

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7.45A	Santa Cruz Excursion (Sunday only)	8.10P
1.15P	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Way Stations.....	5.55P
4.15P	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations.....	10.55A
4.15P	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and way stations.....	10.55A

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6.30A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8.30P
7.00A	San Jose and Way Stations, Colusa, 7.15A Monterey and Santa Cruz Excursion (Sunday only).....	5.40P
8.00A	New Almaden (Tues, Frid., only)	10.20P
8.00A	The Coaster—Stops only San Jose, Gilroy (connection to Bolinas, Pajaro, Castroville (connection to and from Monterey and Pacific Grove), Salinas, San Ardo, Paso Robles, Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo, principal stations thence Surf (connection for Lompoc), principal stations thence Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Burbank, Los Angeles.	4.10P
9.00A	San Jose, Tres Pinos, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Luis Obispo and Principal Way Stations.....	10.45P
10.30A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	1.20P
11.30A	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations.....	7.30P
1.30P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8.38A
1.30P	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove (connects at Santa Clara, except Sunday, for Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek and Narrow Gauge Points) at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Pajaro for Santa Cruz, at Castroville for Salinas.....	12.15P
3.30P	Tres Pinos Way Passenger.....	10.45A
4.30P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	10.45A
5.00P	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos, and principal Way Stations (except Sunday).....	10.45A
5.30P	San Jose and Principal Way Stations	9.40A
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6.15P	San Mateo, Beresford, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, Palo Alto.....	16.48A
6.30P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	6.56A
8.00P	Palo Alto and Way Stations.....	10.15A
11.30P	South San Francisco, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto.....	9.45P
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The Political Situation

The number of candidates still continues to increase for every thing in sight, from President to Justice of the Peace. Mark Plaisted wants to go to Congress from the Sixth District, or rather wants to be the Democratic candidate for Congress in that District, because there is no earthly chance of either Plaisted or any other Democrat defeating Needham. I understand that the Examiner's support of Mark's aspirations was the price he demanded for his support of Hearst's candidacy for President, which, if it be true, shows that Plaisted is not near as shrewd as he used to be, for he never would have been able to have made the success he has made of several newspapers if he had attempted to build them up on such unsubstantial support as the Examiner can give. Besides, an editor as a rule should not run for office—he has too many enemies, and he is simply spending his money foolishly in campaign expenses. Mark used to be too careful to make such breaks in the past, and it shows a discouraging condition of decrepitude to see him venture in the political field personally at this time in his life.

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The fight between the Bard and Oxnard factions in Ventura Counties has encouraged the Democrats to hope that perhaps by putting up an exceptional candidate, they may win the district, so they have selected J. Logan Kennedy as their candidate. He is one of the prominent men of the county, and from all accounts should make it very interesting for his Republican competitor, especially if the Republicans split. It is hardly necessary to point out that it would be a very serious thing for either of the Ventura Senatorial candidates if a Democrat should be elected to the Legislature from that county.

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Writing of the Senatorship reminds me that Senator Rowell of Fresno, either stimulated by the example of his fellow editor, Plaisted's candidacy for Congress, or seeing the hopelessness of the Bard campaign, has privately announced, so rumor says, his own candidacy for the Senate. Rowell was one of the original discoverers of Bard, and he has been ever since seeking his reward at that Statesman's hands. He wanted to be a member of the Panama Canal Commission; before that he wanted to be Minister to Japan; before that he wanted something else, and Bard, to his credit be it said, worked like a Trojan to get him something, but the cheese sandwich Senator had no influence at the White House, and his efforts at bringing down a big price were, of course, failures. Now Rowell thinks that the best way to get something is to be in power himself, and accordingly he turns his eyes longingly on the toga. But he will not be alone among the Bard men in that ambition, for Flint has been mentioned, and there are others. The chief significance of Rowell's candidacy is that it means that he has concluded that there is no chance of Bard being re-elected.

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Miguel Estudillo, of Riverside, has announced himself as a candidate against Frank Lewis as Assemblyman from the Seventy-Eighth District. Estudillo is a very able lawyer, a member of one of the old Spanish families of California. He announces that he is not pledged to any one for Sena-

tor, and will not be, a position that the press of Riverside warmly endorses. J. R. Dorsey of Bakersfield, who has gotten married since the last session of the Legislature, and who was declared by sundry susceptible maidens to be the handsomest member of the Assembly, wants to come back again. Henry E. Carter of Los Angeles, who was Speaker pro tempore in the last session, wants to be Speaker next year. J. N. Anderson of Santa Ana wants to be Senator from that bailiwick, but the Anaheim Gazette thinks that although he is clean-shaven to-day, his whiskers will be two feet long before he will be elected, so Anderson will probably not be on the roll of the next Senate.

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In the Nineteenth District in this city there are several aspirants for State Senatorial honors: Senator Robert J. Welch, who is now on the State payrolls at the harbor front, wants to go back, and is trying hard to make a go of it, but he has competitors in the persons of John Heilman and E. J. Lynch, a bright young lawyer who is at present employed as assistant in Abe Ruef's office. Across the bay in Marin, Senator Belshaw and E. B. Martinelli are both candidates for the place that the Senator now holds. Belshaw is likely to find his path to victory rather hard to travel, because of his antagonism to labor unions, which are strong in parts of Contra Costa County, which is a part of the same district. Martinelli is a trustee of the insane asylum in Mendocino County. He was a Gage man, and if the "receptive" candidate for the Senate should put in an appearance at Sacramento next January, Martinelli would undoubtedly be for him, while Belshaw belongs to the Bard faction, and would be for Rowell, or Flint, or Bulla if they were candidates.

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A canvass was made last week of the Democratic National Committee men by a Chicago paper, and they were asked how their several States would stand at St. Louis. Here are the answers: Indiana, Parker; Minnesota, Parker; New York, Parker; Georgia, Parker; Connecticut, Parker; Louisiana, Parker; Texas, Parker; Massachusetts, Hearst; North Dakota, Hearst; South Dakota, Hearst; Kansas, Hearst; California, Hearst; West Virginia, Gorman; Wisconsin, E. C. Wall; Nebraska, Parker or Hearst; North Carolina, Gorman or Parker; Delaware, Hearst or Gorman. Since the poll was made, some of the predictions have gone astray, as, for instance, Hearst has carried Connecticut, and has not carried Massachusetts. Illinois is not solid for Parker, nor Kansas for Hearst, and Texas has not indorsed Parker, nor is California pledged to Hearst, but the one thing of interest in the prognostications is that no one has two-thirds of the convention. It might have been added that Missouri is for Cockerell, and that Maryland will be for Gorman. Illinois has a favorite in Congressman Williams, who may at least get a complimentary vote from that State, and Rhode Island is for Hearst, while Michigan is going to give him some votes. Oregon is non-committal, though rather inclined to be anti-Hearst, and Pennsylvania is also on the fence, so that it is very evident that it is still any man's fight and may result in the selection of some one who has not even been named. It is particularly significant that the South has two candidates, and one, Williams, of Mississippi, who may be termed as "receptive," and in this connection I would call attention to a statement made by Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri in a recent magazine article: "It is urged that because Missouri is reliably Democratic the nomination should go to a doubtful State, when the truth is that an outside Democratic candidate can poll more votes in New York than any New Yorker, and more in Indiana than any Hoosier."

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The Eureka Standard announces that Major Bull will be the delegate to Chicago from that part of the First District. Mayor Clinch is making it lively for Senator Voorhies in the other part of the district. Senator Devlin would like to go from the Second as one of the district delegates, and as George Stutevant has declined to be a candidate for Congress, and has left the field open for Duncan McKinley, imitating in that respect Senator Devlin, who was also a candidate for the Congressional nomination, it has been suggested that he be the other district delegate. That will give Sonoma the Congressman, and Sacramento and Mendocino the two delegates, so three counties will be remembered out of those in the Second District. If Mendocino takes up Stutevant's candidacy, he will be a delegate.

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By the way, Dr. Lindley, the brother of Hervey Lindley, and the founder and first superintendent of the Whittier State School, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Mayor of Los Angeles. The Doctor has always been active in politics, though never to the extent of his two brothers, and if he runs will have the active opposition of the Times, which should elect him. Mayor Snyder wants the Democratic nomination again, but his endorsement of Hearst has hurt him with his party very much, and late arrivals from the South say that the present is undoubtedly his last term, and that they do not think the South will demand his nomination for Governor two years hence.

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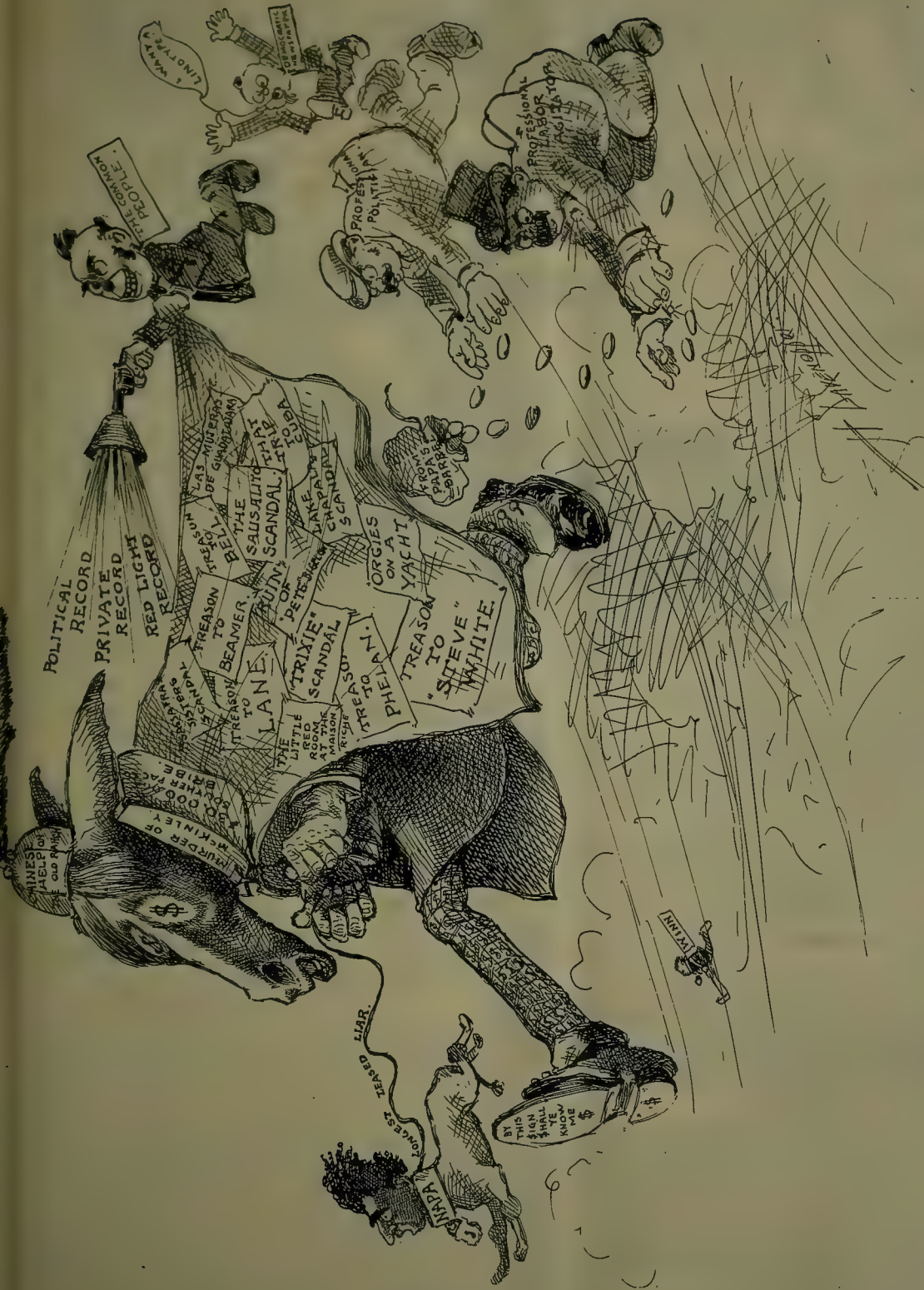
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Japan goes on making history, while Russia waits.

A young woman of Chicago has proved by nearly dying that raw wheat and cold water will not sustain life.

"Jim" Hill has given \$15,000,000 to build a church at St. Paul. This is the largest fire insurance policy ever written on a man's life.

Cattle King Miller is going to raise elk near Watsonville. The kind of Elk we know best is said by some to be raised on the bottle.

A distinguished Russian General has issued an order directing his men to "keep cool." It was not necessary so far as their feet are concerned.

A recent marriage at the Point Loma Home of Theosophy leads us to think that the institution has a pink Cupid as well as a "purple mother."

"Silent" Smith, the richest bachelor in the country, has found his tongue long enough to ask a lady to share his millions with him.

Hearst is accused of vainly offering \$250,000 for Indiana's vote in the Democratic Convention. Evidently he has more money and the party more honor than had been suspected.

The Washington woman who arranged the wedding of her step-daughter, aged sixteen, to her brother, aged forty, should be compelled to do their housework for life.

The last of the Cogswell fountains has been pulled down and carted off the streets. If the unlamented donor has received his deserts he would be glad to get a cool drink from any kind of a fountain.

The proposition to stamp the temperature on mail leaving the city is excellent. Perhaps the benighted East will believe the Government more readily than it believes us.

A woman from the country, we read in the daily press, was so "confused by the big city's bustle" that she was taken to a hospital. She should have looked at the city's other side.

Recent research establishes the fact that the reason why Lot's wife looked back was to see what kind of furniture her neighbors were taking out of their houses in the doomed city.

Helen Gould is publicly glad that General Bell of Colorado did not drink champagne at a St. Louis Fair function. Considering the weather, almost anybody would have preferred beer.

Sam Parks, the walking delegate who excelled in blackmailing, has died in Sing Sing prison, but his soul goes marching on, and levying tribute on the building industry of New York.

Mrs. "Bob" Burdette writes that she is not a candidate for the Presidency of the Federation of Women's Clubs. Ladies interested in other aspirants for the place suspect Mrs. Burdette of having taken a leaf out of her husband's joke book.

A married gentleman named Kicks is trying to put down the home-wrecking "progressive euchre" evil among the ladies of Bayonne, N. J., and the ladies have come back at him with a movement against the lodge-going habit among their males.

A North Carolina Judge is frothing at the mouth because he and his court have been boycotted by the county bar. He charges the lawyers with contempt of court, and they charge him with contempt of the law.

Gallant Colonel Pitcher, of the Presidio, is formally charged with having "deserted six young women in the shadow of the altar." Pretty soon the sextette will sing that good old song, "The Pitcher that is Turned to the Wall."

One great newspaper editor, in his padded cell, shrieks "How old is Ann?" Another mumbles "brick-and-a-half, brick-and-a-half," and still another is busy trying to count the dots in his own brain. By these signs we know that the silly season in journalism has arrived.

Astronomer Burckhalter, of Chabot Observatory, in Oakland, has been commissioned by the police to turn his telescope from the stars to the branches in the adjacent park and look for some of the terrestrial transits of Venus about which the neighbors complain.

Oakland's school census reveals a shortage of 515 children. Well, we are not surprised. Show us a community whose males devote themselves to hunting offices, while its women put in their leisure playing cards for prizes, and we will show you a community of empty baby carriages.

A Wisconsin fisherman has discovered a queer beast that has the look and the bark of a dog, long, silky ears, a head like a walrus, six webbed feet, and a fish's tail. Undoubtedly this is the long-sought gascutas, seen heretofore only by gentlemen with the jim-jams.

CITY GOVERNMENT AND UNIONS.

Already San Francisco has the reputation of being the "tightest union town" in the country, and that is not the kind of reputation which brings to a city capital seeking investment, nor men seeking work. That reputation is due primarily to our comparative isolation, our remoteness from other large centers of population, and of industrial activity, making it possible to unionize here trades untouched by labor leaders in other communities, and to maintain here better than elsewhere the solidarity of unions and federation of unions against the undermining influences which are more feared than open attacks. But now, at a time when public feeling on the question of labor unionism is becoming acute, San Francisco's municipal administration has openly and boldly committed itself to the "closed shop" policy; has announced, in effect, that no non-union men need apply.

First came the outrageous conduct of J. George Boyne, a Fire Commissioner. This Boyne has lived long in San Francisco. Up to his recent bad break, he enjoyed a certain standing by reason of his industry, sobriety and thrift. He was, or professed to be, a Republican. Of importance or influence he had nothing. When the moment came, he plunged into Schmitzism. As a "shouter" he was so loud, and as a "worker" he was so tireless that when a Fire Commissioner'ship fell vacant, he got his reward. A few days ago, Boyne, new-clad with a little authority, revealed himself for the wolf he is. The union stablemen struck, and Boyne promptly ordered the city's fire horses out of barns that had declared for the "open shop" principle and were manned by free labor. The poor beasts stood in a chill wind until quarters could be found for them, where the feed and the help were not tainted with the heretical doctrines of Americanism. Boyne is only a small potato, and not a sound one at that. He will be duly remembered if he should ever seek an elective office or an appointment under a decent administration as one unfit for public trust or even for citizenship.

On the heels of Boyne's offense comes a much more serious manifestation of the class Government which Schmitz has so often and so vehemently denounced. His Board of Electricity, composed of the Fire and Police Commissions, sitting jointly, has officially decreed that it **will employ none but union men in good standing**. This is a plain declaration that the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of California and the Charter of San Francisco, are not worth the paper on which they were written, and that for them has been substituted the constitution of the labor union. It is a denunciation of Americanism, and a glorification of unionism. It denies and defies the fundamental theory of the Republic that "All men were created free and equal." It makes the union label the city's seal and the union banner the city's flag.

Legally there can be no question about the invalidity of this action; morally, there is no question as to its flagrant injustice. Though every other place of employment in San Francisco be barred to the man without a union card, the City Hall must always and forever be an "open shop." Public employees are paid with public money, and public money is taken by taxation from union man and non-union man alike. What, we wonder, would be said if this Board of Electricity should order that no man be given employment unless he were a member of some Protestant Church in good standing? What would be said if it denied employment to all save Roman Catholics in good standing? What if it put the ban on all but

members of the Masonic fraternity in good standing? And yet, any one of these declarations would be as lawful, as just, as reasonable as what this delectable Board has done.

We do not doubt that Schmitz wants another term as Mayor or in some higher office. Whether or not the proved charges of "graft" and other misfeasance shall count against him, whether or not there be truth in the whispers of still other and uglier misdoings by him and his relatives and adherents, it is certain that unless he disavows, fully and promptly, this most shameful act of his most shameless commission, he may as well bare his neck for the axe. This patient and placid people could easily tumble Schmitz from his high place and ride him and his Boynes on a rail until they realized their sins. A little more of this trampling upon the necks of free men and something of that kind will be done.

THE ADVICE OF GOMPERS.

In an address recently delivered at Denver, upon the conditions existing in the Cripple Creek district, Samuel Gompers, one of the foremost union labor men of the country, made the following statements:

"The violation of the fundamental principles of our country has made Colorado the laughing stock of the world. It appears to me that, if the law continues to be overridden, as it has been in the past, the fight will soon develop from a technical legal conflict to a physical one. Force and violence are the doom of union labor. Union labor cannot win by force. It must begin a campaign of education, and business methods must be used in dealing with business men. If trades unionism hopes to progress, it cannot be done by force. Violence will not bring about the right result."

This is as the voice of a prophet crying in the wilderness. Will the union men listen to the voice of this leader among them? He is no visionary; he has had dealings for many years with the business men of various sections of the country; his official position in the ranks of labor has made it necessary for Gompers to study all the various phases of the great problem that now confronts us. He knows the temper of the great American people, and he knows that they will never permit the unions to ride roughshod over the rights given by the law to private citizens. Nor is Gompers alone in his belief as to the insanity of violent means to force a settlement of an economic question. John Mitchell, the leader of the miners, is also unalterably opposed to violence. At all times since his promotion to the Presidency of the miners' great confederation, he has counseled his followers to refrain from violence, and to seek success through peaceable means.

Gompers and Mitchell are men of sound sense. They give good advice. They recognize the harm done the cause of union labor by resort to violence. They seek success for their organizations; therefore, they counsel respect for the law. It is not as if this advice came from young captains in the ranks of labor, of whom the men might say: "They are afraid." Gompers and Mitchell are veterans of many campaigns; they have shown by battling for what they considered the rights of the unions against many mighty corporations that they are not afraid. Fear has no place in their characters; but experience has made them wise.

It is more than a coincidence that the advice of Gompers and the remarks of President Eliot, of Harvard, upon industrial conditions were given to the country about the same time. One would hardly

expect to find these two men agreeing on the great question, yet they do, and upon the most important phase of it.

"The unions have been corrupted by selfishness," says President Eliot. "The proscription of non-union men, the strike in sympathy, or support, and the boycott are weapons which angels and saints could not use without being demoralized."

Gompers knows that the unions have become demoralized by the use of these unholy weapons, and being demoralized, he knows they are ever on the verge of lawlessness. Hence his sage advice, and his prophetic utterance: "Union labor cannot win by force."

ALL RALLY TO THE MARRIED MAN.

"Preference will be shown clerks who are married, especially those with large families."

This notice, tacked up in the post-office at Des Moines, Iowa, comes with all the force of a proclamation from the White House. It is an order of the Government, and it foreshadows, also, the rallying cry of the Roosevelt campaign. When McKinley set his lance in rest "to ride the barriere," on his shield was a full dinner pail, argent, on a field azure; on Roosevelt's the device will be a full cradle. "Hurrah for Roosevelt and the full cradle!" will be the shout as a President by accident seeks to be President by elevation.

And it will not be a bad call and countercry for the campaign. What the nation wants is more homes and fewer boarding houses, more husbands and fewer bachelors, more cradles and more babies to put in them—especially more babies. The President's pet theory has made him the target for much cheap joking, and in a mocking age like ours it was only a brave man who would have enunciated it. But Roosevelt, for all his crudity and primitiveness, has grasped one of the larger truths of history, has learned one of the greater lessons of civilization. He has perceived that the nation's safety lies in its homes and its hope in its nurseries. Tables of exports and imports and bank clearings and manufactures and planted acres furnish indices of our material progress and welfare, but by the census and its showing of population increased by births we shall know whether we are to climb or to slide. Marriage is still the thing expected of every man and woman, but maternity is no longer fashionable—that is, maternity of the kind which boasted not until it counted children by the dozen. An English poet, who has failed in popularity because of a habit of truth telling, sang his sermon in a verse which ran:

"Here's to our five-meal, meat-fed men,
To our tall, deep-bosomed women,
And the children nine and ten,
(Stand up!)
And the children nine and ten.

Now the President has pretty much the same idea, and in the eminently practical and direct way which characterizes him, he is setting about it to put a premium on fecund, prolific citizenship. He promises work and wages to the fathers of children, and in truth they are the kind of men who both need and deserve preferment. The man who has a half-dozen little mouths to feed and little bodies to clothe, has something to work for, something to keep him honest and sober and industrious. When he breeds and rears such a family he is doing his part for the present and for the future. Economically he is the best builder of the edifice of his country's greatness, getting him children to do his country's work, to consume its pro-

ducts, to people its waste places and to make them fertile. In lands where living is less complex than in our own, women pray that the gods may send them sons to "fill the fighting tale." There the father of a dozen is honored as one who has done well his part. Perhaps the Roosevelt doctrine will sweep away some of the empty refinement that has made us forget the prime purpose of life, which is to multiply and increase on earth; perhaps his campaign slogan, "Hurrah for the full cradle!" will bring back to us the good, old-fashion of plenteous motherhood and abundant fatherhood, and so preserve the nation from decay and the race from dishonor. At all events it's a fine, frank sentiment, and we subscribe to it cheerfully: "Hurrah for the full cradle!"

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL.

The Association for the Improvement and Adornment of San Francisco is on the right road. This city is entering upon a new era. For fifty years we have been giving exclusive attention to our material development, without regard to the many opportunities for artistic adornment or patience for their consideration. But in this fault we have not been alone, for the entire country has been engaged in a race for wealth such as the world never saw before. Now has come the turning point; our coffers are filled with gold; our trade is increasing; our prosperity is unbounded. We now have time to look around us, and enjoy the beauties of nature. Throughout the country there is a revival of interest in the beautifying and improvement of large cities. In many places, committees have been appointed to formulate plans for the adornment of their respective localities. Even in Paris—that city of wondrous beauty—an official body is now devising schemes for further embellishment. San Francisco's turn has come. In natural advantages she is favored above all other cities in the country. Her hills were intended by nature to be the resting places of so many beautiful works of art, from the contemplation of which one might turn to enjoy the magnificent views of the city and the bay; the Coast Range and the towns nestling in its foothills; the Golden Gate and the calm expanse of the broad Pacific. The visit of D. H. Burnham, of Chicago, will have done much, if his words of encouragement but awaken within the breasts of the people a desire to assist in any plan or plans that may be suggested for the beautification of the metropolis of the Pacific Slope.

First, something practical must be suggested. Therefore, we think the proposition to appoint a general advisory committee a good idea. Such a committee should be composed of men of broad experience, of advanced ideas, and of such standing in the community that their suggestions will receive respectful attention. Again, while reaching out for better effects, let us not forget the work we have in hand. No city with dirty streets can ever be beautiful. Let the Association force that idea upon the Supervisors and the Board of Public Works. Nor can a city lay claim to either progress or beauty so long as many of its main thoroughfares are covered with miserable shanties. The Association should take into its confidence the owners of the shanties on East street and lower Market street. First impressions count for much. Terraces and fountains; statues and flag poles; shrubbery and lawns, are not the only ornaments that make for beauty in cities. They are but the trimmings upon the municipal garment. What we need most are better buildings and better streets. If the Association can secure them San Francisco will be its debtor.

STRIKE PARALYSIS.

The paralyzing effect of continual and senseless strikes is best illustrated in the shoe industry in California. Some six years ago a strike took place which threw out of work nearly 4,000 white shoemakers. There were at that time numerous factories in California, and the industry was promising well. Aside from the 4,000 white people employed, there were about 5,000 Chinese earning a living in the same industry. It is a well-known fact that the best sole leather in the world is made in California, and this, coupled with the high freight charges from the East, enabled the shoe manufacturers of California to turn out a better shoe than their Eastern competitors. The men were paid larger wages than the Eastern shoemakers, and they were content. Along came the Spirit of Unionism and with it the Malcontent and the Walking Delegate of Misfortunate Complaint. And then the strike, with its attendant horrors. The only result of this long strike was the fact that many of the factories went out of business, until now there remain about five hundred white and fifty Chinese as operatives for five factories on the Coast. This is the blight of unionism with a vengeance.

One of these factories is located in Petaluma, and the other four in San Francisco. Some time ago a man employed in one of these factories was discharged for drunkenness, and as a result a strike is brewing. The unions want the man re-instated. Tuesday of this week, the Mogul of the Union, Chief Do-Nothing Good Extraordinary, arrived from Chicago, and he was called upon to make a decision as to whether the strike shall be arranged so as to only include the employers of the discharged drunkard or whether it would not be better to throw out of employment the employees of the other factories and the other four hundred and fifty-nine operatives.

In view of the disastrous results that overtook the workmen as a result of the last strike, it will probably be another case of back-down by the unions, as the makers are determined, and they find that it pays better to buy Eastern-made shoes as middlemen, and then sell these at a reasonable profit. The profit of the California maker is only a few cents a shoe, and the trade will not admit of the least stoppage and consequent loss. There is nothing in shoe making in California. Freights have gradually become lower, and this and the tactics of the Shoemakers' Union have admitted all the prison-made and sweat-shop shoes of the East.

There may be some sound business judgment back of the union, in some cases, but we have so far failed to detect it in a single instance. In the shoe-making trade the city has been deprived of nine thousand artisans and their families, and these same artisans have undergone untold suffering, their babes have gone unshod, their wives have hungered and their children have been at the point of starvation. Families have been deserted by husbands and fathers because of lack of employment. They have had to wander away from the Pacific Coast to the overcrowded Eastern centers, and have had to encounter the opposition of the scab and the sweat-shop and live in surroundings compared to which the condition existing in California previous to the coming of the Walking Delegate of Misfortune, was akin to an undreamed-of Heaven. All this for what? For the purpose of disciplining some manufacturers who preferred to hold the keys to their establishments in their own hands rather than give them up to the anarchist and the labor agitator. The great body of men engaged in the strike of six years ago was opposed to the strike, but the counsels of the unwise prevailed. The

manufacturers closed up their shops, with the exception of five factories, and now these are to be closed up by agitators who have sprung up in place of the first crop that inflicted this terrible hardship on their fellows, and this loss on the State. There are no immense profits with which to grease the walking delegate of the Shoemakers' Union in the shoe business, and the factories will undoubtedly close, as a result of the new and unjustified attempt at coercion, and another five hundred delegates for the soup-house are created.

MAYOR SCHMITZ AND HIS FAMILY.

The Schmitz family and their friends should consider themselves lucky, if holding a political position and drawing a salary from the city is to be considered good fortune. Every commission in control of the Mayor is filled with his creatures and a good many jobs are filled by his family. One brother, Herbert, is running the Board of Public Works in such fashion that the city is getting less for more money than the boldest boodler of a Street Superintendent handled in the ante-charter days. Another brother, Frank, is running the Almshouse, with his wife as a salaried assistant, and these two are not losing flesh on the job, nor are the hapless paupers in their care taking on any weight. Other relatives by blood and by marriage are scattered through the municipal pay roll wherever good salaries are paid for little work. The Works Board brother is an important person in the suspected alliance of the Mayor and the material men, inasmuch as that commission will direct the expenditure of every dollar raised by the sale of the city bonds. There is no reason to place brother Herbert above brother Eugene when it comes to appraising the selfishness and the purity of motion and deed displayed by the Schmitz family.

Given such power, by virtue of his creatures in the commissions and his relatives in high public office, the Mayor needs only the whip-hand over the Board of Supervisors to serve his masters and public grafters in their raid upon the city's treasury, and that last and crowning power he has through five boot-licking Supervisors, whose votes are ever ready to back up his veto. They may not be able to give the Mayor an affirmative majority, but they do put it absolutely into his hands to black all legislation which displeases him. Of a truth, things look well for the Mayor's friends.

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LIBRARY TABLE

"Dollars and Democracy," by Sir Philip Baine Jones, Bart., is one of the best books written by a British traveler for a long time. Its excel-

lence consists in the fact that the criticism is entirely good natured, and has none of that merely carping quality which is too apt to distinguish the attempts of our trans-Atlantic cousins to interpret our national customs and peculiarities. The sentiments are those of a man of the world, who is accustomed to meeting men and whose notions are not bounded and limited by the borders of his native village. In fact, as far as good healthy cosmopolitanism goes, he could give points to many of our somewhat too provincial New Yorkers. The material has been gathered in a recent visit to the United States, which was of sufficient length to enable him to form some accurate conclusions, on a broader basis than that from which the ordinary variety of globe-trotter is accustomed to generalize. He instances among the three things which he will miss in England after his visit to the United States: "My beautiful, snow-white tub, with its silver fittings and its perennial supply of hot water and cold, my telephone with a friend at the other end; the electric light that really gives light. The bastard product of science and commercial enterprise known by the same name in London bears little resemblance to its trans-Atlantic name-sake. His remarks on his treatment by the yellow press and scurrilous journals are pointed enough and will receive the commendation of all people who are infused with respect to these journals. The illustrations are excellent, and are reproductions of drawings by the author.

D. Appleton & Co., New York.

Mention has already been made in these columns of the series of reprints of classical and notable English books on sport and out-door recreation which D. Appleton & Company are making. There is no need to repeat what has been already said, and it is sufficient to call the attention of the discriminating reader to the series which combines all the excellencies of type, binding and illustration. Two of the most recently published have come to hand: "The Complete Angler," the old favorite by Izaak Walton and Charles Catton is here found in a form which should please the most exacting bibliophile. It is embellished with engravings, drawings and contains, moreover, a number of notes illustrative of the text which cannot fail to be valuable. It is a reprint of the edition published by John Major, Fleet street, London, in 1824. "Mr. Sponge's Sporting Tour" was a favorite with our grandfathers. It is by the author of the famous and inimitable "Joeroecks's Jaunts." The reprint is founded on the edition published by Bradbury & Evans in 1853. The illustrations are by John Such. Although to a very great extent the humor of the book has become antiquated and it could never again enjoy the wide popularity which once it had, it is one of the curiosities of literature, and no one who is making a collection of notable works can do without it.

"The House in the Woods," by Arthur Henry, is the story of a return to nature, the building of a mountain home, and the conquest of the soil. It is a nature book, with human interest, and in addition to the freshness and charm of the country life and

the wood lore pictures in these pages, the story thrills with the humanity which the author has found and depicted with true insight. He tells how the forest cleared and a house was built; how a home was made, and the wild things of the mountains yielded place to their domesticated brethren. He pictures the prowess of the mountaineers, the deeds of the woodsmen, and the influences which made themselves felt in a brighter life for the people of the woods. The beauty of nature in the mountains, the joy of existing out of doors, and the success, not of mere country living, but also of country fellowship, are brilliantly pictured in this delightful story of a new life in a Catskill Mountain home.

A. S. Barnes & Co., Publishers, New York. Price, \$1.50.

"A Woman's Will," by Anne Warner, is a story of an American woman's summer on the Continent. It is a good, readable novel, not very remarkable either for literary power or interest of plot. The dialogue is bright, much better, in fact, than the average, and on the whole the book is by no means bad. It should prove a passable companion in the summer months. Little, Brown & Company.

"Kindly Light," published by Henry Altemus Co., is a small affair divided into two parts, and of light reading. Price, 50 cents.

"The Complete Pocket Guide to Europe," published by William R. Jenkins, New York, is an annual publication of useful information to tourists. The work has been revised from year to year, and is the equal of any other condensed guide book.

"The Folly of Others," written by Neith Boyce, is a well-bound and well-printed book of more than usual interest. The engravings are excellent. Published by Fox, Duffield & Co., New York. Price, \$1.

—Dust soon disfigures your summer clothes. It is necessary now to find some place where the damage may be repaired and an expensive suit saved. Appearances are everything, and Spaulding's Cleaning and Dyeing Works, 127 Stockton street will help you to keep them up. They also clean gloves, cravats, curtains and such articles. Goods called for and delivered promptly.

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FINANCIAL

These Bonds Should be Paid.

So the Montgomery avenue bonds are on the carpet again. A new suit is proposed this time to compel the State to honor its own creation and pay the interest now long overdue. The manner in which this bond issue has been repudiated by both city and State is a standing disgrace to the commonwealth at large and to San Francisco in particular. That this city can have the nerve to go outside of its own boundary line asking financial backing for its future bond issues, with the record of the Montgomery avenue and Dupont street bonds before the world shows what nerve can do. The open repudiation of these bonds may seem a smart piece of business to the class, gradually growing smaller as the years go by, whose main object was to gain money, no matter how, their immoral views on the subject being extended to the transaction of public affairs. The attempt to saddle the Montgomery avenue improvement suggested for the benefit of the whole community upon a special section of the city, was an outrage to start in with, and on a par with the legislation, which ruled here in the olden time where the owners of property along the line of some street were openly robbed to pay for the public benefit of street improvement along some particular block. The Montgomery avenue tax went up before the courts, and after years of litigation got knocked out. The city of course would not meet the indebtedness, and it is doubtful whether the State can be made to do so, law or no law, unless willing to meet the pseudo obligation. The proper way to settle the proposition would be to provide for a tax levy upon all property included within the jurisdiction of the Assessor of the city of San Francisco. The money was invested in good faith by foreigners, and it is not proper that a city of the high standing of San Francisco in the commercial world should ignore the fact that these investors have a right to look to the municipality for the security and repayment of its investments. Both of these bond issues should be met in the spirit of the honorable man of business who, recognizing that his good name is worth more than gold, meets his obligations at all cost rather than shirk his just debts by recourse to the bankruptcy count or by pleading the Statute of Limitations.

Rehabilitating a Bank.

The International Bank and Trust Company of America, which failed here last December, is making an effort to liquidate and re-organize. Its affairs are now in the hands of the California Bank Commission, owing \$45,000 to people here, with a few creditors in Kansas City and the City of Mexico. Toward this end it has incorporated the Pan-American Securities Co., under the laws of Arizona, and the Pan-American Banking Co. of West Virginia, the latter to be the active operating company, with stock of \$200 a share. This company is to pay all the debts of the old concern. Creditors of less than \$500 are asked to accept payment in dividends of 10 per cent. Those who hold claims to a larger amount than this are asked to accept half the amount in Pan-American Banking stock at \$200 per share, and the other half in dividends of 10 per cent. Offers are also made to holders of stock in the International Bank and Trust Company to exchange it for stock in the two new companies.

Peace on the Comstock.

The latest news from the Comstock is the settlement of all litigation between the Comstock Tunnel Companies, the Occidental and other mines. This is very satisfactory from a business standpoint, and a unity of purpose and action between the mining and the tunnel people should be of vast benefit to all concerned. From now on both interests will work in harmony, and for the first time in its history the tunnel will be made of use to the mines. Lighted with electricity, with motors for moving the cars in place of an antiquated mule, the ores will now be dropped down to and whisked out of the mines, saving the companies the enormous cost of hoisting 1600 feet to the surface under the old system of work. The ore prospects in the north-end mines are still bright, and it looks now as though they had another bonanza mine in Ophir. Outside of the fine, healthy tone of the mining situation the market is dull, with prices far below what they ought to be in many cases.

Thievery Brings Timidity.

Some of the advertising sheets run as mining papers by and in the interest of promoters, are beginning to preach about an era of activity in speculation in mines. No wonder there is a timidity, and the only wonder is that it is not even stronger than it is. After the repeated experience in the courts of the most rascally conduct upon the part of promoters, and the failure to secure conviction of thieves who win out by an impudence begotten of a supreme and inborn contempt of the laws of God and man. It seems impossible for those victims to secure justice in the courts where the most infamous lies are sustained as facts by false testimony. Things will go on until one of the swindled in desperation takes the law into his own hands and secures a clear settlement by force of arms. The audacity of some of these men is unparalleled, and it

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United Railroad Earnings Increase.

The statement of earnings of the United Railroads for March last shows gross receipts of \$534,044, an increase

of \$36,097 over the same month of the previous year. For last January, February and March, the gross earnings aggregated \$1,543,357, as against \$1,415,934 for the same period in 1903, an increase of \$127,423.

The Mechanics' Savings Bank, incorporated in January last, has spent three months in temporary upstairs quarters, during which time it has accumulated \$400,000 in assets. Now it has opened to transact a regular savings and loan business at the southwest corner of Montgomery and Bush streets. The paid-up capital of the Bank is \$250,000. The officers and directors of the bank are: James O'B. Gunn, president; George D. Gray, vice-president; George F. Lyon, vice-president; Frederick H. Clark, cashier; W. F. Williamson, attorney; F. W. Dohrmann, Jr., F. M. Greenwood, Marshall Hale, G. W. Kline, Geo. M. Mitchell, Charles C. Moore, Henry T. Scott.

The local stock market furnishes no glad surprises of late for the shareholders. San Francisco Gas gets a jolt occasionally up and down to justify the common, everyday statement of activity. The manoeuvres of this extraordinary creation of the promoter raised out West are interesting to watch, and will be more so before long. The water and sugar list rules tolerably firm, under a light demand.

The new Tonopah road, which will, it is said, be completed about June 1st, has made a mortgage to the Land Title and Trust Company of Philadelphia as trustee to secure an issue of \$500,000 six per cent 15 year gold bonds, dated January, 1904. These bonds are guaranteed by endorsement of the Tonopah Mining Company. Stock of one call, \$1,000,000, has been issued, of which \$100,000 goes to the original owners of the railroad charter, the remaining \$900,000 being issued, but held for the benefit of the shareholders of the mining company. The par value of these shares is \$100. "Issued, but held for the benefit of shareholders" sounds good. Perhaps the intellectual chaps at the head of the concern do not think the shareholders are capable of managing this gift with the string tied to it. See what it is to be small fry.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of PAUL BROCK, deceased, Dept. 30335 No. 8. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, M. J. Hynes, Public Administrator of the City and County of San Francisco, and Administrator of the Estate of PAUL BROCK, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Administrator, at room 563 Parrott Building, Nos. 525 to 555 Market street, the same being his place for the transaction of the business of the said estate in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

M. J. HYNES,

Administrator of the estate of PAUL BROCK, Deceased.
CULLINAN and HICKEY, attorneys for administrator, Rooms 567-568-569 Parrott building, San Francisco, Cal.
Dated at San Francisco, April 23, 1904.

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And her people a crowd of the blind and the halt,
That the Japs cannot ever do wrong.

It must be admitted that architect Burnham's ideas for the beautifying of San Francisco appear to be very sane. He has no up-in-the-cloud notions like Charles Keeler, and even Ernest Peixotto's suggestions with regard to the wider application of Italian styles of building are wild dreams compared with the sober notions of the Chicago man. I suppose a short residence in Chicago would curb any one's ideals of the possibilities of the beautiful. Still, there is one suggestion which is impossible of being carried out, even according to Burnham's scheme. He demands beauty in the city by way of the garden. That is just the method which our people will not take. It involves too much steady labor and patient care. Anything that will produce an effect, anything which implies the spending of money and a certain amount of ostentation, we shall gladly undertake, but patient and loving care of our homes, oh, Mr. Burnham, how little you know your San Francisco!

The "honor system" at the University, by which students are placed on their honor not to cheat in examinations, has been, according to Professor Soule, proven a complete failure. The students, in other words, promise that they will not cheat, and then go and do it. The ecclesiastics have a pretty argument to back up their contention with regard to the immorality of the ordinary secular education. The university cannot train students to treat its own examinations fairly. It is charged that they buy books at the co-operative store, in which to write their answers, and prior to the examination insert in these books, formulae and other matter, which might be useful. I am unable to discover whether this habit is widely spread through the entire country, or whether it is only one of our peculiarly local characteristics.

A local paper recently discussed with much type and little sense "the connection between the Gentleman and the Horse." A gentleman is naturally supposed to be well-connected, but observation of the antics of many in the Golden Gate Park, who are experimenting in the English trot, would lead one to believe either that there is no connection between the gentleman and the horse, or, horrible thought, that the temporarily disconnected person is no gentleman, it being impossible to deny the horse. Enquiry at Emeryville has produced the information that the most usual connection between the gentleman and the horse is a chattel mortgage, the latter being, as a rule, in the hands of a flashily-dressed person who cannot pronounce th properly.

I never yet said anything in favor of Berkeley that I did not have to eat my words. A few weeks ago I praised the enterprise which had led to the institution of Sunday concerts in the amphitheatre. I fancied that it was to be a very delightful means of entertainment to the people who maintain things over there, where students cheat and professors imagine vain things. To my surprise, I now discover that a fee of twenty-five cents is to be charged as admission to the concerts. How that can be done on ground that belongs to the whole body of the people, and how thousands of people can be kept out of their own property on Sunday, passes my comprehension. There are places where such insolence would not be endured, but we are getting fast into the habit of taking things lying down.

The wholesale grocers are to give all their assistants a Saturday half-holiday. This institution, which is fast becoming universal wherever the English language is spoken, should be recognized on a wider scale than it is in San Francisco. It is good all round. Three hours off will not break any one, and the advantage far outweighs any small loss that may come. I prophesy as a result of the change fewer funerals of wholesale grocers; that is, if the park or Marin County claims them on Saturday, instead of cigars and mineral water plus. A Saturday half holiday is almost necessary for health, at the strain we are working, and it will be a recognized institution, always provided that some fool union does not get hold of the idea, start boycotting or striking, or something else, and wreck the notion.

Only a short time ago reference was made to the carelessness shown by judges and court officials in selecting and handling jurie.. Now comes further confirmation of our criticisms. Mrs. Minnie Adam, who was convicted of killing her two-year-old child, is to have a new trial because the deputy sheriff did not keep the jury together after the trial, but allowed the members to occupy different rooms in a hotel. It should be easy enough to provide accommodation for the jury in the court building and have their meals sent in from the outside. Jury service is neither a picnic nor a theatre party. We should have jumped a long way ahead if our officials could only understand that they have duties.

For a highly moral city, Oakland is displaying some very unlovely characteristics, moral obliquities, so to speak, on the part of its Supervisors. These gentlemen, who are, for the most part, members of churches, and quite prominent members, as well, are in the habit of charging more for mileage than the traffic will bear. Worse, still, some of them have actually had the audacity to charge for mileage on Sunday. It must be pretty to see a deacon Supervisor leading off the hymn, "Who givest all" with one eye on the city treasury and a fraudulent bill for mileage in his pocket.

The strenuous female still keeps up her campaign across the Bay. That inexplicable phenomenon, the connection between woman and robbery, has received no further lucidation, but has shown its continued existence. Another woman has found another burglar and frightened him at pistol point from her premises. The Oakland lasses, on the other hand, have shown so great a propensity for the joys of Venus that a hard-hearted official has ordered couples out of Lafayette Park at night. We grow every kind.

GOOD WORK BY THE CITIZENS' ALLIANCE.

The Citizen's Alliance is lending the full strength of its rapidly growing membership to the side of law and order in the struggle that is now on between the Stable and Carriage Owners' Association, and the Stablemen's Union and the Hack Drivers' Association, and as far as possible under existing conditions, in the administration of justice. The city administration has given its encouragement to the strikers, and because of the assistance of the Police, men have been man-handled and mauled into insensibility, attacked in numbers and without provocation. The Citizens' Alliance is trying to protect the lives and the property of the Stable Owners by peaceful and lawful means, and in pursuance of this policy, has placed a number of guards over the property of such of the owners as have not entirely closed their stables and sent their horses to pasture. The only hope of the thugs who form the union is to terrorize the employees of the Stable Owners or the Alliance.

In the policy of standing in with the hoodlum strikers, the police pounce upon the guards placed by the Alliance at any and all opportunities, search them, and if a weapon is found, the guard is immediately arrested and the weapon confiscated by the subservient tool of the canaille. On the other hand, if the guard leaves one of the stables weaponless, the Police ascertain the fact and disappear from the scene in order to give the strikers the opportunity to revel in a murderous assault.

In the case of Elmer A. Hollingsworth, who cut a hoodlum named Hanlon, Hollingsworth was on his way to get a doctor. He left his revolver at the barn, and on his return to the stable was surrounded by a mob of lawbreakers who professed peace. Two of these "fair" and honorable samples of the union labor element struck him from behind. The only means of defense Hollingsworth possessed against a mob of murderous villains was a small pen-knife, which he used to advantage to carve his way out of the cowardly crowd.

Hollingsworth, who would have been killed had he not possessed a knife, was immediately arrested for assault to murder.

This strike can only end with the "open shop" triumphant. The Alliance is assisting the poorer owners of stables with feed and guards, and it will see to the prosecution of every offender to the bitter end. It put up the bail in the case of Hollingsworth in the sum of \$1,000, and he is now at his post of duty.

All the methods of the Alliance are peaceful ones and commend themselves to right-minded men. While this regrettable strike is going on among the stablemen, there is another strike among the Harness-makers. It has been decided by the Leather-makers and the Tanneries, in order to bring the deplorable conditions to a close as quickly as possible, to sell no leather to firms manufacturing harness and stable equipment unless said firms are pledged to the open shop principle. The harness manufacturers are simply obeying the law of self-preservation, and are acting so as to help the stable owners and to protect themselves from the steadily increasing demands of the unions. These demands have grown to such an extent that profits have been wiped out completely. The Citizens' Alliance proposes to end these intolerable conditions, conditions that are killing the industries of the Pacific Coast. The membership is growing by leaps, and all lovers of Ameri-

canism, fairness, equality before the law, opposition to brute force, and the individual right to work where and how and for whom one pleases are eligible to membership, and are called upon to come and sign the rolls.

One of the German Princes was taken to the California Market the other day and introduced to the Moraghan cookery. He pronounced it "parfait" and "prachtvoll," and said the oysters were the equal of the Ostend variety and rather more succulent.

A VALID EXCUSE.

A well-dressed young man stepped into the Palace lobby the other day and remarked to a trio of strangers that he could tell the politics of any man at a glance. The challenge accepted, he pointed his finger at the nearest and said:

"You are a follower of Bryan."

"You are right, I am."

"You are for Judge Parker," he said to the next.

"Good guesser. I am," said the man.

"And you," he said, addressing the last of the trio, who had remained silent throughout the conversation, "you favor Hearst."

"You're a liar," said the stranger. "I'm sick. That is what makes me look that way."

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The Political Situation

Although we are only a week from the State Conventions, there seems to be the same uncertainty that has prevailed for weeks past in the minds of the Democrats as to what they will do. Their vote at the recent primaries was so small that no one can doubt their apathy and fear, even if the names of the delegates elected did not show that the leaders of the party propose to lay low until after the Convention. There is a very strong opposition to Hearst, yet the fear of him is so great that few dare come out in the open and admit their true views, and as a result the leaders are waiting until the St. Louis convention eliminated him, as they hope, from the problem. Then they will be able to condole with him over his defeat and cheer on the nominee. That programme might possibly be all right if it were not for another possible contingency. Suppose not getting the nomination at St. Louis Hearst should bolt? I have pointed out that contingency before, and as the time for the National Convention approaches, the likelihood of it being carried out does not diminish. In fact, it may be set down as conceded on all sides that if Parker, instead of Hearst, is nominated at St. Louis, the Hearst papers and the Hearst followers will not support the ticket. That is the view taken by some of the shrewdest observers in his own party. Thus editor Leake of the Woodland Democrat tells his readers, after explaining the tactics followed by the Hearst leaders in Indiana and other States, where he was defeated: "All this foreshadows the probability that Mr. Hearst and all those he can induce to follow him will bolt the St. Louis Convention and attempt to organize a third party, the nucleus of which he hopes will be the labor unions. It is now perfectly evident that he will not accept the work of the Convention if it nominates anybody but himself." The Eastern press seems equally positive that a bolt is coming, and that the result will be the placing of a third ticket in the field with Hearst as its nominee.

In the selection of delegates to St. Louis, Hearst desires only men who will follow him, even if they are not pledged, and the current rumor now is that if the opposition to instructions is very positive and better at Santa Cruz, it will be dropped and all efforts will be centered on securing delegates who will leave the hall when Bryan leads the way. It is understood that M. L. Tarpey and Frank H. Gould are to be the two delegates at large from this part of the State, and that Mayor Snyder is to be the Southern delegate. Barney Murphy is spoken of as another delegate-at-large. The antis want Dockweiler from the South and Lane from the North, with Leake and some Northern man, possibly Will Green. It is a notable fact that Tarpey does not propose to put any of the old-time leaders of the party on his ticket. Out of all the delegates from this city, there is not one of any great prominence in the party, or of any special weight in its councils.

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The return of Congressman Livernash and his helper, Congressman Wynn, are likely to call for explanations from those gentlemen which they will find it hard to give. Although posing as the champions of labor and the friends of the unions, they both did all they could to defeat Congressman Bell's effort to have a collier built at Mare Island, which means an expenditure of a million and a half at that point.

In fact, Bell only succeeded in having the Senate amendment on the subject retained as Senator Perkins had had it inserted in the Naval Bill, because both of the San Francisco Congressmen were absent when the matter came up. They took out their revenge later, however, when Livernash, by an objection, knocked out the bill to open up the Round Valley Reservation in Mendocino to settlers, and Wynn repeated the performance in connection with a measure to transfer some land in Sierra County from the Yosemite Park to the settlers, who for years have lived upon it. If any one should ask why should two Democratic Congressmen oppose the third from their State in that way, the answer is that Bell refused to indorse Hearst for President, and that Livernash and Wynn, having accomplished absolutely nothing for their constituents, were jealous of the very excellent record Bell had made.

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It is to be regretted that Livernash has declined to run for Congress again this fall, since it deprives the people of his district of the pleasure they would have in overwhelmingly defeating him, but Wynn, who has not even had an idea of his own, and who has literally been the subservient tool of Livernash, taking his orders from him and obeying his every wish, it is said will be foolish enough to ask for a renomination. The Democracy, however, will hardly be insane enough to give it to him, and the Union Labor party will hardly be more complacent. A greater nonentity has never gone to Congress from this State, and that is saying a good deal.

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Writing of Congressmen from the Fifth District reminds me that a new candidate for the Republican nomination has showed up since Charlie Shortridge has moved to San Francisco in order to secure the

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votes in this end of the district. The new aspirant is one Rogers, whose principal claim to the nomination is that he lives in San Jose, and came to that thriving town from the same locality in Wisconsin as that from which the Hays brothers hail. The Hayses are his backers, of course. Lou Montgomery is not likely to get the nomination in the district, for the good and efficient reason that he seems unable to get the requisite number of delegates to support him in the Congressional Convention. The fact is, that the Fifth District candidate is very likely to be found among the dark horses at present, as none of those who have been mentioned for the place seem at all likely to secure the nomination.

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Henry T. Oxnard is back from the East and very distinctly announces his candidacy for the Senate. He does not seem to be alarmed by the suggestion of General Otis, of typewriter fame, that the Republicans shall repeat the folly they committed several years ago, when they sent one Walters to Congress from Los Angeles, by sending him now to the Senate; or by the efforts of John W. Mitchell, formerly of the Democratic party, to get up some enthusiasm for Jim Lankersheim; not yet by the suggestion of Dr. Rowell that he would look well in the toga. Oxnard says he is going to do all he can to win, but that he does not propose to make a money campaign, but will ask for the support of his party on the ground that he can do a good deal for the State if he is sent to fill Bard's place. The Senatorial campaign George Hatton says, will begin next week, as soon as the State Convention is over. He will find out how the land lies at the Convention, as he will be able to get a number of pointers there, and he will from that time on give up his lucrative law practice to attend entirely to manufacturing a Senator.

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Every one will remember that Dr. Rowell, who for several years has represented Fresno County in the State Senate, was a very pronounced candidate for a place on the Panama Canal Commission. Recalling that fact, the following paragraph from his Fresno paper, the Republican, is decidedly humorous. It is published in a long editorial under the caption, "Romance or Graft": "The Panama Canal Commission has received a wagonload of applications for positions on the isthmus, the people who thus evinced a desire to receive a Government appointment being numbered, literally, according to President Walker, by the thousands. The fact suggests the query of whether the underlying motive for this inordinate desire to enter the employment of the commission in the work of digging the canal is the prompting of fondness for new location amid unaccustomed surroundings with a chance of adventure; or the more sordid hope that a position under the new Government in a new enterprise may afford opportunities for graft." In view of the Doctor's own record in the premises, and his well-known bitter disappointment and his failure to get the place he so much desired, one is tempted to ask the genial Senator whether his motives in asking Senator Bard to get him the appointment were inspired by "Romance or Graft?"

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It has been finally settled that the delegates to Chicago from the First District will probably be Major Bull of Eureka and ex-Mayor Clinch of Nevada County. Clinch has all the delegates from Nevada, Calaveras and their neighbors, except Amador, which has declared for Voorheis, and Humboldt is for Bull.

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SOCIETY

Dear Bessie: "The last expiring efforts for the season" is the way I have heard the doings of the week spoken of, and when one comes to think them over, they have been by no means insignificant either in number or size. The week's gamut has included dinners, teas, luncheons, some weddings, card parties and dances—not a bad string, I think. The hops at the Presidio are almost the only dances now taking place, and the girls from town declare they are perfectly delightful. Both the 10th and the 28th Infantry seem to vie with each other in trying to give the pleasantest, but it is an even thing, most of them say. For my part, I make no choice. The hop given by the 10th last Friday evening was one of the best for some time; so many of the girls are going out of town that they took advantage of what will almost be their last chance, for awhile, and the army itself was well represented. Not a white less pleasant was the hop given by the 28th on Monday night, and last night the Cavalry and Artillery joined forces in a dance, so you see Terpsichorean pleasures are not being neglected. Last week's gastronomic affairs included Mrs. J. J. Valentine's luncheon party of a dozen in the palm garden on Thursday, Mrs. Henry Dutton's dinner of 12 that evening, and Jennie Flood's small dinner on Friday; and among the card party givers were Mrs. Russ Wilson, Grace Baldwin and Lucie King, bridge, of course, being the game played.

This week opened with a bridge party, followed later by a tea, which was the entertainment given by Jennie Blair on Monday afternoon for a Miss Charlotte Land, who is here from the East on a visit to Mrs. George Lent, and was extremely pleasant; Mrs. Tom Bishop also had a bridge party that afternoon. Bridge was also played at Mrs. William Thomas's on Tuesday in her rooms at the St. Francis, and Mrs. Mayo Newhall gave one of the largest luncheons of the spring season. I gave up the afternoon to the tea which Mabel Watkins gave for Captain and Mrs. Baker, who have recently joined the local army circles, Captain Baker being in the Quartermaster's Department. Wednesday was also well filled, for there was the afternoon and evening wedding reception of the Whitmores at Mrs. Waytes on Van Ness avenue; Doctor Genthe had one of his charming little studio teas, and Belle Harmes a lovely luncheon over in Sausalito; Adele Martel had a dinner party on Thursday; Mabel Toy's luncheon party yesterday was for Eleanor Hume and Eleanor Warner, so you see we are by no means to be commiserated.

Then there have been a number of engagements made known in the past ten days. Among them is that of Miss Bessie Mills and Charles Tripler, but the marriage is not to take place yet awhile, and the Sbarboros gave a tea last Friday, when Romilda's engagement to Guido Musto was formally announced. From Manila comes news of Kitty Glass's engagement to Doctor Francis Munson of the navy, but the recent death of her grandmother, Mrs. James Thornton, may cause a change of any plans now made. Long engagements are no longer the fashion, and I think it is a good rule. Certainly Miss Cora Kirk and Paul Clagstone have been up to date, for it is only a couple of weeks ago that society was set in a flutter by the news of their engagement, and last Saturday beheld them made man and wife.

Eleanor Goodall and Doctor Charles Cooper were married on Wednesday at the old Goodall place in

Oakland; the bridal party was not a very large one, a matron of honor in the person of Mrs. Shene of Portland, Ore., and little Helen Goodall and Gazentine Greenwood, who officiated as flower girls.

Much speculation was indulged in when it became noised abroad that Harry Tevis was going East and to Europe with the Phelan-Spreckels party, and that, too, just as he had got his old Taylor street home altered and fixed up to his satisfaction. But he didn't go—thought better of it at the last moment, though it is said he may take a trip East ere long. Claude Terry Hamilton has decided to make the Cosmos Club his home for the summer instead of the Hutch at Sausalito.

The new steamer Magnolia took away quite a number last Saturday, among them the Eastern beauty, Natalie Schenck, and the stalwart Britisher, Captain Glenn Collins, who selected Monterey for their rather romantic wedding last month, and who are off on a tour of the world.

Jeannette Hooper is home again from Santa Barbara, quite recovered from her recent illness; Jean Mackenzie is here visiting her brother and his wife. The Willie Vanderbilts have gone back East, having enjoyed their visit to San Francisco; they were a good deal entertained at Burlingame by all the Martins, Jim Phelan and the Tom Magees, who gave them a luncheon at the Palace Palm Garden on Saturday as a sort of adieu, as they left on Sunday. I hear that Sadie Collier is having a good time in the East. She has no idea of an immediate return to San Francisco; she will go with the Hitchcocks, with whom she has been visiting in Washington City, to St. Louis, and remain there a couple of months. The Spencer Buckbees have already gone to St. Louis, and then go abroad for a tour of the European continent.

Ruth McNutt will soon be back from her visit to the Fitzhugh Lees in Virginia, and then she and her mother will go to Santa Barbara for the summer; the Mayo Newhalls will succeed the Peter Martins in the Kruttschnitt cottage at Burlingame, having taken it for the rest of the season when the Martins depart, so you see the loss of one will be the gain of another at that gay little settlement. Mrs. Tallant



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and Elsie are going to spend June in the Yosemite Valley. The Weirs—Mattie Whittier, you know—have gone with their children to their country home at Menlo Park for the summer; the Pettigrews go to Mountain View for the summer; the L. L. Bak-ers have gone to the Hotel Rafael for the entire season. I hear the Charley Josselyns are having a lovely time in Paris, where they have taken an apartment and are regularly "keeping house," and that Gertrude and Marjorie are more in love with their life there than ever.

—Elsie.

Recent arrivals at Hotel Rafael, San Rafael: Mr. W. L. Austin, Mr. S. L. Jones, Mr. E. A. Davis, Mr. H. L. Cook, Miss Reta Saloman, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Starr, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dumphy, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Follis, Mr. G. W. Heintz, Mr. M. S. Latham, Mr. and Mrs. J. Otis and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Webster, Mrs. J. D. Tallant, Miss Elsie Tallant, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Graham, Mrs. R. F. Bickerton, Mr. Spencer Bickerton, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Stratton, Mr. J. O. Cadman, Mr. W. P. Johnson, Dr. W. M. Carpenter, Mr. F. A. Schneider, Mr. H. S. Black, Miss M. E. Gibbs, Mrs. A. V. Shannon, Mrs. M. B. Robson, Miss H. Robson.

Leaving Boston by steamer on the 5th of May at 2 o'clock p. m., were Mr. J. M. Johnson and Miss Nellie Johnson of San Francisco.

Mr. H. C. Callahan and the Misses Callahan have taken the beautiful Williams place at Mountain View for the summer. Mrs. Pettigrew, Miss Helen V. Pettigrew and Mr. Percy L. Pettigrew will spend the season with them.

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Miss Romilda Sbarboro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrea Sbarboro, to Guido Musto.

Miss Katherine Glass, daughter of Admiral Henry Glass, U. S. N., to Doctor Francis M. Munson, U. S. N.

Miss Catherine Carlisle, of Berkeley, to Samuel I. Van Ornum, of Los Angeles.

WEDDINGS.

May 7th (Saturday)—Miss Margaret Bartlett,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bartlett, to Howard White Wetherall, Fruitvale; Miss Cora Kirk of Chicago, to Paul Clagstone of Idaho, San Mateo.

OBITUARY.

May 3d—Sarah Francis Thornton, daughter of the late Judge Harry I. Thornton, wife of the late Judge James D. Thornton, and mother of Mrs. J. Crittenden Watson and Crittenden Thornton.

May 6th—Mary Catherine Sanger, mother of Mrs. George Pullman and grandmother of Mrs. Francis Carolan. Pasadena.

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I have high hopes for the Sequoia Club. It should be a success. Upon its roll are many men and women of bright minds, of wide and deep reading, of progressive ideas, and possessing in a high degree that polish of culture which makes for much in such an organization as the Sequoia hopes to become. There is no occasion for calling it a salon, and thereby handicapping the club at the outset by fixing a standard that it may not reach. But there is no good reason why it may not reach any standard, be it never so high, if high ideals guided by trained intelligence be its main purpose. The members should be first given an opportunity to try themselves out, however, before the arrow flights begin. There are many men and women in the club who may be somewhat burdened by modesty—unusual failing in these days of garishness—and who may be reluctant to bring their lights from under their bushels. They should be taken in hand by those who have gained experience in discussing their views before critical audiences. And the Sequoia membership will be critical—but not, I hope, too critical—for that way danger lies. Danger to the peace of the club, I mean, and therefore to its success. It might be a good idea to have semi-monthly gatherings, at which would be read papers on interesting topics, followed by general discussions. The topics could be chosen by a standing committee appointed for the purpose somewhat along the lines followed by the Commonwealth Club, which has standing committees, or “sections,” as they are termed, upon the various municipal, State and economic questions. But at its meetings, the Sequoia must not permit too much dust from the library shelves, for this same dust, laden with the mummified germs of things long ago forgotten, is apt to cover the lighter spirits with the dull grayness of prosiness. A little learning, remember, is a dangerous thing, but too much learning sits heavily upon the mind, and is frequently soporific in its effects.

A judicious intermixture of comedy with tragedy, of opera bouffe with opera grand, of a light and sparkling airiness with the heavy rumblings of the manipulators of the problems of civilization, an admiration for the outer and an appeal to the inner man—a feast of reason and a flow of soul—and there you are.

They were from the country, or they might have drifted out from the Alcazar without changing their costumes. They stood hand in hand before the music stand, and with mouths agape listened to the band. His eyes were centered on the player of the big trombone. He nudged the partner of his surprise and of his pleasures.

“Matilda,” he gasped, “just look at that feller in the back row on the right. Now, watch him! Watch him! By Gosh, did yer see him? Why, he jist natcherly jammed that long tin tube down his throat, and then pulled it out again. There, he’s done it again. Well, if that don’t jist natcherly beat ennything all holler.”

A new Colonel dropped in at the Presidio last week. Now, Colonels are some pumpkins. This one knew his rights. He knew that no junior officer has a right to a better house than he could get. So the Colonel looked around for “quarters.” He liked the home of a certain Major; so he ordered the Major to vacate. Now, the Major will bounce some Captain from his own fireside; the Captain will fire

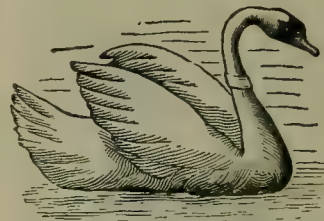
a First Lieutenant; the First Lieutenant will evict a Second Lieutenant, and the poor, suffering Second Lieutenant will go up to the club and drown his anger in a high-ball. Yet the W. C. T. U. wants to know why army men drink! Between you and me, a great deal of this soldiering business is more like “playing house” than anything else.

Private Vermuelen, Tenth U. S. Infantry, is undergoing confinement at hard labor at the Presidio because he used disrespectful language to his superior officer, Captain James V. Heldt. The private was on guard when the Paymaster came around in April, and Vermuelen failed to connect. The Paymaster gave his money to Captain Heldt, and of course it was the Captain’s duty to turn it over to the soldier. But Heldt assumed the responsibility of settling the private’s account with the post exchange. When the private found this out he indignantly stated that the Captain had no right to turn over his pay. The private’s statement was correct, both in law and in equity, but because he expressed it, is now a prisoner. In reviewing the courtmartial proceedings, the commanding General upholds the soldier’s view of the case, and says “the pay of a soldier received from a Paymaster by a company commander is solely for the purpose of delivery to the soldier.” The Captain had no authority to pay the soldier’s debts. It appears that the Captain “heldt” the soldier’s money too fast and was false to his trust. Will the Captain be punished?

The last of the Cogswell fountains has been dismantled and piled in the junk heap. Vandals have torn down Dr. Cogswell’s leaden representation of B. Franklin, and a wondering public will see it no more. This is the first step in the movement for the “city beautiful.”

“Windy Willy” Wynn is back from Washington. He is now extending the glad hand, and telling people that he really was in Congress, and occupied his seat in the Lower House throughout the session. He is such a cute little joker!

The school census is not complete! Of course it isn’t. What do the School Directors expect, anyhow? Do they really suppose that the able-bodied census marshals and marshaleses are going to work eight



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hours a day to finish their measly old census as long as there is money in the funds to pay for their services? Last year the Census Marshal reported 91,000 children of school age in San Francisco. The School Department received from the State \$9 for each child reported. This year only a trifle over 71,000 have been reported. Well, we are suffering from "race suicide." The School Directors should know that, and not blame the hard-working Census Marshal and his army of assistants. They did good work at the primary.

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Postmasters have received notices from Washington, stating that hereafter preference will be shown clerks who are married, and especially those with large families. Another step in the same direction has been taken by the Board of Education of New York City, which has repealed the rule providing that teachers who marry shall be dismissed. The local Board of Education has a similar rule. The Board should follow the New York precedent, and repeal the rule. Give the teachers a chance. Let them marry if they will, and give choice position to those with the largest families. That deficiency of 20,000 children in the school census must be made up some way.

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Recorder Godchaux has asked for an increase of \$2,500 in the appropriation for his department for the next fiscal year. It should not be allowed. The way to save that amount is to decrease the rate of pay for copyists from eight cents to five cents a folio. Under the charter, they cannot make more than \$100 a month. If an able-bodied man, using a typewriter, cannot make \$100 a month, working eight hours a day, and being paid at the rate of five cents for every hundred words he copies, he is not fit for the place.

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The Board of Lady Managers of the St. Louis Fair has my sympathy. It has decided to collect and exhibit the pictures of 400 prominent women of the United States. The pictures must be of "bona fide prominent women," and the extent of the prominence of the candidates for fame must be passed on by a secret committee. Now, ladies, here is your opportunity. Make your nominations at once of candidates from this city. Certainly, San Francisco will be represented among this new 400. Who are our prominent women? "Bona fide prominent," you know, whatever that may mean. Does it mean prominence in church work, in clubdom, in literature, art, science or the learned professions? Does it mean prominent merely by reason of wealth, good looks, good clothes, and good social position? Does it mean prominent by reason of aiding in great educational or economic movements? Does it mean prominent at this time only, or must the candidate have been prominent for a certain period? Some, you know, have prominence thrust upon them. Now, here is a chance for the Sequoia Club. Let it look around, and suggest names for consideration. And this nut is for the Sequoias to crack. Other things being equal, and the choice to be from two, would they choose a handsome woman in preference to one with small claims to physical beauty, or otherwise, and why? Especially, why?

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When Devlin and Depue, both red-headed, were Prison Directors, an old Swede known as Charley, who had been in San Quentin twenty years or more, came up for parole. While his application was under consideration by the Directors, a newspaperman asked Charley what he thought of his chances.

"Oh, I don't think they let me out," said Charley. "You see, I am afraid of those two red-headed men. You know, in my country there is a saying: 'Red moss grows on cold trees; red moss grows on rotten stumps.' I am afraid that red moss up there at the Directors' office grows on cold trees."

Sure enough, Devlin and Depue voted against the old convict's application for parole, and for all I know to the contrary, old Charley is yet in San Quentin figuring out what his chances for parole might have been in the absence of the red-headed Directors.

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Mrs. Bessie Blitz Paxton ever had an eye for dramatic effect. She enjoyed her propensity to the utmost last week when she encountered a burglar in her house, and talked him into not only giving back some of her goods, which he had stowed away in his pockets, but forced him, under the tongue lashing she administered, into an ignominious retreat. Mrs. Paxton was engaged with her toilet when the burglar entered her dressing room. She was putting up her back hair. He was fascinated. Like most men, he knew nothing of the mysteries of the art of putting up the female back hair, and he stood and gazed and wondered. Before he could recover his composure, Mrs. Paxton turned and discovered him.

"Sir," she exploded, with indignant expostulation. He shivered. Then she knew she had him, and she unloaded upon him a dictionary of words expressive of what she thought of him. He side-stepped, but Mrs. Paxton followed up her advantage and talked some more. He quivered and capitulated. She made him unload his collections, and promise to be good. Then she shook him by the hand, gave him a few yards of kindly advice, and sent him on his way, crushed and repentant. And Mrs. Paxton is by no means a woman from whom the ordinary man would run away. But then a burglar, you know, is not an ordinary man. Besides she took the fellow at a disadvantage, and would not let him get in a word edgewise. To be up to date these days, no woman should be afraid to talk when the occasion demands continuous conversation.

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Another of those unfortunate Clarke boys has directed attention to the fact that, after all, there is something in the world beside riches. Harold T. Clarke, of this city, has committed suicide in Paris, after a turn at the Monte Carlo tables. No good reason for his action is known. It is said he may have lost heavily at the tables, but it is hardly possible that his losses could have been so great as to cause him serious embarrassment. His family is very wealthy, and his mother, who is the widow of Jeremiah Clarke, who left a large fortune, is said to be in Paris with her daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Wright. Another son, Edward H. Clarke, recently gained unenviable notoriety by marrying the woman who, during the trial of Durrant, was known as the Sweet Pea girl. He contracted the marriage while in a condition of mental aberration, and his lawyers succeeded in having it annulled. Since then, I believe, the lawyers have sued Clarke for their fees. Herbert and Edward Clarke both believed in having what is called by some people "a good time." Their pleasures have caused them heavy penalties.

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ALCAZAR—The Two Schools—A very even easy performance of a clever funny play.

GRAND—Melbourne MacDowell—Cleopatra—A clean, conscientious performance.

CENTRAL—"The Three Musketeers"—Good.

CHUTES—Barr and Evans and Flo Adler. Esmeralda has a baby in the Zoo. Esmeralda is a monkey.

Clean fun is the card at the Orpheum this week, with an interregnum of delightful singing by the prima donna, Mme. Slapoffski, who joys lovers of music into the realms of ecstasy. As a matter of fact, she is not the most "wonderful singer in the world," but she is a singer worth going miles to hear. She is easily head and shoulders ahead of the average lot of sopranos coming our way. One of our local newspapers praised her to the skies, while another has said "her voice is as hard as nails." The last statement is a lie, pure and simple. Her voice is very sweet and sympathetic, and she vocalizes with a surety that is possessed by few. In "Scenes that are Brightest," she showed a capacity in interpretation that would have gladdened the cockles of the composer's heart. Her voice reached the farthest corners of the auditorium in sweet intensity, and in Tosti's "Good-bye" she carried the house by storm.

It is a far cry from performing dogs to the "Canary of Coloratura," but every dog must have his day, and Ballerini's dogs certainly have theirs. They show an intelligence under training that is equal to that of the human. The Gasch Sisters are a great duo in feminine grace and strength. This is a case when extreme athletic has not coarsened two very pretty and clever girls. The only poor number on the Orpheum bill is the team called "Midgley and Carlisle." The sketch is entitled "Taking a Tonic," and the audience needs one to brace up after listening to the inane drivel.

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"Two Schools," at the Alcazar, is put before the public in a most agreeable manner. It is the story of an epidemic of divorces in Paris, and there is an element of fun running throughout the play. The Alcazar management has displayed an unusual finesse in stage arrangement and the ladies and gentlemen taking part are pleasantly natural. The scene at the "Restaurant Prunier" is a good one, and the reconciliation of the divorced couple, Monsieur and Madame Maubrun is accomplished by easy stages, and the climax is funny, and withal, natural.

Adele Block was charming in the character of Madame Maubrun, and Frances Starr was a delightful piquante and pretty Estelle.

The "Le Hantois" of Mr. Luke Conness was a finished performance, and it delighted the very large audiences all the week. The rigid, stern character of the pompous, self-centered counsellor was given in a way that left little to be desired.

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"A Runaway Girl" is running at the Tivoli. Ferris Hartman has a clever conception of the part of the jockey, "Flipper," and George Chapman's "Guy Stanley" is above the average. The "Winifred Gray" of Dora de Fillipe is a part played with lamentable limitations. Nettie Deglow does Dorothy Stanley

indifferently well, while Aimee Leicester is positively good as Mrs. Creel.

The ensemble and chorus work, the scenic and lighting arrangements, are perfect, and must certainly make us forget all the shortcomings of alleged stars. Some day the Old Ladies' Home and the Fat Woman's Retreat will be enriched by the arrival of a few entertaining bits of ancient and adipose tissue from the Eddy-street house, and then we may see something new and beautiful, outside of the chorus and scenery. Ferris Hartman will be retired on a pension that will enable him to live in a small room and keep a French mirror in constant commission as his best audience, no reflection on himself, but of himself, where the critics may not roast.

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Gus and Max Rogers are still delighting large audiences at the Columbia.

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Melbourne MacDowell and Ethel Fuller are drawing fair houses at the Grand.

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Ernest Hastings is in town, and he is silently suffering the martyrdom of playing in a hoo-dooed house.

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At the Central, "The Three Musketeers" are drawing big crowds. The Dumas play is always sure of large audiences, and the players at the Central are not a disappointing lot.

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Maud Adams is heading this way, and she brings a double company for the production of "The Pretty Sister of Jose."

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Francis McGinn, a San Franciscan, is a member of the Sieur Mansfield's company. McGinn is a protege of the distinguished gentleman who portrays "Ivan the Terrible," and has enacted parts in support of the star that he helped create with Mansfield.

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Mansfield brings a company of 106 artists with him; his music is written and his scenery is designed for him specially, and the merest detail has been conscientiously carried out as to its historical significance.

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"Colinette," adapted from the French by Henry Guy Carleton for Julia Marlowe, finds its way to the Alcazar next week. It is an entirely new play. It is clever in construction and exceedingly smooth in dialogue. Colinette is a character that somewhat resembles "Madame Sans Gene," and it will tax the great versatility of that brilliant young woman, Adele Block.

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R. E. Johnston has decided upon an innovation for Ysaye's tour next season. He will engage a brilliant expert musical litterateur to travel one week in advance of the Ysaye engagements to give an explanatory reading on Ysaye's programme. The reading or lecture will take place at 11 o'clock in the morning, and the admission to the same will be by invitation only. The lecturer will aim to explain how the various compositions should be played, and how they were played by such masters as Vieuxtemps, Wieniawski, Wilhelmj, and Joachim, and also Ysaye's interpretation of them.

The new play, starting next Monday evening, at the Central, is to be "Down by the Sea." The play is on the order of "Hearts of Oak" and "Shore Acres."

Jean Marcel, with his living pictures, will be the drawing card at the Orpheum for the coming week, and it is safe to say that nothing nearly as good as this has ever before been seen in San Francisco. There are to be a lot of additional attractions, and this is promised a week that will rival the attractions of the "road show" week, early in the season.

Sardou's "Empress Theodora" will be given at the Grand the coming week, and it is said Mr. MacDowell's company excels in this, the most elaborate of all the Sardou plays. For the Sunday matinee of May 22d, "Fedora" will be given.

A Pneumatic Symphony Orchestra, built especially for the Chutes, will be the star feature of the programme at this popular resort this coming week. This wonderful instrument, which cost \$15,000, represents an orchestra of one hundred and forty eight musicians, and plays compositions ranging from the ultra-classical to the latest popular ditty. The volume of sound which it emits is something stupendous.

Because the News Letter goes to press earlier I am forced to defer an account of Dr. H. J. Stewart's concert at Steinway Hall on Thursday evening until next week.

On Friday evening occurred the Commencement Exercises of the California School of Design at the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art. I will give an extended review of the exhibition and proceedings in next week's News Letter.

The Tivoli management announces that because of its popularity, "A Runaway Girl" will be continued for all of next week.

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Japan's Strategy Understood.

For nearly three months, military men everywhere have tried to fathom the mysteries of Japan's plan for the campaign

in Manchuria, but so closely has it been kept secret that only in a general way has it been known. The victory at the Yalu and the investment of Port Arthur by landing an army in the rear on Liao-tung peninsula, together with the blocking of the channel of the Port Arthur Bay, and the shutting in of the Russian squadron, have made it quite clear that the war office has been operating in the field on plans that are not only clearly defined to reach objective points, but which include the most intricate yet comprehensive and far-reaching strategical centers of operation. As yet, not a cog has slipped nor a wheel wobbled in the mighty and complex machinery of the war establishment. And what is more, it is now understood what Japan meant when it was announced at the very outset that "the war may last four or five or six years, but anticipating such an eventuality, the nation is fully prepared for it, and long before the end Japan will be on the defensive." At the time this was supposed to mean that Japan expected to be driven pretty close to the wall, but that after resisting Russian pressure as long as possible, Great Britain and the United States would step in and participate in the struggle, but it transpires that Japan meant nothing of the kind, though was quite willing that such interpretation should be given to it.

What Japan Really Meant.

In the light of recent news concerning Japan's plans that was permitted to pass the news censor, it becomes

clear enough what was meant by "defensive." Japan now commands the entire water front of Korea and Manchuria, thus preventing even the possibility of the Russians receiving supplies or reinforcements by any water route. This will oblige Russia to depend upon a single track railway of uncertain construction to fetch supplies and reinforcements a distance of about 3,000 miles. It is admitted that Manchuria is unable to furnish food supplies to meet more than a small fraction of the demand. All who are familiar with the capacity of a new railway to handle traffic know very well that it would not have many facilities left to transport soldiers after supplying the demand for army supplies for 300,000 men 3,000 miles distant.

Rashness of the Thibetans.

Thibet has committed the expected fatal blunder. A little army of her insanely fanatical soldiers attempted

early this week to not only drive out the British, but to teach them a lesson on invasion they would never forget. It so happened, however, that when the battle was over the British were right there, and the native soldiers who had not been killed or wounded were running in the other direction as fast as ever their legs could carry them. The consequence of this foolishness will be that either the Suzerainty of King Edward of England will be accepted as the solution of the Thibetan problem, or that country will be placed under the jurisdiction of the British viceroy of India. It may and doubtless will take a little time to reach the desired end, but the days of Llama rule, with all the backward and unprogressive theories of Government which he entertains, are drawing very rapidly to a close, when a civilization that is imbued with the spirit of progress, education, commerce and industry will be seen and felt all over the

land of the ancient Aryans and the cradle of human-kind. Thibet for ages has been the headquarters of Mahatmas, "Great Souls," the "wise ones of earth," and other religionists who, like the lily, toil not, neither do they spin, but whose followers, even here in San Francisco, believe that when compared to Solomon in the item of clean-cut wisdom, that wise old Hebrew King is not in it at all. Anyway, the Thibetans have inadvertently rushed their country out of the dim past and its stale and unprofitable superstitions into the arms of modern thought and modern ways of doing things. The next generation of Thibetans will thank their forefathers for being rash enough to turn their guns against Anglo-Saxon push, energy and progress.

The Yellow Dowager Empress.

The Dowager Empress of China continues to throw dust into the eyes of the Czar, and she also continues to keep an approving eye upon the haste her Generals are making in putting their soldiers in good shape for active service, and her usual hard and cruel facial expression is yielding smiles for the successes of Japan in thrashing the nation that stole one of the best divisions of her empire. It is an off day when she does not re-assure Russia that her nation is absolutely neutral in the matter of the Slav-brown man war, and it is very much of an off day when she fails to urge her war minister to run the gun factories and powder mills on an overtime schedule of labor hours. It is no longer a question of: "Is the Dowager going to break loose, but when is she going to break loose?"

Peace and Friendship Again.

The Republic of Colombia and the Republic of the United States have buried the Panama hatchet and diplomatic relations have been resumed, but the little Central American nation does not hesitate to say that the reason there is peace instead of war is because the United States has too many men, guns and warships for Colombia to tackle with any hope of even one little victory. For that reason our commerce and trade and cash for investments are cordially invited to enter all the ports and cities and towns of our sister republic.

Troubles all Around.

Every European nation and the United States continue to have trouble with some of their outlying conquests, but nothing like a real war is reported from any quarter. The German settlements in South Africa are having a perilous existence because of the hostility of the natives, who are mostly little better than savages, but savages though they be, they seem to be able to understand that they are, or claim they are, not only being cheated right along in their trade interchange with the German population, but they are gradually being driven back into the forests and jungles, and getting nothing for the land they are forced to abandon. They will be better acquainted, or, rather, their grandchildren will be better acquainted, with the modern way of "beneficently assimilating" as the spirit of trade and traffic marches on. Our Filipino subjects, under the Christian methods of General Wood, are glad they are alive, and they are believing more firmly than ever in miracles.

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Women's Club Notes

Much of the best work that is being done in women's organizations in this city seldom comes within range of the lime-light. Notable among the organizations that scarcely let their right hands know what their left ones are doing is the Women's Auxiliary to the Library and Reading Room for the Blind that is comfortably snuggled away in the basement of the Branch Public Library at the corner of Fourth and Clara street, the building given to the city by ex-Mayor James D. Phelan. It is now about a year and a half ago since Mrs. Josephine de Greayer, assisted by a few friends, brought the trustees of the Free Public Library around to her way of thinking—that there should be a reading room for the unfortunate blind of the city, particularly for the younger men and women who found their lives so barren when they have to go out into the world after they are graduated from the State Institution for the Deaf and Blind at Berkeley—the paradise for afflicted children. Affliction in her own family turned Mrs. de Greayer's thoughts in this direction, and she never rested until she saw the fulfillment of her plan. While in the East, she visited all the libraries for the blind, particularly the one in the Congressional Library Building in Washington, D. C., and when she presented the cause to the local men in power, she was fortified with the best of data. But all that would have meant nothing if the Woman's Auxiliary were not ready to take up the responsibility of administration and about all the financial burden. How well these women have succeeded is attested by the fact that the library has been carried on successfully, and how the work is to be enlarged. At a meeting held a few days ago, the women placed upon themselves the added responsibility of conducting a State circulating library. They expect to start books in the point and other systems used by the blind, on their way to different parts of the State immediately after the lull of the summer. There will have to be some increase in the income of the auxiliary to carry on this work, but no one doubts, in the light of past accomplishments, the success of the proposed venture. Life is going to be brighter for some of the helpless blind in remote parts of the State when the next long winter days come.

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Men, for the most part, are agreeable about their wives belonging to clubs, but just now several of them, mad as disturbed hornets, are declaring vehemently that woman's place is at home. They are the husbands of the women who constituted the board of directors of the Pacific Coast Women's Press Association, and who had the temerity to dismiss Mrs. Marion Beattie Foster from their ranks, claiming that she had advocated her own election as a member of the executive committee of the International League of Press Clubs to which she went as delegate, and Mrs. M. H. Cartwright because she wrote a complimentary letter about Mrs. Foster to a member of the nominating committee. Of this action these complacent husbands find themselves defendants, with their wives, in two suits filed respectively by Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Cartwright, each lady asking for damages to the amount of \$100,000. The executive committee argued, but as it now appears not sagaciously, that if it dismissed Mrs. Foster from the Association she would no longer be a member of the important international body. Forthwith official documents were sent East stating that Mrs. Foster no longer represented them. Beyond acknowledg-

ment, no notice was taken of the trouble in the far West; the international executive committee taking the position that Mrs. Foster was elected for a year, and would retain her position on the board regardless of the Pacific Coast Association.

Just after her suit was filed here, Mrs. Foster went East to attend the April meeting of the committee held in New York. She was most cordially received; no action was taken in regard to the contention, the question receiving only informal consideration. Mrs. Foster was shown all the correspondence between the Pacific Coast Press Association and the executive committee.

Mrs. Foster was chosen one of the delegates from the international Press League to the convention of press people at St. Louis, and is at present in the Exposition city on that mission.

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Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on
THE 8th DAY OF JUNE, 1904,

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THE SUPREME BENCH OF HAWAII.

The appointments by the President of Supreme and Circuit Justices in the territory of Hawaii still hang in the balance. It seems that a rather strong element is pulling for the appointment of natives or old residents, the relicts of the Hawaiian dynasty and their white friends. A long time ago a mistake was made when the President, Mr. McKinley, re-appointed Dole to office, and now the strenuous Roosevelt is inclined to err the other way. This question is exciting great interest not only in the land of the lantana, but all over the United States among the students of our colonial policy.

Governor Carter will leave the Islands on the 21st of this month to forward the interest of his political party by personal suasion with the President.

This is one of the gravest questions that has ever been faced by the administration, and we sincerely hope, for the benefit of Hawaii and the American residents thereof, that the President will weigh the matter well before making his appointments. Governor George R. Carter has shown himself an uncompromising and bitter enemy of the Dole administration, and while we contend that the second appointment of Mr. Dole was a mistake, we again assert that the President may easily err in the other direction.

Governor Carter has lost no opportunity to criticize the Dole administration, and has given love potions to the natives and to the Home Rulers generally. He absolutely governed both branches of the Legislature, which recently adjourned. It is understood that he is to name all the judges. He thus becomes the autocrat of the islands. He was born in Hawaii, and has repeatedly alluded to that fact and announced his co-operation with the natives and with the old residents.

It seems that Americans from the mainland have no business in the Hawaiian Islands, unless they are prepared to renounce the ideas in which they have been educated, to accept a rule that has been perpetuated for generations, and to submit to the absolute dominance of a class that revels in isolation and selfish accumulation. There are men there who understand American institutions, but they are either barred out or driven away, or they are compelled virtually to sacrifice their nationality. The local administration rows steadily towards absolutism, and vociferous complaints, which are constantly in the air, rarely or ever reach Washington.

Lawyers who have been long in practice in the territory, and whose endorsement for the Supreme Bench by Governor Carter is expected, will supply an unprecedented illustration of litigants appointing their own attorneys to the seat of final judgment.

The situation in Hawaii is unique. Business is dull in the extreme. Many Americans are leaving, and few are replacing them. The Japanese and Chinese form two-thirds of the population, and they are in the banks, the business houses, and the retail stores as well as in mechanical and menial employment. "Hard times" is the general cry, and there seems no prospect of relief through Americanization, unless the Washington administration should determine to investigate facts and act independently of local influences or special representatives and self-seekers at the National Capital.

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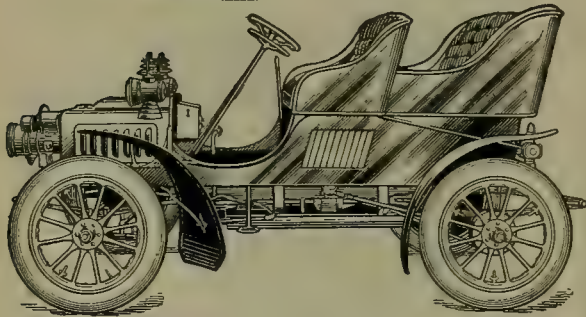
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BY THE AUTOCRAT

The Race Committee of the Automobile Club of California is a little slow in getting out its programme for the meet which takes place on June 3d and 4th. The committee should remember that the public wants to know all about what is going to happen, and it cannot give too much publicity to the event.

But, just the same, almost all the space is spoken for in the show section, and that part of the event will undoubtedly be a great success.

One of the most interesting events which has been programmed at the suggestion of the News Letter will be the contest between cars built in California.

The Commercial Motor Car and Boat Company has a car ready, as also has F. D. Spaulding. There will also be California-built cars entered from Los Angeles.

To enable one to quickly find an automobile's speed in miles per hour from the time per mile, the American Darracq Automobile Company has prepared a clever table which is distributed gratis. The well-arranged card is the work of E. D. Winans, the company's advertising manager, who has copyrighted it. It consists of columns of times and miles, and by following right-angle columns to the intersection, the equivalent in miles per hour is found. Copies can be had for the asking.

Mr. John Breuner enjoyed himself and entertained a party of friends on Sunday by riding through the Park and Presidio in his new 1904 Winton touring car.

Mr. Horace Morgan recently purchased a two-cylinder Arrow. Mr. Morgan made a careful examination of the automobile field and decided in favor of the Arrow on account of its speed, weight and hill-climbing power.

Among the sales made of White touring cars last week are cars to the Letcher Automobile Co., of San Jose; Winfield S. Davis, of the insurance firm of J. B. F. Davis & Son, San Francisco; A. W. Clark, of Fresno.

Last Sunday, Mr. Max Schwabacher and party went to San Jose in a Winton touring car, and returned by way of Burlingame. They report having had a very enjoyable trip.

Charles A. Madill, a St. Louis capitalist, who is spending a vacation in California, has just purchased a White car for touring the State; he is making his headquarters at San Francisco, and expects to go on some long trips shortly.

Mr. L. G. Rowell, of this city, last week purchased another 1904 Winton touring car from the Pioneer Automobile Company, which makes the third machine of this type purchased by Mr. Rowell this season from the Pioneer people.

Mr. J. A. Marsh, president of the Mobile Carriage Company, accompanied by his wife and a party of

friends, made a trip to Woodland Saturday, returning Tuesday. They had a very enjoyable outing, without delay or incident.

Mr. E. W. Hopkins, who has been using his electric tonneau for eighteen months, drove it to Menlo from San Francisco last week without a hitch, which proves it to be in splendid condition.

F. W. Wiggins, a White dealer at Salem, Oregon, sent a carload to John B. Kelly, of Portland, Oregon. This makes two carloads now en route to Mr. Kelly, who is doing a rushing business in this popular car at Portland.

The record time between San Jose and Oakland was made yesterday by Colonel H. T. Lally in his new Winton touring car. The time made was 1:18. Previous record was 1:29, and was also held by a Winton Touring Car.

Mr. A. W. Wilson in his White touring car, and Mr. John H. Spring in his White car, ran down to San Jose last Saturday afternoon and toured around San Jose Sunday.

The Pioneer Automobile Company is very much elated over the fact that their sample of the Oldsmobile light tonneau touring car was shipped from the factory by express, and is due to arrive in San Francisco. They have already secured a large number of orders for these machines, and prospective buyers are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the sample machine.

Mr. Meade, proprietor of the Byron Hot Springs, accompanied by his manager, Mr. Warren, made a trip in the Pierce Arrow to Byron Hot Springs on Saturday, returning Sunday. This trip was really one of inspection, as the hotel management desires to establish an automobile route for San Francisco automobilists. The distance is seventy-five miles from Oakland by way of Livermore; the roads are level, the scenery interesting, and the hotel service at the Springs is the best. This new route will provide additional facilities for enthusiastic automobilists.

Mr. Gardiner of the White Sewing Machine Company was in San Jose last Saturday, and Los Gatos on Sunday.

The following letter has been received by the Locomobile Company of America:

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the exception of 23 days, scattered throughout the period; that on every run, with the exception of two (one caused by a frozen radiator, the other by a shoe exploding on a rear wheel), the car has made the trip for which it set out, and returned home under its own motive power.

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H. P. Teichner of the White Company ran down to San Jose last Friday, and spent Saturday and Sunday at that point.

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Among recent Los Angeles purchasers of White touring cars are the following: W. H. Thayer, S. V. Riley, H. E. Huntington, G. B. Easton, Major Russell.

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A party of enthusiastic Winton automobilists made a trip to Haywards on Sunday, where they stopped for luncheon, and afterwards drove through other adjacent towns. Among those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Hazlett, Mr. H. H. Burris, Miss S. P. Little, Miss E. B. Redman, Mr. C. Leatham, Mr. C. B. Grenfell, Mr. C. C. Eib, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cornell.

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The Letcher Automobile Company of San Jose has taken the agency for the White touring car in Santa Clara County, and this will be the only touring car the company will handle. The White Company is very well satisfied with this deal, as Mr. Letcher is a most aggressive man, and has a fine garage in San Jose; Mr. Letcher is satisfied, as the White Carriage has never been handled successfully in San Jose. He knows its possibilities, and knows there are a great many to be sold there.

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The Hotel Vendome, San Jose, has issued a map of Santa Clara County, showing the roads of the county on which automobilists may travel. There is a free garage on the hotel grounds. All visitors to San Jose should call at the hotel and procure a copy of this map.

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There is a merry row at Los Angeles. The two clubs in that section cannot agree. The Automobile Club of Southern California and the Los Angeles Automobile Club are at outs. The latter club is said to be a trade organization, and the auto-owners, who are members of the other club, think they should keep out of the "meet" business except to take part in the races.

The outcome of the trouble so far is that Frank A. Garbutt, one of the most enthusiastic racing men in the South, and a member of the Race Committee of the Automobile Club of Southern California, has resigned.

It is reported from the South that some of the members of the L. A. A. C. claim that the A. C. S. C. is trying to reap all the revenue there is in automobiling in Southern California, while the Automobile Club of Southern California asserts it is making nothing out of it, except the indirect benefit accruing

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from improving the roads in this section. To this, some of the L. A. C. say the improvements heralded in the papers at great length, notably on the Del Rey and Long Beach roads, have not materialized. The larger organization says that rights of way troubles on the Del Rey road have prevented the starting of work thereon, and also points to some of the country roads, which it has been instrumental in having repaired.

The outcome of all the trouble in the South is that the dealers have been circulating an agreement to stay out of any automobile race meeting, which the Automobile Club of Southern California may endeavor to pull off.

This looks like the South cannot stand success, for when the different schemes were started it gave the sport a great boom.

Let the trouble in the South be a warning to the local men and everybody work hand in hand for San Francisco.

The Pioneer Automobile Company has received a letter from the Winton Motor Carriage Company giving an interview with Barney Oldfield by a representative of one of the New York papers, which is as follows, viz.:

"I long ago declared that it is my ambition to compete in the Gordon-Bennett Cup race, which will be run in Germany during the coming June. This is the world's great automobile derby, and in this big international event all the real famous drivers are pitted against each other. When Mr. Winton decided not to enter a car in the cup race this year, I was keenly disappointed, because I felt that the Winton Bullet and I would make a winning combination, and since I was under contract to Mr. Winton, I could not hope to compete except on a Winton car. Consequently, when I was released from my contract with Mr. Winton, a few days ago, I immediately set about to look over the Gordon-Bennett cars that were being manufactured in this country, and took under advisement the various contracts which have been offered me by their makers. While I was considering several real flattering propositions, I learned that, through a fortunate circumstance, the Winton Bullet would after all be entered as an American competitor in the international race provided the committee of the Automobile Club of America would accept it. I have spent a good deal of time in the saddle of the Winton Bullet the past summer, and thoroughly appreciate the possibilities of the car. Believing that the Automobile Club of America's committee would not disregard this proffered entry of the Bullet, I returned to Cleveland, and solicited the privilege of driving this car. The result is my reinstatement with the Winton Motor Carriage Company as driver of Bullet No. 2. I am thoroughly happy as a result, and expect to make a great showing if permitted to drive in the Gordon-Bennett race. I expect to make this good showing, not alone because I have confidence in my own ability, but because I appreciate that this Winton car is the fastest, safest and most perfectly constructed racing car on earth."

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INSURANCE

The Pacific Board of Fire Underwriters has up to the present writing dominated on the Coast. There has been many an underwriter that would have been pleased to buck the Board. A sort of Sancho Panza windmill affair on their part, and the bravest heart of the boldest broker quailed at the thought of a fight.

There was and is the non-intercourse rule, and that in itself is enough to deter the bold broker.

Another Richmond has, however, come into the field, and that Richmond is the organization of two firms.

The conditions just now are peculiar and so are the firms in question; each one boasts of a General Agency. One of a fire insurance company and the other of a plate-glass company.

These two firms are bidding for business and are getting rates or no rates, and the fact of their existence is more than a menace to the Stillman peace of the Pacific Board of Fire Underwriters.

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The P. M. Nippert Company and the Boole-Sloane Company are simply the coalescence of a lot of brokers, and inferentially it is safe to say these brokers carry their own business in their own pockets. These firms have the ability to place their business where they please, and herein lies the menace to the Stillmanesque pact of peace.

There is at the present time an unlimited carrying capacity amongst the non-boarders, and the recent acquisition by Stovel of the Girard simply serves to make the outsiders stronger.

The regulars view with alarm the concentration of power, and the brokers are now, alas, in a position to dictate.

Boole, Nippert, Potter, Wellington, Sloane and one or two others outside are not alone ready, but anxious, to dictate.

It is to be hoped that the recent moves in this line or two others outside are not only ready, but anpresage a rate war, but the weather prophet says there is a "high low" in this section, and it is predicted that there will be a warm spell.

The non-boarders disclaim any idea of this sort; they don't want, and can't afford, a rate war, but they say in the same breath that they are ready for it if it comes.

No specific charge can be or is brought against Mr. Stillman, except that he is the tool of the big four.

No one knows who the big four is, but it is an open secret on the street that the pact between the non-boarders is in effect, and the result if they take the initiative is, as aforesaid, a hot time.

These brokerage firms, combinations, coupled with able underwriters like Turner of the Northwestern, Bromwell of the Milwaukee Mechanics, Ward of the German, to say nothing of the Stovels, Potters and Germania agencies, are factors in the war or in the continuance of peace.

Outside of those mentioned, the anti-Stillman faction can count on the support of the Continental and the Home of New York. The Traders will fall in line, and the McNear agency may be trusted to follow suit.

If these premises be correct, there is a "high low" and it is due in this burgh now.

The fight, if it comes, will be a fight to a finish, and it is safe to say that all the profits of coast under-

writing will go down the line and carry with them the scalps of Stillman, et al., as well as the position of a manager or two.

Whilst California has uniformly shown a profit in fire insurance circles, and at the same time not too big a profit, it is regrettable that the compact is dominated by an incompetent, and that the regulars are handicapped by his actions, and that the non-boarders are alive to their opportunity and taking advantage of it.

The rate war is coming, or there is going to be a change in the management of the P. I. U.

In the voice of the people is heard the murmurs of discontent and the cry for a Du Val again, if nothing worse can be found.

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Mr. Sloane, of the Boole-Sloane agency, is in Washington.

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The Iowa Supreme Court recently decided that if Mrs. Elizabeth C. Herring had not already received her policy from the American Insurance Company of Newark at the time her insured property was burned, the acceptance and filing of her application constituted a contract between the parties, and on which the failure to turn over the policy to the plaintiff had no effect.

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A Night in Frisco's Bohemia

We met them on Mission street, four of them, and they constituted as different types of men as could be found on the whole globe—or in San Francisco. The artist, short, dark, muscular, with the mixture of his Indian and Mexican blood showing in every excited jerky gesture, in every gleam of his black eyes, every hair of the black masses that covered his head, and fell over his eyes; the musician, tall, lank, light-haired dreamy, slow in movement and speech, living apparently in a little world of his own creation, (one of the characteristics of La Boheme's admirers, by the way,) not given to as much flow of language as the others, perhaps because he felt that his fingers spoke more eloquently than his tongue; the singer, medium height, self-centered, voluble, with restless black eyes, hail-fellow-well-met, taking a vivid interest in all around him, as if he had just stepped from some other planet onto this; and lastly, the blase, once-society man, a pretty little fellow, very blonde, with a dear little moustache, blue-eyed, pale skin, lackadaisical, who only needed the settings of a well-furnished drawing room, a tea-table and several women dawdling around, to enable one to discover for what purpose in life he was made.

These were bohemians—the real thing—the only “truly” bohemians I had ever met (and ever wish to meet again.) I looked upon them with great interest, not unmixed with awe, for I had heard of many strange things that had happened in the “Latin Quarter.”

When we reached “Carville,” where our host had a domicile on the sands (in the shape of two cars, with the platform between fixed up as the entrance hall), I wondered how on earth the musician (who was six feet if an inch, could ever get in. He doubled up, however, somewhat like a jack knife, and swooped in after the rest. Two women friends, who were to have made their appearance, failed to materialize, but had left their pasteboards under the door, (shades of Bohemia, real calling cards!) so it was a case of four men and two girls.

Once in, I sat down as much as possible, for fear my head would come in contact with the roof (I was quite sure that these cars in their halcyon days had jogged along Geary street) and with great hilarity and laughter we watched the society man (evidently used to chafing dishes) get supper. I discovered that the idea that all bohemians are dirty is a great mistake. Far from it. Some of them are even particular as to the putting back of things in their right places, at least, so our host was. What if there were not enough forks to go around, and the cups had apparently suffered from a visit by Alice's “Mad Hatter?” everything was clean, and the little supper we ate last sat down to, excellent.

But how we laughed! The ride out had made me frightfully hungry, and finding that laughing and eating at the same time didn't go, in my case, I gave up to the former, and suffered in consequence.

In the intervals of sobriety, the foolish customs of society were discussed, the hedged-in, narrow minded people who believe in ‘conventionality and Mrs. Grundy, who hamper themselves with the “protection” of forms and ceremonies, and thereby confess their own weaknesses. “Chaperons are an insult!” cried the singer, “Society? Bah! Conventionality? Bah! bah! Mrs. Grundy? Bah, bah, bah!”

And then the poor thread-bare “Rubaiyat” was hauled forth, lauded to the skies, and quoted profusely, especially the lines:

“A book of verses underneath the bough,

A loaf of bread, a jug of wine, and thou
Singing beside me in the wilderness—

Ah, wilderness were paradise enow.”

The wilderness of sand out-side, the loaves of bread scattered around the table, and the jugs of “Dago Red” in evidence, certainly coincided with the verse. Poor “Rubaiyat,” to what sordid interpretations are you descended!

Suddenly a wild exclamation from our host, who had darted to the little platform at one end of the car (a sort of Juliet's balcony, except that the presence of empty tin cans beneath rather spoiled the aspect of things), and stood looking over the sand hills to where the moon, placid, translucent as a lake of light, rose up behind them in its ever-recurring dignity, that the passing of centuries has never marred. The boom of surf came to our ears, the sands (glistening and white under the moonlight), stretched before us, solitary and lonely as the desert of Egypt. There were no signs of habitation, from where we stood, to sound a discord. It was a picture of loneliness and desolation; the sea of sand, with its wind-tide, but so still and gleaming now that the moon seemed to cast its reflection in it, the faded blue of the sky, with an amber veil thrown over it, and the stillness that can only be felt in a vast, unbroken stretch of space.

Our host flung out both arms: “Oh, the reechness of it!” he at last succeeded in exclaiming, while the singer patted his back as one would a choking baby, and the musician cried: “Go it, old fellow.”

“Never mind you, I have paint him one day!”

After this outburst we dove into the kitchen again and our host came down from his heights of enthusiasm and devoted himself to the prosaic task of washing the dishes while we wiped them.

“Oh, yes,” he said presently, in answer to a remark of mine, waving the dish-mop around the room, “I have entertain quite a many out here. Jack Lonedon (he pronounced it with the long “o”) and Gelett Burgess, both very—what you say?—chums, one time. Gelett very funny fellow. Lonedon more quiet, yes?”

I found the long musician and myself wandering ahead of the others down to the beach, plodding over loose sand, that fell into our shoes with irritating regularity, and made walking rather difficult. He confided to me that he was writing a symphony which would be a “great thing,” and insinuated modestly that it would probably take the town by storm.

“The commonplace people of the world, people with no ambition or talent, are the only happy ones,” he said, musingly. They can live merely in the present, as a cat does, lapping a saucer of milk. We who have aspirations, longings for higher things, isolate ourselves by these very feelings. Do you ever feel really close to any one? Aren't you often very lonely, even in a crowd?”

I confessed that there were times when I was, but said that I thought imagination could prove to be a great happiness to any one. “We can create our own world, and therefore our pleasures.”

“Yes,” broke in my companion, “and then the ab-

surdity when people tell us that we have too much imagination! How could we? There is no limit to invention (most people will admit that); then how can there be any limit to imagination, which is the beginning? It is an impossibility to imagine impossible things. Our thoughts of to-day are the facts of to-morrow."

I gave a little sigh of ecstasy. At last I had found my element! The strata I had delved for, for years! These were people to know and talk to. Life with them would be vitalized, not a dreary endurance.

After racing on the beach, walking rail fences, and acting like college boys out on a lark generally, we caught the last car for town, and I thought, not being of the initiated, for home. But not so with the rest.

"Just a quiet little time at Roddy's studio," and so we left the cars at Montgomery street, and walked in the direction of the "Latin Quarter," the men singing songs, and we women vainly protesting. And such songs! Not really naughty, you know, yet not exactly what one would sing to one's grandmama!

How our footsteps echoed along the empty halls of the deserted building when the portals of Roddy's studio was reached! The men struck matches as we progressed that flared up and went out, leaving it darker than ever. How sleepy I was getting! And just a little bored? "They are just like the rest of men," I reflected as I groped along, "never know when they have enough!"

At last we stumbled into the studio, some lamps were lighted, and I looked around. Was Roddy a cartoonist? A caricaturist? Were those pictures painted in earnest, or just for fun? Did Roddy actually take himself seriously, or expect others to? Or was I too critical? I must be; for one of the paintings was pointed out to me as having taken the gold medal at the Paris Exposition. "So true to life!" Well, perhaps. But there are some things "true to life" that are very hideous.

Presently the singer collared the musician (literally) and threw him onto the piano stool. "Play," he ordered, and his victim obeyed. Even his attitude struck me as funny. He drooped his body over the instrument, curled his long legs around the legs of his seat, and picked at the keys like a bird searching for crumbs.

This was only a musical parody, surely? Or had my usually good eyes and ears deceived me for the evening? Why, that was an awful discord! But then, there are certainly plenty of discords in life.

And then, at last, the singer burst into song. And such singing! Ye gods. It nearly raised the skylight from the roof of the studio, and rattled the glasses on the table. It was the sort of singing that issues from the dives off Pine street;—blatant, discordant, merely a loud noise, and nothing more. Did he think we were all deaf? His frenzied notes rose higher and stronger. And I had heard that he sang in all the best churches.

Perhaps the "Dago red" was responsible for all this. Nothing rang true. I felt as if I were in a queer dream. How long were we going to stay here? Why didn't some one make a move to leave? I looked around.

The artist was leaning back in his chair, his eyes fixed on the ceiling. As I stared, the wine glass in his listless hand tipped over, and the wine dribbled onto some of the sketches he had been showing me. My rather neglected ex-society man was placidly mixing drinks at a small table, with rather unsteady hands. Would I, just then, have trusted him with a Sevres cup and saucer? I think not. The room suddenly became hateful to me.

"Yesterday, this day's madness did prepare,
To-morrow's sorrow, silence, or despair.
Drink, for you know not whence you came, nor why,
Drink, for you know not how you go, or where."

Omar was very well in theory, but somehow, put into practice, with no chaperon over there in the corner—

But now tell me, you of the untrammelled lives; you despisers of laws and conventions that help to suppress the brute nature that is in more or less degree in all of us; you laughers at the petty little forms and ceremonies of "society," really now, aren't the grapes a little sour, after all?

They left us at my friend's hotel in the wee, sma' hours, after kissing our hands, and sweeping their hats in low bows, in laughing mockery of the formalities they scorned.

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Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on

THE 19th DAY OF MAY, 1904,

will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Tuesday, the 7th day of June 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors,

J. B. SHAW, Secretary.

Location of Office—Room 69, Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal.

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Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 22nd day of April, 1904, an assessment (No. 85) of ten (10) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, room 33, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal.

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7.03A	Bentley, Sulun, Elmira and Sacramento	7.20P
7.30A	Vallejo, Napa, Callotoga, Santa Rosa, Martinez, San Ramon.....	8.20P
7.30A	Niles, Livermore, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton.....	7.20P
8.00A	Shasta Express (Via Davis), Williams (for Bartlett Springs), Willows +Truro, Red Bluff, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle.....	7.50P
8.00A	Davis, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville.....	7.50P
8.30A	Port Costa, Martinez, Antloch, Byron, Tracy, Stockton, Newman Los Banos, Mendota, Ardena, Hanford, Visalia, Porterville.....	4.20P
P.30A	Port Costa, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Visalia, Bakersfield.....	4.50P
8.30A	Niles, San Jose, Livermore, Stockton. (Milton), Lone, Sacramento, Placerville, Marysville, Chico, Red Bluff.....	4.20P
8.30A	Oakdale, Chinco, Jamestown, Bonora, Tuolumne and Angels.....	4.20P
9.00A	Atlantic Express—Ogden and East.	11.20P
9.30A	Richmond, Martinez and Way Stations.....	6.50P
10.00A	The Overland and Way Stations, Denver, Omaha, Chicago.....	8.20P
10.00A	Vallejo.....	12.20P
10.00A	Los Angeles Passenger—Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton, Merced, Raymond, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Lemoore, Visalia, Bakersfield, Los Angeles.....	7.20P
12.00P	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations.	3.20P
1.00P	Sacramento River Steamer.....	11.00P
3.30P	Bentley, Winters, Sacramento, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville and way stations.....	10.50A
3.30P	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations.....	7.50P
3.30P	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Berenda, Fresno and Way Stations beyond F. Costa.....	12.20P
3.30P	Yosemite Valley, Mon. West, Fri.	9.20A
3.30P	Martinez, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi.....	10.20A
4.00P	Hayward, Sausalito, Vallejo, Napa, Callotoga, Santa Rosa.....	9.20A
4.00P	Niles, Tracy, Stockton, Lathrop.....	4.20P
4.30P	Hayward, Niles, Irvington, San Jose, Livermore.....	11.50A
4.30P	The Owl Limited—Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Fresno, Tulare, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Golden State Limited Sleeper, Oakland to Los Angeles, for Chicago, via C. R. I. & P. (last trip April 19).....	9.20A
6.00P	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Berenda, Fresno and Way Stations.....	12.20P
6.00P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose.....	7.20P
6.00P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose.....	9.0A
6.00P	Eastern Express—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and East. Port Costa, Brucha, Sulun, Elmira, Davis, Sacramento, Rocklin, Auburn, Colfax, Truckee, Boca, Reno, Wadsworth, Winnemucca.....	5.20P
6.00P	Vallejo, daily, except Sunday.....	7.50P
7.01P	Vallejo, Sunday only.....	7.50P
7.00P	Richmond, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way Stations.....	11.20P
8.05P	Oregon & California Express—Sacramento, Marysville, Redding, Portland, Puget Sound and East.	8.50P
8.10P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only).....	11.0P

COAST LINE

(Narrow Gauge)

(Foot of Market Street.)

7.45A	Santa Cruz Excursion (Sunday only)	8.10P
1.15P	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Way Stations.....	6.55P
4.15P	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and way stations.....	11.55A

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LEAVE	COAST LINE (Broad Gauge)	ARRIVE
6.10A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	6.30P
7.00A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	6.40P
7.15A	Monterey and Santa Cruz Excursion (Sunday only).....	10.40P
8.00A	New Almaden (Tues., Frid., only).	4.10P
8.00A	The Coaster—Stops only San Jose, Gilroy (connection for Hollister), Pajaro, Castroville (connection to and from Monterey and Pacific Grove), Salinas, San Ardo, Paso Robles Santa Margarita San Luis Obispo, principal stations thence San (connection for Lompoc), principal stations thence Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Burbank, Los Angeles.....	1C 45P
8.00A	San Jose, Tres Pinos, Capitola, Santa Cruz, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Luis Obispo and principal Way Stations.....	4.10P
10.20A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	1.20P
11.30A	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations.....	7.30P
3.00P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8.38A
3.00P	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove (connects at Santa Clara, except Sunday, for Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek and Narrow Gauge Points) at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Pajaro for Santa Cruz, at Castroville for Salinas.....	12.15P
3.30P	Tres Pinos Way Passenger.....	10.45A
4.30P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	18.00A
6.00P	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos, and principal Way Stations (except Sunday).....	19.00A
6.30P	San Jose and Principal Way Stations.....	19.40A
6.45P	Sunset Limited.—Redwo d, San Jose, Gilroy, Salinas, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Sunday, for Santa Cruz, New Orleans, New York. Connects at Pajaro for Santa Cruz and at Castroville for Pacific Grove and Way Stations.....	7.10A
6.15P	San Mateo, Redwood, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, Palo Alto.....	16.48A
6.30P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8.38A
8.00P	Palo Alto and Way Stations.....	10.16A
11.30P	South San Francisco, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park and Palo Alto.....	9.45P
11.30P	Mayfield, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Lawrence, Santa Clara and San Jose.....	19.45P

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 With half a dozen freckles.
 A bare brown arm to work an oar,
 A wide straw hat above her,
 A girl may roam the whole world o'er,
 And never lack a lover.

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The summer girl is in her element these days tying up the rag-tags and bo-bends of her campaigning outfit. There are always so many folderols necessary to insure a sartorial summer success. Parasols, stocks, belts, and the dozen accessories that count for so much in the ultimate fitness of things must be attended to. Shoes are always an important item, and this season will see the buoyant caravan of summer girls particularly well shod. Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr. had a half dozen girls visiting her the other day, and the subject of summer footgear came up. "White suede for afternoon and white canvas for morning is the Newport edict," said Mrs. Willie, "but I for one do not intend to follow it." Marrying into the Vanderbilt family has not sand-papered the independence which always characterized "Birdie" Fair. "I don't think white shoes make the foot look pretty, especially if one happens to have a pedal attachment that requires a fair-sized boot," she added. Mrs. Vanderbilt laughingly refused to divulge the size of hers, but she brought out a dozen pairs of her new summer shoes for the girls to leak admiration over. There were the regulation Oxfords and low shoes built on the lines of sandals with strappings to the ankles; there were high shoes of every cut that a fashionable shoe designer could invent. Each pair was in some shade of yellow, from the faintest champagne to the deepest tone in a Beauty of Glazenwood rose. The ubiquitous tan color so frequently seen was studiously avoided. Mrs. Vanderbilt has a penchant for yellow gloves, which she wears a great deal with elbow sleeve summer gowns, and she has gloves made to match each pair of yellow shoes.

A taffeta shirt waist is one of the ten commandments of the season. Of a truth, these gowns have been elaborated out of all resemblance to the original shirt waist simplicity, save that the skirts are still cut round length, which makes the street sweepers work over hours nowadays. Ethel Hager has a blue silk taffeta that reduces her fifty pounds, so cunningly is it contrived. Shirring, without which a frock would scarcely appear modern, is used, but it is applied as only an artist could design it. The various shades of blue are used for this trimming, and the skirt shows the sun plaiting that is so popular. One of the Jolliffe girls has a blue silk gown that is very fetching. Ruffles are the striking motif of this dress, and they give it a very light and summery effect. The ruffles are made of corn flower blue chiffon edged

with white Valenciennes. The sleeves are composed of ruffles to the elbow, and the back as well as the front of the bloused bodice show the same attractive trimming.

Florence Bailey, who is to be one of the June brides, is busy shopping these days. One of her prettiest gowns for morning wear or train jaunts, is a loose weave material in the gunmetal shades. The short jacket permits a dainty shirtwaist to make its appearance. Miss Bailey has one of the prettiest "baby" hats I have seen—it is a shell pink affair with a brim decoration of tiny pink buds and exquisite ribbon.

The most stunning summer inspirations showed themselves at the Kirk marriage, celebrated at the Carolan place. The women all wanted to put their best ruffles forward to show the Chicago contingent that we are not behind the mode. One of the most effective gowns was worn by Celia Tobin, who is as exquisitely fastidious in matters of dress as Agnes Tobin is bizarre. Miss Celia's gown typified spring with its winsome girlishness. The dress was made of white net completely covered with lace ruffles that graduated from the deep ruffle at the hem to tiny ones that reached almost to the waist. A high blue satin girde gave the only touch of color to the gown.

The people Menlo Parkwards are planning to give a great many al fresco luncheons this summer, and the new white linen gowns are the proper thing for these affairs. Mrs. McNear and Mrs. Will Taylor have two of the smartest linen gowns that will be seen on the green sward. I hear that Mrs. Taylor designed the embroidery for hers, and very exquisitely the work is accomplished. These linen gowns unlike their sisters of last year show lace insertions as well as hand embroidery.

Parasols are no longer confined to the country. Every fine day in the city brings out a lively company of sunshades, most of them in vivid coloring—red and green heading the list. A great many parasols are made to match the silk shirt waist suits. Mrs. Gus Taylor has a pretty checked silk one to match the striking gown she is wearing so much now.

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"Don't lynch the negro," says Louisiana's new Governor. They don't in Texas; they merely make a kerosene torch of him.

A Chicago High School principal has come out strong for phonetic spelling. "We shud luv to watch him tri it awn the war nuz."

A "positive antidote" for rattlesnake bites is announced. What's the matter with the good old remedy that is used for filling pocket flasks?

If any literary person should write a romance about the present city administration he might call it "The Schmitz Family Robbing Some."

The young woman who has succeeded in training butterflies will confer a boon on her sex if she will teach caterpillars to be good.

If a delegate and a half costs Hearst a dollar and a half for a minute and a half, what will be the price of a Presidential nomination?

Mayor Schmitz boasts that he used to sell newspapers. This may or may not be true, but it is certain that he has "bought" at least one.

Russia's soldiers are to be provided with bullet-proof breast plates. What they need is bullet-proof bustles.

High buildings cause small heads in London, it is said. Nobody needs a tape measure to learn the cranial consequences of "high balls."

That British peeress who married her young coachman has committed the unpardonable sin. If it had been her chauffeur she might in time be forgiven.

New York clergymen are speculating on why more men do not go to church, but they have not yet thought to ask what men do on Saturday night.

A distinguished alienist gives it as his sworn opinion that "Elijah" Dowie is afflicted with paranoia. Late news from Australia indicates that this is something which rotten eggs won't cure.

A guild of good women at the East is trying to find out what is the ideal condition of domestic service. From the walking delegate of the Servant Girls' Union we learn the help is willing to grant the lady of the house one night off a week, and the use of the parlor and piano every other Friday.

That thrifty statesman has crawled into the empty Hearst barrel and pulled the bung hole after him.

Think of telling the truth about Hearst at Santa Cruz and the Young Women's Christian Association in convention only five miles away?

"Hysterical joint" is an ailment attributed by doctors to the imagination, and yet everybody knows that the "crazy bone" is a poignant reality.

One gets a pearl out of an oyster, or a diamond out of a lobster, but Texas doctors have pried a two-carat brilliant out of the alimentary apparatus of a thief.

Why should a small boy about to engage in crime spend a dime for a blood-and-thunder novel, as long as none of Mr. Hearst's journals sells for more than a nickel?

E. Berry Wall, with 285 pairs of trousers, never worries about his nether garments bagging at the knees. There is another and excellent reason why he never had and never will have brain fever.

No, it was not a powder mill explosion that caused the loud noise from the direction of Santa Cruz; it was merely the Democrats of California breaking into Hearst's barrel.

Chicago has wrapped her head in a wet towel and is trying to figure out by the differential calculus how to give her small boys all the Fourth of July fireworks they want without overworking the Coroner and the hospitals.

An Oakland newspaper chuckles over its discovery of a San Francisco boy seventeen years old who can neither read nor write. The State is providing free board and lodging for an Oaklander or two who wrote too well.

The letter "S" is a hoodoo to William Randolph Hearst. Note the strange coincidence: "Sassafras Sisters, Sausalito, Scandal, and Santa Cruz. These are the 'S's' that are public. The private ones are Silence, Sedition, Slime and Seduction. Hearst should avoid the letter "S" and the letter "T," because it is a close neighbor. "T" stands for Tarpey.

We sincerely hope for the good of the burgh across the bay that the Santa Fe celebration has forever laid the "Knockers' Club." It is an astonishing fact that Oakland is the only city of its size and pretension in the United States that does not possess a large public park and people's playground. Every time a public spirited body of citizens brings forward the subject of bonds for a public park, up springs some volunteer who calls out in stentorian tones: "Who'll keep the bridge with me?" and in his hand he has a hundred-pound hammer.

RED-HANDED UNION METHODS.

The kind of thuggery that proclaims a bad cause in the hands of bad men is revealed almost daily in the strike of the Stablemen's Union. This division of organized labor is not large or important, but it is making such a red record for activity and lawlessness as to raise the suspicion that other and more powerful forces are using it in a desperate fight against the "open shop" policy. The stable-owners have stood together manfully in their determination to resist the arrogant demands that none but unionists shall be employed. Police interest in the controversy seems to extend only to the arresting of non-union employees and special watchmen for carrying concealed weapons and to refusing concealed weapon permits to stable-owners who are compelled to defend themselves. On the owners' side the fight is a defensive one, being confined to the protection and feeding of their non-union hands, whom they are forced to keep night and day in the barns. On the strikers' side it is an affair of cowardly threats and still more cowardly acts of violence. The "flying squadron" is maiming and bruising, the "wrecking crew" is breaking heads and crippling hands, the "education committee" is clubbing and strangling. The police are blind to them, and police court justice winks its unbandaged eye at them.

Now these are not the tactics of a few hundred discontented dung-shovelers. This is a little war over a big principle, and on the union side of it are plainly seen at work the same brutality and defiance of law that made of the teamsters' strike so ugly a chapter in the history of our industrialism, the same underground burrowing of influence that made the police courts at that time places of punishment for strike-breakers and of vindication for strikers caught with non-union blood on their hands. It is to be hoped that the business men of the city will awake soon to this return in the stablemen's strike of that condition which so aroused public sentiment when the teamsters were rioting by day and murdering by night. It is to be hoped that they will get in behind the stable owners and help them to do to the Stablemen's union what the Employers' Association did to the teamsters.

One of the gravest features of this strike is the attitude of the police, the police courts and the police commission. Last week a man carrying food to non-union men besieged in an open shop stable was assailed by pickets and had three of them arrested. One who had a pistol was held by Judge Cabaniss—mark this name—and the others were released, the court holding that one of them, a ruffian called "Kid" Egan, who had thrown away a two-foot section of lead pipe just before the police laid hands on him, was blameless. Within three days this same "Kid" Egan was out with the "wrecking crew" again, bending back the fingers of a non-union stableman until they were dislocated, and caving in his head. A day later Police Judge Fritz was fining a non-union stableman \$50 for carrying a pistol, and on Tuesday night the Police Commissioners were denying concealed weapon permits to stable-owners because they could not prove that they were actually and presently in peril of their lives at the hands of the union pickets.

If we are to believe anything that issues from the blackguardedly "Mike" Coffey, head of the union hackmen, the Citizens' Alliance is standing solid behind the stable-owners in their fight for the "open shop" principle. Coffey, who is the tool and agent of Hearst and the Examiner when there is need of dirty work among the unions, and is at all times a brutal bully and a loud-mouthed advocate of violence,

uses Hearst's paper to damn the Alliance for importing the "open shop" idea and for standing in with the stable-owners. This is a strong tribute to the Citizens' organization, and strong testimony to show the need for concerted action on the part of decent citizens who detest tyranny and thuggery.

VERTICAL HANDWRITING DISCONTINUED.

It is not often that a fair-minded journal can find anything to commend in a municipal administration such as this—not so often that an opportunity may be neglected. The present Board of Education has distinguished itself in an era of mismanagement by doing, for once, the right thing at the right time. For wiping out the abomination of "vertical writing," as it did last week, the School Board has the thanks of the community, and incidentally of the News Letter, which was the first to point out the evil and to urge that the remedy be speedily applied. For this it should and shall have a measure of forgiveness of its trespasses.

The "vertical writing" sin was one that cannot, however, be soon forgotten, since too many of the present generation and of the generation to follow show and must continue to show, its consequences. It will be half a dozen years at least before the copy-books and blackboards of our public schools begin to give evidence of the return to a normal method of writing instruction, and it will be a good many years after that before the last traces of the false and foolish "vertical" system have been displaced.

It is to be hoped and expected that out of all this pother those in charge of public instruction will have learned a salutary lesson, and that another time they will hesitate long before they tamper with any of the fundamentals of education. The lesson has been an expensive one, and the learning of it painful to many others than those directly concerned. One such ought to be enough.

THE VICTORIOUS "BARREL."

"Booze and Boodle" is writ large across the face of Hearst's endorsement by the Democratic party of California. His candidate for the chairmanship of the Santa Cruz Convention was defeated on Monday by a majority of 22. On Tuesday night his sack-handlers and whip-crackers jammed through by a majority of 19 a resolution providing for an instructed delegation—365 to 346 the vote stood. Meanwhile there had been more than twenty-four hours of the dirtiest work ever done in a California convention, and before the vote was taken Hearst had been denounced as false to the principles and the candidates of his party, a self-seeking nonentity, man without political standing or political morals.

The endorsement is about as valuable and as valid as a check stamped "no funds." With it goes a statement in terms sufficiently precise telling what it cost and who got the price. But even on those conditions Hearst simply had to have it. When his barrel-openers found that there was a strong opposition to him they begged and pleaded, declaring on the floor of the convention that not to instruct for Hearst would be to rob him of any chance for the nomination. That argument cut no figure in the preliminary struggle for the chairmanship. From talk the Hearst managers turned to more business-like methods of conviction, and between the adjournment of Monday and the vote which came Tuesday night there was a good deal doing in the saloons and back rooms of Santa Cruz. The pretty little city by the sea has never seen so much money afloat at one time or so much whiskey in active circulation. The sack-

handlers did their utmost, but all they could accomplish for Hearst was the "pulling down" of 21 men—practically all of them from San Francisco and Los Angeles. Even without the plain evidence of bargain and sale, the fact that the changes of heart all occurred in the urban delegations, would of itself tell the story to men skilled in politics.

The slaying of Hearst, a process in which he sustained such a political ripping up as has befallen no other Californian seeking a nomination, was merely political. It did not go into the nastiness of his private life, and touched but lightly upon his poverty in all that goes to qualify a man for the high office of President, nor did it deal with his monumental vanity, or the indecency of his methods. The best that could be said of and for him by his hired orators was that he was a young man with much money—inherited money—and several newspapers—good Lord! What newspapers!—and that he was a Native Son.

It is a soiled garment that California has given Hearst to wear when he goes to St. Louis—a garment spangled with dollar-marks and stained with cheap whiskey. It is too short by some hundred of votes to hide his inadequate legs, and through the rents of it the Democrats of the United States, in convention assembled, will be able to see the leprous skin of him and the unhealed wounds of the branding iron that stamped him publicly a traitor.

A POOR SHOWING FOR DEMOCRACY.

At the present writing, nearly one-half of the delegates to the Democratic National Convention have been chosen. Of the instructed delegation, Judge Parker of New York has a greater number than the other candidates combined, Hearst being second choice.

No greater mistake could be made than is involved in the assumption that the instruction arithmetic is a reliable barometer. The dividing line at St. Louis will be drawn between conservatives and radicals. It is being drawn clearly now. The conservatives chosen outnumber the radicals by four or five to one, so that nothing could be more misleading than the supposition that the record as to instruction represents the real proportions. Ten States have declared for sanity, Kansas splitting, so that it will fall between the two stools. The figures for radicalism are 64; for conservatism 288. They are given here as the result of careful computation, subject to some qualification, as such estimates must be in the nature of things. They may, however, be accepted as fairly representing the strength of the opposing elements. In the electoral college of this year 476 votes will be cast. To vindicate his claim upon a certificate of election the winner must receive 239 votes. It is accepted as a sort of axiom that, in order to have a chance of winning the Democratic candidate must carry all of the Southern States. This would furnish him with 167 votes, sending him in search of 72.

As to the proposition that the electoral college vote of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Indiana are essential to success there is no dispute. Also, the South must necessarily furnish by far the larger part of the Democratic candidate's electoral college stock in trade. Well, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut have declared for conservatism. Rhode Island, South Dakota, New Mexico, California, Nevada and Iowa are extremely radical in declaring for Hearst. As a territory, New Mexico has no voice in the college. It may, therefore, be eliminated from the reckoning as far as the election is concerned.

Having but three votes, Nevada is insignificant as a factor. This is almost equally true of Rhode Island, which has but four votes and which will certainly go Republican. The other two States, South Dakota and Iowa, will also go Republican. McKinley carried Iowa by nearly a hundred thousand majority in 1900, and his victory in South Dakota was almost as sweeping, when the total number of votes cast is taken into account. The sources of the Hearst strength have, therefore, little to gain by analysis. It comes from States which the Democratic party can have little or no hope of carrying this year. On the other hand, the Parker movement is finding its development in the States to which the party must look and upon which it must depend for support at the polls. This is, or should be, sufficient to establish its claim at St. Louis. The Hearst, or radical movement, displays some vitality elsewhere and not much of it at that. There is a sense in which it is an investment pure and simple. Assuredly it represents the expenditure of a large sum of money. There is on one side what may be called spontaneous generation. There is on the other side that which has come to be well understood, and which is usually dismissed without description.

"SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN."

The cruel opposition to the blind broom makers of California by the unions that have boycotted the product coming from the State Home is by far the worst thing that has ever been brought up against that numerous villainy which parades under the name of unionism. First they deny their country's flag, then they dive in murder, next they rob the blind. Citizens of California, when you are buying brooms specify that they shall be made by the blind. Their product cannot possibly harm the broom makers of California. There are only seventy of these blind workers. Speaking to a Chinaman, a broom-maker, he said: "I am surprised; you call yourselves civilized—you call yourselves Christians. In my country we are taught reverence for the aged and helpless, and such a thing as you have done, in this matter of the blind, could not possibly occur in China. Apart from the inhumanity of it, we are too sensible to take such a step. An action like this will bring a curse down on the unions and on the community that tolerates their action."

WHEN THE BEAD IS ON THE RYE.

It is reported as one of the facts connected with the Hearst convention that one of the interior delegations sang "What Shall the Harvest Be" all the way on the train into Santa Cruz. On the return trip they intoned "I to the Hearst will lift mine eyes from whence has come mine aid," and "Yes, we have gathered by the river," etc. From another part of the car came a refrain that sounded something like "Jasper seas and golden sands." One back country editor is said to have mysteriously telegraphed funds for the lifting of a heavy mortgage on his home, and two impecunious gentlemen from San Francisco have already paid up some outlawed debts. Hearst is doing golden penance for the sins of a misguided and an immoral adolescence.

The San Francisco Chronicle in a recent issue has an able editorial on the "National Irrigation Association." It seems the Secretary of that delectable institution has taken exception to the editorial reference to the association as a "fake" institution. The Chronicle, coldly and dispassionately, explains why the appellation is proper when applied to this association. The explanation is thorough and convincing.

PRIZE-FIGHTERS AS CRIMINALS.

Another candidate for the gallows has graduated from the prize-ring. The detectives of Wells, Fargo & Co. say his name is George Gates, that he was one of the men that held up the train at Copley, Shasta County, last March, and killed O'Neill, the messenger, and that, with his brother and another companion, he is now hiding in the fastnesses of Shasta, Modoc or Southern Oregon. Gates is only twenty-seven years old; his parents are highly respectable people, who have lived for years in Alameda, where the young man was well known. He was a student at an engineering school, but devoted more time to the prize-ring than to his studies. He fought a prize-fight at the Reliance Club in Oakland, and was defeated. About two years ago he left his home, and since then his family has heard nothing from him. The police say that since his defeat in the prize ring young Gates has been robbing stages, stores, electric cars, saloons and railroad trains. That he is a desperate man is shown by the fact that two deaths are laid at his door. The train robbery last March was his second crime of this sort. In November, 1902, it is charged, he, with others, robbed a train in Colorado. On this occasion one of the desperadoes was killed.

The career of this young man again demonstrates the terrible results directly following the prevalence of prize-fighting in this city and in Alameda County. Only three weeks ago we commented on the conviction of prize-fighter Hanlon's brother on a charge of burglary. Now comes the Gates case. Gates had a good home; he was sent to a private school; he was given many advantages, but in the glamor of the prize ring, and among the evil-minded associates who rely for a livelihood upon their abilities as bruisers, he soon acquired a distaste for honest toil, fell into evil ways, became a highwayman, and is now a fugitive from justice, with a price on his head. His present position is an effect of which the prize ring was the cause. The proponents of "athletic" clubs profess to see no connection between a desire to develop muscle and criminal inclinations. There is no such connection; nor is there any connection between the possession of a rifle and a desire to commit murder. The iniquity is in the prize ring atmosphere; in the low breed of men who promote the prize-fighting clubs; in the depraved moral standards of the followers of the game; in the recognition given them by city officials; in the promotion of the idea that it is not necessary to work, so long as one may have sufficient strength or skill to batter another's face. In this city, more than any other in the country, the prize ring has been the scene of rank frauds upon the public. That fact is so generally admitted that it needs no argument. Again, in this city, more than any other in the country, the prize ring is a recruiting station for all sorts of criminals. Reference to the police records amply proves this assertion. The prize fighters and their managers have more influence with the Supervisors than any improvement club in San Francisco. The plain truth is, that for the sake of a few votes in the Tenderloin, the Supervisors are fostering a nest of criminals, who, like Gates, will turn loose upon the country as soon as dissipation has defeated them in the ring. Is it not about time that the people should be awakened to the evil? There are other boys, like Gates, who are even now entering upon a career of crime, commencing at the prize ring. It is certainly worth while to try to save them.

THE MAN WHO SPITS.

This is a respectful and earnest petition suggested by women petitioners (who have written the News Letter) to His Honor the Mayor, Mr. Ruef and the Board of Health, that the ordinance restricting expectoration in public places be enforced. The warm summer winds are on, and the dried sputa, with its germs of tuberculosis is being blown hither and yon, infecting the just and the unjust alike, and nothing is being done by the Mayor, Mr. Ruef or the Board of Health.

Last week a very estimable old lady slipped in a lot of expectoration on Market street, and is lying ill with a contused hip and a serious internal difficulty as a result. If this case lasts much longer or terminates fatally, there is promised a damage suit against the city. Surely the very refined and ultra sensitive souls we have mentioned can have no objection to enforcing the law regarding expectoration. The enforcement works a hardship on no one. It prevents harm, conduces to good health and introduces many of the Mayor's supporters to decency.

"MOTHER" JONES.

Paris has had an experience in Louise Michel, the petroleuse," which will take a century to efface. The United States is a large country, but Colorado was not large enough to hold one of the Michel stripe of woman. "Mother Jones" has come to San Francisco. This woman belongs to the female agitators and murderers of the "Terror." She should be closely watched, not by the local police, but by the National Secret Service. She knows no country and no flag. She has no religion out destruction. She believes in flames and license run riot, and wherever she has been she has been an influence for evil. Under a soft voice she hides the claws of a tiger, and under the form of a woman the objection to all restraint and law. California is not large enough for this woman, and there are only two places in the State where she would be entirely welcome—San Quentin and Folsom.

Oh, Lord! This is ridiculous! Another woman across the bay has caught another robber and actually lectured the poor brute before she let him go. Married women and maids are alike afflicted with the thief-catching disease. It is so much safer, too, for the thief to let himself be caught and run his risks than to take chances with a woman flushed with triumph over his capture.

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The Lady of the Chafing Dish

By Lady Algy

In the good old summer time the way to a man's heart frequently lies via a chafing dish supper. The girl who can concoct a tempting feed to trip on the heels of a ragtime evening is rated as a matrimonial piece de resistance. She may have the cook prepare the savory messes in the kitchen and merely heat it in the chafing dish, bluffing it through as her own make; she may really be a clever mixologist—there's sure to be a piping hot proposal before the chafing dish cools many times.

However, the chafing dish is a parlor trick not copyrighted by the marriageable Miss. The bachelor girl has unraveled its mysteries, for she knows in its steaming cheer lies good fellowship. She realizes that 'tis sport to shoot at quail on toast, and the bachelor girl believes in everything that is sportsmanlike.

There are a number of chafing dish experts among our society maids and matrons. Mrs. "Willie" Vanderbilt was high priestess at a chafing dish supper while she was here, and the epicures who tasted her chicken terrapin declared it would have tickled the palate of Lucullus. Mrs. Vanderbilt wrote out the recipe for a friend, which is printed here verbatim: "Have a tender chicken cut into small pieces; pour over it a cream sauce with two hard-boiled eggs cut fine; add a glass of sherry and heat through thoroughly." Mrs. Oelrichs has always been a wizard in the culinary line—she still carries a scar on one hand that was gained in honorable service over the range when the Fair family lived on Pine street. Miss Tessie suddenly took it into her head to broil the chops for luncheon, and a chop that was "awfully English, don't you know," spluttered all over her hand. Mrs. Oelrichs can "poulette" oysters in a chafing dish in a fashion to make a chef sit up and take notice. The receipt which she uses has a "Don't" in capital letters. Don't let the oysters boil. They should be heated just the safe side of the boiling point and then add butter the size of an egg, into which one tablespoon of flour has been rubbed; one cup of rich cream, the lightly-beaten yolks of two eggs, and seasoning to taste.

Mrs. Tompkins, Ethel Keeney who was, was an expert candyologist, and could out-Gruenhagen Maskey when the spirit moved her and a chafing dish was handy. She recently sent to a friend here this bonafide receipt for Maillard's famous chocolate caramels dear to every one with a sweet tooth. Boil for about five minutes one cup of molasses and two cups of sugar; add one cup of milk, into which has been dissolved one-half cup of unsweetened chocolate; add a lump of butter the size of a large walnut, and when the mixture is about the right consistency, flavor with two teaspoons of vanilla extract. The caramels can be tested in water like all other candy.

The summer that Ethel Hager had a bungalow at Monterey, the chafing dish was put through some pretty paces. Miss Hager knows the savory art backwards, and between herself and friends the chafing dish yielded up some mighty tempting mid-night suppers. One of the favorite dishes during that summer was crab a la creole, which is prepared in the following manner: Have the creole end of the dish prepared in the kitchen beforehand, as it is not conveniently within the limitations of the chafing dish. For this sauce, brown in butter two fresh or one-half cup of canned tomatoes, chives, a dash of paprika, a sprinkle of lemon juice, and a bit of minced

parsley. The minced crab is put in the chafing dish, the creole sauce poured over it, and when steaming hot it is spread on buttered toast.

The Bruguere boys all know the high signs and pass words of the chafing dish cult. Eggs are their favorite night feed, and they can play the egg stunt with all sorts of variations. Louis Bruguere is famous among the Newport cottagers for the cheese omelet which he presides over. The omelet is prepared by mixing two slices of grated bread with half a cup of milk and four table-spoons of grated cheese. When the eggs are beaten to a froth the whole mixture is poured into the chafing dish, tossed over, browned, and the chef gets ready for the next, for the guests always cry "more."

Coffee in the chafing dish is sometimes grounds for fractured friendships. Under the most favorable circumstances coffee is frequently an uncertain venture, and in a chafing dish it is more apt to be a failure. Mrs. Sam Buckbee, who has unraveled all the kinks in coffee making, says the only way to make it successfully in a chafing dish is to let the water come to a boil and then pour it over the grounds, which have been put into another receptacle. The beverage is then poured back into the chafing dish and allowed to boil again. Too many people put the coffee into the boiling water instead of pouring the water on the grounds.

Miss Ella O'Connor, who was on intimate terms with the chafing dish, was particularly happy in the preparation of curried lobster. Brown one teaspoonful of finely minced onion, add two teaspoonfuls of curry powder, one pint weak soup stock and dash of salt. Boil together for five minutes. Put in pint of lobster and serve when heated.

Mrs. Worthington Ames will no doubt punctuate the summer evenings at her new bungalow with her famous chafing dish suppers. Here is one of her favorite receipts:

Stewed Soft Clams.—Trim rough parts from one-half-dozen large, soft clams. Put one teaspoonful of butter in chafing dish, and when quite hot, add one-half pint of boiled milk, one spoonful of cracker dust, a dash of salt and cayenne pepper. Simmer three minutes.

Miss Florence Baily, who is to be one of this summer's brides, can preside most gracefully over a chafing dish. Brook trout is one of her infallible successes. Clean the fish carefully and drege with flour. Put two teaspoonfuls of butter in the chafing dish, and when hot lay in the trout and fry to a nice brown. Serve as soon as done, with sprigs of green or slices of lemon as a garniture. No salt will be required when fried in butter.

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The Political Situation

The Horse and Carts may be very astute politicians, but if they are, they have shown no evidences of it by their management of their present campaign against the Honorable Gavin McNab. The avowed object of their campaign is to fight McNab, and there is no other reason for their existence. Why, then, they allowed the astute Scotchman to carry all the wards; to boss the whole State Convention; to make a perfect political Phoenix of himself, is past finding out. If they wanted to fight McNab, they should have done it at the primaries, as I have several times suggested in this correspondence. I asked one of their leaders, whose loud voice was among the leading features of the last municipal convention in this city, if the O'Brien boys were not going to put up a special fight at the Democratic primaries, and he told me they were; but it seems that in their case their foresight was better than their hindsight, and as a result, they made no fight at the primaries this month but announced that they would put off their combat until the primaries in August, when a convention to choose electors and candidates for the Legislature are to be named.

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If they had made the fight two weeks ago they would have had the support of Hearst, his paper, his influence, and, above all, his money, which they certainly will not have in August, and their chances of winning would have amounted to a good deal, and at least they would have divided the San Francisco delegation instead of allowing McNab to cast it solidly for Gould for chairman, in the crucial fight of the convention.

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And that leads me to ask what kind of a political manager is Tarpey? Why did he allow McNab to get all the works when he could easily have rallied his forces around the nucleus furnished by the Horse and Carts? He says now that McNab, when he was East last winter, met Hearst and pledged himself to stand by the editor in his contest for President. McNab says he did nothing of the kind. He says he saw Hearst at the latter's suggestion, and that Hearst spent the time they were together explaining that the roasts which the Examiner gave the San Francisco boss some years ago were like the publication of Father Yorke's attack on Maguire, and the Examiner's refusal to print Maguire's reply a mistake of the bad, foolish, unfortunate men who at the time controlled Hearst's San Francisco sheet, but whom, nevertheless, Hearst has never repudiated in public, but on the contrary has rewarded for their behavior to Maguire and McNab by electing them to Congress or placing them at the head of his papers in other cities. Evidently McNab, the Scotchman, is not so gullible as Maguire, the Irishman, or not so good-natured or forgiving, for whatever the cause, McNab came home laid low, allowed the State Central Committee to pass a froth and worthless endorsement of Hearst at its meeting a month or so ago, then quietly waited until the time came, and then with the skill of an Italian banditti, rather than like a Scotchman, he struck his political stiletto between the ribs of his old-time enemy, the latter's explanation to the contrary notwithstanding, and deftly turned it in the wound. But what was Tarpey doing all the time? He should have taken no chances; and if McNab refused to come out squarely for his man, should have

endeavored with the alliance of the Horse and Carts to have defeated him at the primaries. It will do the Horse and Carts and Tarpey very little good to defeat McNab in August, a month after the St. Louis convention has adjourned, even if they can then, for be it remembered that with the added prestige of his grand victory, it is going to be no easy task to defeat him at all.

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The blunder of Tarpey is all the more inexcusable that he ought to have known where McNab stood both by the position occupied by his local newspaper organ, and by the avowed hostility of Lane to Hearst. Any tyro in politics knows that Lane would never have taken the position he did if McNab had not approved of it; for even if personally he had intended to oppose Hearst, his obligations and connections with McNab are such that he would not have come out openly and fought Hearst; writing letters and publishing interviews against him; if McNab had not O. K.'d them. When all these facts are considered, and the supreme folly and shortsightedness of Tarpey in managing the campaign in this, the most important State in the Union for Hearst to carry, it is charity to say that he is one of the poorest politicians California has ever produced. Why, it is asked, was Tarpey in Oregon and Washington, States which altogether have not the delegates that California sends to St. Louis, when the primaries were being held here, and when there was so much work to be done in the State?

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There are other facts which are being commented upon. For instance, people are asking why Barney Murphy, if he was really for Hearst, did not take advantage of the absence of the San Francisco delegation when the Convention was called to order Monday, to put Jeter in the chair? As one of the Jeter shouters said in seconding the ex-Lieutenant-Governor, the selection of a chairman was all important, as he could appoint the committees and could have named a committee on platform which would have given Hearst the emphatic indorsement and pledge of united support which he so much desired. Again it is asked why Budd and Maguire were not at Santa Cruz? They were supposed to be Hearst's best friends, and undoubtedly have much influence, but they were most conspicuous by their absence, and yet all the anti-Hearst forces and leaders were on hand. Barry with his Star sat right below the platform; Lane was there, too; and Dockweiler and Ed. Leake and Ben Maddox, and in fact every one who was a pronounced anti-Hearst man; but the editor's friends were confined almost entirely to his paid advocates, and the regular employees of his paper.

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Lane, when he said that the resolution offered by the majority of the committee on platform recommending Hearst, but not endorsing him, had extended the hand of conciliation to the Hearst faction, a hand which they in their folly had rejected, summed up the whole situation, and Tarpey would have shown himself wise if he had risen as Lane sat down and had then and there accepted the majority resolution. But Tarpey was conspicuous by nothing so much as by his poor generalship. In this connection I must not forget to call attention to his display of anger with the Alamedans who refused to follow his dic-

tation and voted for Gould for chairman. He informed them that they must not come near his headquarters any more, and could no longer smoke Hearst's cigars or drink his whiskey. The roasting some of them gave him showed that then and there he drove them permanently into the anti-Hearst campaign. In striking contrast with the Tarpey policy on that occasion, McNab smiled as blandly on the six or eight San Francisco delegates who flew his coop as on the 160 who remained faithful. He probably will cut their political throats if they ever come up for office again, but he will do it quietly and pleasantly. To sum it all up, McNab is the boss of the Democratic party in this State; and I shall be very much surprised if the Horse and Carts accomplish much in their efforts to down him next August. If I were a Democrat and wanted to ride on the ban I wagon in this town, I would get up close to McNab and try to get my knees under his lap-robe.

The second municipal victory of the Hays brothers at San Jose, is probably the end of the Mackenzie regime in that town, for an organization like MacKenzie's cannot survive two disastrous campaigns. Of course, there will be opposition to the Hayeses in the future, and some day they will be defeated.

The success of the Hayeses, of course, makes them political factors of importance in the State, and it is by no means impossible that one of them may be a candidate for the Senate next winter. They can, of course, dictate the Legislative nominations from Santa Clara, and pledge them, except hold-over Senator Shortridge, for themselves. The defeat of the Mackenzieites also means that Lou O'Neal has no chance to go back to the State Senate this year; and that Louis Montgomery might as well retire from the nomination for Congress. In fact, they are in a position to play the bosses to perfection, and no doubt they will. I have been asked where Jim Rea gets off in the combination. I do not know, but as he has publicly declared that he does not like Spooks, I presume he will now be given ample time to attend to his electric railroad and real estate business. His elimination and that of Mackenzie from Santa Clara politics illustrates very strikingly that "a house divided against itself shall fall." When Rea and Mackenzie pulled together they were invincible, but they quarreled, and look at the result.

The Republicans at Sacramento did, of course, what everybody knew they would do; and while they had plenty of oratory, it lacked the fire and enthusiasm of the Santa Cruz variety. The delegates at large would show that Harrison Gray Otis is not a political factor of much importance in this State, as he was forced to witness the triumph in Judge McKinley of a bitter enemy. It shows, too, that John D. Spreckels is admitted back in the fold again, which means that Burns is absolutely eliminated from State politics, and it means that Abe Ruef is on top in the State on the Republican side, just as Gavin McNab is on the Democratic.

Summing up the result of the two conventions, it may be truthfully said that the power of the daily press does not amount to much in California, and that of all the professions that of editor—or at least of newspaper proprietors—is least likely to help a man politically. The only San Francisco newspaper owner who seems able to get anything for himself is the one who confessedly has nothing to do with the editorial management of his paper.

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And weary is the graduate,
With pick and shovel toiling,
For halcyon days have wobbled past
And life is nought but moiling;
His back is bowed, his legs are weak,
His chest does not inflate,
He knows he has a master,
And he calls that master, "Fate."

The whole question of employers' liability in case of accident to employee is in a state of confusion. The old law which barred absolutely any recovery where the accident was due to negligence of a fellow employee has been modified somewhat lately, while the responsibility of the employer for safety of machinery and appliances has been restricted somewhat. A local case has recently come up in which the plaintiff claims that he would not have been injured had he been informed of the nature of the machinery, and that there was danger of his clothing being caught in a bolt, which in reality occurred and caused his injuries. This raises a very pretty question, and should lead to an important decision. In the case of the Rio the decision will have a curious effect upon the employment of the Chinese crews. It is not conceivable at present that the crews will be discharged, and there will be a pretty piece of work in teaching the Mongolians to speak English. I should like to hear a Chinese coolie delivering himself in English learned from a Scotch mate.

A Berkeley upholsterer has just published an astronomical work entitled "How to Know the Starry Heavens; An Invitation to the Study of Suns and Worlds." It would be easy to be satirical and to make cheap jokes about telescope chairs and such, but as a matter of fact the thing does not strike me that way. I am so surprised at a man modestly following his occupation and yet pursuing his hobby without any wish to make money or position out of it, that I cannot avoid what may easily be the impertinence of a few words of commendation. There is a sanity about the performance which is a little foreign to us. It is to be hoped that our upholsterer astronomer will keep it up, but let him remember that the chief interest of the story lies in the fact that he is an upholsterer.

The "Cap and Bells" Club was founded after all. I fancied that the name might be too much for it, but no! it lives and justifies its existence by making a fool of itself to begin with. It is taking up the study of Shakespeare, the French language and psychics. There is a mixture for you. Poor Shakespeare will not long stay in the race, and I fear the French language will be beaten in the first round of the linguistic encounter. But psychics! Ah, there is something that will last, something broad enough and wide enough and mysterious enough to hold the attention and bring such delightful, big-eyed, long-haired, white-handed things in trousers to discuss it. Ladies of the Cap and Bells, my health to your club! "Long live Psychics."

"Chivalry in the Legal Profession" was one of the subjects upon which a graduating pupil addressed an admiring and perspiring throng at the recent commencement exercises. It is an inspiring subject, and should have lent wings to poetic imagination as chivalry has always done. It is due to Sir Walter Scott, more than any one else, that the mass of people have been so slow in learning that the chivalry of the Middle Ages was simply an agreement among the aristocracy to leave one another's women alone. Other women did not count. It is merely chivalrous enough from the lawyer's standpoint to leave one another's clients alone. Unfortunately, however, this code of ethics is too high for the local bar, and runners are employed by many firms, while backbiting is part of the general stock in trade. If this point of view were explained at length it would make interesting reading, and profitable withal.

The disappearance of young girls is of too frequent occurrence in this city, and some explanation should be made by the police authorities. A healthy young woman is not an easy subject to dispose of, and unless she is too willing, should be able to make any attempt at abduction very difficult, if not impossible. The fact is, and there is no use in blinking at it, that many of our young girls are not so unsophisticated as we fondly imagine, and that there is a sort of (one would say subterranean, but that the upper floors of the French restaurants are the usual route) connection between many of them and a section of vicious society. The pure girl is safe enough as a rule, so long as she keeps the track; the other sort is too wide awake to run much risk, but the girl who is half and half, a nice girl with occasional lapses, is deceived some time or other. Here is the explanation of some of the erratic movements of our girls. Events prove this solution applies in the Edith Williams case.

John McNaught must have a sense of humor sufficiently great to allow him to make fun of such an august body as the Starr King Fraternity; or he must have overlooked his hand. He states that this is a thinking age, distinguished by "real, virile thinking power." Is this so? It is a sensational age, swayed more and more by high sounding twaddle. If Mr. McNaught really fancies that the age is one of thought, let him publish the "Call" for one week according to that idea and he will find out. He has not found out yet because he has never tried it. The "Call" or any other paper as an organ for thinking people would be an innovation in local journalism which it would be hard to imagine. With the "Call" thoughtful and the Examiner truthful, we should be so near the millennium that we should not need to read papers at all.

The presentation of a bronze medal for personal bravery, awarded to a police officer the other day calls attention to the benefit of providing some mark for such acts as would receive a more general recognition. An order of merit would be a fine incentive to personal endeavor, and a stimulus to those altruistic actions which help to gild our general sordidness. I suppose, however, it is too much to hope for. Some politician would get his work in, and before we knew where we were the medals would be distributed wholesale to the Fire Department and the Teamsters' Union. Democracy is doubtless a very fine thing, but it plays the very deuce with anything like distinction.

MARK TWAIN ON LAKE TAHOE.

Mark Twain said that Lake Tahoe would make even an Egyptian mummy feel lively. And Mark knew, because he had been there. Take advantage of the great excursion which leaves San Francisco at 8.05 p. m. Saturday, May 28th, and spend a couple of days at Tahoe. Round trip rate, exclusive of sleeper accommodations, \$8.50. Tickets sold in San Francisco and Oakland, and good to return on or before May 31st. Ask at Southern Pacific Office, 613 Market street.

INFORMATION FREE.

To educate the population of this city is a large undertaking, and can only be done properly by specialists in their different lines. A new departure in our educational system has been started by the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company, 415 Post street, with the opening of their Information Bureau, where full instructions for the use of gas for all purposes are given. The demonstration rooms are located in the basement in connection with the gas stove department, where all kinds of gas appliances may be seen in actual operation. A new stairway of solid oak leads from the office to this department, which will be thrown open to the public early during the coming week. Much valuable information may be obtained by paying a visit to the new department.

G. H. Umbesen & Co. will hold an extraordinary sale of residence, investment, improved and unimproved property at their salesroom on Monday, May 23d, at 12 o'clock noon. The sale is by order of the Hibernia Bank, and the terms are very liberal, only one-fifth cash. This is an unheard-of opportunity for those who are seeking investment for idle capital or for people who wish to improve the earning capacity of their money. The fact that the property is offered by the Hibernia Bank is a guarantee in itself of the producing quality of the real estate. Every title has been carefully looked into, and it is rare indeed that such property is offered to the buyer at his own figure. Don't forget this auction.

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LIBRARY TABLE

Ruler of Kings. Harper & Brothers has published "Rulers of Kings," by Gertrude Atherton, the popular California author. The story is based upon the power of great wealth in the hands of a man who has been brought up as a democrat. The author first shows the effect of an experimental education on a boy whose father is the richest man in the world, and needless to add an American. The father's theory is to bring the boy up with the idea that he is almost penniless, to make him earn his way through college, to keep him in absolute ignorance of his position, and when he has proved himself a man, to reveal to him that he will eventually inherit some \$400,000,000. The boy's sister, on the other hand, is educated at the Austrian court, being the constant companion and only friend of the Emperor's daughter. The author is not satisfied to have written an historical novel of the past; she selects her theme from the events which are making history, and even goes beyond; anticipating the power of American wealth, which makes the rich man a ruler of kings. She contrasts New World wealth with Old World royalty; she touches upon the agitated question of capital and labor; she describes the rivalry between the Archduchess of Austria and the Emperor of Germany for the favor of the Hungarian people. She hints that her hero, representing American wealth, in conjunction with the German Emperor, will become the greatest powers of the world, and finally marries the former to the Archduchess. It is a daring theme, developed with the greatest diplomacy; original in conception, and designed to make the reader stop to think.

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"The Panorama of Sleep."

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The rapidly-growing popular interest in Mental Healing will bring "First Lessons in the New Thought" into quick appreciation. Probably in its method it is the simplest, the least technical treatise yet issued for the setting forth of the great truth which it considers. The book should be welcomed by hosts of people who are feeling their way into New Thought, and who are looking for a plain statement of what it means and of how its benefits are to be utilized.

James H. West Co., Publishers, Boston.

"Little Gardens," just published by D. Appleton & Co., is in plenty of time to give much useful information on the subject of seeds, planting and gardening in general. The book should be a good seller in the country, and also in suburban towns, where gar-

den lots are small. The author, Charles K. Skinner, even encourages utilizing every available inch of ground in the big cities; no space being too small for a little garden.

A CURE FOR CARBOLIC POISONING.

An antidote has been found for carbolic acid poisoning, and in view of the fact that San Francisco suffers from the curse of poisoning by carbolic acid and the gas route, it is of interest to the people to know that a Mr. Allen, a Dublin veterinary surgeon, discovered that ordinary turpentine is an antidote to carbolic acid. On Saturday, a well-known chemical expert in Dublin tested the efficacy of the antidote on a dog. A dose of carbolic acid was first administered, and when all the ordinary symptoms of carbolic poisoning had been developed, oil of turpentine was applied, and the dog recovered within a short time. A curious thing about the discovery is that it was due more or less to an accident. Mr. Allen had some horses in his establishment which were suffering from carbolic poisoning, and he asked for oil to be applied as an antidote. It was only when the effects were found to be so unexpectedly successful that it was discovered that it was turpentine that had been administered. A few days after a blacksmith who was unconscious from the effects of carbolic poisoning was treated similarly, with satisfactory results. It now remains for some genius to discover a means to curtail the mortality caused by carbon monoxide as made by our benevolent gas corporation.

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 All the bees that buzz around it
 —Hum the soft refrain:
 "Summer incense—we have found it—
 Clover after rain."

Winds the trail, rough, steep and glowing
 To the frowning pines;
 Gleams the ghostly summit, showing
 Where the snow drift shines;
 Hard the road and long the tramping,
 Glorious the gain,
 In the scent of clover, camping—
 Clover after rain.

—Roland Whittle.

Dear Bessie: The city is commencing slowly to empty for the first few weeks of summer in the country, which are, to my way of thinking, the pleasantest in California while there is still something green to be seen. But, as you know, there are always some people left in town, and therefore we who are not utterly stagnant during the dull season, generally find something to do. Most of the entertaining done of late has been for visiting strangers, and Honolulu has supplied several whom it has been a great pleasure to meet. Bernie Drown Boardman gave her first tea since her marriage last Monday for Mrs. Dillingham, who recently arrived from that paradise of the Pacific, and with whom I believe the Boardmans stayed during their recent visit to Honolulu. At Mrs. John F. Merrill's little informal tea, a few mutual friends were invited to meet Mrs. Damon of Honolulu, and her daughter May, who are here from their island home on a brief visit to Mrs. Merrill en route East. Sophie Brownell's telephone tea was given for Miss Cook of Minneapolis, and was a jolly little affair, small and informal; Eleanor Davenport's recent luncheon was for Louise Cooper, who is here on a visit from Santa Barbara—eight or ten girls, all schoolmates in the past. At Mrs. Henry Dutton's bridge party last Friday afternoon, which was for Louise Cooper, there were about a dozen players.

Mrs. Louis Monteaule's luncheon on Tuesday was a welcome to Mrs. Welty, who is here on a visit to her mother, and who as Eleanor Wood was associated with Mrs. Monteaule in much of the charitable work done by St. Luke's church people; Eleanor Warner was the motif for Mabel Donaldson's pretty luncheon on Wednesday. By the way, have you noticed what a number of charming women we have whose first names are Eleanor? There are Eleanor Davenport, Eleanor Warner, Eleanor Hume, nee Eckart, Eleanor Welty, nee Wood, Eleanor Roosevelt, nee Morrow, to say nothing of Mrs. Eleanor Martin, and how fond they all are of giving pleasure to their friends! Apropos of Mrs. Martin, it has been rather a disappointment to the swim that she did not give some kind of an elaborate entertainment in honor of Mrs. Peter during her stay; the nearest approach to it was the dinner she gave Mrs. Peter's father, Mr. Charles Oelrichs, who was here for a couple of weeks, but has now gone home to New York, taking his son Harry with him. The Columbia Theatre has just bristled with theatre parties this week to see Mans-

field. Monday night they were dotted all over the house, and each of course had its supper afterwards, mostly at the Palace. We had Gertrude Wheeler's concert in Century Hall on Tuesday night; Mrs. Arthur Moore gave a bridge party on Monday afternoon—just a few lovers of the game; Mrs. Ryland Wallace had a card party on Wednesday.

The De Guigne girls gave the first out-of-town gathering this summer in the shape of a tennis party at Baywood, their grandmother, Mrs. Parrott's, home in San Mateo last Saturday afternoon, and from all I hear there will soon be a lot more, or rather I should say garden parties, given there and at Burlingame.

I had a letter from Grace the other day, who chanced to be over in Ireland during the recent royal visit there, and came in for a good deal of the festivity connected with it. Among other things, she was at the Puchestown races, which are among the great annual events in the Green Isle, and she writes enthusiastically of the beauty of the women and the pretty gowns some of them wore. But among them all she thought none shone more brightly than our own American girl, one of the daughters of the Bonynges, and now the wife of Sir John Maxwell, who was so exquisitely gowned at the dinner which preceded the ball given by the Duke of Connaught, who is commander of the forces in Ireland, and the Duchess gave in honor of King Edward and Queen Alexandra. At the races the day before Lady Max-

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well wore a beautiful costume of pale gray embroidered in white, black and gray, and a large black chip hat with ostrich feathers. She says she also saw Lady Hesketh—Flora Sharon, you know—at the races. Flora is simply devoted to Ireland.

Leontine Blakeman has got the traveling bee in her bonnet, and departs with her mother for St. Louis next week, and gossip has it that they will stray farther away from home; so when are we to see again the lovely blake, as she is fondly termed by her friends?

San Rafael seems to be the chosen place for the swim this summer. I mean, of course, those who are not lucky enough to own homes of their own in the San Mateo-Burlingame district, and already there is quite a formidable list of those who will be in that pleasant vale the next few weeks. The Pomeroy's go over on the first of June, but they have their own home, as well as the Eells, the Harry Allens, and the Dibblees. Mrs. George Boardman has taken a house for the summer, as usual, and there will be found, among others, the Sam Buckbees, Ed. Schmiedells, Seward McNears, the Coffins, including Natalie, Jas. Otisses, etc. Mamie Burling Page has also gone over to San Rafael, but whether she remains there all summer depends on her health, for she has been a sad invalid part of the winter and all of the spring. Mrs. Burling is with her.

We very much miss the Henry Huntingtons, who now make Los Angeles their home, and the charming parties both Mrs. Huntington and the girls were so fond of giving. They are going East this summer and then abroad, and I have heard Egypt named as where they will spend next winter, so I fear it will be a long time till San Francisco sees them again. We heard of the Bull girls and Harriet Moffatt this week; they are having a delightful time in Italy. The Horace Hills have gone abroad; they will spend the summer in Europe and take in St. Louis on their way home.

I hear Ethel Sperry says she will come back to town in the autumn as brown as a berry, as she intends to spend the summer away up in the Sierras, fishing, bear hunting and living out-of-doors generally. Alice Sullivan goes in June to Phelan Park, where the rest of the family are already installed for the season; the Blanchard Chases also depart June 1st for Stagg's Leap; the Colliers have gone to their Clear Lake cottage for the summer; the Louis Parrotts are to be at the Vendome for several weeks after they leave Paso Robles; the Lindsley Spencers will be at San Mateo during June; Ollie Palmer and Silas have already taken up their rest at Menlo Park for the summer; Mrs. Richard Sprague and the girls go to Santa Barbara, I hear; Doctor Morton Gibbons and Mary are off for a flyer to Reno to display their recently acquired treasure, Morte, Jr., and will stay a week or so with Mrs. Sunderland. The Russ Wilsons have decided to remain in town all summer, and just make short visits in different directions; Laura McKinstry is to be another stay-at-home; she says she has had enough of gadding for a time, and will only make brief "calls" on friends in the country. Meda Houghton is expected home from the Philippines about the middle of June; she has been there on a visit to her sister. It has seemed like old times to see the Lockwoods at the Presidio; Colonel Lockwood has been in the Philippines the past two years, and Mrs. Lockwood arrived from the East last week to meet her husband, who came on the Sherman with his regiment, the 29th Infantry, on Monday last. They go to Fort Douglas. Oakland is becoming quite depopulated of its chief entertainers; the Borax Smiths

have gone on their annual jaunt East, where they will remain all summer at their home on Shelter Island; the Frank Havens gave them a good-bye dinner last Sunday at their home at Piedmont. The Chabots have departed for the summer to their charming villa in Napa Valley. Ruth McNutt is home again from her visit East, and Margaret Newhall from her visit to Los Angeles and thereabouts, and is credited with saying she had the time of her life while away.

—Elsie.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Miss Blanche Tisdale, daughter of Mr. W. De Witt Tisdale, to Charles Peter Weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

June 1st (Wednesday)—Miss Marjorie Erwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Erwin, to Lieutenant Gibson Taylor, 13th Infantry, U. S. A. First Unitarian Church, Berkeley. Mrs. Cora Stinson, daughter of Mr. C. V. Meyerstein, to Doctor Harold A. Johnson.

Among the passengers who sailed from Boston last Wednesday morning for Liverpool were Dr. O. Mera, Mrs. H. G. Newhall, Miss Alice Newhall, Miss Lelan Newhall, Mr. Donald Newhall, all of San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Law are at present traveling in Italy and Switzerland. They will make an extensive tour of the Continent before returning home.

Arrivals at Hotel Del Monte: Mrs. C. E. Hopkins, Santa Barbara; Miss Booth, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Alkire, Mrs. Robert Bell, Mrs. A. W. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Haskell, Denver; Dr. Mary H. Bowen, Mrs. M. E. Black, Miss Helen Bowen, Francis T. Jenkin, G. W. Cobb, Chicago; Miss Jacks, Monterey; Dr. and Mrs. Thompson, R. F. McCarter, Miss L. L. McCarter, Philadelphia; J. W. Argenburgh, Miss J. Mann, Miss P. Wilkison, New York; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hotchkiss, Norwalk, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nik, Quincy; Mr. and Mrs. L. Erhardt, Atchison; Miss A. M. Cook, Miss C. Mylinger, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Faull, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Clayton, Mrs. M. E. Earle, San Jose; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. York, Portsmouth, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor and family, Columbus; William Batchler, S. W. Bramley, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Harsha, Miss Harsha, Dr. D. A. Newcomb, Dr. Theo. Kassel, Chicago; Miss M. H. Seymour, Miss I. D. Seymour, Miss Agnes Newkirk, H. S. Green, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Oliver, A. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harmon and son, New York; E. L. Fuller, Scranton; Mrs. J. McGrew, Indiana; H. J. C. Landler, Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, Geneva, Ohio.



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Pleasure's Wand.

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E. H. Sothern's coming engagement at the Columbia Theatre will follow that of Maude Adams. The great star will be seen in one of the most magnificent productions ever offered in this country. His presentation of "The Proud Prince" is said to be even more elaborate than "If I Were King."

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"The Silver Moon" will be the skit in which Grace Larue and Mr. Burke will introduce themselves to the Orpheum audiences next week. They will be accompanied by the "Inky Boys," two cute colored dance coons, who are said to be as clever as they are diminutive.

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"A Great Temptation" is the best thing that Owen Davis ever wrote, and it will be appropriately staged at the Central next week. The week will mark the initial appearance of Julia Blanc, returning to San Francisco, after a year's engagement at the American Theatre, New York.

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Seeker, Wilkes and company, consisting of clever, cunning and comical coons, will make their first vaudeville appearance at the Chutes this coming week, as will also the two Fantas, acrobatic comedians, and their trained pig, "Mike." The original Mozarto, who produces delightful music from all kinds of instruments; George and Laura Lewis, will re-appear after a long absence. Fox and Ward, the amusing black face comedians, will unload a new lot of conversation; Mildred Manning, the gifted contralto, will be heard in the latest illustrated songs, and the animatroscope will show the latest sensations in moving pictures.

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The election of Dr. Scott, of Alameda, to the principalship of the Girls' High School of this city has caused considerable discussion in the school department and among people who take interest in school affairs. For months, the School Directors caucused on the selection of a successor to Mr. Brooks. It was thought for a time that Director Mark would be chosen; then R. D. Faulkner was "among those present." Mrs. Prag's name was also mentioned, and there were others. As the campaign for the place continued, it was rumored that the plum would be secured by an outsider, who was backed by President Wheeler of the University. The result has shown that the rumor was well founded, for Mr. Wheeler spoke highly of Dr. Scott. Now, without question, Dr. Scott is admirably fitted for the place; but does his election mean that, in the opinion of the School Directors there is not a man or woman among the 900 teachers of San Francisco who is fitted by nature, by education, and by experience for the principalship of the Girls' High School? Have the School Directors given the teachers notice that none of them may hope for promotion, let them work never so hard, and let their abilities be what they may? Why is it that as soon as a desirable place becomes vacant the School Directors overlook home talent and hunt far afield for what they want? Can no good come out of Nazareth?

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I think the school teachers have just cause for complaint in this matter. The Directors have practically branded them as a lot of incompetents. The Directors' excuse is that not being school men themselves, they took the advice of President Wheeler of the University, who, of course, is a school man. Now I think that is just where they made their big mistake. Mr. Wheeler naturally looks to the high schools as feeders for the university, and naturally, again, he prefers as principal of a high school one who agrees with this idea. It may be presumed that Dr. Scott thinks the high school course should be nothing more than a preparatory course for the university. That is a wrong idea. A very small percentage of high school pupils ever reach the university. Their parents can scarcely afford the high school course, and the University is altogether beyond their means. The high school course should be complete, so far as it goes, and not be merely preparatory to something else at Berkeley. The few who intend going to the University should arrange to receive special instruction. The high school was never intended for their special benefit, but rather for the benefit of those youths who want more education than they can obtain in the grammar grades. I think, therefore, that the School Directors made a mistake in calling in Mr. Wheeler as counselor. They should be able to conduct the School Department without the aid of the eminent Berkeleyan. They should also remember that the people of this city are in favor of home rule, and that the charter provides that all employees of the city and county must have been residents of San Francisco for one year next preceding their appointment. Dr. Scott is not a resident of this city. He is a citizen of Alameda. By appointing him to the principalship of the Girls' High School, the School Directors have not only violated the charter, but, without any apparent cause, they have cast reflection upon the entire body of teachers in this department.

The Board of Education has made provision in its estimate of expenses for the next fiscal year for raising the salaries of school teachers from \$50 to \$60 a month, and for reducing the term of service at the end of which the maximum salary of \$80 may be obtained from eight to six years. The friends of the public schools trust that the Finance Committee will favorably report upon this recommendation, and that the allowance asked will be made in the budget. Among all the employees of the city the school teachers receive the smallest consideration. The salaries now paid them were fixed years ago. The amount allowed might have been suitable at that time, for the city was not so large as at present by a couple of hundred thousand; the classes were smaller; rents were lower; the cost of living was less, and the salary was more commensurate with the necessities of the teachers. But the city has grown with tremendous strides; we are now not far from a half million population; the classes have doubled in size, having increased from an average of about thirty-five up to sixty; rents have gone up, and the cost of living is much greater than when the schedule of salaries was fixed. Meanwhile, the teachers, under the ever-increasing pressure of their public duties and their private needs, have had to struggle along on the same old stipend. Many of them find it next to impossible to make both ends meet; others become nervous wrecks under the strain. It is time that a generous city should recognize their worth by increasing their salaries. Even \$60 a month is but a small amount for a school teacher. Judged by the standards of both public and private life it is very low. There is not a petty clerk in the City Hall, be his work ever so simple, who does not receive at least \$100 a month. He has no responsibility; he drops his work when he leaves the office; no demands are made upon his nervous organization; he requires no power of initiative, of administration; he is not required to give all that is in him, physical and intellectual, to his work. Yet his pay is double that of the teacher. Why, the men who ram the paving stones in the streets are paid five dollars a day by the city. The teachers are worthy of their hire. They should send a delegation to the Supervisors to aid their own cause. Public sentiment is with them. The people are in favor of increasing their salaries. The Supervisors and the School Directors can do nothing more commendable than raising the pay of the class teachers.

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If Ida Mooney's tale be true, then the Grand Jury has another opportunity of investigating the illegal and high-handed methods of the police department. This girl, who is over eighteen years old, was taken by a detective from her place of employment in a restaurant last March, and without being given opportunity to obtain any advice or assistance, was haled before the Chief of Police, or the Captain of Detectives at the City Hall. There she was confronted by a Mrs. Cardine Trotman, who had brought the girl from New Zealand, and who claimed to be her guardian.

"This girl has left my home and will not give me her earnings," said Mrs. Trotman. "I want her sent back to New Zealand."

"Very good," said the police official. Without more ado, a detective took charge of the girl, and took her forthwith to the steamer Panama, which sailed that day for New Zealand, with Ida Mooney aboard. The

police simply kidnapped her, and without giving her any opportunity to communicate with her friends they shipped her out of the country. In the days of the Bastille the police of Paris disposed of people in a similar summary manner. But her friends heard of the outrage. They cabled to Honolulu. When the steamer arrived there, lawyers interceded in her behalf, and she was released. The Federal authorities then put her on a sailing vessel bound for this port, and she arrived here last Sunday. Now, the girl and her friends will find out whether she can obtain damages for her illegal deportation. Her experience is extraordinary. Years ago, boarding house runners made fortunes "shanghaiing" sailors on deep-water vessels, but it has remained for the present management of the police department to "shanghai" young girls. If the Police Commissioners have time to look into this outrageous abuse of authority, they may get some more information regarding the illegal practices of their department.

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A circus man recovered a trunkful of snakes from a hated rival last Tuesday. The hated rival had been making money at the Hearst headquarters at Santa Cruz. He said he needed the snakes no longer because Hearst's men furnished bigger, livelier and more variegated reptiles absolutely without cost.

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John Alexander Dowie was hooted and stoned in Australia, but the cable says that 123 of his converts, all in good circumstances, are about to sail for this city, bound for Zion, where they will invest their funds in Dowie's enterprises. John Alexander is one of the wonders of the modern world. Mike Tarpey made the mistake of his life when he did not cable Dowie to come back and stand for chairman at Santa Cruz, for John Alexander is a worker of miracles.

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Charles E. Norris, believing he was dying from consumption, started from this city three years ago, determined to walk himself into health, or die trying. Since then he has walked 12,000 miles and has grown fat. Hearst intends hiring him to give a lecture to the Hearst delegates at St. Louis on the beauties of walking—back home.

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A statistical gentleman at Washington reports there are 1312 Smiths in the employ of Uncle Sam. The people of this city, therefore, have but small cause for complaint.

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The War Department states that 370 soldiers were drowned while crossing streams in the Philippines between 1889 and 1902. That is a very remarkable record. Not since the Civil War have as many soldiers of the United States been killed in a battle as the number that have found death in the South Pacific because they could not swim. It would be an excellent idea to add swimming to the athletic exercises in which the men are trained at the Presidio. The beach within the reservation just west of Harbor View is admirably adapted for instruction in swimming. The waters of the bay are never too cold for vigorous men, and the enjoyment taken in the sport would make swimming popular with all branches of the service. In addition, the ability to swim would make the soldiers much more useful in the Philippines. The results of proper instruction would be of distinct advantage to the service.

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Over in Oakland, five churches have combined in a revival meeting. One of their star speakers during the week was a Captain of Police. Just imagine a

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Captain of Police as a revivalist! Many of them, no doubt, could give interesting talks on "The ways of the crooked," but the Grand Jury would prove a more interested audience than a crowd of semi-hysterical penitents in a big tent.

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Henry Miller is a versatile individual, and he handed out a bunch to the bumptious New York critics and audiences. It is a well-known fact everywhere except in New York that the average Gothamite, critic or layman, is the most provincial of all citizens of the great American Republic. He is self-sufficient, arrogant and possesses a finesse which is poised on a financial base.

"We have been encouraged by the unstinted approval of San Francisco and Chicago to make our appearance in New York in this old play. Your applause seems a vindication of our temerity in doing so. I am not a man with a grievance, but merely contending for the principle of fair play, but while, perhaps, I am pulling the walls down about my ears, a few bricks more or less from the press do not matter at this moment. I still hope conditions here will change, when an actor may expect sympathetic understanding of his purpose, and a serious consideration for a serious effort."

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"Old Heidelberg" is a play of tremendous human interest and intense local color. Mr. Mansfield wins in it by the force of his simplicity and naturalness. The exactions of "Ivan the Terrible" call for an undue prominence, leading to the unthinking to adversely criticise Mr. Mansfield's ability as a manager. He has been accused of surrounding himself with men and women of mediocre ability. "Ivan the Terrible" stands alone, in the play and through the actor, the one great central figure of a weird drama. In "Old Heidelberg" is demonstrated the falsity of any saying that Mr. Mansfield is head and shoulders above any one in his company. Every part was well taken, and the "Doctor Juttner" of Mr. Leslie Kenyon might have been played by Mansfield himself, so well was it done. Mr. A. G. Andrew's "Lutz" was a finished and artistic performance, and so well did he take his part that, blase though I be, I was filled with a desire at times to kick him where it would do the most good.

Miss Conquest was a sweet and winsome "Kathy." And right here again, it cannot be said that her work is mediocre, nor can it be said that, in her particular role she did not come up to the standard set by the star. Mansfield was perfect.

The arrival of so great an actor and so versatile a gentleman is the signal for the unbottling of the adjectival fluid and fulsome panegyric. "Mansfield, greatest actor the world has ever known," cannot be truthfully asserted. He is not the greatest actor. He is simply a clever, natural and self-willed genius, whose general tendency is in the right direction. He has as an actor most of the faculties of Edwin Booth. As a manager he has a love for the minutae of detail that is a joy forever to his public. As a business man he has dignity and a proper appreciation of the value of his own personality.

During his stay he eliminates the horrid advertising programme; he does not allow the bust developer and the vacuum cap, the elastic stocking and the remedy for varicose veins to trade on the greatness and the fame of a Mansfield. That's self-respect. He might have gone just a little farther and demanded that that hideosity, the advertising curtain, refrain from projecting its ugliness on the audience throughout the length of his stay. The settings for the Mansfield plays are superb, and this is of immense assistance to the actors.

Melbourne MacDowell and Ethel Fuller have scored a success in Victorien Sardou's "The Empress Theodora." The "Andreas" of Mr. MacDowell is more than well done; it is a perfect piece of acting, and the heroic style adopted by the actor fits well the character. Robert Elliot's characterization of the part of "Justinian" is a fine one, while Ethel Fuller's "Theodora" is as good as that of Fanny Davenport. Miss Fuller really deserves more credit than the immortal Fanny, for she has not the good looks the gods gave the Davenport. She must charm with her ability alone, and she does charm. "Theodora" is

an admirable play, well played, well staged and well worth seeing. It can be called a great success without stretching the truth. It should made a record run in the matter of attendance at the Grand.

At the Alcazar there is a new play called "Colinette." It has been likened to "Madame Sans Gene." It bears but a very slight resemblance to that celebrated play. Mr. Durkin, Adele Block and Mr. Maher, while thoroughly clever, play but a secondary part. Mr. Fred J. Butler takes his place as one of the greatest portrayals of character we have ever seen. His "Louis XVIII" is a wonder, and that act alone, the fourth, ought to fill the house nightly. The gouty old king, who succeeds in outwitting everybody, including himself, is a delightful and an artistic performance. Louis is before you, historically correct, with every attention paid to the most infinitesimal details, except the warts. These were forgotten. Apart from this, the picture given us at the Alcazar is an old mezzotint of the indulgent philosopher who posed for a brief period as the king of the Frenchmen. Mr. Butler has stamped himself as one of the greatest actors on the American stage. The stage setting is superb.

The music of the "Runaway Girl" at the Tivoli is good. The finale of the first act is an exceptionally beautiful burst. The choruses are splendid.

At the Orpheum, Yung Ku Kim and his side partner, Chi Suke Oke, in legerdermain, are the best duo in years on any stage, and are alone worth the price of admission. Hume, Lewis and Ross are an inflection. Midgley and Carlisle, in their skit, are hold-overs, and are positively fierce. They are, if anything, worse than last week. Madame Slapoffski delighted large audiences all the week, and this sweet little woman would make a good drawing card for weeks to come. On the whole, a good show, because you must not forget "Marcel" in the living pictures.

Ernest Hastings continues manfully struggling against the fearful odds of playing in a theatre that has lost all popularity.



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E. D. Price and Frederick Belasco have just returned from a tour of the East, and the Morning Telegraph of New York says of them that "they have cornered the play market." They will give San Franciscans their first view of all the latest European and American successes. For the summer attractions, White Whittlesey will begin an engagement on June 27th, and will give us some romantic plays and dramas, among which may be numbered "Heartsease" and "The Second in Command." All hail the reign of the matinee idol and the matinee girl.

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In "A Possible Case" next week the capable company will be given an opportunity to excel many of their previous efforts.

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Arthur Cunningham and Teddy Webb are making friends in the "Runaway Girl" at the Tivoli. Cunningham does full justice to the music with his fine baritone voice.

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Those who heard the scarcely audible guinea hen cacophonations of Mrs. Fiske must be in the seventh heaven of joy at the delightful enunciation of the ladies and gentlemen of the Mansfield company.

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Mr. Mansfield will be seen on Monday evening in "Old Heidelberg"; Tuesday in "Ivan the Terrible"; Wednesday in "Beau Brummel" (for the last time); Thursday in "Old Heidelberg"; Friday in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" (the only time); Saturday matinee in "Old Heidelberg," for the last time, and Saturday night (farewell), in "Ivan the Terrible."

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Next week, Melbourne MacDowell will appear as Louis Ipanoff in Victorien Sardou's "Fedora."

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Mrs. Leslie Carter will be with us once again, beginning June 13th, in "Du Barry." This clever woman's performance should test the seating capacity of the Grand.

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs

Thibet in the World's Eye.

Events the past week have shifted a small part of the Far Eastern storm-center to Thibet, and the indications are that it

will grow in importance and influence to Europe and Asia. The significance of this sudden outbreak of reckless fanaticism on the part of the Thibetans lies in the fact that it is so unjustified that the civilized world is ready to acquiesce if Great Britain now concludes to establish and maintain the jurisdiction of the London Government throughout the whole of Thibet, and give ample encouragement to European immigration and capital. Thibet would then emerge from mysticism, traditions and legendary superstition into the broad field of industrial life and commercial activity, but a lot of hard military campaigning by the British will be required before the Dalai Lama, whom Thibetans generally believe to be the incarnation of Buddha, is convinced that modern civilization has rights that even he is bound to respect, for because of his stupid superstition he has forced a condition upon Great Britain from which she cannot extricate herself other than by making Thibet at least a dependency of British India. But great as the undertaking is in the matter of acquiring more than 800,000 square miles of new territory, the political aspect of the venture is likely to become complex and far-reaching for England. Enough is already known to justify great Britain in believing that agents of Russia are the influence which moved the Dalai Lama to undertake to drive out or kill every British soldier in Thibet. Moreover, it is known that a large Russian force has appeared upon the northern boundary of Thibet, and that Russian influence and money are back of a threatened influx of Tartars to aid the Thibetans. But destiny has led Great Britain into Thibet, and being "in for it," whether she likes it or not, only the permanent occupancy of every square mile of the incarnated Buddha's country will satisfy civilization. What is confronting the British is the Dalai Lama's unorganized religious fanatics, as many blood-thirsty Tartars as Russia has money to hire to join with the Thibetans, and St. Petersburg's intrigue and secret aid in the way of arms and munitions of war for the Dalai Lama. But all that will only operate to make England the more determined to accomplish the work of redemption of Thibet from the grasp of ignorance and seclusion, which work the god of civilization and human progress has commissioned her to do. Thibet shall no longer live in the dim and uncertain past.

The situation in Manchuria.

churia is unchanged. That is to say, Japan continues to drive the Russians toward the interior, but the backward movement of the Slavs only concentrates them and shortens the route to their base of supplies, while doing exactly the reverse for the Japanese. Port Arthur is completely cut off, and is no longer a factor in Russia's movements; besides, its remoteness from the Slav's center of troops and supplies, concentration and distribution never has given it great importance, strategically speaking, except as a safe anchorage for the ships of the Russian squadron. However, it would be of great value to Japan as a base of supplies and a harbor for her warships; mostly, though, because of the railway to the present and possible future position of the Japanese army in the interior. Nevertheless, the fall of Port Arthur would undoubtedly have a very depressing effect all over Russia, and there is enough dissatis-

faction already to cause much anxiety in official circles. Already the masses are protesting against present and prospective heavier taxes for the maintenance of an army in action more than 3,000 miles distant to hold territory that is not worth half the price.

The Uncertain Russian Generals report to the Czar that the Chinese are growing more belligerent, and that their aggressiveness borders close upon an actual declaration of war.

They also point out how the Japanese strategy seems to have for its aim the driving of certain of the Russian divisions of the army across the border into Chinese territory, which would be looked upon by China as an invasion by an armed force, and made the excuse for promptly declaring war. Such a trick would not impair China's position of neutrality, since the "identical note" permits China to make war upon either Russia or Japan if the zone line is crossed. It is understood that China and Japan are in collusion in the strategy to force Russia to cross the line, and the fact that Chinese irregulars have already destroyed small portions of Russia's railway line of retreat is pretty good evidence that the Russian Generals have abundant reason for being suspicious of double-dealing by the Peking Government. But before the Russians could be driven across the border, they would have to be made to sustain a defeat so severe that in their weakness they could be flanked and driven from their natural line of retreat, when it would be either surrender or cross the border. That part of Japan's strategy is still undeveloped. In fact, a great battle has not yet been fought, nor is there likely to be one until Russia is ready. The Slay could fall back fully 200 miles from his present position in force without sacrificing any strategic points, the sacrificing of which would not be amply compensated for by the disadvantage the Japanese would labor under were they to follow the retreating enemy so great a distance inland.

The situation in German South Africa. Africa has become so dangerous to German interests that

the Kaiser has ordered 6,000 additional troops to the scene of trouble. But the natives are resisting the invasion and practical confiscation of their homes and their lands by foreigners bent upon robbing them, and it is just possible that several lots of 6,000 soldiers will have to go before the invaders are secure in their possessions. The natives are fully alive to the fact that they are marked for Germany's kind of assimilation, and they seem to have made up their minds to defend their homes and lands to the death, if need be.

Trouble Actual of Germany that American and Brewing. The insistence of the agrarians food products be denied a market in the empire is a milder

but no less selfish and avaricious policy than their fellow agrarians in South Africa are enforcing in that country. The Sublime Emperor of Turkey is complying with the "peaceful solution" plan of the powers to his entire satisfaction. His soldiers butchered 900 Albanians during the past week as a reminder to his subjects everywhere that death is the penalty for entertaining aspirations for a better condition of existence than it pleases him to grant them. Our Christian missionaries should concentrate their energies and pity upon that unspeakable Turk, the Sultan. The rural districts can afford to wait for their salvation until the nation's center of iniquity is converted.

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Speculative Trade at a Low Ebb.

The lively condition of financial affairs in this city is clearly demonstrated by the daily reports of trans-

actions in the local stock markets. A couple of transactions in bonds and as many more in shares has been about the average showing on the Stock and Bond Exchange during a session of the Board. And then take Pine street. An ore development was recently made on the Comstock which a few years ago would have sent prices kiting away up in the hundreds. Today the stock of the mine itself in which the find was made is flat and dead at a figure whereon the dividend paid monthly is at the rate of one hundred and twenty per cent per annum. The other contingencies on paper swayed by the ebb and flow of the financial tide on the street are stale and unprofitable. The spirit of speculation is dead in the community, or, rather, it does not reach much farther as a rule than a two-bit ticket in some lottery scheme which catches the cheap crowd around town, who have strings tied to their twenties. The men who form business combines here in the hope of floating off a bond issue on the dearly beloved who bank so much a week in their stockings or in the cellar, will live to learn that they have been fools for their pains. The gas combine and others of recent report could tell a little story on this point of experience gained, if they only would.

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C. WILLEMS

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It is amusing, to say the least, to watch history repeating itself as the years roll by. Time passes, men pass, but the world

wags cheerily along with the same old routine of human life, manners, customs, ideas and hobbies as in the days of Solomon, who after tasting its woes and pleasures to repletion, worn out with ennui, complained in the bitterness of his spirit that all was vanity and vexation of spirit. Something like a couple of decades ago the writer of this column was at it nip and tuck on the side of the hydraulic miner with the champion of the valley forces. The many warm (?) friends of the miner who appeared later on and absorbed all the honors of the situation when it opened out and a chance for personal profit or self-aggrandizement arose with an organization which took fully ten years to hatch out, were then lying close like a dog-fox with the weather-gauge of a pack in full cry. And now the younger generation along the mud flats of the Sacramento, yclept "cabbage patches," are up in arms again, with all the vim of their predecessors, bristling with defi and full of argument calculated to prove to their own minds the absurdity that it is better to grow potatoes in a tract of auriferous soil than to extract the gold first and then grow potatoes. Having mixed up in the same old discussion and the same old arguments ad nauseam, some one else can amuse themselves now bandying words on the subject. The result achieved by time, which has seen the orchardists of Oroville, the most bitter opponents of hydraulic mining, wash them down and out to recover the gold from the earth, should in itself suffice as an all-convincing argument that the miner comes first and then the farmer. This will be the fate of all plantations and agricultural lands in due course. Like Demetrius,

the silver smith of old, who on the passing of the manufacture of images of the goddess Diana in his city with the advent of Christianity, essayed in behalf of his own bank account to incite the populace by raising the cry of "Great is Diana of the Ephesians," some people along the Sacramento in the same spirit are evidently working toward the same end, trying to stem a current of progressive development which no earthly power can stay. Meanwhile the hydraulic men are not asleep to the possibilities of the coming so-called river convention, which to all appearances is a cunningly devised scheme to draw the mercantile classes of this city into a factional fight. It looks uncommonly like the work of the so-called farming interests organized under the title of an "Anti-Debris Association." Foiled in their efforts to smother for good the hydraulic mining interests of the State which had given California name and fame among nations before these purveyors of green stuff had left the corn-cribs in Missouri and Iowa they now are out for the dredging men, proposing to use the organized mercantile class of San Francisco as a catspaw to pull their chestnuts out of the fire. Forewarned is forearmed, and it will be hoped that this movement will be nipped in the bud. It will make things very disagreeable all round if it is not, and start a night which would not be very desirable just at a stage when the movement is on foot to boom the interests of the State at large.

**Philadelphia Roasting
Tonopah Mines.**

People out West who have been following the course of the North America of Philadelphia,

are assigning reasons of their own for the inveterate hostility shown by that paper to the Tonopah mines. These properties can stand on their own legs, and defy the "knocker" or the buttinskys of modern journalism, and need no defenders. The field is open yet, with abundant opportunities for money making, so that the hired men of John Wannamaker can still reach for a slice of fortunes by taking a trip out West like Schwab and other millionaires on the look-out for a good thing. Lots could be said about Tonopah, but it is not necessary. It is calculated from all appearances to work out its own salvation.

The Sanduyague Steel combine, launched with such a flare of journalistic trumpets, seems to be wearing into the sere and yellow leaf at an unusually early period of its career. Somebody was persuaded for some reason to endorse some notes which were speedily discounted by some financiers, when the endorser promptly sued to recover the said paper. This provoked talk, and revived the old story of the Schwab denial of complicity in the bold financial undertaking.

The full report of President Holland, covering the operations of this system for 1903 now at hand, makes a considerably better showing than the condensed figures telegraphed at the time of the meeting. The amount written off for 1903 on account of renewals and depreciation is \$247,318.47; had this amount not been deducted, the net earnings would have amounted to \$994,018.52, against \$850,631 for 1902, or \$93,387 more.

The palatial interior of the new Italian-American Bank was graced by the presence of that Prince of

Italy and of good fellows, Luigi of Savoy, and suite, upon the occasion of the opening of the doors of this most prominent financial institution. His entree was made under the escort of Dr. P. De Vecchi and P. C. Rossi, who are directors of the corporation. President Sbarboro was in happy vein, and he delivered a short speech in his usual fluent style, calling attention to the fact that the Venetians were the first to establish banking in the world and that thanks was due the Italian colony of San Francisco for the establishment of the Italian-Swiss bank, an ornament and a credit to the metropolis of the Pacific and a tribute to the thrift of the Italian population. Cashier A. E. Sbarboro was gratified by a deposit of \$3,000 from the Commissary of the Italian cruiser "Liguria." This was the first transaction of a financial nature in the new quarters.

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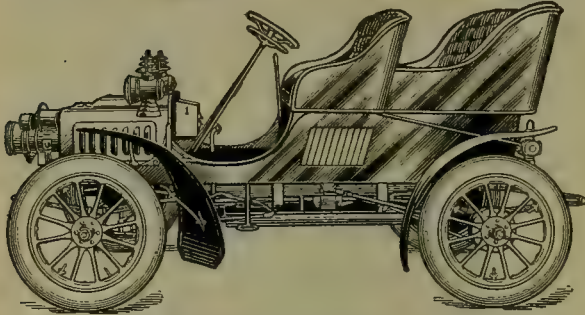
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BY THE AUTOGRAND

The Automobile Club of California has postponed the race meet and show scheduled for the latter part of the month. The race committee found when they presented the programme to the dealers that the latter were unable to take part either in a show or race, as they did not have a machine on hand.

Now, the event has been carried over to the latter part of September or the first part of October.

This should be a lesson to the club. Hereafter they "will catch the rabbit before they cook it."

In the meantime the Race Committee has sent out a circular asking for an expression of opinion on the advisability of holding an endurance run to Los Angeles and return.

It is suggested that the Los Angeles Club hold a similar event at the same time, beginning with the return on the Northern men, so as to make competition for half the way.

It is doubtful if the Southern men can get up an event of any kind, for the two clubs of that locality are not on friendly terms.

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The annual Del Monte run and one day's racing will take place in the latter part of August without "fail," states the race committee.

It was decidedly for the best that the meet and show was postponed until later in the year, for then some of the best drivers may be induced to come to the Coast. Without them the game would be flat. It will take all the intervening time to work up a successful event.

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A meeting of the Automobile Club is programmed for the end of the month, on the return of Mr. Schwerin to the city.

It will be one of the most important meetings of the year, as matters of vital importance are to be considered.

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The following European records are held by the Darracq car: Out of eight possible chances in 1903 in our class, the Darracq cars captured six world's records as follows:

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Kilometre, up hill, flying start—Voiturettes, Darracq first, time, .40; light cars, Bayard first, time, .38.

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John D. Spreckels and daughter and party of friends took a pleasant run to San Jose last Sunday in Mr. Spreckels White touring car.

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Mr. Walter Hansel, of the Stockton Automobile Company, and two friends, made a run from Stockton to Oakland in Mr. Hansel's 1902 Oldsmobile, in six hours, which included time taken for breakfast and refreshments en route. Mr. Hansel says they left Stockton at five o'clock in the morning and arrived at the Oakland pier at eleven o'clock. This is

the record run from Stockton, and Mr. Hansel believes it will stand for some time to come. Mr. Hansel, while in San Francisco, placed an additional order with the Pioneer Automobile Company for eight Oldsmobile runabouts and six tonneaus. Mr. Hansel reports the automobile business in Stockton as being very lively. He made an offer of a premium of \$100 each on six of the Oldsmobile tonneaus, which was refused, as the Pioneer people will not accept premiums on any of the machines handled by them.

The automobile trip from Oakland, through Hayward, Dublin and Livermore, bids fair to be one of the most popular routes out of San Francisco, as it is only fifty-three miles from Oakland, and a portion of the way among beautiful homes and through winding canyons, with no hills and a good road bed, and the trip is very enjoyable.

Among the many well-known San Francisco people who spent Saturday and Sunday at the Springs were Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Moore, Jr., and their guests Mr. and Mrs. Chesler Smith. Mr. R. Hamilton, accompanied by his wife and Miss L. Garrison, came over in their touring car. Mr. Maurice Casey, with Mrs. Casey, Miss Dillon, Mrs. Dillon, and Lieutenant Emery Winship, U. S. N., arrived in a White touring car Saturday, and Sunday took a ride out into the country. Dr. Charles E. Parent, Dr. Charles W. Cross were the guests of Mr. L. R. Mead on a trip from San Francisco in one of the Pierce Arrow touring cars. Mr. William V. Bryan, Mr. A. J. Moore and Mr. A. C. Pillsbury came over Saturday in a White, returning Sunday evening.

Mr. O. H. Greenwald of San Francisco arrived Wednesday in his touring car, intending to spend several weeks at the Springs.

The management is rushing to completion a very commodious garage in which to house the many cars now daily arriving, and they are also having made a very swell twelve-seated car to run to and from the trains.

Almost a minute has been clipped from the world's track record for automobiles since Alexander Winton established the mark of 1.47 in 1897, and since that time the record has been almost continuously to the credit of a Winton car. Mr. Winton raced his own cars until he had approached the minute mark, when he gave to Barney Oldfield the task of reducing the figure still further. Oldfield hit the minute mark last August at Columbus with the little Bullet, and before the season has ended, he has succeeded in getting below 55 seconds.

Mr. L. P. Lowe, whose car was recently so badly damaged in a collision, has just purchased a White touring car. The purchase was made last Saturday night, and Mr. Lowe took advantage of the next day to make a long run to San Jose. He is highly pleased with his touring car. His choice was a machine painted blue, which is out of the ordinary run of stock colors. Mr. Lowe is a member of the Board of Governors of the California Automobile Club, and one of the most popular automobilists in the city.

Mr. L. D. Esty of Soquel, Santa Cruz County, has just purchased a White touring car. He was out for a long run in it through the Park and Presidio Sunday, and expects to take it down to Santa Cruz in a few days. Mr. Teichner of the White Company will go down with him, and an interesting run and some fast time is a foregone conclusion.



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Dr. Baumeister made a trip to his ranch last Sunday in his Rambler.

R. R. Bentley took his Rambler out the first time alone last Sunday through the Park and Presidio.

Dr. W. R. T. Wirthle was about the city last Sunday in his Rambler.

Dr. J. H. Healey went to Glenn Rock last Sunday in his Rambler.

R. G. White, of Hartford, has purchased a model "K" Rambler touring car. He took it overland to his home. Mr. White is the newly appointed agent for the Rammers for that district.

Wiley B. Allen has purchased a model "K" Rambler touring car.

Frank Wulff, of Colusa, has purchased a model "L" canopy top Rambler.

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Mr. A. W. Clark, of Reedley, Fresno County, is another purchaser of a White touring car. A couple of days after making his purchase he started out for Fresno with the car and reports having had a most successful trip and made good time. He is highly pleased with his new machine.

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Dr. Harry Tevis and party made a trip around the bay in the Doctor's new auto-car.

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Mead Hamilton and Miss Dodge made a trip last Sunday in an auto-car to San Jose and return.

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The West Coast Automobile Company, agents for the auto-car and the Columbia, will move into its new quarters to-day at 606 Van Ness avenue.

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The automobile industry in San Jose is certainly taking a great impetus this season. The Pioneer Automobile Company just received an additional order from Mr. George H. Osen, their agent in San Jose, for sixteen Oldsmobiles. This makes a total of twenty-six machines already purchased this season by this enterprising agent.

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Mr. W. M. Gardiner, of the White Company, ran down to San Jose last Saturday, accompanied by Mr. Herbert S. Smith of the White Company, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Charles M. Wiggin. Sunday was devoted to various short runs around San Jose. Among those who were Mr. Gardiner's guests on these short trips were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cambers, Miss Cambers and Mrs. Bennett, all of San Jose.

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A visit to the shop of Andrew Keenan and Blasauf during the week found these popular repair men very busy. Two foreign cars of French make were undergoing repairs, one quite extensive; also a number of the best American cars were undergoing repairs. The machine shop end of the place acquired a fine Gould and Eberhardt shaper and a speed lathe, and Mr. Andrews informed us that a 14-inch engine lathe would soon be in operation. They are building a 25-ton hydraulic press, also, to accommodate their work.

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J. A. Marsh, President of the Mobile Automobile Company has started for a two-weeks' camping trip up in Mendocino County with his automobile. He has taken off the tonneau, and will tow along a wagon.

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The Sunset Automobile Company reports the following sales of Buckboards during the last week: Mr. F. W. Davenport, Marysville; Mr. L. H. Laphan, Newcastle; Mr. L. D. Little, San Francisco.

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Several new Winton touring cars have been added to the Pioneer Automobile Co.'s renting department, which is in charge of the Scott-Blakeslee Company. These gentlemen have more than doubled their business during the last thirty days, and will use no other machines but the Winton touring cars. This is a feature with them, and persons wishing to hire carriages are sure that they will receive good service and nothing but Wintons in renting from the Scott-Blakeslee Co.

Among the owners of Winton Touring Cars that were out the first of the week were:

Colonel H. T. Lally made a trip around the Bay. Mr. Jack Wilson and party of friends were seen driving on Sunday.

Mr. Frederick Warde and son were out driving through the Park and Presidio.

Mr. W. J. Cornell and party of friends visited San Mateo.

Mr. R. J. Mier and party of friends were seen out in Mr. Mier's new Winton touring car.

Mr. O. M. Greenwald recently made a trip to Byron Hot Springs in his White Touring Car. Mr. Greenwald has only owned his machine a couple of weeks, but has already taken several long trips in it.

Mr. F. A. Lathe of the Pioneer Automobile Company, has been spending the last two weeks in Fresno, getting the Fresno Automobile Company started with the Stevens-Duryea, for which machine they have just been appointed agents. Mr. Lathe writes that prospects for business in Fresno this year are much brighter than last season. There were in the neighborhood of from 75 to 80 automobiles sold in that territory last year.

Among those who used their White touring cars around the city last Sunday were Mr. L. D. Esty, Mr. C. A. Madill, Mr. A. W. Wilson, Mr. A. B. Hammond, Mr. D. J. Hill, and Mr. C. A. Hawkins.

The Pioneer Automobile Company received by express on Friday last their sample Oldsmobile tonneau. President E. P. Brinegar says that since the arrival of this machine both himself and the entire selling force have been working until midnight showing the machine to out-of-town agents and customers who have placed orders with deposits on this machine. After a thorough examination of the machine, there is but one opinion. It is this: "The greatest machine ever shown on the market for anywhere near the price."

Mr. W. F. Hunt and family made a trip through the Park and Presidio on Sunday in Mr. Hunt's new Oldsmobile light tonneau touring car.

The B. F. Goodrich Company, makers of the Goodrich tires, has issued an interesting pamphlet entitled "Lake Michigan to the Atlantic; a Trip through the Maine Woods; a Trip into the Yosemite; Track and Straightway Road Records."

Mr. A. C. Mather, who is visiting at the Palace Hotel, has arranged with the Pioneer Automobile Company for one of their new Wintons for his use while in this city.

A carload of Stevens-Duryea machines is expected to arrive at the Pioneer Automobile Company's new garage this week, five of which are already sold.

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Atlas and Manchester.

There is only one item of news on the street which is obtainable by the News Letter man, and that one item is sufficient to make the California insurance world pause and then shudder. It is the well-authenticated news that the Atlas and the Manchester are to amalgamate, buy out, or combine each with or by the other. This will be sad news to Conroy, who is manager of the Manchester, and not be glad news to Devlin, who is general agent of the Atlas. Neither of these two gentlemen need worry, however, since it is understood that the amalgamation will not disturb the agencies of the two companies.

The arrangement contemplated is a sort of amicable truce. Neither company is to lose its identity, and the combination is to keep on doing business as a semi sort of an Underwriters' Association.

The foreign companies are one by one retiring from the United States, or if not retiring, they are amalgamating, consolidating or re-insuring. The Palatine, The Thuringia, The Netherlands, The Patriotic and others too numerous to mention "have come and have went."

The Lion, The London and Provincial, The Generale, The Lancashire, The North German have each played with a corps de ballet a brief part on the stage of American fire insurance, and each has made its sudden, but not unexpected, exit.

The faster the alien companies leave us the better for the American companies, and the better insurance the American insurer will obtain.

It is a potent fact, however, that the American companies could and cannot carry the insurance offered them by American insurers; hence comes in the question as to where the protection of commerce can be obtained. The standard British companies of the standard of the Commercial Union, the London and Lancashire, The Royal are stayers, but the British companies manufactured for export only are neither here nor there, as is evidenced by the threatened amalgamation of the two companies named.

The Manchester has been afflicted with "decease" rumor before this time, and the fact that according to its own figures it decreased its gross assets, as well as its NET surplus, predisposes the proposition that it is the one to go gracefully out of business. In California or the Pacific Coast for 1903, the Manchester's loss ratio was 58.4 per cent, and that of the Atlas was 60.4 per cent.

The Atlas has shown, however, for some years a steady increase in its NET surplus, while the Manchester has in the last year lost.

Judging from the figures of both companies it is safe to say that the opinion of the News Letter is that the Manchester will be amalgamated.

The last week's issue of the News Letter in the Insurance Department has worried the inside ring more than a little. It was forcible enough, and told enough truth, to stir up the animals caged in the compact wires. Already they are gnawing at the bars and are getting day by day more anxious to get out and roam in the wild pastures of cut rates and the pleasant meadows of rebates.

The threatened war in or against the compact has developed to the measles stage.

A brokerage firm in this city has issued and mailed a circular letter to its clients asking them to bring in their policies to its (the brokers') office, and get a pro rata cancellation and re-write for three years—simply an evidence of the incompetence of the broker or the lack of management of the manager, but solely alone useful as Exhibit 1 of the fight prophesied by the News Letter.

At the recent annual election for trustees of the New York Life the following gentlemen were elected to serve and fill the vacancies occurring during 1904. Mr. Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Commercial Cable Company, was elected to succeed the late W. R. Grace, ex-Mayor of New York. The others are Thomas A. Buckner, Thomas P. Fowler, Henry C. Mortimer, William B. Plunkett, and Hiram R. Steele.

Zenno M. Host, Insurance Commissioner of Wisconsin, not content with bucking the Equitable, is now engaged in butting the Prudential. It is an evidence of the one-man power and the strongest argument that has yet been produced in favor of the need of the national supervision of insurance.

The idea or the fact that a political upstart like Host can control two companies like the Equitable and Prudential in a kind of back-yard fight like he is making, savors of an Insurance Commissioners' Trust.

That Host is weak in his contention against the companies named is evidenced by his action in instituting suits for libel against the Sentinel, Wisconsin and Daily News, asking damages in the kindergarten sum of \$150,000.

The News Letter is glad to aid and abet an insurance commissioner in the lawful discharge of the duties of his office, but it condemns and contemns the actions of Host against companies of such probity as the Equitable and the Prudential.

These and such are beyond question, and the province of an insurance commissioner in any State is to protect the public against being robbed and not to rob the companies.

In California the Insurance Commissioner is quiescent. He is apparently neither. He does not seek the bubble reputation at the cannon's mouth of a summons or injunction.

He lets a whole lot of fake semi-insurance schemes run without a license, and apparently robs not.

There must be something doing. He is refusing the Mutual Reserve a license to do business in this State, and it is still doing it. Now, Mr. Insurance

Commissioner, the offices of the Mutual Reserve are in the Chronicle Building—names on the windows and doors. You are fighting it one way and not another. Is it the same case of Host, Insurance Commissioner of Wisconsin, vs. the Equitable and Prudential, or in the vernacular: Is it graft?

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Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, of this Company held on the 5th day of May, 1904, an assessment (No. 16) of ten cents per share was levied upon each and every share of the capital stock of the said Company, payable immediately to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, or to James Newlands Jr., Transfer Secretary, Room, 35 Mills Building, third floor, San Francisco, Cal.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on FRIDAY THE 10th DAY OF JUNE, 1904, will be deemed delinquent, and will be duly advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on FRIDAY, the 15th day of July 1904, at four o'clock p. m. in front of the office of the Company, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale. By order of the Board of Trustees.

W. H. BLAUVELT, Secretary.

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Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Storey County, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 9th day of May, 1904, an assessment (No. 78) of fifteen cents per share, was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the secretary at the office of the Company, Room 79 Nevada Block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on THE 13th DAY OF JUNE, 1904 will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Thursday, the 7th day of July 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors. CHAS. E. ELLIOT, Secretary. Office—Room 79, Nevada Block 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal.

Making Anarchists

The great trusts and the unions of the country are busy making anarchists. They are working overtime. They never ask for time-and-a-half for this labor, but cheerfully put in the time and the labor without a murmur. The trusts are rapidly making arrangements with the various labor organizations for the purpose of mulcting the balance of the community. Nationally, the great meat trust has given us an object lesson that is worth considering. The price of meat has been raised beyond the war figure, to the consumer. At the same time, the price paid the producer of beef and other hoof cattle has been lowered to such an extent that there is nothing in it. The trust catches "em comin' an' goin'." The union laborer in the stock yards and in the abattoirs is getting the highest wages he was ever paid, at the expense of the balance of the community.

A plasterer receives seven dollars a day at a trade that any bright boy could learn in six weeks. For Sunday work and overtime he receives as high as twelve dollars a day. Some time ago the News Letter made the statement that nobody but an imbecile or a millionaire would think of engaging in building, under the circumstances, and the statement still holds good.

Locally, the conditions are disastrous in the extreme. In San Francisco, as in Oakland, there exists an arrangement between the labor unions and the boss builders, and it is a successful one. It is so arranged that no one is to be admitted to the workmen's union under any condition; there are no apprentices; the contractors protect the union and the union the contractor. No independent establishment is to be tolerated, and the contracts are being kept in the hands of the few to the detriment of the entire community. The union man who has offended either the contractor or the boss builder might as well starve. A fictitious value is put upon labor, and a consequent fictitious value on the boss builders ability ensues. The real value of the labor is about \$3.50 a day. Who pays the difference? Why the builder first, and after him, the tenant and householder.

The merchant's rent is increased, and the consumer at large is taxed so much per pound extra to cover the increased cost. The man who has not received an increased wage is the sufferer. It is this class which the Citizens' Alliance proposes to protect. And it will protect them if all persons who are at the mercy of the labor union will join hands.

Similar conditions obtain among the electricians. Here also is an agreement to rob the public. The unionist and the contractor get the persimmons. Who is it that suffers? Why, the great army of people that belong to neither classification. The householder, the professional man, the clerk, and the great majority that do not belong to unions or corporations. An electrician out of work is out of work, indeed; he dare not take a job, infinitesimal though it be, but that he will be blacklisted with his union and with his bosses. The public at large pays the bill.

In order to stand in with the leaders of the unions the member of such institutions as the teamster, the driver, the plasterer, the bricklayer, the hod-carrier, or of any union which demands more muscle than brains, more brawn than skill, has to be ready for all things. He is out of employment. He is not a

thinker. He is readily at the beck of suggestion. What is the result? We have seen it in San Francisco in the last week. Men have been killed, others have been maimed, and some are dying as a result of a blind obedience to the suggestions, implied or otherwise, of the leaders. Joseph Egan, low-browed and illiterate, fractured a non-union workman's skull, in a scrap in a vacant lot on Lombard street. In this case, as in many others, this murderer in intent is not directly to blame. It is only to be regretted that the secretary of the union and his assistants may not be haled before one of the higher courts and sentenced to be hanged by the neck "until you are dead." The poor, ignorant and unthinking brute who goes about with a piece of gas pipe to slay or with brass knuckles to maim is not to blame. It is the leader who should suffer. It is the one who suggests murder that should hang.

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In one way the victim's death may result in a general benefit to the community. The nature of the crime will bring the matter up in one of the higher courts, and thus take away from the subservient and criminal police justices the chance to again become accomplices in crime.

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The Typothetae has been praised all over the land as an organization of sensible men. Chicago is no exception. The book binders are returning to work in hundreds, as the Typothetae has refused to agree to the closed shop.

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The Knox Hat Works, after forty years of amicable life with its hands, in a moment of inadvertence encouraged the establishment of the union in the factory. They warmed the snake. The leaders used the union and its combine for purposes of blackmail. The factory is now run on the "open shop" basis, and has come out with a pamphlet which thoroughly exposes, under their own signatures and by their own letters, the levying of blackmail by the union leaders formerly in their employ.

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The Mayor, as President of the Musicians' Union, is likely to have a merry time of it with the Druids. The Druids is a strong institution, and in its composition is a great number of determined men. They have brought suit against the Mayor and his friends, the Musicians' Union, for damages for the spread of false reports regarding the employment of a non-union band at El Campo. They ask for \$500 damages. We hope they get judgment.

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The union has boycotted Uncle Sam's bands and the American flag at Santa Cruz. Let that be un-

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The unions and the corporations, in many instances, need a corrective influence. That influence is supplied in the Citizens' Alliance. It is the expressed will of the great majority. That majority is to-day tired of strikes, tired of trades unionism and corporate partnerships, tired of murderers, tired of crime, and tired of paying the fiddler; it cries aloud for the abolition of all the great trusts, the greatest of all trusts, the union; it wants the Merger thieves of the Northern Securities Company punished. It cries for the establishment of law and order in San Francisco, and the punishment of the recreant police judges who officiate in our courts. It wants to bring about an era in which the middle man, the great majority, who are not unionized, who are awakening to their strength, may demand and obtain justice. It wants the meat trust brought to book. It proposes to bring these results through an association, the Citizens' Alliance, if need be, or if that institution should fail to carry out its desires, through some other and stronger agent. The partnerships between the unions and the corporations must be broken, large mergers must be prevented, and the power of the union must be curtailed. The corporation and the union is making anarchists; let the people stop it, now and forever.

It is said that because the 700 elevator constructors, now on strike in Philadelphia for increased wages and the right to go on a sympathetic strike, have been ignored, the National Board of the Elevator Construction Association is contemplating an international strike. The elevator contractors of San Francisco are victims of the same organization, and find it difficult to employ men when and how they desire. Any member of this union is expelled if he works one minute after 12 m. Saturdays, or works more than six days. The employer is injured to the extent that all work advances at the dictation of the union, contracts notwithstanding.

—You can never get any satisfaction out of cleaning your own carpets. It is a business which has to be learned, and amateurs are not a success at it. Go to Spaulding's Carpet Cleaning Company, 353 Tehama street. The carpet will come back to you as good as new. They have a complete cleaning apparatus.

—The Techau Tavern is the place to go after the theatre. It tops off the evening splendidly. The refreshments of all sorts are of the best quality and the price is reasonable.

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"Say," complained the customer, "I want to put in a kick. Remember that ton of coal I got here yesterday?" "Yes, sir," said the dealer: "what's the matter with it?" "You sold it to me as your best smokeless. I find it has a lot of broken stone in it." "Well, stone doesn't smoke, does it? What are you kicking about?"

"My dear," said Mrs. Newlywed, her face flushed with the excitement of her afternoon in the kitchen, "I want you to be perfectly frank with me now. What would you suggest to improve these doughnuts I made to-day?" "Well," replied Mr. Newlywed, lifting one with a slight effort, "I think it might be better if you made the hole bigger."

The bride and bridegroom sat side by side. "Dearest," he said, looking up into her eyes, for he was the smaller, so that he really and truly looked up and into her eyes. "Yes," love," she responded in soft, frightened mouse tones, "If I had known that tunnel was that long I would have kissed you." "Didn't you kiss me?" she asked with much surprise. "No," he replied. "Well, somebody did."

When the thermometer dropped far below zero last December, good Mrs. Rogers was much disturbed at the recollection that Huldah, the new kitchen maid,

slept in an unheated room. "Huldah," she said, remembering the good old custom of her own girlhood, "it's going to be pretty cold to-night. I think you had better take a flatiron to bed with you." "Yes, ma'am," said Huldah in mild and expressionless assent. Mrs. Rogers slept soundly and free from care, secure in the belief that the maid was comfortable. In the morning she again visited the kitchen. "Well, Huldah," she asked, "how did you get along with the flatiron?" Huldah breathed a deep sigh of recollection. "Well, ma'am," she said, "I got it most warm before morning."

A man once berated his Hebrew debtor for not having included him among his preferred creditors. "But I makes you a speshul creditor," was the answer. "A special creditor! What's that?" "Vy, a speshul creditor, mine friend, knows now that he gets nothings. The preferred, he von't know that for three years. Time ist money, ain't it?"

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Some years since a young St. Louisan was leaving his home for California, which was then considered the "wild and woolly West." The family had all gathered to say farewell, and not without tears. The father took the young man by the hand, and with trembling voice said: "Now, John, remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy; and look out for rattlesnakes and be careful that nobody steals your watch."

Eddie—Aren't you sorry that you are an only child? Freddie—Oh, no; I don't mind it, but it's tough on pa. Eddie—How so? Freddie—Well, you see, I am getting too big for him to have to take me to the circus, and there aren't any younger kids in the family for him to fall back on.

RECENT MENUS.

ON March 19, 1904, the Third District Masters' Association tendered a banquet to R. W. James M. Edsall, D. D. G. M., at the Imperial, Brooklyn. The menu is a sumptuous one and among other drinkables contains Moët & Chandon White Seal Champagne.

THE banquet of the Friendly Sons of Ireland was held at the Jersey City clubhouse on March 17, 1904. Moët & Chandon White Seal graced the menu.

MOËT & CHANDON Brut Imperial Champagne and Apollinaris mineral water were served at the thirty-sixth annual banquet of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, held at the Burnet House, Cincinnati, on March 17, 1904.

THE sixth annual banquet of the Northwestern Shoe and Leather Association was held at the Commercial Club, St. Paul, Minn., on February 17, 1904. We note from the menu that the only Champagne served was Moët & Chandon White Seal.

MOËT & CHANDON White Seal was the Champagne served at the banquet given by the Journal Company, of Albany, to its workers. The repast was served at the New Kenmore on March 26, 1904.

THE University Club of Brooklyn gave its first annual dinner at their club building on Saturday, March 26, 1904. Moët & Chandon White Seal was the wine selected to grace the occasion.

AT the New Tontine Hotel, New Haven, Conn., on March 18, 1904, the sixty-eighth annual banquet of the Yale Literary Magazine was held, upon which occasion only Moët & Chandon White Seal Champagne was served.—Bonfort's New York Wine and Spirit Circular.

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Mrs. Hatterson—I wonder if it has paid to give our daughter such a good education? Hatterson—Paid! Why, of course. Don't you see from her manner how superior she is to us?—Life.



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Mrs. Popley—Mr. D'Auber remarked to-day that our Robert was like a young Apollo. Mr. Popley—Oh, that's the way with those artists—they're always trying to make people think well of those old classical heroes.

"She's a lovely girl, and so simple in her tastes. I told her that I hadn't much of an income yet, but that I hoped I could provide for her every want." "And what did she say?" "She said that would be all she could ask."

Ethel—So Bob and Edith are engaged? Can he support her in the style to which she has been accustomed? Jack—Support her? Why, he can't support himself any longer in the style to which she has been accustomed to seeing him while courting her.

"There is one great mystery about horse-racing," said young Mrs. Torkins. "What is that?" "After hearing Charley explain exactly how a race ought to come out, I never can understand how anybody could be so foolish as to back the horse that actually won."

Professor (discussing organic and inorganic substances)—Now, if I should shut my eyes—so—and drop my head—so—and remain perfectly still, you would say I was a clod. But I move, I leap. Then what do you call me? Voice from the rear—A clod-hopper.

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Little Brother—Do you know, Mabel, I believe if I weren't here, Captain Spooner would kiss you." "Leave the room this minute, you impertinent little boy!"

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"Now, William," said the man of business to the office boy, "I am going out to get shaved." "Please, sir," said the boy, hesitating, "if any one calls and wants to know where you are, will I say you've gone to the barber's or down to Wall Street?"

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7:30 A	Niles, Livermore, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton	7:20 P
8:00 A	Shasta Express (Via Davis), Williams (for Bartlett Springs), Willoughby, Fruto, Red Bluff, Portland, Tucuman, Seattle,	7:50 P
8:00 A	Davis Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville	7:50 P
8:30 A	Port Costa, Martinez, Antioch, Byron, Tracy, Stockton, Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Arroyo, Hanford, Visalia, Porterville	4:20 P
8:30 A	Port Costa, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Visalia, Bakersfield, Los Angeles	4:50 P
8:30 A	Niles, San Jose, Livermore, Stockton, Milpitas, Lodi, Sacramento, Pittsburg, Marysville, Chico, Red Bluff	4:20 P
8:30 A	Oakland, Chinese, Jamestown, Sonoma, Lindome and Angels	4:20 P
9:00 A	Atlantic Express-Ogden and East.	11:20 P
9:30 A	Richmond, Martinez and Way Stations	6:50 P
10:00 A	The Overland Limited-Ogden, Denver, Omaha, Chicago.	6:20 P
10:00 A	Vallejo	12:20 P
10:00 A	Los Angeles Passenger Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton, Merced, Raymond, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Lemoore, Visalia, Bakersfield, Los Angeles	7:20 P
12:00 M	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations	3:20 P
1:00 P	Sacramento River Steamers.	11:00 P
3:30 P	Benicia, Winters, Sacramento, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville and way stations	10:50 A
3:30 P	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations.	7:60 P
3:30 P	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Berkeley, Fresno, and Way Stations beyond Port Costa	12:20 P
3:30 P	Yosemite Valley, via Berkeley and Wawona	8:50 A
3:30 P	Martinez, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi.	10:20 A
4:00 P	Martinez, San Ramon, Vallejo, Napa, Calistoga, Santa Rosa.	9:20 A
4:00 P	Niles, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi	4:20 P
4:30 P	Hayward, Niles, Irvington, San Jose, Livermore	11:50 A
5:00 P	The Owl Limited-Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Fresno, Tulare, Bakersfield, Los Angeles.	8:50 A
5:00 P	Port Costa, Tracy, Stockton	12:20 P
5:30 P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose	7:20 A
6:00 P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose.	9:50 A
6:00 P	Eastern Express-Ogden, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and East. Port Costa, Benicia, Suisun, Elsinora, Davis, Sacramento, Rock Hill, Auburn, Colfax, Truckee, Boca, Itano, Wadsworth, Winnemucca	5:20 P
6:00 P	Vallejo, daily, except Sunday.	7:50 P
7:00 P	Vallejo, Sunday only.	7:50 P
7:00 P	Richmond, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way Stations	11:20 A
7:00 P	Oregon & California Express-Sacramento, Marysville, Redding, Portland, Puget Sound and East.	8:50 A
8:05 P	Reno Passenger-Truckee, Lake Tahoe	7:50 A
9:10 P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only)	11:50 A

COAST LINE

(Narrow Gauge)

(Foot of Market Street.)

7:45 A	Santa Cruz Excursion (Sunday only)	8:10 P
8:15 A	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Way Stations	6:55 P
12:15 P	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations	10:55 A
4:15 P	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations	11:55 A

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7:15	9:00	11:00	A. M.	1:00	3:00	5:15	P. M.
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COAST LINE (Broad Gauge)

(Foot of Market Street.)

8:10 A	San Jose and Way Stations.	6:30 P
7:00 A	San Jose and Way Stations.	5:40 P
7:15 A	Monterey and Santa Cruz Excursion (Sunday only)	10:30 P
8:00 A	New Almaden (Tues. Frid., only)	4:10 P
8:00 A	The Coaster—Stops only San Jose, Gilroy (connection for Hollister, Pajaro, Castroville (connection to and from Monterey and Pacific Grove), Salinas, San Ardo, Paso Robles, Santa Margarita San Luis Obispo, principal stations thence Surf (connection for Lompoc), principal stations thence Santa Cruz, San Benito, Ventura, Burbank, Los Angeles.	10:45 P
8:00 A	San Jose, Tres Pinos, Capitola, Santa Cruz, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Luis Obispo and Principal Way Stations	4:10 P
10:30 A	San Jose and Way Stations.	1:20 P
11:30 A	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations	7:30 P
1:30 P	San Jose and Way Stations.	8:38 A
3:00 P	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove (connects at Santa Clara, except Sunday, for Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Narrow Gauge Points) at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Pajaro for Santa Cruz, at Castroville for Salinas	12:15 P
3:30 P	Tres Pinos Way Passenger.	10:45 A
4:30 P	San Jose and Way Stations.	10:00 A
5:00 P	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos, and principal Way Stations (except Sunday)	10:00 A
5:30 P	San Jose and Principal Way Stations (except Sunday)	10:40 A
5:45 P	Sunset Limited—Redwood, San Jose, Gilroy, Salinas, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Denning, El Paso, New Orleans. New Orleans connects at Pajaro for Santa Cruz and at Castroville for Pacific Grove and Way Stations	7:10 A
6:15 P	San Mateo, Beresford, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, Palo Alto.	10:48 A
6:30 P	San Jose and Way Stations.	6:38 A
8:00 P	Palo Alto and Way Stations.	10:15 A
11:30 P	South San Francisco, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto.	8:45 P
11:30 P	Mayfield, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Lawrence, Santa Clara and San Jose	10:45 P

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The Little Brown Caterpillar

It was such a glorious morning in the great forest. The grand old pines, the firm, gnarled oaks, the quivering white birches and every little creeping plant and delicate wildflower hastened to pour their fragrance on the fresh, cool air. The birds darted in and out on errands of love to their hidden nests, singing for very gladness of heart. The little brown caterpillar, curled up in a round ball beneath a branching fern, awoke and stretched himself lazily. His small hairy head felt so heavy and queer and his legs were so numb! Never before had he realized that there were so many of them to drag along.

"I'm not in the least hungry," he muttered sleepily. "Maybe it's exercise I need. I'll creep across to the big pine." So he slowly crawled out from beneath the fern, but soon curled up again from sheer weariness. Now the good Forest Fairy, who kept careful watch over every little living thing in the great wood, was hovering near, and at once darted like a sunbeam through the shimmering leaves.

"Come, my sleepy one, it is time for thy lullaby," she whispered as she poised her shining wings and gently roused him. She guided him carefully across the sun-flecked path to the baby oak, under the sheltering pines. Up the slender trunk she drew him tenderly, far out upon a swaying twig, and beneath a tender leaf. Then hovering beside him, she crooned her lullaby, waving her gauzy wings in perfect unison:

"Weave, weave, in and out,
Up and down and round about;
Curl, curl, in tiny ball,
Weave around and over all.
Snug and warm, snug and warm,
Rest secure from wind and storm."

And even as the Forest Fairy began to croon, the little brown caterpillar began to weave—up and down and around about, until he was soon snugly wrapped in a soft silken blanket which swung from the protecting leaf.

The south wind swayed his cradle gently to and fro and he fell into a sweet sleep.

Beautiful sunrises flushed the secret places of the dim old forest. Sunsets a-flame with crimson and gold lighted their fires in the heart of the wood. Storms lashed the giant trees in fury, and torrents of rain flooded the mossy hollows and the by-paths of the rabbit and the squirrel. A sudden flash and the lightning cleft the big pine, as the thunder crashed through the falling branches. Still the little brown caterpillar slumbered peacefully on. All the tumult raging around him seemed but a sweet, faint echo:

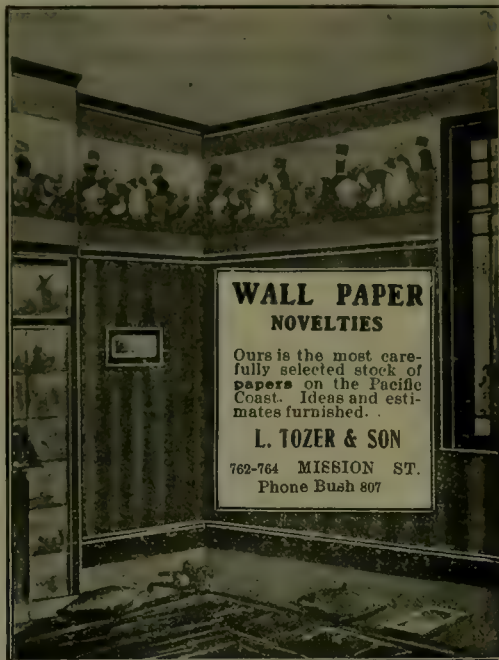
"Snug and warm, snug and warm,
Rest secure from wind and storm."

But at last a morning dawned when the Forest Fairy fitted across the wood to consult the Flower Calendar. "The hour has struck!" she murmured softly, and eagerly sought the baby oak. The little brown caterpillar was already astir and restlessly stretching his cramped limbs.

"Gently, gently, my beautiful one," whispered the Forest Fairy, as she carefully loosed the silken blanket. "Do not tear thy delicate wings." Then the little creature feebly shook himself free and poised uncertainly on the swaying twig. Slowly the long, creased wings unfolded, resplendent in violet and gold, and spread themselves to the morning sun.

Then the little brown caterpillar, now a lovely butterfly, fluttered exultantly upward, and under the

loving guidance of the Forest Fairy sailed away on his first zig-zag journey across the beautiful old forest.—Marion E. Pickering in Boston Brown Book.



ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Best and Belcher Mining Company.

Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Virginia District, Storey County, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 22nd day of April, 1904, an assessment (No. 85) of ten (10) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, room 33, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on
THE 27th DAY OF MAY, 1904,

will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on FRIDAY, the 17th day of June 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

M. JAFFE, Secretary.

OFFICE—Room 33, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, California.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company.

Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Virginia Mining District, Storey county, State of Nevada.

Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 6th day of May, 1904, an assessment (No. 133) of ten (10) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the secretary, at the office of the Company, Room 14, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery street San Francisco, Cal.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on
THE 8th DAY OF JUNE, 1904,

will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on MONDAY, the 27th day of June, 1904, to pay the delinquent assessment together with costs of advertising, and expenses of sale.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. L. PARKER, Secretary.

OFFICE—Room 14, Nevada Block, No. 309, Montgomery street, San Francisco, California.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of PAUL BROCK, deceased. Dept. 30835 No. 8. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, M. J. Hynes, Public Administrator of the City and County of San Francisco, and Administrator of the Estate of PAUL BROCK, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Administrator, at room 568 Parrott Building, Nos. 325 to 355 Market street, the same being his place for the transaction of the business of the said estate in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

M. J. HYNES,

Administrator of the estate of PAUL BROCK, Deceased.

CULLINAN and HICKEY, attorneys for administrator, Rooms 567-568-569 Parrott building, San Francisco, Cal.

Dated at San Francisco, April 23, 1904.



LOVE'S QUIET.

By Charles Hanson Towne in The Reader

When all the clamor of the world,
Its noise and wild alarms
Has wrapped me pitilessly round,
And in its web my heart has bound,
I crave your sheltering arms!

When all the brazen crash of swords
The silence rends apart;
When I am steeped in toil and strife,
I crave, O great love of my life,
The stillness of your heart!

IRAM'S ROSE.

Smart Set

Where was Iram, who that one
Who has watched its garden growing?
Nishapur or Babylon
Held its radiant rose a-blowing?

Plucked he not the Sultan's flower,
Amber-eyed and red of mouth,
Made it his for one ripe hour,
Warm and spice-winged from the South?

Haply caught all life, they two,
With that rose, and tossed it madly
In the sun, where never blew,
Nay, nor died, a flower so gladly!

Laughed and tossed it in their glass,
Drank and drained it; breath to breath;
Ere the dial's shade had passed,
They had sought the shade of death.

Lived and loved an hour, where blows
Some old garden by a river;
Gone is Iram—but its rose
Breathes perfume in song forever.

THE RECKONING

By Charlotte Becker in January Smart Set

Love taught me all I knew of bliss;
Love taught me all I knew of pain—
Lured me with laughter and disdain,
Then made me captive with his kiss.

He vowed no pleasure I should miss,
Then swift he wounded me again—
Love taught me all I knew of bliss;
Love taught me all I knew of pain.

So deep we sounded grief's abyss,
My heart to beg release was fain;
Ah, would my pleading had been vain,
For now I but remember this:
Love taught me all I knew of bliss;

LOVE AND HATE.

By Emma C. Dowd in Century

Love, the skylark, soars and sings;
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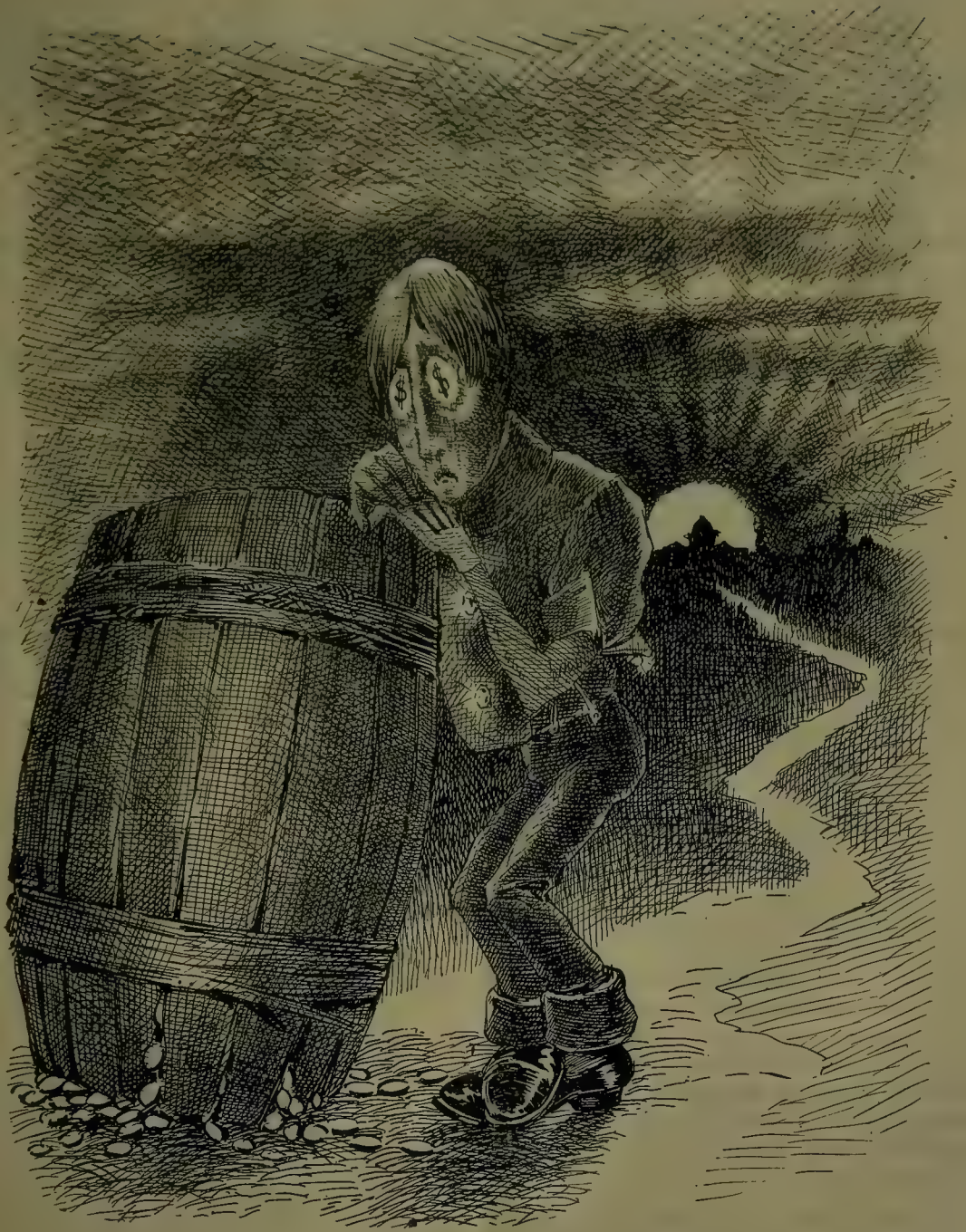
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And now it's Japan's turn to throw away a few warships.

"None but the union brave deserve the fair," is the way the line is read in St. Louis.

Isitshiyama is not the name of a Japanese battleship, but of a native African drink 50 per cent more potent than raw alcohol.

A Michigan Judge has decided that a husband has legally the right to spank his wife. The joke of this is that the Judge is a bachelor.

President Roosevelt does not smoke, but Carrie Nation's language did when she lost a \$50 bet on the proposition.

While search is being made for Murphy, the missing Tammany leader, why not look into the Hearst barrel?

The collar-and-elbow method of courtship has led a young man of northern New York to sue the young lady in the case for damages on account of a broken rib.

The attention of the Health Board and of the Society for the Suppression of Vice is invited to the case of that foul old female, "Mother" Jones.

It is worthy of remark that none of the San Francisco delegates who flopped to Hearst walked home from Santa Cruz.

If it be true that a trust has got control of the world's guano supply, then what will Hearst use to hurl at those who oppose him for the Presidency?

General Funston declares that he swam the Bag-bag, but does not say why he did so instead of wading it or jumping across it.

Rev. A. P. Camphor was a candidate before the Methodist Conference for missionary bishop to Africa. He was put on the shelf, but happily there was no need for moth balls.

Colonel Watterson, habitual alliterateur and confirmed phrase-forger, pronounces the doom of the "pért paragraph." What a busy editor it is! Only a little while ago it was smiting for their sins the rich of Newport, and now it is playing prophet and professor of journalism, with no change of costume.

The good people of the Mission want the Supervisors to improve the quality of the whiskey sold in San Francisco saloons without restricting the quantity.

One of the funniest things in life is to see an unappreciated editor climb up on a speckled elephant and offer himself a vote of thanks for being so good when he might have been so bad.

A ten-year-old boy smoked his first cigarette and died. The object lesson is spoiled by the post mortem discovery that he swallowed all of it that he didn't smoke.

Police interference with a kinoscope fake, in which President Roosevelt was to have been shown in the act of being excessively polite to a negro, has made it necessary for Hearst to revise his intended appeal to the Solid South.

A distinguished journalist, Melville E. Stone, says to the club-ladies at St. Louis: "Newspapers to-day are edited for women, not for men." Frequently, however, it is a man with a muck-rake who does the editing.

Episcopalian women in Point Richmond and West Berkeley have agreed to pay fines for gossiping. They have not decided what to do with the proceeds—whether to buy Government bonds or invest in gilt-edged realty.

A Pennsylvania preacher examined over a thousand applicants before he found a wife who was not an "angel on the street and a devil in the kitchen." His name is Brownback, and it is a safe wager that some day his picture will be seen on a can.

A local preacher denounces the drama, begs his hearers to shun the theatre, and calls Shakespeare a libertine. Well, one might stay at home instead of going to the play, and amuse one's self by reading the Song of Solomon.

The yearnings of the average American for distinction are beyond expression. Politically speaking, crowns and coronets are out of the question, but socially there is not a woman who does not crave to wear one even if it be only a gilt crown at a Forsters' Festival, for which high honor ten maidens are at present competing to the detriment of the pockets of their respective swains, and the destruction of the honesty of the ballot. It is just the same game as is being played by those in higher stations, with this difference, that the male appanages of the socially ambitious in higher circles are lucky if they escape with an attenuated pocket-book, and their honor unspotted. The only reason that women want the ballot is that it is occasionally dubbed a "civic crown."

FINISH OF THE RACE TRACK GAMBLING.

When the Western Union Telegraph Company went out of the poolroom business a few days ago the race-track gambling game was severely jarred. Some observers have ventured the hope that the whole fabric of this establishment of vice and fraud would be undermined and ultimately destroyed by the telegraph company's action in crippling the poolrooms, but this, we think, is too much to be expected. While it may be more laborious and tedious and expensive, the poolrooms will get some kind of a wire service, no telegraph company daring to refuse messages by or for them. To meet the increased expense, however, the sharks who run the games will cut down the margin of possible profit to their dupes, and with the increased pressure, the poolrooms will become less attractive as places for throwing away money, and many of them will close for lack of patronage.

But the encouraging thing about the Western Union's action is that it signifies a stiffening of public sentiment against the whole infamous business of race-gambling, an awakening of the public conscience to a sense of duty toward the youth of the land, and toward those foolish peoples who learn neither through age or experience. It indicates an early movement like that which has almost driven the prize-fighter out of business. One by one the States have put up the bars, until San Francisco is almost the only city of size and importance where the plug-uglies of the prize-ring can get tempting purses for their "fake" fights. Something of the same kind is happening with regard to race-track gambling—an evil far more to be dreaded than that of pugilism. It is well within the province and powers of the State Legislatures to prohibit gambling on horse-races, either on or off the tracks, and enforcement of laws to that end would not be difficult. Watch the Legislatures, and you will see them taking such action, according as public sentiment in their respective States is swift or slow to shape itself on this subject. The movement will begin in those States whose Legislatures are not controlled by delegations from big cities, and it will proceed intermittently and spasmodically, but where race-track gambling has been made a felony, there will be an end of horse-racing, a falling-off in the list of suicides, embezzlements, divorces and illegitimate births, a return to decency in public and private living, a gain in substantial progress and prosperity. It is a matter of history that no "wide open" town, once having closed its doors to vice and corruption, has ever gone "wide open" again.

San Francisco and California will be among the last to scotch the race-gambling evil. As other communities shut them out, the "sports" and their painted women will gravitate toward the Golden Gate where there are three race-tracks easy of access. Doubtless that association for the spread of vice and crime, known as the New California Jockey Club, will take advantage of the tightening-up elsewhere and reach out greedy hands for more of the wages of sin. But ultimately this concern, too, must go to the wall, and with it all the others of its kind that flourish in California. Its owners and promoters may delay, but they cannot stop the slow march of a people toward the better things of life. However, the harpies of the race-track may regard it, they cannot fail to see in the summary action of the Western Union the sign of an early end of race-track gambling.

ITS HEAD IS IN THE SAND.

The policy of the labor union is in many respects similar to that of the ostrich. An instance in Chicago is in point. The Federation of Labor has adopted a resolution requesting members of unions affiliating with it to refuse to allow their names to appear in the City Directory. All this because the directory publishers insist on the "open shop" principle. There is a boycott on the telephone directory as well, because it is published by the same firm. It is hard to understand the style of revenge which places the participant under such limitations, and which does not in any great extent injure the directory company. All this might have been avoided if the directory publishers had made some kind of monetary consideration available to the labor bosses. We might suggest a block of stock in the concern, with a guarantee of dividends. It is so easy to obtain immunity from the canaille that it is astonishing to note the slow progress of the diplomacy first adopted in California.

Every action of the labor leaders in San Francisco and indeed in the United States, is in favor of class discrimination. It is only a question of time before the propaganda now followed by these worthy gentlemen will create just as much caste distinction as exists among the Hindu. There will be a Close Corporation of Plasterers and an Immaculate Order of Lathers, and it will be impossible for the common mortal earning less than seven dollars a day to keep up his end with this titled gentry. Already the plasterer feels it demeans him to associate with an Amalgamated Street Car Driver, while the Corrugated Order of Serving Ladies have served notice that they will no longer associate with the Female Feather Foundry Fellowship. When these several orders have attained perfection, it will be in order to create a new society to be called the Independent Order of Sane People, so as to re-establish livable conditions.

"MOTHER JONES."

The truth about "Mother Jones" needs telling, but unfortunately the News Letter cannot tell it all, since a detailed account of this amiable old lady's career would be both unprintable and unmailable. The woman is here now, resting from her labors against law and order in the disturbed mining districts of Colorado. Only one daily newspaper has noted her presence. Hearst's Examiner, which has glorified her in columns and pages during strikes and riots in other States, has not said a word about her visit to San Francisco, and did not mention the speech she made in the Alhambra Theatre. During the coal strike of a year or so ago, this same sheet depicted "Mother Jones" as "a modern Maid of Orleans," or "an angel of mercy," the "heroine of organized labor." When she comes among us it does not open its head about her.

The reason for this is obvious; if there had been any doubt about it, "Mother Jones" dispelled it as soon as she began her talk at the Alhambra. That speech proclaimed her for what she is—vulgar, vicious and ignorant, an apostle of cowardly crime, the associate by choice of thugs and ruffians, the sworn foe of personal and civic decency, the woman of all women to incite striking union men to crimes of violence. When he was lauding her and idealizing her and holding her up as a type of peerless American womanhood, Hearst knew that she was nothing of the kind, but he knew, also, that she was too far away for his lies to be brought home to him. Now, when she is in the city, he pretends not to know her,

hoping that nobody here will recall how he canonized her so short a time ago.

"Mother Jones'" record—the Pinkertons have it in full—is as red as any light that blazes in the "tenderloin." Mary Harris is her alias; she is past 60 years old and is Irish born. In the late eighties she began to be known in the tough quarters of the Western cities—in Denver, Kansas City, Omaha and San Francisco—as keeper or inmate of disreputable houses. Drink and the excesses common among women of that class put an end to a brief season of prosperity; she sank quickly. Even that long ago her vulgarity, viciousness and cold-blooded brutality were matters of remark in the slums which she frequented.

It was when she made a failure of living the shameful life that "Mother Jones" turned her talents to the fostering of anarchy among laboring men. She first achieved prominence as a labor agitator in the railway strike of 1894. Ever since then she has carried the red flag wherever labor has been leaping at capital's throat. Her gospel may be condensed into one of the fiery phrases which she used last Sunday night:

"Take your bullet and your bayonet and clean the troops and officers off the face of the earth." Her creed has always been that unions were for fighting and not for work. In every labor difficulty in which she has taken part she has incited her followers to armed resistance of the law, to burning and to killing. No wonder, then, that the miners' central organization has kept her on salary for the last four years; no wonder that Hearst booms her when his propaganda of discontent languishes, and no wonder he is silent about her when she appears just as he is reaching for the reward he wishes to confer upon himself.

"Mother Jones" is even more pernicious than Johann Most and Emma Goldman. She belongs to the Czolgosz section of anarchism, but unlike the assassin of McKinley she wants somebody else to strike the blow and bear the consequences. We are glad to have seen her at close range. The next time Hearst tries to install her among the saints of his calendar we shall know what to do and say.

IMPURE FOODS.

The News Letter has the satisfaction of knowing that its recent editorials on "Pure Food" have had a wide-spread effect. The departments at Washington have been stirred to action, and the Commission to Establish Standards for Pure Food is sitting in New York. A strong lobby, at the head of which the names of such men as Charles M. Ams of New York, Walter Williams of Detroit, R. M. Remnitz of Boston, and John T. Cox of New York, is found, has associated itself under the title of "The Association of Manufacturers and Distributors of Food Products," and it is working with might and main to make the people believe that almond husks are splendid spice, that salicylic acid and apple parings make the very best kind of catsup, that boracic and benzoic acids are delightful table delicacies.

Dr. R. G. Eccles of Brooklyn almost gave the members heart failure when he boldly announced that preservatives in food were good things, preserving health and prolonging life. He contended that salicylic acid was harmless and that if the plain people only knew how much good it would do them they would clamor for it.

Prof. Harvey W. Wiley, chief chemist to the United States Department of Agriculture, who conducted the famous "poison squad" experiments in Washington, wanted to know if preservatives were

so good, why it was possible to get too much of them.

Dr. Eccles said the pasteurization of milk was now opposed by many physicians because it produced an intestinal disease not hitherto known.

Charles M. Ams, speaking for the manufacturers of preserves in New York, said he did not regard glucose and coloring matter as harmful. Sixty per cent of the "jellies" made in the United States, he said, are imitations—that is, that they are not composed of fruit and sugar, but of glucose and coloring matter. Some jellies, he said, contained no fruit at all.

In discussing the standard for "compound jellies," such as the mixing of apple and raspberry, the committee announced that such articles should be labeled to show exactly the percentage of each fruit used. The representatives of the manufacturers said that if compound jellies were forbidden, at least 75 per cent of the factories in the United States would have to close.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

In a few weeks the Republican party of the United States will meet in convention at Chicago. There is only one thought in the minds of its delegates, and that thought is the endorsement of President Roosevelt. A vice-President and a platform will be accepted at the dictation of the President. The platform will contain a clause calling for a revision of the tariff, with the protestation that no such revision can be entrusted to any other than the party of protection. This plank will furnish food for thought at the Democratic Convention at St. Louis.

It is a challenge to those who are clamoring for the immediate revision of the tariff, and it throws the gauntlet down boldly enough. Business disaster did come in 1893. Whatever politicians may think about the matter, the commercial world is convinced that it came as the result of revising the tariff. Nor is there any doubt that uneasiness would be the result of the success of any party not only favoring what is called tariff reform, but having the power to alter the rates. This is not likely to be invested with much significance at St. Louis, where reformers of the raving variety are apt to congregate. Most of them would, if they could, assail the schedules with an ax.

There will be no scarcity at St. Louis of visionaries who have cures for everything. The business world is not looking for either specifics or advice at the hands of quacks. It may have something to learn about its troubles, but it will not rely upon politicians as sources of information. They aggravate rather than palliate. From the evils of capitalization commerce seems to be recovering, if slowly, surely. The process appears likely to continue. To those who desire nothing more than freedom from interference, satisfactory assurances are likely to be forthcoming at Chicago. The tariff plank to be presented there is a protection proclamation. It is a promise that well enough will be let alone. It is out of the question to suppose that any such assurance will find its way into the Democratic platform, but it is not too much to ask that the radicals be kept at a respectful distance.

Perhaps the most damnable feature of the labor union is its merciless and brutal tyranny. It is a mighty machine in the hands of greed, avarice and hatred. Its walking delegates wax fat on the industrial misfortunes of the country. They are crows in the public cornfield.

HEARST AN ENEMY OF THE FLAG.

William Randolph Hearst aspires to become President of the United States. If his aspirations were ever realized he would be the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, yet at Santa Cruz last week his followers and his manager, Michael L. Tarpey, in his name publicly insulted the army of the United States, and openly proclaimed that in their opinion it is a disgrace to wear the uniform of the army of this country. Here are the facts in the case: The citizens of Santa Cruz recently made a tour of the State booming their town, and on that trip took with them the Thirteenth Infantry Band. They found the band all right, and when it came to engage the music for the Democratic Convention at Santa Cruz they hired the band for the gathering. The band arrived at the time agreed upon and proceeded to serenade the various headquarters, including those in the Odd Fellows' Temple, which were under the Hearst banner and had Mr. Tarpey for manager. They played "See! The Conquering Hero Comes," and Mr. Tarpey appeared smilingly to acknowledge their courtesy, until some one suggested to him that the Musicians' Union would not be friendly to Mr. Hearst if they allowed the military band to play before his headquarters. Immediately Tarpey sent word to the band to go away and not to appear near the Hearst headquarters again. More than that, the local reception committee was notified that the band must not play in the convention hall, and that another band must be hired. The committee sent back word that as they were hiring the band they would hire any one they chose, whereupon the Hearst crowd announced that they would not attend the convention if the band was allowed to play there; consequently, to save all trouble, the band performed on the porch of the hotel and the convention went without music.

If this is not disloyalty to the flag it is dangerously near it, for there is not a wide margin between hatred of the uniform and of the flag which it follows. Do the people want for President a man who thus publicly insults the army of the United States? It is true that the Santa Cruz Convention has publicly endorsed Hearst and his acts. It is true that it has condoned his treason to his own party; that it has put the seal of its approval on his treatment of White, of Lane, of Maguire, of all the other leaders and candidates of the Democracy in this State whom he could not control, but that was a matter of interest only to Democrats. If they think Hearst is a bigger man than Stephen M. White, if they think his defeat of Lane was what they wanted; if they admire him for denouncing men whom Democratic conventions had nominated for various offices time and time again they have a right to say so, and they have said so, and by their chosen delegates have declared that Hearst is by far the greatest man the party has ever produced in this State, and that they admire and approve of party disloyalty, and believe it should be rewarded by an election to the Presidency; but the people who are not Democrats, who are first of all Americans, who believe that even a labor union should have no right to insult the American uniform or trample on the American flag will neither admire nor approve of the action of Manager Tarpey at Santa Cruz when he ordered the soldiers of the United States to cease serenading his chief. They will see in it an insult to the flag that they will be quick to resent, and they will not give their votes to a man who treats with contempt the uniform of his country at the dictation of a walking delegate. Some of the unions in their teachings have come dangerously near

treason, and Hearst seems willing to follow them on that dangerous path. Perhaps, though, he will declare that Tarpey acted without authority, and like his editors on the Examiner, is disobeying the orders that come by leased wire.

PRESERVING LANDMARKS.

Although the immense amount of detail work done by the Outdoor Art League toward ultimate purchase of the Calaveras Grove of Big Trees has not resulted in any visible advance of the cause, it is not possible to measure the influence for good that has been extended over the United States to its farthest limits.

For reasons that are not difficult of understanding, the issue did not come before Congress in a form for final action. Despite the fact that influences have been at work in the interest of the owners of the grove to prevent action by the national law-makers upon the basis of \$250,000 or \$300,000, the cause of the trees might have had a hearing this session if the Speaker of the Senate had an ear to "lend" to those anxious to press the measure up for consideration. For financial reasons and because he has some scruples about the establishment of precedents, the Speaker quite frankly ignored the matter, except as it was originally presented, and sent to its rightful committee.

There is a prospect of a long campaign for the trees, one that will require all the patience and tact of the earnest women and some men who have given of their time and means to arouse a sentiment for the purchase of the Big Trees that cannot be ignored. Whiteside, the owner, wants all the money he can get for the wonders that came into his possession; the Government is getting delightfully paternal in the care of the attractions of this country, the things that cannot be reproduced, once destroyed, but it is not willing to pay fancy prices for what in the open market could be had for an honest, rational price—something expressing its real value; enthusiasts let their temperature run up into fever degrees when they think that the trees are in danger, and the owners get up such a scare just about once in so often. Conservatives figure calmly and show for physical reasons that the trees are in no immediate danger. It would not pay the owner to blast them to pieces; besides, they know full well that in good time the trees must be worth more standing than broken up into four-foot wood or in any other length, for that matter.

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Dorothea. Maarten Maartens deserves a place by himself, for he is almost, if not altogether, the only writer of power and originality who comes forward to-day as an apologist for Christian graces. There are plenty of writers who make religion a theme, plenty who exploit that fragile plant, exploit it in a double sense, both as literary material and as a means for procuring the bread which perishes. The Sunday school libraries are full of little abominations which should revolt the grown-up imbeciles who place them there, and as a matter of fact do revolt the sturdy youngsters whose uncorrupted good sense will not tolerate their absurdities. Some there are who read them and grow up into the miserable little weeds which are to-day the all too common exemplars of the Christian graces. Maartens is not one of these writers. He knows his world, not a little, too, of the flesh and the devil, and knowing, he is not ashamed to still state his belief that the old virtues are man's best support, and that the Galilean has not lost his hold even to-day. He is one of the few really able men who can smell violets through patchouli powder.

The novel, and it is a novel of nearly six hundred closely-printed pages, is a story of a girl who was pure in heart. In the midst of all sorts of temptation and lowered standards, she still kept unsullied not only her actions, but her view point, which is all the difference. She was educated in a little Dutch village, and that puritanical, simple life, with its insignificant pleasures, its inherent belief in right and wrong, its narrow but steady round of duties. Its strict standards and its physical cleanliness, was her salvation. It is a plea for an old-fashioned education for girls, but an imposisble plea, a belated plea, and one that will fall on deaf ears. The old standards are gone, and young women no longer respond to their demands.

Dorothea is brought up by two maiden aunts, foolish, sweet and good creatures, just the sort of maiden aunts that all girls should have, if they are to possess a healthy disdain for mere educational accomplishments and intellectual powers. The maiden aunts are innocent goodness personified. They are harmless as doves, and not being apostles, the wisdom of the undovelike is not necessary for them.

Dorothea's father is an English military adventurer, a man of distinguished bravery, but who is of the earth exceedingly earthy, and has a fondness for the seamy side of life, so long as it is socially *comme il faut*. He introduces the girl to Monte Carlo. There she had a splendid chance to go wrong, but does not take it; in fact, with the perversity of innocence, she naturally picks up the best people in the neighborhood and marries a German gentleman, a very fine specimen.

It is needless to speak of the writing, the author is too well known for that. The fault is that too much is undertaken in one book. There are too many wanderings away from the main characters, and too many unimportant people are introduced, though all, even the secondary characters, are well-drawn and individual.

Maartens has the prodigality of genius. He throws his material recklessly away because he has so much of it. It is a fine, healthy, noble sort of book, appealing to those feelings which Dickens and the masters have generally chosen to arouse, but which our modern men have taught us to sneer at and dis-

own. In spite of the super-refined, and acknowledging the allurements of the obvious, there is still something to be said for Maartens in a generation to which his Master might have employed the epithet "wicked," and perhaps that other adjective which reads so much better in King James's version than in a respectable review of a modern piece of writing.

The book is well bound and typographically unimpeachable.

D. Appleton & Company, New York.

—Austin Lewis.

"**Impressions Quarterly**," published by Paul Elder & Co., June number, contains an article by George Wharton James summarizing the early contributions of Ina D. Coolbrith to the "Overland Monthly." Her "Blossom Time" is reprinted in this article to show the cheerfulness of the poet's nature. It is as follows:

"It's O my heart, my heart!
To be out in the sun and sing;
To sing and shout in the fields about,
In the balm and blossoming.

"Sing loud, O bird in the tree,
O bird, sing loud in the sky!
And honey-bees blacken the clover beds—
There are none of you glad as I.

The leaves laugh low in the wind,
Laugh low with the wind at play;
And the odorous call of the flowers all
Entices my soul away.

"For O but the world is fair, is fair,
And O but the world is sweet;
I will out in the gold of the blossoming mold
And sit at the Master's feet.

"And the love that my heart would speak
I will fold on the lily's rim,
That the lips of the blossom, more pure and meek,
May offer it up to Him."

The 1904 summer book, "Restful Recreation Resorts," issued by the passenger department of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, is just out. It tells all about the summering places of the Columbia River Valley. A copy of this publication may be obtained by sending two cents in stamps to A. L. Craig, General Passenger Agent of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, Portland.

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FINANCIAL

Politicians as Flood Regulators.

The recent convention has done one thing good, if not eventful, in carrying out the deep-laid plans of the weaving spiders responsible for its conception. It has shown the people of the State the motive behind the scheme, which is nothing more nor less than to get somebody to take up the burden of making land valuable for somebody else. There should be no difficulty in keeping the channels of the Sacramento and San Joaquin in a condition to handle the surplus water if it is wanted for the forty days and forty nights which we are asked to believe was sufficient to float the chips from Noan's shipyard over the snow-crested peak of Mt. Everest in the land of Ind. If the owners of land along these river courses would resort to the modern dredger as the means of reclaiming the lowlands and raising their levees to a height sufficient to withstand the rush and sweep of winter torrents, which in excessive volume are punctuated by decades, there would be no necessity for appeals upon their part for help from the public. If a man owns a thousand acres along the Sacramento, why in the world should he not take care of it himself. If he has not the money to protect his crops from destruction by an overflow of river water, why does he plant them? It is not the business of the public if he chooses to make an idiot of himself by taking risks which no sane man would do. It is not in business partnership with him, and the partition of profits are heard of when the season is prosperous and fortune smiles. A corporation composed of the land owners themselves, paying their own secretary and engineer, and other expenses of the management, would be proper, the necessary funds to be provided for by the levy of an assessment, as some one suggested before the convention. How the old tuft-hunters chortled with glee at the suggestion of an opportunity to fasten themselves upon another fat proposition, with openings innumerable for political preferment and a chance to get their cloven feet into the swill trough. Note how these birds of prey gathered at the convention, interspersed among the citizens, so full of zeal for the public weal that they can afford to spend their time and money to the neglect of their private affairs. There is a disagreeable suspicion that a project to create more trouble for the miner was a-foot, and that the anti-debris clique was there to saddle the blame of flood and disaster upon the unfortunate hydraulic men. The little game fell through, fortunately, owing to an opposition which started an under-current strong enough to upset the plans of the conspirators, and pin the convention down to the work it had in hand. As a moral support the gathering was quite a success, and it is possible some good thing may yet result from it.

Rumble Rounded Up at Last.

San Francisco is to be congratulated upon getting together a jury which for once has done the honest thing by citizens and taxpayers. We refer to the body which convinced George W. Rumble, the brazen rascal, that there are still some men left in San Francisco to put their foot down upon fraudulent operations like those engaged in by Rumble, the sharper. But then, this was in a United States court, where the better class of jurors sit, and where the bench brooks no interference with the rigid administration of Justice. In the State courts, Rumble might have benefited

from the arguments of counsel retained to demonstrate that facts as plain as the nose on one's face were fallacies. The daily press, as usual, is now full of censure for the man who managed to corral over \$200,000 by a swindle which was patent to every business man in the city. Not that they also were aware of the real import of the Rumble game, which they evidently did not feel justified in interrupting. In one case, where an effort was made at exposing the rascality, it died an early death upon an attack on the probity of the State Mineralogist, the doubt cast upon the probity of an upright official carrying the weight desired by the culprit Rumble, who tried by the slander to offset the charges of theft laid at his own door, charges which are now proven. It would have been an easy matter for either one or the other of the big dailies to have squelched the Rumble scheme in its initial stages. Mines of the value claimed for the Amo and Old Glory are so rare in any part of the world, and the interest paid was so large, that the natural query would suggest itself as to where and how a bucket shop keeper could get hold of a bonanza of the kind, that suspicion would naturally fall upon the man and his proposition. The experts of the State Mining Bureau would have been at the service of a paper asking an investigation, and their report would have soon enlightened the investing public upon the dangerous character of the scheme. It seems strange that such an individual as Rumble could manage to shield himself against the power of the law so long as he has, and manage even to gain the ear of the Chief Executive of the State himself. Now that the rascal is in a fair way to reach San Quentin, if the magic of gold fails for once in the interest of a thief, there may be a chance to unravel a mystery which has puzzled mining people in the State who have watched the career of this swindler for months past, including the police authorities. Whitaker Wright got seven years penal servitude in an English court for a criminal offense less in every way than that of which Rumble has been convicted, which shows the inefficacy of the law in this country to deal with such cases. Wright blew his brains out to avoid the disgrace. Rumble picks up a paltry \$10,000, a small fraction of the bank account now to his credit, moneys obtained from credulous victims, and is free to walk the streets and leave the country should any danger arise of his present conviction holding good.

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Another Local Financial Coup.

An exchange calls attention to the fact that the holders of Vigorit Powder have so far not benefited by exchanging their stock for that of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Co.: "For each share of Vigorit, \$2.73 in preferred and \$4.67 in common stock in par value of the du Pont Co. was received; a holder of 300 shares of Vigorit received 8 shares and 20.02 per cent of one share preferred stock and 13 shares and 99.98 per cent of one share common. As a matter of fact, the fractions were a source of considerable trouble; if they were sold, almost any price had to be taken, and if sufficient was purchased to make a share, an extra price had to be paid. At the present bid price of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company, \$80 bid for preferred and \$35 for common, \$1145.46 could be obtained for the stock received, while for 300 shares of Vigorit at \$4.50, the bid price, \$1,350 could be realized, or \$204.54 more. The E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company is not listed, and as far as can be learned, issues no statements showing the results of its business."

If the mines had anything to do with the Comstock Market, prices would be higher and stocks would be in demand. For the time being, they do not cut any factor in this direction, as the daily quotations show.

Local securities are dull, even for this time of the year, and the wonder is how brokers dependent upon commissions for a livelihood manage to make ends meet.

RED LION BANQUETS.

The handsome dining-room and sumptuous service of The Red Lion Company have been recognized as offering such advantages for private or public banquets that the company has been fairly overrun with requests for the exclusive use of its restaurant for these purposes during the evenings. To meet this demand it has been decided, during the months of May, June and July, to open The Red Lion to the public for luncheon only, and to reserve same in the evenings for the exclusive use of private or public banquets and dinners. The place is already well established as the most popular of the first-class downtown grills for lunch parties, but it is as a banqueting room that it excels. Nothing in this city can surpass for beauty and effect the Red Lion tables and appointments when prepared for a banquet.

Amongst the many affairs of this kind for which it has recently been engaged, we note the Yale dinner, which is scheduled for this Saturday evening at The Red Lion, and of which we hope to give an account in our next issue.

The only and old reliable Swain's Bakery, of 213 Sutter street, is now doing business at 209 Post street. The new quarters are extremely pleasing, and will be appreciated by connoisseurs of the delicacies that only Swain's know how to make. The water ices and ice creams of this first-class bakery are the best to be had, and are delivered to any part of the city. The dining room is now open.

It is now developing that hard money is capable of carrying infection. It has been shown that diphtheria has developed in a child after an hour had elapsed since handling infected money. It follows that money is really entitled to the appellation given it for centuries. It is filthy in more senses than one.

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"One that will play the devil, sir, with you."

TOWN CRIER

A doctor with a German name has proposed that the cows in the dairies which supply our city with milk should be washed and curry-combed. A new union will thereupon come into being, delighting in the appellation of "Cow-Combers." The Hog-polishers' Association has passed resolutions to the effect that the pumice stone supplied by their employers will no longer be used by the union, the said union requiring in future half a union-made brick, stamped with the union label. A strike has been ordered by a section of the Hog-polishers' Union operating in the Potrero, the bristles of some of the animals having been found too obstinate for treatment. The bristles have been forwarded to the Biological Department of the State University, and it is understood that an illustrated page will appear in the Sunday Examiner on "The Force of Environment: or, How the Bristles of an Alliance Hog Refused to Yield to Union Treatment." A member of the Goat-riders' Union has been found to undertake the organization of the Cow-combers.

Discontented bipeds that we are, here is one of our number, an alleged man, too, mind you, who has brought suit for divorce against his wife on the ground of cruelty, supporting his charge by the statement that she refuses to talk. There are many, many men who would gladly marry were they assured of the future silence of their wives, and here is one who is actually throwing away the good gifts of Providence in this reckless fashion. I can imagine that the angels at his wedding endowed him with this sign of divine favor in consideration of his virtuous youth, and Cupid so bubbled with joy that he had to be taken off by Juno and have his nose wiped. It is true, also, he says, that his wife removed all the furniture from the room which he occupied. But why does a man with a silent wife need furniture? "Build me a lodge in some vast wilderness," sighs the poet, and here an ungrateful wretch had all the properties of the lodge, absence of furniture and a wife, who would not talk. Yet he is dissatisfied. Now, who would envy the Almighty his task?

President Wheeler says: "Effective living is largely a matter of will." This is a comfort. Henceforward let the illuminati eschew the labor which swells the muscles and provides more or less of the meat that perishes. Avaunt, work and fruitless toil. Summer is here, and the advice of the President should be taken, else why do we pay him? Let us sit under a tree and smoke the cigarette, just as the President does; let us speak the speech that is foolish, just as the President does, but above all, let us will effectively. Effectively, ah, there's the rub. That word, like faith, is a regular concertina—it will stand any amount of pulling, though as far as living without work goes, a leg is a much better thing to pull. Who said that the President knows that? Perish the thought; lady patronesses have no legs. The President lives by his will, and who can deny that he lives effectively?

A night clerk in a San Francisco hotel, who committed burglary, is going to be punished by imprisonment. This, by the way, is not prophesy; it is merely a pious wish. It serves the beggar right. Why on earth any San Francisco night clerk should seek to make money by burglary when he could do it so much more cheaply and effectively by blackmail, is incomprehensible.

The Board of Supervisors is getting on. It has actually agreed that a certain sum of money shall be voted to put the schools in repair. This is a bold step and reflects great credit upon the originality and audacity of conception of our city fathers. Why should schools be put in repair anyhow? It might be a good thing to leave them as they are, so that the children may be continually reminded of the beauty of a popular administration. Besides, the attendance upon the funerals of fellow scholars who have succumbed owing to the activity of the agile microbe which is brought into being by the defective plumbing of the schools tends to inculcate a constant remembrance of the imminence of death. Subscriptions for flowers on these occasions also teaches unselfishness. The ramshackle schools, therefore, serve a moral purpose, which, it is to be feared, their repair will destroy, in favor of profits for contractors. It is a sordid age.

Charles H. Spear, President of the Harbor Commission, is going East. There is somewhat of a relief in the very thought. But what about those poor Eastern people whom he is going to make glad with the buxom presence of him? This is what he says: "Correspondence with the Eastern officials is not entirely satisfactory. I want to look at the inner workings of the bigger ports on the Atlantic seaboard." So Mr. Spear wants to see the wheels go round. There is an ominous sound about this declaration which would make one think that our enterprising President of the Harbor Commission fancies that he has not yet exhausted the possibilities of local graft. But what about those poor confiding Easterners whose correspondence is so unsatisfactory? When once Charlie Spear gets into those inner workings I should like to see them get him out again. Before he gets home the Eastern ports will have lost most of their portable property.

It is a commentary upon us that the Graduate Association of the San Francisco State Normal School should be obliged to raise a fund to advance to young women who are unable to complete their course for lack of funds. The schools need good teachers, and many of the soundest and best are prevented by poverty from completing their training. It is proposed to advance from three hundred to five hundred dollars to needy young women in order that they may finish their course. This is all very well as far as it goes; but the position of a young woman who starts upon her work and is obliged to repay a loan of five hundred dollars is by no means enviable. It is not encouraging to think that more money is stolen by city officials in San Francisco in the course of a year than would pay the expenses of all the students at the State Normal School five times over.

San Rafael is still in the throes of the mosquito pest. Even the scandal which floats on the balmy night air from the verandas of the prettiest and wick-edest little town on the Coast are not sufficient to kill out the tiresome little insects. The children are to be called into requisition and are to perform feats of horsemanship for the purpose of driving away the annoyance. How should tots on horseback accomplish that which has so far been undone? They will show their chubby legs for filthy lucre, the said lucre to be expended upon the petroleum which provides Rockefeller with his Sunday-school soul.

**Samuel M. Shortridge
and Rabbi Voorsanger**

Two of the local litterati are at it hammer and tongs on the question of the "Kishinev Massacres" and the "Russo-Japanese War," and the flow of genius and eloquence is apparently unquenchable.

Rabbi Voorsanger takes the gifted follower of Blackstone to task for certain rhetorical efforts in behalf of the "Russian Red Cross Society." It will be remembered that Shortridge some time previously officiated as an orator at a meeting of certain citizens to protest against the persecution and incidentally the massacre of the Jews at Kishinev. The trouble seems to be that the good old Rabbi is unable to differentiate between the Government of Russia and the mob at Kishinev.

If memory serves me right, the speech made by Shortridge at the "Kishinev" meeting was notable for its conservatism, and we note some of the remarks made by other speakers are attributed to Shortridge by the Rabbi. It is a pity that partisanship should hedge the bright mind of any man, and that in the enthusiasm of oratory some are blind to the qualities that should endear them both to the community. Shortridge's voice was lifted against the acts of the irresponsible Russian mob, but he prefaced his speech with a very certain and unqualified warning against accepting the murderous assaults as the acts of the Russian nation or the Russian officials. It was an appeal that should be remembered, and especially so because it was temperate in tenor. The Russian Government has carried on a very rigid investigation in the affair, and as a result the miscreants who attacked the defenseless population of Kishinev have been punished as severely as the unusually severe laws of Russia permit.

Mr. Shortridge, it seems, is an unwilling participant in the controversy, and has been thrown on the defensive—in a polemical discussion.

Regarding the stand taken by Mr. Shortridge at the meeting of the "Russian Red Cross" Society, no one can honestly attack the position he has taken. He is entitled to his belief, and while it so happens that it does not agree with ours, we will grant him the right of expressing his opinion privately and publicly.

The stand we take, which is that taken by but few, is that it is not good business for us to sympathize with the Russian. There is nothing in the twaddle of a big nation bulldozing a smaller one; nothing in the idiotic cry of the yellow peril. The contestants are both Asiatic. But our opinion is another story, and we have no ambition to appear as an intervenor in the oratorical pyrotechnics.

The trouble with Shortridge is that his heart is in the right place, and that it is always open. The door may be knocked at by Jew or Russian, and the gifted Sam knows no creed in charity. He seems to occupy the same position on this question as the late James G. Blaine. The position is one that is more or less sentimental, and I must confess that I can see nothing inconsistent in the two speeches made by the San Francisco Demosthenes.

The following is in part a speech made by Blaine at the time he was Senator and was delivered to the "First Maine Cavalry" in Augusta:

"But there was one trouble, I think. They didn't know how Russia would view it; and so in one of these beautiful towns on the north side of the lake of Geneva a secret envoy from the Emperor Napoleon met Gortschakoff and had an interview with

him, and Gortschakoff told him that if England or France laid the weight of a hand upon the interests of the United States, Russia would actively intervene on the side of the Union; and just after that conference (I know I never shall forget it to the last day I live) there appeared very quietly in the Potomac River just below Washington, steaming right along between Washington and Alexandria, five enormous Russian ships of war. Colonel Hamlin tells me there were eight in all the fleet.

"I am only speaking of what I saw. There were five of them there, and I tell you we were glad to see them. They were the most civil and polite gentlemen you ever saw in your life. But it was just a banner hung on the outer walls—a little intimation to Louis Napoleon and Palmerston that if they attempted to intervene here they had a very heavy job on their hands.

"Now that, I say, without any sentimentality between nations—that, I say, entitles Russia and all her citizens and subjects, monarchs and officers to the everlasting gratitude of every American as long as both nations survive.

"I am speaking wholly to private citizens. I do not know, being a Senator of the United States, whether I should speak of international matters with very great freedom. Still, this is free talk, and I am not ashamed to say and to repeat that in whatever contest Russia finds herself engaged, by whatever danger she feels herself menaced, the active sympathies of the people and the Government of the United States will go with her to the end." (Great applause.)

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 The emptiness of folly in his face,
 And on his back the brand of good men's hate.
 Who made him dead to decency and truth—
 A thing that feels not, and can never think,
 Stupid and dull, own brother to the ass?
 Who gave his face its vacuous, leering grin?
 Whose was the hand that shaped those trembling
 lips,
 Slobbering with weakness, tremulous with vice?
 Whose breath blew out his light, and made a beast?

Is this the thing that dare aspire and hope
 To place his name where honest men have writ?
 To make decrees and work his bestial will—
 To sell his land to anarchy and strife?
 To play the fool with our great destiny?
 And is this gold the instrument he wields?—
 The filthy gold oozing in yellow drops
 The color of the sheet that shouts his name,
 The color of the blood in his own poisoned veins,
 The gold his father gathered by his toil,
 The gold his mother spends in deeds of love,
 The gold that in his vicious hand becomes
 A tool of treason and a villain's aid.

What gulfs between him and great Jefferson!
 Slave of destroying vices, what to him
 Are Honor and the calls of Chivalry?
 What the integrity which strong men prize,
 The blush of modesty, the strength of truth?
 The barrel that he hugs is all his God,—
 He knows no music but the jingling coins,
 And with such music he has charmed the minds
 Of fawning things, prostrating their cheap souls
 In mute obedience to his filthiness.

O citizens and Masters of the State,
 How will your reason reckon with this man?
 How answer his brute question when he seeks
 To brand his infamy upon this land?
 How will it be with all his treasure then,
 When honest men shall thrust him into Hell
 And let him shrivel through the centuries?

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SOCIETY

The rustle of the grasses
Whispers to the silent sky;
So I care not how time passes,
If it only pass me by.
I have thrown the whole thing over
And have yet the fullest gain,
In the freedom of a rover
And the grasses' hushed refrain.

For a busy rabbit's creeping
To his supper on the hill,
And a hidden linnet's cheeping
To the bubbling of the rill.
So I care not how time passes,
If it only pass me by,
In the rustle of the grasses
And the silence of the sky.

—Roland Whittle.

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Dear Bessie: Engagement announcements, luncheons and card parties have served to enliven us this week, and of each there have been quite a number. We have been waiting and watching for the news of Gertrude Dutton's engagement to Josh Howell, which every one knew was sure to come, and now it has been formally announced, which means another big wedding before long. The announcement of Stella McCalla's engagement to William Chapin of Sacramento was made at a tea given last Monday at the Admiral's home at Mare Island. All the Yard was there, of course, with several from the city, and it gives us promise of a brilliant wedding to come off there early in August, for the McCallas always give such handsome and delightful entertainments. One good thing about it is the certainty of keeping Stella in California, as the other McCalla girls, having married in the service, we can only be sure of them just as long as they are in sight. And only think of Charlie Ellinwood and Miss Arnold getting married unknown to any one; just walked off quietly to a Justice of the Peace and had the knot tied last week, and are now receiving the felicitations of their friends at their simple way of doing things. They have gone, I believe, to Stanislaus County, where they will enjoy the pleasures of ranch life, for a time, at least, if not en permanence.

I forgot to tell you last week of the Bissinger-Ehrman wedding, which came off at noon on Wednesday at the Bissinger residence on Pacific Avenue, Rabbi Voorsanger officiating in a bower of pink hawthorne and American beauty roses. The pretty little bride, Elizabeth Bissinger, who was given away by her grandfather, Moses Greenbaum, wore a lovely gown of white satin trimmed with Valenciennes lace, tulle veil, and carried orange blossoms. Her sister Emma, who was her sole attendant, was in white chiffon over green silk, and Alfred Ehrman was best man to his brother Alexis. It was a family gathering purely, and at the dejeuner which followed the ceremony, but later there was a large reception.

The first announced June wedding will be that of Genevieve Huntsman and Harry Williar at the home of Mrs. Huntsman on the 8th; the cards came out this week, and I must not forget to tell you that Elsie Marsh's engagement to Mason Moran was announced at the tea Mrs. Wheeler gave for the Spinners' Club on Tuesday.

The fascination of bridge seems to grow and grow.

I have heard it likened to hitting the pipe—the first game or smoke indulged in, the devotee or the victim is lost, and there is nothing left but to keep on. Of a truth, one hears of little else being played these days. Both Nellie Oxnard and Gertrude Van Wycke had their bridge clubs meet at their houses last Thursday.

Mrs. Burke Holladay, who so seldom appears in the list of hostesses, gave a very pretty luncheon last Friday in compliment to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Messer, who has been here on a visit to her mother from her English home for some time past, the guests being a happy combination of old and young. Among them was a charming lady from New York, a Mrs. Chadwick, who is staying with the Phelans. Florence Bailey gave a luncheon on Tuesday—she will stay in town all summer. Mabel Toy's luncheon was one of the events of Wednesday, and Mrs. Toy had a luncheon yesterday. Alice Sprague was a tea hostess on Friday, and on Tuesday a lot of the girls went over to Sausalito to one given by Cornelia Campbell for Carrie Merry, who is to spend the whole of next month with Anne Field; and Mrs. George Boardman, who has gone to do the St. Louis Fair, gave a farewell family dinner, the evening before she left, for her sons, Sam, Chauncey and Danforth, and their wives, and this sums up most of the recent gatherings. To-day the Gorrills give a tea in Oakland which promises to be quite an affair, and for next Saturday I am looking forward to the pony show at San Rafael, which Dick says is to be "great fun." It will be held at the Bates place near the Hotel Rafael, and after the parade is over, there will be no end of other pleasures—tea, and so forth. Mollie came in for a lot of fun during her recent visit to Mare Island, taking in many of the parties given for other visitors, who were there at the same time, and particularly pretty, she said, was the card party of Mrs. Graham's, where they played seven-handed euchre.

Blessings brighten, etc., and hence Mrs. Peter is being muchly sought after as her departure for the East draws nigh. Mrs. Sheils' luncheon at the St. Francis was expressly for her, and was a pretty af-



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fair, and I hear that Mrs. Eleanor Martin, who has been visiting in San Diego and Los Angeles, will not let her daughter-in-law go without an extra large dinner as a bon voyage and happy return, which, by the bye, is said to be an assured fact, before the close of the year.

The Fields have taken one of the Tallant apartments on Washington street, and are very pleasantly located therein; Helen Wagner has been up at San Rafael with the J. J. Moores for a little visit, and will be with her sister most of the summer at her Menlo Park home. The Duttons are going to Yosemite next month, and will have Maylite Pease with them, who has just returned from her visit East, where she has been for a long time; the Gallatins and Lita were in New York early this week, having done the St. Louis Exposition very thoroughly. Louise Breeze and Ethel Lincoln have gone on a visit to the Bensons at Fort Jefferson, with whom they will take in the wonders of the St. Louis show. Susie Bixby had Louise Cooper of Santa Barbara with her this week; she gave her a lovely card party the other day. The Mills-Read party, who are early spring guests, have gone back East, but soon will come summer visitors, and always among the earliest is Mrs. Richardson Clover, who dearly loves her pretty home in Napa Valley, and will, as usual, be here ere long with her daughters to enjoy it. Louise Redington is home again from her trip to Europe, and we are glad to have her back.

Georgie Spieker leaves in about two weeks for the Yellowstone region, and will be away the whole of June; Anita Bertheau has gone East for the summer; the Fred McNears have had their auto down at Del Monte enjoying their spins most thoroughly, I hear. Mrs. Sonntag and Edith will soon be back from the East, and are to spend the summer at the Hotel Rafael, and there, too, Everett Bee has decided to put in the next few weeks.

—Elsie.

BIRTHS.

May 19th—To Lieutenant and Mrs. Martin L. Crimmins, nee Cole, a daughter.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Miss Mary Lucile Caldwell, daughter of Mrs. L. G. Caldwell, to Captain Peyton Graves Clark, U. S. A., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Clark, of Hope Hall, Alabama.

Miss Stella McCalla, daughter of Admiral and Mrs. Bowman McCalla, to William Wallace Chapin, of Sacramento.

Miss Gertrude Dutton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dutton, to Josiah Howell.

Miss Elsie Marsh, sister of Mrs. Charles Stetson Wheeler, to Mason Montgomery Moran.

Miss Alice Newhall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Newhall, to Doctor O'Mera.

Miss Mary Lucille Caldwell, daughter of Mrs. L. G. Caldwell, to Capt. Peyton Graves Clark, U. S. A.

Miss Bertha McElrath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McElrath, of Oakland, to Doctor Benjamin Bakewell, son of the Rev. Doctor and Mrs. Bakewell, of Berkeley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

June 1st (Wednesday)—Miss Marjorie Erwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Erwin, to Lieutenant Gibson Taylor, 13th Infantry U. S. A., First Unitarian Church, Berkeley.

June 8th (Wednesday)—Miss Genevieve Huntsman, daughter of Mrs. George H. Huntsman, to Henry F. Williar, 824 Sutter street, 12 m.

WEDDINGS.

May 18th (Wednesday)—Miss Elizabeth Arnold, daughter of the late Samuel Arnold, of Berkeley, to Charles Ellinwood, Jr., son of Doctor and Mrs. Charles N. Ellinwood, Berkeley.

Next Sunday evening at the Golden Gate Hall an exceptionally fine programme will be rendered for the testimonial entertainment and ball to be given to Rabbi Isadore Myers: Lockenbacw Orchestra, overture; xylophone solo, M. Sam Samuels; Just a few remarks, Abe Myers; specialties, Will Stern; contralto solo (selected), E. Scott Basford; violin solo, Bell Rosenthal; Russian arias by H. Wiamowski; selections, Y. M. H. A. mandolin club.

Arrivals at Hotel Rafael during week ending May 24, 1904: Mrs. P. C. Deuroche, Miss M. Yost, Mr. L. Bocqueras, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Fay and family, Mr. S. L. Jones, Mrs. J. Magnin, Mr. S. S. Rau, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Wiel, Mrs. Helen Hecht, Mr. C. H. Merrill, Mrs. E. S. Ciprico, Mr. G. W. Coffee, Mr. A. D. Harrison, Miss G. James, Miss I. Ciprico, Mr. E. Halden, Mr. I. J. Wiel, Mr. and Mrs. L. Kuttner, Mrs. C. L. Wickersham, Mrs. C. A. Eggers and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stanton, Mr. Philip Baker, Mr. E. A. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stillman, Mr. and Mrs. S. Schwarts and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carron, Mr. J. C. Love, Mr. J. S. Gallagher, Mr. C. H. Turner, Mrs. J. L. Rosenthal and daughter, Mr. E. Julian, Mr. P. Nye, Mr. C. A. Elston, Mr. M. G. Jeffres, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Foster and family, Mrs. Lowe and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Judson, Mrs. O. A. Judson, Mrs. R. C. McCreary, Mrs. C. A. Routzahn, Miss D. Lehman, Miss M. Lehman, Mr. E. M. Foster.

A special feature at the Hotel Rafael will be a concert by the Berkeley Quartette, on Friday, June 3d. The entertainment provided at this hostelry is always of a high order.

On the twenty-fifth, the Commencement exercises of the Dominican College attracted a very large and fashionable crowd, at San Rafael, California. The graduating class consisted of Miss Daisy Ursula Ena, Miss Katherine M. Hedges Hall, Miss Angelita Louise Hohwiesner, and Miss Ida May Marriott.

The following was the programme—Rosamonde Overture, Piano Octette, Schubert. Misses Agnes Maloney, Ida Marriott, Clarice Ena, Beatrice Guitard, Mary Ena, Norma Cassinelli, Anna Ena, Irene Ciprico. Hark, Hark, My Soul, Vocal Quartette, Shelley; Misses Ena. Recitation, Miss Kathleen De Young. Musical Proibita (Gastaldon) Graziani-Walter, Violins, Mandolins, Lute, Harps, Piano; accompanist, Miss Irene Ciprico. Alla Stella Confidante, Soprano, Robaudi (violin obligato), Miss Teresa Oneta; accompanist, Miss Agnes Maloney. Polonaise (four pianos), Dvorak; Miss Beatrice Williams, Frances Murphy, Helen Jones, Bertha Savage, Elsa Behlow, Alma Krause, Ruth Neale, Caroline

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Special mention is due Miss Kathleen de Young (recitation), Miss Teresa Oneta (soprano), Miss Katherine Hall (original poem—"Now"), Miss Norma Cassinelli (contralto), accompanied by Miss Ida Marriott, Miss Daisy Ena (violin solo.) The valedictory was exceptionally well rendered by Miss Angelita Hohweisner.

Arrivals at Hotel Del Monte: W. A. Jones, Mrs. R. Gilman Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. Metcalf, Miss Denston, J. C. Varleaux, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wheelwright, Mrs. N. Jacobus, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Smith, Mrs. A. G. Pratt and son, Mrs. P. S. Hammond, Mr. Simpson, Miss Simpson, Count P. S. Griman, Edward Paluso, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Easton, Mrs. C. P. Lamprey and family, C. B. Brewster, O. W. Colby, Fritz Krone, W. Schuck, D. W. Staley, E. M. Farnham, William Parsons, Master Austin Tubbs, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Nichols, D. C. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Higgin, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Wolcott, R. E. Newton, S. R. McLaren and Mrs. McLaren, Professor S. W. Young, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Davis, G. G. Vogel and Mrs. Vogel, Anna L. LaForge, G. W. Lathrop, Jennie L. Lathrop, Bernice Lathrop, C. M. Odie, J. T. Overbury, Mr. and Mrs. Cowperthwait, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Taft, C. H. Taft, Jr., Mrs. James Brooks, Sadie J. Brooks, Florence A. Acker, V. H. Youngman and wife.

When a man joins a labor union, generally speaking, he surrenders his individuality and becomes a mere cog in a wheel. Moreover, he is denied the right to consult, much less consider, his own best interests in those concerns of life which have all to do with remuneration for the employment of his skill and brain and brawn. He is a slave to the caprice of men who live on the fruits of knavery. The wonder is that otherwise strong and manly characters in the world of labor should be so weak and so lacking in self-reliance in matters of such vital importance to them as to fail in the exercise of their sovereign right to seek and accept employment on the basis of personal negotiation. When a man recognizes an authority higher than himself to fix his own worth, he is a vassal of that authority, and in labor unionism that authority is a merciless tyrant for his own personal advantage.

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That eminent statesman, Supervisor Oscar Hocks, believes in paying election bets, and in aiding during his days of eminence, those who assisted in thrusting prominence upon him. Mr. Hocks, who sells liquor when not otherwise engaged, has introduced in the Board of Supervisors an ordinance providing that saloon keepers refused a liquor license by the Board of Police Commissioners shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Supervisors, and that if in the judgment of the latter body "the said license should be issued, they shall authorize the Tax Collector to issue said license." Mr. Hocks is acting in behalf of the Associated Retail Liquor Dealers who feel they have had cause to complain against the Police Commissioners, and some of whom also object to paying fees to attorneys to represent them whenever it is necessary to go to the Hall of Justice. So Hocks has evolved the scheme to make the Board of Supervisors a sort of appellate court, where the rejected applications for liquor licenses will be reviewed. The plan is Napoleonic in its possibilities for acquiring political support from the liquor dealers. The Supervisors now devote considerable attention to the propagation of prize fights, and it needs only to make them the arbiters of the fate of saloon keepers to secure the support of the red light district forever.

Hocks' proposed ordinance has one fatal defect. It is clearly in excess of the powers of the Supervisors, because it is amendatory of the charter. That document grants the Supervisors certain powers, all of which, however, are "subject to the provisions, limitations and restrictions in this charter contained." One of these restrictions is the provision giving to the Police Commissioners exclusive authority to issue liquor licenses. We do not presume that the people are much interested in the source from which the liquor licenses emanate, but it might be just as well to leave the power where the law places it—with the Police Commissioners—for it is certainly easier to keep track of four Commissioners than of eighteen Supervisors.

The case of George D. Collins has attracted considerable attention, not only because of the charges of unprofessional conduct made against him, and of his counter-charges against Judge Kerrigan, but also on account of the attitude assumed in the matter by the Bar Association. The grievance committee of the association has recommended that proceedings in disbarment be instituted against Collins, and this will be done. The trial before the Supreme Court will prove of unusual interest. Collins has shown himself to be a man of many resources, and with his back against the wall, he will make a very desperate fight. He may be guilty of all that is charged against him, but that does not convince an unprejudiced observer that some members of the Bar Association were not animated somewhat by personal motives when it voted to attack him in the courts. His main offending, it appears, was his assault upon Judge Kerrigan. I believe in this he was guilty of a grievous wrong and an outrageous act, but it was all within his legal rights, and made in the manner provided by the law; therefore, I think he should not be disbarred for thus offending the proprietors. Judge Kerrigan is an upright Judge, but there are others on the bench to-day in this city whose ermine is dyed deep with the slime of corruption. The lawyers of the Bar Association know this better than

most men. Why don't they expose and attack the crooked Judges? Is it not common talk that certain lawyers can get anything they want from certain Judges? That if a case is assigned to a certain court, only certain lawyers can win a trial there held? Is it not known that certain attorneys, with the aid of certain Judges, have managed by hook and by crook to keep law breakers out of jail, despite the efforts of the police authorities to enforce the law? Is the Bar Association afraid of the Judges? Is it a commentary on the condition of the bar in this city that not five per cent of the 3,000 attorneys of San Francisco are members of the Bar Association? It looks to a disinterested observer as if the Bar Association were "four flushing" in the Collins case. If it is for reform, there is plenty of work for the Association; but nothing is to be gained by single efforts. What about the Nagles and the Salomons, and the Joneses, and others who have been engaged in what laymen might be tempted to call the despoilation of estates? Has the Bar Association no eye for these offenders? Let the grievance committee buckle on its armor and go forth upon a crusade.

Over at Berkeley there is a College of Commerce, in which the students are instructed in the fundamental principles of business conducted in accordance with modern methods. Down at Palo Alto is an opposition emporium of commercial knowledge, where the boys are given tips on the easiest way of skinning the Berkeley lads on 'change, after they have done the "crossing the threshold" act and left college. Quite in line with the ideas of business education, the bankers held a State convention last week, at which many interesting papers were read. Lovell White, for instance, told some things about mortgages, and said, incidentally, that all modern business is based on credit. In brief, credit is the life of trade. Adam Smith and other economists used to think that competition was the life of trade, but now we learn from universities and bankers that credit is the thing. That, doubtless, explains the actions of the Berkeley and Stanford seniors in establishing a long line of credit when they set about contracting bills for their commencement exercises. The tradesmen, not having had the benefits of university training, believed in credit only to a limited extent. Some

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of them were so rude that they sued the Berkeley boys, and the uncultured process servers captured several seniors at a picnic in the hills, and held them prisoners until they gathered a few simoleons from their friends and gave them to the men with the bills as evidences of good faith. The Palo Alto seniors have not been sued or captured up to date, but the bills for the supper at their commencement ball have not been paid, and their class plate of glittering brass, planted in the quadrangle, has its glory dimmed by a chattel mortgage. All of which leads me to the belief that it might be well for the professors at the Colleges of Commerce at the two universities to deliver a series of lectures on "Bills and their Payment."

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A new church, about to be opened in the Western Addition, advertises as one of its many attractions a flea-proof carpet of cork which will be spread over the floor for the greater comfort of the worshipers. The pastor of this church should meet with the success which his thoughtfulness deserves. In endeavoring to provide for the physical comfort of his congregation he displays a true Christian spirit. He, of all the many ministers, has solved the problem of why men do not go to church. The California flea he recognizes as an agent of the devil, whose purpose on earth is to disturb the minds of those who are intent upon devotion, and to cause them such physical discomfort that they cannot raise themselves to that state of mental exaltation so necessary for contemplation of the beatitudes. Other pastors should follow his lead.

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Scientists now tell us that germs of disease lodge in our shoes, and are thus carried into happy homes, where they are turned loose to create havoc and dismay. The surest safeguard is to have the shoes cleaned with some antiseptic preparation. Particular attention should be given the inside of the shoe, say the men of learning. The shoes should be thoroughly cleaned inside and out. The signs in front of barber shops, "Shoes Cleaned Inside," should no longer create levity. If you would be free from germs, have your shoes polished on the inside. It is the very latest fad.

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The Park Commissioners are entitled to the thanks of the community for ordering the removal of the peddlers and sure-thing men from the ocean beach. Their presence on the strand below the Cliff House has constituted a public nuisance for years. People go to the beach to indulge in ozone and to enjoy the wondrous beauties of the ocean; not to run the gamut of peanut butchers, tamale vendors and hawkers of pink lemonade; nor to be assailed by the sure-thing man with the roulette wheel, or the more obnoxious trickster with the pegs and the iron rings. The wrapping papers, tin cans, old bottles, ripped socks, cinders, broken boxes and barrels thrown out by these peddlers make the beach look like a garbage dump. The Park Commissioners should have the offal removed and the sands scraped over. Mounted policemen should be required to patrol the beach on Saturdays and Sundays, and on holidays, to preserve the sands from desecration by the ungodly.

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William Lorraine has sued Miss du Clam for \$2000 damages, because in a moment of enthusiasm, induced by the knowledge that this is a leap year, the fair one grabbed him in a loving embrace, and hugged Willie so tight that she cracked one of his ribs. If this thing keeps on, remedial and protective measures must be enacted to protect our young men from

athletic young women. Else, the new generation will be minus a few floating ribs.

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In August, the National Guard will camp with the regulars, under the command of Major-General McArthur. Uncle Sam will pay the militiamen the same amount paid regulars during the fortnight's encampment, and will feed, arm and instruct the soldiers of the State. The National Guard officers will also receive the pay of their rank, while in the field. But, sad to relate, Uncle Sam draws the line at our army of epauletted Generals. He will have none of them. He figures it will cost him some \$2000 to support Major-General Dickinson and his staff, and the other Generals and their staffs, for the two weeks. So the Generals, perforce, must stay home. Like so many Othellos, their occupation will be gone. The old gentleman at Washington thinks he has about all he can stagger under with General Funston, General Wood, and a few others that were made to order, and he won't stand for the warrior from Saualito.

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The local School Board has directed the teachers to examine the pupils every morning for traces of disease, and to make reports upon blank forms of anything that looks irregular. This will be, hereafter, the order of exercises in the school rooms:

First Exercise—Open mouths! Stick out tongues!

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The American Federation of Musicians has refused to permit the union musicians of San Francisco to participate with army bands in August next at the parade of the Knights Templar. The American Federation is evidently composed of intelligent men. They know that San Francisco wants to entertain the Knights Templar in a befitting manner, and that poor music is most distressing; also, they know that the army bands play good music. Therefore, they have ordered the local musicians to keep away from the parade. The managing committee of the Templars' conclave should send the Federation a vote of thanks.

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GRAND—Melbourne MacDowell in Fedora—A very good performance of the Sardou play.

COLUMBIA—Richard Mansfield in repertoire—nuf eed.

ORPHEUM—Crisp vaudeville. A good show.

CENTRAL—"A Great Temptation," an American drama.

Purposely I have refrained from an extended review of "Ivan." The play strikes me as tedious, and I have no desire to inflict my impression on the public. I emerged from the theatre with a distinct feeling of a cold in the head. This may have been due to my seat in the theatre or the "skis" and "skoffs" of the stage. I do not like gloom. On the score of scenic arrangement the play is a dream. While the material has the appearance of being somewhat flimsy, that is easily forgot in the sombre magnificence of the perfect Russo-Byzantine ornamentation and coloring.

Mr. Mansfield has left his impress on the dramatic history of the century, and to many it is to date sensations from the time of seeing him in one of his great plays. He is a wonderfully fine actor, and it seems as easy a task for him to portray youth as old age, virility as decrepitude. He is a scholar, a business man and an artist. It was the combination of these qualities that made the Grand Monarchs, Bonaparte and Frederic the Great, the makers of history they were. Mansfield, as they, would have been a success in any line. Fate cast him among the mummies, and as a mummy he stands pre-eminent. He is a maker of history too—on the stage. Valeté ac plaudite.

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Inadvertently I said that it would be wise to eliminate the ad. curtain during the Mansfield engagement. There is no advertising curtain at the Columbia. I am filled with unquenchable remorse in this matter, because next to being criminal abettor for an ad. curtain, I can conceive of nothing worse than being accused of owning such an atrocity. I was fresh from a round of all the play houses, and the cauchemar was in my thoughts predominant.

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"A Possible Case" is a laughable skit at the Alcazar for this week. There is a laughable situation caused by the marriage of one woman to three men, and the matter is finally adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned. There is a great deal of mirth in the play, and it is well staged. The cleverest work is done by Mr. George Osbourne as Mendoza, the villainous Mexican. He is simply immense in this act, succeeding in subduing his voice and action to that of a rather "young" middle-aged villain. His mannerisms are well thought, and to tell you the truth, I did not think he had it in him. Adele Block is a very lovely Violet Mendoza, the woman of many husbands, and Frances Starr makes a most winsome Gladys.

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Madame Tojetti again demonstrated her great ability as an impresario in an invitational affair at the California Club last week. She favored the audience with an exhaustive treatise on the life and the music of Hugo Wolf. This was followed by a varied

programme inclusive of the songs of Scheffel, Kerner, Heysse, Morike, Eichendoeff, and others. Madame Emilia Tojetti was assisted by Fred Maurer, Jr. In him she found a very sympathetic accompanist, and as this was the first production of the music and songs of the gifted Wolf in San Francisco, the California Club is to be congratulated on having the services of so clever a woman.

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"The Runaway Girl" is still running—at the Tivoli.

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Melbourne MacDowell and Miss Ethel Fuller are making a big success at the Grand in "Fedora."

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"A Great Temptation" at the Central should tempt large audiences, as it is a scenic and artistic success.

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The Orpheum has a good bill this week. "Burke, Larue and their Inky Boys" are phenomenally good. Marcel's Living Art Studios are an improvement on the first week, and the rest of the company is an excellent one.

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Hooray! Hooray! Charles W. Strine has returned from the Eastern centers, and he is to bring out a new lot of faces for the Tivoli stage. For the first time in many months we will see a pretty face and a shapely leg. Once this becomes known to the public at large it will be almost an impossibility to prevent a riot at the box office. The news is scarcely believable. There are many good things in store. Among these may be mentioned "Robin Hood," "Tor-eador," "The Emerald Isle," "The Wild Rose," "The Chinese Honeymoon," "Dolly Varden," "The Messenger Boy," "Babette," "San Toy," "Three Little Maids," "The Gaiety Girl," "My Lady Mollie," and a host of other good things.

Lillian Sefton, Floye Redledge, Kate Condon, Alfred McGahan and Melville Ellis are the new names that will be seen on the programme.

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Alfons, the European equilibrist, will make his first appearance at the Chutes this coming week in the act that has won him fame all over the world, and Bert Bence and Joe Allen, presenting a highly amusing act entitled "An Original Idea." Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hunn, one of the most renowned duos of colored comedians before the public, will also be new. The two Fantas, acrobatic comedy delineators of child life, with their trained pig, "Mike," will vary their act, and George and Laura Lewis, the two "Rubes," Mildred Manning, the popular contralto, in a new illustrated song, the views for which show scenes of San Francisco life, and the animatoscope, showing the latest novelties in moving pictures, will complete a capital programme. The amateurs will appear on Thursday night. The Zoo is in receipt of many rare and interesting animals, and twenty new monkeys have just been added to the happy family in the Darwinian Temple.

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Jules Ferrar, Dorothy Kendal and Thornton Cole, three very clever farceurs, will make their first appearance in this city at the Orpheum this coming week. Gaston and Stone, known as "The Jolly Jackies," will also be new here. Andrew and William Powers, the original Alphonse and Gaston A-wheel, promise a laughing novelty in their trick bicycle act.

Charles Burke, Grace La Rue and their "Inky" boys, will introduce new specialties in "The Silver Moon." The new reproductions in bas relief and paintings in Marcel's Living Art Studios will include the Gleaners, Virginius, the Abduction, Oedipus, Apollo Charming the Shepherds, the Sailor's Return, and For the Flag. The delightful Colby family of musicians will vary their musical entertainment; Al Lawrence will present an entire change of songs, stories and imitations, and Belle Gordon, the World's champion bag puncher of her sex, will complete a varied and interesting programme. There will be a special Matinee on Monday, Decoration Day.

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Next Monday matinee (Decoration Day), "The Toy Maker" will be revived for one week. The immense success achieved by this piece at the old Tivoli will not be soon forgotten. Over a year has elapsed since its last production, and its revival should be particularly welcome, especially as the stage and resources of the new Tivoli will permit of a more perfect presentation than it has yet had. At the Monday and Saturday matinees every child in attendance will receive a handsome toy.

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Melbourne MacDowell will begin the fifth week of his engagement at the Grand Opera House tomorrow matinee, with a perfect production of "Gismonda." Ethel Fuller will play the role of "Gismonda." There will be a special matinee of "Gismonda" next Monday, Decoration Day. Sunday matinee, June 5th, Mr. MacDowell will begin the sixth and last week of his successful engagement with a splendid presentation of the romantic drama, "A Captain of Navarre." The play is entirely new here, but it created an immense sensation in the East.

Mrs. Leslie Carter commences an engagement at this theatre Monday, June 13th, in David Belasco's play, "Du Barry."

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Next week the Central Theatre will present "A Celebrated Case." This famous play is one of the most perfect of standard dramas in unity of plot, wealth of incident, richness of dialogue and intense power of climaxes.

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The Loring Club will give one of its delightful soirees at Native Sons' Hall on the evening of Tuesday, May 31st. It is the fourth concert of the twenty-seventh season. The club has engaged for this occasion a professional orchestra of nearly forty pieces, assisted by the club's soloists. One-half of the programme will consist of one of the most dramatic of works, written for male voices. It is called "The Battle of the Huns," by Zollner, a foremost German composer. Mrs. Wallace Wheaton Briggs, soprano, will make her debut with the Loring Club in the only female part, that of "Gottlinde." This requires a soprano of great dramatic range.

The thanks of the whole community are always due to John McLaren, and it is a pleasure to say anything that is to his credit. On the 2d, a banquet is to be given in his honor, and the best of the commercial and professional world of San Francisco has been bidden to pay him respects. The banquet is in the nature of a farewell to Mr. McLaren on his departure to Scotland, where he will visit his old mother. The Board of Park Commissioners has voted Mr. McLaren one thousand dollars for his expenses on this trip. This is a graceful and a just compliment to a painstaking and deserving public official.

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs

Penetrating the Interior.

The war in Manchuria is developing tactics that are a radical departure from the old way.

History gives no account of an army covering its advance with heavy and cumbersome field artillery, but that is the way General Kuroki is moving in the direction of the Russian stronghold at Mukden, and apparently with pronounced success. In previous wars the rule was to put the artillery into action as a prelude to the first onslaught, and after the advanced infantry and cavalry forces had obliged battle-line formation, but the Japanese have a way of their own invention, and thus far it has been a very good way. By all the rules of defensive operation the Russians should make their dispute against further advance of the enemy at Mukden a second Gettysburg, but intimations come from St. Petersburg that after slight resistance at that point, General Kuropatkin will retire upon Harbin, which is located at the junction of the Port Arthur branch of the main Siberian railway whose eastern terminus is Vladivostock. This makes the distance from Port Arthur to Harbin about 800 miles, but a good deal more than half of the distance is already actually or strategically under Japanese control. It seem to be Kuropatkin's plan to rely upon his Cossacks to sufficiently harass the Japanese flanks and rear to make their journey to Harbin a long-drawn out and a most wearisome tramp, attended by great loss from skirmishes and disease. Against this hinted-at plan of the Russian commander is the strong point that the Japanese can and would advance along the line of the Port Arthur and Harbin railway, giving them ample transportation facilities for supplies and troop movements; besides, they already have a strong base on the Yalu river from which a movement, or rather from which the main movement against Mukden is being made, and which must necessarily become threatening to Vladivostock as the Japanese advance toward Mukden and Harbin. Viewed strategically at this time the Japanese are in a very much stronger position than the Slavs, barring the danger from Cossack raids on flanks and rear. Still a great battle at Mukden might be fought without materially changing the strategy of either as a whole. It will be remembered that the battle of Gettysburg was so fierce and destructive that the total loss in killed and wounded was considerably over twenty thousand men, and that both armies were so badly crippled that the one could not hinder the movement of the other toward its base. The same thing might be done at Mukden, but of course such a battle would prolong the war, for so long as the combatants can maintain bases of supplies and centers of operations, there would be no occasion to quit—except diplomatically. The changes in the situation the past week are decidedly favorable for a war of several years duration, so far as the armies are concerned.

Port Arthur Holding Out.

The situation on the Port Arthur peninsula is very much like it was at Vicksburg after General Grant had secured all the water and land approaches to the Confederate garrison of over 30,000 men—twice the land force that is defending Port Arthur. The Japanese army practically controls by actual or strategical force all the land approaches to Port Arthur for fully, if not more, than 400 miles inland, besides the navy is master of the water side. General Grant had no fear of serious opposition from the Confederates in Mississippi,

Louisiana, or Arkansas, and he was supreme on the Mississippi river. Grant took Vicksburg by "parallels and approaches," mines and occasional charges, meanwhile keeping up a steady mortar fire from the river squadron. The Japanese are using substantially the same tactics at Port Arthur. The fate of Vicksburg was sealed the hour it was invested; so was Port Arthur's fate sealed when Japanese troops landed in its rear.

British Thibetan Policy.

The London Government being assured of the indorsement and support of the subjects of the kingdom and of the empire, and the good will of the civilized world generally, outside of Russia, in her Thibetan undertaking, a vigorous policy has been adopted, which contemplates no halt or compromise until the sovereignty of Great Britain is recognized and peace secured throughout Thibet. It is unfortunate for the Thibetans as well as for the civilized world that England's supremacy will not be fully established and peace secured immediately. It is very certain that Russia is urging the Llama to resist the English to the last and that he has assurances of at least financial aid for war purposes from St. Petersburg. And it is equally certain that organized bands of Tartars are entering Thibet to co-operate with the Llama's army, and that Russian money is paying their bills. It is not supposed that the British will have much difficulty in capturing the principal trade centers and lines of communication, but under Russian influence and by Tartar military aid the Llama will seek the fastness of the mountain country, and may from there prosecute an irregular warfare for years. So long as he can do that, immigration, commerce and capital will not be likely to invade the country to any great extent, but of course the fanatics will in time be driven from their mountain camps by willing assimilation and acquiescence, or by being gathered to their fathers. History records but one notable exception to the rule that Great Britain gets what she goes after in the way of trade, traffic and territory, and that one exception was the American colonies when they repudiated British sovereignty, but in speaking of that event, history makes the point that England was dealing mostly with Englishmen, Irishmen and Scotchmen, by birth or descent, and that she should have been well enough acquainted with her own children and blood relations to avoid bucking against the inevitable. Anyway, map makers may as well prepare cuts to call it "British Thibet."

Panama Fears Trouble.

The authorities of Panama have received the \$10,000,000 due them for the canal franchise and for their treachery to their Government, the Republic of the United States of Colombia, but they are in a peck of trouble over it. They fear that so much ready money in sight will so stimulate patriotism that several revolutions may be started to ostensibly give the young republic a better government, but in reality to get hold of the canal purchase money. Still, they think they see safety in the almost certainty of a deadly conflict between the several patriots who are aspiring to chief executive authority—and the handling of the cash; and, too, they rely, as the last resort, to keep themselves nailed down to their job upon United States marines and warships, which it is understood will be forthcoming, but under the guise of "protecting our canal zone." The treasury department's part in the canal transaction is now closed, but the war and navy departments' part will be a continuous performance so long as the United States owns the property,

which may not be a great while, as the canal syndicate is now scheming for ownership by legislation which will not contemplate the outlay of a dollar by the syndicate.

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INSURANCE

The News Letter was the first publication on the Coast to make known the Atlas-Manchester deal.

The News Letter has cabled to England and is momentarily expecting a reply.

That the coalescence is a fact admits of no doubt; the chronicling of the passing of the Manchester is but the chronicling of the passing of the other companies—the Thuringia, the Lancashire, et al.

There may be others hanging on by their alien eyelids to the American premium income, but they are getting fewer and less each time they have to make a statement.

The amalgamation of the Manchester by the Atlas is but the forerunner of the decadence of other British companies.

Englishmen are proverbially close-fisted. They do not like to lose money, and as soon as the venture fails to pay in the United States, they holler for the cash down.

It is a safe proposition to gamble on that the British companies which are losing money will not be among us much longer. There are companies manufactured in England whose policies are beyond question, who by their probity and capital are making money in the United States, and these companies will stay with us.

On the other hand there are a few companies also manufactured in Great Britain which are losing money. These and such must go. They are like the Manchester and the Thuringia and the Lancashire. All of them are good for their contracts, but not good enough to make a profit; hence they all quit.

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An exchange, writing of the passing of the Manchester, says: "The first intimation that the officers of the Manchester Fire in New York City had that a deal between their company and the Atlas had been effected or was pending, was at noon on Saturday, when Mr. Sumner Ballard, insurance editor of the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin, apprised them of the fact. Later a cable was received from Manchester saying that amalgamation with the Atlas had been provisionally agreed to, and instructing the United States branch to continue business as hitherto—an order easier given than carried out. A cable to the New York office of the Atlas merely announced that a preliminary arrangement for taking over the Manchester Fire had been signed.

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"The Atlas Assurance Company has a subscribed capital of £1,200,000 in 24,000 shares of £50 each on which £5 was paid up, making with £24,000 since added from profits £144,000 paid up, or £6 per share. The Manchester Assurance Company's subscribed capital is £2,000,000 in 100,000 shares of £20 each, on which £2 is paid up."

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On January 1st, the Manchester reported total assets in England of \$1,734,221, and a surplus over all liabilities of \$574,575. The company purchased the American Fire of New York a few years ago, and after continuing it for a short time re-insured its business in the Hartford Fire.

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George W. Turner has further endeared himself to the respectable element of the fire Underwriting world by resigning the general agency of the Northwestern.

Mr. Turner will not be long without a new company. His business getting ability is too well known

for him to be idle. He placed the Northwestern in decent society, and it found itself so much out of place that Mr. Turner threw it out on the street.

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At a hotel fire in Delaware a dog ran barking through the house, arousing all the inmates. All safely reached the street, but the dog was badly burned.

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A theatrical man in New York claims to have discovered a solution which, when applied to scenery and costumes, makes them fire-proof. A recent test witnessed by members of the fire and building departments proved all that was claimed of it. When subjected to 300 degrees of heat, the material did not burn, but only blackened.

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A broker called up a well-known insurance company on April 1st, and giving a fictitious name, asked if the company would take \$40,000 on Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. The insurance company was very glad to get the line, and did not realize it was an April fool joke until trying to obtain re-insurance.

Labor unionism in the United States has become an organized conspiracy against the safety of trade, commerce and industry and the rights of non-unionists. If "Government by injunction," or even more forceful measures, are required to crush the conspiracy, let such measures be adopted speedily. There should not be room in this country for such an organization of social and industrial destructionists.

Only he dignifies labor and raises it to his own level of respectability who does so in the mightiness of self-reliance. Labor unionism destroys self-reliance in the individual, reducing him to a mere commodity in the labor market, and obliging him to accept such prices for his services as those of his guild who live by their wits establish for him, and those who live by their wits live like princes by comparison.

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A WONDERFUL PAINTING.

"The Return of the Crusaders" is the name of a painting by Torrigha, which is on exhibition at Gumps, and which has attracted considerable and growing attention. It is a wonderful piece of work, and is an example of the best of the modern school. There is a nicety of detail that, in places, reminds one of Meissonier, while the background would please the strictest devotee of what may be called the "broad" in art. It is a large canvas, and depicts the return of General William Embriaco, a palladian of the first crusade. The populace of Genoa gives him welcome. Embriaco was the favorite of Baldwin, he of the mace, and evidently the favorite son of Genoa. The crowd represents tenderest infancy to tottering age, and the treatment is superb. There is a crispy sunlight in the picture and a swing in the composition that is most pleasing to the eye.

It is not stretching the truth to say that "The Return of the Crusaders" is the best piece of art work that has been exhibited in San Francisco in years. It would not be a wild flight of the imagination to conjure the glitter of pageantry and the scent of flowers, the sunshine and the animated faces of the painting, so true is every brush stroke to the life.

The West has been prolific of men and women of note in art, music and literature. Nellie Burrell Scott is the latest addition to the painters who have achieved celebrity in one particular line. She is the only woman painter in the West who has followed the illusive trout in his lair, the bass and the cod, and in fact nearly all the fish of our salt and fresh waters in their haunts, studying their home life and their exhibition moods. She has done with her brush what Thompson Seton has done with his pen and pencil. She is a strong, virile woman, who is not afraid to labor to achieve, and who has the satisfaction of knowing that she excels in her line. She has clambered over the rocks and along the rills and creeks of California until she knows them in their every mood. There is an exhibition of her work that is well worth visiting at Schussler's Gallery on Geary street. Lovers of art and those that are enamored of the rod and line should avail themselves of this opportunity to see a rare collection of fish pictures. These are all notable, and among them is one still life—a rock-cod—that has taken a medal.

Shainwald, Buckbee & Co. will hold a public auction of the business properties of the Jose Guardiola estate at their salesroom, 218-220 Montgomery street, Thursday, June 9th, at 12 o'clock noon. The properties are to be sold by order of the administrator, and comprise the three-story building at the corner of Sansome and California streets, a four-story building at 34-52 O'Farrell street, the Palo Alto stable building at 318-320 O'Farrell street, a four-story building at 9-11 Bagley Place, (off O'Farrell), and the "Heredia Tract," of 1522 acres of land in Placer County, Cal. The annual rental of the city property is nearly \$36,000. The location of all this estate is the very best. Full information may be obtained from Shainwald, Buckbee & Co.

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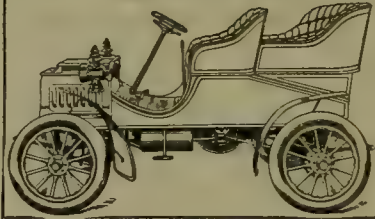
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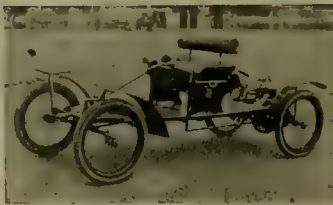
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BY THE AUTOCRANK

The race committee of the Automobile Club of California is centering all its energies on the annual meet to be held in August at Del Monte. At the present time the committee is undecided as to the number of days racing that will be had.

One of the features of the Del Monte meet will be the hill climbing contest to be held on the Government Reservation.

The club has not taken any definite action in regard to the Los Angeles endurance run that was proposed some months ago. The length of time that such a contest would consume has made the committee careful in their actions, inasmuch as they are not desirous of seeing it turn out a failure. Chairman Lowe will leave shortly for the South to interview the members of the Los Angeles clubs, and if they will take part in such an event the contest will come up again for consideration by the local automobilists.

Some of the members have suggested that the club in the meantime hold a hill climbing contest on 19th avenue, but the committee cannot see where a contest at that place would give anything like satisfactory results.

The club should have some sort of programmed events for the months of June and July. If the club does not keep active it will be impossible to hold its membership. A club to be successful must be always leading its members. If the officers are not active the members cannot be expected to be enthusiastic.

Mr. R. A. Greene, of New York City, broke the road record from New York to Boston last week, driving his own 16 h. p. four-cylinder gasoline Locomobile. The elapsed time was ten hours twenty-seven minutes, and the actual running time was eight hours fifty-seven minutes, beating the best previous time by exactly one hour. The object of this run of Mr. Greene's was to show up the reliable qualities of the Locomobile rather than to make a sensational speed performance, but a cut of one hour from the previous figures is certainly an impressive feat.

Richard Mansfield is an enthusiastic automobilist. Since he arrived in the city he has been doing the Park, Cliff and Presidio in machines from the Mobile Carriage Company and the Winton agency.

Mr. R. J. Mier and party of friends made a trip to San Jose on Sunday in Mr. Mier's Winton Touring car.

The West Coast Automobile Company has moved into their new quarters at 606 Van Ness avenue. The company is handling the Auto-car and Columbia vehicles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Brinegar made a record trip around the bay Sunday in the new Oldsmobile tonneau. The party reached Mr. George H. Osen's automobile store in San Jose at twelve o'clock. A large number of prospective purchasers, and those who had already placed their orders for Oldsmobile tonneaus, were on hand awaiting the arrival of the new machine, which certainly

received a big reception. Mr. Osen, agent for the Pioneer Automobile Company at San Jose, has already placed orders for twenty-six Oldsmobiles of different types, and five additional orders were taken when the machine was shown.

Advices have been received from the factory of the Pierce Arrow that the new lot of one hundred four-cylinder Arrows have been started in the factory to supply the demands for such cars. This order alone represents \$400,000, which will probably represent the largest output of four-cylinder cars thus far in the history of American automobiles.

Mr. Ferdinand Nelson has added a 1904 Winton Touring car, which he purchased from the Pioneer people, to his automobile stable.

Mr. J. A. Marsh, president of the Mobile Carriage Company, started over a week ago for an extended camping trip through the North. He has taken the tonneau off his car and provided a camp wagon with all requirements for camping out and home cooking.

Mr. C. L. Roy, the well known lumber man of Seattle, Washington, started from Tiaguano, Mexico, on May 8th, in a Winton touring car, en route to Seattle, Washington. There are only Mr. Roy and his chauffeur in the party, and they are making the trip by easy stages. Three days were spent in Los Angeles and two days in San Jose. Mr. Roy arrived here, after covering 1135 miles. He left on the nine o'clock boat Sunday morning via Sacramento and Portland, Oregon. Mr. Roy says that the only way to travel is in an automobile.

The Mobile Carriage Company has been advised by the George N. Pierce Co. that another carload of two-cylinder Arrows will be shipped out at an early date. The four-cylinder Arrow ordered for Mr. Livingston Jenks is expected to arrive about the middle of June. This is certainly one of the best cars that has ever been brought to the Coast.

Mr. F. A. Bennett, formerly agent for the Oldsmobile at Riverside, California, has taken the agency for the lines handled by the Pioneer Automobile Company, viz.: Oldsmobile, Stevens-Duryea, Winton, and Locomobile, for Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Mr. Bennett will open a store and garage in Oakland within a very short time. He is a practical man, having had three years' experience in the Oldsmobile factory at Detroit, Michigan, and is a thoroughly up-to-date automobile man.

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The official reports state that during February, 538 motor cars were imported into Great Britain, their value amounting to \$890,395. During the same length of time parts to the amount of \$103,180 were imported, making a total of \$993,575, which is nearly \$288,000 more than the corresponding period last year. During the same period sixty-five British cars were exported, and together with parts sold abroad, the exports amounted to \$135,336, an increase of nearly \$28,000.

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Although the motor boat race from Paris to the sea, otherwise called the Paris-Deauville race, takes place in August, twenty-eight racing boats have been entered. Among them are two Napier boats, one of 80, the other of 50 horsepower; Mercedes II, 90 horsepower, belonging to C. L. Charley; Serpollet, 100 horse-power, belonging to Gardner-Serpollet; Thornycroft, 60 horse-power, owned by M. Thornycroft, and several racers built by Clement-Bayard, the Hotchkiss Co., Panhard and Renault.

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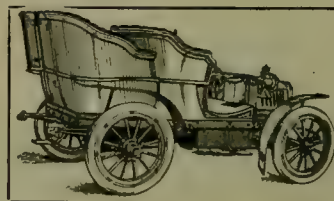
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Prince Vladimir Vaniatsky, the talented Russian, who is a frequent contributor to the Overland Monthly and the Smart Set, is with his regiment in Manchuria. Previous to leaving for the front he was engaged on a secret mission for his Government, but found time to write two articles for the great Western magazine. His experiences on the field should enable him to write some good war stories when the trouble between Japan and Russia is settled.

Alice MacGowan Cooke, a frequent contributor to the Overland Monthly, has written a new book. It is called "Huldah." It is a Southern story, and is attracting considerable attention and large sales. Miss Cooke will have a detective story in the July number of the Overland Monthly.

Leigh Gordon Giltner, a bright and beautiful girl from the blue grass slopes of Kentucky, is another who is achieving fame as a writer in the Overland Monthly and Collier's Weekly. She is a prolific writer, with an easy style, and is winning over a large constituency of readers.

The new management of the Overland Monthly is making money for the owners, and for the first time in many years it may be said that this magazine is making friends and circulation fast. Its capital is to be increased, prosperous times are ahead, and a keen and capable management has demonstrated that the spirit of patriotism is never appealed to in vain on the Pacific Coast.

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A To-Let Sign and Other Things at Berkeley

The extravaganza given by the graduating class of the University of California conspicuously refrained from pointed jibes at President Wheeler. In all the medley of song and jest there was not one prickly remark aimed at the "Froxie." The extravaganza was thoroughly sterilized by the authors so that it would not leave a bad taste in the Presidential mouth. They were evidently mindful of the impression created by last year's extravaganza, which was seasoned with peppery comments on the "Froxie's" administration. President Wheeler swallowed it, though. The sharp-sighted could see that some of the jests went down with a gulp. But Mrs. Wheeler, as she flounced out of the amphitheatre, remarked audibly to a group of friends: "They went entirely too far. It is disgraceful for the students to take such liberties with the faculty."

The extravaganza collaborators of this year did not keep on their kid gloves when it came to students' affairs. One of the hits of the performance was Beatrice Snow's imitation of Grace Llewellyn Jones in "Phedre." Before that French play was given in the amphitheatre, the managers cast their eye about for some college girl whose accent was not too table d'hôte to interpret the noble French play. They decided that there was no one with the proper combination of pronunciation and histrionic ability to take the part, so Miss Jones was registered at the University as a special student and played the leading role. Miss Jones read her lines very well, but she was handicapped by a desire to do the thing strictly a la Bernhardt, whom she had seen many times in the part. She carried a great deal of excess baggage around her feet, and she could not manage the trailing yards of skirt as does the divine Sara. Several times the audience held its breath with both hands for fear "Phedre" was not going to untangle herself. Miss Snow wore the same sort of tanglefoot skirt, and her violent pitchings forward were screechingly funny. In the love scene she decides not to poison herself because "zere is still Otto Schultze left," which was only understood by a few people in the audience. Mr. Schultze beat the college record last year by proposing to six girls. He was a member of the P Si U fraternity, and very much of a ladies' man, with an India rubber heart that a refusal scarcely dented, judging from the way he popped the question to one girl with a refusal from another still ringing in his ears. It was the custom of the girls before whose feet he laid his elastic heart to exchange notes with each other, and in at least four cases out of the six each girl attested that when she said "nay, nay," a real, live, damp tear-drop glistened in his manly eye. Rumor now has it that Mr. Schultze did such queer cardiac stunts with a view toward gathering data for an "experience" love story that would throb like the real thing. Three of the girls to whom he had proposed in the space of three weeks graduated this year, but there are several undergraduates left to tell innocent Freshmen of the "great and only" Schultze, who carried a "To-Let" sign on his heart that could be read across the campus.

Of course there was a "cherry" chorus in the extravaganza that gave a juicy version of Professor Moses' affair with the "Pie Biters." It seems that when the angered Professor refused to talk to the sorority girls on the subject, they sent their "house

mother" around to demand an interview. A house mother is the lady who presides over the sorority house and keeps a motherly eye on the girls. The Pie Phi "house mother" is a lady of spirit, so she determined to beard Professor Moses in his den and show proof that her girls had a real estate agent's permission to pluck the blossoms. Professor Moses was not at home when the lady called, but he sent a note to the "frat" house, saying he had found her card, and would accept the apology offered by the girls. As the young ladies did not intend the house mother's visit in the nature of an apology, they sent word to that effect to the wily Moses, who sent back the maddening retort that he had accepted the girl's apology, and would consider the matter closed! As the "Pie Biters" believe he is the one who owes an apology, the situation is not without humor.

It was interesting to note the effect of Professor Moses' remarks at the alumni luncheon. When the learned gentleman scoffed at the "Florodora" tone, as he styled it, which the co-eds. have given college, the waitresses almost went on a strike. They were representative college girls who had been chosen to wait on the "old grads," and very prettily they performed the service. Even those who are not enthusiastic about co-education thought Professor Moses' remark in very bad taste at that time and place, and not a few voiced their sentiments sotto voce to the piqued waitresses, which put them into good humor at once. A gray-beard regent called one of the young ladies serving at the Moses table to his side, and whispered: "Give Professor Moses an extra lump of sugar in his coffee—it may help the ache in his temper." The Florodora faux pas has convinced every one that the Moses disposition needs sugar-coating.

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Something unique happened in Bohemia one evening last week. A company of artists, known in the Bohemian and other clubs as the "fuzzy bunch," gave a farewell dinner in one of the commodious studios to Will H. Irwin, Sunday editor of the Chronicle, who leaves in a few weeks to take a position of importance on one of the New York papers.

All but one invited to the spread appeared on time. There was a polite wait, and then, when it was known that there would be a "vacant chair" at the table, the hosts had a long consultation as to the probability of getting some one to "fill in." Finally, it was agreed that a committee should go out on the street and find a "real Bohemian"—a hobo. The quest resulted in the finding of one Thomas Moran, who liked the idea of a good dinner with good fellows, but who hesitated before accepting the unusual "bid." He was not at all sure that he was not walking into a trap.

"What's your game?" he asked. He was assured that he was quite safe, and that he could count himself in the hands of his friends.

Quite ceremoniously, Moran was brought to the studio and treated with all honor, his sponsors passing the word around that there must be no joshing; that Mr. Moran must be taken quite seriously. The strange guest at the feast looked around furtively as he ate the tempting "goodies" and "substantials." It seemed to require more courage on his part to drink than to eat. He looked most apprehensively at the "Dago red," his face showing plainly that he was not altogether sure that the seductive viand was not loaded with knock-out drops. The second glass of wine went easier, and Thomas Moran began to mellow. When stories were in order, he added his pro rata of "experience" stories, to the keen delight of the "fuzzy bunch."

The jinks came in due order. A mock trial was proposed, but the guest of honor, Bill Irwin, said that he would not "play" unless Moran would consent to act as judge. By that time the suspicious hobo had not a suspicion left, and he agreed to play the role. The trial went on with fine spirit, and it was not long before every one present knew that there was nothing about police court procedure that "Judge Moran" did not know. Every one had a right to his "inferences" about the wisdom of Moran in Police Court lore.

At any rate the evening, like all good things in life, came to an end, but of one thing the artists were sure that they would not soon forget their experience with Moran. On the other hand they are equally positive that Moran will not soon forget his unexpected "square."

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An amusing story is going the rounds just now in theatrical circles. One of the four typewriter girls playing at the Orpheum was dreadfully annoyed by the abuse of a certain local critic. This was the message she sent to him:

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The Political Situation

The Santa Cruz Convention still continues to be a subject of discussion in political circles, although the aftermath results will probably not be apparent until the August primaries and the September nominations. The Democrats have had rows before, and if their party continues to exist, they will probably have them again, but the row which culminated with the endorsement of Hearst at Santa Cruz is different from any of those which preceded it. To the Conservative element in the party it seems as though they have reached the parting of the ways, and as one of the most conspicuous members of the anti said to me: "We might as well fight it out to an end now as later. There is no chance of us carrying this State this year, and if the Democratic candidate comes within ten votes of a nomination he will win, because he will carry enough States to be able to lose California. It is impossible for us to win with Hearst on our back out here, and we must turn him down all along the line, and let him flock by himself if he will not be true to the party." To this man, as to many of the old-timers, it seems as though the party in endorsing Hearst had endorsed party treason, disloyalty to its nominees, has slurred the memory of Stephen M. White, and had repudiated all its best traditions. White's brother was present at Santa Cruz, and although he was not a delegate, he was offered a proxy, and was strongly urged to go on the stage and address the convention. He bears a striking resemblance to the late Senator, and it was thought he would have rallied all the admirers of Stephen around him, and that he would have put himself in line to be nominated for Governor two years from now. The Watsonville people, irrespective of party, hoped Ed. White would carry out that programme, but in the first place he is a very quiet, retiring man, and in the second he felt a delicacy in trading, as it were, on his relationship to the Senator. To one of his friends he said: "I declined to be a delegate because I did not think it would be good taste for me to go. If I had voted against the Hearst resolutions it would have been called a case of petty spite—if I had voted for them, I would have been endorsing all the things Hearst said of my brother. I preferred, therefore, to keep out entirely."

So far as I can judge from talking to a number of prominent Democrats, the programme is to ignore the Tarpey crowd entirely in making legislative nominations this summer, and to let the Examiner support them or not, as it chooses. Notwithstanding the recent interviews of Hearst declaring in Delphian language that he will support the ticket, to be nominated at St. Louis, it is the general opinion among his opponents that he will not, and I think they rather hope he will not, so that once for all they can read him out of the party.

If the Republicans had striven to emphasize their harmony they could not have done it better than by the delegates at large whom they nominated to go to Chicago, and the alternates who are to accompany them. The Governor, of course, represents his wing of the party, just as Judge McKinley represents the Gage wing, and every one knows how those two factions have loved each other in the past. Then there is John D. Spreckels, who was intensely anti-Gage and anti-Burns; then there is Ruef, who ran an independent candidate for Mayor, and Spreckels and Knight, who supported the regular ticket, and Rule, of Los Angeles, who represents the Bulla anti-McKinley wing of the party in the southern metropo-

lis. Another interesting delegate is Joseph Steffens, the Sacramento banker and trustee of the State Library, who is the father of Lincoln Steffens, whose articles in McClure's on political corruption in cities have attracted so much attention. Frank Short, who wants to be Governor, goes as a district delegate from Fresno, and Mose Gunst recalls the Colonel Dan Burns regime as a delegate from this city, but he is the only one of the old Burns crowd on the list. If the delegates are any indication of the feeling in the party, and they ought to be a very safe barometer to go by, the G. O. P. is spelling harmony this year with a capital H.

I am told that George Knight is to make a speech seconding the nomination of Roosevelt, and that Delmas was especially selected to perform the same office for Hearst, so California will be well up the line in oratory. By the way, there is some question as to whether Hearst shall pose as of New York or of California. It was originally proposed to have him hail from New York, but I understand that some of his advisors think that a bad plan, as the New York delegation is instructed for Parker, and Hearst would be put in the position of not having a vote from his own State. Now, however, that he has the California delegation in his pocket, it is thought it would be wiser to have his nomination come from this State, and in that case Delmas may be asked to make the nomination speech instead of the seconding. This, however, I understand, has not yet been definitely settled.

Will Green of the Colusa Sun, in answer to a correspondent who asks if he will support the nomination of Hearst, says that if nominated he will give Hearst "that full measure of support that he has given the Democratic party of California." It is evident that the Sun will not contain much political news next summer if Hearst is nominated at St. Louis. It is announced that Livernash has changed his mind and will be a candidate for Congress in the district he at present occupies. The result of the announcement has made the nomination seem more desirable than even on the Republican ticket, and Tom Reardon, Jules Kahn and others are all trying to secure the prize. I may mention, however, that I have it from very good Democratic authority that Livernash will have no easy thing to secure the re-nomination, and that McNab, among others, will see that he stays at home, where his nervous system can recuperate. Wynn is going to have the fight of his life to get a re-nomination, too, and from present appearances he, too, will be allowed to save his campaign expenses.

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"Get your clothes off; be quick about it," said the doctor.

The Irishman disrobed and permitted the doctor to measure his chest and legs and pound his back.

"Hop over this bar," ordered the doctor.

The man did his best, landing on his back.

"Now double your knees and touch the floor with your hands." He sprawled, face downward on the floor. He was indignant, but kept silent.

"Jump under the cold shower," ordered the doctor.

"Sure, that's funny," muttered the applicant.

"Now, run around the room ten times to test your heart and wind," directed the doctor.

The candidate rebelled.

"I'll not. I'll stay single."

The doctor looked surprised.

"What's more," continued the Irishman, "I don't see what all this fussing's got to do with a marriage license."

He had strayed into the wrong bureau. Later he got a license, giving the name of Joseph McGlynn.—Philadelphia Correspondent in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"Well, that dear old lady who kept the boarding house around the corner has quit. She lost from the start." "I knew she would when I discovered that she put real meat in her hash and used fruit that actually grew on trees and bushes. I presume that honesty continues to be the best policy, but it calls for surplus funds in these days."

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"It's a pity you have no umbrella for it's going to rain soon."

"I think you are wrong in your prediction," replied Thompson. "It looks like fine weather to me."

"Well," said the cigar store man, "I'll bet a dollar it will rain before noon."

"Very good. I'll call in again to-day and collect," said Thompson. After leaving the store he had gone only a few blocks when he was well drenched by a sudden shower. Thompson was struck by the man's prediction, and being always intent on the interest of his almanac he went back to the store and was received by the proprietor with a broad grin.

"You see, I was right, after all."

"Yes," admitted Thompson.

"Here's your dollar, and I'll give you another if you tell me how you knew of this rain."

"Why, the truth is, I have an almanac called Thompson's Almanac, and the fellow is such a notorious liar that whenever he predicts a fine day I always know it will be the exact opposite. I looked at the almanac early this morning and prepared for rain."—New York Press.

"If any one says anything wrong it is proper to make him take it back, isn't it?" she asked. "Why, yes," answered the old gentleman, without looking up from his paper. "And if he does anything wrong, you should make him take that back, too?" "Why, of course, you—What's that?" suddenly waking up. "Well, Jack kissed me and I made him take it back." "Take what back?" "The kiss, because it was wrong." "Oh, you did!" "Yes. And I never knew such a persistent wrong-doer as he has been since that time."

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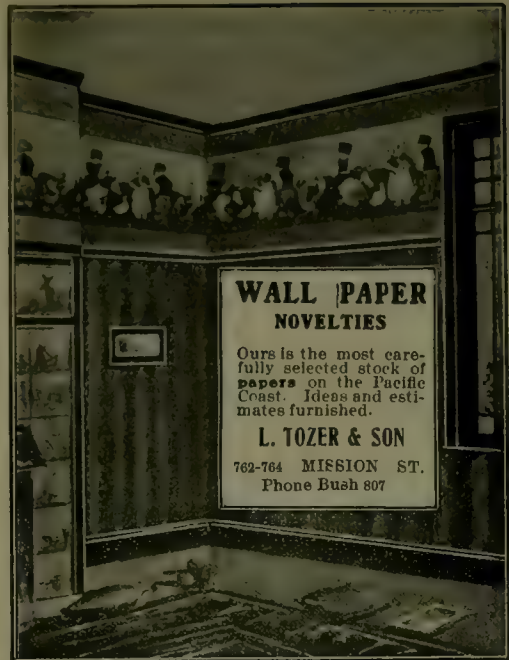
"Music hath charms," and Santa Cruz
 Finds martial music charming,
 But some there are who cannot choose
 But find it most alarming.
 They have no ear for what is sweet,
 No taste for what is grand;
 They fall and faint, if they chance to meet
 A good non-union band.
 Thus the party Democratic,
 Or the part of it called Hearst;
 With a craze that's quite fanatic,
 Is indubitably cursed.
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 And viciousness is fanned.
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 DeKoven's music pierce the air,
 They have no joy in his chords.
 They block their ears against the sound—
 They wander round the stand,
 And howl their rage and fear profound
 At a good non-union band.
 For the gentleman called Tarpey,
 With his manner most benign,
 Has the genius of a harpey
 Who turned honest men to swine,
 And Mr. Camminetti,
 With his ever-gladsome hand,
 Is a trifle less than petty
 Towards a good non-union band.

And Hearst may fret, and Hearst may fume,
 The matter's plainer growing—
 We can't afford to push the boom
 Of those who make such showing.
 A coward lot who fear to say
 And show for what they stand—
 A paltry crowd that sends away
 A good non-union band.
 Thus the party Democratic
 Plays a most ignoble game,
 And its glad foes are ecstatic
 To see it play the same.
 And we ask, no other feeling
 Than the kindest, understand,
 Why the men that wink at stealing
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Above me where I lie,
The sleepy flowers kiss my cheek,
The wandering wind goes by.

Amid a shadowy mist of leaves
The shining stars are set;
I wish that I could pluck off one,
Just like a violet.

If I were tall enough to reach
Beyond the robin's nest,
I'd steal a little baby star
And wear it on my breast.

HEIMWEH.

By Helen T. Churchill in Woman's Home Companion

The skies are blue, they say;
Alas! for me
The skies are leaden-gray;
I naught can see

Of azure tint or golden sunbeam bright
O'er all the landscape—dreary, hopeless night.

And scenes are fair, I'm told,
And hearts are gay;
The fairest I behold
As vain display;

And loathing, turn where others laugh and sing,
Sad, sick at heart—a hopeless, wounded thing.

One spot alone on earth
Is fair to me—
There centers all the mirth,
There I would be.

There, only there, God's sunlight pierces thro',
And all the heaven paints with stainless blue.

You praise this land as fair,
Its streams, its bow'rs;
The common weeds were there
As rarest flow'rs—

The fields Elysian. Ah! why should we roam?
One spot alone enchants—we call it home!

ON A PORTRAIT OF THE YOUNG TOLSTOI.

By Cecilia Beaux in Century

Grave soldier, molded in the lines of youth—
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The famine in thy burning heart for Truth.
Thy hunger fed on dreams of human ruth;
Of Pity nurtured in a lion's cage;
Of Princes, won to earn a yeoman's wage,
And Honor guarded by a hand uncouth.
Thy thought within thy beauty lifts its power
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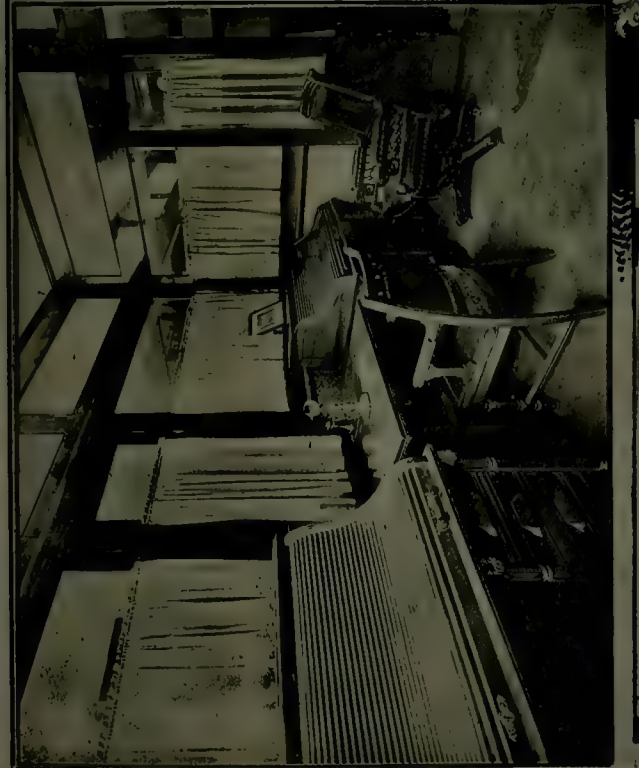
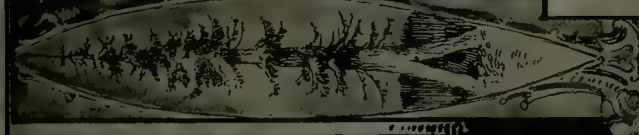
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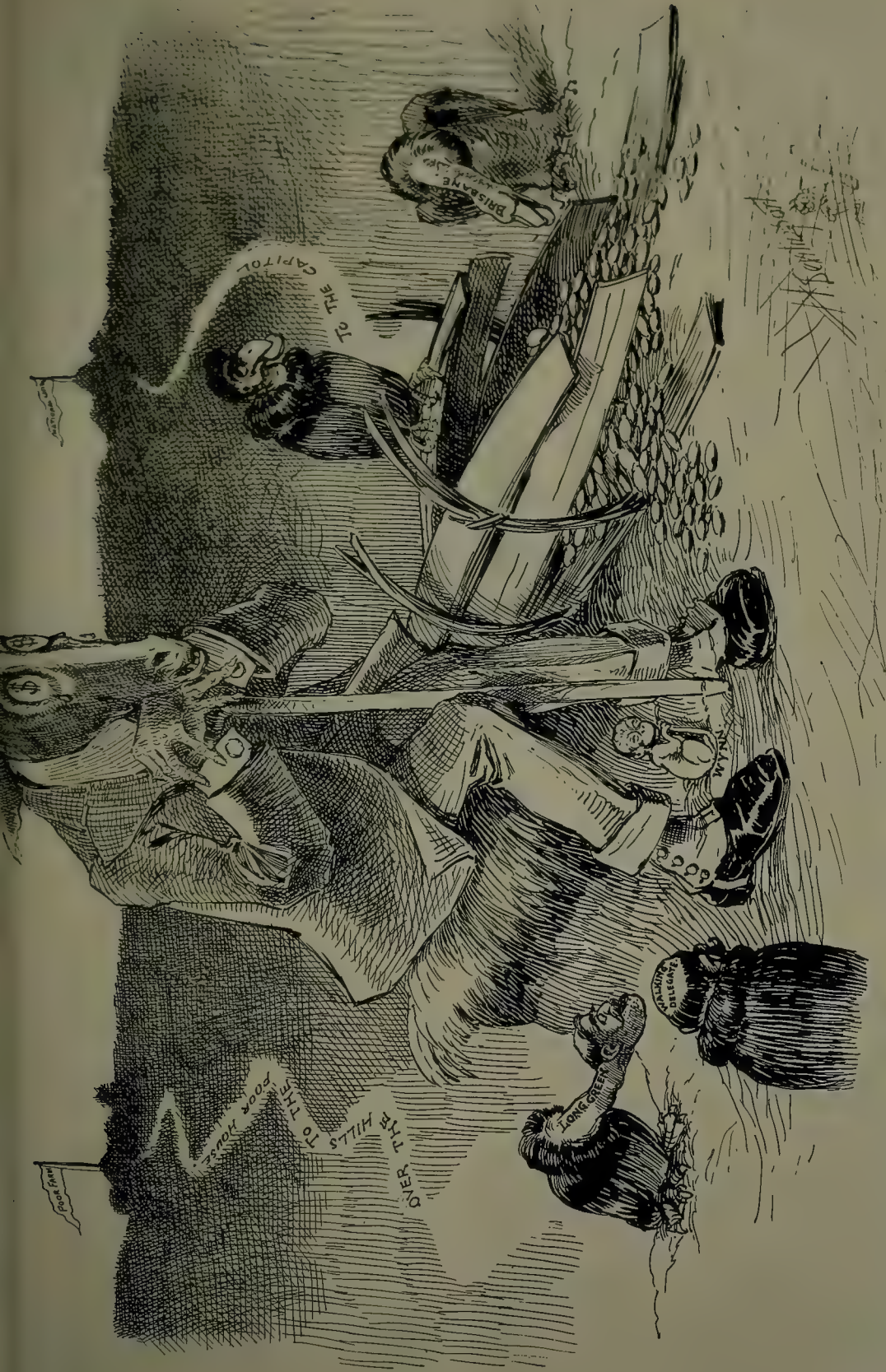
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Russia continues to blame her sister nations for not compelling Japan to rest between rounds.

The Hearst barrel begins to give out that hollow sound when it is tapped.

Cut out his money, and Hearst comes near to being the rimless cipher of Presidential politics.

The South will be solid for the man who has found an ant that likes the cotton-boll weevil for a quick lunch delicacy.

Has somebody convinced the "longest leased liar in the world" that Hearst has not yet been elected to the Presidency?

The bad smell at the ferry depot is declared to have absolutely no connection with the prosperity of the Harbor Commission's "business men."

Gentlemen with means are being courteously invited by the "push" to search themselves for Senatorial aspirations.

An Atlantic City man has divorced his wife because she wore a bathing costume in which she resembled an underwear advertisement in a magazine.

If the Schmitz family must have a "public convenience at the corner of Geary and Market streets, doubtless San Francisco must submit, although this seems to be a queer taste in monuments.

The one San Francisco organization which desecrated Decoration Day was composed of otherwise estimable citizens, who may be sufficiently identified by saying that they went to their picnic bare-legged.

If the Supervisors grant the request of the Labor Council and help boycott "unfair" firms, it would seem quite proper to assign policemen for service as union "pickets."

New England may be the country of abandoned farms, but two of Pennsylvania's wealthiest districts, which haven't had a birth in twelve months, are the region of the abandoned cradle.

As to the petulent parent in Fresno County who smashed a young lady school teacher over the head with a bottle of ink, it is to be hoped that by this time he has been measured for a suit of tar and feathers.

What labor unions most need is a closer union with common sense and the principle of live and let live.

Just to show how intimately the automobile has entered into American life, it is recorded that a baby was born in a moving whizz-car the other day in Connecticut.

Senator Quay's lamented decease is attributed to a sauerkraut orgy. Unless we have been misinformed about the manufacture of this delicacy, we know now what was rotten in Pennsylvania politics.

"The same elusive needle in the hay stack * * * is again the fly in the ointment," says an editorial in the Call. This, if true, is a matter of interest not only to science but to the steel industry.

Firemen at Santa Cruz were called to put some swallows out of a school house, which is more unique than taking swallows to put out the fire that burns on "the morning after."

A lady named Dollarhide saves two men from drowning in Northern California. Moved and seconded that she be given a medal and a more expensive name.

Labor unionism is the sworn foe of competition, hence a murderer of the life of trade. It is the mightiest trust in America, and all the more dangerous because it is run by irresponsible wild asses.

A distinguished cleric of Brooklyn prophesies that in a few years it will be considered vulgar to be rich. We should like to have an instantaneous photograph of some one refusing to accept a fat legacy on that account.

A non-union watchman with an unfair pistol fired a bullet not bearing a union label into the person of a "picket," who was merely trying to wreck a boycotted livery stable. The Labor Council desires that the watchman shall be boiled in oil.

A rich man of New Jersey wanted his house painted white with bright yellow shutters, but the painters struck rather than obey orders. It is refreshing to know that there are some things which even a union man won't do.

It is cabled from London that a once beautiful American woman lost her place as favorite in the smart set when she cut off her hair, though her fortune remained as large as ever. And we had called our British cousins mercenary!

The life-term prisoners at San Quentin and Folsom are appealing to the public for help in a movement to set them all at liberty—a movement sure to be generally approved, if the liberty begins with a neck-tie social.

A Fool and His Money

William Randolph Hearst is almost all that a man ought not to be. His mother, Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst, is all that a good woman can be—gentle, refined, modest, charitable, sympathetic, helpful to all that is worth helping. The mother builds up, the son tears down. The mother aids men and women toward goodness and usefulness. The son corrupts men and debauches women. These two form a painful, a pitiful antithesis, matching against a wise and benignant influence—an influence that blights and pollutes and rots.

This wastrel son of a noble mother has before now brought shame and sorrow upon her, but the just pride of race and name, and that divine quality of mercy which is the essence of motherhood, has kept her from disavowal of him, has even led her to let him dip his hands anew into her private fortune for the furtherance of his scandalous and foolish pursuit of honors that will never be awarded to him or to such as he is. The mother has already felt the drain and the strain. Her estate, large as it may be, will not suffice for the purchase of the Presidency, or even of a nomination. Mrs. Hearst's money has been diverted from the channels through which, under her own control, it flowed to the enrichment and betterment of mankind. Instead of being employed to make useful citizens out of children otherwise foredoomed to the gutter, the jail, the asylum and the almshouse, instead of going to educate struggling young men and women into usefulness and helpfulness in the upbuilding of the republic, instead of being a powerful, silent factor for the right and against the wrong, this great fortune has become, in the hands of the son, an engine of evil. It has been poured out all over the land like a contaminating flood. It has gone for the purchase of men's souls and the buying of their honor. The Hearst money has jingled across the bars of vile saloons, paying for whiskey to make drunkards of sober men, who once drunken, might be made dishonest. His own inheritance the son has devoted as he pleased to the private debauching of men and women. Now it is said he has laid unclean hands upon the estate of his mother, for the debauchery of cities and States, for the purchase of a party and the dishonor of a nation.

The early results are not pleasant to record. Already Mrs. Hearst has been driven to retrenchment. Within the last few days she has been forced abruptly to cut off her support of the magnificent kindergarten at Washington, which she founded ten years ago, an institution which bears her name and has stood all these years a splendid monument to her goodness, living testimony of her high endeavors to make better the lives of her less fortunate fellows. That institution must now close its doors. The children it was redeeming to humanity must go back to the gutters of the slums.

Next comes a peremptory order to discontinue the most important and effective of Mrs. Hearst's benefactions at the University of California. There will be no more money from her purse for the charitable enterprises which have made it possible for poor young women to go to college, earning their way up the steps of higher education. No more Hearst money for those well-contrived adjuncts of the University which kept their deserving beneficiaries morally clean and physically sound. The Young women's Christian Association, the Women's Clubs, the School of Domestic Industries, the College Settlement, had flourished amazingly, and had proved of immense importance in forwarding the cause of education. Now they must lapse and die. In a word, the irrigating system under which wide fields were made to burgeon in beauty and fairness, has become an open sewer, foul, fetid, a stench under the sun, a dank and noisome breeding place of all vileness and corruption.

It is nothing to him that his way is marked by the festering carcasses or bleaching bones of the men and women he has ruined. It will not be surprising—indeed it is almost expected—that soon Mrs. Hearst will announce that she is compelled to cease altogether her giving to the University to which, apart from the too-meagre appropriations of the State, she has been the mainstay of support, to which she is tacitly pledged to donate a large part of her fortune. Meanwhile it is possible that the money of the Hearst estate is to be poured into the most scandalously corrupt political adventure this country has seen and suffered from.

As toward Mrs. Hearst, the public can feel nothing but sympathy and good will. It well understands how she has been misled into belief that her son's campaign was to be an honest one, and that a large section of his countrymen was calling him to the White House. It wonders whether she may not now begin to see the truth, and whether her statement of the reasons for withdrawing her support from this fine group of charitable and educational institutions is not a natural effort to hide her sorrow. "Certain of my investments," she is reported as saying, "have turned out to be unprofitable." Is that, in effect, announcement that her son's falsity and faithlessness have been made apparent to her when it was too late? The "investments" were certainly not mere business ventures of her own; they were, unquestionably, investment based upon her faith in a son who is unworthy of even his mother's faith. It is, as we hold, natural that Mrs. Hearst should keep to herself the real reason for putting an end thus suddenly to her good works—natural and even laudable, inasmuch as a man's mother is commonly the last to turn away from when his sin has found him out. But none the less, the true nature of Mrs. Hearst's "unprofitable investments" cannot be concealed.

Good authority has it that Hearst's first year in New York—a year devoted to the yellow kind of journalism and the scarlet kind of women—made an \$800,000 hole in the estate left by his father. Following this came sharply a shut down against the wastrel. Equally dependable authority says that the Presidential phase of Hearst's foolishness was originally designed by the leeches that fatten on his body—the Lawrences, the Carvalhos, the Brisbanes and a cluster of smaller parasites—to cover another series of raids upon the estate. Hearst, however, took the false for the real, and without regard to cost or consequence, began to dream his silly dream of greatness which presently seemed to him so much a reality that he went far beyond the plots and plans of his parasites, mapping out and carrying out a campaign of unexampled corruption and gigantic expense. The outcome has been layer after layer of mortgages plastered upon his properties—they are said to total \$5,000,000—and such inroads upon the estate held by his mother have been made that she can no longer contribute to the charities and other good works which she founded and had hoped ultimately to leave as permanent establishments.

THE PASSING OF QUAY.

When Senator Matthew S. Quay came to die he summoned to his bedside the chief lieutenants of his political army, and gave them his final directions as to the course of his machine after he had passed away. Sustained by stimulants given by his physicians, this worn-out old man, pausing for a moment upon the threshold of eternity, made his political testament, and disposed thereby of the future welfare of the great State of Pennsylvania, which for a quarter century he had ruled, as in the olden days the feudal lords ruled their wide domains. His main desire was to perpetuate his name and the dominions of his family. Therefore, he directed that his son should succeed him in the United States Senate. With his dying breath he made disposition of the greatest gift within the power of the people of the Keystone State. His vassals listened to his injunctions, bowed their heads, and promised to carry out his will. They turned back the pages of history, and were, in fact, so many liege men of some over-lord of the middle ages, swearing at the bedside of their dying chieftain that the glory of his name should continue in the person of his son, and that they, with all the strength of their various loyal battalions would faithfully perform the duties he laid upon them. It was a strange scene to be enacted in this day, and in this country, and gives occasion to some thought upon the oft-vaunted liberties and prerogatives of the supposedly free citizens of this republic. It demonstrated in a dramatic manner, and far more conclusively than a volume of essays upon political conditions, the poor estate to which we have fallen.

Quay was a machine politician. His personality embodied all that the machine represents. His main, his sole desire, was to win success. With him, the ends justified the means. Whatever may have been his personal character, it is notorious that under his management the Pennsylvania machine honey-combed the State, and Philadelphia, its chief city, with corruption. His underlings made a study of political practices in New York and elsewhere, to the end that the Quay machine might have the benefit of the most approved methods for robbing the public. The city and the State obeyed his commands, the while the people, writhing under such control, sought to break the bonds he had sealed upon them. With such a record he was honored with high place, and his death is almost considered a matter of national importance. His shadow will hover over Pennsylvania for many years to come. Will his political executors carry out his will, or, like Quay, will they desert the colors of the fallen leader, and seek the chieftainship, each man for himself? And the people! Bah! The people will grunt and groan and complain, as they have done in this city, but they will refuse to join political clubs, will refuse to vote at the primaries, will refuse to perform their duty as citizens, and the robber barons will continue their raids upon public treasury.

BRAUNHART'S RESOLUTION.

In the Board of Supervisors a resolution has been submitted by Supervisor Braunhart, directing the Committee on Charter Amendment to report to the Board an Amendment to the Charter providing a means to raise money for the conversion, construction and equipment of the Geary street road. Braunhart proposes that the amendment shall provide for a special tax in excess of the "dollar limit" of taxation, sufficient to complete the road in accordance with the plans heretofore made by the City Engineer. This proposition, if carried through, as proposed by Mr. Braunhart, would establish a precedent which would

certainly far outweigh in its injurious effects upon the city any possible benefit the community might derive by the acquisition of the railroad as a public utility. It is a direct attack upon the "dollar limit," which is one of the main safeguards the charter gives the people against too deep an incursion into the public treasury by the band of patriots at the City Hall. If a special tax be levied for the Geary street road, why not a special tax for an increase in the Fire Department, for a street-sweeping plant, for a water system, for a sewer system, and so on ad infinitum, until we are buried beneath Braunhart's scheme of taxation?

The charter provides a safe and suitable method for the acquisition of public utilities by the issuance of bonds authorized by the direct vote of at least two-thirds of the voters voting thereon at a special election. Twice have the people voted on the Geary street road proposition, and twice have they rejected it. The inference is that the people are not eager to own the road. But even if the two-thirds vote in favor of the scheme were now assured, no good reason is apparent for deviating from the charter plan. It was the purpose of the freeholders to separate, so far as possible, all municipal elections from State and Presidential elections. It was thought such separation would result in benefit to the city, inasmuch as it would permit the people to elect good officials when their minds were unbiased by the partisanship that always accompanies a general election. For similar reasons, it was decreed that bonds for the purchase of public utilities should be voted for at a special election held for that purpose only. Now Supervisor Braunhart, who has always proclaimed himself a staunch supporter of the charter, proposes to amend that instrument in the hope that at a general election the people will give the Geary street road scheme a two-thirds vote. In other words, he hopes to force on the citizens, by a political trick, a proposition they have twice rejected in the manner provided by the existing law. Braunhart thinks that as a city father he should be paternal in his care for the public welfare. We agree with Supervisor Comte that the existing provisions of law are sufficient to permit the people to demonstrate their will. If they want the Geary street road they will give it a two-thirds vote at a special election called for the purpose. There is no occasion for the Braunhart amendment.

LABOR DAY AT PRICE AND ONE-HALF.

This is the country of many holidays, and the Labor Day holiday is one of them. In connection with the labor holiday, it is important to note that it is a compulsory holiday. There is a fine attached for non-participation, and the workingman who has no desire to waste a day in idle glorification is assessed for non-attendance. The employer who finds himself on account of pressure of business forced to employ labor on this day of days finds that he will be charged with time and a half, and in many instances with double pay. If it is necessary, in order to make up for the extra holiday, to run the shop on the following Sunday, or over time, it is only possible to do so by facing the same conditions that provide for the Labor Day festivities. Double time and pay and a half is the general rule. There may be some sense in curtailing the earning capacity of the workingman and the employer in this way, and the proponent of the extra and useless holiday enjoys a brief glee at the expense of the real workingman and his employer, but we cannot see any sound sense in the proceeding.

TREASON AGAINST THE STATE MILITIA.

When non-identification with the militia or naval establishment of a State is made the standard of worth and fitness for membership in a labor union, the crime of treason to the State and nation has been committed. But for all that, certain labor unions of California, and practically of all the States, have established exactly that standard of eligibility in the chief industrial centers, and so determinedly is the rule being enforced that the act is in fact a conspiracy en mass against the lives and property of non-conforming citizens, and an assault upon the life of the Government. It is not armed treason coming boldly into the open and defying authority, but rather as the assassin comes smiling from his hiding, only to stab.

The reason given by labor union leaders for this assault upon what is the nation's armed defense against hostile invasion of the country and police protection to the community, is that when a labor strike is ordered such members of unions as belong to the militia are obliged to take up arms against their fellow unionists and shoot them down, if need be, to prevent deadly assaults upon citizens and the destruction of property. Here we have a volunteered admission that deadly assaults upon citizens and the destruction of property are a probable, or at least a possible, resort of strikers when other agencies for the overthrow of employers fail of their aim; and the inference is that such acts of violence would be justified by these labor leaders' code of labor unionism's rights, and that if the arm of the militia, acting as a police power, is weakened by withdrawing from it its main source of strength—workingmen—strikers would find little or no resistance, no matter to what lengths they might elect to go.

There is ingenuity and cunning in this vicious and treasonable scheme to paralyze the arm of law and order that it may be powerless to resist the onslaughts of labor strikes upon the rights of persons and property. The line which separates such labor unionism from anarchism is too vaguely marked to be located; besides, the ultimate purpose of the one differs in no way from that of the other, which is the abolition of all law and all ethical codes and social conventions, each one being a law unto himself, his passions blazing the path of his going and coming.

But the intimation that labor organizations as a whole are giving this diabolical conspiracy their support is as false and as malicious as are the hearts of the traitors who are back of it all. The fact is, only one here and there of the army of skilled labor is found in this treasonable and murderous combine. Men who have spent years in the practice and study of mechanical art and the science of construction, are neither political, ethical nor social destructionists. It is the hewers of wood and the drawers of water in the great field of production—men who do not think, do not reason—whom these professional labor agitators are leading by the nose into rebellion against the peace and dignity and safety of the State and of society.

But who are the real traitors and conspirators? Who are they that are playing upon and utilizing for themselves the product of the venomous schemes of these professional agitators? Who are they who are feeding these hot-beds of treason and anarchism with the fuel of hatred of law and order? What is the influence back of this conspiracy to disarm the State that crime and lawlessness may have no fear of the law?

This evil force and influence is not confined to one man, nor to many scores of men, but by mutual con-

sent and for personal advantage it has embodied itself in a ready-made individualized human center of boundless political ambition and egotism that is in perfect accord with the purpose of this aggregation of evil forces, and that center of political and social and industrial evil is William Randolph Hearst, who, as an aspiring candidate for the Presidency of the United States, stands before all the people as a tool of the traitors who are conspiring to destroy the machinery of the law's operation. He, William Randolph Hearst, as a candidate for the nomination for President, represents all of such labor unionism as are in this treasonable plan to hang law and order upon the gibbet of social, religious and political corruption.

SMELLS TO HEAVEN.

Harbor Commissioner Spear has gone East. He proposes to look over the harbor facilities of leading Eastern cities and will try to incorporate the result of his investigations in the management of the city front. We can expect an inoculation of the New York variety of graft and nepotism on his return.

If "our Charley" was really in earnest it would be in order to suggest to him that he go to Seattle. He would find in the northern metropolis a better system for the handling of freight and people than obtains anywhere in the United States.

There is only one redeeming element in this Eastern junket of Commissioner Spear. During his absence some one connected with the office may become imbued with sufficient insane ambition to clean out the ferry building to such an extent that it will cease smelling like a monkey cage. It has been said that it is impossible to prevent the various odors that attack every arrival from across the bay, but the Commissioners themselves prove the untruth of the statement. Just before the arrival of President Roosevelt, the News Letter called attention to the odor, and there was a general scramble at the ferry. For two weeks the place did not smell. And then they forgot. Perishable goods, animals, dogs and canary birds, parrots and terrapins are housed under the ferry sheds. Halibut and other fish help make a symphony in smell.

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How to Know the Butterflies.

John Henry Comstock and Anna Botsford Comstock are the authors of one of the most delightfully written and engagingly produced work on butterflies which has ever been published. It is divided into three parts. A General Account of Butterflies; The Classification of Butterflies; the Skippers. The first of these parts gives an examination of the relation of butterflies to other insects, a short but sufficient sketch of the structure of butterflies and their clothing, a summary of the various processes of metamorphosis which are to be found in butterfly life, and a study of that life with some very valuable hints to the collector in regard to making his captures, preserving his specimens, watching the development of the creature through its various stages of metamorphosis, and storing and labeling the specimens taken. The second part deals with the ten great classes of butterflies, gives an account of their general characteristics, with the scientific as well as the ordinary name, and the text is accompanied by the most beautifully executed plates of the various specimens. These plates are simply excellent, and the writer of this would, years ago, when butterfly hunting was a new and delightful experience, have given many hours of labor for the chance of possessing such pictures as these. "The Skippers," says the writers, "are commonly classed with the butterflies; for this reason they are discussed here, although the writer believes that they constitute a super-family distinct from the butterflies. The skippers are so-called on account of their peculiar mode of flight." Then an account of this class of insect is given. It would be difficult to praise this work too highly. It meets a want, and should lead to the following of a very healthy and pleasant pursuit.

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Nature's Comedian.

This is one of those novels which admittedly study temperament, and so comes in that class in which Henry James and John Oliver Hobbes reign. It is a fairly good piece of work, but it must be confessed that it does not rank with either of the two masters already mentioned. The worst of this kind of writing is that it always challenges comparison. A story which is written for the reader pass an hour or two free from the worries and perplexities of life, may always be taken on its merits and gauged according to its power to please, and the success with which it accomplishes its prime purpose. But a novel which sets out to describe a temperament and to solve a personal equation, is so entirely a piece of work, so advertisedly a study, that the comparison of other work of the same kind leaps spontaneously to the mind. If one sets out to write a psychological essay, one must expect to have the essay criticised and compared with the work of other psychologists. Harold Dunville, an actor, is one of nature's comedians, not a tragic comedian like Meredith's Lasalle, but a poor sort of actor man who was able to hold the center of the theatrical stage and to make money by the playing of second-rate theatrical pieces. "His very clever and convincing impersonations always strike us as being rather the result of a rare personal gift than of study or schooling. It is as yet impossible to pronounce him a great actor, and equally impossible, of course, to deny that he

has become a successful one." So the book opens with a summary of the principal character, and closes in the following words: "He was in many ways a charming, attractive sort of being. A genius he certainly was not, and a satisfactory success he never could have become in any walk of life. I don't think that he had it in him to care to the extent which is really indispensable about anything or anybody; not even about himself."

This backboneless sort of individual is the character whose movements, which consist for the most part of a series of more or less uninteresting flirtations, and a futile attempt to stand for a Parliamentary election, are supposed to engage our attention. It will be seen that the soup is rather thin. True, there are two or three persons living who might have made a great piece of work out of the materials, but W. E. Norris is not one of them.

Mr. Norris is, generally speaking, so charming a writer, and this reviewer has so much pleasure and satisfaction from his work as a rule, that it requires an effort to state that this novel is not up to the standard, and that the purely psychological does not appear to be a satisfactory field for the display of the talents of a writer who is as a rule so successful.

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The Poems of Henry Abbey.

This is the fourth edition of Henry Abbey's poems, and is the complete tale of his poetic work as far as he cares to preserve it to the present time. The author says: "Some of them should not be here, perhaps, but they have been copied and recited often, and are beyond recall."

It is not a pleasing task to criticise poetical work adversely, and in this case, fortunately, there is no need to do so. The poetry nowhere reaches a high level, but the author would not claim that for it. It has been described as "melodious, graceful and inherently poetic," and that is about as near as we can get to describing the general characteristics of the verse. Some of the expressions are particularly happy, and there is a distinct appreciation, none the less true for being simply expressed, of the beauty of nature. Mr. Abbey is very sincere and has a particular faculty of seizing upon and expressing pathos. He has a good group of melodious verse, not in the grand style, nor even marked by any distinction, but on the whole sweet and correct, which is much more than can be said of most of the verses turned out by more ambitious hands.

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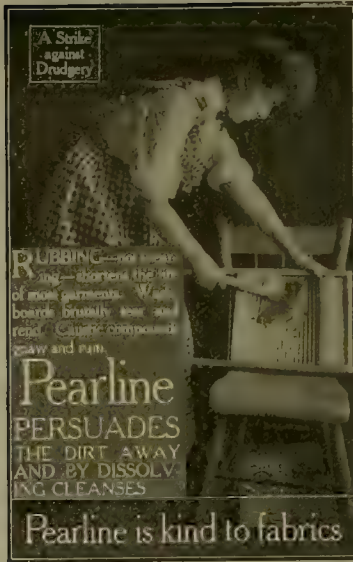
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It was a surprise to everybody who listened to the testimony in Judge Heacock's court involving the removal of Hyde and Dimond to Washington for trial to learn how little evidence there was to prove the crimes alleged in the indictment. An immense amount of testimony was taken, something like 4,000 pages, but it is related to everything in the land field except the real point at issue.

The indictment alleged that Hyde and Benson had conspired six years ago to purchase school lands in California and Oregon by fraudulent means; that in pursuance of the conspiracy they had used the names of fictitious people, and had induced living persons to purchase lands for their (Hyde's and Benson's) benefit; that in pursuance of this conspiracy Hyde and Benson had bribed forest supervisors to create forest reserves within certain boundaries, and clerks to facilitate the approval of selections under the forest reserve act.

Notwithstanding the fact that the witnesses were all called by the Government, and came from all points of the compass, from Portland, Ore., on the north; Washington, D. C., on the east, and Tucson on the south, there was no testimony submitted that showed conspiracy, none that showed the use of fictitious names, and as to bribery, the extent of the showing was that Benson had paid some money to Washington clerks to hasten action on his selections.

The most damaging evidence, and in fact the only evidence worthy of consideration, came from one McCusker of Portland, Oregon, who testified that Schneider came there, and induced about a dozen of McCusker's friends to purchase school lands, and that Schneider paid for the lands and took deeds directly afterwards, but it was not shown that Hyde was cognizant of the method of acquiring titles, and Hyde says, in fact, that the first information that he had as to the way in which lands were purchased came from the testimony in court. He simply took the titles as they came to him.

We do not see how it is possible for the Government to secure a conviction for any crime under the indictments. The proceedings seem to be largely political and part of a fight in the Interior Department against the present land laws. The same questions are involved and the facts are substantially the same, as those in dozens of cases that have already been before the courts under the timber and stone act, and the Government has uniformly been defeated. It is thoroughly well settled that a person has a right to sell his land after entry in the land office, and even if large tracts are purchased by one person, the transaction is legal unless it be shown that there was an express contract between the entry man and his grantee made prior to entry in the land office. In Hyde's case it is admitted he became the owner of a large area which had been entered under the school land law, but it is not shown that the entries were made under any contract with him, in the absence of which there was no crime committed.

The way to reach cases of this kind is to repeal the laws which make abuses possible. A citizen has a perfect right to take advantage of any Act of Congress, and it is a question for the judgment of Congress alone as to whether or not the laws for the sale of public lands are good or bad. If they are bad, the laws should be repealed.

The particular fight in Hyde's case seems to be against the forest reserve lieu land act, as to which there is an impression that whoever locates land in

that way is in some manner defrauding the Government. The fact is, that the Act of Congress under which such selections were made was passed at the instance of certain Eastern societies that had made a special study of forest preservation, and were largely instrumental in formulating the present Governmental policy relative thereto. The Act embodied an invitation by the United States to owners of lands within forest reserves to surrender their holdings and select lands in lieu thereof elsewhere, and the intrinsic value of the land surrendered had nothing to do with its value to the Government. The law was not passed at the instance of speculators, but if there is too much speculation in connection therewith, let Congress repeal the law.

This case has emphasized the well-known fact that United States Grand Juries exercise but little discretion in finding indictments when urged by District Attorneys. Thirteen witnesses were called before the Washington Grand Jury in the Hyde-Benson case, and Hyde subpoenaed them all in the hearing here. None of them knew or professed to know, anything of a conspiracy, nor was there any showing that Hyde and Benson had ever had any partnership beyond the sale of forest reserve lieu land, each contributing his pro rata, and dividing the profits.

The proceedings before Judge Heacock were not in the nature of a trial, but developed into a general investigation of land matters in California. Circumstances, trivial in their nature, and having no possible connection with land matters, were brought out and made to appear as criminal; for instance, Hyde's former clerks were called to testify that they had taken a large number of papers to notaries public who had certified thereto without the personal presence of the signers. Every business man in San Francisco knows that this is a common practice where the signatures and signers are well known to the notaries. Possibly it is irregular, but it is done, nevertheless. It was shown that in 1898 and 1899 Hyde either personally or as President of some corporation, had executed hundreds of deeds and powers of attorney. He probably sent them to his notary as other people do in like cases.

Anonymous letters and the unsupported and unverified statements of blackmailers seem to have been the principal evidence against Hyde. Not one-tenth part of the testimony that was received by Judge Heacock would ever be admitted on a trial, and to drag a man to Washington to stand trial on such evidence seems like persecution instead of honest prosecution.

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The men who snivel, and who rave
About the way they love her.
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And talk till death delayed them,
About the country being great—
Provided that it paid them.
Such people sneer at weary men
Who seek the pleasant places,
When bonny May comes round again,
And summer shows her graces.
But those who died, if they could speak,
Would very likely say
That they are wise who pleasure seek
On Decoration Day.

It is stated on good authority by philosophers that highway robbery, as followed a couple of hundred years ago, was productive of a bold and daring demeanor on the part of the highwayman, but that modern peculation and graft breeds a set of groveling, cowardly scoundrels. However that may be, there does not seem to be any doubt that trades union officialism produces a pretty poor type of man. One Tvietmoe, editor of the paper called "Organized Labor," made a cowardly and despicable attack upon a certain Danforth. The latter, who is nothing like the weight or size of his slanderer, punched him vigorously in the street, and Tvietmoe ran around a wagon praying for the assistance of the passers-by. The trades unionist, who is by the bye, Secretary of the Building Trades Council, and toady for McCarthy, thereupon swore out a warrant for the arrest of his assailant, and when the time came had not the pluck to come and testify. This is the sort of material that pretends to dictate terms and control the movements of modern industry.

Now and again the law against selling lottery tickets is put in force against some poor unfortunate or other who does not have enough influence to escape the clutches of the police. Thus a certain Jones has been sentenced to a fine of one hundred dollars or one hundred days' imprisonment for the sale of lottery tickets in Oakland. The chances are that every blessed official, from the judge who sentenced him to the policeman who arrested him, including the property clerk and the reporter who wrote the matter up, had each a lottery ticket in his inside pocket. The absurdity of the whole matter is evident, not so evident as the resulting contempt into which it brings the law. A parallel case is the law against carrying concealed weapons, yet if you will stand at the rear of a police court and watch the men part their coat-tails to sit down, you will be driven to the conclusion that the police court is as full of weapons as an arsenal.

So the Bohemian Club is to own a permanent home, and to write itself down as one of the institutions. It is very gratifying to note the stability which is beginning to mark that club of erstwhile wanderers. Respectability and successful commercialism are becoming its chief qualities. Trade, solid trade, treads its corridors, and the sign of the big, round dollar is evident on all its belongings. So powerful has money become that a report is current that all the poets in the club are to wear brass buttons and powder their hair, while the artists are to dress in velveteens and serve champagne to the wholesale grocers.

Some people who themselves are never happy unless their nose is well down in the trough, and they are receiving bonuses of all sorts indirectly, are complaining of the cost of the Associated Charities. This organization is one of which the city should be most proud. It commands the services of eight devoted women who receive on the average a stipend of less than four hundred dollars a year. At its head is a university woman of high attainments, who is a sociologist of standing, and a trained specialist. It would be difficult to describe the good effects which have resulted to this community from their efforts in the short time during which the institution has existed; the State Board of Charities and the Juvenile Court, among other things, are due to them. It is the misfortune of a corrupt democracy that even the most unselfish are liable to accusations of graft.

So women's clubs are to be subjected to another disadvantage which a hard hearted and mercenary bank defines as lack of harmony. The California Club determined to erect a new quarters, and being face to face with a problem which talk would not solve, set to work to overcome the difficulties. Plans were made—plans are so easily made; money was to be forthcoming—it is always forthcoming; but in this particular case it performed the hitherto unheard of and utterly ridiculous feat of failing to forthcome. Whereupon there occurred among the ladies various minor differences of opinion, expressed for the most part in a major key, the sound of which penetrated to the ears of the bank directors, who were to have financed the matter. These ungentlemanly gentlemen now refuse to proceed, and the California Club looks likely to be minus a home for some time to come.

John Muir has been on his first trip abroad, and has come back as full of his experiences as a sailor after a first voyage. He must have been a perfect God-send to the newspaper men, for he was good for a column on a slow day. It is a little difficult to detect anything particularly new in his remarks, and I have a fancy that he handed a volume or two of Baedeker to the gentlemen of the press, and that they made their comments from the material furnished. One thing of transcending interest, however, we do learn, and that is that eucalyptus trees do not grow to more than three hundred feet in height. The Scotch mountaineer is sure of that, because he has climbed them. He also hunted kangaroos with a knoberry stick, and has decided that fifteen miles an hour is his best pace at present. It is really very easy to write an interview with John Muir upon the lines that were followed in Saturday's papers.

The Roman Knights or Equites generally managed to get their share of the plunder, and matters of taxation possessed particular fascination for them. Our local Knights of Pythias would seem to be after the same game. The city of Napa has turned the Fourth of July celebration into the hands of this patriotic and humanitarian order, who will import many of their brothers of the craft, and so succeed in making Napa more gloriously hideous than could have been accomplished in the ordinary way. It is to be hoped that the local Knights also handle the local subscriptions to the fund, then the usual questions need not be asked—we shall all know where the money has gone. Next year, Napa should turn the celebration over to the institution which gives her her fame.

Milk that Carries Death Dealing Germs

Some time ago the Overland Monthly called public attention to the question of dairying and dairy industries in San Francisco and adjoining counties. This article was profusely illustrated, and particular attention was called to the dairies of Marin County. It will be remembered that the "Sleepy Hollow Ranch" at San Anselmo, Marin County, was cited as an example of cleanliness, and while no particular mention was made of the various dairies in and around San Francisco, except to say that there were many that were ramshackle affairs, it has since transpired that the Board of Health, under the direction of Dr. Ragan, has discovered a terrible state of affairs.

It is a well established fact that one of the most delicate and most easily infected articles of food is the milk we drink. It therefore behooves those who cater to our wants in the line of lacteal fluid that every possible precaution be taken against contamination and pollution.

The Board finds that nearly all dairies are being run without the slightest attempt being made to protect the consumer from the germs of various diseases easily carried in milk. In some cases it is established that cows are never curried, and that they wallow in mud and filth to a depth of six to eight inches the year around. We happen to know that the report of the Board is mild, and that it might have been far worse. At the same time, the public should be pleased to hear that there is one dairy that is not under the ban.

While there has been a condemnation of nearly all the dairies, including those in the County of Marin that condemnation does not extend to the "Sleepy Hollow Dairy," where the milk is obtained from choice Holstein-Friesian cattle, and where the barns and stables are maintained in a perfect sanitary condition. Indeed, one newspaper of San Francisco has made the remark that there was no more comparison between the stables at this ranch and others than "between a first-class racing stable and an ordinary country barn."

We cannot too strongly commend the work of the Health Department in this particular, and at the same time we feel that it is our duty to point out that here are some people who have not lost their consciences because they happen to be in the milk business.

Here is the report of the Inspector appointed by the Board of Health on the Marin County Dairies:

Report of Dr. Ragan.

Dr. Ragan, in speaking of his trip through the section above San Rafael, said:

"Marin County has the natural facilities to become one of the greatest dairying sections in the Western country if those who conduct the farms could be made to operate their places on modern principles. The topography of the county is exactly suited for dairying. The country is made up of rolling hills that would afford natural drainage if a little money was expended by the dairymen for drains.

"The presence of so much fine spring water gives the men conducting these ranches a chance to keep their places clean if they would only use the water to advantage. The pasturage afforded the stock is the best I have ever seen, and the absence of fogs and winds makes the country very healthful for cattle as well as people. We must educate the men, who conduct these dairies, on hygiene, and those who will not be educated must give up the business."

Dr. Ragan and Dr. Hassler visited seven dairies during the day. Probably the worst of all the places visited was the Miller Ranch, on the Petaluma road. At this ranch 175 cows are milked, and the corrals and buildings were in a frightfully filthy condition. It was declared an example of what a dairy should not be. The cows are milked in the open, and the corral where the milking is done was a mire of filth. It has been six weeks since the last rain in this section of Marin, and an idea of the drainage of the Miller place can be gained when water that fell that long ago is still standing in the yards.

During the milking time the cows are turned into the corral and stand or lie for several hours at a time in the six or eight inches of filth. When the cows are milked, they are as a rule coated with the dirt of the corral, but such a thing as a curry comb is not thought of. The barns and milk houses on this ranch are as correspondingly dirty as the corrals.

Besides the Miller ranch, the dairies of M. T. Freitas, M. Figondes, the Albertes and others were visited. Of these three the Albertes place was the most objectionable. The sheds and premises on this place were in very bad shape, and the methods of handling the milk and the personal condition of the milkers were commented on very strongly by the doctors.

A Refreshing Change.

In sharp contrast to these dairies enumerated above was the place of former Supervisor Richard Hotaling. The Hotaling farm is the only one that has been ranked as "very good" in the eighty odd dairies thus far inspected. Mr. Hotaling's place is known as the "Sleepy Hollow Dairy," and is ranked by the inspectors as the model dairy of this section of the country, and will be used as a standard which the other dairies must emulate. While the equipment of the Hotaling dairy cannot be expected to be installed by the other dairies, still the system of cleanliness and care can be enforced. The notable feature of the Sleepy Hollow Dairy was the extreme cleanliness of the premises, the animals and the men who conduct the place. The cows are curried before each milking, the men wear clean uniforms, and the cow barns are washed out after each milking, and a plentiful supply of lime sprinkled on the floors. The barns are built high, and large windows and ventilators permit the access of plenty of fresh air and sunshine. The feed boxes are cleaned daily and the cooling rooms and can-washing racks are always kept in a state of neatness that surpasses the condition of many kitchens.

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 Whose honor's value is a paltry groat.
 I see you with hat doffed, your white head bare,
 When wealthy patients greet you in the street,
 Bland accent and a deprecating air,
 To those whose patronage is rich and sweet,
 I see you drive the tortured from your door
 The mother praying for her infant's sake,
 The mother prays in vain, for she is poor,
 And who would work, unless there's gold to
 make?
 You can hush scandal where the great are
 smirched,
 No labor is too great where gold's to come,
 And when the homes of luxury are searched
 And evil comes to light, lo, you are dumb.
 But God's sick poor, you drive away with scorn.
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 After your revel comes the judgment morn,
 And you were better never born that day.
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SOCIETY

Dear Bessie: Wedding bells are commencing to chime again. There were two weddings last Wednesday to usher in the month of June. One was Cora Stinson and Doctor Harold Johnson's, which took place at noon at the Meyerstein home, and was a very quiet affair, with only just the family present at the ceremony, no attendants, and the bride and groom have gone to Boston, which is to be their future home. The other was a button wedding at Berkeley, when Marjorie Erwin and Lieutenant Gilbert Taylor were joined in marriage. Next Wednesday will be the wedding day of Genevieve Huntsman and Harry Williar, and the ceremony will be performed at the home of Mrs. Huntsman on Sutter street. There is some talk of Susie Blanding's wedding going over till September, owing to the unsatisfactory state of her health, but I do not know how true it is; one thing is sure, that when it does come off, Sophie Brownell will officiate as matron-of-honor and be the only one in attendance, too, I believe. Among other September brides will be Isabel Hooper, Kate Selfridge and Edith Findley; at least, that is the programme at present, liable to change, however. Edith Shorbe's engagement to James Steel of Sacramento is one of those announced the past week, and the middle of July is named as the date for the wedding, which will take place at home, but I will tell you more about it later. News comes of the engagement of Mary Hobbs, who was such a favorite while her father was stationed at the Presidio, to Lieutenant Brice, who has just been ordered East, so I dare say the wedding will take place there very soon. "They say" one of the weddings of the winter will be that of Maud Bourne and Frank King, whose engagement will be announced directly she returns from her trip abroad. But you know people dearly love to settle other people's affairs, and half the time there is but a grain of truth in the tales that get afloat.

The Harvey girls will soon be here, and we are quite on the qui vive to have a good look at them. There was a good deal of a discussion indulged in at Kate's little tea the other day, as to whether they would hyphenate their father's name—Downey—with their own, which appears to be deemed the correct thing with so many of them, but the conclusion arrived at was that Mrs. Harvey was too sensible a woman to attempt such a thing. They are already regarded as the buds of the coming season. Laura McKinstry is quite pleased at the prospect of having her brother Charles here part of the summer; he is a Captain now, you know, and will be here on duty for several weeks in August. We have just heard that Fay Kilburne is to be married again to a Miss Maud Metts of Yorkeville, South Carolina. Don't you remember he was in the First Infantry, and stationed at Angel Island for a long time before the Cuban war, and what a pretty wedding it was when he and Lily Miles were married here in '95, and how sorry every one was for Colonel and Mrs. Miles when she died three years ago.

May writes me from Del Monte that the arrival of the Spreckels auto party created quite a sensation last Saturday; there were four machines, with, among others, Grace and Lily, Kate Dillon, Julia and Sam Buckbee. They stopped at the Vendome over-night on the trip down from town. And I have had another letter from Grace, who had still more to tell

me of her visit to Ireland. Among other things she was present at the departure of the Duke of Connaught, who is a brother of King Edward, from Ireland, where he has been Commander of the forces, and saw Lady Maxwell—nee Bonyng—present a magnificent bouquet to the Duchess of Connaught, which was "graciously received," in the lingo of court functions. Lady Maxwell, whose husband is Chief of Staff to the Duke, is always noted for her beautiful gowns, and on this occasion appeared in a lovely costume of mauve chiffon cloth.

You never saw any one more pleased than Clemmie Kip Edie at not having to go to the Philippines; Doctor Edie's orders there have been changed, and he will remain on duty in the East for the present, at any rate, and she of course joins him there. Helen Ashton, on the contrary, is quite elated at the prospect of her coming visit to our Island possessions. She was to have made her debut the coming winter, but instead of that, she will accompany her aunt, Nellie Smedburg McIvor when she goes to Manila in the autumn to join Major McIvor, who has been there for some time. Cora Smedburg, who has been in miserable health all winter, is going East to spend the summer and may possibly stay away till next spring.

I hear that the Paul Clagstones—Cora Kirk, you know—are at Santa Barbara, he busily practicing for the polo tournament in August, at Del Monte, and she the picture of blooming happiness; Joe and Cyril Tobin are equally hard at work at Del Monte, where they will stay indefinitely. J. W. Byrne is there, too, but he devotes himself to the pleasures of golf. The Jack Merrills have changed their minds, and instead of Sausalito, will spend the summer at Santa Barbara; the Ashton Potters, who are here just now, are being made quite a fuss over by Mamie's old friends; they are talking of making their home at Santa Barbara. They will be there this summer, anyway, and Mrs. McNutt and Ruth, also. Kate Dillon is off again to Europe, where she will spend the summer, returning again about November, in time for the winter season, which is a satisfaction to hear. The James Follises, Ethel Tompkins and Daisy Van Ness, sailed



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last Sunday for Tahiti, for the sake of the ocean trip merely, and they will have a pleasant month at sea; the Willie Gwins, who have been East, returned last week, and will pass the time of their daughter's absence at San Rafael.

Mrs. Joe Tobin is never so happy as when she has some of her friends staying with her at her Napa Valley home, and generally keeps it pretty well filled. Alice Hager is with her at present; Ethel is, I believe, going South; the Eugene Murphys are occupying the Dan Murphy cottage at Burlingame, adding another couple to the many delightful people who are at that exclusive settlement this summer. I hear that Ruth and Beth Allen, who are at their home in San Mateo, intend to have a series of house parties during the season; Mrs. Hyde Smith and the girls have selected San Mateo as their summer locale; Elsie Tallant goes with her mother to Yosemite for the month of June, and then to San Rafael for the rest of the season; Marie Voorhies is expected home from the Orient in about ten days; Mary Eyres is visiting the Garnetts in Dixon.

—Elsie.

BIRTHS.

Recently in Philadelphia, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moore Robinson, a son. Mrs. Robinson was Miss Eileen Ivers.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Miss Edith Shorbe, daughter of the late J. de B. Shorbe and Mrs. Susan W. Shorbe, to James King Steele, of Sacramento.

Miss Marie Adam, daughter of Mrs. T. W. Rivers, to Clarence E. Musto.

Miss Malvina Nathan, daughter of the late Washington Nathan, of New York, to Edgar Peixotto.

Miss Mary Hobbs, daughter of Major C. W. Hobbs, U. S. A., to Lieutenant Pressley K. Brice, U. S. A.

Miss Florence Hellman, daughter of I. W. Hellman, to Sidney M. Ehrman.

WEDDINGS.

June 1st (Wednesday)—Miss Christine Luhrs, daughter of Mrs. Anna E. L. Luhrs, to Walter Byron Webster, 1165 Bush street, 9 p. m.

June 4th (Saturday)—Miss Neville Simms Taylor, daughter of Rear-Admiral Taylor, U. S. N., to Lieutenant Rockwell Gerhardi, son of the late Admiral Bancroft Gerhardi, U. S. N. All Saints Church, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

OBITUARY.

May 27th—Mrs. Caroline Loyall Ashe, widow of Dr. R. Porter Ashe.

Miss Kathryn McIver, formerly of San Francisco and San Jose, graduated with the 1904 class from the Detroit Seminary on Thursday, June 2d.

There is the singing of birds and the scent of flowers on the air, the charm of summer in the woodland and the exquisite service of an exceptionally well-managed hotel at San Rafael. The Hotel Rafael is enjoying a large patronage from San Franciscans, and there are many Eastern visitors as well. There is no place conveniently near San Francisco that is so delightful as the Hotel Rafael, as a place of rest and recreation.

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Frank A. Vail and wife welcomed the advent of a little girl baby on the 19th of May. The wee little one will soon be holding receptions to her parents' friends, who are legion, and whose congratulations are due.

The Stratford-on-Avon (England) Herald prints in its latest list of tourists the names of the following Californians: Mrs. Mary S. Strohn, Mrs. Roys N. Strohn and Miss E. Strohn, accompanied by Mrs. Edith Strohn Copley of Illinois.

Emma B. Folsom, and George Grant, the prominent insurance man, were married on the twenty-seventh instant, and are the recipients of the hearty congratulations of their many friends. The happy couple are to make their residence at the New Empire.

John Morrissey, the genial resident manager of the Orpheum, is enjoying a brief vacation at St. Louis, where he went last week to join Mrs. Morrissey.

From far Hawaii comes the echo of a brilliant reception and dance given on the Pacific Mail Steamer Mongolia on the occasion of the last visit of that steamer to the bay of Honolulu. The credit for the idea of this very successful social function belongs to Mrs. R. P. Schwerin, wife of the vice-President of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. The big steamer was brilliant with lights from stem to stern. The masts, the main and the hurricane deck were a mass of bunting and color. Huge American and Hawaiian flags intertwined enclosed the stern of the main deck. The Royal Hawaiian Band and the band from the U. S. S. New York, stationed advantageously, discoursed sweet music. Captain Rinder received the guests informally at the head of the gangway, and Mrs. Schwerin, from a central point, received formally a little later on.

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Time was when Memorial Day was an occasion for genuine demonstrations of genuine patriotism; for eulogies of heroes dead and gone, and for instilling in the youth of the land a veneration for those who laid down their lives for the greater glory of the republic. In those days, there were real parades, with all the pomp and circumstance of war; the people assembled upon the sidewalks, and reverently uncovered their heads as grey-haired veterans limped past with tattered ensigns and bullet-torn battle-flags; thousands assembled at the cemeteries and covered the graves of the fallen with California's choicest blossoms; shop keepers put up their shutters; churches held services, and in many ways evidence was given of the desire of the people to honor the memories of our soldiers and sailors. But now—what change has come o'er the spirit of our dream? Has increased prosperity made us sordid? Has the race for wealth so increased personal selfishness that we no longer care for those other things that aid in making a nation great? Has political corruption become so general throughout the country that it is of no consequence to the people whether what should be the high ideals are debased or not? Do they consider the men that have fought and will fight their battles merely so many hired servants for whom they should have no concern, and upon whom they may gaze disinterestedly, as upon so many figures in a passing show? Whatever the cause, certain it is that we of San Francisco have lost that ingenuousness that once distinguished us as a community; our crowds are no longer to be told from any crowd in any large city; our people now suppress any emotions they may have as readily as do any other people; our sense of veneration has been blunted; we have become mere passive spectators, instead of enthusiastic participants in ceremonies that have their basis in patriotism. "Well, we have grown," you say. "We no longer make up a Western village; we are now one of the leading municipalities of the United States." And is a man to become less manly, to forget the teachings of his youth, because he has become rich and powerful? There be greater things than riches.

Such was the trend of my thoughts as I watched the skeleton battalions parade along Van Ness avenue last Monday. The crowd was as thin as the ranks. In five blocks along the avenue only one flag flew from a house-top. Most of the spectators were in gala attire and paused only for the troops to pass, so that they might continue their ways to the ferry, whence to enjoy a picnic. Colonel O'Neill's regiment made a very poor showing. Many of its members may have been in the ranks of the veterans, but even so, the regiment should have done better. The parade was brief, and after the review, the troops and the people hurried away. It would seem almost the better plan to forego a parade on Memorial Day in the future, unless more can be made of it. Fortunately, Memorial Day is a legal holiday, and therefore must be observed to some extent. It is likewise fortunate that the "glorious Fourth" is also a legal holiday. Were it not, no one but the occasional small boy would be so mean as to do it reverence. Truly, we are a great people, but we believe that sufficient for the day is the evil thereof. "Let the dead past bury its dead." We are too busy.

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One Robert Minter, who had been using the mails for fraudulent purposes, thought he would beat the game by pleading guilty, and throwing himself upon

the mercy of the court. But District Judge De Haven gave him a severe shock when he announced that when he sentenced to imprisonment a man who had pleaded guilty to a crime, his mind was always filled with the calm satisfaction that arises from the knowledge of a duty well performed. "If he knows he is guilty, and admits it," said the Judge, "I have satisfaction in giving him the full penalty of the law." Minter gasped, withdrew his plea, and asked for a jury trial. Judge De Haven's method is commended to other local jurists.

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The demands for improvement in the sweeping of the streets are rapidly growing into a thunderous roar of protest against existing conditions. Lack of sprinkling, rather than imperfect sweeping, is responsible for most of the complaints. It is but small benefit to a shop-keeper or a house-holder to have the dirt and dust blown from the piles in the streets into his front door. In Philadelphia, where similar complaints have been made, much has been done to alleviate conditions by requiring the street car companies to run watering cars over their lines so many times a day. Such a plan, if followed here, would result in immediate relief in all the retail districts.

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Joaquin Miller is prospecting along a new avenue to fame. Up at "The Heights" he is developing a new brand of chicken which lays hard-boiled eggs. He introduced his fowl and their fruits last Sunday, when he and Count de Parhacs fed a number of pilgrims at the poet's place. The Count is a painter first, a soldier second, and incidentally a traveler. Above all, he claims, he is a good cook. The pilgrims concede the last-named distinction, which, I think, far the greatest. There are thousands of painters, soldiers and travelers—but to cook! that is a gift of the gods. But this is all in passing. The real object of this paragraph is Miller's great discovery—the hard-boiled hen—no, the hard-boiled egg of the before boiled hen. This is the way it happened. On Miller's place is a small geyser—not siphon, but a real, genuine geyser—of boiling water. Now, the poet's hens have become hardened by scurrying over "The Heights," and their integumentaries have become pachylemous in their toughness. Excrescences developed upon their feet, and lumps upon their legs. To cure this affliction, the poet immersed the chickens' legs in the hot geyser water. The effect was wonderful. The corns and things disappeared. The fowl liked the treatment. Whenever they needed a bracer, they stood in the overflow from the boiling geyser. As they became accustomed to the water, they remained longer in it. Now, they sometimes stand ten minutes in the spring. Presently, Miller noticed that his eggs were always hard-boiled. If he cooked them only half a minute they came out hard, though the ordinary hen fruit will not harden inside of four minutes. He watched the hens.

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He saw them standing in the geyser. Then he saw them come out and lay. He picked up a fresh-laid egg, and opened it. It was hard-boiled. With the addition of a little salt, half a dozen made a meal—for Miller. The hard-boiled eggs were served to his guests last Sunday. The poet intends writing a "Lay of the Hard-Boiled Egg." He also intends forwarding a bunch of his hens to St. Louis as California products.

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The School Directors have done one good thing in raising the salaries of the teachers. Now, if they will give some attention to the improvement of the school buildings, the department and the public will have cause for mutual congratulation. Many of the school buildings are in a disgraceful condition; others are so far gone they should be vacated and torn down. In the outlying districts, children are forced to sit in dirty sheds, such as might, upon compulsion, be found satisfactory to coolies, but whose existence as part of the school department is a shame to the city. The sanitary conditions in many schools are in open and notorious violation of the laws. The Board of Health is not doing its full duty when it permits such buildings to be occupied for any public purpose, particularly when the occupants are children of tender age, and therefore susceptible to the various diseases which have their origin in germs bred under just the conditions to which the pupils are subjected daily. The Grand Jury has denounced the sanitary condition of the schools; the School Directors have denounced it; the people have denounced it, and it is time something radical was done in the way of reform.

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"No reading does us any good that is not a pleasure to us," says Richard Le Gallienne. In commenting upon this opinion, Bailey Millard says: "We have seen people with grammar school educations trying to get through 'Paradise Lost,' so that they could say they had read it, and we have seen what a perfectly useless task it was. We must not plod; we must not drudge. We must enjoy what we read, and we must read what we enjoy."

Now, as Millard would say, there is a thought for you. If you have not had more than a grammar school education; if you do not possess a university degree; if you are not of the elect to which, of course, Millard must belong, you may as well give up right now trying to enjoy any of the great works of any of the great poets. Nor is it worth your while to try to enjoy them. They are all beyond your mental grasp; they are deep below your intellectual horizon. If you are aware of your educational limitations you must quit without an endeavor, for if you try to develop, you may fall into plodding, and plodding is drudgery, says Mr. Millard. That gentleman has written in his time much nonsense that has secured publication, but this latest contribution to the thought of the day is so apparently the veriest rot that it is hardly worth discussion. He bases his views upon an entirely wrong hypothesis, to begin with. His idea seems to be that the hall mark of a college is needed before a man's mind can broaden; before his soul can be elevated to an appreciation of higher things; before he can wander with the poets among the higher realms of imagination and enjoy the figures wrought by their fancy, or profit by the teachings of their philosophy. It is sad to think, isn't it, that a man like Abraham Lincoln, whose soul was attuned to music, who possessed the attributes of a great poet—imagery, sadness, force, philosophy—could not appreciate "Paradise Lost" because he did

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TIVOLI—"The Toy Maker," a fair production.
CHUTES—An unusually good theatrical program. Entertaining throughout.

Fischer's Theatre re-opened amid a blaze of glory and music and red lights. The new company is a fine one, and the new contralto, Miss Hull, is a favorite already. The Garrity sisters are phenomenally good dancers, and Miss Aug, the pretty soubrette, is pleasing in the extreme. This young woman is very clever, and seems to possess more than the usual amount of brains allotted to stage young people of her kind. She is sprightly and bright, and there is a certain brilliancy in her lines that comes from herself, and not from the author, for if the truth be told, Brusie has not dialogued to his usual ability in "U. S.," especially so in the first act. This is easily remedied, and by the middle of the week the play now on at the Fisher house will go like the popping of champagne corks, and will sparkle like unto the liquor thereof. "U. S." is in for a long run.

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It must be a rare comfort to the Fischer audiences to sit in a house that you know is absolutely safe in case of fire. When I say safe, I am referring, of course, to the matter of exits. The house has been crowded all the week, and if attractive music and a splendid chorus, with a musical playlet that goes with a zip and a bang, is capable of drawing crowds, "U. S." is destined for a long run.

Unfortunately the "Radium Dance" was not shown owing to some break in the operating machinery. The audience did not miss it, however, as they got their money's worth as it was.

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Miss Fuller's "Gismonda" is a revelation. She has shown us that she is a most able actress in the various Sardou characters she has given us during the MacDowell engagement, but it remained for the performance of "Gismonda" to fully acquaint us with this actress's range. Perhaps I enjoyed this play more than any other during this engagement, because MacDowell was less in evidence. I will have a chance to note if this may be accepted as a fact when I see him in "A Captain of Navarre."

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Robert Elliot's Zaccario in the MacDowell rendition of "Gismonda" at the Grand is deserving of special mention. This characterization of a most villainous type leaves little to be desired. Mr. Elliot certainly reached the author's ideal.

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At the Alcazar they are giving us "The Toll Gate Inn." I saw the play after a holiday and a heavy dinner, and it seemed to me that it was not up to the company, or it may be that the company also had heavy dinners. I should say that the dialogue is only fair, and the characters have no chance to show off to any extent. Mr. Osbourne was not in happiest vein, and as the irate old father, the playwright gave him little chance for clever work. Miss Block's "Hester Pennington" was not up to her usual verve.

Miss Starr, as "Dorothy Maitland," was good, and made the most of the author's flat lines. To Durkin and Maher belong the credit of having scored the only possible artistic success in this play. The "Poatchee" of Mr. Durkin was, as far as he allowed it to be, a very fine bit of work, and the old Tinker, Caleb Culver, of Mr. Maher, was a finely executed bit of work.

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"His College Chum" at the Orpheum, as done by Ferrar, Cole & Co., is a very clever sketch. The Colby family are musical entertainers, and they are on a par with the very best talent that has ever been on the Orpheum boards. Gaston and Stone are excruciatingly funny in a skit called "A Whiff of the Briny." There are a number of holdovers, inclusive of Marcel's studies, and Burke and La Rue and their "Inky Boys."

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Maude Adams gave us a splendid opportunity of judging a clever woman in a very poor play. I could never derive any comfort from "The Little Minister," and disliked it exceedingly, because I had to read it. I was writing book reviews at the time. Maude Adams brought out all there was to the play, but to listen to it twice would drive me to Scotch whiskey and an early demise. Maude Adams is winsome and sweet, and her laughter is like the song of a bird, and I don't want to describe the play, and I will not. I do not like it—it bores me and is decidedly heavy. If you say so, I'll go right on and tell you that Maude Adams is sweet, and a clever, capable, conscientious little woman, and that you ought to see her and hear her, and that if you do not, you will have missed a pleasurable sensation.

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"The Toymaker" is drawing good houses at the Tivoli. The changes that have been made, and are being made, seem to please the public, as the attendance at this house is on the increase.

"The Toymaker" is full of catchy little airs, and it is splendidly cast as to scenery and costume.

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The Tivoli will open next week with a military comic opera, "Sergeant Kitty." Miss Lillian Sefton will make her debut as the prima donna soprano. The story of "Sergeant Kitty" is a very pretty one. The time is 1830 and the place the village of Montigny. Kitty La Tour has made up her mind to elope with Lieutenant Lucien Valliere, aide-de-camp of General Du Bois, against the wishes of her aunt and guardian, Madame Angelique. Kitty disguises herself as a postilion, and taking the only available conveyance, drives to Montigny. She there marries the Lieutenant, by proxy. There is another side story brought in by the troubles of Henri de Marillac, Lieutenant in the 22d Hussars, of which General Du Bois is General. Henri has contracted a secret marriage, and has introduced his wife as the wife of his friend Lucien. And now you go to the show and see the sequel to this beginning.

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The Central sprang a surprise on the public this week in a well-staged and an exceptionally well-played performance. "A Celebrated Case" was given with an unusual regard for the niceties of play-acting, and it is a pleasure to note that the play and the players scored an immediate success. The audience, as usual, demonstrated its approval or disapproval

in a frankly boisterous manner that must have swelled the bump of self-esteem of the several ladies and gentlemen on the stage. "A Celebrate! Case," as put on at the Central this week is far and away better than the majority of shows given by pretentious traveling organizations.

Miss Fuller was suffering all week from a terrific cold, and it is hoped this splendid actress will fully recover for "A Captain of Navarre."

The pace set by the management of the new Fischer's will fill that house night after night. The new company is one that need not bid for popularity. Popularity has come to them on the first jump.

Melbourne MacDowell will give us something fine next week in "A Captain of Navarre." It is entirely new to this city, and is sure to draw well. The plot provides for great and constant action. There is a slight resemblance to the action in the play of "Cyrano." Melbourne MacDowell will give us Rene de Padillan, and Miss Ethel Fuller will take the role of the Duchesse d'Armenonville. There are some fine climaxes, and the costuming is said to be something superb.

In "The Peddler" at the Central next week, Herschel Mayall has the chance of his life. The play has never before been seen here, and if what I hear is true, it is a well-arranged and well-written play. There is a very pretty plot and the regular villain, multiplied by several, an unnatural son, a peddler who becomes a baron, a blind girl who is a marvel of sweetness and beauty, and a wise old negro.

"Under Two Flags," Ouida's famous play, dramatized, will be put on at the Alcazar next week, and there is a great deal of curiosity to see what Adele Block will make of "Cigarette." "Under Two Flags" is not as easy a play as the ordinary run at play houses of this kind, as it calls for twenty-eight speaking parts. Messrs. Conness, Hilliard, Maher and Emery, and Misses Starr, Howe and Allen are all cast for strong parts. Durkin will take the part of Bertie Cecil, and his portrayal should enlist for the expatriated Englishman the warm sympathy of the audience. The play has been seen here before, and the novel has been read by the thousands, and the Alcazar will probably show up the "standing room only" sign before the week is out.

It is a fact that Fischer's Theatre met with great success at the opening of the newly improved house on Sunday night last. The theatre is much improved, comfortable and absolutely safe. Secondly, the company as a whole is exceptionally good. The audience gave a royal welcome to all the players. During the second act there were enough floral pieces sent upon the stage to cover the roof of the theatre, and from the enthusiasm of the huge audience, it would seem that "U. S." is likely to run for many weeks.

Ever since it was known that E. H. Sothern was booked at the Columbia Theatre, there has been daily inquiries at the box office of the theatre. The eminent actor will be seen on Monday, June 13th, and interest in the event increases. It is announced that no seats will be put aside until the opening of the sale, so that all may secure equal opportunities for choice of locality.

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Russia Insults all Anglo-Saxons.

Russia has fired a civil gun whose vibrations are felt all over the civilized world, and which may increase in intensity until the roar of Japanese artillery becomes a mere echo of them. The St. Petersburg Government has officially declared that the United States and Great Britain are the direct and sole cause of the Russo-Japanese war; that those two Anglo-Saxon nations coveted Manchuria and the dominating influence in China and Korea; that by intrigue and promise they inveigled Japan into assuming the open responsibility of bringing on hostilities, and that in putting forward Japan they have sent out a boom-erang that will eventually return to them as a hostile and dangerous force. This civil gun of Russia is in the form of an official proclamation by the Czar's Minister of Public Instruction, who is also a cabinet minister, in which he ignores all diplomatic inferences, hints and intimates and boldly indicts the United States and England for the crimes of perfidy, treachery, falsehood and hypocrisy—quite enough to justify these nations in promptly declaring war against Russia. But the effect of the insult is likely to be so far reaching and lasting that in time all Russians will look upon the Anglo-Saxons as a race of people that knows only treachery and is inspired by brutal instincts. This Minister of Public Instruction orders that his proclamation shall be a sort of text book in all schools, to the end that Russian children shall be taught from now on to hold the people of the United States and Great Britain in contempt; to regard them as being wholly devoid of honor; to think of them as outcasts, and to avoid intercourse with such human degradation. Of course the proclamation bore the Czar's approval, as all State papers do. The civilized world is asking: "Has defeat of Russian arms in the Far East crazed the Czar and his official family?"

The Czar's Dark Schemes.

But there is method in the Czar's madness. Immediately after the defeat of the Russians at the Yalu river the Russian

Government began diplomatic moves to educate public sentiment in Europe to where an open charge of British and American complicity could be safely made, and thus not only create a bitter hatred of Anglo-Saxons and a corresponding degree of sympathy with Russia, but force Germany and France more especially to adopt a still more pro-Russian policy. And this diplomatic treachery has now culminated in the proclamation of the Russian Minister of Public Instruction, which is pretty good evidence that satisfactory assurances have been received from more than one European nation, and France at least does not try to hide her position. In fact, it seems very clear, in the light of developments in the last few days, that the Russian Minister's proclamation was submitted to both France and Germany for their approval, before it was promulgated. If so, France and Germany join Russia in charging the United States and England, two avowedly neutral powers as to the Russo-Japanese war, and supposedly on the most friendly terms with all nations, with having committed the gravest of crimes known to the international moral law—that those Anglo-Saxon nations have been living and acting a monstrous lie and playing double with every nation in the concert of powers, and all this officially proclaimed to be the truth by the Czar of Russia.

More Trouble and Dicker- ing. Verily the past week was busy evolving events and complications all over the world, and diplomatists and statesmen are everywhere in consultation. The Franco-Vatican rupture, and the French threat to abolish the Concordant, is by no means a trifling matter. That in any event France will be shaken to her political and religious centers no one has a doubt, nor that in any event the Vatican will be worse for the struggle is there any question. As is generally known, at the bottom of it all is the determination of the French Government to separate church and State, and place both on the same footing in religious matters as they have in the United States. It costs France about \$10,000,000 a year to provide for the Vatican's pay-roll in France. This the Government and all non-Catholics, as well as very many Catholics, want to get rid of on principle. But what the people of liberal thought in France are tired of is the Vatican's influence and intrigue in the political and war establishment concerns of the nation, and a large portion of the Catholic element, aided by the priesthood and all church orders, are equally determined that the Vatican's power and influence shall not be broken. Diplomatic relations have practically been broken off between the Vatican and the French Government, and the Chamber of Deputies is standing by the Government by a large majority. Indeed, the only complaint of the majority is that President Combes does not smash the Concordant, sever all diplomatic relations with the Vatican and place France before the world as a Republic without a State religion, as is the Republic of the United States.

The Progress of the War. During the past week the Japanese came out the victors in every engagement, as seems to be their custom. Eighty-six guns and the complete rout of the Russians were among the spoils of war that fell to the Japanese in their first movement in force upon Port Arthur by land. It cost them 3,500 men to do it, but the price was small if value is measured by advantages in positions. The Japanese land lines are almost within reach of Port Arthur by long-range siege guns, and the date of the fall of that stronghold depends altogether upon whether the Japanese take it by assault or by siege, but the chances are that it will be taken by assault, for at this distance it seems to be worth the lives of a good many thousand Japanese, the more so because with its fall goes the capture or destruction of the Russian naval squadron now bottled up in the harbor. Then the Japanese navy would be free to combine against the Vladivostock stronghold and the Russian squadron at that point, and after finishing that job it could sail away to meet the Baltic squadron on its way to Asiatic waters. The Chinese Chunchesees are openly assisting the Japanese in their march upon Port Arthur. The opportunity to plunder is too great a temptation for Chunchesees to resist, but they are willing to fight hard and loyally for "what they can pick up," with a little Japanese ready cash on the side.

Forty-three towns Destroyed. As indicated what the new policy of the Turks would result in by the News Letter, the soldiers of the Sultan burned forty-three Armenian towns and villages the past week, and most of the inhabitants were massacred. The "small force," as the beastly Sultan puts it, that was sent to do the deadly work, consisted of 12,000 regulars and 16,000 Kurds, the Kurds being

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A Combine to Milk the Public.

The so-called River Convent on will result in another political combine, with a President, Secretary and Executive Committee lined up as deserving competitors for anything in the way of pap that happens to fall from the well-spread banquet table of the "masters." Each and every one of the fraternity will be ready and willing to back any interference with the original plans of their creator. Such a little affair as shifting the bed in which for centuries the surplus waters of the Sierras have been carried to the ocean does not bother this congregated talent of the great Western Slope, who would tackle a proposition to drain the Pacific itself were there subsidies in the offering. It is years since any opportunity has occurred to warrant the formation of a combine, and it may be years again before the mountain storms are severe enough to cause any loss to the owners of the lands which lie along the banks of a stream ordinarily quiet and peaceful as a mill pond. In the years of calm, why should not these farmers, who make large profits upon the tillage of their land, build up their levies and guard against the evil times of storm and flood? What rightful claim have they to demand natural and State subsidies to protect what they can amply afford to protect themselves. A couple of good dredging plants put to work along the Sacramento would do all that is required in the way of providing for all surplus waters, and besides that, quadruple the present valuation of lands which are held at high figures even as it is to-day. But no, they prefer to organize, and by invoking the sentimental sympathies of influential citizens, who are quite ready to give an ear to every tale of woe, get their back to an appeal for the taxation of the public to serve their personal ends and enrich them. Let these land owners work out their own salvation; they are rich enough to do so, and this whine of doleful calamities in the past and dismal possibilities in the future is all for effect.

The British Bilked Again.

What a send-off the Copper King mine of Fresno, and Vercoe, its promoter, got when the news first was promulgated that the great and good Gardiner of South Africa, Parisian and 'Frisco fame, was at its back with the northern iron "Magnet," Sir Christopher Furness as the "angel" of the concern. The story of the Epicurean who was sent out here to manage the company's affairs, and who finally, when discharged, dreamed a dream which placed him in the position of owning, not the mine alone, but a valuable smelter, worth something like \$200,000, is ancient history here now. Within the past week this concern, which represents an investment running up into the hundreds of thousands, was put up under the hammer to satisfy the demands of creditors, and the best offer which the liberal souls of Middle California would make was \$20,000. Twenty thousand dollars for a smelter which cost a quarter of a million, is almost brand new, with everything modern in the way of machinery, etc., not to mention a mine thrown into the bargain—nothing small about that, when the chance to do the British investor up brown is considered. It reminds one of the old story of the fine 60-stamp mill erected some years ago on the old Josephine mine at Grub Gulch in Fresno County, on which the cost, some \$60,000, had hardly been paid when it was sold back to the builder for \$5,000. This was another

choice investment of the English in California mines. However, the Copper King and its appurtenances did not go for a song upon this occasion, more especially as there is a standing offer of \$120,000 for the smelter from the Mountain Copper Company of Shasta County. But that's another story, as Kipling would say.

Money Which Took Wing.

"One by one the roses fade." Another of the get-rich-quick concerns has passed away, with its promoter and manipulator into the shadows, and only the mourners are left to grieve and wonder at the uncertainties of human affairs. Another dream of wealth has vanished, and the castles in the air have melted away like a morning mist in the summer solstice. The Co-operative Mercantile Company, now of the past, was one of those conceptions of the unscrupulous money makers who win the coin of selfish, hungry-eyed individuals itching for rank among a plutocracy vulgar as themselves by making Peter pay Paul. The joint subscription of the two combined dropping while changing hands into the bag of Judas. Judas in this case, overlooking the old maxim of paying Caesar his dues, thereby evading the rightful claims of both Peter and Paul, has fled with the bag. Hence the tears do flow.

The Comstock Market was dull throughout the past week, with prices inclined to shade off. No selling took place to depress the market, and the lack of speculative movement can only be attributed to the unavoidable delay in completing some work on the Comstock which has to be done in order to carry out the programme arranged by the management, which includes ore extraction from the middle mines. The Ophir mine is still turning out a first-class grade of ore and paying its regular monthly dividend.

The financial market in San Francisco can only be described as one continual round of dullness and disappointment. Since the smash-up in what were formerly considered standard stocks, has had a quieting effect upon investors, who are not inclined to buy "gilt-edged securities," which are apt to wilt like a wild-cat at short notice. People lost considerable money here a few months ago in the local market by collapses, and the incident has not yet been mentally obliterated.

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That there is something new under the sun may be gathered through perusal of the literature of the National Bond and Trust Company, 501-505 Mutual Bank Building, which offers interest-bearing bonds upon easy installment payments. There is here an opportunity for absolutely safe and highly remunerative investment, the plan of which is modestly, yet convincingly, set forth in the company's prospectus. By an equitable arrangement, the investor, whether a wage-earner or a capitalist, is assured of substantial gains under easy conditions. The directors and officers are gentlemen of high standing in the business world.

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Pleasure's Wand

(Continued from Page 21.)

The second and last week of Maude Adams's engagement at the Columbia Theatre begins on Monday night. The first stellar appearance here of the great actress has been the occasion for a display of the immense enthusiasm on the part of the audiences in attendance at the Columbia Theatre during the past week. Miss Adams is not incorrectly hailed as the greatest of American actresses. She has a charm that fairly fascinates one, and her magnetism is given full sway when she plays the role of Lady Babbie.

Richard Walsh and Adele Ligon, accomplished musicians, who play upon every conceivable kind of instrument, will make their first appearance at the Chutes this coming week, presenting their novel sketch, "The Twentieth Century Burglar and the French Soubrette." Jones, Sylvester and Pringle, known as "The Imperials of Minstrelsy," will be heard in the latest songs, and Gus Kiralfy, the German rag-time juggler, will offer an amusing specialty. The Pneumatic Symphony Orchestra, which is a wonder, just installed in the Chutes cafe, discourses delightful music every afternoon and evening.

Truly Shattuck, the California soprano who has achieved a great success in the East, in London and in the Winter Garden, Berlin's great vaudeville theatre, returns to the Orpheum after an absence of nearly four years. She will be heard in songs new and old, and will display some stunning costumes. Gaston and Stone, the "Jolly Jackies," the Powers Brothers, comedy bicyclists, and the Orpheum Motion Pictures, showing many new and amusing moving pictures, including the Brooklyn Handicap, will complete an excellent programme.

THE COBLENTZ ASSAULT.

The San Francisco Examiner has always and consistently encouraged thuggism, and it has always held that a policeman should wink at crime if committed in the name of unionism, or what that delectable sheet is pleased to term "the common people." While many will undoubtedly rejoice at the fact that the Examiner is being given some of its own medicine, yet all right-minded citizens will call loudly for punishment, swift and heavy, for the assailant of Mr. Edmund Coblentz, the Examiner reporter, man-handled and mauled, in Examiner style, by ex-Police Sergeant Wolf.

Mr. Coblentz was simply following out his duty in the premises, and Wolf made a brutal and an unwarranted attack upon the inoffensive reporter. It is about time the newspapers of the country applied the thumb-screws to the powers that punish, and see to it that their reporters are fully protected in the exercise of a legitimate profession. The fact that Coblentz was employed by the conscienceless villains who operate the anarchist official organ should not prevent heavy punishment being visited on the murderous thug who assaulted him.

BUNKER HILL ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 17th, 1904, the one hundred and twenty-ninth anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill will be celebrated under the auspices of the Bunker Hill Association and other societies, at Los Gatos, Cal., where the societies will be met at the depot by the Board of Trade and various organizations of that place, and where the literary exercises of the day will be held. Special trains will leave San Francisco at Third and Townsend streets at eight-thirty (8:30) o'clock on the excursion, Friday, June 17th.

In the year 1843 the Bunker Hill monument in Boston was completed. The late Mr. William G. Badger, the honored President for over forty years of the Bunker Hill Association of California, was present at the first services in 1825, then only a boy three years old. He was also present at the completion of the monument, then a young man twenty-one years old.

These occasions were undoubtedly the fountain and source of the great fervor and patriotism which inspired the former President of the Bunker Hill Association to organize and maintain it for so many years to commemorate the anniversary all these years by this great event. This year the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of Vermont, and the Society of California Pioneers will join with the Bunker Hill Association.

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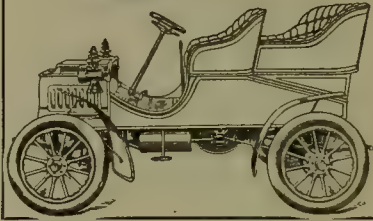
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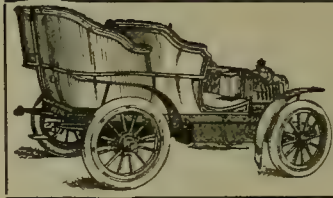


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BY THE AUTOGRANK

The Automobile Club of California has held a meeting to receive the resignation of F. A. Hyde as President and a member of the Board of Governors. It was a very busy meeting, and from the amount of work transacted, the indications are that the sport locally will receive new life. R. P. Schwerin was elected for the Presidency, while Thomas Magee, Jr., was taken into the Board of Governors.

This move has greatly strengthened the working force of the club, and will tend to a better condition of affairs, as both of the new officers are noted for their ability to accomplish what they start out to achieve.

At the meeting, the Race and Tours and Runs Committees were abolished, and in their stead an executive committee was created, which will practically control the workings of the club.

The Executive Committee is composed of L. P. Lowe, chairman; Samuel G. Buckbee and Charles C. Moore. These same gentlemen controlled the racing for the last year.

Another committee created was one known as the Membership Committee that will pass on all applications for membership. Secretary F. W. McNear and Thomas Magee, Jr., compose the Committee.

Still another committee created was one designated as the Legal and Legislation Committee. J. D. Spreckels is chairman, while former Governor Budd is his associate. Right here is where the club is taking up the course advocated by the News Letter. It now proposes to go in for an universal law for automobiles throughout the State, and steps will be at once taken to prepare for an active campaign at the coming election. It will be the massing of every one who has good roads at heart, and want to see justice given to the automobile, motor-cycle and the bicycle.

The Executive Committee is working on the endurance run to Los Angeles. Chairman L. P. Lowe next week will send one of his autos over the course.

If the local enthusiasts show any interest in the affair, it will be pulled off the early part of July.

The Los Angeles contingent are in for it to a man, and it only remains for the local end to do its part.

The present plan is to make the run to Los Angeles for points in endurance. Then to spend a day at the Southern city, which will include a parade. Then to start back in company with the Los Angeles automobilist in a sort of inter-club competition. Then a parade on this end.

With all this before the local following of the sport there should be a splendid finish to the season's programme. Following the endurance races comes the Del Monte meet in August and the race meet at Ingle side in September. These, with a series of special events, will make a very complete schedule.

F. J. Johnson, of San Rafael, has been attacked with the automobile fever, and last week purchased one of the new model Cadillacs.

Cadillacs have recently been delivered to Edson Bradbury of this city, Morris Levy of San Francisco, Dr. H. H. Foster of Port Townsend, J. Saheer of Sacramento, and A. L. Griffin of Fresno.

William Koenig left San Francisco Saturday, May 28th, for a run to Los Angeles and back in his Cadillac. It is Mr. Koenig's intention to make the entire round trip in his motor car.

Mr. Hollenbeck, of the Hollenbeck-Bush Planing Co., of Fresno, has just secured from the Mobile Carriage Company a two-cylinder Pierce Arrow touring car. Mr. Hollenbeck looked the cars over very carefully before making his purchase. He has run the car from San Francisco to Fresno, starting on his trip Monday evening.

Mr. George Austin purchased from the Mobile Carriage Company a four-cylinder great Arrow, to be delivered to him at Buffalo, as he spends his time in New York and Los Angeles. Under date of May 10th he wrote the Los Angeles branch as follows: "I have been all through the Pierce factory, from one end to the other, and from what I can observe and learn, they are putting on the market one of the finest, and I believe the best, cars that can be built. Everything is built like a watch, and with the best mechanics that wages can hire; they are so particular that every little thing, even a nut, has got to be ground just so. The shaft is fitted and the bearings scraped. This has got to be within one-thousandth part of an inch, and also turn free."

Mr. George Baldwin of Los Angeles has returned from New York, and tells the Mobile Carriage Company that he is ready to place an order for a four-cylinder Arrow. He looked over the field carefully, and says that the Pierce cars are absolutely unequaled among the American makes.

The Oldsmobile famine in New York was broken last week by the receipt of twelve runabouts and four tonneau touring cars.

Thomas Rose has secured from the Brooklyn Automobile Company the Philadelphia agency for the Haynes-Apperson. He will open a spacious garage for its sale and care in North Broad street. Mr. Rose ordered twenty cars for a starter.

A. P. Shumaker has established a new agency for the Packard machines, and has opened a fine suite of offices in the Park building, Pittsburg, Pa. He has already made a number of good sales and is doing considerable demonstrating.

The Pope Manufacturing Company has established a garage in connection with its automobile salesroom and Crescent bicycle factory at Wells and Schiller streets, Chicago. On account of the factory facilities at hand, a specialty will be made of difficult repair work.

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From out of ashes the Cadillac Automobile Co., of Detroit, Mich., has risen almost Phoenix-like. Work on the buildings has been going on with remarkable activity and the company is now turning out machines almost as fast as before the fire, but a little more than five weeks ago. Before the plant was destroyed the company was turning out twenty-five completed machines each day. President Black said yesterday that they are now turning out twenty machines a day in the part of the plant which has been rebuilt and in the various factories which were temporarily leased.

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Paris authorities have decided to spend \$300,000 in improving dangerous road crossings, the intention being to lessen the number of automobile accidents. Suppose a good roads advocate were to advance such a reason to a collection of American farmers!

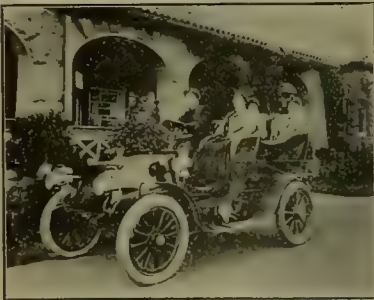
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Boston is trying to rival St. Louis. It has just opened its park system to automobiles. On the other hand, the South Park commissioners of Chicago have an automobile for official inspection tours—at least that was the reason given for its purchase.

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Surprises are coming fast. The results of eliminating trials for the international cup race do not encourage a man to bet much on favorites in the big event.

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A good story is going the rounds about Mr. William K. Vanderbilt, who, during his stay in San Francisco, was furnished with a Winton touring car by the Scott-Blakeslee Automobile Livery. Mr. Vanderbilt being a quiet and unassuming young man, the driver of the Winton, not knowing who he was and wishing to please, thought to do so by giving him a fast ride. The chauffeur, therefore, speeded the machine up a little, whereupon he was told by "Wm. K." to drive slower, that there was no need of hurrying so, and that he was a little afraid. Again, during the afternoon, the chauffeur thought to get into Mr. Vanderbilt's good graces by giving him another fast ride. He was again told, by the occupant of the vehicle to go easy. At the termination of the ride, the chauffeur asked the gentleman if he was timid about fast driving. The reply was: "Yes, very much afraid, as I am not accustomed to riding in automobiles." Just then the chauffeur was handed a card which read "William K. Vanderbilt." One can imagine the feelings of the chauffeur just at that moment.

Dr. A. L. Rigdon last week purchased a Stevens-Duryea automobile from the Pioneer Automobile Company. Mr. G. E. Scates, of Watsonville, Maine, also purchased a Stevens-Duryea Automobile.

Three Winton touring cars were sold last week by the Los Angeles branch of Pioneer Automobile Co. Mr. Shore, of Reno, Nevada, is now the possessor of a new 1904 Winton touring car, which he purchased from the Pioneer Automobile Company.

The Pioneer Automobile Company, during the past week sold Oldsmobiles to the following parties, viz.: Con. T. H. Janson, Mr. J. H. Durst of Wheatland, Cal.; M. F. Fountain, of Blue Lake, Cal.; Logan Cycle Co., of Hollister, Cal.; Phillip Penick, of Chico, Cal.; R. M. Beattie, of Lakeport, Cal.; G. C. Schelling, of Santa Rosa, Cal., and P. J. Steiger, of Petaluma, Cal.

Mr. Ferdinand Nelson made a trip around the bay on Sunday in his new 1904 Winton touring car.

A 16-horse power gasoline Locomobile owned by C. A. Fulton Phizemayer, broke the east-bound record from New York to Boston on May 22d. Running time, 8 hours 15 minutes; elapsed time, 10 hours 24 minutes.

To-day, May 23d, R. A. Greene broke his own record between New York and Boston, established on May 13th. Mr. Greene arrived in New York to-day from Boston, his actual running time over the road being 8 hours 50 minutes.

Work has been started on a new garage for Cuyler Lee, Pacific Coast agent for the Cadillac, on Golden Gate avenue, between Hyde and Larkin streets. 12 Model B Cadillacs are on their way here, and should reach San Francisco in about 10 days. Cuyler Lee has established agents in all the important towns in California, Oregon and Washington.

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Mr. E. H. Hart, General Agent of the Penn Mutual Life for this State, has been on a visit to the agency convention of his company at Baltimore.

The Maryland Casualty Company secured the liability business of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The premium is \$75,000. The liability of the company is confined strictly and solely to visitors. That is, the damages for which the Exposition Company might or may be mulcted is that which accrues to visitors through the fault or negligence of the exposition authorities. The president of the insuring company is reported to have figured the premium as follows:

"We took the estimate of the Exposition authorities upon the number of people who would attend the exposition. This was 30,000,000. Then we took the figures of the actual number of people who attended the Chicago Exposition, the Buffalo Exposition and the Paris Exposition. Consideration was then given to the factors that might deter people from going to St. Louis or that would encourage them to go. For example, the South has plenty of money from the high price of cotton, and the attendance from that section will be large. The Pacific Coast is somewhat distracted by preparations for the Lewis and Clark Exposition to be held there, and the attendance from that quarter will be diminished by this cause. The Eastern States have suffered a depression in the security market and a let up in industrial activity, which will deter some people from going to St. Louis. The Middle West is close to the Exposition and is enthusiastic, and there should be a large attendance from this quarter.

"After weighing these influences, we came to the conclusion that there would be 20,000,000 people to visit the Exposition. Then came the question of exposure to accidents. The Exposition avenues are very wide—much wider than at Chicago—owing to the fact that the grounds embrace 1200 acres of land, compared with about 600 at Chicago. The aisles in the buildings are also extra wide. These conditions reduce the hazard. Then, again, we figure that the liability to accident is not so great on the Exposition grounds as it is when people are pursuing their daily vocations. We know from actual figures what the percentage under the latter condition is, and then we allow for the reduced hazard on the Exposition grounds. Working this out on a 10,000 basis, it was an easy task to figure on 20,000,000."

This method of computation looks easy to the non-professional, but to the liability underwriter it is simply staggering.

Mr. George H. Tyson, the energetic manager of the German American and the Phoenix, is en route to visit the home offices, and will then proceed to London, England, and take a three months' tour of the Continent.

The terms of the Atlas-Manchester deal, the News Letter learns, are as follows: The Atlas has a subscribed capital of £1,200,000 in 24,000 shares of £50 each on which £5 was paid up, making with £24,000 since added from profits £144,000 paid up, or £6 per share. The Manchester's subscribed capital is £2,000,000 in 100,000 shares of £20 each, on which £2 is paid-up. By the terms of the transfer one Atlas share is given for five Manchester shares. The Atlas issues additional capital of £1,000,000 12 per

cent paid up which goes to the Manchester shareholders.

H. S. Mallett, manager of the Manchester, will become assistant manager of the fire branch of the Atlas, with Alfred W. Yee. The vote of the stockholders was taken June 1st, and as before stated in these columns, the deal will be consummated.

Mr. S. M. Marks, the able secretary of the Pacific Mutual Life, has sailed for the Islands to make a personal inspection of that company's large business in Honolulu. He will be absent about six weeks.

Mr. John R. Hageman, Jr., son of the President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, spent his honeymoon in San Francisco.

Wilbur I. Tupper, the energetic Vice-President and General Manager of the Conservative Life Insurance Company, recently delivered an able lecture before the students of his alma mater, the Ann Arbor College, on the ethics of "Field Work in Life Insurance as a Profession."

The Phoenix Mutual Life was the first to convene in the St. Louis Fair.

Mr. Duncan, ex of the Thuringia office, is now cashier for the Butler Agency, and Mr. Sinclair, formerly counter man for the same company is now in charge of the city department of the McNear Agency.

Manager Taylor and Assistant Manager Miller of the Metropolitan Life, accompanied Vice-President Haley Fiske on his journey East as far as Seattle, Washington.

The Stovel Agency has removed from its California street offices to more commodious quarters at 122 Sansome street.

The Rock of Gibraltar Company is being extensively advertised in the magazines on account of the excellence of its exhibit at the World's Fair. The articles seem to dwell exclusively on the value of the company's card system, and poor pictures of the company's Senator President.



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Mr. A. C. Olds, of the Phenix, has returned from a brief visit to British Columbia.

Vice-President Faymonville of the Firemans Fund, who recently went to the Orient to look over the field, has returned to the city bronzed and brown. He found the outlook so promising for a Western Company of the standard of the Firemans Fund that he established agencies in several places, among which were Shanghai and Manila. He reports that the Firemans Fund will do a conservative business at these points, the fire protection being limited, but the rates being adequate, all of which is in keeping with the steady and usual practice of the Firemans Fund.

Genial George F. Grant, of the old Franklyn, has returned to the city, after an arduous trip through the Northwest, during which time he visited the business getting centers, and got business.

Mr. R. L. Stephenson, the new manager of the Union Central, has just returned from a flying visit to his district agents. He says: "Only watch the Union Central—it's growing."

Manager Tyree of the Continental Life of Salt Lake City, was recently in the city.

Moore Sanborn, Vice-President of the Security Life, has returned to the East, after a week in San Francisco.

The Insurance Commissioner of Wisconsin, Zeno M. Host, has begun libel suit against some three of Milwaukee's dailies. He asks for \$50,000 damages from each publication. Here is a tempest in something smaller than the regulation tea pot. Not content with suing the local papers, he has gone to the city of New York and sued some more poor people. All this is on account of the Prudential coming to the front in a sort of manly way (after it had paid thousands of dollars for Host's purported examination) and refusing to pay any more. Looking through a telescope from this distance, it seems that the papers sued need not worry, and that the Prudential will, or rather has, dug Mr. Host's official grave, and will inter him therein, and there will be none to mourn the burial.

Mr. Host is not yet through his trouble with the Equitable, and has only commenced it with the Prudential, but if he can learn, the lesson will be taught him that there is a wide difference between examination and extortion.

The Anglo-American of Toronto, in order to pay its losses in the Toronto Fire, has levied an assessment of 30 per cent on its stockholders. It is too bad that it had American tacked onto its name. It is only the Anglos that assess; the Americans all pay up, or the American companies are paid up.

The Prussian National, it is reported, will follow the action of the Home of New York, and open a department in old Mexico. If it can.

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Joseppa: Sweetest of Tagalog Children

BY PIERRE N. BERINGER

The first time I saw Joseppa, Admiral Dewey had his hand on her head and was saying to the flag lieutenant, "Brumby, what a pretty child!"

The Admiral is neatness personified, and Filipino children, though pretty, are generally dirty. I knew this must be a remarkable Tagalog infant. That the great hero should stop to look at her, that he should touch her, was distinction. The Admiral passed on, and I crossed the little street which runs at right angles to the still narrower lanes, called the Calle Real and the Calle Noveliches.

In Kavite, Joseppa's father and mother own a small cigarette and tobacco shop. Upon the shelves may also be found sardines, pickled tongues and Holland butter, all in tins. At the front of the shop is a large flat basket, containing an immense cocoa-leaf, upon which the native tobacco is spread out to dry. In another and smaller basket is the neatly-wrapped bouilla, or betel-nut. This is chewed by the less cultured of the natives. It is made of cocoa-leaf, betel-nut and slacked lime, and is a substitute for tobacco. Its use is extremely injurious to the teeth. Since the coming of the "Americanos" many of the natives have discarded the bouilla and taken to tobacco-chewing, dropping from one bad habit to another.

Joseppa is a little brown maid who speaks a Spanish patois fluently, a splendid specimen of the cute Tagalog children. She was, at this time, only nine years of age and exceptionally small. I walked into the dark shop, to where she had retreated after the Admiral's departure. On the counter in front of her was a long canoe-shaped vessel of teak-wood. This vessel contained shells, tiny sea-shells, and these were in fifteen or twenty compartments and the game was called solitario. The shells were placed in unequal numbers in the compartments, and in a given number of moves Joseppa had them in the ends of the canoe, an equal number in each.

Going to her, I placed my hand upon her head, just as the Admiral did.

She looked up at me with great trustful black eyes, and then said very solemnly: "Bueno Americano, hermano de los Filipinos."

I was not exactly ready to acknowledge the relationship, but the child insisted with tears that I was a brother to the Insurgent. So to please, I said "Si."

Her eyes twinkled like diamonds, and then to my surprise she said: "Play gem, eh! Seeng?"

It was a long time before I understood that these words were, "Play game, eh! Sing!" And when I finally did comprehend, she was so happy that she could not wait for her father to bring the guitar. She struck an attitude on the greasy old counter and sang a weird, wailing song with a refrain that told of the "Spaniard cooped up in Manila," always ending with "imposible de escapar!" Her voice was high-strung, and when she repeated the impossibility of escape it was wildly triumphant.

We, the Expeditionary Force of the United States, had only been in Kavite a week, but this little native girl, who knew enough of business to tend shop when her father and mother were out, had in her leisure moments, which were not many, learned something of the English language from the soldiers. The pronunciation of the "th" was very difficult for Joseppa. I introduced her to Captains Heath and

Whiting, and the best she ever could do with their names was "Captain Each" and "Medico Wide-ink." Captain Whiting was a medical officer, and when I expressed surprise that she should call him "Medico," she pointed to the red-cross brassard and said, "I know!" This was her favorite expression.

The first time I greeted the little family with a word in Tagalog, there was a general shout of joy. I came in one day just as Joseppa was descending from the second-story through a hole in the floor by a bamboo ladder. She turned quickly at hearing my step, and was about to say her customary "Good-mornink," when I shouted out "Ma-gan-dang-a-bipo," which is the morning greeting in Tagalog. She clapped her hands at the risk of falling from the ladder and cried out, "O! Periodiste, I love you! You can speak Tagalog! Father—mother—listen!" Joseppa, for want of a better name, had dubbed me Periodiste (journalist), and even after she knew my name she claimed Periodiste was more distinguished than the one my parents gave me.

Then it was that Joseppa and I exchanged languages, and every day for an hour I would sit on the rough bench outside the door, and that nine-year-old girl would teach me Spanish and Tagalog, and I would teach her English. But that is not right, for Joseppa claims that there is English, and there is American, and that one language is not at all like the other. She says: "Zee English sailor talk fet, greasy kine talk; you spik clean talk wich de leeps; ze English talk wich de froat!" Joseppa was the better student.

One hot day I was leaning against the wall at the arsenal gate, looking at the motley crowd of natives selling fruit and curios to the soldiers, when a little hand crept over mine and an appealing brown face, crowned with a tousled head of jet-black hair, was turned toward me. It was Joseppa. As soon as she knew she was noticed she crossed her hands upon her chest and said, "Come to zee ouze!" This meant that something was wrong at the casa and I was wanted. It's a goodish walk from the arsenal gate to Joseppa's house by the south wall, and the sun was hot. I hailed one of the Karamata, or two-wheeled carts, and motioned my little guide to get in. No, she did not care to ride; so I was compelled to walk. I teased her on the way, but she was not merry. There was something seriously wrong. Before we reached the shop we were walking hand in hand, and the officers and men on the Calle del Arsenal glanced curiously at us as we passed. I didn't care what they might think. This poor little Oriental rag-baby reminded me of other things than war—better things. She reminded me of home, of tender American women and sweet little children far away.

Her father was sitting on the old wooden bench, and as soon as I came in he plunged into the story.

The trouble all came of an American revolver. Some foolish soldier had sold Joseppa's father a pistol. Joseppa's father loaned it to a friend. That friend was Barasso, and Joseppa's father's best friend. Barasso knew nothing of pistols, especially Colt's pistols, and his inquisitiveness led him to extracting the shells. He experienced a difficulty and somehow the barrel turned toward him just at the moment a careless finger touched the trigger. Poor Barasso was shot in the abdomen.

When Joseppa's father got thus far in the tale I inquired if a doctor had been called, and found to my astonishment that nothing had been done in that direction.

"The Filipino doctors were all away in the field, and they thought American medicos were for Americans," he said. Barasso lives in San Roque, outside the old walls.

"Wide-ink," kind Doctor Whiting, worked hard on Barasso, and by nightfall he told me, with one of his good-natured slaps, "It's all right, old man; he'll live, but he's had a close shave!" And then it took me an hour to explain to dear, sympathetic little Joseppa that Barasso's shaving had nothing whatever to do with the case. It was not a time for jokes.

Soon after this Manila was taken, and I found many things to do there that kept me from Kavite. Two months passed away. It was then I received my recall, and I decided to go to Kavite for a farewell visit. I had two important people to see. One was General Anderson, a grim old soldier; the other Joseppa, the sweetest of Tagalog children.

General Anderson's farewells were soon over, and then I hurried to the old shop. On the wall was the same old sign, "Al Contado," which, translated, means "For cash only." The greasy table was there too, and the father and mother were sitting by the little showcase full of fly-specked tins. There was trouble in the house of Alcala. I soon knew. The only child of that house was stricken with typhoid.

I crept up the bamboo ladder, and there, on the floor, on a straw mat, was Joseppa. About the corners of her mouth and around her eyes she was palish green, and she was much emaciated. I knelt by that poor shrunken figure, and I think I cried. Anyway, I know Joseppa cried. Then she said in fairly good English:

"My friend, I know you come. I am going get better. I got zee pisch-book you sen' from Manila. I got zee school-book. I got zee book when I was seek bad, and I get better."

Her father explained that when she seemed so ill that the native physician was almost in despair, a soldier brought the little package from Manila, and from that moment Joseppa began to mend.

Around her neck there was a necklace, and right in the middle, among copper coins from Persia, China, Korea and India, was a fifty-cent piece, white, silver, Americano. It was my last gift to Joseppa.

Just as I was about to leave the convalescent, she pointed to the Goddess of Liberty and said: "I know. George Washington."

I have settled down to the regular humdrum of newspaper life, and from having been an actor in the drama of the Orient, I am now an onlooker, part of the general audience far from the lazy latitudes.

Occasionally an act in the play strikes an affinitive chord among those who are straining mind and vision toward the unborn East—toward the land that came into being so long ago, and which has been lying dormant for centuries—awakened again at the touch of Western civilization. It is a rude awakening.

Among the Tagalogs the notion is current that a sleeper must be aroused by degrees—the name of the loved one is first called in a whisper, then crooned a little louder, the caller increasing the tone of his voice until the sleeper awakens. It is current in the tribe that sudden and loud calls bring on heart disease.

There is a shot in the jungle, a cry and then a silence, and it seems as though Nature herself had stopped, and then from the audience in the West

comes the echo. A mother strains her eye and mind no more, a girl has lost her sweetheart, a father his son and a boy his brother. They faint and fall, and in the rush are trampled on, the cry is lost and they are carried away to where they may bind up their wounds to bleed anew.

The shock came to me. While the fleet bombarded the little town of San Roque, an insurgent nest, the troops advanced over the Kavite causeway and fired by volleys into the straw thatches. The Tagalogs fled in all directions. Then the village was fired—the straw burned like tinder—and the soldiers rested on their arms while the city burned. Suddenly their attention was arrested by the figure of a little girl darting toward one of the huts. She entered the door just as the roof crumbled inward. Fifty men forgot discipline and rushed forward. An Irish volunteer sergeant in the Heavies, then stationed at Kavite, carried the little form out of the blackened embers and laid it on the grass. Tightly to her breast she held a picture-book and in her hand an American coin. She smiled sweetly in Honaine's face and said:

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"Do I understand you to say that you never give medicine?" queried Dr. Cool.

"Yes; I am a Christian Scientist," replied the applicant with an air of finality, and then he added: "There is no such thing as pain; consequently there is no need of a cure for it."

Dr. Cool pressed the man for an explanation of his reason for filling teeth, because by the rule that there was no pain, there should be no decay.

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12:00M	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations	3:20P
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3:30P	Benicia, Winters, Sacramento, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville and way stations	10:50A
3:30P	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations	7:50P
3:30P	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Breauda, Fresno and Way Stations	12:20P
3:30P	Yosemite Valley, via Beruda and Wawona	8:50A
3:30P	Martinez, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi, Colusa, Santa Rosa	10:20A
4:00P	Martinez, San Ramon, Vallejo, Napa, Colusa, Santa Rosa	9:20A
4:00P	Niles, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi	4:20P
4:30P	Hayward, Niles, Irvington, San Jose, Livermore	11:50A
5:00P	The Owl Limited—Newark, Los Banos, Mendota, Fresno, Tulare, Bakersfield, Los Angeles	8:50A
5:00P	Port Costa, Tracy, Stockton	12:20P
5:30P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose	7:20A
6:00P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose	9:50A
6:00P	Eastern Express—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and East, via Port Costa, Suisun, Elmira, Davis, Sacramento, Colfax, Reno	11:50A
6:00P	Vallejo, daily, except Sunday	7:50P
7:00P	Vallejo, Sunday only	7:50P
7:00P	Richmond, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way Stations	11:20A
7:00P	San Francisco Express—Sacramento, Marysville, Redding, Portland, Puget Sound and East	8:50A
8:00P	Auto Passenger—Port Costa, Suisun, Elmira, Davis, Sacramento, Truckee, Lake Tahoe, and Way Stations beyond Sacramento	7:50A
8:10P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only)	11:50A

COAST LINE (Narrow Gauge)
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7:45A	Santa Cruz Excursion (Sunday only)	8:10P
8:11A	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, Felton, Boulder Creek, Big Basin, Santa Cruz and Way Stations	6:55P
19:15A	Alvarado, Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos, Gilroy, Felton, Boulder Creek, Big Basin, Santa Cruz	8:10P
12:15P	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations	10:55A
4:16P	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and way stations	18:55A
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6:10A	San Jose and Way Stations	8:30P
7:00A	San Jose and Way Stations	5:40P
7:15A	Monterey and Santa Cruz Excursion (Sunday only)	10:30P
8:40A	New Almaden (Tues., Frid., only)	4:10P
8:00A	The Coaster—Stops only San Jose, Gilroy (connection for Hollister), Pajaro, Castroville (connection to and from Monterey and Pacific Grove), Salinas, San Ardo, Paso Robles, Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo, principal stations thence Surf (connection for Lompoc), principal stations thence Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Montalvo, Ojai, Burbank, Los Angeles	10:45P
9:00A	San Jose, Tres Pinos, Castroville, Santa Cruz, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Luis Obispo and Principal Way Stations	4:10P
10:30A	San Jose and Way Stations	1:20P
11:31A	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations	7:30P
1:30P	San Jose and Way Stations	8:36A
1:30P	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Santa Cruz, connects at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Pajaro for Capitola, Santa Cruz at Castroville for Salinas	12:15P
3:30P	Pacific Grove, Way Passenger, Huron, Big Bear, San Mateo, connects at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Pajaro for Capitola, Santa Cruz at Castroville for Salinas	12:15P
4:30P	San Jose and Way Stations	10:45A
5:00P	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos, Wright and principal Way Stations (except Sunday)	18:00A
5:30P	San Jose and Principal Way Station	19:00A
5:45P	San Jose Express—Connects at San Jose, Gilroy, Salinas, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Denning, El Paso, New Orleans, New York, connects at Pajaro for Santa Cruz and at Castroville for Pacific Grove and Way Stations	19:40A
6:15P	San Mateo, Bakersfield, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, Palo Alto	7:10A
6:30P	San Jose and Way Stations	16:46A
8:00P	Palo Alto and Way Stations	6:35A
11:30P	South San Francisco, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto	10:15A
11:30P	Mayfield, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Lawrence, Santa Clara and San Jose	8:45P
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It is different in New York, however. A new specialist named Jerome is treating it, and some say the cure is worse than the disease. His first assistant surgeon, named McAdoo, is cutting all the telephone and telegraph wires which go to make up the racing organism. He says he is sacrificing these wires to keep others from being bled. The disease has been so prevalent that he has been able to capture some of the germs, and these have been bottled up in the local cemetery—they call it the tombs here.

There are also a number of racetracks in this vicinity, but more jockeys than horses. There was some talk of putting two jockeys on each horse so as to give them all a chance, but I hardly think the plan will materialize, though I believe it a good one. You would not believe that a town of this size could hold so many jockeys, but one trip to the track will serve to convince the most skeptical.

The moment you poke your head through the gate of admission, some one, in a friendly sort of fashion, will take you by the arm and tell you of a horse which he is to ride being a "sure winner." Indeed, these jockeys seem to be found in relays from the gate to the paddock, and from the paddock to the grandstand, and when one drops your arm another grasps it. The next one will probably tell you a tale of how Easy Money "worked." There is a marked difference between the San Francisco and the New York jockeys. The former is satisfied in taking all that is in sight, while the latter will take all in sight and a whole lot you don't see. The irrigation plant may be the latest botanical graft in California, but the jockey is the native "grafter" in New York.

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The Political Situation


The announcement is made that the present Secretary of Commerce and Labor, George C. Cortelyou, is to be the chairman of the Republican National Committee, and therefore ex-officio manager of the campaign for the President's party this year. The appointment is remarkably popular, even on the part of the opposition, and the Brooklyn Eagle, Springfield Republican and New York Evening Post, all rabid Democratic organs, declare that it means a clean, decent campaign free from all financial scandals. Cortelyou certainly has had a most remarkable career. Only a few years ago he entered the Civil Service as a clerk through a civil service examination, as a stenographer. He had no "push" or "pull," and was known simply as one of a dozen applicants for examination who passed extremely well. One day an extra clerk was needed at the Executive Mansion, and when the President, Cleveland at the time, asked one of his secretaries to send him a good man, the secretary sent Cortelyou, whom he had found always ready and willing to work. Cleveland found Cortelyou a good stenographer, and attached him permanently to the White House force. McKinley found him there, and was so much pleased with him that he made him one of the assistant secretaries, and when Porter resigned, gave him the chief place. Roosevelt retained him, and made him a Cabinet officer, and now he is to manage the campaign, and if Roosevelt is re-elected, Cortelyou takes Payne's place as Postmaster-General, one of the most important places in the Cabinet. The curious thing about it all is that no one seems to know what Cortelyou's politics were. It is a question whether he was a Republican when Cleveland appointed him, or whether he was a Democrat when McKinley retained him. It is said he voted with the Democrats before 1896, but in the particular of talking about his early political history, Cortelyou seems to be as inclined to be silent as Parker about his.

As chairman of the National Committee Cortelyou will have two assistant secretaries, one Governor Murphy of New Jersey, who will be in charge of the Eastern quarters at New York, and the other G. W. Blythe of Iowa, who will be in charge of the Western headquarters at Chicago. Treasurer Biiss will continue to serve in that capacity, so that the finances will be looked after as of yore. In this connection it is said that while the Republicans will not have as much money as the Democrats, if either Hearst or Parker is nominated, they have been promised some good subscriptions.

Aside from the general interest in the management of the campaign, Californians have a special interest in the selection of Cortelyou as chairman of the National Committee, because it leaves a vacancy in the Cabinet which is more than likely to be filled by a man from California. The President, in fact, is understood to have intimated to Congressman Metcalf that he would like to see him put his legs under the cabinet table in the place of Cortelyou. Metcalf has, it is understood, expressed his willingness to accept the appointment, and the question of who will succeed the popular Representative from the Third District is already a matter of discussion. There are three counties in the district, Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano, although, of course, Alameda outweighs the other two. Frank Devlin, formerly District Attorney of Solano County, is a candidate, and would no doubt poll a big vote, as he

lives in Vallejo and would get the Mare Island vote to a man. But Contra Costa has a candidate also in the person of State Senator Belshaw, who is anxious to transfer his ability from State to national politics; while Alameda has an excellent candidate in the person of Frank A. Leach, Superintendent of the Mint. Leach would seem to have the advantages of his two rivals combined, as he formerly published a paper (the Chronicle) at Vallejo, and is well known there, and would have the confidence of the men in the Government Navy Yard. He was also owner and editor of the Oakland Enquirer, so that the people of both Alameda and Contra Costa counties know him well. Besides, there is a decided objection to Senator Belshaw, which he is encountering even in his efforts to secure a re-nomination to the Senate, and that is his opposition to the labor unions, which, of course, makes him weak in localities where they are as strong as they are in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. In view of all these facts, and the further fact that Alameda County would rally to his support, undoubtedly with enthusiasm, Leach would seem to be the most available candidate for the place which Metcalf will leave vacant. The double election would take place at the same time in November, for the balance of the present term, and for the new term, so that if Metcalf gets his appointment and resigns, his successor will not have to wait over a year before he gets the seat to Congress to which he is elected.

Oregon elects her Congressmen and State officers on June 6th, which will be the first gun of the Presidential campaign. It will also, I understand, be the last election she will have in June, as under a new law the elections in future will occur in November. The June election was arranged in the days when there were no railroads and telegraphs, and like the absurd system of electing Congressmen more than a year before they take their seats, is a relic of a con-



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dition that no longer exists. When the Congressional elections were placed in June in Oregon, the Congressman-elect had to go to Washington by way of Panama, and it took months to find out who was elected, and half a year more for the successful candidate to get to Congress.

Congressman Livernash is coming home to look after his political fences. The opposition that confronts him is not simply that of the Republicans, which, of course, he must expect, but the Democrats who are opposed to Hearst's candidacy for the Presidency are equally opposed to Livernash's candidacy for Congress, and they will fight one as hard as the other. In this connection Ed. Leake of the Woodland Democrat, has an editorial discussing Livernash, in the course of which he says: "For once in his life Mr. Hearst showed some political sagacity when he decided to keep Livernash in New York lest he might break into the Santa Cruz Convention. His appearance in that body would have been like flaunting a red flag in the face of a mad bull. Many of the delegates hailing from the Sacramento Valley, who love Theodore Bell and who appreciate the great work he has done for the State, but who for reasons that no human being can explain on a plausible theory, were indifferent and inclined to give Mr. Hearst a passive support, would have been inspired by the presence of Livernash to such reprisals against the whole Examiner outfit as would have insured Mr. Hearst's defeat." Another point that is not to be overlooked is the question whether the labor unions have the courage of their convictions and will stand by their avowed principles. Livernash openly ignored their wishes and desires, and did his best to defeat one of the measures they profess to be most interested in. Indeed, his quarrel with Bell was over the efforts of the Congressman from the Second to have a naval vessel built at Mare Island, the thing which the unions have been clamoring for, and advocating for years. We shall see whether they will cheer and applaud the man who did his best to defeat that plank in their platform. It can be truthfully said, and the Congressional records will show it, that of all the members of Congress the only two avowed members representing labor, Livernash and Wynn, did the least for the cause of labor, just as the labor members from this city at Sacramento in the last Legislature did the least, and were the weakest friends of labor on the floor. Walsh of Alameda was worth to unionism all the Murphys, et al., on the Assembly floor, and Harry Bunkers, the one union labor Senator, was a screaming farce as an advocate of any labor measure. So in Congress, Gillette, Bell and MacLachlan were as much superior and valuable to labor as compared to Livernash and Bell, as a twenty-dollar gold piece was superior to a copper cent, yet both Wynn and his master are asking the labor vote to send them back to Washington to fight the interests of the farmers of Mendocino County, the mechanics of Vallejo and the wage earners of the whole State. They should be turned down so emphatically and forcibly that for all time to come they will stay politically dead.

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Just to court,
Just to hold in my embrace;
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That were bliss.
She is big enough for me,
For, you see,
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thing,
Its birth an agony, its strength a sting.
Like some poor mother whose more perfect son
Needs not her love like the deformed one,
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And loves the poor, distorted thing the best.

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I was so dull, the whole wide earth spread gray,
And all the birds were quiet, and the Spring
Was meaningless, and Time was overlong—
Until a little god paused on his way
Across the world, to beg companioning,
And through the silence rang a wondrous song!
Now I am wise—and every barren place
Breaks into bloom; I hear the birds rejoice,
And Spring speaks whispered words to me apart,
For I have seen the comfort of Love's face,
And I have known the music of Love's voice,
And I have felt the beating of Love's heart!

WAIT.

By John Vance Cheney in Century

Night comes hither star by star,
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And so I pay—but it makes no odds
 Whate'er may be my wishes,
 Whether I lift my hands to the Gods
 Or call upon the fishes.
 For the leaky craft is settling fast—
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 Where the wind goes screaming through it,
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 Our compass? Lawrence stole it.
 While Tarpey, who bragged we could take a fort,
 Took the bell, and we cannot toll it.

So I hire myself for a pirate cheap
 Wherever I find the payment,
 But my pirate crew are wise and deep,
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The crowning insult to the intelligence and the patriotism of the people of the United States comes in a resolution by the organization responsible for the dastardly outrage at Cripple Creek that it will investigate and report on the acts of its instructed agents.

There is a long score piling up against the labor agitators who lead these foreigners. The ditching of the engine in '94 at Sacramento is not forgotten. The blowing up of the "Independence Mine" in Colorado is not forgotten.

These crimes were all committed by the same element, an element that has changed its name! It is not now called the "Central Anarchist Group." It is called the "Western Federation of Miners."

The duty of the sane and right-minded citizen is plain. He owes allegiance to his country and his country's flag only. It is time these foreign anarchists be punished. It is high time the Mitchells, the Demilliss, the Mother Joneses be gibbeted as high as Haman.

The Western Federation is busy in our mountain mining districts establishing itself in California, and the blight is already felt. Mines are shutting down and mining interests are stagnant.

Between these criminal bands there is a connecting link. That connecting link is the Hearst newspapers. This it is that has fomented most of this discord, and it is hired men and their unbridled and revolutionary utterances that have unleashed the organized criminals that infest our fair land.

It is Hearst who published in his vile sheets the telegram that was the incentive to the murder of

McKinley. On February 4th, 1900, the Washington correspondent of the Hearst villainies wrote as follows:

"The bullet that pierced Goebel's chest
Cannot be found in all the West.
Good reason. It is speeding here
To stretch McKinley on his bier."

It was the Brisbane type of hired man who wrote these fearful lines, and it was the Cripple Creek type of fanatic the damned doggerel fired to insanity and the subsequent killing of the nation's executive. McKinley was martyred, Czolgoz expiated his crime, but the arch-criminal lives and aspires to fill the chair once occupied by his victim. The Democratic Convention is to meet at St. Louis in the very near future, and it is important that it refuse to recognize the representative of anarchy and revolution, lust and license, and the News Letter respectfully submits the above to the consideration of the convention.

THE CASE OF CAESAR YOUNG.

An enterprising minister would find in the life and death of Caesar Young, the bookmaker and race track gambler, much material for a strong sermon on the demoralization attendant upon the race track, and the immoralities practiced by its votaries. Young was a typical race track man. He lived and had his being in the atmosphere that envelops the betting ring. His sole purpose in life was to obtain from the dupes that follow the races, by the most expedient methods, all the money they could earn, beg, borrow or steal to bet upon the horses. His claim to distinction among the people of his class was that he was more daring than most of them, and that he could win or lose a fortune without disturbing the regular tenor of his way. He was married to a beautiful woman, who loved him devotedly, but he deserted her repeatedly to consort with one of the many public characters always to be found at the race track, like so many harpies, ever awaiting their prey. He dissipated heavily and frequently, and long ago he cast aside all those conventionalities by the maintenance of which respectable people learn to recognize a man of honor. So fast was the pace he set, so regardless was he of public opinion, that his conduct caused surprise even among the other gamblers, who were as devoid of morality as he, but who possessed less boldness in their wickedness. The manner of his death was a natural consequence of the life he led. While in a cab in New York, on his way to meet his wife, who had planned to take him to Europe in the hope of reclaiming him, and who was awaiting him at the dock, Young was shot to death. Beside him, when he died, was the guilty companion of his immoralities.

Among the gamblers he was considered a successful man. "The luck of Caesar Young" became a proverb. He accumulated a fortune, but what of the man himself? What of his immoral past? Can no lesson be learned here? Does it mean nothing that at the time of his greatest material success, at the time when he flaunted most boldly the laws of both God and man, at the very moment when, beside him sat the Jezebel for whom he had forgotten the lessons of his youth and the duty of his manhood—that at such a time, when he was envied by scores of other gamblers, he should be stricken down; that he should go to a dishonored grave?

Caesar Young led the life followed by all men who find a livelihood in fleecing the public at the race track. They are a class apart from the respectable portion of the community. With them, honor is a by-word; the only honor they know is that honor known among thieves. If proof were needed of the evil influences of the race track, it is given by the

life and death of Young. He was a representative man among his fellows. What he did the others copied. They were less than he only in the notoriety of their misdeeds. Their ambition was to emulate him in all things. Such men and the business they follow make for evil among the people. To their works may be traced more embezzlements, more wrecked homes, more ruined lives, more crimes, more suicides, than to any other cause known to modern life. The people of this city will admit the truth of this statement without argument. They have learned its truth at bitter cost. It remains for them to say whether they shall longer permit the class of which Young was a representative to continue the despoilation of the youth of the community.

BURDENED BY THE BUILDERS' UNIONS.

San Francisco is burdened with the effects of causes that were born of the spirit of robbery. At first it was a cunningly devised scheme to give undue profit to a few at the expense of the many, but the scheme was not long in evolving into a wicked conspiracy to commit robbery by wholesale and oblige the entire community to stand and deliver. The Building Trades by their Council conceived the plan, and certain building contractors quickly became willing co-partners.

The beginnings of the conspiracy were in the act of the Building Trades Council resolving itself into a close corporation or trust to control the building trades supply market. And in order to maintain its assumed power, the Council resolved that the right to participate in the work of erecting new and the remodeling of old buildings belonged exclusively and unqualifiedly to members of building trades unions under the direction of the Building Trades Council. The next step was to restrict membership in the several building trades unions to the then existing roll, and under no circumstances should the numerical strength of any trades union be increased. Following that came an edict which denied the right of a fellow building trades union member from beyond the corporation limits of the bay counties to accept employment on any building. The trust thus being fortified at all points against competition, orders were given that the wage schedule be advanced two and three times over; that eight instead of ten hours should be the outside limit for a day's work, and that if circumstances obliged more hours the compensation should be one-third more.

The arguments that converted the contractors were the logic of brutal selfishness and greed. One of the Council's propositions was that like the Building Trades Council the Contractors' Association should be a close corporation, restricting its member-

ship to narrow limits. When all this was accomplished by the contractors, the Council would recognize the Contractors Association as being the only employers of building tradesmen from whom members of unions could accept work; moreover, the Council would not recognize the right of a non-association builder to make contracts, and has enforced its authority by withholding labor from such "scab" contractors.

The advance in wages is simply a mathematical matter of addition, for which the property owners and not the contractors would provide.

But what effects are accruing to the general public of San Francisco from this labor union-building contractor trust? Thousands know the answer from dire experience. Rents have increased on an average of about 33 1-3 per cent in the residence districts, and from 25 per cent to 100 per cent for business houses. The rents of dealers in family supplies being enormously advanced, it naturally follows that the prices of their goods and wares are made to conform to their increased rentals. The whole community must meet this increase regardless of salary, and fully 95 per cent of wage earners receive only about half the wage of a bricklayer.

Maintenance of the home in San Francisco has increased for an average family about \$25 a month, with no increase in income, except for the members of the iniquitous conspiracy. And the News Letter has discovered what seems to be the only effective remedy, and it is this: Let contractors, with the aid of the Citizens' Alliance, who are not in the combine bring outside building tradesmen to San Francisco and put them to work in open competition to the trust, and then let the public see to it that they and their workmen are protected to the uttermost. Perhaps the trust might offer resistance. So much the better, for such a move would expedite its death. But the question is, how long are renters of homes and buyers of family supplies going to contribute \$25 a month extra to maintain a few trades unionists at wages ranging from \$6 to \$10 a day, while their own income has not increased a penny?

AN INGRATE SON.

Aged Joseph Figel has enjoyed for many years the high esteem of his personal and business acquaintances. Once more he has, also, their sympathy. Seven years ago he undertook the difficult task of clearing away the charges of murder, forgery and embezzlement which stood on the books of the City Prison against his son, Theodore A. Figel. He succeeded, but it cost him all that he had earned and saved in nearly half a century. It was believed by many that there was every evidence that young Figel was guilty—that "playing the races" had made him first a thief, then a forger and then a murderer.

By the time the son was free, it is said, the father then past seventy years of age, was financially ruined. He was forced to go back into business in order to support his family. When nobody else would employ the son over whom hung—and still hangs—a cloud of suspicion which no jury's verdict could dispel, it was the father who made a place for him, and, retiring recently at nearly eighty years of age, ultimately gave him the business. And now the same Theodore Figel is accused of defrauding a city bank of about \$1,000. He is missing and is hunted by the police.

Morally, this young Figel may have been always a degenerate, by nature an ingrate and without honor or principle, but it was the race track that landed him in the felon's dock; it was the race track that cost

him his standing in the community where the name of Figel was synonymous with probity and uprightness; it was the race track that, through him, beggared his poor old father; it is the race track, one may be sure, that has again brought him within the reach of the law. At the same time, his record is full of evidence to prove the rottenness of our criminal courts, in which it is often useless to invoke the law against the criminal with money or a "pull." In Figel's case, it is believed by many that it was his father's fortune against a clear, convincing case of circumstantial proof, and that the money won.

Brooklyn clubwomen lunched the other day in a new sewer. Is there anywhere that people won't go for a free meal?

It is significant that the Democrats of Colorado, which is now in a condition amounting almost to civil war, want Hearst for President.

Locking up the jurors in the Eppinger case argues no lack of confidence in the jurors, but precise information concerning the Eppingers.

Russell Sage says vacations are all nonsense. When Uncle Sage wants recreation he lies down in the coin vault and listens to the birdies on his dollars warble.

Boston has revived the "music cure" fad, under which neuralgia is treated with a succession of minor chords on the piano. What would "Bedelia" be good for?

Mayor "Bill" Smith of New Jersey, who had a hack at the Fair millions, is headed this way with money in all his pockets, after a look at the World's Fair. Thanks, St. Louis.

The explosion which killed a score of non-union miners in Colorado sounded very much like the first shot in the conflict that has been inevitable ever since Hearst became a great editor.

The Grand Jury which urged the Supervisors to get into line with the Mayor, had for its foreman a citizen whose chief distinction is that he has figured most unenviably in the divorce courts.

Public sympathy goes out to that Superior Judge who has three seasons when he is absolutely unable to hear or determine a case—before he has taken his vacation, when he is taking his vacation, and after he has taken his vacation.

Prize-fighter Jeffries may really want more time to prepare for his "battle" with prize-fighter Munroe, but one cannot help thinking that he is looking for some new scheme to "do" what is known as the "biggest sucker town in America."

A New York woman drank out of a bottle labeled "Elixir of Youth," and then began to cut capers on the street, closing the performance by fighting seven stalwart policemen. It's a mystery what was in the bottle, but we should say that it was probably no temperance beverage.

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JURY BRIBING.

Jury-bribing scandals are exploding so often in the courts of San Francisco, and are so seldom followed by the punishment of anybody that they have ceased to be regarded as sensations. They point out, however, so many defects in the system and argue so loud a state of public morals, as to raise anew grave doubts concerning the merits of that Anglo-Saxon institution—the right of every man accused to trial by his peers. Lately we had in the Botkin case a flash-in-the-pan charge of attempted embracery, and still more recently there has come a much more direct charge of the same kind—this time a specific accusation against a person plainly identified. To make the cost more aggravated, the man on whom black suspicion rests is an officer of the court whose justice was sought to be tampered with. Moreover, it was an affair of the Chinese quarter—an affair of murder done cold-bloodedly for hire—and there was and is no lack of money in the case to procure the commission of any degree of crime. It is significant that the bail of the alleged briber, \$5,000, was put up promptly in cash.

It is not the News Letter's practice to prejudice, but in this latest scandal there are many facts which point to the guilt of the lawyer who is accused. The man who makes the charge accompanied it with the return into court of the money which, he declared, was thrust into his pocket. The lawyer admitted meeting and talking to the juror at the time and place mentioned, and to off-set the charge had only a vague, and stammering denial. Fortunately for the public, this scandal has come in the department of the Superior Court presided over by William P. Lawlor, than whom no more upright, clean-handed, clean-minded man ever graced the bench. It is likely that he will get to the bottom of this damnable business, and it is to be hoped that he will make such an example of the offender, if he be convicted, as will drive the ring of case-fixers and jury-bribers into courts that do not enjoy the confidence and esteem of the people. There are a few such departments of the Superior Court, and to these the tamperers with justice generally restrict their operations, but in this affair the money in sight was so plentiful, the life of a Chinese of consequence being at stake, that the crooks were tempted to take a long chance by going into a court honestly and vigilantly officered.

There is need of radical reform in the method of drawing jurors, so as to keep off the panels men of known or suspected affiliation with the evil elements of the community. There is also need, if the jury system is to stand, of a revision of the code of morals applying to the high function of men called to pass upon the lives, liberties and estates of their fellows. Most of all, there is need at this time of a conviction of some jury briber, and his speedy punishment, with a term in prison as long as the penal code allows. The case in Judge Lawlor's court seems to be an excellent one for filling this need.

COLLEGE MEN AS MINISTERS.

The churches are calling for more college men to enter the pulpit. At all the conferences of various evangelical churches held recently throughout the country, the cry has gone up that higher standards must be set and attained if the ministry is to fulfill its high mission. In this matter, the directing influences of the churches are on the right road. For too long a time the churches have remained stationary; not in matters of dogma, or of faith, but stationary in the sense that they have failed to recognize the

higher degree of education reached by the people in general, and the consequent deeper thought by them upon religious matters. Men who go to church because of their beliefs, want to be instructed in these beliefs by ministers who, they feel, are competent to give such instruction by reason of their educational training. The absence from the pulpit of properly qualified ministers has had not a little to do with the absence of men from the churches. A general diffusion of education among the masses, followed by a somewhat superficial knowledge of matters religious, has had a tendency to increase, rather than lessen, a spirit of skepticism so far as spiritual affairs are concerned. No man, probably, can comply with the tenets of any denomination, unless he is ready to accept certain fundamentals upon faith. In this day and generation, but few of the great crowd are willing to accept anything upon faith. Hence the urgent need in the pulpit of men learned in the laws of the church and the reasons therefor, and also deeply versed in human nature and the conditions of every-day life, to the end that they may meet the objections of the skeptics and argue with them as man and man. The college-bred minister should possess the necessary qualifications because of his training; but when all is said, probably the personality of the minister, rather than his knowledge, has most to do with his success or failure.

Give Statesman Tarpey a leg to pull; Statesman Bryan prefers a legacy.

"Water is a necessity," says an Oakland paper. True enough. Oakland water is a necessity, and what it needs is to be washed.

The Mayor of Baltimore has killed himself, and the Mayor of Negaunee, Mich., is lost in the woods. This is not a hint to the Mayor of San Francisco.

Two policemen were fined \$1 each for contempt of a Superior Court, for which nobody has thirty-cents' worth of respect.

It would be well for the Berkeley scientists who found a fossil egg on the Gila river to look again for some trace of the pre-historic actor at whom it was thrown.

It is our opinion that the wonderful cave just discovered in Nevada is the source of Salt River, and we earnestly suggest it as a splendid place for whatever may be left of William Randolph Hearst when the leg-pullers are done with him.

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If I were asked what book I would rather have not missed reading among novels which have appeared this season, my answer would be unhesitatingly "Nancy Stair" is by all odds the sweetest and most attractive of all the stories which have come into my hands. Eleanor Macartney Lane is the author, the same writer whose "Mills of God" produced such a sensation last year. That book was everywhere hailed as a most remarkable exhibition of power for a first piece of work. There is a sweet wholesomeness about this, her last work, which is the rarest of gifts. How seldom style and individuality are manifested among our writers are seen forthwith when we come across a piece of work like this, for it stands out among the other books like a jewel.

The chief character is the orphan daughter of one Jock Stair, or the Lord of Stair, as he is frequently called, a member of the Scotch aristocracy. She is the product of a marriage which was founded upon love and mutual affinity, and hence possesses the physical and mental distinction and grace always associated with love-children. She is a poet of considerable parts, and has been educated by men altogether, so that she has a frank and manly way of looking at things, which, together with a certain natural maiden coquetry, make her absolutely charming. Her love affairs are interesting, and her admiration for the intellectual type of man and the power of leadership occasionally make trouble for her. She has been educated in the law by the famous Edinburgh prosecuting attorney, Hugh Pitcairn, and can use her forensic ability whenever she wishes to help a friend.

This same Hugh Pitcairn, says, by the way: "Ye can't educate women as ye can men. They're elemental creatures, and ye can no more change their nature than ye can stop fire from burning."

The Duke of Borthwicke, one of the characters, and, as far as there is one, the villain of the piece, is a finely drawn character, strong and resolute, clever and possessed of that subtle and yet manifest contempt for less able men which is so typical of a period when intellect counted for more than it does now. But the portions dealing with Robert Burns are perhaps the best in the book. The writer is a firm believer in his genius, and is full of admiration for his wonderful ability, in her zeal giving him a position in the world of letters, which is in all probability much higher than he deserves, but she recognizes the drawback of his Bohemianism. She makes Nancy, who has been completely disillusionized by his wickedness, say: "I've come to the conclusion that it's harder to be a gentleman than a genius. God makes one, but a man has the handling of the other upon himself—about as neat a settlement of a much vexed question as I have ever read.

D. Appleton & Co., New York.

Trusts, Versus the Public Welfare. H. G. Richie, and the reviewer is free to admit his ignorance of the identity of the gentleman, has published a work of some two hundred and fifty short pages to show that "the greatest menace to the public welfare now confronting our people is the formation and operations of the great industrial combinations commonly called trusts, whose purpose is the regulation of production, wages and prices, and the destruction of competition, to the end of complete monopoly of the business of the country."

The writer is somewhat rhetorical and unconvincing as a disputant because he fails to grasp the fundamental facts which underlie the development of trusts, and so attacks his enemy at every point except where he is really vulnerable. A type of his argument is as follows: "I deny that a combination, however great its capital, can manufacture at less cost than the same character of goods can be produced by the individual manufacturer, if he has sufficient capital to enable him to conduct it properly, and the cost of raw materials, labor and supplies are alike to both." Which when boiled down simply means that the private employer can compete with the trust, if he has money enough, a conclusion which hardly needed proving, and when proved cannot be said to tell very much against the new combinations. This is typical of the book, which is written by one who is neither a good writer nor a skilled economist, but who, with that fatuous self-confidence which is far too common, imagines that anybody can talk sensibly on public affairs. But fulminate as he may, even one so poorly constituted as is this author to deal with the question, even he is bound to admit that he is fighting a battle which the development of conditions has made it impossible for him to win. Thus he says: "The great industrial combinations are now so firmly planted and in such overwhelming number with us that legislation of a nature to cause their sudden collapse would be calamitous." In other words, the trusts have now become a necessary and unavoidable part of our system of production.

Published by Fenno, New York.

R. F. Fenno & Co., of New York, are the publishers of "Modern Arms and a Feudal Throne," by T. Milner Harrison. The plot of this romantic story is laid on the South Pacific Ocean. There is intrigue, treachery, love and other troubles enough in this book to satisfy the most sensational mind.

"Trusts vs. the Public Welfare," written by H. C. Richie and published by R. F. Fenno & Co., is merely a record of the transactions of a few "manufacturing combinations." The argument favors the controlling of trusts by legislation.

"The Hayfield Mower," published at Boston, Mass., is a volume of supposed selections from a country newspaper, and is dedicated to people who think and say what they think. There are many trite sayings in this book, and many statements of truth. The author very wisely conceals his name.

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More Frauds Working the Public.

The Government Reclamation Service has issued a warning against swindlers now working, it is said, in the Western States, offering to settle home seekers on irrigable lands being reclaimed by the Government. Their strong point is the alleged possession of inside information regarding the plans of the engineers by a display of copies of Government maps and surveys, the swindlers guaranteeing for the consideration of from \$50 to \$200 to locate settlers upon choice lands. It is now said that these people do not possess any inside information and no data which is not available to the public, and the maps they have are mere township plats, rough or drafts, which can be obtained at any land office. The lands, being operated under Government projects, are withdrawn from all entry excepting homestead, before any actual work of construction is ordered, and the Secretary of the Interior is by law required to outline the size and location of each farm. Until plans are compiled for construction and a contract has been let for the works, it is impossible to state, it is said, with any degree of accuracy what the cost of the water will be, or what land will be irrigated. In calling attention to the matter, a Nevada contemporary, which is particularly interested in the matter just now, says: "Settlers who make filings, based on information from swindlers, will not only lose the money they paid out, but are liable to find later that the lands are not included in the Government property system, and thus will have exhausted their homestead entries upon worthless land. When the proper time comes for throwing open to homestead entry the lands under these great irrigation projects, the Secretary of the Interior will give due notice through the public press. Until such announcement is made, it will not be safe for settlers to locate upon these lands."

An Outburst of Liberality.

We stand corrected of a mistake made last week in quoting a bid of \$20,000 for the Copper King property, including the mine in Fresno County, the smelter and machinery in Contra Costa and the office furniture in San Francisco. This should have been \$15,000, so our error was in allowing for undue liberality upon the part of the bidders. This offer not being accepted, another bid was made of the same amount, \$15,000, for the smelter and other property, omitting the mine in Fresno County. This munificent sum was bid for a smelter almost brand-new, which cost over \$200,000. This shows the peculiar ideas which some people have on the question of values when some one is in a corner and open to a squeeze. It is pleasant to know that these ideas in this particular case did not evolve into anything of a practical shape. No wonder that the gentlemen who cater to the "get rich quick" operators get rich in woolly sections of the woolly West. In this connection a bid made for the smelter plant by the Copper Mountain Company of \$120,000 recalls the fact that there are some important changes going on at that company's plant at Keswick.

The trouble between this county and the county over the alleged injury of trees and green stuff generally by poisonous fumes from the smelter, has suggested the idea of saving the bi-products of the ores reduced in the smelters. Investigation has shown

that a heavy loss has been sustained there for years past, in fact, ever since the works started up. From that time until now, it is estimated that at least 1200 tons of sulphuric acid, or the equivalent thereof, has been passed up the flues. When it is remembered that the material is worth about \$20 per ton, the money lost by the waste will figure up something enormous. Now, however, the company proposes to utilize these fumes and recover the sulphuric acid. A plant is being erected at the works for this purpose, where the manufacture of the sulphuric acid will be carried out on a large scale. The fine smelter at Bay Point, now owned by the Copper King Company, would be very handy for the Mountain Copper Company, having a good bay frontage for shipping purposes. If it is sold at all, this is the company which should own these works, for many reasons which will be clear enough to the local management.

Laws Befriend the Rich Thief.

The sum of \$10,000 bail money now stands between the penitentiary and Rumble, confidence operator, who is said to have banked over \$300,000 during the four years he was allowed the privilege of robbing the public by the grace of those who, had he troubled earlier in his career, would have all piled on top of him. Here the rich thief is many grades above the poor but honest man, or the unfortunate who steals to feed a starving wife and children. There are men now in San Quentin, whose term of years was reduced by some commiserating Judge for the theft of a loaf of bread or its equivalent, while the pampered robber of money amounting to hundreds of thousands, escapes with eighteen months in jail—all the law provides for in his case—with liberty to walk the streets on a paltry bail, while lawyers are permitted to stave off righteous punishment of a knave brazen enough to scout public opinion and defy the law. A condition of society which can tolerate such work as this must be rotten indeed.

The market on Pine street is under the weather in normal condition at this season of the year. Some people say they can recollect a mid-summer market for Comstock shares. The majority of the street habitues who never get farther south than Pine street since they landed at the foot of Montgomery street, say they don't. The mines are looking very well, and Ophir stock pays dividends, but then this does not help things on Pine street.

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It is the custom of makers of inferior wines to label their product "high-grade Californian," and through this, people have come to believe that no good wine comes from our State. There is a lamentable lack of discrimination shown by purchasers of wine. It is always safest to ascertain if wine is made to be sold in bulk and if it is, avoid the brand. The "Chauche & Bon Winery" sell their product in glass only. Another safeguard for the consumer is to demand a well-known brand of wine whenever quality is desired. No one ever hears an adverse criticism of the product of the "Mont Rouge" vineyard.

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TOWN CRIER

The case of David Selby, of Oakland, who was robbed of sixteen hundred dollars, presumably by deck-hands of the steamer Piedmont, calls to our notice a certain laxity in the management of masters on board the ferry steamers. Anybody who has lost any property on the boats knows how difficult it is to get it returned. The company makes every provision for the return of lost property, and provides a courteous clerk at the Oakland mole. But the more valuable pieces of personal property, once left on the boat, are forever lost. I have usually blamed fellow-passengers for such losses, and wondered at the lax morals of well-dressed people. This deck-hand matter, however, sheds new light on the question of the disappearance of valuables. It is fair to the deck-hand, however, to say that he claims that the money found in his possession belongs to some orphans, but however it may be, in his particular case it makes no difference to the general proposition of the iniquity of deck-hands.

Lindblom, the Alaska millionaire, is reported to have gone off to his millions in Alaska, leaving his laundry bill unpaid. This Lindblom is an awful example. A poor tailor who went to Nome to drive reindeer, and there was shown by a squaw the wonderful wealth of that land, he entered into possession of money, without any personal effort on his part, of which even princes might be envious. A low and degraded creature by nature, the possession of the gold has only brought his degradation into stronger relief. His vulgarity and coarseness had now a chance to display themselves. The occasional debauch of beer became the constant debauch of champagne, and he is to-day a most ludicrous example of either the jest or the mistakes of Providence. Beast as he is, he is only an exaggerated type of many men in this city who are in control of means of doing good which they only use to their own destruction.

"Unfair house" being one of the stock cries of our militant trades unionists, it would be interesting to discover the opinion of the Carmen's Union upon one of their number who furnished his wife with twenty-five cents a day on which to board the couple. He was a thrifty soul, and had fifteen hundred dollars in the bank. This bank account was evidently the reward of his wife's abstinence, and she has gone to court to get a divorce and incidentally to restrain him from handling the money. It would be interesting to know just how much increased wages have benefited the families of the men who have secured them. There is more connection than one would suppose between the increase in wages and the increase in the amount of stained glass used in the saloons.

It is reported that Sir Edward Treves, Bart., operator upon appendicitis cases, and hailed as savior of the King of England, approves of Yosemite Valley. This is very nice for the valley. Henceforward the waterfalls will be more abundant, and El Capitan will lift its head more proudly for the praise. Yosemite is more fortunate than the Atlantic of which Oscar Wilde said on one occasion that he had no great opinion. This snobbishness of the local press whenever an unfortunate traveler with a handle to his name comes along, is very unpleasant, and must be in this case annoying to the surgeon baronet, who is a very good fellow and just as remarkable for his modesty as for his ability.

John J. Mangan, who is accused of highway robbery and is at the same time a candidate for a position on the police force, should be given the job in the police department. He will find himself very much at home, for it is said that there are plenty like him on the force. A reputable citizen until he got the idea into his head that he wanted to be a policeman, he has tried to make his conduct square with his ambitions. He has begun quite modestly, but shows spirit and the proper tendency. Give him a little time, and he, too, may be able to burglarize a grocery store which he was supposed to be protecting, and he will become just as impudent a black-mailer as the rest of his confreres. Whether he will ever acquire the habit of insulting helpless females can, of course, only be shown by experience, but his promotion on the force depends upon it.

In the case of prisoner versus pawnbroker, Judge Cook decided to believe the testimony of the prisoner in preference to that of the pawnbroker, particularly as the former had had a good record up to the time of his arrest. Judge Cook has a pretty wit occasionally; sometimes, like most wits to which that adjective can be applied, it takes strange turns, and cuts queer capers, but now and again, as in this instance, he hits it off all right. Search for the stolen property was unsuccessful, the pawnbroker maintaining that he had not bought it; the detectives, however, were convinced that the prisoner spoke the truth when he declared that he had sold it to the pawnbroker. It is to be hoped that the decision will give the local pawnbroking fraternity a good shaking up. They need it badly.

In Oakland they are making arrests under the new truant statute, which requires that parents and guardians should send their children to school. This is a good law in intention, but so far impossible in the execution, for there is not enough school room to accommodate the pupils. In East Oakland alone there are scores of children who cannot be accommodated in the public schools, and who are accordingly wasting their time and learning bad habits in their idleness. But it would be just like the sweet reasonableness of the Oaklander to enforce the law anyway.

The inhabitants of San Francisco who spend their week-end holiday in roaming through the country, are likely to have their liberty much curtailed. About one hundred thousand acres in the neighborhood of Livermore will be barred to the festive picknickers, and the Marin County rules become more and more stringent as regards trespassers. It must be admitted that the city people have for the most part only themselves to thank, and their own barbaric behavior. People that do not know enough not to build camp fires everywhere, and who wantonly destroy flowers and trees, must be stopped even if the innocent suffer with them.

A Miners' Union agent has decamped with some fifteen hundred dollars of union funds. He was wise in his generation. He knew from his experience of trades unionism that the funds would in all probability be wasted, so he fancied that they might be put to good use on his account, anyway. There is this to be said, that if he had not taken them, some other officer, in all probability, would, and that the forces of civil discord are fifteen hundred out, which is somewhat of a gain.

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As it is, the benefit to be derived is but a limited one, consisting of a warning to the depositors who have their money in the keep of William H. Crocker.

It is reported by the daily press that representatives of W. H. Crocker and Prince Poniatowski have paid over to Mr. Henry J. Crocker, cousin to W. H. Crocker, the sum of \$45,000 as a compromise in the suit brought by Mr. Henry J. Crocker against his cousin and titled brother-in-law to recover the sum of \$89,475 he claimed he was swindled out of by these two worthies.

The daily papers have repeatedly given a history of this very questionable transaction, and the story as given will bear re-publication:

"The transaction causing all the trouble occurred in 1900. Henry J. Crocker had \$75,000 of Pacific Coast Jockey Club stock and \$27,431.25 of Western Turf Association stock, a total of \$102,431.25. William H. Crocker, cousin, had large holdings of the same stocks, and he told Henry J. he was going to sell it, through Prince Poniatowski, and suggested that Henry J. do likewise.

"The latter agreed to the proposition, and the Prince informed him later that he had sold his shares for \$75,56.25 in cash and 108 second mortgage bonds of W. H. Crocker's Sierra Railway Company. The bonds had a cash value of only \$5,400, so Henry J. Crocker only saw \$12,956.25 in the deal for himself. Later on the complaint filed in the suit alleged that the plaintiff found out that William H. Crocker was able to realize heavily on the stocks. For that reason Henry J. Crocker brought the suit for \$89,475."

From the allegation of facts, it is readily deduced that there was a conspiracy to do up one of the parties in the case, and Henry J. Crocker was the lamb that was led to the slaughter on the altar of his relative's cupidity. With cunning dishonesty, it seems that a scheme was deliberately concocted to rob a man who had placed entire confidence in his banker cousin. This banker is said to have connived with other parties to hide or keep from his client and relative the real figure at which he parted with the property entrusted to his care, and it was not until he was threatened with legal proceedings that he was compelled to disgorge the ill-gotten gains. If the statement is true, as alleged in the public press, W. H. Crocker should be pilloried as a common thief. A confidence man, a seller of gold bricks, is respectable in comparison to the banker who takes advantage of blood relationship to filch. With him there is not the excuse of necessity. He has plenty of money, he is independent. No, it was the lure of the miser, the mere lust for gold, hoards and hoards of the metal, that made this man an unconvicted felon.

And if the act is an indefensible one as regards his relation to his cousin and client, what can we say regarding the position this man occupies as regards his depositors? If the facts are true as they are alleged, the depositor, the client who has no blood relationship to offer as a restraining influence, has little chance with this wolf of finance.

If those that live in palaces, if those that should be an example of rectitude and right conduct as between man and man, indulge themselves openly in thievery and criminality, what may we expect of the man of little education, the lowly man of the poor? It is the pernicious example of such men as William H. Crocker that helps to make criminals, that fills our penitentiaries, make the nation's unrest and begets the anarchist.

Henry J. Crocker made a grievous mistake when he accepted the compromise. He should have pressed the case to the bitter end; he could then have asked

Mr. J. W. Irwin gave an illustrated stereopticon lecture at the Alhambra on Tuesday night last. This lecture was given under the auspices of the Camera Club, and the attendance was very large and enthusiastic. Mr. Irwin will go to the World's Fair at St. Louis and exhibit the pictures extolling San Francisco's present and future, with a hope of aiding in the advertising of this city and its claims as a residence place. Bon voyage.

The lecture was enthusiastically received, and we suppose that the performance at the Alhambra was in a measure "trying it on the dog." We respectfully suggest that the pictures of our big buildings, with the rookeries in evidence for long stretches alongside, will not prove of great interest to Easterners. It will be well to remember also that some people, probably a large majority of Mr. Irwin's St. Louis audiences, will not be farmers, and that it would be advisable to carefully cull out much of the matter shown at the Alhambra Theatre, which should be of necessity of interest to a bucolic population only.

There has been brought to our notice a new Realty Company, and from the investigations made, they seem to have a good, strong proposition. Mr. M. J. Keller, the Market street merchant, is the President of the company. His name alone warrants confidence in their ability to carry to a successful issue their new undertaking. The name of the company is the Germania Realty and Loan Company, suite 522 Crossley Building, city.

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SOCIETY

NOON IN THE WOODS.

"Hush!" said the pine on the hill,
 And all of them listened together—
 Listened and nodded and grew so still,
 Still in the golden weather—
 And the squirrel who fancied he'd something to do
 And chattered awhile complaining,
 Felt the spell of the silence creep over him, too,
 For noon in the woods was reigning.

And the sunshine slips through the boughs,
 And gold is the place of its falling,
 Gold where the wild doves murmur and drowse,
 And gold is the coo of their calling.
 The little bright eyes are closed in sleep,
 And hushed is the sob of complaining,
 For silence broods, as it broods on the deep
 When noon in the woods is reigning.

—Roland Whittle.

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Dear Bessie: The wedding of Genevieve Huntsman and Harry Williar was the chief event of the week in town. The ceremony, which was performed by the Reverend Mr. Clampett, took place at noon on Wednesday at the Huntsman house on Sutter street, which was fragrant with roses and sweet peas combined with the stately palm, and Genevieve looked lovely in her bridal gown of white chiffon cloth. Her sister, Mrs. Kindlinberger, in pure white, was her sole attendant, and Dr. Kindlinberger officiated as best man to his future brother-in-law, the company being mostly the relatives of both bride and groom. August 3d is the date set for Stella McCalla's marriage to William Chapin, and the wedding is to come off at the Navy Yard, so we shall have the added pleasure of the trip up and home again, and the whole affair promises to be delightful. Lily will be her sister's maid of honor, and though I believe it is not quite decided, I hear pink is to be the color scheme throughout. It seems we are not to have the McIntosh Menzies wedding in California, after all, but that it will take place in the Adirondacks, where the McIntoshes are at present. Mr. Menzies goes on in time for the wedding, which is set for the 7th of July, and will bring his bride to San Rafael, where they will spend the summer.

What a hospitable lot are the wearers of the buttons! By that I mean both the officers and the ladies of their households, and especially is it the case at the Presidio. Were it not for the dwellers there, I do not know what we should do for a dance these days. There was a delightful little hop given by the officers of the 10th Infantry last Friday night; the 28th had one on Wednesday night, and last night there was another, at which the Artillery and Cavalry were hosts. General McArthur had a grand dress parade of all the troops in garrison on the golf links on Tuesday, and perhaps all the girls left in town did not put in an appearance, even though it was so early in the morning! But, you see, there is very little doing at present. Theatre parties are the staple form of entertainment just now. Maud Adams had the lion's share of them last week, with quite a number of them on the tapis for Sothern and Mrs. Leslie Carter next week. The Harvey girls are with us at last, and are quite equaling expectations; they have already been dined by Emily Wilson and lunched by

Gertrude Smith, and been over at San Rafael with their aunt, the Baroness von Schroeder, who has been killing the fatted calf for them. Emily and Charlotte Wilson were over, too, on Saturday and Sunday, as well as a lot of others. Bessie Wilson's luncheon was a dainty affair, at which a dozen girls were invited to meet Alice Herrin, who is here on her vacation, as she has, I hear, decided to return East for another term at school. Agnes Buchanan's tea last Friday was for a pretty bride from Baltimore, Hill by name, and she asked all her friends to meet her; Agnes is going East for the summer, and will depart some time next week.

Out-of-town parties will soon increase and multiply, in fact they are already considered the correct thing, and those who are asked to them from town enjoy them enthusiastically. Laura told me of a lovely little luncheon Mrs. Osgood Hooker gave eight or ten of her friends at Burlingame last week, which was followed by the inevitable bridge, to which all her guests are devoted. And our young bachelors are bestirring themselves these days and playing host very charmingly at a series of house parties. Frank Whittier is the latest to join the ranks, which includes Dick Hotaling and Joe Rosborough, and will have several of them at the Whittier place on the McCloud River during June and July. I hear it is the most fascinating place in the world when one gets there, but the trip is no trifle. Every one is looking forward with more than usual expectancy to August at Monterey this year, for besides the polo and tennis tournaments, and the other sports which are then the attraction of the hour, there is to be a grand encampment of the military, which Aunt Susie says will recall the days of long ago, only this time General MacArthur and his whole staff will be in camp, as well as the smaller fry. Can you think of anything more delightful? The Burton Harrisons will probably be here about that time, on their summer visit to California, and lots of others—Eastern chiefly—are expected to prolong their trip West from the St. Louis Fair. But who do you think we are soon likely to gaze upon? As you would never guess in a decade of years, I will have pity on your curiosity and say



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Apocryphal Aunt Susie, she waxed quite tender in her reminiscences when hearing of the death of Mrs. Fred Zeile, "dear little Sophie Smith," as she called her, the youngest of the Smith girls who were so popular in her young days, several decades ago. "First went Quica, the sweetest and best beloved of them all; then Nonie (Mrs. Santa Marina), and now Sophie!"

Dr. Arnold Genthe will be among the missing in another week, as he has decided on a trip to the Fatherland, instead of spending the summer in a round of visits among his California friends; the Henry Duttons are not going away so soon as they intended, and it will be nice if we can keep them over next winter's gaieties; they had a lovely time in Yosemite. We are looking for the Fred Kohls in the near future, especially the bride, who has the reputation of being very charming and beautiful. The Mayo Newhalls have gone for the summer to Burlingame, where they have taken the Kruttschnitt place, and are, I hear, to entertain extensively. The Gaston Ashes are at their San Benito ranch; Bessie and Bernie Wilson are going to spend most of the summer between Del Monte and Tahoe; Bernie Landers Johnston has been up from Los Angeles on a visit to her mother, and is looking fine; Ella Morgar is down at Del Monte with Flora Low, who, with her mother, is as usual there for the summer; the Lows just dote on Del Monte. Jim Coleman has departed on one of his yachting trips on the Aggie, going first to Santa Cruz, then further south along the Coast, and finally to the Hawaiian Islands, expecting to be away all summer. The Charley Baldwins are back in California again—Mrs. Baldwin much improved in health—and will remain here some time, anyhow. They are at Mountain View, and Joe Loughborough is home again, after her wanderings in foreign lands. Jennie had a letter the other day from Edith Bull, who, with Maie and Kathleen, are enjoying Italy to their heart's content, and expect to be there for a while; the other Bulls—Jerome and his wife—are here for the summer, which they will spend at Santa Cruz with Mrs. Jarboe.

Constance Borrowe is going to Pacific Grove for the summer; Georgie Speiker leaves next week for a month's outing in the Yellowstone Park region—Mrs. Speiker goes too; Beatrice Fife is bound for Santa Barbara to play tennis. I understand we are not to have Mrs. Clover with us all summer, dearly as she loves her Nana home, but that she and her two daughters are going to Japan next month, where they will make a stay of some duration, and be here but a short time when they return.

Agnes Partridge apparently thinks nothing of tripping across the broad Pacific, for she is here again, making her third round voyage within a year. She and Bishop Partridge arrived during the week and are with the Simpsons at their home on Vallejo street for a visit before going on East; and "Brother John" and Mrs. Hemphill are home again from their trip to Australia, arriving last Monday. Gertrude Dutton and Maylita Pease have gone to Yosemite for a month's camp, and Kate Dillon gave them a pink dinner on Monday night as a sort of adieu; and I must not forget to tell you that the new Sequoia Club had its first full-dress, I suppose you might call it, reception at the St. Francis on Tuesday night.

—Elsie.

BIRTHS.

May 19th—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Vail, a daughter.

Recently in Kofa, Arizona, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stockton Pope, a son.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Miss Mary Sullivan to Oscar Sutro.

Miss Anna L. Wells, daughter of Doctor and Mrs. William M. Lawler, to Charles de St. Maurice, of Colusa.

WEDDINGS.

June 8th (Wednesday)—Miss Genevieve Huntsman, daughter of Mrs. George H. Huntsman, to Henry Williar, 834 Sutter street, noon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

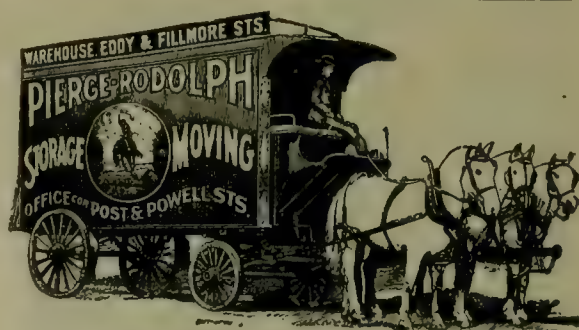
July 18th (Monday)—Miss Edith Shorbe, daughter of Mrs. Susan Wilson Shorbe, to James Steele of Sacramento.

August 3d (Wednesday)—Miss Stella McCalla, daughter of Admiral Bowman McCalla, U. S. N., and Mrs. McCalla, to William Chapin, Navy Yard, Mare Island.

Dr. O. N. Orlow will lecture at upper Golden Gate Hall Sunday evening at 8 o'clock on "Religion and Customs of Thibet," from personal observation. Dr. Orlow is familiar with the English Expedition route of upper India, and will give an instructive and entertaining description of that country.

Rev. John Hemphill and his wife have just returned from Sydney, Australia. An elaborate reception was tendered them at Calvary Presbyterian Church last Wednesday evening. They were royally received in Australia, and although strangers there, nearly 1,000 people bade the doctor and his wife good-bye at the dock when they sailed for America.

Arrivals at the Hotel Rafael during week ending Tuesday, June 7, 1904: Mrs. Charles Ballin, Joseph Heyman, Miss R. Abel, Miss R. Heyman, Mrs. E. A. McBryde, Miss Gwin, Mr. and Mrs. Gwin, Mrs. E. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Tetley, Alfred J. Rich, Jr., David Rich, A. J. Rich, E. I. Vogel, Mr. Lyons, Miss Edith W. Sonntag, Mrs. H. P. Sonntag, F. B. Wooten, Mr. and Miss Richardson, Mr. M. Fleishacker, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Rosenbaum, Elsa Rosenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Scheeland, Mrs. M. P. Janes, Mrs. W. J. Somers, Miss E. J. Wilson, Miss Charlotte Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Baldwin, S. J. Hirshman, Mrs. Alexander Forbes and maid, Sidney J. Sallsbury, Mrs. J. M. Purrington, Miss Purrington, Mr. and Mrs. W. Davis, C. Clerc, C. P. Sanders



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The concert by the Berkeley Quartette at Hotel Rafael on Friday, June 3d, was thoroughly enjoyed by a large number of guests.

Dr. and Mrs. H. Kugeler entertained Miss Ryone of Palo Alto and Miss Corrs of Golden, Colorado, in an automobile ride to Palo Alto and return. Dr. Kugeler reports a very delightful ride, with but little excitement on the way. They had a race with another car, in which Dr. Kugeler and his party won.

BUNKER HILL DAY.

On Friday of next week, June 17th, special trains will leave Third and Townsend streets, San Francisco, at 8:30 a. m. for Los Gatos, where exercises will be held in honor of the 129th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The Board of Trade of Los Gatos and various military and fraternal organizations of that place will meet the excursionists on arrival of trains, and conduct them to the park where the exercises will be held.

Mr. Arthur Cunningham, distinguished baritone, kindly consented to deliver the oration. Mr. Hart has the reputation of being a most brilliant and polished speaker.

Mr. Arthur Cunningham, the distinguished bariton, has been consented to sing his favorite song, "My Own United States," and Mr. Alfred Wilkie will sing again "The Sword of Bunker Hill." The "Star Spangled Banner" and "The Marseillaise" will be sung by other artists.

No pains will be spared by the committee to make the day honored as it should be. During the afternoon games, races and dancing will afford amusement for the young and others. It is owing to the efforts of Bunker Hill Association that the 17th of June is becoming a day of patriotic demonstration.

For the convenience of the Oakland and Alameda contingent, a special train will leave 14th and Webster street at 8:15 a. m., and Park street station at 8:45 a. m. respectively, connecting with the Los Gatos train at the mole. Round-trip tickets at \$1 each may be procured at the depots on the morning of the excursion, or from the secretaries of the various societies.

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Mr. Swanton, chairman of the energetic civic institution known as the "New Santa Cruz Committee," announces that on June 11th, Saturday, there is to be a dedication of the "Neptune Casino and Santa Cruz Cottage and Tent City," and the programme includes a parade and a general jollification. We can easily believe Mr. Swanton and the members of the committee. Santa Cruz always does things well. Never was a convention handled in better shape than was the Democratic affair at Santa Cruz recently. Any one in search of a great time, with plenty of enjoyment, had better go to Santa Cruz during the season that will be inaugurated on June 11th.

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He learnt what legal pull meant,
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And then he got annullment.

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When Mike Tarpey and Jim Budd lost their tempers, and nearly came to blows in the Palace Grill last week, the inner mysteries of the Hearst campaign came closer to exposure than either gentleman desired. From the standpoint of the seeker after truth, it is to be regretted that Tarpey did not land his heavy right upon the jaw of the politician from Stockton, for then Budd, in self-defense, might have been wrought to such a pitch that in his anger he would have blurted out more than a mere intimation of the use of a sack at Santa Cruz. Bad blood between the two men has existed ever since Tarpey took charge of the Hearst campaign.

Tarpey's mistrust of Budd may have had its origin prior to Lane's campaign for Governor, but Budd's attitude in that fight did much to confirm in Tarpey's mind any misgivings he might have had about the former Governor. While Tarpey may not have been for Lane, he had his own views of the men who accepted positions upon the Democratic State Central Committee, and then knifed the party's nominee. It is a matter of public knowledge that some of Budd's political intimates, placed upon the State Central Committee by Barney Murphy, were out publicly against Lane, and yet had the hardihood to remain upon the committee. Tarpey considered this treachery, and did not hesitate to say so. To his mind, such conduct was unbecoming a gentleman. When he assumed the management of the Hearst campaign, he decided to place no reliance upon those who had already shown themselves unworthy of trust in the Gubernatorial campaign. Budd, it will be remembered, discovered urgent business in Texas and other places, as soon as Tarpey took command. The meeting at the Palace the other day was one of the first public occasions when the two men have come together since the Santa Cruz Convention. Had it not been for the interference of others, Tarpey would certainly have landed heavily on Budd before the latter could run away. But the end is not yet. After Hearst's hopes are buried at St. Louis, Budd will begin blustering again. He will tell how much better he could have done than Tarpey, and if he only talks long enough and loud enough, the probabilities are good for the relation of the inner history of the Hearst campaign on the Coast.

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From a little tin box in a street car, I took yesterday a copy of a small paper called "Transit Tidings," issued by the United Railroads. Though it was evidently the third issue of the little paper, it was the first copy I had seen. It impressed me very favor-

ably, for I gained from it the idea that the United Railroads, by its publication, is endeavoring to win friends for the road by putting the people and the corporation on "speaking terms," as it were. The "Tidings" makes honorable mention of two cool-headed motor men who, by acting promptly, saved the lives of two children who were knocked down by cars; it has letters from citizens giving suggestions for the betterment of the car service, and in other ways it endeavors to awaken among the people a kindly interest in the road and its affairs. It says its mission is one of peace, and that it wishes to bring about the kindest relations between the carmen and the public, and to minimize friction. Other public service corporations should find a valuable hint in this endeavor of the United Railroads to communicate directly with the people, without the assistance of walking delegates or other professional agitators.

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I noticed this on the 7:30 a. m. trip of a McAllister street car Tuesday. I also noticed that a "green" gripman was being "broke in" on this very same car. Women and men alike were holding on to straps that they might not be thrown from the car. A Devisadero street car, a water wagon and several pedestrians escaped injury by the timely intervention of the instructor behind the student.

It occurs to me that apprentices should never be allowed to practice on a car while running on Market street, much less while the cars are crowded. Suburban lines should be selected for this purpose. (Editor Tidings, please notice.)

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The Transportation Club promises to be one of the best good-fellowship clubs in town. Ever since the offices of the Eastern roads concentrated in the Palace Hotel block, the local railroad men have yearned for a club of their own. Now, they have temporary quarters at the Palace, and there they received their friends last Saturday. The club expects to move into the present Pacific-Union club-house about Christmas next. That occasion will be a memorable one in local clubdom, for these railroad men have a way of their own in entertaining guests that may well be the despair of others not so well versed in the methods of making a visitor feel that the world and all it contains is his to command. There are now about 200 names on the roll, and among them are the names of the leading resident general agents and traffic representatives of Eastern lines, and a large number of the general officers of the local railroad and steamship companies.

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The withdrawal of the name of Warren Olney, the well-known lawyer, who is Mayor of Oakland, from the membership of the Pacific-Union, has caused not a little talk among clubmen and Alameda politicians. Olney's sponsors were informed that if they pressed

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his candidacy for membership, he would be black-balled. They therefore withdrew his name. It was the only thing to do. As Mayor of Oakland, Mr. Olney has antagonized some powerful interests, the representatives of which have determined to prevent his election to the Post-street club. No matter what may be the rights or the wrongs of the affair between Olney and his opponents, it seems regrettable that his friends should not first have canvassed the possibilities of his election before posting his name. The necessity of withdrawal gives its club unnecessary notoriety, and extends and embitters the feud between the Olneyites and the anti-Olneyites.

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With John McLaren, Superintendent of Golden Gate Park, will go the good wishes of the entire community during his trip abroad. To him, more than to any other man, does the city owe its magnificent park. His genius has converted the sand-dunes into a pleasure ground than which none in America is more beautiful. He has earned his vacation, and his friends hope it will be of great benefit not only to him directly, but to the city indirectly, by receiving the benefits of the ideas he may gather among the great gardens of Europe. The Park Commissioners appropriated \$1,000 to pay the expenses of the Superintendent's trip. While no one begrudges him the money, one who watches public affairs cannot help asking by what authority such an appropriation was made. Of course, it is against the law, but if, as it seems to be justified by public opinion, no one will raise a forcible objection. Still, it is a dangerous precedent. Now, suppose the Board of Fire Commissioners should give Mr. Parry \$1,000 to assist him in observing conditions in the fire departments throughout the East; or suppose the School Directors should give a principal \$1,000 to travel in Europe; or suppose the Board of Works should give its President \$1,000 to spend during a vacation abroad—would the citizens quietly acquiesce in this appropriation of public funds? Yet, each supposed incident would be just as legal as the act of the Park Commissioners.

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The mention of Mr. Parry's name reminds me that some one has been trying to bribe that honest official. Mr. Parry says so himself; else, I would not even intimate that any person would have the hardihood to thus insult him. Mr. Parry says that a representative of a firm which had a contract to furnish supplies to the Fire Commissioner asked him what was necessary "to do business" with the Commission. Mr. Parry immediately repulsed him. Unfortunately he does not know the name of the insolent fellow, and more unfortunately, he cannot describe him, so that he may be arrested and sent to jail. It is certainly outrageous that a public official whose reputation is so well established as is Mr. Parry's should be subjected to the insult of the intimation that he is "doing business." This incident shows the dangers to which honest men, like Mr. Parry, are subjected in public office. His friends would not be surprised if Mr. Parry should resign from the Fire Commission while smarting under the indignity offered him.

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That fellow, Reuben Wolf, who was dismissed from the Police Department because, as a policeman expressed it, "his work was too coarse," has some commendable features in his roguish make-up. It is said he has been engaged in the somewhat commendable practice of "skinning" policemen. He presented to them a scheme by which, he assured them, they could get rich even quicker than they can with their every-day opportunities. He milked them for a few

months, and then his scheme exploded. But the duped policemen are not out after him with warrants. They understood, of course, that under his scheme they were to get rich at the expense of other people. So they have voiced no complaints. There is honor, you know, among—policemen.

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Miss Bessie Allen has gained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Chicago, by a brilliant dissertation on "The Psychology of the Guinea Pig." She has discovered that the guinea pig is born with its mental faculties well developed. That explains why the guinea pig begins making tracks for Porkopolis as soon as its legs get strong enough. It knows it will be stall-fed there, and become a personage of interest to the elect. If Miss Allen will now issue a treatise on "The Transformation of the Pork Chop," a grateful nation will rise up and confer upon her the degree of beatification.

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Judge Lawlor's action in ordering the jurors in the Eppinger case into the custody of the Sheriff was received with mixed emotions by bench and bar; but the men most directly affected, the jurors, raised a howl that will be heard these many days wherever patriots assemble to discuss the progress of their great country. It is presumed that Judge Lawlor's order was predicated upon the reported experience of at least one of the jurors in the Botkin case, and upon the difficulty generally experienced by the Judges in requiring jurors to concentrate their attention exclusively on the questions at issue in the trial of a criminal charge. The Judge acted within his authority when he ordered the jurors into practical imprisonment, but to a disinterested observer it does seem that he could have given them at least half a day within which to arrange for the transaction of their personal business before making them wards of the Sheriff. It is well enough to enforce the law, to the end that jury trials shall be above suspicion, but there is hardly any occasion for the harsh measures resorted to so abruptly by Judge Lawlor.

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Extract from the S. F. Examiner, July 15, 1904.

"A pathetic incident happened this afternoon which has cast a gloom over a heretofore happy office. Poor Willie! His mind has shone a tendency to become unhinged—in fact, bug-house—and the end came this afternoon, as stated. A tunny little black wagon rumbled up to the door, and to the craning necks sticking out of up-stair windows, the poor chap chanted the following:

I am a maniac, a maniac man,
A red-hot maniac, fresh from the pan,
And the moon, yes, the moon, I am going to soon,
For I bought it, I bought it, at yesterday noon.

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GRAND—Alcibioune MacDowell—"A Captain of Navarre" an indifferently well acted, poorly written play.

CENTRAL—The Peddler, an enjoyable drama.

FISHER'S—"U. S." crowded houses and a great success, scenically and musically.

TIVOLI—"Sergeant Kitty," a fair performance.

ORPHEUM—Vaudeville, one of the best of this year's programs.

ALCAZAR—A fine performance of "Under Two Flags." Adele Block scores sensational success.

COLUMBIA—Maude Adams, crowded houses, "Little Minister."

CHUTES—An exceptionally good theatrical bill. New attractions in Zoo

Melbourne MacDowell may thank his lucky stars that the Sardou plays preceded the production of "A Captain of Navarre."

The play is a wonderful example of how a play should not be constructed. It strikes one as having been cut to such an extent that only the shreds of the original remain. MacDowell does not show up to any advantage in this play, and the only artistic work is by Miss Fuller. Her Duchesse D'Armenonville is very well done. Miss Fuller was still suffering from a cold, and it was with difficulty that she carried out her part. The Hector de Savigny of Mr. Griffiths was remarkable for the unintelligible mouthing of the words of the author. This was probably just as well. Judging by what the others had to say, his lines could not have been of any very great importance.

Mr. Robert Elliot's rendition of that peripatetic drunk, "Annibal Locust," must have given that actor great joy, for it enabled him to swallow his words in a most fascinating manner. He has the mumbling gallop habit in conversation, and it is with a sigh of relief that one turns to the loud bombast of MacDowell. The rest of the company was below mediocrity in "A Captain of Navarre."

By a freak of the stage management, the scenery of the third act, which is advertised as "The Grande Esplanade of the Louvre," is a by-street in any old town in Holland.

"Sergeant Kitty" at the Tivoli has been drawing fair houses through the week, and as the opera is full of pretty airs it is likely to remain with us some time. Miss Sefton made her debut in San Francisco in this opera, and it is with regret that I have to record that Miss Sefton was in a blue funk and not herself. I ask that judgment be suspended on the little lady. Why? Because it is only fair. She appears among a lot of people who have no reason to love her, and besides, she is better looking than the old crew at the Eddy street house. She has beautiful shoulders, and if it develops that she can really truly sing, how thankful we will be after the torture of listening to the thin and the fat ladies so long.

Ferris Hartman is on again as a Captain of Husars. He looks more like a Christmas tree ornament than anything else I can call to mind. I wish he would lose his voice, and never, never again find it. I would enjoy Hartman as a mute, but cannot conceive of him as anything else, and enjoyable.

Harking back to Miss Sefton, it occurs to me that it must be a terrible thing to land among the members of the Tivoli Company. Just think of having to face Hartman as a stage manager, and then there are the old ladies and the fat women and the very thin ones. I can imagine their eyes, jealous, envious eyes, following a strange young thing about and ill-wishing her.

The best show of the week, and a general surprise to everybody, is the performance of "Under Two Flags," with Miss Adele Block and Durkin in the principal roles. This play could very easily have stood three or four weeks' performance.

Miss Adele Block's "Cigarette" is in many respects up to that of Blanche Bates, and in others it surpasses that of her rival.

Mr. Durkin, as Bertie Cecil, is as usual very good, although there is a soupcon of too much reserve. Hilliard's "Earl of Rockingham" is a very fine performance, except for an accentuation of mannerisms. There is a bit too much of mustache tugging and the peculiar walk is exaggerated too much, as it finally merges into a caricature and not a portraiture. Miss Starr's "Silver Pheasant" is a very good piece of work.

The "Cigarette" of Miss Block is the best work this good-looking and gifted young woman has done in San Francisco. Only once there is a slight tendency to rant. Hot passion and seductiveness is her forte, and she does it well. Durkin is a good foil, but he would have to be as cold as the proverbial "Greenland's icy mountains" to withstand the passionate and tempestuous plea of this gray-eyed and raven-haired woman. Miss Block may consider her "Cigarette" one of this season's theatrical triumphs. Scenically the play is superbly put on, and the sand storm scene is an exceptional novelty.

Speaking of stage-management, all the local theatres are in need of a shake-up. The entire mechanical force should have attended the Anna Held and the Mansfield performances to study the real thing. They need object lessons.

The Maud Adams engagement continues at the Columbia until Sunday night. Artistically considered, this engagement may be said to be a great success.

At the Central, "The Peddler" draws the usual enthusiastic crowd.

Edna Aug continues to be the attraction at Fisher's. This little woman is the drawing card at the popular O'Farrell street house.

At the Chutes, the "Alfons," equilibrists extraordinary, are a great attraction.

The Orpheum has a better show this week than it has had for weeks past, and the house is crowded nightly. There are six big new acts, and the applause has been generous the whole week. The shapely Shattuck has not lost any of her curves or popularity, and her singing is greatly improved since the last time I saw her.

"Lover's Lane" is to close the regular stock season at the Alcazar, and the clever company will retire from the scene of action for a brief rest. We have come to look upon them as friends. Conscientious friends who look to our amusement. Following the retirement of the stock will come the summer engagement of Mr. White Whittlesey. He will open with Augustus Thomas's dramatization of Richard Harding Davis's "Soldiers of Fortune," on June 27th.

"Robin Hood" is in preparation at the Tivoli. There will be an exceptionally strong cast, and will include such artists as Kate Condon, contralto; Barron Ferthold, tenor; Willard Sims, comedian; and John Dunsmuir, basso. The management announces that it will spare no pains to make this a great production.

The next burlesque at Fischer's will be "The Mormons," by Judson Brusie. The author says it will excel any previous effort from his pen.

Yorke and Adams, Al. Fields and Edwin Clarke have been signed for a year by the Fischer management.

Russell Brandow and Stella Wiley, colored entertainers, will make their first appearance at the Chutes this coming week. Harry Green, a singer and monologist of repute, will also be new, and Jones, Sylvester and Pringle, the "Imperials of Minstrelsy," will change their songs. Richard Walsh and Adele Ligon will continue their musical eccentricity, "The Twentieth Century Burglar and the French Soubrette," and Alfons, the European equilibrist, will appear for his third and last week. Mildred Manning, the singer of illustrated songs, will be heard in new selections, and the animatoscope will change its moving pictures.

Agoust, Weston & Company, comedy jugglers, will appear at the Orpheum this coming week. Their work is said to be funny in the extreme, and their act abounds in sensations. The comedian, Eddie Heron, supported by Madge Douglass and Will L. White, will make his first vaudeville appearance in this city. His introduction will be Wilmer & Vincent's one-act farce, "A Friend of the Family." The Romani Trio, from Berlin, will present a musical act.

Henry Miller will play a very limited season this year at the Columbia, because he has to be in New York as soon as possible in order to organize a great company for a stock season in the metropolis. Miller is to head the company.

"Charlie's Aunt," the lady "from the land where the nuts come from," will be put on at the Alcazar next week. This is the Alcazar's greatest laughing success.

Mrs. Leslie Carter comes to the Grand for a limited engagement commencing next Monday night. She will present Belasco's new play, "Du Barry." During Mrs. Carter's engagement she will play two matinee engagements, on Saturdays and Wednesdays. It is important to remember that during the stay of Mrs. Carter the curtain will rise promptly at eight o'clock and at two o'clock at the afternoon performances.

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Politics and Diplomacy
in Russia.

The political and diplomatic aspects of the Russian-Japanese war have shifted to European Russia, and are centered very close to the throne. The political aspect is not something new under the sun in statecraft. We have had lots of it in this country in the past. It is the intrigues of jingoes to discredit those in authority, and force a general shaking up of the official Government. In Russia it is unsparring criticism of the conduct of the war both in St. Petersburg and at the front. A feeling against General Kuropatkin has been worked up in Russia that only a victory that is beyond human possibility to achieve would reinstate him in the confidence of the people. And this is the same man who, only two months ago, left for the front amid the plaudits of more than 100,000,000 of the Czar's subjects, and was everywhere hailed as the greatest warrior of modern times. He failed to make good his boastings, and his enemies are crushing him beneath the iron heel of other aspiring would-be military geniuses. Many another General, even in America, has gone down as a "never was" or as a "has been" under the fierce and relentless fire of jealousy, intrigue and criticism far in the rear of the battle line. But Kuropatkin does not fall alone. Every General on the Russian side is being torn in Russian political circles as if by ravenous wolves. All of them have been out-generated by sea and by land by the "little brown pagans," and all Russia is floundering about in its own pool of humiliation. Even General Stoessel at Port Arthur, from whom so much was expected, is now being held up as worse than a failure because all Russia now admits that the nation's Gibraltar in the Far East is doomed to pass, with all its vast and expensive armament, out of Russian control. From loud boastings and threats to not only chase the Japanese out of Manchuria and Korea and invade Japan as locusts swarm and devour, and to utterly destroy their military power, Russia's voice has weakened to a whisper, and in a whisper she asks: "Can Port Arthur be saved?" If Japan has surprised the world by her marvelous military genius, Russia has no less surprised the nations by a painful lack of it. Still, it is well known that the Russian commanders at the front are kept in tangles all the time by the bureaucrats at St. Petersburg, who have at no time been willing that any man should return from the Far East a hero and the people's idol. And the Czar? The poor weakling is molded from day to day into the shape that best suits his callers, but none dare tell him the truth for fear of gaining his displeasure. This fear of his wrath comes from a sincere belief that he is not only Czar by the grace of God, but is the personal representative of Christ on earth. Still he fears assassination every minute of his waking hours.

The diplomatic aspect of Intrigues of Russia. the Russian-Japanese war as developed in Russia, reflects conditions far more threatening than the crushing of Generals at the front by home political intrigue. Russian diplomatists have for centuries been conspicuous for ability, cunning and persistence, but never before were they confronted by a loss of national prestige. And not only that, but never before was there so much discontent and outspoken criticism of the conduct of affairs of the nation by the people. Unfortunately for the Government, more Russians can read than ever before, and even though

they do not get the world's happenings until after the newspapers have been re-edited by the Government, they are able to put this and that together and from it see that they have been grossly deceived concerning the progress of the war, which, together with increasing taxes and loss of confidence in the integrity of those in authority, is giving birth to the sort of resentment that usually culminates in a revolution. This the Czar knows and feels, and he knows, too, that exercising his autocratic power he could end the war by a stroke of his pen, but autocrat that he is, such a stroke of his pen would mean his abdication as the next act—or assassination by some one of his own official household. That is the situation as far as the Czar is concerned, but the diplomatist and statesmen do not want him to end the war by conceding everything to the Japanese. They do not want the feeling abroad that Russia is really a weak nation to spread, and they do want to give the people something that will turn their restlessness and distrust into loyal and enthusiastic support of the Government's policy at home and abroad. And to accomplish all that they are resorting to all kinds of tricks and schemes to involve the other nations in their war in the Far East. They expect the Anglo-Saxon nations to line up with Japan, but France is uncertain. She blows hot and cold as to aiding Russia, but is pronounced as against Japan. It is surmised that within the last fortnight France and England have come to an "understanding." Germany can be relied upon at any moment, Russia well knows, but the diplomatic hints that the tripartite between Germany, Italy and Austria has been or soon will be annulled by Italy, weakens Germany as an ally of Russia; besides diplomatic seed sowers, presumably from London, have some seeds of suspicion in St. Petersburg to the effect that the Kaiser is playing for an excuse to invade the Black Sea country at Russia's ultimate expense. But for all that, Russia's only salvation at home and in the Far East is in involving all Europe and America in a world wide war, and it is almost absolutely necessary for Russia's diplomatists to accomplish something tangible in that direction before Port Arthur falls, for upon its fall the rottenness, the imbecility and the official corruption in Russia's official life will be fully exposed, and statesmen the world over have doubts of the ability of the authorities to turn the current of public opinion and avert internal conditions that might be far more disastrous to Russia's national life than the annihilation of Kuropatkin and his entire army. The strength of Russian loyalty and patriotism lies largely in hitherto unshaken faith in the Czar's divine right to rule the people, and in his infallibility as Christ's representative on earth, and it will be a sorry day for the "White Father" when the people's faith is destroyed by blunders, dishonesty and stupidity in the nation's "infallible head." "A little learning is a dangerous thing," and that is the intellectual condition of the Russian masses. All this the Czar's diplomatists know, and they know that unless they can involve the nations in their Far East troubles a constitutional monarchy will be forced upon the St. Petersburg Government. Most likely it all will culminate in the latter, anyway, for London influences seem to be dominating throughout the diplomatic world, and Russian autocracy is not in harmony with British commercialism and open ports for English merchantmen. In other words, Russia's future at home and abroad will be, if it has not already been, determined by British statesmen, fully seconded by the Washington Government. Before the year is out, even Germany will recognize the leadership of the Anglo-

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PRACTICAL CLUB WOMEN.

Well-directed and amiable insistence on the part of the practical club women of this, as well as other cities, is accomplishing more than the public is cognizant of, and is accentuating the contention that every Government has considerable "housekeeping" to be done, and that women can do it better than men. One of the best recent exemplifications of this condition of affairs was recorded at the annual meeting of the California Club, when yearly reports were made and passed over without much crowing on the part of the members who have brought important projects to successful issues. To say the co-operation of women is needed in the city or any Government is no reflection upon the men. They simply have not time to attend to the incalculable number of things that make for the future welfare of the city and its citizens, the things which busy people "put off."

All of which is apropos of the modest statement made at the recent annual meeting of the California Club by Dr. Dorothea Moore, chairman of the Juvenile Court Committee, that the finance committee of the Board of Supervisors has set aside \$5,000 for the maintenance of a Detention Home.

About eight years ago, a woman, working alone, a Mrs. Laura Bates, secured a number of important reforms, notable among which was the segregation in the Hall of Justice of the men and women criminals and the girl and boy offenders. Since that time Dr. Dorothea Moore, with the organization of the California Club back of her, set on foot the movement that resulted in the establishment of the Juvenile Court, which will do more for the saving of young citizens than any influence now abroad in the land. The Juvenile Court cannot do its best work without the supplementary Detention Home, a place where the children will be kept pending trial. The law which brought the Juvenile Court into life made no provision for the support of the Juvenile Court, because the club women were willing to assume that responsibility, to leave the way clear for the passage of the bill, and to keep the administration of the court out of politics. The money used for its support is raised by the California Club, the Associated Charities, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Youth's Directory, Boys and Girls' Aid Society and the Church Home for Boys. A provision of the law, however, says that the city shall provide a suitable place for the detention of the delinquent children. When the representatives of the committee representing the above-named organizations went to the city officials, the basement of the City Hall was offered for a Detention Home—a place long ago considered unfit and unsanitary for a prison. The men in authority saw the force of the argument advanced, and straightway made the necessary appropriation. With faith in getting the amount of money named for this use, the committee made a successful quest for a house. It is a short distance from the City Hall. Another department of the club is having a bill drawn up that will be presented at the next session of the Legislature asking for the establishment of a State sanatorium for early-stage consumptives. These are but a few of the movements which this club is putting forward.

Side by side with this is the endeavor of the committee of society women who have an informal organization for the help of the City and County Hospital. They secured an additional \$5,000 for stated necessities. All of which must be rather interesting data to the women who contend that they will never accomplish anything without the ballot.

The season has opened, and the festive stage driver gets in his work on the tenderfoot in the mountain resorts. The Skaggs Springs stage, running from Geyserville to Skaggs, furnishes an example of the reckless Jehu. There is a youth of tender years handling the ribbons over the fiery steeds who convey pleasure seekers to the mountain hostelry. This boy is remarkable for the ease with which he just misses leaving the road, and at times he succeeds in giving the temporary guests in his conveyance an excruciating thrill as he rounds the curves on the edge of a precipice, while he demurely rolls a cigarette, meanwhile holding the lines between his knees. There is likely to be a dull, sickening discharge when the first load of passengers makes its complaint about this interesting youth. He would be worth his weight in gold in a Wild West show, but as driver for a summer resort stage he is not a monumental success.

Eugene Debs should be immediately arrested for treason and inciting to rebellion, and his telegram to the Western Federation of Labor should be used as evidence against him



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The Automobile

Mr. R. H. Pease is a new man among automobile owners. He took a ride down to Haywards last Sunday in his White Steamer, which he is already handling like a veteran. Among the owners of White touring cars, who made the trip to Monterey on the run week before last, were Mr. John D. Spreckels in his White car and Miss Grace D. Spreckels in hers. Mr. John H. Spring took both of his White cars on this trip.

The following physicians are using Pierce cars in their practice: Dr. Ward, Pierce Arrow; Dr. Stinson, Pierce Arrow; Dr. Kelley, Pierce Stanhope; Dr. Rykfogel, Pierce Stanhope. The Pierce automobiles have proven themselves to be the ideal car for physicians' work.

Mr. R. C. Kirkwood of San Jose, accompanied by his wife, daughter and chauffeur, drove the new 1904 Winton touring car from San Jose to Pacific Grove Saturday night. Notwithstanding the darkness, they left San Jose at eleven p. m., and arrived in Pacific Grove at four a. m. Mr. Kirkwood took a run over to the Hotel Del Monte Sunday morning and remained there most of the day, returning home Sunday evening.

Mr. W. B. Glidden and family ran down to San Jose last Sunday in their White touring car.

Mr. E. J. Carpenter purchased a Pierce Arrow touring car, and made his initial trip to Los Angeles on Sunday.

Mr. G. E. Scates of Waterville, Maine, has been visiting San Francisco for the past two weeks. While in this city, Mr. Scates purchased a Stevens-Duryea machine from the Pioneer Automobile Company, and in company with his wife, left here last Saturday morning for a trip across the Continent in his new Duryea.

Mrs. Robert Louis Stevens left for San Jose and Santa Cruz last Sunday in her White touring car. She expects to spend some little time in Santa Cruz and make numerous short runs from that point in her car.

Mr. W. F. Hunt, accompanied by his wife and daughter, made a trip to San Jose on Sunday last in Mr. Hunt's new Oldsmobile light tonneau touring car. This machine is the talk of the town, and admired by all who see it.

Mr. E. B. Stone, who has recently purchased a White touring car, gave a barbecue at his ranch in Alameda County last Sunday. He took a party of friends down in his White car, and Mr. L. P. Lowe in his White Steamer was among those who went along to the feast. Mr. Lowe also took his gasoline car, which was run by his chauffeur, Mr. Dingley.

Mr. Heber C. Tilden has just placed an order for a four-cylinder Great Arrow, which will be delivered about the 1st of August.

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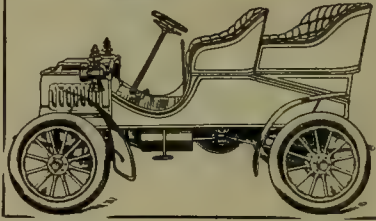
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BY THE AUTOCAR

The Automobile Club of California is making preparations for an endurance race to Los Angeles and return to take place during the first part of July. This proposition seems like the loss of good time and energy on the part of the officers of the local club. Nothing can be gained from such an event. It is not an affair that should be taken up by a club with a personnel such as that of the Automobile Club of California. Endurance contests are strictly a business affair, in which the staying powers of the autos are tested, and therefore should be confined to the dealers. From an event such as proposed by the club where both amateurs and professionals may compete, the inexperience of some of the former may bring results which will be an injustice to every one.

Endurance contests, where started in the East by some of the dealers as a source of advertising, and where every machine is handled by competent men, it is a good exhibition for the prospective buyer, but under the conditions of the local kind every make of automobile entered runs the risk of receiving a bad reputation, which, although no fault of the machine, may take years to live down.

To the majority of the members of the club, an endurance run has no attraction. In the first place, the distance is so far that most of the owners have not the time to spare to make it. And then, again, who is there who wants to undergo the strain of racing such a distance.

The officers of the club should take warning from the "handwriting on the wall," that has appeared in other sports. Yachting and bicycling are shining examples.

Cut out the racing except once a year, and give up the time to moderate runs, where all may participate, and better results will be accomplished.

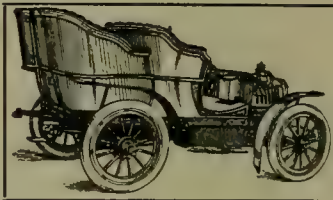
The greatest success is only to be had where the great number take part. Therefore if racing is nurtured at the expense of the touring man, he will cease to be a staunch supporter of the club, and will soon use his time and money for his own personal pleasure in a selfish way without a thought of his fellow automobilists.

This should be guarded against, for at the present time we cannot have too much enthusiasm. The work before the Automobile Club of California is something gigantic, if it proposes to be the leading spirit in the sport in the State. It has got to accomplish just legislation and good roads.

These are endless propositions, and ones which the club has got to handle. Endurance tests will not help either, but short to near-by places, with one hour's discussion at the rendezvous concerning the work to be accomplished, and that which has been achieved will be of more service than all the fancy tests and races.

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Mrs. Miles T. Baird did the Park and Presidio.

The Orient Buckboard owners who were out were:
Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Muller of Oakland made a trip
to San Jose.

Mr. Broadbent went to the bike races.
Dr. Kellogg and wife made a run to Haywards.

A very spectacular race was run last Saturday afternoon at Ingleside Track at the meet of the Public Schools' Athletic League. There were some twelve or fifteen thousand spectators present, including the Mayor and most of the public officers of this city.

The race was between two Wintons—that of Mr John T. Breuner, driven by Mr. S. Hewson, President of the Chauffeurs' Association, and the other car was one of Messrs. Scott & Blakeslee's best renting machines, and was driven by Mr. Max L. Rosenfeld, vice-president of the Pioneer Automobile Co.

His Honor, the Mayor, occupied a prominent seat in Mr. Breuner's new Winton touring car, while Tom Boyle, of the Board of Education, sat behind Mr. Rosenfeld.

The distance run was three miles. The start was a very even one, but Mr. Rosenfeld's machine soon forged ahead, and led by a quarter of a mile at the end of the second lap. He then slowed down and let the Mayor pass, catching up and passing them again on the back stretch. On the last turn into the home stretch he slowed down to let the Chief Executive win, making it a very pretty race, and Mr. Breuner's machine (with the Mayor in) winning by a length at the tape.

This race was a splendid exhibition of the wonderful control a good operator has over these big, powerful machines.

New Yorkers entering Philadelphia via the Camden ferry are invariably amused by the rules of the ferry company, which require that the engine be stopped outside, all lights be put out, and that the car be pushed on and off the ferryboat. Recently a White steamer crossed the ferry supposedly with all lights out, and when on the Philadelphia side quickly flew off the ferryboat, much to the mystification of the ferrymen, who could not see that the torch had been left burning. In the same way, H. B. Joy with a Packard Model L simply threw in his switch and the engine started without cranking, carrying the car up the incline and off the ferryboat very quickly.

A serious and growing criminal problem has arisen in the New York boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn within the past two or three weeks, in the development of an automobile stoning epidemic, which is becoming very menacing to those machines and their occupants. Some Brooklyn people are so wrought up over it that they are talking of "a psychological impulse of a very contagious and dangerous character" and "class hatred." "The poor people are angry and resentful at the rich simply because they are rich," they say, "and think they can throw things at automobiles with impunity."

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Mr. R. A. Green, of New York, made a new automobile record ride from New York to Boston on May 14th, covering the distance in 10 hours 27 minutes elapsed time, and 8 hours 57 minutes actual riding time.

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Mr. R. J. Mier and party of friends took a trip around the bay on last Sunday in Mr. Mier's new Winton touring car.

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Mr. Winfield S. Davis took a run to Niles last Sunday in his White Touring car.

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Mr. James W. Ward, president of the Board of Health, just purchased a Pierce Arrow, which he will use in his practice. He found that the distances which he had to travel could not be covered by horses. With his automobile he can cover this territory in a little over one-half the time required heretofore.

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Mr. A. M. Shields was out last Sunday in his White car. Hardly a Sunday goes by that Mr. Shields does not avail himself of the exhilaration afforded by a ride in a White.

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Mr. Charles B. Shanks, General Sales Manager of the Winton Motor Carriage Company of Cleveland, Ohio, spent several days in San Francisco last week. Mr. Shanks has been visiting his various agencies, and on his way East he stopped at St. Louis a few days to visit the Exposition. Mr. Shanks advised that the interest taken in automobiles at the Exposition is greater than that of any one other industry. He said that the American exhibits at the Fair show very plainly the advance being made in the manufacture of automobiles in this country. We are now building machines of all classes equal to any of the high-priced French cars. This trip was Mr. Shanks' first visit to San Francisco since the Pioneer Automobile Company moved into their new place. He was more than delighted with the new garage, and with the business these agents are doing. Mr. Shanks left on Sunday morning for Cleveland, and will make stops at Salt Lake City, Denver, Omaha and other points en route.

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Robert Pieper of San Francisco, E. B. Stone of Oakland, John W. Posey of Los Angeles, and John Bradbury of Los Angeles are among last week's purchasers of White touring cars.

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The following were out in Cadillacs last week:

Mr. W. P. Hammer of San Francisco and a party of three went to San Jose last Friday night and returned Saturday.

Morris Levy has just returned to San Francisco from a three days' tour in the Santa Clara Valley. He reports a very delightful trip.

Mr. Edson Bradbury and his grandmother, Mrs. A. E. May, went to Niles last week, and report a very delightful trip.

Mr. and Mrs. William Koenig made a run around the bay Sunday.

Mr. Frank S. Johnson, of San Rafael, although only an owner of a machine for a short time, has made several long runs. It is safe to say that he is the most enthusiastic and untiring driver on the Coast. There is scarcely any one in his locality who has not enjoyed his hospitality on some of these runs.

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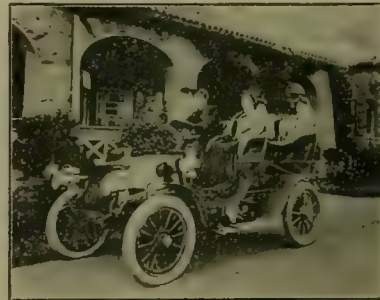


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 A presence near the chimney-place,
 With folded hands and quiet face,
 Loving no more, no more desired,

 God grant one memory to me
 Shall, ghost-like, waver through the gloom,
 And silent in a silent room
 Come near to bear me company.

And those who pass perchance shall smile
 With wondering eyes upon me bent.
 "How still she sits, in what content,
 Who lingers yet a little while."

They shall not guess, those over-wise,
 How through the calm content of me
 The face of that mad memory
 Leans close and smiles within my eyes,

Until I feel in very truth
 The girl-heart thrilling in my breast,
 What time upon my own are pressed
 The passionate, warm lips of Youth.

And they shall pity who but see
 Dead ashes where the flames were bold,
 A woman sad and very old
 Who sits in silence patiently.

LINES ON THE FUTURE OF ENGLISH SONG.

By Margaret Fuller in Century

They first who saw the day grow wan and die,
 Gessed they at all that night in turn would go,
 Or felt they aught but wonderment and woe,
 Our rude foreparents, waiting in the shy,
 Strange dusk? What, then, when Song drops out
 the sky,

Song and the singer who the last shall know
 The greatness of the chosen, and the glow—
 Will then the past have slipped forever by?
 Shall spangled gloom melt in the rush of morn,
 Light follow night, unlesened for the dark,
 One sun eclipse all stars and the borrowing moon;
 And yet shall not the hedge-row hush and swoon,
 And earth and heaven in ecstasy be torn
 While 'twixt their hearts once more upsoars the
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My love gave me a passion-flower.
 I nursed it well—so brief its hour!
 My eyelids ache, my throat is dry:
 He told me not that it would die.

My love and I are one, and yet
 Full oft my cheeks with tears are wet—
 So sweet the night is, and the bower!
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So sweet! Hold fast my hands. Can God
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Robert H. Plant, the Georgia banker who recently killed himself after his two banks had been placed in the hands of receivers, carried the following life insurance: New York Life, \$500,000; Equitable Life, \$115,000; Mutual Life, \$100,000; Penn Mutual, \$86,000; Union Mutual, \$50,000; Massachusetts Mutual, \$50,000; Home Life, \$50,000; Washington Life, \$30,000; Manhattan Life, \$20,000; Mutual Benefit, \$20,000; total, \$1,015,000.

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Elwood Atkinson says the first lesson to be learned from the Baltimore fire is that in the bright lexicon of fire insurance there is no such word as "fire proof."

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The Equitable Building at Baltimore, which was insured for \$700,000, yielded a salvage of seven per cent.

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The Exchange Fire of Chicago is a new one. It has a Virginia charter, and a reported capital of \$100,000.

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The Insurance Press has published its annual edition containing tabulated lists of life insurance payments. The payments in the larger cities of the United States are as follows: New York, \$25,386,492; Philadelphia, \$9,348,297; Chicago, \$8,630,245; Brooklyn, \$7,405,896; Boston, \$6,400,038; Baltimore, \$4,003,280; St. Louis, \$3,801,402; Cincinnati, \$3,696,114; Pittsburg, \$2,731,678; Buffalo, \$2,123,506; Cleveland, \$2,120,660; San Francisco, \$2,054,960; Detroit, \$2,006,845.

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The basis rate in Western Union territory new schedule for a brick or stone building occupied as an educational institution is 50 cents, except that in Ohio it is 40 cents, in Missouri 60, and in Kentucky and Tennessee 65. These basis rates are increased 10 cents when the risk is in a town without fire protection. Deductions are provided for the use of the co-insurance clause. For fireproof construction a deduction of 30 per cent is allowed. Fifteen cents is charged for dormitory occupancy, and 10 cents for a laboratory.

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Louisville, Kentucky, is to have a new life company, with a capital of \$200,000. These Kentuckians must be gritty fellows to try to organize and manage successfully any company emanating from that city. It has been a hoodoo so far to about all the companies that ever were born there, and, worse, the new one is to be named the Commonwealth.

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Eastern exchanges are publishing the rumor that since the resignation of George W. Turner, manager of the Northwestern, the company is likely to abandon this field, citing as the reason the recent sweeping destructions of its lines in this section. This is hardly to be expected, for the company had, under Mr. Turner's management, too large and profitable a business.

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The South Dakota Mutual has made an assessment of 80 per cent on its premium notes. This is the way to do it. The Mutual company that goes easy on its victims may last a little longer, but the promoters do not "get rich quick."

The National Surety Company of New York has been licensed to do business in Oregon.

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The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company has abandoned the department guaranteeing the endorsement of travelers who were policy holders on cheques which they cashed where they were unknown.

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The National Board's recently elected officers are: John H. Washburn, president; George W. Burchell, vice-president; Charles A. Shaw, secretary; and Marshall S. Driggs, treasurer. J. Montgomery Hare, A. H. Sawyer, J. B. Branch and E. L. Ellison were appointed to fill the vacancies on the executive committee.

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Chicago has appointed a municipal committee to take charge of the fireworks display in that city on the 4th of July.

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Manager E. H. Hiles, from the home office of the Royal Exchange, accompanied by United States manager Dickson, is making a tour of the large Western cities.

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Santa Monica is to build two new engine houses, and Los Angeles is to build one.

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The Union of Buffalo has perfected its re-organization. Its capital is \$200,000, and its officers are: Frederick Perch, president; Alexander Martin, vice-president, and C. Lee Abell, secretary.

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The Turner & Thompson's four Lloyds, operated from Chicago, are in the hands of a receiver at the solicitation of Mr. Farmer himself. He alleged the concerns insolvent, with liabilities of some \$60,000 in excess of assets.

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The report of the National Fire Protection Committee on the Baltimore fire, which, by common consent of the companies, was referred to, has been made public. It is of vital interest to insurance men and to insurers after a long and carefully prepared report. The principal findings and summings up of which are that ordinary well-burned brick of good



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Plaster blocks and plaster on metal laths are unsatisfactory for use as a fire-protective covering for columns or other structural metal work.

Terra cotta tile for floor arches is defective, as the lower web breaks off under severe heat. This apparently is true of all grades of tile.

Floor surfaces should be of non-combustible materials.

Large, unbroken floor areas assist the spread of fire and serve to augment its severity. Such buildings should be subdivided by substantial brick fire walls.

All room partitions, as ordinarily constructed of hollow tile, plaster blocks, metal lath and plaster, or similar materials, are readily destroyed by a severe fire.

Vertical openings throughout buildings, as for stairs and elevators, rapidly communicate fire to all stories. All such floor openings should be enclosed in brick walled shafts, crowned by a thin glass skylight. Uninclosed vertical openings are largely responsible for the large loss of life and property by fire. This should be rectified in existing buildings, as well as those hereafter constructed, and municipal building laws and insurance discrimination should be invoked to this end.

Good construction should be enforced in all details. Inspection of fire-resistive buildings in course of construction should be more frequent than for buildings of ordinary construction.

Fire-resistive buildings with inflammable contents and numerous wall openings are ineffectual as conflagration stops. Solid brick walls should be provided wherever possible, and where openings are necessary they should be as small and infrequent as possible, and equipped with proper protection against fire.

The contents of a fire-resistive building, without proper subdivision and with no adequate protection against exposure fires, are scarcely any safer as regards destruction by fire than if contained in a building of ordinary construction.

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Labor Unions and Their Follies

Attempts at Violence.

Every few days there is a report of some man, who, because of his desire to be independent and having accepted a position in an open-shop stable, restaurant, shoe factory or other place of employment, has been assaulted by union thugs. A few of these cases have been serious, and all evidence goes to show that they intend to punish these men for their temerity and to intimidate other men who might follow their example. Their crimes are deliberate, cold-blooded assaults, whether they mean actually to kill their victims or only to maim them. It is not conceivable that one man should be beaten and seriously injured on the streets of a populous city without leaving a broad trace to the thugs. In any circumstances it would be the obvious duty of the police to follow it vigorously until every man concerned is apprehended. The police should be stimulated to extraordinary activity as a warning to other sympathizers with the strikers, who have shown a disposition to commit similar outrages.

Crimes of this character are too often treated in all parts of this country as lynchings are in most parts of the South. Instead of regarding them as peculiarly heinous, they are frequently looked upon as in some degree venal, the passions which inspire them being considered in a way impersonal because they are found in mobs rather than individuals. For this view there is, of course, no sound excuse, unless palliation can be found in the indulgent attitude of authorities that allows lawless characters to believe that they will not be held to strict account.

The Labor Union of the Past and the Employers' Union of To-day.

In the past the struggle has been between organized labor and unorganized employers, but the latter have at last taken a leaf out of the book of their opponents and have learned that organization must be fought by organization, and that labor unionism must be brought to terms by employer unionism. The employers of the country have been slow to learn that lesson, but they apparently have learned it at last, and now they are putting it into practice. The Citizens' Alliance is the result. It is the union of employers, only, being less unreasonable than its opponent, it does not demand that wage earners should not belong to unions, but only that they should not be forced to belong, and that unions shall not attempt to deprive employers of their just rights and equitable privileges.

In the past, unionism has had only isolated employers to fight. Its boycott against a restaurant, a mill or store in future, will have to fight an entire class of business; and it will have to meet a sympathetic lockout, as in the past employers have had to meet sympathetic strikes. Employers propose in future to stand together and assist each other, in the same way that labor has been doing. It is a case of fighting fire with fire.

Labor Union Grafters.

It is said the history of the influences which precipitate the average labor strike shows that not more than fifteen per cent of the total number in interest are the real evil force at work. That is to say,

fifteen per cent want an excuse for living in idleness, and they are forever making mountains out of mole-hills. Their chief end in life is to poison the minds of their fellow-workmen against their employer. Fifty per cent would prefer that matters remain undisturbed, but they are misled by the spectacular oratory of the fifteen per cent, reinforced by the walking delegates, and the remaining thirty-five per cent are conservative, thinking and sober-minded men who carefully count the cost of a strike, and who in their analysis of the conditions of their employment place the employer's rights and interests alongside of their own. It is the thirty-five per cent that battles for conferences and arbitration—any honorable thing to avert a strike. But if a strike is ordered they acquiesce because of a foolish sentimentality which is born of an erroneous conception of what true loyalty of their union is; nor is it easy to make them see that they are plunged into the misfortune of loss of time and wages by not more than fifteen per cent of their number, and that that small minority represents the lazy, the indolent and the irresponsible element of the labor union, yet it rules it with an iron rod. Will sensible unionists never awaken to these facts and act as manly men should act?

The Walking Delegate to Blame.

Labor has no one to blame but its leaders, and its blind permission to them to do as they please for this result. The vast majority of the American people believed, and yet believe not only in the right of labor to organize, but that it is a good thing, because it improves the condition of the wage earner if not carried to extremes, and the better housed and clothed and fed that the wage earner is, the better for the whole country, the more prosperous the whole community; no thinking man denies that, and so long as the demands of labor were reasonable they were met with by most employers, and everywhere had public sympathy to back them. But the trouble has been that the leaders were selfish men, who only had a few ideas, the principal one of which was their own aggrandizement, and as a result, instead of helping the wage-earner to improve himself mentally and morally and intellectually when he had won for himself shorter working hours, and consequently more time for self-improvement, and larger wages, with their resulting possible improvement in social conditions, the leaders have kept on along the same lines, urging higher wages and less work, and stirring up class hatred and personal animosity between employer and employee, until to-day thousands of men hate each other, who before were the best of friends and the closest of fellow-citizens.

Treason to the Government.

Treason has been taught from union platforms; we have been told that the American workman is a slave, whereas he is the most prosperous laborer on the face of the earth; his fellow-workers from all over Europe come here to study his prosperity. Men who were not even citizens of the United States have urged young Americans to refrain from entering the public service of their country, whether in the militia, the army or the navy; the youth of the

country has been taught that private ownership of property is robbery, and that the extension of American trade should be discouraged because it does not benefit labor, a falsehood on its face. Americans have been denied the right to learn a trade, but the foreigners have been welcomed into unions with open arms.

The American system of education, especially technical schools, which are exciting the admiration of the world, and which Englishmen and Frenchmen and Germans have come here by the hundreds to study, have been opposed, and American workmen who desire to change their residence have been prevented from making a living in their new home because their trade was closed to them by some hide-bound trade union. It is against all this anti-Americanism, it is against this trampling of the flag into the gutter by those who know nothing of its meaning, that the opposition to unionism in our midst is aimed. Behind the opposition is the entire sentiment of the community—or at least of that part which believes that America should be run on American principles. There is no opposition to organized labor. Every workman has a right to belong to a labor organization just as much as he has a right to be a Methodist or a Catholic, a Mason or an Odd Fellow, a Republican or a Democrat, but he has no right to force his neighbor to join his church, his society or his political party under pain of being deprived of the means of making a living—he has no right to say you must join my union or starve. That is the issue.

A Trade Union Decision.

The Appellate Court of Illinois has rendered a very important decision. It seems that the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and of the International Association of Mechanics of the Brass Workers Union and the Brass Molders Local Union demanded that a certain company should execute an agreement that they would employ none but members of these organizations; that each craft should appoint a steward in the factory to see that the men working in it belonged to the organizations; that the business agent of the unions should have the privilege of interviewing any workmen in the factory during business hours; that the apprentices should belong to the union, but should not exceed one for ten workmen, and that a sympathetic strike should not be considered a violation of the agreement. In other words, to make the shop a "closed shop."

The Appellate Court held that the agreement in question was unlawful; that it struck at the right of contract and discrimination in favor of one class of men and excluded all others and was a violation of the Constitution of Illinois and of the United States; that such agreement would, if executed, tend to create a monopoly in favor of the members of the different unions to the exclusion of workmen not members of such unions and was in this respect also unlawful. It was also in violation of the criminal law against conspiracies. That the action of the unions in seeking to compel the execution of the contract by the said company constituted duress, which made the contract voidable if it had been executed. That such action constituted a criminal conspiracy, and that each conspirator was responsible for the acts and declarations of every other conspirator made in furtherance of the common purpose.

This is certainly a just decision, and we hope the Citizens' Alliance will see to it that all agreements of its kind are discouraged. This should be done in the interests of those who are not members of unions.

It is not always possible for men to join a union even if willing. The doors of the union are barred in many instances, and the right to work is denied many a deserving man because of the tyranny of the walking delegate.

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The Authors' Haven

By Lady Algý.

California poets and authors realize that the native muse has geographical preferences that cannot be lightly overlooked. There is no doubt that the muse is kindest when her lovers court her in the little nooks nestling in the elbow of Sonoma Creek just below Glen Ellen. For it was here, in the old Osbourn home sitting snugly on a wooded hill, that Robert Louis Stevenson wrote some of his best tales; here, too, Jack London wrote the book that clinched his fame; and Stirling, latest of California poets, found the inspiration here for his "Testimony of the Suns."

It is only fitting and proper that so much of the best literary output of California should flower in this spot, for 'twas here that a sister experiment of the Brooke farm was tried. Like Emerson's dream of a demesne for mental aristocrats, the colony soon scattered, but their influence is still keenly felt. Mrs. Ninetta Ames, the well known magazine writer, has kept their memory green on her beautiful place known as "Wake Robin Lodge," and here every year a little coterie of writers and artists come to shake off the grime of the city and get close to nature in one of her prettiest moods. For the scenery about the lodge is the pleasing, restful sort that does not too much distract the mind like the stirring granite splendor of the Sierras. Where Sonoma Creek comes mincing down like a coquettish maiden to keep its tryst with impetuous Graham Creek, Mrs. Ames has built "Wake Robin Lodge." A sweep of ten acres cuts it off from the Sunday picnicker who frequently hies to Glen Ellen. In this ten-acre park Mrs. Ames has planted every variety of California wild flower, and in this one spot, at least, the wild flora of the State is safe from vandalism. Cultivated flowers, too, of every variety are coaxed into perfection of bloom here. The roses at "Wake Robin Lodge" are famous among horticulturists. But the wild beauty of the place has not been prettied over as is so frequently the case. The spot that is reserved for Jack London's sanctuary is a rustic bit down by the brim of Sonoma Creek. Under a leafy roof of overhanging boughs stands the table where he writes. A wire clothes line stretched between the trees over the table is used for Mr. London's literary washing. Jack London's methods are as original as the man himself. When he gets ready to write a story or book that has been shaping in his mind, he sifts out all the notes pertinent to the tale, and with wire clothes pins fastens them on the line. To see these rag-tags and bob-ends of paper fluttering in the breeze, the passer-by would not fancy that they contained the data of months of hard work. When London hurried to Japan, he had to part a story he was writing in the middle, and he left out a line full of this literary wash which some one else fortunately took in before the rain had a chance to blur the invaluable notes.

Two books are at present being published off for the publishers at "Wake Robin Lodge." Mrs. Ames' new book, "Deseret," will be published by the Century Company. It is a story with a flavor of Mormonism, as the title of the book implies. Mrs. Ames has lived many years among the much-married Saints, so the story ought to ring true, and coming at a moment when all eyes have been trained toward Zion, the story ought to find a hungry reading public. Edward B. Payne, whose children's stories in St. Nicholas have earned him a reputation in the

field of juvenile literature, spends most of his time at Wake Robin Lodge, and is at present finishing his "Night-cap Stories," which St. Nicholas is to publish.

"Wake Robin Lodge" should really be spelled plural number. For there are a half-dozen little lodges scattered over the ten acres, so that guests may come and guests may go, but privacy is never destroyed. George Stirling, Jack London, Harry Culmer, the artist, and the others who seek their inspiration here, each have their own roof top—it may be of canvas, or rustic, where no one else ventures during working hours.

It is pleasant to dwell upon the fact that so close to San Francisco's stir and strife is a preserve where the literary elect may get so close to the heart of nature that you can hear it beat in their written pages.

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7:00A	Benicia, Suisun, Elmira and Sacramento	7:20P
7:30A	Vallejo, Napa, Calistoga, Santa Rosa, Martinez, Suisun, Eureka, Stockton	8:20P
8:00A	Shasta Express - (Via Davis), Williams (for Bartlett Springs), Willows, Fern, Red Bluff, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle.....	7:50P
8:00A	Davis, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville.....	7:50P
8:30A	Port Costa, Martinez, Antloch, Byron, Tracy, Stockton, Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Armona, Hanford, Visalia, Porterville.....	4:20P
8:30A	Port Costa, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Visalia, Bakersfield.....	4:50P
8:30A	Niles, San Jose, Livermore, Stockton, (Millton), Jone, Sacramento, Placerville, Los Angeles, Red Bluff.....	4:20P
8:30A	Oakdale, Chinese, Jamestown, Sonoma, Tolune and Angels.....	4:20P
9:00A	Atlantic Express - Ogden and East, Richmond, Martinez and Way Stations.....	6:50P
10:00A	The Overland Limited - Ogden, Denver, Omaha, Chicago.....	8:20P
10:00A	Vallejo.....	12:20P
10:00A	Los Angeles Passenger - Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton, Merced, Raymond, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Lemoore, Visalia, Bakersfield, Los Angeles.....	7:20P
12:00M	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations.....	3:20P
11:00P	Sacramento River Steamers.....	11:00P
3:30P	Benicia, Winters, Sacramento, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville and way stations.....	10:50A
3:30P	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations.....	7:50P
3:30P	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Berenda, Fresno and Way Stations beyond Port Costa	12:20P
3:30P	Yosemite Valley, via Berenda and Wawona.....	8:50A
3:30P	Martinez, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi.....	10:20A
4:00P	Martinez, San Ramon, Vallejo, Napa, Calistoga, Santa Rosa.....	9:20A
4:00P	Niles, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi.....	4:20P
4:30P	Hayward, Niles, Irvington, San Jose, Livermore.....	18:50A
5:00P	The Owl Limited - (Via Los Banos, Mendota, Fresno, Tulare, Bakersfield, Los Angeles.....	8:50A
5:00P	Port Costa, Tracy, Stockton.....	12:20P
5:30P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose.....	7:20A
6:00P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose.....	9:50A
6:00P	Eastern Express - Ogden, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and East, via Port Costa, Suisun, Elmira, Davis, Sacramento, Colfax, Reno.....	5:20P
6:00P	Vallejo, daily, except Sunday.....	7:50P
7:00P	Vallejo, Sunday only.....	7:50P
7:10P	Richmond, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way Stations.....	11:20A
7:10P	regon & California Express - Sacramento, Marysville, Redding, Portland, Puget Sound and East, (Pacific Coast)	8:50A
8:05P	Kenosha Passenger - Port Costa, Suisun, Elmira, Davis, Sacramento, Truckee, Lake Tahoe, and Way Stations beyond Sacramento.....	7:50A
8:10P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only).....	11:50A

COAST LINE (Narrow Gauge)

(Foot of Market Street.)

7:45A	Santa Cruz Excursion (Sunday only)	8:10P
8:11A	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, Felton, Boulder Creek, Big Basin, Santa Cruz and Way Stations.....	6:55P
18:15A	Alvarado, Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos, Glenwood, Felton, Boulder Creek, Big Basin, Santa Cruz.....	8:10P
12:15P	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations.....	10:55A
4:11P	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and way stations.....	18:55A
4:15P	Wright, Felton, Boulder Creek and Santa Cruz, Saturday and Sunday only.....	28:55A

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6:10A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	6:30P
7:00A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	6:40P
7:15A	Monterey and Santa Cruz Excursion (Sunday only).....	10:30P
8:00A	New Almaden (Tues., Frid., only), Gilroy (connects at Santa Clara, Hollister), Pajaro, Castroville (connection to and from Monterey and Pacific Grove), Salinas, San Ardo, Paso Robles, Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo, principal stations thence Surf (connection for Lompoc), principal stations thence Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Montalvo, O. rd, Burbank, Los Angeles.....	10:45P
9:00A	San Jose, Tres Pinos, Capitola, Santa Cruz, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Luis Obispo and Principal Way Stations.....	4:10P
10:30A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	1:20P
11:15A	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations.....	7:30P
11:30P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8:36A
12:15P	Del Monte Express - Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove (connects at Santa Clara, except Sunday, for Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek and Narrow Gauge Point).....	12:15P
5:30P	Pacific Grove Way Passenger, Hollister, San Jose and Way Stations, connects at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Pajaro for Capitola, Santa Cruz at Castroville for Salinas.....	10:45A
4:30P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	18:00A
6:00P	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos, Wright and Principal Way Stations (except Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove and Way Stations, connects at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, at Pajaro for Capitola, Santa Cruz at Castroville for Pacific Grove and Way Stations.....	7:10A
6:15P	San Mateo, Benford, San Bruno, Castro, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, Palo Alto.....	16:46A
6:30P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	6:36A
8:00P	Palo Alto and Way Stations.....	10:16A
11:30P	South San Francisco, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto.....	9:45P
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"During the past year several unions have gone out of existence, and others are on the wane as the result of the operations of the agitators. Non-union men are in demand everywhere for permanent positions at high wages, and are receiving every encouragement."

This sounds well for Los Angeles. Since the first of the year the Citizens' Alliance of San Francisco has proven to not a few unions the folly of boycotts and strikes. The Carmen, Shoemakers, Teamsters, Stablemen, Drug Clerks, Retail Clerks, Waiters and several smaller affairs have suffered and lost. To be boycotted in San Francisco means success for the merchant.

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The Political Situation

The delegates to the Democratic Convention have met and assessed themselves \$150 for delegates-at-large, and half that amount for district delegates and alternates. That does not include their fare, and it is announced that the money will be used for expenses of the delegation, for food and sleeping accommodations. Just why a delegate-at-large should eat twice as much or sleep twice as long as a district delegate, I confess my inability to see. It is true that Tarpey is a heavy-weight, and that Carmichael has also a rotund form, and even Delmas is fond of good living, but so are the other delegates and big people, in the sense of avoirdupois, are not necessarily heavy eaters. Why should M. F. Tarpey eat twice as much as A. B. Tarpey? Or why is Delmas supposed to be so much heavier a feeder than Lou Moosier?

As announced before, the Hearst train is to pick up delegates from all the States this side of the Missouri, and by the time the party gets to St. Louis it will number several hundreds if the plans now on the tapis are carried out. It is not going to be the special that was originally proposed. It is going to be simply a train for St. Louis, and the delegates, I am told, will have to pay their own expenses, and that while the other delegations will join the party en route, that is a railroad and not a Hearst arrangement. In other words, the railroad company runs a train from San Francisco to St. Louis, and any delegate who has the price can get on, regardless of his enthusiasm for Hearst or Judge Parker, or any one else. There will be two carloads of California edibles and drinkables, in the proportion of one-half a car of the former to one and one-half car of the latter, and the California delegation hope that after the Washingtonians and the Webfooters, and the Coeur d'Alenens and the Mormons, and the Cowboys and the Sunflowers, from Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and Kansas, have partaken of the concoctions that emanate from our smiling valleys and beautiful hills, they will all be converted to the Native Son, whose badge, designed by artist Tarpey, each of them is to wear.

Although the admirers of Hearst are claiming that it is the first chance that Californians have ever had to support a Californian, the truth is that California furnished the Republican party with its first Presidential candidate in the person of General John C. Fremont, who got 1,341,264 popular votes and 114 electoral votes. That was in 1856. Twenty-four years later, the delegation from this State to the Democratic National Convention proposed the name of Justice Field, and he received considerable support for the nomination. It is true that neither Fremont nor Field were Native Sons, but they were as much identified with the State and its history as though they had been. Fremont probably got as many electoral votes fifty years ago as Hearst will get in the convention this year.

Everybody was immensely amused at the row between ex-Governor Budd and Manager Tarpey in the Palace Grill last week. Tarpey, it appears, was smarting under Budd's very just criticism of his mismanagement of affairs at Santa Cruz. I do not know what Budd has been saying about Tarpey, but he could not have said anything too strongly, for Tarpey

is the greatest political fake that even Hearst has resurrected. The entire press of the State has pointed out his folly in throwing a practically unanimous endorsement of his employer for an empty honor, which has been proclaimed from one end of the country to the other as the defeat it really was.

Caminetti, who was promised the support of the Examiner in his candidacy for Congress in the First District, does not find that help as potent as he thought it would be. The anti-Hearst faction are busy hunting up a candidate to run against him, just as they brought out the Madera judge to shut off Mark Plaisted's Congressional aspirations in the Sixth District. There are a number of possible candidates talked about, but the most likely one is said to be from Humboldt.

In the Second District, Glenn County has endorsed McKinley, and he is as certain of the Republican nomination as Bell is of the Democratic. In the Eighth District, it looks now as if Smith of Bakersfield would win out, as San Luis Obispo and several other counties have endorsed him, and his only competitor of any importance is Senator Ward of San Diego, who has only his own vote and Orange County to count on.

It is very evident that unless some new Richmond appears that Henry Oxnard will have very little more trouble in reaching the Senate next winter than Perkins had last session of the Legislature. Bard's candidacy really amounts to nothing, and the efforts of John W. Mitchell, a Democrat, to force Jim Lankersheim of Los Angeles on the party, or the still more ridiculous efforts of General Otis to secure the toga for that conspicuous Congressional failure, Walters, also of Los Angeles, are not worth bothering about. If the Senator must come from the South,

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It is very evident that the senior Senator does not think that Bard has a ghost of a chance, and that he is not shedding any tears over that fact, for he has been seen around with Oxnard a good deal lately, and it is understood will do all he can to help that gentleman realize his ambitions. So far the only friends of Bard who have made themselves at all conspicuous are Dr. Rowell, of Fresno, for whom Bard tried to get half a dozen places and fell down each time; Cutter, of Yuba County, who has just been deposed as Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, and Bulla of Los Angeles, who got three votes out of some seventy odd for delegate-at-large to Chicago. With those gentlemen active in his interests, Bard should have no trouble in staying at home after the 4th of March, 1905.

The choice of General Stone to manage the campaign this year is a good one. He is active, knows every one, and undoubtedly will make a success of his work. The Democrats cannot tell who to get to manage their campaign until they know who their candidate will be, but in any case if they want to make any showing at all, they should see to it that it is not Tarpey.

GOOD WORK.

The Evening Post is the only daily newspaper in San Francisco that is making an open campaign against that fungoid growth on civilization, the labor union. The course of the Post is to be commended, and if the merchants of this city are duly grateful, there should be an increased patronage in an advertising way.

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Then the people will rise in their might, then will the public obtain revenge for the unholy alliance existing between labor bosses and the various corporations, against the allied villainies that bleed the people. Then, and not till then, may disinterested efforts to better the condition of mankind, to keep this a nation of free men, expect a reward.

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The Southern California Whist Association will hold its spring meeting in the parlors of The Potter, Santa Barbara, June 15th, 16th and 17th. The following cities are represented: Los Angeles, Pasadena, Riverside, Pomona, Monrovia, San Bernardino, Santa Paula, Oxnard, Ventura and Santa Barbara. The programme selected by the tournament committee will be as follows:

First Event—Wednesday, June 15, at 2 p. m.: A progressive pair match, open to all whist players, whether members of the association or not. Partners to be selected by each contestant before the play commences, and entries to be made not later than 1:50 p. m.

Second Event—Wednesday, June 15, 8 p. m.: A progressive pair match, open to all whist players, whether members of the association or not. Partners to be selected by each contestant before the play commences, and entries to be made not later than 7:50 p. m.

Third Event—Thursday, June 16: The entire day will be given up to a contest for teams of four for the cup now held by the Los Angeles Club. Each club is limited to one team, and there is a certainty that a dozen teams will take part.

Fourth Event—Friday, June 17: A pair contest afternoon and evening, under the Howell system, for the gold medal now held by a Santa Barbara couple. There is no limit to the number of pairs that may be entered from each club in the Association for this occasion.

These four events will be "mixed," i. e., two ladies, two gentlemen, or a lady and gentleman may play together.

TAXATION WITHOUT BENEFIT.

It is to be presumed that the county of Alameda desires to encourage a growth in its tax paying citizenship. The ring of tax-eating politicians at the head of affairs has arranged it this year so that the citizen of Alameda County cities pays a larger proportion of the city and county and State tax than any citizen in other counties. The resident of the city of Alameda, for instance, pays approximately \$1.25 per hundred dollars of personal property valuation, while the State and county tax is approximately \$1.35 on the same valuation. There is absolutely no excuse for this excessive taxation, and unless it is levied for the purpose of discouraging people removing from San Francisco across the bay, it should be reduced so as to compare favorably with other sections of California. If the resident of Alameda County enjoyed the same benefits in improvements that are enjoyed in San Francisco, there would be no cause for complaint. As it is, there are some of the very worst roads in the State in Alameda County, and the less said about the condition of the streets of Oakland the better.

Blatant demagogism and rhetorical rubbish are the chief stone of the corner of labor leaders, while the edifice itself is composed mostly of hatred of sober, industrious and frugal living, and the foundation is composed of the brazen cheeks of walking delegates cemented together by the blood of criminal strikes.

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Knocks made Knox a Senator.

A French court finds that a woman's teeth are worth \$200. If she keeps her tongue behind them, the figure might be raised a little.

President Joseph Smith, head of the Mormon Church, pays a lovely tribute to all his numerous mothers-in-law.

I will not be surprised if organized labor objects to the Liberty bell on the ground that it bears no union label.

There are three parties to a prize-fight—the two robbers in the ring and the public which pays to have its pockets picked.

For the edification of local labor unionists it may be stated that there is no copyright on the Cripple Creek "bull pen."

Evidence is piling up in the divorce courts and elsewhere to prove that the American army is not made of wood.

Another negro student has carried off high honors at Harvard, which tends to show that the color line does not run as to brains.

Prize-fighter Tom Sharkey has married a trained nurse, who, let us hope, will train him to earn an honest livelihood.

None of the newspapers cares to use the medical or the popular term in answering the question: What is the matter with Champion Jeffries?

The Building Trades Council has appointed a special committee to find out who put up that "house not builded with hands in the heavens eternal."

Union men go right on keeping the peace in such fashion that life insurance companies don't care for risks on non-union workers.

A Massachusetts newspaper, published for and by women, has vanished after a difficulty closely resembling a cat fight.

The German boniface who tried to collect from Susan B. Anthony for drinkables by the case, throws new light on the Teutonic idea of what constitutes a joke.

Hearst failed to get the support of Kentucky. Hearst isn't a Colonel. Colonel Bryan please apply.

The open shop seems to be intimately associated with the shut fist.

An Illinois preacher recommends life imprisonment for offenders against the marriage vow. He forgets that sometimes the sinner marries the party of the third part.

The "silly season" of the newspapers has begun—a fact evidenced by the publication of the annual story about the man who is stricken deaf and dumb for blasphemous denial of God's power.

The crack-brained Oaklander who went shooting mad for love of ex-Mayor Snow, belongs in the same ward with Congressman Livernash, who entertains the same kind of feeling for himself.

The Kihikiiki is a Japanese organization which welcomes strangers to the country. Our bellicose little neighbors are all notified that no promotion committee is genuine unless the name "Rufus P. Jennings" is blown in the bottle.

There are 32,800 workmen, mostly skilled labor, out of employment in the United States because and only because walking delegates have purposely disrupted the friendly relations before existing between employers and employees. Will the brains and dignity of labor ever run their own business?

The labor unions of the United States are supporting over 6,000 organizers, business agents and walking delegates, which means a tax of not less than \$18,000 a day on the wages of those who work. But they must like it, or they would discharge the vampires.

Rudolph Speck, the financial secretary of the Brewery Drivers' Union, is missing, and so are \$4,000 of the union's cash. On the face of this bit of betrayed confidence and theft nothing very startling is observable. Speck is a criminal and a refuge from justice, but is he not merely the effect of a cause—a cause born of an organized conspiracy against the power that feeds labor? Speck is the fruit of the poison weeds in labor's fallow fields.

Andrew Carnegie, lecturing lately to the students of Edinburgh University, said that his aim was to find men who were cleverer than himself, and use them. The sentiment was received with loud applause and laughter by the students; Scotch students who study on porridge and had only ideals to support them. The difference between Carnegie and Mayor Schmitz is obvious. The latter is found by a cleverer man than himself and used by him.

AGAIN COLORADO'S CRIMSON CROWN.

Injustice and crime begets crime and injustice. Colorado, in its haste to overcome the evils of unionism, has adopted, through the Mine Owners' Association, practices that are just as reprehensible as those of the Western Federation of Labor or the Mine Workers' Association. No C. C. Mitchell, no Demolli, or other leader, foreign or renegade American, could bethink himself of more lawless methods than those adopted in Colorado to rid the community of the criminal element who control the mining unions. The News Letter believes in punishment swift, sudden and sure for the miscreants who blew up the depot at Victor, but it does not believe in the wholesale deportation of innocent and hard-working men, simply because they belong to a union.

It can easily be conceived that a community will become enraged at the leaders of a union such as the Western Federation, and that it will seek revenge for the outrages committed by the unions. But it is no excuse for using the very methods practiced by the Federation, in fighting the Federation. There are a large number of men in California to-day who were forced out of the Coeur d'Alene region of Idaho by the unions. From there they went to the Colorado mines, only to find that the unions had marked them tabu, and while the unions had the upper hand these men were forced to leave Colorado.

And now intelligent men, not the low foreign scum that operates the mines, but the owners themselves, associated with merchants, doctors, lawyers and ministers, take the same measures, take the law in their own hands, and deprive freemen of the right to labor and the pursuit of happiness.

No blame can be attached to the military authorities. They are doing their duty, and they are doing it well. It is the civil authorities and the civilian associations who are overstepping the bounds, and they should be called to account by the Governor. Punish the guilty, but spare the innocent. There is enough law in the land and on the statute books to provide punishment for any crime that may be invented by the most cunning and clever labor leader in the land without having recourse to union labor methods. The Republic cannot endure and such practices continue.

THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD— BUT—

The stream of hot air which nocturnally ascends from the Southern end of Grant avenue was rudely interrupted shortly before midnight Sunday by an appeal to force which nearly resulted in a general riot.

A young Cicero, a well-known frequenter of this wordy region of the city, and a diligent vituperator in the cause of Socialism, found himself getting the worst of a verbal war with a lank and somewhat older Demosthenes with Labor Union affiliations. The arguments were being exchanged in volleys until Cicero's ammunition gave out, and he thought to substitute an epithet. The word he applied to Demosthenes is unprintable, and sounded like a thunderbolt tearing to pieces a hemlock tree. Instantly Demosthenes abandoned argument also, and swung with his good right fist, landing on the other's lower jaw with terrific force. Wounded in his most vital part, Cicero fell, and was only prevented from biting the dust by the fact that he had no teeth in the back of his head. Wild riot ensued, and for a minute Demosthenes seemed to be fighting fifty men at once. But he had secret friends in the crowd who came between him and serious injury, and he managed to slip

away. The angel of peace arrived, therefore, before any one was seriously hurt, and of course long before the police arrived upon the scene.

It is the custom for self-appointed orators to collect little crowds and animadvert upon everything in existence night after night in this quarter of the city. Free speech is a sacred institution, but it suffers great abuse, especially when insult and slander of the most personal nature is hurled recklessly at any one who dares to differ in opinion from one of these leather-lunged philosophers. Some night, in answer to a personal insult, some hot-head will draw a revolver, and Grant avenue will look more like Colorado than it did Sunday. Such scenes as are enacted upon the thoroughfare in question between Market street and O'Farrell would not be tolerated in any other city in the Union, and should not be tolerated in San Francisco. Citizens who use the public highways for discussion should be compelled to confine themselves to sane and decent language in the interests of order.

A RAILROAD STRIKE ENDED.

The Santa Fe Railway strike is over, and the "Strike Historian" will put it down as the most dismal failure of this age of strikes. All the strikers are hunting jobs elsewhere, their places having been filled by new men, and as President Ripley laconically observes, "We have better men now than we had before the strike"; besides, the offerings of skilled mechanics are "large enough to stand a new railroad," and the same is true of all lines of labor. The strike was inaugurated by walking delegates without any cause other than a feeling that they would lose their jobs if "something was not done." The machinists were first inveigled into the insane movement, and reinforcements being needed at once, the boiler-makers were persuaded to do the "sympathetic act" by throwing down their tools. Labor undoubtedly has just and honest grievances at times, and occasionally capital refuses to grant to labor its just dues, but always and all the time labor has a just, honest and abiding grievance against that miserable, mischief-making creation of its own—the walking delegate. He should be called "labor's walking fire-brand and wrecker of labor's opportunity for employment." He is labor's worst enemy. He is labor's evil genius. He is labor's Benedict Arnold. He is a black-mailer. He is a snake in labor's hay field.

THE SUCCESS OF THE UNWASHED.

The successful election of a fiddler in San Francisco to the office of Mayor was a great mistake. The people see it now. The election of Livernash to Congress was another mistake. The people see it now. What have these two worthies done that entitles them to the thanks of the public in general? Nothing. What have they done that entitles them to the thanks of the union element and the lawbreakers in this community? Nothing.

It is to this element they owe their election, and yet they have not in any way ameliorated the condition of the poor and lowly, the parasite and the indigent, the union laborer and the agitator. Locally, the only visible improvement is in the Schmitz family. It has acquired sufficient polish to avoid the attention of the health officers. A few of the local labor bosses have learned to wash their necks, and some have stopped combing their hair with their forks. There are a few who occasionally bathe. This improvement, while commendable, is, we fear, only temporary.

The only visible effect of the Livernash success

has been that a large number of the insane incarcerated because of homicidal tendencies in the various asylums of the State are giving trouble. They believe the people should give them all recognition and send them to Congress. Summing up the present condition carefully and impartially, while we admit that there is something in the contention to send the insane to Congress, the tendency has been bad and the influence on the public noxious. It has encouraged crime, and, worse than that, the success of the representatives of the uncouth and the unwashed has had the effect of encouraging the Hearst paper. And as the Hearst is the official organ of the vicious element, we must come to the conclusion that the encouragement of crime is the only net result of the election of Schmitz or Livernash.

"THE HOUSE IS YOUR'N."

The Triennial Conclave will bring to San Francisco the greatest body of men that ever have or ever will come to California. The Knights Templar of the United States are a remarkable aggregation of men of brains and intelligence. Nowhere in all the world has the spirit of knighthood been so thoroughly followed to a logical conclusion as in the greatest of all republics. The body was originally founded in a spirit of rivalry in noble deeds, and while to our modern eyes many of the expeditions and doings in the jousts seem but the idle tales of a jongleur, it has remained for the modern Templar to place the deeds of the paladins of old on the basis of practical modernism, and this modernism has meant that the order stands for better citizenship and truer relationship between man and man. The world is better for the Knights Templar.

San Francisco will do its utmost to welcome the gentlemen who wander to California from the rock-ribbed shores of Maine or the codfish banks of Massachusetts. It will extend the arms of welcome to the Knight of the Carolinas and the Templar from Tennessee, and from wherever he may come, from the farthest shores of Florida or Hawaii's hula groves, he may rest assured his reception will be markedly courteous and warm.

The Knights are all men of means and manners, and with the old Californian hospitality we stretch our hands to the four winds of heaven and bid ye welcome. "The house is your'n."

THE FEUD BETWEEN THE SCHMITZES AND THE SMITHSES.

The directory says that there are 1320 Smiths in San Francisco. It's a mighty good thing for our Mayor that his is the German "Schmitz" branch of the family, or he would bankrupt the city by his perfect system of nepotism. Some say that in his early youth he changed his name from "Schnitz" to Schmitz. Schnitz means small, and unkind folks used to say that the name was particularly fitting. The Mayor has taken a particular dislike to all that bear the name of Smith, and it is said he has vowed never to countenance the employment of any man by that name. This is given as the secret reason for the discharge of the dairy inspector. The Smiths have the strength of numbers, however, and it is probable that in the long run they will outvote and in other ways outnumber the Schmitz tribe. There is one thing the Smiths cannot do. No matter how great their numbers, they will never be able to hold as many offices nor provide for as many poor relations as the Schmitzes.

IGNORANT MISREPRESENTATION.

Mr. Ion Perdicaris, whose capture by brigands has made quite an international stir, has been the victim of so much ignorant misrepresentation at the hands of the press that a few words of correction are necessary. He is an American by birth, and a man of great wealth and refinement. He is a friend of many of the most prominent intellectual people in the European world of letters, and is known everywhere for his extreme generosity to Americans in distress. It is the second time that he has been arrested, the first time being for his efforts to stamp out the notorious protege system in Morocco. He has always defended the Mahommedans against the extortions of both Christians and Jews, and it is very strange to find that he is held by a Mahommedan chief, Raisuli, who is in revolt against the Sultan of Morocco, and has taken this means of securing funds. With him is his stepson, Mr. Cromwell Varley, a descendant of Oliver Cromwell. Mr. Perdicaris is well known as a philanthropist, and his efforts to secure the release of Moors who have been imprisoned by usurers acting under the protection of the American flag, have gained for him a great reputation among the people, which accounts for the kindness with which he is being treated. That Raisuli does not always show such consideration is evident from the hard usage which Mr. Walter Harris, correspondent for the Times, received at his hands last year.

CHORAL SOCIETIES TO SING AT THE PARK.

The Park Commissioners have struck a good idea in that suggestion to have choral societies sing at the Park. It is a most commendable project, and there is no doubt that it will meet with popular approval and deserved success. San Francisco has always been known for the artistic sensibilities of its cosmopolitan population. We have supported the only continuous opera house in the country for twenty years; we always turn out and give the glad hand and the bright dollar to visitors who bring us good things from abroad; our Sunday concerts in the Park are almost unique, and the people will certainly appreciate any endeavor to increase their opportunities to hear and enjoy good music. There are many singing societies in town, all of which, I think, will eagerly participate in the chorals at the Park. There is no reason why, in time, the interest in the chorals should not develop so much that we may have a competitive song-fest similar to those held in Germany. The Commissioners and Director Steindorff should receive every encouragement in the work they have undertaken.

PETTY THIEVERY.

More books have been stolen from the State University. Whenever a stock-taking is made at this institution, there is always found an unaccountable deficiency for which the students are responsible. The connection between crime and education is firmly established at Berkeley. This time the books taken are of a religious character, which would seem to imply that the fraud was pious, and that the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations might be involved. Further investigation, however, shows that the books possessed a pecuniary value by reason of their rarity, in addition to their spiritual worth. This would give rise to the belief that some one who is possessed of more intelligence than the members of the societies mentioned had got hold of a good thing.

BANISH THE PRIZE-FIGHTER.

California is about the only place left on the map of the United States where the plug-uglies of the prize-ring are permitted to carry on their bunko game without fear of the law. It is the Mecca of the sodden brutes who pummel—or pretend to pummel—each other for hire. Driven out elsewhere by enforcement of the vagrancy law, they come to California, they and their unspeakable womenkind, and prey upon the same foolish public which is making a syndicate of crooked race gamblers rich. These broken-nosed swaggerers, working through a coterie of fight-promoters who would be honored if one were to write of them as swindlers, manage to support themselves and their trainers of male and female camp-followers by occasional thumping matches held in the largest halls that we have. These affairs draw vast crowds and yield large sums of money. They pay nothing for advertising, and yet are announced and puffed and boomed by all the newspapers, as if they were events of world-wide consequence. The most mealy-mouthed of the newspapers disfigure their columns day after day with gross illustrations showing the disgusting nakedness of the huge, hairy animals that are to "battle" in the ring. The articles are coarse and foolish; the pictures are sheer obscenity. Whatever influence for good the newspapers put forth in their editorials and their articles dealing with the humanites and the decencies of life is offset and nullified by their alliance with the debasements of the prize-ring. How the newspapers justify their attitude toward this evil is a mystery. And not only do the newspapers sin by association with the bruisers, but so, full as heinously, do the officers of our Government, city and State, who not only permit prize-fights, under the name of "boxing contests," but abet them by their presence. Some city officials are actually in the business of arranging these nauseous swindles, devoting to this end time for which the city pays them to do its work.

It would be foolish to call upon the constituted authorities of the city to stop any of these prize-fights and equally foolish to demand of the newspapers that they tell the truth about the "fights" or the "fighters," but unless we are much mistaken it lies in the hands of any courageous and law-loving citizen to enforce the State law against prize-fights, or if no sufficient law exists, to secure the enactment of such a statute as would banish the plug-uglies. We hope that some such citizen will soon attack this evil. He may rely upon the support of a majority of the taxpayers, who regard the "fighters" and their adherents as little better than the crooks and thugs who fill our State prisons. He may count upon the support of the News Letter in any campaign for making the Jeffries and the Munros and all their kidney go to work or to jail.

HEARST AN INCITER OF RIOTS.

One would prefer to see in the frequent attacks on automobilists in and about New York only a sporadic hoodlumism, but the unpleasant truth is that these are manifestations of class-hatred—the class-hatred so carefully nurtured and stimulated by Hearst and all his yellow breed. Personally Hearst is—or was—a rich man; personally his sympathies are where the money is. It is only for political purposes that he cultivates the poor man and teaches him to hate and to harry the man whose name is on the assessment role. Part of this abominable campaign of incitement to mob fury includes the automobile, which Hearst's papers delight to call "the plaything of the rich," and to picture as a gigantic, swift car

of Juggernaut, driven over the bodies of the hapless poor. In this false creed, one of the prime articles of faith is the belief that to be rich is to be criminal. And the criminal rich man, as Hearst and Hearst's dupes see him, finds his highest pleasure in tearing up and down streets in his "devil wagon," maiming and killing the proletariat.

The early consequences of this propaganda are at hand. Daily, men and women in automobiles are stoned and otherwise assaulted by rowdies in New York and its environs. Their valuable cars are damaged, and they themselves are injured, seriously as well as painfully. These attacks are not inspired by any desire for revenge, nor are they due to the fact that those attacked are infringing upon any right or privilege of those attacking. These assaults are made wholly and solely because the element in the community most easily misled into the breaking of laws has been taught to believe that any one who rides an automobile is rich, and therefore, in fact or in design, a murderer of the poor.

Hearst knows that the automobile is no more the "plaything of the rich" than is the more familiar "horse and buggy." He knows that it has come to stay and to do an increasing amount of the world's work. He knows that it is used for business and for pleasure by thousands of persons who are very far from being rich. He knows how deadly is the disease with which he is inoculating the people, arraying class against class and urging them on to warfare. The automobile, useful and bound to be still more useful, is simply a target and a pretext, a means of stirring up the strife out of which he hopes to snatch a little power and a little glory.

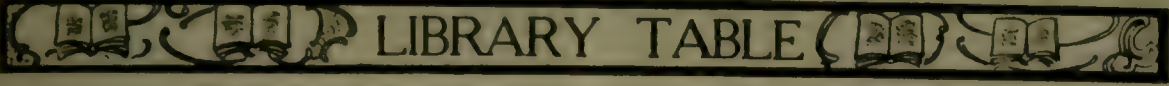
This same Hearst is supposed to be the publisher of Motor, a journal issued for automobile manufacturers. Advertisers of horseless vehicles will surely know where not to place their advertising after this experience.

The Trousseau Magazine Supplements of the yellow press are also responsible for the outrageous behavior of the people attending the wedding of Mr. Robert Golet and Miss Elsie Whelan. Such indecent conduct could not occur in San Francisco, for the people of this city are not swayed hither and yon by the prurient Hearst details. That a sweet and innocent young woman like Mrs. Golet, and a reserved and kindly young gentleman like her husband, should be subject to the affright of a mob of Hearst's followers, previously apprised and egged on by the details of the wedding—that-was-to-be by his loathsome newspapers (is a disgrace to the State of Pennsylvania and the nation in general.

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LIBRARY TABLE

The Alaskan Boundary. The Alaska Packers' Association has published a book from a consideration of the Alaska Boundary question, prepared by the well-known geographer, George Davidson. Though the question of the boundary has now been settled, there are few people, who, having looked over this volume, will not endorse the statement of the publisher that it is "of inestimable worth as an historical and geographical treatise on that subject." It follows, therefore, that the decision to publish it is a wise one, and one can only echo the hope of the publishers that "the public will not fail to appreciate the labors of the venerable author, whose comprehensive and scientific learning and indomitable energy have been so faithfully employed."

The conclusions of Professor Davidson are that "Great Britain has no claim whatever to the border of the country surrounding the archipelago." He sums up: "I have not hesitated to assert that the United States has an impregnable right to the territory and the dominion thereof, and that this is a question which should never have been submitted to arbitration." The author shows by reference to his labors in connection with exploring parties and with official work on behalf of the United States Government how well equipped he is for the task which has been undertaken by him. He says: "We have been thus prolix to indicate that the consideration of the Alaska subject is not new to us, nor a mere sentiment. In forty-five years of continuous official duty upon this Coast, we have examined all the early Spanish, English, French, American and Russian authorities in order to learn the extent and locality of their discoveries, and give the origin of the names of capes, bays, rivers and straits."

The style of the book may be highly praised. It is well-bound, well-printed, and very convenient to handle. The full text of the treatise is set out, and there can be no fault found with the arrangement of the matter.

The Simple Home. Charles Keeler, author of "San Francisco and Thereabout," a book that has made quite a name for a very graceful writer, has written another, but less ambitious work. It is a compilation of original ideas regarding the building and the furnishing of a home in good taste, and without extraordinary expense. So much is being written on this subject that "The Simple Home" cannot be said to be "filling a long-felt want." The book is entertaining, however, and may furnish a valuable hint to many a home-builder and furnisher. The preface, as the keynote to the essays which follow, states that architecture, being the most utilitarian of the arts, is the basis of other expressions of the ideal, and that an improvement in home-making should underlie reform in all the arts. The chief value of the little book lies in its practical suggestions, in its discussions of materials, their treatment and use—clinker brick, shingles and plaster for exteriors; wood and plaster variously treated with construction showing, for interiors. The texture and decoration of fabrics are given attention, the making of furniture, the framing of pictures, the general use of ornamentation, etc. The chapter on gardens will be found helpful for the suburban home with flat or hilly environment, for the city home, the roof garden or the tenement

house. The book is furnished with practical binding and one that is almost imperishable.

Paul Elder & Co., San Francisco. 75 cents.

In "The Alternate Sex," Charles Godfrey Leland gives students of sexualis much food for thought. He has a definite theme, and his thoughts are coherent. He dips his hand into his inexhaustible scrip of genius and scatters star-dust, but under the central attraction it arranges itself into something like cosmic order. However nebulous each separate idea may be, taken together they form a point of light not unlike a new-born star. The author claims that men and women are, in strict accordance with the opinion of the most recent physiologists, radically different as regards both body and mind, although social or domestic life has given them much in common.

Funk & Wagnalls, Publishers, New York. Price \$1.00.

In "Evelyn Bird," the third and last of Mr. Eggleston's romances of the Civil War, the story is told of a high-minded and courageous Southerner, who joins the army of Lee at the time when the Confederacy is making its last desperate stand. He rescues a girl from a burning house, in the midst of an artillery engagement, at hazard of his life, and afterwards falls in love with her, but is withheld from declaring himself by a too scrupulous sense of duty. In the end, however, his enemy, dying, removes by his confession the stain from the soldier's honor, and incidentally throws some light on the history of his sweetheart—an absorbing story in itself, as afterwards set down in the "book" which she writes with her own hand. The heroic fortitude and devotion of the people of the South in the last stage of the war are strikingly shown.

Lothrop & Co., Publishers, Boston.

One of the literary creations of the year has arrived in the shape of a book written by Forrest Crissey, a well-known Western author, called "Tattlings of a Retired Politician." The literary form, which is a series of letters written by old Governor Bill Bradley, a retired politician, to his young friend back in the old district, is merely a vehicle for carrying an immense fund of political epigrams and wisdom and a succession of snappy and pointed political stories.

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Whatever may have been the causes leading to the suicide of Captain Wild last week, the effect has been to add another burden to the disgrace that many scandals have placed upon the army and its officers. There seems to be no end to the army scandals. The Madden affair afforded gossip over the tea-cups and in the club-rooms for months; the Pitcher business caused almost as much talk; now comes the suicide of Captain Wild, and the very latest morsel is that Major Taggart, of the Sixth Infantry, on duty in this city as Depot Quartermaster, has sued his wife for divorce on the ground of desertion and improper conduct. Incidentally, several gay Lieutenants have been placed under arrest for breaking leave, and at present two are confined to their quarters at Angel Island because, notwithstanding the paternal advice of their Colonel, they persisted in treading the path of dalliance. And at the bottom of each of these many and various affairs, as a matter of course, is a woman. The strange thing is that the army officers who manage to force themselves and their affairs into public notice should throw away their chances of advancement and risk their entire careers for some women who, from all accounts, are really not worth the while.

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Now, there was Captain Wild, for instance. Some of his friends say he killed himself because his love was unrequited. That does seem a rather puerile excuse in these days of divorce courts and materialism. The lady for whom he sighed had other strings to her bow, for, it is said, she had had an affair with Colonel Parker Whitney West. Incidentally, as a sort of side issue, she was also on friendly terms with an enterprising adventurer known to the police as the King of the Bunco Men. His picture may be found in the Rogue's Gallery. With so much opposition, the story goes, Captain Wild made but little progress. So he killed himself. If his friends' theory be correct, and if he was led to take his life because the lady's smiles were not for him alone, then one can simply say that the methods of some men are past ordinary understanding. Here was a man in his forties; a man who knew life as only such knowledge can come to a soldier who has faced death in battle; a man who had wandered up and down the earth for a quarter century; one who was popular with his fellows, and who apparently enjoyed every moment of existence—snuffing out his life because of a bunco man. It seems hardly real.

These many scandals should convince the authorities at Washington that social conditions in the army need reformation. The officers should be given more to do in the line of serious work. No real man wants to be bothered with the petty details of canteen and commissariat drudgery, but many would receive with pleasure orders that would require them to give more of their attention to the important work of their profession. At present, a large percentage of the officers seem to think their positions entitle them to the full enjoyment of a somewhat lazy existence, with all the attendant circumstances and temptations. Harder work and stricter surveillance by superiors should effect some reformation.

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The publishers of that much-discussed peerage book of America are certainly daring men. They propose giving an awaiting world the full genealogical

history of all the men and women in America who are entitled to armorial bearings. Neither wealth nor pulchritude is to have weight in considering the claims of the elect. The name must be blown in the bottle; the blood must be of the deepest cerulean before the applicant for fame may have his name enrolled among the country's truly great. Only the really old families will be recognized. No one who did not know his grandfather will be given a chance. That condition may bar many of our local leaders of society, but there is satisfaction in the knowledge that there are among us some who came from "away back." There is Bishop Nichols, for instance; Senator Bard, former Governor Markham, the Kips, Tom Fitch, E. F. Preston, the Barnes, the Bidwells and the Cutters; William J. Dutton and John Ferrie, Captain Overton, C. P. Fenner, Charles Archard, E. T. Ward, and H. O. Collins, of Los Angeles; Ronald Thomas and Edwin T. Ward of Santa Barbara, and others. It will be a very interesting book. One item of interest, for instance, is that J. Pierpont Morgan traces his title deeds back to a king of Wales, who had a corner on Cornwall about 900 years ago. Incidentally, J. Morgan Smith, nephew of the current banker and descendant of the Welshman of "ye ancient days," is being chased around New York by a big policeman who traces his blood back to Conn of the Hundred Battles, who was a power in his days, and who was the man that first split up Ireland. Which goes to show that despite the passing of time and the publication of books, the representatives of the Celtic tribes have carried their animosities down through the ages.

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J. Morgan Smith, by the way, is better known in the local red-light district than upon Wall street. He is hail-fellow-well-met with every barkeeper and chorus girl from O'Farrell street to the Orchard. Fate may have tried to conceal him by calling him Smith, but at an early age he determined to live up to his "J. Morgan," and that he has done so, local history proves. Smith "blew in" here about six years ago; he did the line for a time, and then he shipped in a whaler. After a voyage to the North, he returned in better physical condition, but he had had enough of deep sea craft, and he restricted his efforts thereafter to schooners. He piloted many of them over the bar. The young man must have had a hidden source of income, for he did no more hard work than was necessary to explain why his uncle did not corner the earth, yet he was always there when there was "anything doing." He was close in with the race track crowd, and knew more about the crookedness of their crooked game than was good for a youth whose most famous relative is a pillar of the church. Mr. Smith conferred his name and the pleasure of his constant society upon the sister of Nan Randolph, the notorious chorus girl now under indictment for the murder of Caesar Young in New York. If Smith knows anything about that murder, the New York

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police can get his heart's secrets by submitting him to the "third degree." J. Morgan had enough trouble aboard that whaler. He is a philosopher, and the main rule of his life is "look out for Smithy." No deep, dark dungeon for J. Morgan.

In answer to his wife's request for a greater allowance, pending the decision of the suit for divorce, Captain Madden says his regular income is \$180 a month as a Captain, and he gets \$20 more while acting as Adjutant. He allows his wife \$100 a month, and he says he needs the other hundred in his business. The mystery that the ordinary man cannot solve is—how do army officers manage to make such a showing on their salaries? Madden, with \$200 per, does better than dozens and dozens of young men at the Presidio, married and single, and yet every man of them goes around town popping corks, buying autos by the hour, keeping up their end in the clubs, and otherwise showing contempt for coin. Very few have anything but their salaries, and the question is—how do they do it?

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Judge Kerrigan has an old head on his young shoulders. One Henry W. Von Kapff, an inspector of the United Railroads, went before the Judge, asking for a divorce from his wife on the ground of cruelty. He showed that during the recent threatened car strike he told his wife that, if the men struck, he might be ordered to take out a car. The partner of his bosom, who is evidently a strike promoter, fervently expressed the hope that if he took out a car he would be shot.

"Divorce granted," said the court.

If Mrs. Von Kapff and some more women with little sense and long tongues, were "cripple-creeked" there would be less dissension in families and honest men would not be intimidated at their very fire-sides, when endeavoring to act honestly by their employees.

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The next annual convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police will be held in this city. The local force will be able to give their visitors some pointers on new kinds of graft now restricted to local fields. The visitors should profit much by their trip across the continent.

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Mrs. Kate Hodges, who conducts a resort for the weary at Baden, felt real sorry for Allen E. de Montispan when that enterprising globe-trotter was laid by the heels and put away safely in the city prison. She sent him dainties, for the prison's coarse fare would not assimilate with his blue blood. De Montispan had casually informed Mrs. Hodges that he is a French Count. She knows now that he is also several other things, for when the law released its hold on him, he hied away to Mrs. Hodges's resort for the weary, enjoyed free board for several days, and then disappeared. The trusting landlady's jewels disappeared at the same time. Now, Mrs. Hodges wants revenge; also the jewels; likewise de Montispan. French Counts are quoted below par just now at Baden.

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The captain of the Algoa, who ran his ship on the rocks at Point Bonita last week, may lose his license for his foolhardiness. If a word in mitigation may aid his case, let me pen it here. When he stove in his forepeak, and swamped about \$1,000 worth of fire-works, the captain conferred a blessing on the long-suffering public. Of course, he did not mean to do so; he honestly meant to land that bunch of fire-crackers and things at the dock, but let him be

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Again the white-winged dove of peace has had its wings clipped at the French Hospital. This time it was not a capital operation, and with careful nursing the dove may get back into form again. But if it is nursed by the nurses whose methods of nursing caused its present lameness, the aforesaid dove may turn into a gamey sea-gull and never more be the messenger of a harmonious household. Those nurses at the French hospital are a lot of gay, young, innocent things, and that's where all the trouble comes in. The head nurse proved that one of her subordinates, during the long and weary watches of the night, had introduced a bun into her system. Horrors! The idea of nurses masticating buns on duty! "It might be worse. Let's investigate," said the keen-eyed chief. The investigation produced many results in the shape of "dead soldiers," laid away to rest behind bureau drawers and other hiding places. Now, it is not charged that any particular nurse "had a bun," though it is said one nurse did have a bun. You can figure that out for yourself. It is like the weight of Charley Hill's brick and a half. If one bun and a dozen "dead soldiers" cause a revolution in the French Hospital, what will be necessary to create an agitation at the annual election of the officers of that frequently disturbed institution?

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FINANCIAL

The Tonopah Mining Boom.

A heavy demand for MacNamara woke up the bears on the Tonopah exchange during the week. The ball continues to roll right merrily along, and the end is not yet. The great difficulty in handling a deal in these stocks is the immense number of shares in the different corporations. They run into the millions, and although boxed up, act as a menace at all times to a bull market. It is to be hoped that the report is not true that the men just driven out from Colorado are about to enter the Tonopah district. That camp has been quiet and orderly so far, but a number of labor agitators could set it back in a few weeks to a point from which it would not recover in years.

The Bogy Mining Combine.

It is amusing to note the serious attention given to the report that Eastern capitalists are going to form a mining trust, with the intention of gobbling all the mines in the country, including those of the State of California. It is difficult to realize that any one in his senses would give credence to such a wild tissue of impossibilities. There are very few mines in California which are worth absorption by a combine. There are mines enough, but they require development up to a point where they will be useful as an adjunct to a large incorporated combine, who are after heavy producing concerns, but not prospects. There is little danger just now of any concern of that character running away with our mines.

Comstock Shares at a Discount.

When we say that the stock market on Pine street has gone to pieces it does not amount to much, as things go nowadays. It would not take a very big basket to hold the pieces after they were picked up. Prices have been phenomenally low for months past, considering the very favorable outlook on the Comstock itself, and the fact that a body of ore is now being opened up at the North-end. Matters would not be so bad were it not for the manipulations of a band of marauders who systematically short the market, and until it gets broken up, if the power can be created capable of bursting the ring, nothing need be expected in the way of a bull movement worthy the name. To-day the pressure is only lifted from the market to get it in shape again for another squeeze. Milking the street is about the most profitable end of the game just now from the fact that the people engaged in this are about the last one would suspect of undermining a business which can be turned to such profit in other directions. The mining proposition on the lode is good, and it would carry the market all right if permitted to do so. Dividends have already been an unlucky thing for the market. The minute one is declared on a stock, that seals its doom, insofar as its speculative feature is concerned. Every old-time dealer in Comstock shares will admit the fact and be able to corroborate it. It is another strange phase of the local speculative business. Dealers would rather gamble on an uncertainty at any time than invest in a certainty, receiving a regular return upon their money.

There are now 345 banks in California under the supervision of the Bank Commissioners. This is 33 more than reported on January 23d. The total in-

cludes 32 incorporated commercial banks in San Francisco and 205 outside of the city, 11 savings banks in San Francisco and 77 outside, and 20 private banks, all in the interior. Most of the new banks are small affairs, as the increase in resources since January 23d is only \$7,050,319.96, and in the deposits \$634,179.98. There are now 77 savings banks in the State, outside of those in operation in San Francisco. This is an increase of 18 from the previous report on January 28th. Most of these were incorporated a year ago, but only commenced business in the last three months. The resources of these 77 banks show an increase of \$3,131,278.61 from January 23d, and the deposits an increase of \$972,471.50.

Dividends Paid and Payable.

The following banks have just declared dividends. The Security Savings Bank, semi-annual on all deposits for six months ending June 30th, at the rate of 3.25 per cent; London and San Francisco Bank, Limited, a dividend of four per cent per annum for the six months ending March 31st; the Union Trust Company, 3 per cent on ordinary and 3.3 per cent per annum on term deposits, payable on July 1st. Dividends paid during the week were as follows: Four Oil, 1c per share, or \$3,000; Gas Consumers' Association, 10c per share, or \$5,000; Presidio Railway, 20c. per share, or \$2,000; Port Costa Water, 30c. per share, or \$1,500; Truckee General Electric, 10c. per share, or \$5,000.

According to the official report of the California Stock and Oil Exchange, 13 oil companies on its list paid \$93,500 in dividends in May. The Union and United Petroleum did not pay in May, but in April, the former at the rate of 70c. per, and the latter at the rate of \$1.15 per share. The companies pay only quarterly. The Union has an acreage of 173,500



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acres in various districts in the State, and an issue of 54,043 shares, so that its dividend is \$38,250, and not \$70,000, as commonly reported. The United Petroleum owns a controlling interest in Union, and has a share issue of 14,080, so that its dividend is \$16,882. The Sovereign, which paid its first dividend in May, has a share issue of 400,000, and its dividend of 1 1/2 per share is therefore \$6,000, and not \$75,000 as reported. The total oil dividends from the companies listed at the exchange to May 1st is \$5,043,250.

The California Gas and Electric Corporation has just paid its second dividend of 25 cents per share, or \$37,500. Things have run a little more smoothly during the past week, with this corporation, under the more tactful administration of the new men who joined the board recently. It is expected that before long Mr. Miller will take charge as president during the absence of the present incumbent, who is about to leave upon his travels again. A vigorous overhauling of the mechanical end of the corporation is next in order, and that it may come soon is the prayer of the unfortunate shareholders who now live in hope of better times ahead in the near future.

THE AMUSEMENTS OF A CANDIDATE.

The Candidate sat in his Morris chair and slid down to the "get that habit position," bringing all his weight to bear on his *collar button, and reaching for a scratch pad, he began to figure. Suddenly he grew pale, and touching the electric button, he directed the menial to send him the expert in heraldry.

A pale old man with fugitive whiskers appeared on the scene in a few minutes and bowed low before the "Yellow Pest."

"Didn't you figure it out that my genealogy carried me back to John Randolph?"

"Yes, sir, I did."

"Have you looked up the genealogy of this woman who shot Caesar Young?"

"I have, O Mighty Intellect!"

"Is she not also a direct lineal descendant of the same great man?"

"She is, Noble Intelligence!"

"Go from my sight! Begone!"

And then William Randolph the Oneth slid back into his favorite attitude of sitting on his collar button and mused: "There must have been something extraordinarily vile in that great man's blood. Here's Nan and I steeped in the same peculiar sins. She is a bad one from the start, but she has always put up a remarkable front, just like myself. * * * Poor girl, blood will tell. I must make a note of it, and have Brisbane write a touching editorial entitled: 'No Crest or Coronet! Give us the Horny Hand of Labor!'"

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*It is said that Willie prefers to sit on his collar button because that brings the two centers of origin of thought in his make-up closest together.

What between the recent sensational ex-Mayor Snow-Goldman affair and the "supposed" rupture between the Olney and Dingee factions of the Pacific Union Club, we wonder if our trans-bay neighbors, the Oaklandites, will ever awaken to the true state of affairs in social and political life.

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TOWN CRIER

(Dr. A. E. Salazar of Santiago, Chile, says: "Your universities are marvels.")

A Chilean professor

Says our colleges are great—

Did he interview the manners of the scholars?

Does he think the classes perfect?

Does he think co-eds sedate?

Or is he only talking for the dollars?

There is something here awry.

Did he wink the other eye?

Should we laugh, or feel it hot beneath our collars?

Did the Chilean professor

Really mean to praise the schools?

He simply said he thought them quite a marvel—

Did he mean in wit and wisdom,

Or the students, wondrous fools,—

A sort of sublimated Richard Carvel?

Or did the bland Chileno

Intend to be so mean-o,

As insinuate our scholarship is larval?

The San Francisco Labor Council has taken upon itself to denounce the state of things in Colorado. As a matter of fact, they need denunciation, but not of the sort which the Labor Council chooses to fling. The Labor Council is for the most part led by a gang of smooth rogues, most of whom have greatly improved their chances in life by the part which they have taken in labor agitation. It is only a very few years since President Benham had a very small printing shop on Turk street, and one, moreover, that was not regarded with any particular admiration by the union. Now he is President of the Labor Council, has a good-sized printing establishment, and is growing rich withal. There are three ways of making money: by working, by begging, or stealing, and the union leader is seldom either a worker or a beggar.

There can be no question of the validity of the decision of Judge Allen of Los Angeles that insanity is not ground for divorce; there can also be no question of its entire unreasonableness. The judge says: "There is no condition of life under which the unfortunate partner should receive greater attention or more loving care and kindness than under the burden of a disordered mind." It is equally true that no one except a trained expert in insanity can give that care and attention, and, as a matter of fact, the insane person has usually to be removed from the domicile of that partner. Law should deal with the living; it should not concern itself with the dead, and the lunatic is practically dead already. For the fundamental purposes of matrimony, he is worse than dead—he is dangerous. His practical death should impose no disability on the survivor.

A few weeks ago a scathing denunciation was made in this paper of the physicians who neglect to attend to cases where the payment of a sufficiently large fee is doubtful. That there are many of this kind is evident from even a cursory glance at the columns of the daily paper. Thus, a child died the other day, entirely for want of medical attendance, the mother saying: "We were too poor to have a doctor." This is a pretty commentary on the condition of things in a civilized community. A mother has a sick child and is afraid to ask a doctor to attend to it because she has not the money to pay a fee, and she knew, by bitter experience, that this fee would be demanded before the disciple of Galen would render the services necessary to relieve the sufferer.

The Oakland teachers declare that two thousand five hundred dollars is the smallest sum upon which a man can live respectably and bring up a family. Needless to say, I should like to see that standard reached and maintained, for the welfare of the State depends to a great extent upon the material prosperity of its citizens. But the Oakland teachers are indulging in vain dreams if they think that they will ever be able to obtain a salary of that size from the public funds. It is far beyond that of any of the other professions. Of course, there are lawyers and doctors and some few clergymen who make much more, but they do so either by the possession of certain unusual gifts of intellect which are not called for, and in fact could not be employed in the teaching profession or by extraordinary business ability, which has no place in teaching. It is by no means proved that the amount of intelligence and skill which goes to the making of a first-class artisan is any less than that of a trained teacher.

The jury as well as the judge seem to be fatal obstacles to the proper carrying out of the law. Only a few days ago a Chinaman was convicted of killing a fellow Mongolian by shooting him in the back, just about as despicable a way of getting rid of an enemy as could well be conceived. Our intelligent and highly sympathetic jury found him guilty of murder in the second degree, and not content with this example of fatuous and criminal disregard of their oath, coupled with the verdict a recommendation to mercy. It may be said for the judge, however, that he refused to consider the recommendation and imposed the maximum penalty. What can be done in a case like this? Between the carelessness of judges and the folly of juries it will yet come about that life and property will be of no more value than among the dacoits. The administration of the law is fast converting itself into an absurdity.

Hurrah! At last we have accomplished something which will sound in the world. One of our local professors has issued a bulletin entitled "Artificial Partheno—Genesis and Regular Segmentation in an Annelid," in which is demonstrated that in the annelid, which is a marine worm of the genus *Ophelia*, of the parthenogenetic larvae produced by artificial treatment of the element in which the animal lives originates from regular segmentary eggs. How do you like that? If anybody can have any doubt henceforward of the value of modern education, just brandish that in his face. It should be obvious to the meanest capacity that the words are splendid, but why in the name of all that is euphonious is there not a union to prevent the overworking of the President's English?

One week has wrought a wonderful change in the prospects of Mountenay Jephson, the former lieutenant of the late H. M. Stanley. His old chief, with whom the lieutenant had serious differences, has passed away, and the bride for whom Mr. Jephson waited over twelve years has at last become his. Jephson possesses the virtue of steadfastness, as no one knew better than the great explorer himself, for his lieutenant had the courage when Stanley's popularity was at its height, to denounce his conduct unsparingly, and to point out his cynical egotism without reserve. He met opposition in San Francisco in the same spirit, and was practically victorious in both cases. It is good to see bravery and steadfastness win occasionally.

THE CASE OF DR. DOGGE AND HIS ACCIDENT INSURANCE.

"The remarkable case of Dr. Dogge" is the way the daily press has captioned an article regarding the suit of the San Jose doctor against the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York. Dr. Dogge was injured on July 18, 1902, at Menlo Park, and he brings suit to recover \$14,712 as indemnity for the accident. His policy called for \$100 a week, and Dogge claims that he was incapacitated for 74 4-7 weeks. During the illness of Dogge a sensation was caused by the action of Mrs. Dogge in publicly horsewhipping Dr. Lincoln Cothran, a member of the State Board of Examiners, whom she claimed was trying to prove that her husband was hoaxing.

It is strongly suspected in many quarters that this is only another instance of an accident insurance company essaying to avoid its just responsibility. There are many cases on record that would go to prove that accident insurance companies go to greater lengths to quibble and compromise than any other style of assurance corporation. It is whispered that the company in question will invariably attempt a compromise with the unfortunate who has suffered from a broken leg or arm or a contusion of any kind. It will immediately send the examining physician to the bedside of the policy holder, and he will compute the minimum and maximum duration of incapacity, and from this computation a compromise offer will be made, it is said, and not on the basis of the plain reading of the policy. You are not insured against your loss of time with these companies at twenty or twenty-five dollars a week, but for whatever in your extremity and necessity you are willing to take on the guess of an expert. As a general rule these sharks make by the compromise. It is taken for granted that they will never offer to pay more than the original agreement. The only protection the policy-holder has is the employment of an absolutely reliable physician of his own, and to categorically and energetically refuse to compromise.

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SOCIETY

Dear Bessie: How time does gallop! Just think of the Fourth of July being so close at hand that parties for its proper celebration out of town are already arranged. Of course, Del Monte is to be a favored spot, and I hear that already rooms are at a premium for the holiday, while house parties will fairly swarm all over the State. I have just been taking a stroll along some of the residence streets in the Western Addition, and it is enough to make one feel dismal to see all the closed up doors, and windows with drawn blinds, betokening the out-of-town state of their owners. The city is not yet, however, nor is it to be, the howling wilderness it has been in other years, for quite a number have elected to stay in town, and only make brief visits here and there for a few days at a time. For instance, the Chris Reises, who usually go to Menlo for the entire season; Bernie Drown Boardman, the Russ Wilsons, the Girvins—and oh, lots of others will be here to put one's finger on, if one wishes.

Between Mrs. Leslie Carter and E. D. Sothern there has been an actual surfeit of theatre parties this week. Mrs. Arthur Holland gave a bridge party the other night for Mrs. Felton from Santa Barbara; there was a lovely hop at the Presidio last night, and I have had a lot of invitations of late to that lively little suburb of ours—Oakland. Bessie Scupham had a very pleasant card party last Saturday for Mrs. Herbert Gaskell; Marie Butters gave a delightful tally-ho ride, with luncheon, at the Piedmont clubhouse, but I think the pleasantest of all was Ethel Moore's luncheon party for Mrs. George Martin, nee Bates, who is here on a visit, which was an *al fresco* affair and enjoyed to the utmost.

There is to be quite a batch of weddings next month—the O'Sullivan-Sutro, Anna Sperry's and Florence Bailey's among them. Florence will have Grace Spreckels for her maid of honor, and Mabel Watkins, Lily Spreckels, Bessie and Bernie Wilson as the other attendant maids. Edith Findley and George Gardiner are to be married August 20th.

Jean Nokes Murphy's friends are all preparing to give her the jolliest kind of a time during her coming visit to San Francisco. She and Mrs. Nokes, who has been at Fort Russell with her daughter the past six months, will arrive here early in July, and remain till the middle of August, during which time Jean is to officiate as matron of honor to Anna Sperry when her wedding comes off, returning the compliment to Anna, who was her chief attendant. I have just received cards for the wedding of Mary Maus, whom I think you met while her father was chief surgeon of this department; she is to marry Captain Edgar H. Fry, of the 13th Infantry, and the ceremony will be performed in the post chapel at Fort Riley on the 29th. Apropos of army weddings, there will soon be another bride at the Presidio when Captain Rumford of the 28th, who was married last week in New York, returns with his wife, and the idea now seems to prevail that the regiment is likely to make a prolonged stay there.

So Anna Head's long waiting has been rewarded at last, as we have just heard of her marriage to Lieutenant Jephson last week at Ascot, in England, and was quite a swell affair. She is a charming woman, and richly deserves all the happiness that is now likely to be hers. I don't think I have ever

known a year when Yosemite has been in such favor as this one. Lots of people have gone and are going, and lots more are not content with the usual week's visit, but are spending a month or more in the valley. The W. J. Duttons and Maylita Pease are there now; Miss J. B. Schroeder and Eugenic Hawes, who left last week, will remain there the rest of the month. The Jack Wilsons, who were there for a month, have just returned to town.

The "Boston" is in port again, and I believe it will not be so very long till we are called upon to give welcome to Admiral Glass and his fleet on his return from the cruise south and to the Hawaiian Islands; so you see there will soon be lots of fun going both afloat and ashore. The Jules Bretts, who are becoming the most inveterate globe-trotters, dropped in upon us the other day, but only for a brief rest, as they are off again to see the Mikado this time, and may be away for quite a while, as Addie says. We are to bid adieu to the Peter Martins to-day for an indefinite period, I understand, and they have had no end of farewell attentions showered upon them before leaving, down at Burlingame, over at San Rafael, in Mill Valley, and in San Francisco—the Baroness Von Schroeder, Herman Oelrichs, the Downey Harveys, the Walter Martins and the clan Howard in its numerous branches at San Mateo being among their entertainers of late. Aunt Susie is quite pleased at the prospect of so soon seeing "Nellie Howard," as she calls her, as they were great friends before Chandler captured Nellie and carried her off to the Flowery Kingdom. Mrs. Howard, who has made several visits to San Francisco during the past few years, will be here again this month, but only makes a brief stay, as she and Gladys, who is at the university in Berkeley, are going to Europe for the summer. Louise Harrington Leahy is still at Vallejo, but as soon as the Tacoma sails with her hubby on board, is coming down to the city to remain with her mother while he is away—anyhow for several months. Helen Davis is home from her visit to the Atlantic Coast, coming back to act as maid of honor at Eleanor Warner's wedding next month; Hazel King has gone to Boston for a visit, and sails for Europe the end of the month to join her sister; Belle Harmes does not expect to go East till the early winter. Margaret Wilson is going to Fort Meade, South Dakota, to spend the month of August; Bessie Gowan left by the Siberia for Peking, where her wedding to Thomas Haskins is to take place in July; Agnes Burgin has gone East for a two months' visit to Gotham.



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The J. L. Floods are at their Menlo Park mansion for the summer, where Miss Jennie spends a good deal of her time; the Frank Carolans have been at Santa Barbara for some time; Edith Kierstadt is here visiting Mrs. McBean; Mrs. George Gibbs has gone for a passear to Chico. All the Gerstles are at their San Rafael homes for the summer; the Moodys and McMonagles are in Santa Cruz this year; the Herbert Moffatts are to take in Lake Tahoe next month. Captain Fred Johnson leaves for the East in August, and a little bird whispers there will be some interesting news heard about that time, but the twitterings of those feathered creatures are not always to be relied upon.

It is pleasant news to hear we are to have the Huntingtons back before the winter season begins, instead of their remaining abroad for a year or more, as at one time contemplated. They will be here again about October. We should sadly miss their lovely parties were they absent. Marie Voorhies and Meda Houghton both got back from their visit to Japan and the Philippines last Monday; they came on the army transport Logan. —Elsie.

BIRTHS.

June 9th—To Mr. and Mrs. James Bishop, a daughter.

Recently—To Lieutenant and Mrs. Philip H. Scott, a son.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Miss Susan Bixby, to Doctor Ernest Bryant of Los Angeles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

June 29th (Wednesday)—Miss Rose Helen Hecht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hecht, to Simon Frank, of Baltimore. Home. Noon.

June 30th (Thursday)—Miss Florence Hellman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Hellman, to Sidney H. Ehrman.

July 18th (Monday)—Miss Edith Shorbe, daughter of Mrs. Susan Wilson Shorbe, to James Steele, of Sacramento.

August 3d (Wednesday)—Miss Stella McCalla, daughter of Admiral Bowman McCalla, U. S. N., and Mrs. McCalla, to William Chapin, Navy Yard, Mare Island.

August 30th (Saturday)—Miss Edith Findley, daughter of Mrs. Charlotte Findley, to George Gardner, Sausalito.

WEDDINGS.

June 8th (Wednesday)—Miss Linda Helen Liebes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Liebes, to Dr. E. D. Lederman, of New York. 1814 Pacific Ave., 6 p. m.

June 10th (Friday)—Miss Anna Head, daughter of the late Addison Head, to Lieutenant Montenay Jephson. Ascot, England.

June 11th (Saturday)—Miss Ersillia Sartori, daughter of I. Sartori, of San Rafael, to Alfred E. Sbarboro, son of Andrea Sbarboro, San Rafael Church, San Rafael, 8 p. m.

Arrivals at Hotel Rafael, San Rafael: Madame E. Ratye and children, Ed. Dubedat, Euy Dubedat, B. P. Anderson, F. B. Anderson, Mrs. F. B. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hyman and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brandenstein, Mrs. B. de Pike, Mr. B. D. Pike, Edwin B. Pike, Edna L. Pike, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce, Percival D. Kahn, Eli Weil, R. A. Crothers, C. Clerc, Philip Baker, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Buckbee, Milton A. Breuner, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Tillsburry, Miss Ellinwood, Miss King, Dr. T. G. Runsie, Mrs.

J. Frowenfeld, Mr. J. Frowenfeld, Miss R. Frowenfeld, Master D. Frowenfeld, Miss Anna Bruns, E. Satlow, Miss E. G. Moody, Miss Sabin, Dr. I. Chautau, Mrs. Augustus Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Botlin, Jr., Mr. J. Huntbury, Miss Anthony, Mrs. J. H. McVicker and maid, L. C. H. E. Zeigler, M. D., Geo. C. Holberton, Rev. and Mrs. Clifton Macon, T. L. Kennedy, Graham E. Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Rossi, Miss M. W. Laugher, Mr. E. B. Crandall, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burness and children, Miss Day.

A merry throng of invited guests from St. Mary's Guild, Trinity Episcopal Church of this city, gathered at Casa Boyd, the orchard home of Mr. and Mrs. Colin M. Boyd, Alameda County, to enjoy the pleasures of a cherry feast and lawn party, on Wednesday of last week. A day brimful of happiness was merrily spent as a result of the visit.

Mr. Ed. Fay and his wife will leave for Paraiso Springs to-day. The game in that locality have been informed of the move by wireless message, and there is a general hegira. Mrs. Fay is the best shot among women in California, and Ned Fay is no mean Nimrod himself. Paraiso Springs is fast becoming a most popular resort, and the many improvements made this year are pleasing the guests immensely.

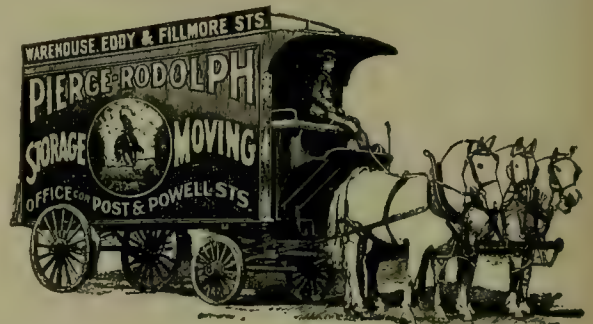
A recent marriage of local interest was that of John H. Yost and Isabelle Taylor Carman, which took place May 16th, at Toledo, Ohio. The newly married couple will reside at 324 Kenilworth avenue, Toledo.

Salmon are already numerous in the bay, and up to date the best catches have been made by San Francisco fishermen. On Sunday and Monday Mr. O. A. Hale caught forty-six, and Tuesday Mr. A. and Mr. S. Williamson caught thirty-eight in two hours. Messrs. Richards, H. Doyle and H. Dowden also had fine sport.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Grant, who have apartments at The Empire, are spending a month at The Potter, Santa Barbara.

Mr. J. R. Howell has returned to The Empire after a week's trip to Mt. Shasta. Mrs. Dr. A. G. Spalding has returned to her apartments at The Empire, after a brief trip to the Del Monte.

Following are recent arrivals at Paraiso Springs from San Francisco: J. H. Currier and wife, C. G. Sawers, Captain A. J. Dunlevy, Carolyn Haas, Rose Haas, Mrs. Irwin, Miss Osborne, Joseph Hahn, Miss R. Bryant, Miss Susie Wells, Ethel J. Dorn, Mrs. E. G. Koenig and family, H. Hyman, Thos. D. Riordan



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The Society of Human Endeavor, of which Dr. O. N. Orlow is founder and president, tendered him a reception Wednesday evening at the Hall of the United Crafts and Arts. The occasion was to celebrate the second anniversary of Dr. Orlow's arrival in San Francisco. Over one hundred members were in attendance and many letters and telegrams were received from absent friends. After a delightful musical programme, supper was served in the Japanese room, which was draped in pink. The rooms were filled with beautiful flowers, the gift of appreciative friends.

Mr. George T. Marsh and wife left for the World's Fair, St. Louis, on Wednesday last, to be gone about a month. Mr. Marsh is installing a magnificent exhibition of Japanese wares in the San Francisco Building, and desires to personally see that it is perfect in every detail.

FISH FOR TWO.

Two young San Franciscans, P. N. Lilienthal, Jr., and young Fritz Kahn, have been having an ideal outing in the Yosemite. During their stay they essayed to carry off the palm in piscatorial pursuits, but Lilienthal's hunger invariably interfered just as he was about to land the largest rainbow trout ever caught. Fritz Kahn would certainly have caught the fish Philip just missed hooking had it not been that his habit of falling asleep always overtook him at the inopportune moment. What with their love of tramping, and the two ailments mentioned, they managed to keep hotel keepers and mountaineers busy looking after their welfare. They took a long trip down the Yosemite Valley and left famine in their wake. The boys made many friends in Grizzly land, and there is a universal wish expressed that they come again.

Mrs. Fairchild announces her removal from the Starr-King Building to the more commodious and fashionable quarters at 1211 Sutter street, near Polk. Mrs. Fairchild has come to be recognized as the greatest authority in San Francisco on the corset and waist. It will undoubtedly be a great pleasure to her patrons and others to learn that she has decided to offer the "New Model Corset" and Imported Waist Patterns during June and July at greatly reduced prices. This should be an inducement to those who desire to follow the fads of fashion and the correct idea to call at the new establishment at 1211 Sutter street, near Polk.

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The passing of the Manchester Fire Insurance Company was accomplished at a meeting of that company's stockholders held in Liverpool on Friday, the 3d instant. Reports indicate that there was considerable opposition, but that the directors held a working majority, and governed the deal through. The revised terms of the amalgamation which was carried at the meeting referred to are, according to a circular issued by manager Mallet, as follows:

1. That it is desirable to amalgamate the undertaking of this company with that of the Atlas Assurance Company, Limited, and that the provisional agreement made with a view thereto (which agreement is dated the thirteenth day of May, 1904, and made between the Manchester Assurance Company of the one part, and the Atlas Assurance Company, Limited, of the other part) be and the same is hereby approved and adopted.

2. That this company be wound up voluntarily, and that George Reynolds Davies, of Manchester, and John Henry Dixon, of Manchester, be and they are hereby appointed liquidators without remuneration.

3. That pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies' Acts, 1862, they be and are hereby authorized and directed to carry the said agreement into effect with such, if any, modification as they may think expedient.

Should the above resolution be passed by the requisite majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions by a subsequent general meeting which will be convened for the purpose.

The general terms of the provisional agreement above referred to are as follows:

The Manchester will forthwith transfer to the Atlas the whole of its undertaking, property and assets, with the sole right to use the name of the Manchester in connection with insurance business. All debts and liabilities of the Manchester will be satisfied and discharged by the Atlas, who will discharge all expenses incident to the winding-up of the Manchester. The Atlas will increase its capital by the creation of 100,000 new shares of £10 each with £1 4s. credited as paid-up, for distribution amongst the holders of the Manchester in proportion to the shares held by them respectively, subject to the statutory rights of dissentient shareholders. The existing £50 shares of the Atlas will be divided into £10 shares with ¼ 4s. credited as paid-up.

It is safe to say the general meeting will concur and join the funeral ceremonies of the Manchester.

The information obtainable fails to disclose anything of importance as to the future action in the United States of the Atlas in disposing of the Manchester.

At a recent auction in Boston, the stock of the Phoenix of Hartford sold under the hammer at 240¼ per share.

The Pacific Mutual Life has opened at Denver a branch office for the operation of its intermediate department.

The cable brings the news from Honolulu of the death of S. A. D. Jones. It is said that his body will be brought to San Francisco for burial. Mr. Jones was well known in California at one time as a lead-

ing life insurance man, and has been connected with nearly all the companies at one time or another.

Colonel Jasper E. Brady, the man who failed to insure President Roosevelt's life when he was in San Francisco, has left the Conservative Life, and is now with a Chicago life company.

Blair T. Scott, of Portland, Oregon, who has made a success as manager of the Washington Life on the North Pacific Coast, has been appointed superintendent of agencies at the home office in New York.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory have been added to the Northwestern department of the Commercial Union and Palatine, managed by J. Frank Edmonds at Denver.

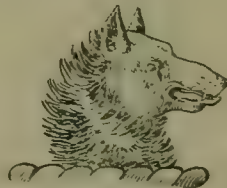
The Phoenix Mutual Life, a company which has up to now been liberal in writing insurance on the lives of saloon men, has decided that it will not in future write this class at all. It would be interesting to obtain the company's experience on this class of risks. Had it been profitable, however, there would have been no reason for a discontinuance.

The late Judge Cary, Western manager of the German-American, at Chicago, left an estate of about half a million dollars.

The field men, managers and officials of the Insurance Company of North America conventionized at Erie on the 8th instant to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of general agent J. F. Downing's service in that capacity.

An English exchange throws a side light on life insurance as "she is done in England." It says: "Attention was called in our news columns on Wednesday to a policy issued by the Norwich Union, under which a matter of £2,500 became payable by reason of the birth of a son to the late Marquis of Donegal in his eighty-first year. At the time the policy was issued the marquis was seventy, and was, moreover, living apart from his wife, and under the circumstances the chances of his having further issue seemed extremely remote. But the marchioness died and the widower married again. Where cover is

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Du Barry, Leslie Carter, Belasco, this spells the triumph of theatrical genius. Wonderful as was the Mansfieldian performance in this city, it remained for Mrs. Carter to eclipse every previous effort in the production of historical plays. Mrs. Carter has not youth or beauty to recommend her to the public, but she has transcendent art, and "Du Barry" is a vehicle with which to transmit her gift incomparable to the public, given to but few actresses. "Du Barry" is Belasco's life triumph. It is a wonderful tribute to the man's ingenuity and ability. It is a stupendous, magnificent and soul-stirring story that is un-wound before you, and if at times the author has departed from the straight and narrow path of truthful tradition, it has always been to the betterment of history.

I cannot find words to sufficiently thank Mrs. Carter for the pleasure of hearing her, and you know, my masters, that I am not easily pleased. In the scene of the "Petit Lever," when she has her struggle with poor Cosse, she reaches an impassioned height seldom equaled by any living actress, and again when, as the broken, disheartened and cornered courtesan, she pleads for a few minutes of life to bid God-speed to her lover and her faithful servant, she displays to the full the craven and inconstant spirit that so marked the risen daughter of the people when placed in comparison with the patrician. The aristocrat went to his death unflinchingly, while the ennobled plebeian, uncomfortable by ancestry, craved a boon at the hands of the butchers.

Around and about this wonderful piece of kaleidoscopic activity, taken bodily out of the tumultuous Terror, we find a suitable frame. Every actor and actress in Mrs. Carter's company is letter perfect; every piece of scenery is an historical reproduction. I came away filled with wonder and thrilled with the consciousness of having seen one of the greatest actresses the world has ever known in one of the greatest plays that was ever written.

The Alcazar opens its doors to fun, fast and furious all this week. The capable stock is engaged on "Charley's Aunt," and the play is carried out with energy and ability. Mr. Maher carries the part of the bogus aunt to perfection. Mr. Durkin and Mr. Hilliard are both good in their parts, and the feminine part of the cast is excellently portrayed. Miss Starr interjects the only bit of sentimentality there is in the lines, and she does it very well indeed. She is a fine ingenue. It is to laugh, and to laugh uproariously, at the Alcazar this week, and if you are thin and desire to grow fat, go and hear "Charley's Aunt," and if you are fat and have the blues devouring your soul, go and see Maher and his make-up.

E. H. Sothern has more than duplicated last season's success in "If I Were King," with his present production of "The Proud Prince." The first week of his engagement at the Columbia Theatre will

show a record-breaking business, and already the advance sale for the second and last week is of immense proportion. Sothern in his great miracle play, in the role of Robert of Sicily, is a most commanding figure. His performance is such as only a great artist like himself could offer. His performance taxes a great amount of strength, and his transformation, while playing the dual role, from Prince to court fool, is stage art in its highest order. "The Proud Prince" is superbly written by Justin Huntly McCarthy, and Sothern has given it a production ranking among the very finest this country has ever seen. The four acts represent stage pictures of completeness, beauty, interest and cleverly blended colorings in costumed effects. There are employed in this production a small army of people, and finer stage management has never before been exemplified in productions seen here. Mr. Sothern's company is a strong one, and cast to the best possible results. Saturday night, June 25th, will see the closing performance of Mr. Sothern's engagement.

Eugenie Thais Lawton has made a great hit as "Zoe," the Octoroon, in the play by Miss Brandon at the Central Theatre. Herschell Mayall also has scored a big success as "Wahnotee," and the large audiences testify to the fine acting and the splendid mounting of the play by generous applause. There are somewhere near one hundred people in the cast, and the scenery is fine.

Russell Brandow is "it" at the Chutes. He is a great favorite. There is a generally fine musical specialty programme by Richard Walsh and Adele Ligon. Alfons, who is an old friend of most vaudeville patrons, gives many new features to his equilibrist act. Jones, Sylvester and Pringle are good old-time minstrels, and their programme has a scent of the old plantation field. There are a number of new attractions in the "Zoo."

The promises made by the management of Fischer's Theatre that "U. S." would be a better entertainment than anything seen at that popular play-house this season, proved to have been made advis-



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ably. There is not a dull moment in the show, and the company presenting the piece is worthy of the play itself. There is a genuinely funny comedy all through the three acts, and it keeps the audience in continuous laughter during the performance. It is filled with clever specialties, marches, dances and a host of novelties, and the excellent music is enjoyed by all bright people who possess a modicum of humor in their cold, old hearts. That Miss Edna Aug is a finished artist of the higher class is amply proved by the fact that she has held and impressed her audiences with her splendid specialties to the tune of a dozen recalls at each performance.

During Mrs. Carter's engagement at the Grand Opera House she will play two matinees each week—a regular matinee on Saturdays and a special afternoon presentation of "Du Barry" on Wednesdays. The play is of such uncommon length that the management finds it imperative to raise the curtain on the first act promptly at 8 o'clock in the evenings and at 2 o'clock at the matinees.

There are so many new songs in "The Mormons" at Fischer's that the stage manager has determined that there shall be no encores on this occasion, and the final curtain must fall at half-past ten o'clock. Edna Aug has made such a big hit that she has come to stay, and will introduce new features with every change of play. Yorke and Adams must be seen to be appreciated in their fun, and Edwin Clark and Roy Alton will contribute several new songs. Ben Dillon is always at home in his work, and will cut a big figure in "The Mormons." The Garrity Sisters have been holding back on some of their new dances, which they will introduce. Everything in the way of scenery, the costumes and the stage settings will be new from beginning to end, and the patrons of Fischer's may look for a great production. One of the principal features is the re-appearance of Freda Gallick, who comes back from the East with new laurels. Miss Gallick has been specially engaged to take the prima donna roles until the arrival of Miss Dorothy Morton. Seats are now on sale for two weeks ahead.

The Central Theatre, fresh from its success with the "Octoroon," now in its last nights, is to put on "The Lights o' London." Charles R. Sims, the author, has been called the poet of the people, and we can think of no more suitable drama to put on the Central stage. The Lights o' London should ensure a very large attendance at the popular upper Market street house.

Dorothy Morton has been secured by the management of Fischer's Theatre to open in "The Mormons," which goes on after "U. S." on Monday, June 27th. Miss Morton, next to Lillian Russell, is the highest salaried artist in her line in America.

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Russia's Internal Dangers.

The importance of events in the Far East has not diminished in any way in the mind of the St. Petersburg Government, but events the past week in European Russia threaten to culminate in such disaster to the empire that for the moment the eyes of the world are fixed upon the Czar rather more than upon his army in Manchuria. Autocrat by inheritance and acquiescence by the people though he be, day by day, the Czar is being circumvented and deprived of opportunity to exercise his authority by the war party. Unfortunately for himself and his country, he is a mental and physical weakling. His country needs a man of iron and blood just now, but he would not be that were he a mental and physical giant, for it is his nature to want peace and a better condition of existence for his people. The Czar of Russia possesses a kind, loving and peaceful disposition, and he would that his country might know only the pursuits of peace. But his hands are tied and his mouth muffled by as bold and as daring and as corrupt Government officials as ever conspired against the administration of justice and human rights. The situation in European Russia is substantially this: The people are shuddering at present and possible future conditions which portend only war abroad and direful internal strifes and bankruptcy at home, and all because the Government of Russia has fallen into the hands of men who are so steeped in crime that they dare not relinquish their hold on the throat of the nation. But they should remember that they are bidding for a revolution that would show them no mercy. Nevertheless, for centuries Russia's rulers have so encouraged disaffection amongst the population that unrest, suspicion and disloyalty have become the normal condition of the people, and speculation the rule in places of public trust.

Japan Still Peggling Away.

Japan's plans of conducting the war are not seriously being interfered with by the Russians, consequently a fresh seal is put upon Port Arthur's fate every day, and it would be no surprise if word should come at any hour that the stronghold had surrendered, but certainly not without a great sacrifice of human beings. General Stoessel would not dare return to Russia if he failed to defend the place to the last, for at best the fall of Port Arthur will try the war party's hold upon the Government to its full strength, and possibly beyond it. In the field proper, General Kuroki continues to mystify and out-general the Russians, and his march inland appears to be governed by mathematical precision. Already he has won the title of the Von Moltke of Asia, though the great German Field Marshal never in any of his campaigns had as many topographical obstructions to overcome, nor so long a line of communication with his base as General Kuroki is and has been confronted by ever since he crossed the Yalu. But, on the other hand, not many Generals have such moral and sympathetic support as the Japanese people are giving to their army and navy commanders, and what is still better, the home support of the masses, as well as in Governmental circles, grows in strength and enthusiasm all the time. Practically all the Japanese Generals and Admirals are Buddhists, and they believe it to be their religious and moral duty to thrash the Russians, and thus create better conditions and more helpful environment for incoming (reincarnated) souls that the

Eight-fold Path which leads to Nirvana may not be hedged about by illusions of the physical senses. And it is their religion, too, to entertain no harsh or unkind feelings toward the enemy personally. But they are in no sense religious fanatics.

The Emperor of Thibet has formally declared war against England, and the London Government has raised the Thibetan "peaceful expedition" credit of \$200,000 a month to a "war fund" of \$1,500,000 a month, which really means as many millions a month as may be required to establish British authority throughout Thibet so firmly and so permanently that its solidity will never be questioned by any nation. In this connection it may be observed that diplomatic circles on the Continent of Europe are trying by all the arts of intrigue and evesdropping to ascertain what England and the United States are likely to demand of Japan for their "neutrality" when the day comes for Russia and Japan to meet to formulate a treaty of peace. But most likely all that was settled, except as to details, before a gun was fired. However, it is not at all likely that either will want or expect more than decidedly favorable commercial privileges upon a lasting basis. Still the Yalu Valley is wide and long and wonderfully fertile, and would make a splendid and desirable field in which to plant colonies from the English-speaking countries, to say nothing of railway concessions and convenient naval stations. Anyway, the statesmen of Continental Europe will find that the Russo-Japanese peace treaty does not antagonize Anglo-Saxon interests at any point. By way of a digression: It has been discovered in Russian financial circles that a number of Russian capitalists who declined to subscribe to the nation's recent loan, have loaded themselves with Japan's new bond issue because they rated the Japan loan as the better and safer investment. It is reported that all of them are likely to spend a season in the Siberian mines for placing stability of Japanese investments ahead of patriotism.

The Thibetans have suffered a severe defeat the past week, but they are as undaunted and determined as ever. One reason for this is the moral support they are getting from St. Petersburg, and a semi-official report that Russia is mobilizing an army corps on the frontier of Thibet to be marched against the "Anglo-Saxon invaders." The other nations, including China, whose Emperor is the suzerain of Thibet, seem to have made up their minds that Thibet is already as good as a British dependency, and will let it stand that way. It is pretty evident that Japan believes that it is no longer in need of China's support, and is discouraging any violation of that nation's neutrality proclamation; at the same time it is very clear that Japan's influence is the dominating factor in China's every-day political life. But no student of present national and international conditions and relations in the Far East will be surprised at that, nor that the day is coming when Japan and China will meet to divide certain loaves and fishes.

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Pleasure's Wand.

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Commencing with Monday, June 27th, a hilariously funny burlesque is to follow "U. S." It is called "The Mormons," and was written expressly for the present cast at Fischer's. The management states that it is overflowing with novelties and new ideas. Seats are now on sale for the first two weeks. The famous burlesque queen, Dorothy Morton, will make her first appearance on this occasion.

Genial, whole-souled John Morrisey will tell you stories about St. Louis and the Fair for the asking. He and Mrs. Morrisey have just returned from the metropolis of the "show me's." They report a brief and enjoyable trip.

There are many who will remember Createore, the great band leader, and they will be pleased to know that the exponent of the ecstatic and erratic in musical batonnerie is to be with us again. He will be here during the coming season, and his success should be as great as it has been in the East. Createore is the man who thrills. He lifts orchestra and audience out of themselves into the heights of musical elysian.

Miss Joanna Barilli is the prima donna soprano with Createore. She is a splendid creature, who is possessed of a most charming stage presence. She is a member of the famous Barilli-Patti family, and has studied under the best Italian masters.

Helen Bertram, late of the Bostonians, opens at the Orpheum the coming week, making her first vaudeville appearance in this city. Her voice is said to be better than ever, and if this is so, she should be an immediate and an immense success. Howe and Scott are Hebrew cake-walkers. This is something new, and it ought to be a drawing card for the great vaudeville house. Mlle. Agoust and Charles Weston continue with us, and we are glad they do, as they are clever artists and very popular. They have made a great hit in their comedy and juggling act. There is a new act on the Orpheum boards which should be of great interest to all Californians and San Franciscans in particular. It is the moving pictures taken recently of the review of the fire department.

"Lovers' Lane" has been selected as the play with which to finish the regular stock season at the Alcazar. Considering that this is the last opportunity to see the clever members of this company in their present relation to one another, and because the ladies and gentlemen of the Alcazar stock have endeared themselves to the San Francisco public, "Lovers' Lane" is sure to be greeted with crowded houses. Adele Belgarde is to re-appear, and she may be sure of a heart-felt salutation from the public. She is well liked. The members are all congenially cast, and we may rest assured of a fine performance.

White Whittlesey opens on the twenty-seventh in Richard Harding Davis's "Soldiers of Fortune." The mere announcement should crowd the house.

"Robin Hood," on a scale never before attempted, is to be put on at the Lyvoli. There are to be a number of new people, and the cast is said to be an exceptionally fine one, and will include Kate Condon, who bears a splendid reputation as contralto. Edith Mason is well known here, and needs no words of praise. Barron Berthold is another great favorite wherever he has appeared, and he sang a long time

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with the "Bostonians." Willard Sims appears as a comedian and he also brings with him a great deal of the press and public's commendation. John Duns-muire will officiate as the basso profundo.

My friend, George Tyler, of Liebler & Co., is back in God's country again, and he informs me he has closed a number of engagements while abroad that are sure to make sensations. He closed for a. American season with Madame Gabrielle Rejane, the idol of Paris. She will bring her own productions and her own selected company of artists.

Liebler & Co. are now playing: Eleanore Robson in "Merely Mary Ann"; Edward Morgan in the "Eternal City"; Signor Ermete Novelli with an exceptionally fine company of Italian actors, who will represent "La Morte Civile," "Louis XI," and a selection of Shakespearean plays. Kyrle Bellew, in "Raf fles," Ezra Kendall in a new play by Edward E. Kid-der, and a capable company presenting a dramatiza-tion of Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." It is a pleasure to be able to say that many of these attrac-tions are programmed to take in San Francisco.

—The appetizing things that come from the broiler at Moraghan's Grill, in the California Market, are responsible for the crowd that goes there for luncheon. It has become a regular business men's exchange. The quality of the chops, steaks, oysters and game served cannot be surpassed. More than that, the wants of the guests are attended to by perfectly trained waiters.

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The row at the North Shore ferry depot on the occasion of the enforcement of the new order that all Sausalitans must be aboard the boat at sharp sailing hour is only the happening of the expected. The man Creed, who officiated as the chief bouncer of the company, had about the slightest imaginable idea of his duties. A bumptious bumpkin, possessed of more brawn than brain, and on many an occasion previous to this one, had conclusively, and, apparently to his own satisfaction, proven his efficiency.

It is to be hoped the company has rid itself of the gentleman's services permanently, and thus has, in a measure, taught him to differentiate between the Sunday hoodlum element and the gentle and submissive suburbanite. The suburbanite needs no attention from such men as Creed. A simple ringing of a bell about one minute before gate closing will obviate all difficulties, if coupled with a respectfully worded announcement posted in a conspicuous place. The suburbanite is the backbone of the North Shore road, and it is not wise to add another disheartening element to those that already confront the resident in the rhubarbian districts through the continued inflection of the "bombasto furioso," whose Creed is the rough house pattern.

OUR RAGGED CARMEN.

In conversation with an Eastern visitor, it was developed that the United Railways is being very generally criticised for the slouchy and ragged appearance of its platform men and conductors. San Franciscans are so used to seeing the carmen in the garb of tramps and bearing the appearance of a section of Coxey's army that this condition arouses scarcely any local comment. The men aver that they cannot afford new uniforms because the cost is from twenty-five to thirty-five dollars for each man. The company states, it is said, that it has no desire to enforce any rule regarding uniforms because it does not wish to lend the men a pretext on which to hang another strike agitation. In regard to the price of the uniforms of the men, it occurs to us that it is excessive. The militia and the United States army are better clothed than are the carmen, at about one-third the price. The United Railways Company should make an arrangement by which a continued contract with some reputable firm would enable the men to secure uniforms at cost, or very nearly cost. A good uniform with leather re-enforcement to the pockets should not cost more than \$15.

The August number of the Overland Monthly is to be devoted, in a great measure, to the "Triennial Encampment of the Knights Templar" in San Francisco. There will be the usual amount of standard fiction, a number of descriptive pieces, and an elaborate article on the great musical organization for male voices, "The Loring Club." The Overland Monthly is fast becoming as popular as it was in the days of gold, the days of Bret Harte, when it was, as truly as it is to-day, the only literary magazine in the West. Since September, the news-stand sales have trebled, and there have been thousands of names added to the subscription list. The circulation record has now passed the fifty thousandth mark.

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Wednesday the 2nd day of November, 1904, at one of the clock in the afternoon at the said Chambers, Room No. 700, has been appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the claim or claims.

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Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 10th day of June, 1904, an assessment, (No. 118) of ten (10) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the company, rooms 21-22, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery St. San Francisco, Cal.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 15th DAY OF JULY 1904,

will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on FRIDAY, the 5th day of August 1904 at 1 o'clock P. M., to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale. By order of the Board of Directors,

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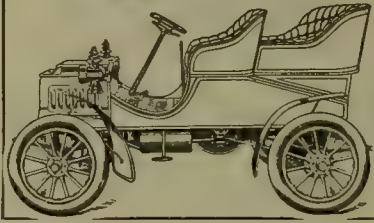
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BY THE AUTOCRANK

The Automobile Club of Los Angeles is trying a scheme which seems to be an interesting proposition. They are holding matinees on the race track of that city.

From the reports from the South, they are run off in an informal way. There is no set programme, but when there are enough vehicles present to make a class, they are sent around the track. There is no stripping of the cars, but they are started in the condition they come to the track. It is on the lines of the old-time trotting events, when an owner drove out to the track and had a brush with his friends in his road ride.

The contest does not always go to the swiftest under these circumstances, but the amount of pleasure to be gained out of such intercourse cannot be measured. It will bring about that feeling of good-fellowship which has been the ground work yarn of the speedway.

Frank A. Garbutt, the enthusiastic automobilist of Los Angeles, gave his new 60-horsepower automobile, designed by himself, a test last Saturday. The trial took place on the Ascot Park track, at the matinee of the Automobile Club of Southern California. He made the mile in 1:15 flat, and was pleased with the result.

"Under present conditions," said he, after his speedy trip, "I hardly dare let the machine out to its full capacity. It has a great deal more in it than I have brought out so far, of that I am convinced. But till I get thoroughly used to it and can tell just how it will act on the corners, I shall hold down to practically the speed shown."

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The Automobile Club will give another matinee to-day at Ascot Park track, Los Angeles.

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By the time the News Letter is in the hands of its readers, the great Gordon-Bennett race will have become a matter of history. This year there is no American representative.

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Greater New York is having a hard time trying to protect its automobilists. The lawless element of the city has taken to throwing stones, which in many cases has resulted in death. It is merely the repetition of what has happened when any radical innovation has been made in transportation. The savage instinct is never dead.

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There are a lot of professional and amateur drivers who are responsible for this condition. They drive over roads at a pace that almost kills the ordinary citizen with fright. It is very amusing to come along behind some unsuspecting fellowman and give a toot on the horn, which causes him to do funny stunts for a second. It is not so funny to the man, and ever afterwards he does not think kindly of the automobile.

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The best time for a race meet of the Automobile Club of California is when the Knights Templar convale is being held in the city. The officers of the club should secure the track at once, for there undoubtedly will be other attractions that will want Ingleside at that time.

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August 8th from Del Monte to 12th and Broadway, Oakland, 6 hrs. 5 min. October 18th the same run was made in 5 hrs. 38 min. without stopping the car or refilling with gasoline or water, breaking all records. The only successful tour of the Yosemite Valley was made by a party of 4 in a Cadillac.

CUYLER LEE, Agent. - 201-203 Larkin Street, S. F.

Automobile parties are making the Hotel Vendome one of their objective points in tours from San Francisco in increasing numbers. One of these parties, which arrived last week, was composed of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Starr, of Grass Valley, and Miss Bourn of San Francisco. This party has been on a several months' tour in their White touring car, having already traveled as far south as San Diego.

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Jim Budd, says the Stockton Record, has given up his \$12,000 French Mors auto, which took California by the ears some time ago, and now has a White.

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J. P. Bauman, of Stockton, California, is contemplating purchasing a White steam automobile in the near future.

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The following persons made tours to different sections of the country on Sunday in Pope-Toledo touring cars, and all report a most enjoyable trip: L. P. Lowe, Colonel E. F. Preston and family, E. E. Peabody and friends, M. A. Gunst and family, George P. Fuller and party, M. C. Harris and friends.

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Mr. Houghton, the White agent in Santa Cruz, accompanied by L. D. Estep and three others, made the run to San Francisco last week in a White touring car. After remaining here a day seeing the sights, the party left again for Santa Cruz by the auto route.

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There is no greater evidence of the fact that the high grade motor car is the need for California than the large number of orders now on file with the Pope-Toledo Touring Car Company for the four-cylinder car. Mr. Boyer reports that it is difficult for the factory to get the cars out rapidly enough to supply the demand. All owners of this car are rejoicing over the success of the car in all hill-climbing contests in the East. Mr. Boyer is very much elated over the receipt of a telegram just received from the Pope Motor Car Company, which reads as follows:

Pope-Toledo Touring Car Company, 134 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco:

"Pope-Toledo won first, second, third, Minneapolis hill-climbing contest, touring car class, distance one hundred sixty-two feet, over half a mile, eleven per cent grade, defeating all leading American makes of cars, in fifty-nine seconds flat, also first in stripped free-for-all class, breaking all records twenty-four seconds; time, fifty-one and four-fifths seconds. Pope-Toledo won five miles open touring car class, carrying four passengers, Indianapolis, Saturday. Also made fastest time in five mile handicap open-to-all classes, winning.

"Pope Motor Car."

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Alexander Young, of Honolulu, is in San Francisco. He has purchased a White touring car, and will soon take it to the Islands, where he intends to do quite a bit of touring.

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Among the White users out last Sunday were L. P. Lowe, H. P. Teichner, Miss Katherine Dillon, Miss Grace Spreckels and George H. Lent. Mr. Lent and Miss Spreckels and Miss Dillon all drove their steamers across the bay.

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Mr. Lowe made the run again to Haywards, and Mr. Teichner went to San Mateo, San Jose and Palo Alto on this side of the bay, returning from the Garden City without a single stop.

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Since Mr. James L. Flood received his royal blue Pope-Toledo the fascination for automobiling has taken possession of him, and he is rarely seen in the city.

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Among the large number who have been placing their orders for the Pope-Toledo touring cars is Mr. A. Schilling, of Oakland, who has ordered a four-cylinder car.

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The Knox Automobile Company seems to be losing favor in this locality. This is to be regretted, as it is a standard machine. Something should be done to again reinstate this automobile in popular favor. It is said by some that the personal unpopularity of the local agent has had much to do with the present state of affairs. If this is a fact, the company, in self-protection, should place the agency in other hands than Leavitt's.

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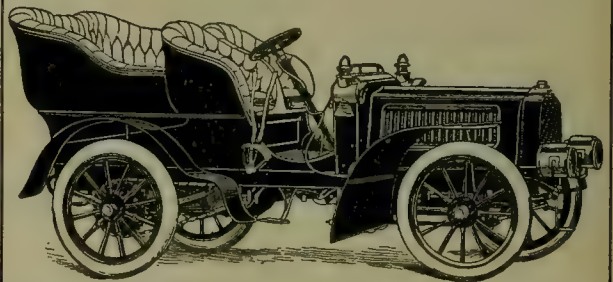
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Mr. G. O. Heine, of the Heine Piano Company, of this city, has just returned from an extended trip throughout the Eastern States, visiting all the principal automobile factories. Mr. Heine has secured the agency for the famous Sintz car, built by the Sintz Automobile Co. of Detroit. He has also secured the agency of the "Queen" automobile, on the Pacific Coast. These cars, containing, two and four cylinders, are considered by Mr. Heine to be among the highest power cars for their size and price now in the market.

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Mr. Heine states that he expects to open an exclusive automobile factory in Cincinnati, and will build two types of machines. The models of these machines are being constructed by Victor Emerson, who built the fastest boat engine in the world. The first model will be a 70-horsepower machine of the very latest type, with the new style transmission, which is said to be far superior to anything invented. He expects the first model out by the 1st of September.

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Sunday morning, at 4:30, Cuyler Lee and Arthur Hull left Del Monte for 12th and Broadway, Oakland, in an attempt to beat their previous record of 5 hours and 38 minutes. At Gilroy they were 22 minutes ahead of their previous trip. The heat was something terrific, and twelve miles out of Gilroy one of the tires blew out, and it took so much time to make this repair that it was then impossible to finish the run within the record time, so they went along slowly and arrived in Oakland at 12 o'clock m. Had they known how hot it was going to be, they would not have attempted the run that day.

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At last the Oldsmobile Company have begun to make shipments West. The Pioneer Automobile Company have five carloads of machines en route from Detroit.

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At the automobile races which were held at Ingleside track on Sunday last, S. D. Hewson, in John Breuner's new 1904 Winton touring car, turned the tables on Max L. Rosenfeld, in Scott & Blakeslee's 1904 Winton touring car, by defeating him in a two-mile race. Hewson won the poll after the first turn, and held his lead through the two miles. It was a very pretty race. In the three mile handicap race there were entered two Fords, one Rambler and two Stevens-Duryea machines, as well as the motor car mentioned above. The race was won by Calvin C. Eib in a Stevens-Duryea machine, which led at the finish by over a quarter of a mile. Viddy, in a Ford stripped for racing, came in second, and closely pressed F. A. Lathe in a Stevens-Duryea. Next came a Ford driven by Joseph Holley.

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Mr. P. L. Pettigrew toured around the bay in his Winton touring car on Sunday last. Miss Georgie Spieker drove her Winton car through the Park and Presidio on Sunday last. Miss Elsie McEwen made a trip around the bay last Sunday.

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It will notify in language soft as silk
Of all the nasty creatures
Who conceal their horrid features,
And the different ways that dairymen can bilk;
It will give a disquisition on the cow,
Her hair, her hoofs, her udder, and just how
To make it quite a pleasure
To milk a gallon measure—
There are other things it will not tell us now.

Thus, it will **not** tell us how a dairy dank
Can grow wholesome, and a dirty water tank
Supply the purest diet,
Nor what keeps the office quiet;
And it will not tell just how the little bank
Account of a health officer may grow,
For that would not be literary, so
The active Board of Health,
Which is virtuous by stealth,
Will not even mention bribery—oh, no!

It will tell us how to wash and how to dress,
And in truth it would be difficult to guess
The amount of good advice
We have recognized as nice,
Ever since we were small babies, more or less.
It will give a heap of fussy little hints
On matters that the rest of us would mince,
But brave as it may be,
There are other things, you'll see,
That pucker up its two lips like a quince.

Thus we shall not hear a solitary sentence
On the wickedness of officers who take
Small bribes, and never show the least repentance
For their winking at the plumber's little fake.
The little fake that sends the noxious gases—
That send to Heaven so many of our folk.
Does the Board of Health imagine we are asses,
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Boys who are saving their pennies for the purchase of toy pistols when the "glorious Fourth" arrives a few weeks hence, are quite unconscious of the conspiracy that is making to deprive them of the dangerous pleasure that is sure to claim its quota of legs and arms and fingers and hands and eyes and ears. All over the Union there is a movement toward the extermination of this menace to the boys of the land, but in this city the lead has been taken by the civic department of the California Club, the big organization of women who are busying themselves with a great variety of matters for the betterment of conditions generally, but especially as they concern women and children.

Fourth of July casualties have grown to such an alarming extent that the physicians of the country have gone to no end of trouble to furnish statistics for the use of the propaganda that is now well under way. Papers which have been printed in the Journal of the American Medical Association have been compiled in pamphlet form for general distribution. This part of the work is regarded as educational. A number of the pamphlets have been sent to the California Club, and they are being placed where they will do the most good. The practical part of the work for the present will be the endeavor upon the part of those who have appointed for themselves this work, to see that existing laws are enforced.

The committee of the civic department of the California Club entrusted with this matter has acquainted itself with the laws of this municipality relative to the sale of toy pistols and blank cartridges, and will try to have them enforced. As the question was not taken up until recently, the committee expects to do little more than educational work this year; it expects to arouse mothers and fathers from their apathy, and dealers to a recognition of the ordinances.

A large number of tetanus cases occur among the children of the poorly educated, so the workers are justified in establishing the educational propaganda. The dangers of lockjaw are not generally understood. Statistics show that there are fewer cases of tetanus in the Southern States, because the use of blank cartridges is not a custom in that section. In the summing up of the Fourth of July casualties, this State has its unenviable record, so the California Club has work to do.

California may congratulate itself on the fact that its Supreme Court is not affected by the yellow press and its friends, the labor leaders. William Buckley, unionist and murderer, must hang. This decision should have a deterrent effect on the union element in San Francisco, who are now engaged in riot and murderous assaults on the non-union help of the stable owners. "Kid Egan" may now reflect that he was, by a merciful Providence, saved from the rope. If he escapes with the limit of the law, by a long penal sentence, he can still thank his stars. It is especially gratifying to read of this decision, when one thinks of the strong fight made in favor of this miserable wretch, Buckley, and that it had no effect on the courts.

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Labor Unions and Their Follies

The principles of labor unionism are ethically right because they provide for the evolvement of labor to higher levels of personal well-being and individual opportunity. Nor are the principles of organized labor something new. They are co-existent with man's emergence from barbarism. Ancient Babylon, India, Greece, Rome and Egypt had their labor guilds or unions, and all the way down through the Middle Ages, to the present time, every generation had its organizations of labor, ostensibly, as these great movements proclaimed, to "resist the tyranny of organized capital," but in reality, for the most part, to enable a few leaders to live and prosper on the misfortunes of the rank and file of their associations. Nevertheless, the principles of labor unionism have stood, and will forever stand, as the loom upon which the law of evolution weaves the fabric of character, worth and selfhood, but it is not the fault of these principles if men persist in feeding the loom with warp and woof that is discolored and rotten. The true principles of labor unionism are born of the eternal truth of the interdependence of employer and employee, and that in ratio to their mutual helpfulness in their joint endeavor to transform raw material into finished product is the warp and the woof of their fabric substantial, accumulative and satisfying. By nature, capital should be labor's best friend, and by the same law labor should be capital's best friend. The one is worthless without the other, and antagonisms are assassins of both. And yet in all ages bitter and deadly antagonisms have injected themselves in between these, the greatest of all factors in human progress, but always there is profit accruing to a few labor leaders by whose perfidy and treachery antagonisms are purposely wrought out and scattered that they may live upon the wrecks they have caused. These breeders of hatreds, misunderstandings and suspicions are venomous, blood-sucking parasites on the body economic, body politic and body domestic of union laborism, and since they have no source other than the misfortunes of their fellows from which to accumulate personal and private property gain, it is apparent that peace and harmony between capital and labor are exactly what they would not have obtained.

Effects of the Walking Delegate.

There are several "brands" of these disturbing elements in the industrial world, but the one that feeds upon the blood of labor and never labors with his own hands, is the walking delegate. He is a versatile genius degradation. He is at once a slimy snake, a ferocious tiger, a vile hyena, a brutal tyrant and a cringing sycophant, and all the time he is a moral, social and industrial disease germ seeking lodgment in capital or in labor, or in both, that he may cause mental sores only to be cured by actual or metaphorical bludgeons, stones, pistols, fires, dynamite and assassinations. He fully realizes that peace and good will between employer and employee would mean work or starvation for himself, and all the cunning and treachery of his nature is ever setting employee against employer, and employer against employee. He is a walking delegate from the destructive forces in industrial life, and his stock

in trade is agitation, strife and ill-will between labor and capital.

But for the walking delegate and those higher in labor councils who make his existence possible, the conservative, and therefore the honest and thoughtful element in the field of labor, would find no difficulty in applying the true principles of unionism, which are, as has been stated, recognition of the law of interdependence and mutual support of labor and capital, for capital is always ready to eliminate hurtful or threatening influences from its channels of employment. Capital is always suspicious and timid, whether it be the millions of the capitalist or the week's wage of labor. And although the conservative element in labor unions is numerically the weaker side, it has the integrity and moral sense of the organization, and it could, if it would place all the labor guilds upon such close relations with capital both sides would be anxious to even anticipate possible friction and deprive it of its hurtful threatenings. Not all labor organizations are controlled by schemers and agitators, and those that are not nearly always succeed in adjusting their differences with capital upon an equitable basis without so much as jarring the machinery of their joint efforts for the good of both.

Labor Union Trusts.

When labor unions form a trust, as the building trades have, or when they assume to be superior to law and property and individual rights, as they do when they undertake to cripple the police power of the State, or when they plunge into lawlessness, as they are doing in Colorado, and have done many times before in other sections of the country they forfeit the good opinion and sympathy of the public, no matter how just and ethically right their original demand for more reasonable conditions of employment might have been. No labor strike has ever succeeded in America that did not have the moral sense and the sympathy of the public, and no strike has ever retained the public's good will after the strikers had defied the law and denied the sovereign right of the citizen to individually enter the labor market and contract for his own services. Justice, personal liberty and the right of individual pursuit of work and happiness are the essence of the genius of our Government, as they are the bone, the sinew and the spirit of the principles of true labor unionism.

It follows, then, that the reason why labor strikes are not more frequently averted by labor and capital coming together and adjusting their differences upon an equitable basis by first recognizing their interdependence, is because walking delegates and their co-conspirators, who live on the spoils of discontent and agitation, inflame the mind of labor by falsehood and hypocrisy, and the mind of capital by threatening its safety until the blood runs hot in the veins of both, when hatred hoists the black flag of destruction. It is safe to say that there has never been a lawless labor strike in the United States that was not instigated and urged forward by walking delegates and their abettors in labor councils—men who thrive best when their fellows are in distress. How long,

then, is the real brain, the real manhood, the high character and the strong moral sense—the conservative element—of labor organizations going to be pulled by the nose into destructive conditions to please the vanity and line the pocket-books of walking delegates and their equally unsavory and disreputable "superior officers?" In the language of slang, "It is up to" honest, sober, intelligent and conservative labor to say "how long."

The Real Force.

Trades unions were founded for a beneficent purpose, and have improved the condition of the worker. This has been accomplished partly by public opinion, which is naturally friendly to the cause of labor, says the Labor Arbiter of Los Angeles. While the original purpose of trades unions continues, the methods now commonly pursued have brought about a change of mind in the public, and caused employers everywhere to organize against the unions. The public generally condemns labor unionism because of the crimes and tyrannies that too frequently mark its conduct, and the employers propose to resist its encroachments, knowing that they have the public support. These two forces, public opinion and capital, constitute a power which can crush labor unionism at any time, and this is what will happen in the near future, unless there is a radical change in policy, and a different class of men is put in command of union affairs.

The evils of trades unionism are to be laid at the door of the "walking delegate" or "business agent," his official associates and their immediate following in the ranks.

The means the walking delegate uses to force employers are sometimes criminal, at other times diabolical, and nearly always lawless. Nothing is too contemptible for him to stoop to, no sacrifice too great to impose upon honest working people, while the contest is on. With few exceptions, the walking delegate is a man without scruple, and if trades unions would be saved, both he and his immediate following must be banished from the fold.

Demolli, the Agitator.

The Overland Monthly, in its issue of last February, gives some light on the character and life of Demolli, the foreign agitator at the head of the Miners' Union in Utah and Colorado, as follows:

"Opposed to law and order and to any Government restraint, opposed to all authority except the authority of the Miners' Union, as represented by himself, and opposed to Governor Wells, stands the leader of the miners, Charles Demolli, a foreigner banished from Europe in 1895 for sedition and anarchy, he now seeks to foment disorder in the United States. Until his advent in Utah the miners were quite content with their condition. Governor Wells has taken sides with neither of the contestants, and has been impartial in all his acts. He has firmly opposed anarchy and has earned the undying antipathy of the Finns, Huns, Slavs, Italians and other foreigners who form a majority of the miners' unions of Utah. Demolli is not an uneducated man. He received an academic education in Milan; served in the Italian army as a Sergeant, and was as refractory in military service as he has ever been in private life. He is over six feet in height, and is remarkably well developed as an athlete."

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HUMAN NATURE.

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A STULTIFIED PROFESSOR.

It is noticed that the "Society of American Wars" has passed a resolution of fulsome commendation of Secretary of War Taft, because of his services as Civil Governor of the Philippines.

David Starr Jordan, M. D., LL. D., X. Y. Z., L. M. N. O. P. Q., is on the "Council" of the institution, whatever that may be, and we are wondering how he can satisfy a yearning public when it recollects that he has spent much of his time quite recently discrediting the acts of the Government in the Philippines. As Taft was the executive officer of the said Government, said Taft is now endorsed by the very man who did his best to spoil the good work he now (Jordan) commends. Our columns are open.

A CANDIDATE FOR WALKING DELEGATE.

"Did yez ever make any money backing horses, Mulligan?"

"Sure, Oi made a hundred dollars once?"

"How did youse do ut?"

"Oi backed him down a cillar awn thin sued th' mon for laving the dure open!"

"I understand," said Mr. Stavlate, "that a Western genius is perfecting an apparatus by means of which a person's face may be seen miles away." "Well," replied Miss Patience Gonne, "it certainly will be a boon to see some faces there, if they can only be kept there."

NO RELATION OF HIS.

A thin, nervous-looking man stepped up to the pastor as the latter came down from the pulpit.

"You have had a good deal to say this morning," he observed, "about a feller that killed a man named Abel."

"Certainly," replied the pastor. "The Sin of Cain' was the subject of my discourse.

"I wish you'd do me the favor next Sunday," said the thin man, in some excitement, "to tell the folks that the man you were talking about this morning ain't no relation to the Kane that keeps a livery stable down by the mill. I don't want none of my friends to think that I had a hand in that killin'. That's all. Good-day."

The Coryphee, the Sackholder and the Statesman.

James H. Budd, erstwhile Governor the State of California, engaged in a bar-room squabble with one Michael Tarpey. Keeper of the Sack, mark you I said Keeper, is the edifying spectacle of the last

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week. Isn't it a pity, for the good of the nation, that these two patriots were not provided with Gatling guns and a padded chamber and there allowed to fight it out? It is now in order for Budd to tell his own story of how he fell out with Hearst and why Hearst refused to pay the little soubrette's bill, and how the compromise was finally effected between these statesmen. The story ought to be told by Budd, because the other side is telling some of the most wonderful yarns to which any one ever gave ear.

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"I can't make you out at all," he said angrily; "you are so fickle and changeable. You're just a riddle to me." "Yes?" replied his fiance. "Since you're so stupid, perhaps you'd better give me up."

Mabel—I do believe Miss Bonds is in love with that poor young lawyer. **Clara**—What a shame! And she would make such a good wife for some fellow who was marrying for money.

"How many children have Mr. and Mrs. Flyer?" "Oh, they live at Newport, you know."

"A woman can't keep a secret," declares the mere man. "Oh, I don't know," retorts the fluttery lady. "I've kept my age a secret since I was twenty-four." "Yes, but one of these days you will give it away. In time you will simply have to tell it." "Well, I think that when a woman has kept a secret for twenty years she comes pretty near knowing how to keep it."—Judge.

Patient—What are the things I must avoid, doctor? **Physician**—Pork, mackerel, tea, coffee, oatmeal, rye— **Patient** (with a gasp)—Rye? **Physician**—In the form of bread. **Patient**—All right, doctor. Go on.

Elderly Adviser—I am glad you dislike slangy young men. **Miss Quickstep**—You bet I do! That's why I had to shake **Fatty Feather-top**. I told him I wasn't going to stand for any of his hash-counter dialect any longer, if I knew myself, and I reether guessed I did, all right, all right.

Algy—Weally, I—aw—have a notion to—aw—blow me bwains out, doncher know. "Indeed! Well, in case you do, I'd advise you not to say anything about it afterward, and nobody will ever suspect what you have done."

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5:30P	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Modesto, Merced, Berenda, Fresno and Way Stations beyond Port Costa	12:20P
5:30P	Yosemite Valley, via Berenda and Wawona.....	8:50A
5:30P	Martinez, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi.....	10:20A
8:20A	Martinez, San Ramon, Vallejo, Napa, Callotoga, Santa Rosa.....	9:20A
4:00P	Niles, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi.....	4:20P
4:30P	Hayward, Niles, Irvington, San Jose, Livermore.....	11:50A
5:00P	The Owl Limited—Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Fresno, Tulare, Bakersfield, Los Angeles.....	8:50A
5:00P	Port Costa, Tracy, Stockton.....	12:20P
15:30P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose.....	7:20A
8:00P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose.....	9:50A
8:00P	Eastern Express—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and East, via Port Costa, Suisun, Elmira, Davis, Sacramento, Colfax, Reno.....	5:20P
8:00P	Vallejo, daily, except Sunday.....	7:50P
7:01P	Vallejo, Sunday only.....	
7:01P	Richmond, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way Stations.....	11:20A
7:11P	Region & California Express—Sacramento, Marysville, Redding, Portland, Puget Sound and East.....	
8:05P	Heno Passenger—Port Costa, Suisun, Elmira, Davis, Sacramento, Truckee, Lake Tahoe, and Way Stations beyond Sacramento.....	
9:10P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only).....	11:50A

COAST LINE (Narrow Gauge)

(Foot of Market Street.)

7:45A	Santa Cruz Excursion(Sunday only)	8:10P
8:16A	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, Felton, Boulder Creek, Big Basin, Santa Cruz and Way Stations.....	6:55P
10:15A	Alvarado, Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos, Glenwood, Felton, Boulder Creek, Big Basin, Santa Cruz.....	8:10P
12:15P	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations.....	10:55A
4:15P	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos and way stations.....	10:55A
4:15P	Wright, Felton, Boulder Creek and Santa Cruz, Saturday and Sunday only.....	10:55A

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6:10A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	6:30P
7:00A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	6:40P
7:15A	Monterey and Santa Cruz Excursion (Sunday only).....	10:30P
8:00A	New Almaden (Trce., Frid., Sun), The Coaster—Stops only San Jose, Gilroy (connection for Hollister), Pajaro, Castroville (connection to and from Monterey and Pacific Grove), Salinas, San Ardo, Paso Robles, Santa Margarita San Luis Obispo, principal stations thence Surf (connection for Lompoc), principal stations thence Santa Barbara, Santa Ventura, Montalvo, O rd, Burbank, Los Angeles.....	4:10P
9:00A	San Jose, Tres Pinos, Capitola, Santa Cruz, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Luis Obispo, and Principal Way Stations.....	4:10P
10:30A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	1:20P
11:15A	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations.....	7:30P
11:30P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8:35A
12:15P	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove (connects at Santa Clara, except Sunday, for Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek and Narrow Gauge Points).....	12:15P
3:30P	Pacific Grove Way Passenger, Burlingame, San Jose and Way Stations, connects at Gilroy for Hollister, Tres Pinos, Pajaro for Capitola, Santa Cruz at Castroville for Salinas.....	10:45A
4:30P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	18:00A
5:00P	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos, Wright and principal Way Stations (except Sunday).....	19:00A
5:30P	San Jose and Principal Way Stations	19:40A
5:45P	Sunset Express—Redwood, San Jose, Gilroy, Salinas, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Denning, El Paso, New Orleans, New York. Connects at Pajaro for Santa Cruz and at Castroville for Pacific Grove and Way Stations.....	7:10A
6:15P	San Mateo, Berkeley, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, Palo Alto.....	16:48A
6:30P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	16:35A
6:00P	Palo Alto and Way Stations.....	10:15A
11:30P	South San Francisco, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood, Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto.....	9:45P
11:30P	Mayfield, Mountain View, San Jose, Lawrence, Santa Clara and San Jose.....	19:45P

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—The first cherries of the season received in the Palace of Horticulture were exhibited in the California section May 20th. They came by express and were in good condition. A special exhibit from San Bernardino County of oranges, lemons, pomelos and apples, was also placed in this section to-day.

—A plastic relief map of San Bernardino County has been added to the California exhibit in the Palace of Horticulture. Small trees indicate where the orchards are planted, and in each tree is an incandescent electric light illuminating the picture. The map also shows how the orchards are irrigated.

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—The California delegation of newspaper men who are going to St. Louis to attend the World's Press Parliament next week, will reach that city Sunday night. There are ninety in the party, and quarters have been engaged for them at the Inside Inn by E. D. Willis, secretary of the California Commission. On Wednesday of next week they will hold the semi-annual meeting of the California Press Association in the big hall of the California Building.

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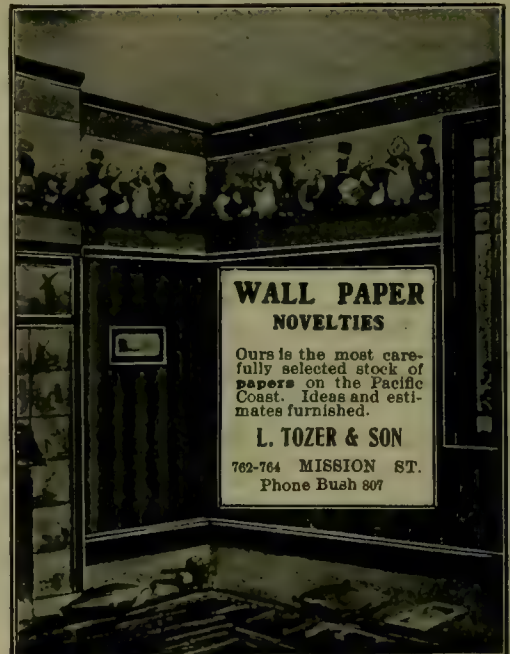
The Political Situation

The Oakland Tribune has a correspondent in this town, who, notwithstanding his non-de-plume (The Knave) is really a very nice fellow, who writes some very bright things. Sometimes, however, like other less talented scribblers, he is in a hurry to get his copy to the printer, and consequently writes in haste what he has to correct at leisure. In his letter of June 4th, he discusses Oxnard's strength in the next State Senate, and makes some very curious mistakes, all the more extraordinary that they appear in the Tribune, which, as everybody knows, has George Hatton, the professional Senatorial manager, for its political guide, and therefore ought to be especially well posted. "The Knave" tells his readers, for instance, that "if Robert Corlett is sent back from Napa to the State Senate, he would be likely to take the programme as easily as a child takes candy," which may or may not be true, but evidently "The Knave" does not know much about the district, for a little further on in his letter he says that he knows nothing of J. J. Lucksinger's Solano district, which shows that he is unaware of the fact that Napa and Solano Counties are in the same district. The fact that Frank Devlin, formerly District Attorney of Solano County, is the candidate of the Solano people against Corlett, and that Congressman Metcalf is said to be backing Devlin, possibly with an eye on the United States Senate to succeed Perkins four years hence. Again, we are told that W. B. Lardner may be sent back from Placer County, and J. J. Tyrell from Nevada, which is hardly possible, as both counties are in the same district, and therefore must have the same Senator. By the way, the News Letter announced a month and more ago that the name of the probable Senator from that district, the third, would be F. M. Rutherford, and not either Lardner or Tyrell; in fact, Tyrell has publicly announced that he is not a candidate. Again, the Tribune's correspondent thinks that if the Hays Brothers name the successor of Louis Oneal in Santa Clara that their candidate will be opposed to Abe Ruef and an anti-programmer, which shows that "The Knave" is not well posted on Santa Clara politics, for if he were, he would know that Ruef is one of the most trusted friends and advisors of the Hayses, and that there is no one whose advice on "rouge et noir" is more highly valued than that of the San Francisco boss. It may be set down for certain that their nominee will be perfectly acceptable to Ruef. "The Knave" has not heard who is likely to be the successor to the late Senator Byrnes of San Mateo, though the readers of the News Letter were told months ago that Assemblyman Brown, the greatest kicker in the Legislature, wanted the place and would probably get it. We are told by "The Knave" that Senator Ralston has no particular love for Bard, which is true, since Bard opposed Ralston's aspirations to succeed John P. Irish as Naval Officer, but although Ralston was assisted in his fight for that office by ex-Senator Felton, he will not, as "The Knave" suggests, endeavor to upset all precedent by proposing Felton's name as the successor of Bard. Felton comes from the North and the next Senator will undoubtedly come from South of the Tehachapi, and Felton knows that as well as any one. Corney Pendleton, we are told, also, used to have offices adjoining those of John W. Mitchell in Los Angeles, and as Mitchell, a rabid Southern Democrat is booming Jim Lankersheim for the Senatorship, Pendleton, who is one of the most

pronounced programmers in the State, is going to go back on his whole record and vote for Lankersheim to please Mitchell. Evidently "The Knave" does not know Corney very well if he fancies that Mitchell could have such a tremendous influence over him. Corney might control Mitchell if there was any object in it, but Mitchell control Pendleton! Never. "The Knave," as I said, is a good fellow, and if he read the News Letter more attentively, his political news and political tips would be more reliable.

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Discussing the next Legislature it may be of interest to mention that Gen. F. C. Prescott of Redlands, who made a very good record in the last Assembly, has concluded not to be a candidate for the Senatorship to succeed the late Senator O. Z. Hubbell, but will be a candidate again for the Lower House. If he is re-elected, as he no doubt will be, he will be a candidate for Speaker. In the Fourth District, composed of Shasta, Modoc and Lassen Counties, T. H. Shanahan, who was a Democrat until he found it more advantageous to be a Populist, and who was the candidate of the latter party for Governor in 1893, wants to return to the Assembly next winter. He is now a Hearst Democrat. The District gave Grotefend, Democrat, 3,215 votes in 1902, to 2,655 for his Republican opponent, and Grotefend could probably be elected again, but he will not accept the nomination. Shanahan has an opponent in the Democratic ranks, J. A. Hubbard, a contractor of Anderson; Shanahan comes from Redding. The Republicans, who want the nomination are J. H. Beecher and J. H. Creighton. They could only hope to win on a split in the Democratic ranks, but that seems likely if Shanahan wins the nomination, as his record hurts him with the straight-out Democrats, and his standing in with Hearst does not add to his political popularity. Hubbard is the man who ran against Senator Coggins last election, and was only beaten by 18



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In the Fifth Assembly District, Seward is dead, and there are two candidates for his place—H. S. Gans of Red Bluff who was his predecessor, and J. Hail, editor of the *Plumas National-Bulletin*. The district gave Seward a majority of 528, and is good for a Republican Assemblyman, so it is doubtful if the Democrats will make any nomination, especially if Gans, who is personally popular, is nominated. In the Eleventh District, McKenney is certain to get the nomination again, and equally certain of being elected. He made a good record, and as his district gave him 518 majority, notwithstanding the open opposition of the Administration of the Ione Reform School this year, he ought to do even better, as they are not doing nearly as much politics at the School as they did before. In the Fourteenth District, Dunbar, who though of the minority, made an excellent record, and who carried his district, Santa Rosa, by over 200 majority, will be re-nominated easily, and there seems a very fair prospect of his being re-elected, as his personality counts for more than politics often in Assembly elections, and Dunbar is personally popular.

In the Twentieth District (Solano County) W. S. Killingsworth of Vacaville will be nominated again, unless he undertakes to make the contest for Senator from the Fifth District. He had a plurality of 596 two years ago. But on the other hand, King of Napa had a plurality of 1002, Republican, which would indicate that the chances of Killingsworth or any other Democrat going to the Senate from that district is slight. He will therefore be likely to prefer the certainty of a reelection to the Assembly to a probable defeat running for the Senate. I forgot to mention in its proper order that Dr. F. W. Gates of Oroville is likely to be the Republican and Dr. B. Caldwell the Democratic candidates for Assemblyman in the Seventh District, Butte County.

McNab has thrown down the gauntlet to Tarpey and the Hearstites in the selection which he caused Gould to make of twenty-five members at large of the Democratic State Central Committee. Tarpey's poor management is again shown in this matter. He allowed McNab to name the chairman and allowed the chairman to name twenty-five committeemen at large, with the result that McNab has the whole works and Tarpey and his owner are not in it for a moment. If there were a possibility of Hearst's nomination, it would be a very serious thing for him to have his campaign run by men avowedly hostile to him, like ex-Congressman Geary, Tim Spellacy, Isadore Dockweiler and John Ruddock, but as that eventuality is impossible, it of course makes no difference in the Presidential campaign but that fact does not lessen Tarpey's poor management. McNab has now complete control of the machine for two years, and the Horse and Carts will find it very difficult to make any impression on his fortifications at the August primaries.

Another evidence of Tarpey's poor management was the directing of Barney Murphy to call a meeting of the Committee next Saturday. Tarpey had furnished Gould with a list of 10 names that he wanted on the special committee of 25. Gould, who is very ambitious himself, was inclined to stand in with the Hearst outfit by placing some of Tarpey's names on the list. He was the more inclined to do so because

Alford, his law partner, who made a Hearst speech at Santa Cruz, urged him to do so, and wanted to be one of the twenty-five, Alford being also anxious to hedge. When, however, Gould heard that Tarpey had ordered the Committee to meet next Saturday under the chairmanship of Barney Murphy, while according to all precedent he (Gould), as chairman of the convention, could have called the meeting, he was very angry, and after getting permission from McNab, at once announced the twenty-five names he was authorized to appoint at Santa Cruz, leaving out every one of Tarpey's nominees. That, of course, gives the chairmanship of the committee to McNab to name. He would like to have either Gould or Fitzgerald, but neither have the time, and it will probably go to W. J. McGee. McCabe, who has been the State Secretary for years, and who is to the California Democracy what Jake Stepperger is to their opponents, will also have to go, as he got on the Hearst band wagon, and now that there is no band, he is in the same fix as Camminetti, Alford and the others who thought Hearst's purse had no bottom.

Tarpey should have known better than to have angered Gould by calling the committee Saturday. Any one who knows Gould, and Tarpey knows him well, knows that he is supremely egotistical—his face shows that, and his manner confirms it—and to have so openly affronted him as the Hearst manager did, was the worst of politics. Tarpey is by far the worst that ever came over the political turnpike.

By the way, it may be interesting to know how the delegates to the Democratic National Convention now stand. Parker has 148 votes from New York, Indiana, Connecticut, Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia. Hearst has 101 votes, and there are 220 instructed. Then Olney has Massachusetts and Wall has Wisconsin; Gorman has Maryland and the District of Columbia, although they are nominally uninstructed; Bryan has Nebraska and Oklahoma, and Cockrell has Missouri. No one has two-thirds of the Convention, and Hearst and Bryan so far have not enough votes to stop the nomination of any one upon whom the balance of the convention may unite. There are, of course, a number of States yet to hear from, and there is no chance that any one will be nominated upon the first ballot.

It is admitted by the Eastern press, except the papers especially interested in his nomination, that the Parker boom is not very much stronger than the Hearst, and that while the Silent Judge has all the votes from New York, the Tammany delegates are going to do all they can to defeat him. They will urge that he cannot carry New York against Roosevelt, and that the fact that he is backed by Wall street, and that Belmont has offered to contribute \$5,000,000, if he is nominated, to the campaign fund, will weaken him in the doubtful States of the West. Bryan will help Tammany in fighting Parker, and as he will be the Nebraska member of the Committee on Platform, he proposes to introduce a report endorsing the two platforms upon which he ran. That will give him a chance to make a speech attacking the goldbugs, and incidentally Parker. The speeches in the convention promise to be both warm and personal. It has not yet been definitely decided whether Hearst's name will be put before the convention or not, but Delmas has his speech all prepared to deliver if it is decided to nominate Hearst.



A SAILOR'S SONG.

By Clinton Scollard in Criterion

We kissed good-by in the gloaming
 Ere the moon crept up the sky;
 "When, love, will you be homing?"
 She cried, with a teary eye;
 "When will you cease from roaming
 The breast of the barren sea,
 And come to another breast for rest—
 To the longing heart o' me?"
 Then I said to her, low and slow,—
 "Oh, it's ever the lad must go,
 And it's ever the lass must stay,
 And that is the tale of the world-old woe
 Till the trump of the judgment day!"

Still I hear her voice entralling,
 And I see her standing there,
 With the night's deep shadows falling
 On the dawn-break of her hair.
 And ever her calling, calling,
 Floats over the barren sea,—
 "Come back to my aching breast with rest
 For the longing heart o' me!"
 But I cry to her, low and slow—
 "Oh, it's ever the lad must go,
 And it's ever the lass must stay,
 And that is the tale of the world-old woe
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By Nannie Byrd Turner in Smart Set

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 Beyond all prayers and all reproaches said,
 I laid him where no other love had lain—
 When Love was dead.

In a dark chamber of my heart, so fain
 I was to let that heart be comforted,
 Remembering no longer; but in vain.

One night, I crept and touched his brow,
 instead,
 And suddenly my tears fell warm, like rain:
 I could have sworn Love sighed and stirred
 again.
 When Love was dead.

AWAKENING.

By Walter Pritchard Eaton in The Reader

A rose glow glims the western wall,
 The sweet night faints to dawn,
 And from the folds of outer dark
 Another day is born.

So I must rise and greet the world
 As it were still the same,
 As if my Love herself could rise
 And answer to her name.

And I must fret and smile and toil
 Where alien faces teem;
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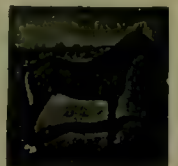
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"The Prince of Liars" is a play now running at a local theatre. It does not mention Hearst by name.

The garrison of Port Arthur is said to be "in good spirits"—that is, not merely bottled up, but pickled.

It cost an Oklahoma man \$5 and costs to spank his mother-in-law. Where is that Carnegie "hero fund?"

"Housemaid's knee" is what ails prize-fighter Jeffries. And he is still on his honeymoon, the brute!

It is astonishing how Attorney Ruef's departure has crippled Mayor Schmitz's spelling.

A miner up at Bridgeport has found a mountain of gold—of the kind they make bricks of for the rural trade.

The Elk's tooth is a sign that the man who wears it can take a drink without biting a piece out of the glass.

It seems unjust to blame Oakland's former Mayor for the murderous infatuation of his friend. How could brother Snow help being so cruelly beautiful?

The Reverend Herbert Parrish calls his project Episcopalian monastery a monkery. Congressman Livernash is our choice for star boarder.

Chicago clubwomen are teaching table manners to the gamins of the city. Let St. Louis snicker, if she dare.

The star-eyed goddess of civil service reform is out in the tall timber, waiting for the Schmitz family to get through running amuck.

College girls giggle at Professor Gayley and college dogs bark at him, and critics don't do a thing to what he writes.

A woman "bronco buster" is to be one of the features of Livermore's Fourth of July celebration. Husband-busting is a much more ladylike occupation.

No driver of a man-killing automobile has had the hardihood as yet to call his car "The Appendicitis."

"Stand pat" is the Western Republican slogan. Massachusetts moves to amend it so as to read, "Endure Patrick."

A horse named Highball ridden by a jockey named Fuller, wins the American Derby. Will the W. C. T. U. please take notice?

"Russia has mobilized one per cent of her fighting strength," cables St. Petersburg. Maybe the other ninety-nine per cent will do more fighting and less running away.

The British warboat Sparrowhawk has struck a rock and sunk, and the Bat has been lost in a collision with the Stag. King Edward's menagerie is in hard luck.

If there's ten per cent of truth in the summer resort advertisements about hunting and fishing, the laws should be revised so as to protect the farmer from the game instead of the game from the farmer.

Japan's busy little soldiers go right on collecting Russian souvenirs, giving the preference to modern field artillery for which the owners had no further use.

The Legislature of Colorado is respectfully requested to change the name of the commander of that State's militia from Sherman Bell to Liberty Bell.

Owners of New York houses won't let children live in them, and on the other hand, it would be cruel, as well as unlawful, to kill the young of the human family. What can the Gotham parent do?

McKowan, the thieving secretary of the State University, was paid \$3,000 a year and stole \$50,000. His successor, who is to get \$6,000 a year, will prove himself no gentleman if he embezzles a cent more than \$25,000.

Language on the other side of the Pacific is a queer thing, but we begin to suspect that Kuroki is the active and Kuropatkin the passive of the verb "Kuro," meaning, we infer, to knock thunder out of a thing or person.

Former Mayor Van Wyck of New York lets it be known after sailing for Europe that he made \$1,200,000 in Wall street "flyers." That is just as good a story as to say that he won it in a lottery, inherited it from a relation in New Zealand or found it in the pocket of an old vest.

The Christian Endeavor Association, it is reported, has endeavored to endorse the candidacy for the presidency of Hearst. This is a compliment, indeed. The ladies of the aforesaid society must be personally acquainted with the pseudo candidate and his habits.

BOOSTING SAN FRANCISCO.

The statement is made by that source and fountain-head of optimism, the California Promotion Committee, that San Francisco's population is now close to the 500,000 mark. The Promotion Committee is not given to looking at such things through the wrong end of its opera glasses, but in this case its figures may be accepted, we believe, as correct, or nearly so. A few years ago, an organization which called itself the "Half-Million Club," flourished for a little while and faded before it had really convinced anybody that San Francisco had a license to hope for such a figure of population within the time of the existing generation. Other associations of the same kind have lived, worked and died, each doing its little part toward boosting San Francisco up the scale of the cities. A very worthy successor to these organizations and one that seems destined to stay with us and help us in faith and in fact, is the Promotion Committee. It may slightly hasten, though it cannot in any wise alter the destiny of San Francisco. Nothing can bar the way between this youngest and most puissant of American communities and a greatness far greater than her longest-headed citizens have dreamed of; not even all the forces of labor unionism, or Schmitzism, or any other ism will suffice to turn aside the stream of prosperity that flows in through the Golden Gate.

Men who are still young have seen the city creeping, walking, running out over the sandhills and the waste acres of scrub oak and lupine. So rapidly and amazingly has this expansion been accompanied that the home-maker seeking the quiet of a nearby suburbanism has not been able to keep ahead of the flat-builder, the corner grocery and the asphaltum pavement. He has gone to bed a pioneer among the sand dunes, and has awakened to find himself swallowed up in a sea of neighbors.

Fortunately this peninsula has upon it room for a good many more of the half millions which will one day cluster about this foremost of the nation's gateways. It is a noble city now, but fancy what it will be when its streets roll unbroken from bay to ocean! Fancy what it will be when the line of its houses sweeps from the Presidio without a gap to the San Mateo line and beyond! Ours is a more generous foundation for metropolitan greatness than New York has had to build upon. The peninsula of San Francisco measures in breadth most pleasingly to us against the width of the narrow island of Manhattan. It looks out, too, across a mightier ocean upon old nations that are being born anew, upon lands thick with people to be fed and to be traded with, upon a theatre whose stage is set for another of the dramas of the Anglo-Saxon conquest. Half a million to-day! Who would have believed it twenty years ago? Who will believe now that twenty years hence it will be a million?

"THE WOMAN, SHE DID IT."

The Examiner, ghoul, grave-digger and slanderer of the dead and the living, takes especial pleasure in twisting the heart-strings of a woman because her lover, in a moment of insanity, over love or business reverse, destroyed his own life. In a house up-town a woman lies on a bed of pain, racked by remorse probably, probably undone because she really loved, probably because she feels that the man placed a burden on her shoulders he was too weak to bear himself. But that's another story. With the man's or the woman's motives we have no concern.

Our concern is with the Examiner and the other

journals who have opened their thousand throats and let loose the saliva of slander from a million mouths. They have pointed the finger of scorn at this woman, well knowing her defenseless condition, and they have quoted Kipling's lines, "A rag, a bone and a hank of hair"; they have said that she had squeezed him dry of his genius, and then, when her horizon was enlarged, she dropped him like a useless rag.

It's a good story! Pile on the agony! "The woman, she did it!" Stir the hatred of woman to woman, stir the lack of chivalry in man, stir the coward to kick the woman because she is down!

It was not enough that an enormous pall descended on this woman through the crime of self-destruction committed by her affianced. It was not enough that the disgrace was piled upon her, fathoms deep, by no act of hers, but the baying hounds of indecent journalism must at her and tear her! Why? Because one of the craft had been hit! Because he chose to die by the act of his own hand! Because in the face of the law of God and common sense he killed himself! He selfishly placed himself beyond the pale of earthly suffering, and the indecent press and the unchivalrous public has taken from poor Joan Hadenfeldt, her ambition, her womanhood, her beauty, her genius, and her very helplessness, and mauled it, maimed it, slandered it, and jumbled it into an unrecognizable mass.

In an up-town room a poor, defenseless woman lies on a bed of pain, and from behind stone walls and paper battlements, great, big, able-bodied men shoot the arrows of sarcasm and slander.

Charity and chivalry dictate silence in regard to the woman. Charity and an obedience to the wishes of the dead dictate silence as regards the man. Be still, ye jackals of the press.

A CLEANER CHINATOWN.

The difference between a Secretary of the State Board of Health, who does nothing, and a secretary who does something, has been graphically illustrated by the last two secretaries of that somewhat ponderous organization which could be of such inestimable benefit to the State, but which, as a rule, confines its efforts to drawing the secretary's salary and the traveling expenses of its members.

For several years it was charged that there was bubonic plague in this town. There were those who said that it did exist and those who claimed that it did not, but one thing is certain, the story that it existed spread over the country and abroad, and did this State and city an enormous amount of harm. The State Board of Health, instead of getting energetically to work and cleaning Chinatown, which needed cleansing regardless of whether it harbored the plague or not, simply put a long list of the political hangers-on of the Governor on the pay roll of the State, and busied itself in denouncing all those who said anything about the presence of the disease as fakers, liars and persons of evil intent. But the denunciations fell on deaf ears when they reached Washington, and the Federal authorities continued to publish bulletins claiming that plague existed in San Francisco, while the Secretary and members of the Board of Health amused themselves with trips to medical conventions, where they were conspicuous by their silence; or to New York, to the Hawaiian Islands, or wherever their sweet will and the appropriation for the Board would carry them. No effort to clean Chinatown, to comply with the requirements of the Federal authorities, to establish

sanitary conditions among the Chinese in this city were made, and the city and State continued to suffer and pay bills; while the Board of Health, its employees and officers traveled, drank their wine and spent the appropriation.

With a new Governor came a change. The personnel of the Board of Health, and especially its secretaryship, were changed, and the result has been a policy of activity instead of inactivity, less traveling, meetings and fun, and more work, business and results. Every cellar in Chinatown is being dug out; wooden floors are being replaced by cement, the Chinese are being forced to live above the level of the street, where light can reach their domiciles; rats, those breeders and carriers of disease, are being exterminated; tons of disinfectants are being spread everywhere; the cobble-stones over which a cat could not cross without hurting her feet, and which held the dirt and filth just where they were thrown, have been replaced by asphalt pavement, and in a word, it is possible even to pass through Chinatown to-day without soiling your clothes or contracting disease. The Federal authorities and the Health Officers of the National Board of Health have pronounced the plague a thing of the past; and San Francisco a clean and healthy city. All this is due to the Pardee Board of Health and its secretary, Dr. Fowler. The News Letter has frequently in the past criticised the Governor for some things he has done, and others that he has left undone, and it will no doubt have reason to do so again for both reasons; but we believe in giving credit where credit is due, and blame when and where they are deserved. We have urged the State Board of Health repeatedly to do exactly what it has now done, and we therefore congratulate it on its achievement and bid it keep up the good work.

A QUESTION ANSWERED.

"Is San Francisco a city of fine arts, classical literature and ethical culture?" This question is asked in a private letter from Boston, and the only surprising thing about the enquiry is that a Bostonian should have a sufficient stock of credulity to suggest to his mind the possibility of any town in the United States other than Boston having any knowledge of fine arts, classical literature, or ethical culture. Very true, quite a number of Bostonians, or who were denizens of that city of East winds years ago, are contented dwellers where the setting sun throws kisses through the Golden Gate, as it sinks away in the crimson horizon. None of these respectable people are Bostonians now, and hence they have not Boston's theory of the wild and barren Pacific Coast.

But to the question in point. Yes, San Francisco is a liberal patron of the fine arts, is fond of classical literature, which ethical culture is a daily pastime. It is amusing as well as amazing how ignorant some Eastern and foreign people are of the "sort of folk" that inhabit California, especially San Francisco. Now, the fact is, San Francisco is distinguished the civilized world over as a great money center, a mighty center of accumulation and distribution of merchantable commodities, a patron of the fine arts, so liberal that the private collections are the wonder of critics at home and abroad, and a student of classical literature, whose assiduous application is attested by the works of every standard author from the ancient Grecians to—Joaquin Miller. And in the matter of ethical culture, why, that, like the State flower—*eschscholtzia*—by the vulgar

called the "Poppy" is cultivated by everybody.

San Francisco—and California—is on the borderland which separates all that one should reasonably expect in this world from the realities of the heights that passeth understanding, but the dividing line is like a fading rainbow when the colors merge the one into the other, almost as one. There is at least one conspicuous characteristic of San Francisco which always puzzles Boston, and that is that the people here do not run to "specialties." Fine art is one thing, classical literature is another thing. Commerce is one thing, erecting business and residence palaces is another thing. Ethical culture is the warp and woof in the pattern of every-day life which the people individually and collectively weave from a consistent mixture of fine arts, classical literature, commerce, palace building and chain-lightning business activity. The people out here prefer such a mixture to plain Emersonian transcendentalism, or lonely poetic genius, or Over Soul inspiration or the realities of pork and beans, yet all these items are included in the San Francisco mixture. San Francisco is situated on the Western confines of America, as Boston is situated on the Eastern confines. The towns are connected by many railways and telegraph lines and postal routes. Boston should take advantage of them to get acquainted with the people of the Golden Gate country.

FOOLS, FIRE-CRACKERS AND THE FOURTH

Sunday afternoon a boy was marching down Filbert street with a large fire-cracker sticking out of his pocket. A playmate, thinking it would be a good joke, set fire to the protruding fuse, and it was only because an alert passer-by, at the risk of injury to himself, grasped the smoking toy and flung it into the street, that the boy was saved a terrible laceration. The cracker exploded a second later with sufficient force, if properly confined, to have shattered a good-sized boulder, to say nothing of the child's thigh.

All the week, and for more than a week, fire-crackers, toy pistols and their deadly ilk, have been making certain streets of our city pandemonium, endangering life, limb and property, and making the lot of the sick and infirm miserable indeed—and it is not yet the Fourth of July. By force of custom we have learned to bear with all sorts of calamity on the Fourth, and out of a misdirected sense of patriotism to allow fools and gun-powder to work on that day their deadly silly sum of damage. But is there any reason why the police should allow this state of things to extend for a week or two previous to the Ever Glorious? But why not confine the license of Independence Day within its proper twenty-four hours?

What patriotism gains by making Liberty's birthday so hideous that only the poor, the sick and the deaf suffer themselves to remain in the city when it is celebrated, is a mystery. The wise citizen takes to the woods without answering and leaves the Fourth and its fire-crackers to those who like them.

They say that the Art Institute is in a prosperous condition. That may very well be, but in the meantime some of us would like to see the art. There is more talent here than anywhere else in the United States, more artistic talent, and it is thrown away. The youngsters, who are promising, go away because there is no field for them, and falling victims to the practice of hack-work in order to make a living, are lost to the Coast, and generally speaking, to art.

AN ILLITERATE MAYOR.

Criticism has been passed upon Mayor Schmitz because of his illiteracy, revealed in his recent message vetoing portions of the city budget. His English and his spelling are, indeed, amusing, if there can be anything funny about the ignorance of a man in high office, but when it comes to his arrogant and aggressive political depravity, sticking out all over this same paper, there is reason to be amazed. The preamble of this frank and forethought document is devoted to "knocking" the thirteen members of the Board of Supervisors who are neglecting their private interests while they try to keep Schmitz and his relatives from carrying away the city's treasury, vault, locks and all, and to punching holes in the doctrine of civil service. Schmitz has had much to say—or his mentor has had him say much—about the merit system and its beneficent effect upon municipal Government. Ever since he has had power to injure this system he has been punching holes in it with one hand and with the other writing denials of the fact and the intent. Now, at last, he shows himself as he really is, sneering at it and flouting it as vigorously as his limited knowledge of the language permits. Listen to him:

" * * * realizing the impossibility of progressive and advantageous operation of certain of the municipal departments, through the employment of laborers and others from the civil service lists, created before the incumbency of the present Mayor and composed of men in large measure hostile and disloyal to the present administration, in many instances incompetent and wanting in energy, in other instances unfit for the work to be done, the members who are responsible for the drafting of this budget have zealously labored to fasten upon every department involving responsibility to the Mayor of the city, the burden of doing work with employees not of their (his?) own selection, taken arbitrarily from lists of men, many of whom are absolutely unfit properly to do the work expected of them * * * "

If this be anything, it is a declaration that the Mayor's banner is the black flag of the spoils system, and lest there be mistake about his meaning, he goes on: "If the practice (of civil service reform) accorded with the theory, a beautiful Governmental fabric would be created, but when men taken from the civil service lists rejoice in their disloyalty of (to?) the administration of which they are a part, when they write letters to public officials, recommending applicants for employment upon the so.e ground that they are political enemies of the Mayor of the city, I think it high time to express a disapproval * * * "

In fine, Mayor Schmitz places above merit, above experience, above everything, "loyalty to the administration." We commend these declarations to the eminent citizens who framed the charter and secured its adoption, who have stood stubbornly by the civil service system, and have helped twice to put Schmitz in the Mayor's office. They constitute the challenge of a freebooter, trumpeting his defiance of decency in Government.

INJUNCTION AGAINST A LABOR UNION.

By a stroke of his pen, Judge Hunt has done more than has been done in many years, by the rest of the judiciary, to stop the illegal revolutionary actions of the union element in San Francisco.

Though the present enjoinder only operates during the pendency of the action recently brought against the Stablemen's Union Local, No. 8760, Supervisor T. F. Finn, E. Maza, T. J. White and John

Killian by E. G. Price, proprietor of the Nevada Stables on Market street, it is most effective in bottling all efforts of the union to interfere in the slightest way with the conduct of Price's business. The hands of the union are bound in every direction.

The restraining order stipulates that the defendants to the action are to appeal before the court on Friday, July 1st, to show cause why the injunction should not be made permanent. In the meantime, the restraining order is in effect, and remains in effect until the cause is decided.

Indeed, the union leaders have had an idea that all the judiciary was tainted by the same virus that exudes from the inoculation sores of the police justices. It was high time this idea was knocked into a cocked hat, and knocked it has been. That blackmail scheme commonly known as "picketing" has received a set-back from which it will not readily recover. Judge Hunt has issued a writ that temporarily puts a stop to picketing or sandwiching of any kind.

It was decided some years ago that the presence of a red buggy with a driver attired in a blood-red suit before a citizen's door, the buggy bearing the sign "Collector of Bad Debts" in white letters on a red blanket on the horse, was a blackmail, and this means of coercion toward the poor debtor had to be abandoned by the conscienceless harpies who run collection agencies. Picketing and sandwiching is on a par with the method of collecting debts just described.

It is very unfortunate that there has not been enough backbone among those who have suffered at the hands of the labor leaders who constantly levy blackmail in one shape or the other to beat a few of the pickets into an unrecognizable mass with the soft end of a spiked club. If the injunction issued by Judge Hunt is not made perpetual at its next hearing, the next step should be the organization of a vigilance committee that will deal firmly with these law breakers and foreign agitators.

It is everywhere observable in Democratic circles that exactly in ratio to the approach of the St. Louis Convention, there is a shrinkage in the alleged Hearst boom. But that is not surprising. His candidacy was never seriously considered by any one—not even the managers. Many a man has been played for a sucker and enjoyed the hallucination, but only now and then has one been found who would consent to "go sniping," and be glad to "hold the bag," but our little man with the big barrel is one of that very few. The young man reminds one of the party that went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, only that he is still where the road-agents left him.

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History of North America.

The first four volumes of "The History of North America," is being issued under the able and discriminating editorship of Dr. Guy Carleton Lee, of Johns Hopkins and Columbian Universities, and is being published by the firm of George Barrie & Sons, of Philadelphia. As far as the editorship is concerned, Dr. Lee's responsibility is a warranty that discriminating judgment, able labor and fastidious exactness will be assured throughout the work. In this department, moreover, Dr. Lee has shown the nicest care in the association with himself of a number of critical and advisory editors, including many of the most active workers in the domain of historical literature. Added to these are the names of expert advisers on special matters, such as colonial, military and naval affairs. The wide reach of knowledge and the judicious and critical treatment that should be a first condition in a work of such scope and importance as a history of North America on modern lines and dealing with the latest events of our day, are secured in an unusual and remarkable degree. The highest technique in printing and illustration is essential to the worthy production of a work like the present, something more than making a book is involved in the enterprise. To the priceless value of the text are added, therefore, the best results of the printer's craft in both the text and the illustrations. We have many able American historical works—works that are splendid monuments to their authors and are regarded as proud possessions by their owners. The worst that can be said of such is that they are only too limited in number, as indeed, they are too limited in the scope of their matter; they are what they are claimed to be: histories of a period more or less brief. It is therefore a fact of great significance—we might say, in fact, of unique importance—that the literature of our country, which has now become a world influence, is marking a new period by the publication of this monumental history, which is of more than literary importance, it is of national interest. The twenty volumes to be printed will cover the whole history of the United States, and the other members of the North American continent, north and south, and not merely the recorded history of this section as told in the story of the groping voyages of the Norsemen, in the hardly less dim searchings of the early explorers, and in the accounts of the successive stages of the development of the continent and the phases of national growth, but its story as interpreted by modern science. To this story comprehensively told in complete narrative, with all the lights and shades of the picture in due proportion and in just perspective, is added the latest feature of American history; viz., the insular possessions of the United States, thus rounding out the great undertaking and giving the work its logical amplification and conclusion and placing the reader in possession of an erudite and skillfully wrought out record of the story of the section and the nation.

Gideon Wurdy has made

A Foolish Dictionary. a rather original and interesting little book by

preparing a series of humorous definitions of some five hundred words. He says very modestly in his preface that he will be satisfied if he should produce one laugh from the readers of the dictionary. He

has succeeded much better than that, and a good deal of wholesome fun can be extracted from a glance at its pages. It is well suited to this hot weather, for it is by no means hard to read. It is not altogether original, for, as the author, who is as honest as he is modest, says: "Some slight deference has been made to other wits, and the definitions include a few quotations from the great minds of the past and present." A few unaccountable and absolutely unpardonable mistakes have been made. Thus we find "ante-imperialist for anti-imperialist, though the definition of this article as a patriot whose conscience works overtime," goes far to condone the offense. Appendicitis is defined as a modern pain costing about \$200 more than the old-fashioned stomach-ache." Some of the definitions are too far-fetched for endurance, as is to be expected in a work of this sort. Thus, when "automobile" is set out as "From English ought to, and Latin moved, to move. A vehicle which ought to move, but frequently can't." Perhaps one of the best definitions is the following: "Family—Originally a wife and several children, a matter of pride to the possessor. Now obsolete among the careful, or confined to the wife, a bull-pup and a canary-bird."

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The Political Situation

The News Letter is not given to much self-laudation, yet it may not be improper for me to remark that the first announcement of the probable appointment of Congressman Metcalf to a place in the Cabinet was made in these columns, as the dates of the papers will show. The Western press, with the exception of the News' Letter, knew nothing of the prospects before Mr. Metcalf until their correspondents wired the news from Washington. The fact is that the appointment was offered the Congressman before he left Washington to come to this Coast, and he had accepted it. The only change in the original programme has been the death of Senator Quay, followed by the selection of Attorney-General Knox by the powers that be in Pennsylvania, as the dead Senator's successor. That left two vacancies in the Cabinet, and required more re-arranging. Moody, who is a lawyer, would much prefer Knox's place to the one he has at the head of the navy, and that fact created the possibility that Metcalf might succeed Moody instead of Cortelyou. Of course, he would greatly prefer the place, and with the immense interests this State and Coast has in naval matters, a Cabinet officer from this Coast could have no more congenial place than Secretary of the Navy. It is possible that that arrangement may yet be made, though at this writing it does not seem likely, at least for the present. After the election, if Roosevelt continues as President, as even the Democrats say he will, the entire Cabinet will be re-arranged. Wilson will stay at the head of Agriculture, and Hays, if he will consent to the Portfolio of Foreign Affairs; but Hitchcock will probably retire from the Interior. Taft will remain where he is, and will probably be the party's candidate in 1908; but Payne goes out as Postmaster General, and Cortelyou gets his place; and in the re-arrangement, Metcalf may find himself much better placed than as Secretary of Commerce.

To fill Metcalf's place in Congress, the candidates are already as plentiful as blackberries along a Southern road. There are, for instance, the three States Senators from Alameda, Knowland, Lukens and Leavett, although Leavett is not in it to hurt. Then there are ex-Mayor Davis, who is the programme candidate, and Thomas Rickard, the latter of Berkeley; and Frank Devlin of Solano, and Lieutenant-Governor Anderson, also of the same county. Superintendent Leach of the Mint says he does not want the nomination, and Anderson is reported to have made the same statement, which is probably true, as he wants the place now filled by the Honorable George C. Pardee, and which Mr. Anderson is now filling pro tem. Lukens is backed by the Pardee influence, he having always been the Governor's representative in the State Senate. Knowland is said to have the support of Metcalf. Leavett just wants the place, and apparently has no support but his own; and Rickards is making his own fight on the assumption—a violent one, I admit, in Alameda County—that any American citizen has a right to aspire to any place he chooses in the gift of the people, regardless of what the "push" wants.

To understand the political situation in Alameda it must first be clearly understood that all the male

population want office, and secondly that they all want the place held by Senator Perkins, and he wants to hold on to that. Starting out with that premise, we have Pardee, Senatorial candidate to succeed Perkins; Metcalf ditto; and Lukens and Knowland willing to help them each along. Perkins himself is naturally saying nothing except offering his congratulations to Metcalf, and watching the fight. The warmer it gets the better for the distinguished statesman, and his principal occupation now is to encourage all sides and pit one against the other.

It will be noticed in all this hubbub the other two counties in the district, Contra Costa and Solano, are supposed to have nothing to say only to endorse what Alameda decides to do. Senator Belshaw has concluded to keep out of the fight and to urge his claims for the Senate, although Martinelli of San Rafael thinks he can defeat him for the latter place, and Senator Perkins is credited by George Hatton with saying that Belshaw should be elected to stay at home.

In Solano, as I have said, Frank Devlin, who wanted to go to the State Senate and was supposed to have Metcalf's backing for the place, and Lieutenant-Governor Anderson, have been mentioned for the place. Devlin was District Attorney of his county, is young and bright, and would make in many respects the best Congressman of all those mentioned, but he does not live on the right side of the river. Anderson wants to be Governor, and when he gets through playing Governor for the next six weeks, until Pardee returns, he will want the place all the more. But there are others who want to be Governor besides Anderson, on this side of the Tehachapi, and beyond question there are a dozen or two of candidates south of that barrier. On this side of the mountains Charley Curry, at present Secretary of State, would like to be Governor, and there are lots of people who would like to see him change his offices at the State Capitol. Curry would have lots of support from this city, and he would be the first Governor for years who knew anything about the public business of the State before he was inaugurated. The result is that he would make a very strong candidate, and Anderson would have a time winning out against him. But nevertheless, Anderson prefers the prospect of being Governor in the future to the likelihood of being Congressman to-day. He has told several of his friends that his business arrangements would not allow him to run for Congress, even if he could get the nomination without any effort, and that he thinks it would be very difficult to get the nomination away from Alameda.

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It will be seen from all this that the Congressional fight which results from Metcalf's promotion includes the Governorship, the Senatorship and a number of lesser places, besides the one which is nominally involved. The whole State is therefore interested in the battle, and so many interests are mixed up that it is not easy to say which will prevail. Lukens and Knowland are both personally clever fellows, though no great luminaries, but then we have not sent any great luminaries from this State to Congress for a long time, and we must not seek to astonish our Eastern friends so suddenly. Lukens is the best lawyer, has the more money, and while he is too stout to be active, would no doubt do very well with Metcalf's help, and besides, he can entertain, which even for a Congressman would be a good thing. Knowland is young, has a boyish face, and would be a better department man in Washington than Lukens, and after all, it is the department work that counts. The fact is, honors are easy between the Alameda candidates, and it will not make much difference to the State at large which one is elected, if he must come from that county, and presumably there is no help for it.

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If there were any chance of Solano getting her candidate, Devlin, coming from Vallejo and the Navy Yard would be an excellent man for the place. He is as good a lawyer as Lukens, and as young as Knowland, and for the matter of that, better looking than either of the Alameda men. He is active, and both on the floor and in the departments would be the best man in the race for the place. But in politics the best man rarely wins.

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As I predicted last week, McNab won out with ease at the Democratic State Committee meeting last Saturday, and he is now in control of the whole works. He is the boss of the Democratic party in California. Tarpey showed what a poor manager he is. He first had Murphy, who has been as putty in his hands, and the Man With the Big Hat was challenged at once on his right to call the meeting and to preside now that it was called. Gould, however, knowing that McNab had the votes to win, graciously allowed Murphy to proceed, and then as politely knocked him out of the Chairmanship, and poor Al. McCabe out of the Secretaryship. I hope, however, that he has made a good thing out of the three months' work he has put in running the Hearst headquarters at the Grand, although I see by the papers that a man who had a similar job in Wisconsin has had to sue the Presidential candidate for his salary, and has garnisheed the collections from the sale of his papers in Milwaukee, so Al. must be careful.

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Both the Democrats and the Republicans are going to meet in Santa Cruz in August, which is a good thing for the town, but it should try to give them a better hall than it offered the Democrats in May. Put a gallery all around the room, paint it, and get rid of its terrible barn-like appearance.

—Junius.

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Protection for Fools and their Money.

"Gold Bricks of Speculation" ought to be the by-word of the speculator who can be properly classified as a tenderfoot in the business, one who is not posted on the methods adopted by the Sir Mulberry Hawkes of the promoting profession. It is the work of a prominent member of the Chicago Board of Trade, John Hill, Jr., by name. Mr. Hill has put everything in black and white, so that those who run can read, and it is put so clearly and distinctly that the simplest minded individual can have no excuse in the future for allowing himself or herself to be robbed. The game is before them, the modus operandi and the way it is bound to work out when the trap has been closed on the unskilled, the credulous and the unwary. Forewarned is to be forearmed, they say, and these chapters on gold bricks must certainly, when perused, put one fully on guard. The gamut of sure-thing speculation is run its entire length from bucket shop, the get-rich-quick and "investment swindles," "pools," "syndicates," "combinations," "mutuals," and "turf swindling" of all kinds. A section of the volume is devoted to the "tools of swindlers," such as "fake," "trade journals," the "booklet," "fake" mercantile agencies, and other references; "fake" banks and how references, financial reports are sold, and the "convenient" stock exchange. Samples of touting letters are given which will remind dealers of many they have received

themselves, and in some instances have cost them money. The difficulty of getting at these sneaking thieves is commented upon, and the inadequacy of the punishment is provided for cases of the kind. The author is to be commended upon his work, which should do much in itself to protect people who have to be protected against themselves, as ready victims of every brazen scandal they come up against.

Scramble for Stock.

The disposition of the public in this city is clearly shown in connection with the recent upheaval in the Tonopah shares. When these mines were first discovered, the locaters came down to this city and tried to interest local capital. Like every one else who ever tried to get a San Francisco capitalist to back up a legitimate mining proposition, they soon left in disgust. Eastern people were appealed to in turn, and promptly saw an opportunity which they turned to good advantage. Having secured the mines and opened up their wealth of ore, they came back to San Francisco with shares of stock, and met a ready sale not only for shares in the properties of repute, but for all else which they may offer, good, bad and indifferent. There are millions of these shares, and the gambling instinct of the local investors can be fully satisfied by every corporation in line, without the necessity of losing a share needed to insure control by the original holders. It will be the same thing with the boards of directors. Once a director always a director, for no human skill nor ingenuity can ever succeed in acquiring the quorum necessary to effect a change in the personnel. Lacking the nerve to take the material, the dollar chasers of this city are now rushing around wild-eyed to grasp the immaterial. The old scenes of the rush for wild-cat oil shares are being repeated in the Tonopah, and then for the aftermath.

A Dull Spell in Local Stocks.

A prominent broker who has been connected with the Stock and Bond Exchange since the day of its foundation, told the writer the other day that business was quieter with the brokers now than ever before in its history. He could assign no reason for the peculiar state of affairs, and allowance was made for the season of the year, in his remark. There is plenty of money in town. No one will question that fact, and why people will keep their hoardings locked up in the bank at a low rate of interest which the bankers earn, and his profits besides, by placing surplus funds in the very channels which the depositor overlooks, is something which these queer individuals can best answer for themselves. It's all the stranger, too, the more one ponders over the proposition. Still, from all appearances the public has given local securities the cold shake for months past, and the banks have pretty well filled up in the lines they patronize. Yet the brokers who deal in Wall street securities do not complain of hard times. On the contrary, they claim to be coining money, all of which would argue that San Francisco investors have dropped local stocks for those of New York and the East. It is the old story, possibly beading upon home goods, of a prophet without honor in his own country. There is so much talk nowadays about patronizing home industry that it seems strange some of the seed sown so liberally by the apostles of this cult does not bear some fruit.

Dull Times on Pine Street.

The market on Pine street has been more dead than alive for weeks past. The dullness is accredited in certain quarters to the season of the year, the argument being that no one ever yet saw a Comstock mark in mid-summer. This seems a very stupid argument, especially if a market is supposed to be predicated upon ore discoveries. This is tantamount to asserting that the discovery of an ore body is limited to certain seasons of the year. Judging from the way things are going now on the street, ore does not count much as a factor in the business. Ophir, for instance, with the finest prospect shown up on the lode for years, shows a lack of backbone instead of holding firm and buoyant, with prices looking upward instead of taking the back trail on the slightest excuse. Great hopes are expressed for a revival of business in the near future. This can be expected when the miners rule the market with power enough to lift it out of the hands of a bear clique, which seems at present to be able to offset effects even of ore production. There is something rotten in Denmark when such an anomalous condition of affairs can prevail.

The annual report of the Department of the Interior of the Dominion of Canada for 1903 gives the following concerning the production of gold in the Yukon territory: The gold production for the year ended June 30, 1903, amounted to \$12,113,015.34, as compared with \$9,566,340.52 in the previous year. The value of gold produced there last year was greater than in any other year, the next best having been in 1899-1900, when the production amounted to \$9,809,464.64.



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"One that will play the devil, sir, with you."

TOWN CRIER

The vagaries of suicides form a dismal subject of comment, but those of our local aspirants for another world show the most pronouncedly queer ways of getting there. Take the case of the San Jose girl, for example, who has vainly tried to commit suicide three times in three weeks, and sought a church as the place finally where she could most easily carry out her purposes. She was frustrated again by a frightened druggist, who rushed into the church and took the arsenic which she had procured from him, out of her coat sleeve. One of two things is obvious, either the girl is a pretender who does not intend to commit suicide at all, and should be arrested for a breach of the peace, since she chooses to cause such trouble, or she is insane, in which case she ought to be provided with such accommodation as is suitable for insane persons. It is a disgrace to any city to have a person at large who has attempted suicide three times in three weeks.

The fact that times have been exceptionally good accounts for the infrequency of occurrences like the following: Alexander Finn, a discharged soldier, made an attack upon a certain Mrs. Whitney in Oakland and stole her purse. Finn was found to be without money, with the exception of two copper cents, and was unquestionably hungry at the time when he committed the crime. He must be a fairly steady man, for he had evidence upon his person tending to show that he had been a roundsman in the Federal Police at Manila. That the majority of the "returned empties" from the Philippines have been able to find work as soon after landing here speaks volumes for the prosperity we have enjoyed. Let the backset in trade come, and crimes like this will be as plentiful as blackberries, and we shall see some of the fruits of imperial expansion in an unduly swollen list of crimes of violence.

The qualifications for the successful Rhodes scholar are manifold. They are literary and scholastic attainments, success in sports, qualities of manhood, in relation to truth, courage, devotion to duty, and moral force. The scholarship is worth fifteen hundred dollars a year, and seven Californians are eligible. One cannot help smiling at the innocence of the English committee which drew up such a broad and elastic set of requirements. Fancy treating a California politician with an appointment the strings on which were so loose as these are. They say, moreover, that the President of the University who has the privilege of making the selection, could give cards and spades to most politicians round the bay. There is going to be a pretty good chance for "pull" in this matter.

Let the Prohibitionists read of the efforts of the convicts at San Quentin to obtain the drug which is infinitely more harmful than liquor, and understand the impossibility of destroying the human craving for stimulants and narcotics. The sale of opium goes on admittedly, for the authorities confess their helplessness to destroy it entirely. In addition, the convicts have managed to plant the Mexican drug called "marijuana," which is even more dangerous and deadly than opium, and to smoke it after they have harvested it. Why should such things take place at San Quentin? There is no other jail in the civilized world where the convicts have the opportunity of gratifying their evil propensities as they have there.

Judge Dunne has grown tired of Chinese cases, and wants no more of them brought to him, because of the amount of perjury involved in them. This is a curious reason for not wishing to do one's duty. It would seem that the Judge's course should be obvious, and that he should get rid of perjury by punishing the perjurer. To throw down the bat and declare you won't play because the pitching is twisty is not "good ball." But how comes it that a judge who is accustomed to perjury in white cases should only shy when the Chinese are in question? Can the fact that the Chinese have no vote, have anything to do with the question? I should sincerely hope not, but the matter has a nasty look, and would seem to involve either laziness or fear on the part of his Honor.

A local Japanese says rather significantly that his countrymen have more reason to be afraid of the white peril than we have of the yellow. There is something to be said for this argument, and it must be admitted that his wily countrymen are taking every precaution. They seem to know us so much better than we know ourselves. We have not had, for instance, any contracts for the supplying of beef to the Japanese forces. Here is another example of that marvelous Japanese sagacity concerning which everybody is so eloquent just now. A photograph of General Shafter, however, which is widely circulated by an American supply firm, is expected to do much toward turning the attention of the Japanese to our commissariat department.

It is a pity to see a worthy fiddler so degraded as the Mayor has degraded himself by his recent message. The thing is so pretentious as to be really ludicrous. We do not expect good English from the leader of orchestras, but we do expect an intelligible document from the hands of a City Executive who undertakes to turn out eight thousand words of criticism and advice. There is one good thing about the matter. Nothing so reveals the personality of a man as his written word, and judged by this document, Mayor Schmitz is a somewhat commonplace person, with a very vulgar style of writing, which only tends to increase the natural vulgarity of his ideas.

Judge Gilbert, of the United States Federal Bench, has wisely decided to go to Portland before he hands down a decision in the Oakland water rate case. Whichever way he may decide, he will be better out of reach for a little while, as there is nothing which stirs up the pious Oaklander like that water question. They are always being sold out, to hear them talk. Every decision so far has been denounced not only from the editor's chair but even from the pulpit, and Judge Gilbert will be a very exceptional person if he is able to satisfy them. Anyway, he has gone to Portland, and I should recommend him to lose the papers in some of the waste places of Oregon.

There is one way by which a wife can get support even more effectively than by means of the divorce court. Let her go and live with her mother. Mrs. Daywalt, wife of a contract army surgeon at Manila, did this. The doctor did not pay for the maintenance of the wife, and her mother did, until she grew tired, when she sued the doctor for the money expended, got judgment and attached some of his land. Here it is appropriate to score one for mother-in-law.

TWO UNUSUAL POEMS.

Two poems on the death of little children—one expressing the feelings of the father, and the other those of a childless friend—have recently taken a deep hold upon the hearts of many men and women in all parts of the country. The first, by Edmund Vance Cooke, appeared in "The Booklovers' Magazine." The other is not a new poem, but has recently gained a wider audience by having been signalized as James Whitcomb Riley's favorite—a judgment which further endears the poet to his old admirers.—Current Literature.

THE LITTLE LONELY LIFE OF HIM.

Edmund Vance Cooke.

The little lonely life of him! He dwelt
Cored in our hearts, yet only partly felt
The love which folded him. How could we pour
The rapturous lore
Of love with which we bubbled to the brim,
So it might also flood the heart of him?
Our syllables and their strange ways
Came in half-foreign phrase
To little, unaccustomed ears, while his wee words
Fluttered like baby birds,
Untaught of flight.
Could he know, quite,
The meaning of the cuddling care? And did we reach
Without the definite harmonies of speech
The surest, sweetest tone
To chord his little being with our own?

The little lonely death of him! True, at the best
All men must sup alone with the last guest.
The sweet and sun-lit living room
Is ever built beside the quiet tomb.
Between them is a passage, not so wide
That ever two may tread it side by side.
Hard, hard! yet, groping down the narrow hall,
The journeying one may hear our saddened call,
Our cheering, sympathizing cries,
Or the shared sorrow of the last good-bys.
But he, the little, wee one, could he know
Our hearts were cloven with the woe?
The love which gilds the dark distress,
The blossom in the wilderness,
The one sweet in the bitterness,
The human murmur of the moan,
The music in the dirge men call a groan,
He could not know. Alone! alone!

And is he lonely still? The dazed mind gropes
Amid a labyrinth of doubts and hopes.
Life is for living. Should the lamp be torched
To break it ere the wick be scarcely scorched?
Lonely? Ah, only half I hope that he is not,
Fearing that we who loved and love him are forgot.
Selfish, I own, but love's delicious wine
Breathes ever forth the sweet bouquet of "Mine!"
Lonely? How were he else? Does not the baby
flower
Droop in its tender hour,
Transplanted? Thrives it in the stranger-earth
As in the native soil which gave it birth?
Lonely? But in the sea of loneliness,
The great sea where the tide of death's distress
Rises and ebbs and rises till the press
Floods our own nostrils with its bitterness—
In that sea is a Beacon, and its flame
Kindles the heart of man to-day the same
As in the uncounted centuries which are fled—
Faith of reunion with the loved and dead.

BEREAVED.

James Whitcomb Riley's Favorite Poem.

Let me come in where you sit weeping—aye,
Let me, who have not any child to die,
Weep with you for the little one whose love
I have known nothing of.
The little arms that slowly, slowly loosed
Their pressure round your neck—the hands you used
To kiss—such arms—such hands I never knew.
May I not weep with you?

Fain would I be of service—say something
Between the tears, that would be comforting,
But oh!—so sadder than yourself am I,
Who have no child to die!

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Dear Bessie: There was a time, so Aunt Susie tells me, that but one or two places of summer resort had the power to attract the beau monde of San Francisco, or where they saw fit to assemble. Now there are so many of them, and scattered so widely all over the State, that none of them are unduly crowded, and no matter where one goes, one is sure to meet some of their acquaintances. This year most everybody who intended spending the entire season out of town got away early this month, and so it has been what Jennie calls "deadly dull" in town; that is, there has been little of moment taking place, and only small, informal affairs have been attempted. As, for instance, Helen Wagner's cosy little tea last Friday; the tea which Mrs. Eleanor Martin gave on Sunday as a welcome home to Mrs. Loughborough, and "Jo." Julia Buckbee had the card club meet at her house last week, and another card hostess of last week was Miss Phelan at her home on Valencia street, where she gave a bridge party for Marie Voorhies and Laura McKinstry. Then Francis Howard had a luncheon and theatre party on Saturday—the St. Francis and the Columbia the respective locales; but the pleasantest of all was the tea Mrs. Patten gave at Alcatraz for her mother, Mrs. Anderson, the McDowell taking her guests there and home again. The artillery officers at the Presidio give a hop next Tuesday night.

But what of the weddings? I think I hear you ask. Yes, there were an unusual number of them named to come off this summer, and they have been spread over the three months of June, July and August, so as to give each of them a share. Among the July weddings are to be those of Anna Sperry, Florence Bailey, Edith Shorb and Miss O'Sullivan, while in August the happy couples will include Grace Martin and William Horne; Edith Findley and George Gardiner; Stella McCalla and William Chapin; Charlotte Russell and Clement Tobin, Miss Patten and Dr. Eastman, of the army.

It is so seldom that the Ritualistic little church of St. Mary's the Virgin is the locale of a wedding, I must tell you of a very pretty one I attended there last week. Miss Margaret Bell Smith was the bride and Edwin J. Thomas of Alameda the groom, and the Rev. Mardon Wilson the officiating clergyman. The church was very effectively dressed with marguerites and sweet peas, and the wedding party consisted of Irene Thomas as maid of honor, with four attendant bridesmaids and four ushers, and after the church ceremony there was a reception at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Clarence Smith, on Vallejo street.

Fanny writes home from St. Louis that she ran across the Bents in one of the exhibition buildings, and that Ethel was looking well and seemed quite infatuated with Captain Bent's new station, which is somewhere near Little Rock, where she says the people are very hospitably inclined. Louise Breeze is back again from her visit to her sister, Mrs. Benson, who returned with her and will spend some time in San Francisco, it being her first visit here in years; Ethel Lincoln came back with them, and all three enjoyed the big show at St. Louis while absent. Ethel Keeney Tomlinson will be here next month, and will, I hear, stay several weeks this time. Tom comes, too, so perhaps that is the reason why. We

are also to have quite a prolonged visit from the Fitzallan Longs this year. Mrs. Long arrived on Wednesday, the General to follow, and they are to remain with the Reques at Piedmont until the autumn; and another what you might call an absentee is coming on an official visit—I mean Captain Sydney Cloman, who used to be such a favorite here years ago. He is a member of the general staff and comes now on special duty.

You ought to see how improved the old Crocker grounds are since the unsightly fence was pulled down; they will be in fine order by the time the Will Crockers get home, for we are to have them back from Europe before many moons, so there will soon be one less closed up house on Nob Hill.

But who do you think got back this week? Dear old Mrs. Selby, who has been away for several years, and every one is so glad to see her once more. Apropos of absentees in Europe, I hear Lily Spreckels is going with her mother to take in the sights of Paris and all its delights, and will then, I believe, do Rome, and we are not to see them back for some months. The Will Tevises have gone on a passear to Europe, and will be away until the late autumn; Mrs. Will is going to try what Carlsbad will do for her. The W. J. Irwins returned from their trip East just in time to sail for Honolulu last week, where they will spend the rest of the summer. You know they have two lovely homes in the Hawaiian Islands, one in Honolulu and the other on one of the other islands, and as they usually do a good deal of entertaining during their visits their coming is always quite an event in the sleepy erstwhile kingdom.

The George Newhalls have gone to Burlingame for July and August, and I hear their newly done-up home on Pacific Avenue will be something worth seeing by the time it is ready to receive them within its doors; the W. F. Herrins are at Shasta Springs, but will be back in town by the first of July; Della Mills has returned from her visit to Portland; the H. C. Breedons are at Del Monte at present, going later to San Rafael. The Sam Wilsons are back from Mill Valley, where they have been since the early spring; Bessie Younger McDonald is camping at Blythedale, and will not go East for the present. Jessie Wright is visiting Beth and Ruth Allen at Menlo Park; Laura Prather has gone to see the Fair at St. Louis. Ruth Kirkpatrick will spend July at Tahoe; the Henry Duttons and Sam Buckbees made a week's end trip with their autos to Byron Springs last Saturday.



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Mrs. A. J. Moulder has been making a change from Pacific Avenue to Clay and Gough streets, and when she moves, the J. H. Covodes are to be a part of her household, I hear.

There is always some change going on at the Presidio, and the Tenth Infantry is the latest to make a move. They have wanted to go, I believe, almost ever since they have been here, but 'tis said that now the orders have actually come which sends them to Fort Lawton and Fort Wright in Washington, they are sorry to leave San Francisco. Part of the regiment goes next week—the rest not until October, when the Presidio is to be enriched by the arrival of the Fourth Cavalry, at least a part of it, as some of it goes to Monterey. The Tenth has been very hospitable and given many pleasant little parties while at the Presidio, and we shall be sorry to say adieu. The army ladies' card club held their last meeting at Mrs. Girrard's, who has a charming home in Alameda; the Greenleaves still remain constant to their first love, Berkeley, and have induced many of their service friends to follow in their footsteps.

The A. A. Moores of Oakland are off to Europe tomorrow, I believe, and are to spend the summer automobiling through the British Isles. Can you imagine anything more delightful? —Elsie.

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BIRTHS.

June 17th—In London, England, to Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Denbigh, a daughter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

June 29th (Wednesday)—Miss Rose Helen Hecht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hecht, to Simon Frank of Baltimore. Home. Noon.

June 30th (Thursday)—Miss Florence Hellman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Hellman, to Sidney H. Ehrman.

July 18th (Monday)—Miss Edith Shorbe, daughter of Mrs. Susan Wilson Shorbe, to James Steele, of Sacramento.

August 3d (Wednesday)—Miss Stella McCalla, daughter of Admiral Bowman McCalla, U. S. N., and Mrs. McCalla, to William Chapin, Navy Yard, Mare Island.

August 30th (Saturday)—Miss Edith Findley, daughter of Mrs. Charlotte Findley, to Geo. Gardiner. Sausalito.

Mr. A. M. Funke, who has apartments at the Empire, leaves Wednesday for a trip to St. Louis Exposition.

Mrs. George Leibold is confined to her apartments at the Empire with a slight cold.

Mr. E. H. Lestock Gregory, who has charming apartments at the Empire, entertained a party of friends prior to an extended trip to New York.

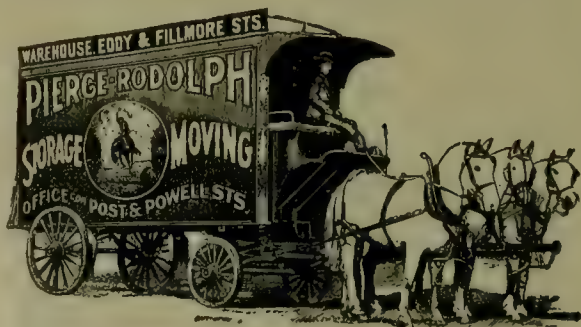
Arrivals at Hotel Rafael for week ending Tuesday, June 21: Mrs. J. Frowenfeld, Mr. J. Frowenfeld, Miss R. Frowenfeld, Master D. Frowenfeld, Miss Anna Bruns, E. Satlow, Miss E. G. Moody, Miss Sabin, Dr. De Chautreau, Ed. Dubedat, Mr. and Mrs. Hanell, Mrs. H. W. Morgan, Mr. W. W. Morgan, Mrs. W. P. Morgan, Miss Morgan, Mrs. S. H. Smith, Henrietta Henley Smith, Mr. Max Schwabacher, Mrs. Schwabacher and maid, Mr. Arthur Silverberg, Mrs. Silverberg and maid, Mr. and Mrs. W. Davis, J. Edlin, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenthal, Miss Rosenthal, Alice Haas, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Spreckels, Jr., child and nurse, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Newman, S.

Walter Newman, Edwin S. Newman, Miss Camille Roos, Mrs. Isaac Hecht and maid, Miss Helen Hecht, Percival D. Kahn, G. Rich, A. D. McBryde, Mr. and Mrs. John Landers, George McNamee, Otis E. Leland, Miss L. Rickard, Miss B. B. Sturdevant, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Robson, Miss Robson, Graham E. Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burness and children, C. S. S. Fanney, Mr. and Mrs. William Haywood and maid, Miss Dorris Haywood, Master Wilson Haywood, Miss Newman, Mr. W. M. Harris.

Mr. J. B. Rusconi and family have taken a cottage at Corte Madera for the summer. Mr. Rusconi will thus find time to come and go from his commercial enterprises in the city without endangering their prosperity.

The Ushers Club gave their initial entertainment and dance at Scottish Hall on Sunday, June 19th. The programme opened up with several interesting vaudeville numbers. Mr. Arthur Melvin, coon-shouter, gave the "Gondolier," and several encores. G. G. McLaughlin rendered "Old Heidelberg," with a pleasing tenor. Mr. Jack McKrie showed how "A Hot Old Time" could be played in six ways—first in rag-time, then in a church, then in concert, then as a waltz. Raymond Cedarbloom, assisted by Katie Kelly, made a hit singing "Sadie Malone," and Mr. Robert E. C. Masterson gave some clever imitations of Henry Miller in the third act, Covent Garden scene, from "Heartsease"; Mrs. Patrick Campbell in "The Joy of Living"; Nance O'Neill as Lady Macbeth; Edward J. Morgan as David Rossi in "The Eternal City"; Florence Roberts as Sappho, and Mlle. Anna Held. Particular mention must be made of Mr. Masterson's imitations of Mrs. Pat. Campbell and Henry Miller; in both he displayed much emotion and dramatic power, and imitated the voice and gestures of each artist excellently.

Major F. L. Payson, of the U. S. A., has been granted leave of absence for one year, on account of ill-health. He left on Wednesday with his wife and family for Paris. He has been stopping for some time at the Colonial. This hostelry seems to have captured the army and navy. Among those at present domiciled there are: Admiral Kempff, Miss Kempff, Admiral Merrill Miller, Mrs. Miller, Miss Ann Miller, Commander F. H. Holmes, Mrs. Holmes, Miss Holmes, Master Holmes, Captain L. C. Logan, Mrs. Logan, Miss Elsie Logan, Miss Georgina L. Logan, General G. B. Dandy, Captain J. F. Dean, Mrs. Dean, Major S. R. Kranthoff, Mrs. Kranthoff.



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Mrs. Charles Keilus, Miss Rose J. Keilus, Mr. Henry M. Keilus and Julien Keilus have gone on a tour to the Southern part of the State and Mexico, to be away six or seven weeks.

Following are the recent arrivals at Paraiso Springs: Thomas D. Riordan and wife, William Schroeder, Mr. S. G. Rosenbaum, Mrs. William Martin, Miss Alice Martin, Otto H. Greenwald, Sir Henry Hyman, T. H. Field, Agnes Bode, Anna Grosse, Mrs. Otto Muser, J. H. Currier, James A. McMahon, Captain A. J. Dunlery, Rose Haas, Carolyn Haas, Miss Osborne, Mrs. Irwin, Joseph Hahn, Miss Rosalind Bryant, Miss Susie Wells, Ethel J. Dorn, I. H. Ganear, Mrs. E. G. Koenig and children, Mrs. B. H. Lucke and children.

People who are contemplating an outing in the picturesque part of Lake County will be pleased to learn that Mr. William Spiers has a new lot of carriages which makes the equipment the most comfortable in California. The company, under the management of Mr. Spiers, is known as the Spiers' Springs Stage Company, and it announces a reduction in rates, making the rate from San Francisco to Middletown and return \$6; Anderson, Harbin and Spiers', \$7; Astorg, Adams', Hoberg's, Howard's, Glen Brook, Seigler's, Lower Lake, Kelsey, Lakeport and return, \$9. Stages leave Calistoga 11:30 a. m., except Sunday. Half hour at Calistoga Hotel for lunch. Tickets are on sale at the S. P. R. R. offices.

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THE LOOKER-ON

In one of the daily papers a writer on sporting events laments the decrease of popular interest in the prize-ring and its stall-fed practitioners. His cry of regret finds its proximate cause in the failure of the Jeffries-Munroe fake, and at some length he points out that prize-fighters are falling in public estimation, and that the "noble art of self-defense" is rapidly losing caste. Although he does not say so, this commentator doubtless believes that "you cannot fool all of the people all of the time." The people of this city have been fooled so often by the prize-ring grafters that the band of confidence operators had about reached the conclusion that the crop of those innocents who are born every day was larger here than elsewhere, and that "any old thing would go" in San Francisco. The main reason for the postponement of the Jeffries-Munroe fight, the wise ones say, was to affect a betting. With Jeffries a prohibitive favorite at 10 to 3, the manipulators saw but little chance to make money. Something had to be done. The champion's legs, therefore, became shaky. Now, the miner from Butte says Jeffries is afraid of him. Before the date in August for which the fight is now set, the odds will shorten considerably, if the San Francisco betting public is as foolish as usual. The grafters will be thereby given another opportunity to fleece the innocent, and the "noble art" will be elevated accordingly. Such manipulations have marked nearly all the championship contests held in San Francisco, but the people are slowly awakening to the fact that ringing the changes in this manner are all part of the game. Of late, many of the clubs have been losing money because the gudgeons will no longer bite. The betting on the Jeffries-Munroe fight was very light, because most ring followers figured that the miner was hopelessly out-classed. If that impression could be changed, of course the odds should change with it. The way to work a change in the public mind was found by a postponement at the demand of Jeffries. A looker-on can now lie back and watch the playing of the game.

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Truly Shattuck, who has won fortune on the vaudeville stage, is again in San Francisco and appeared at the Orpheum. It will be remembered that she was made famous in a night by the death of a young man to whom, it was said, she was engaged. Her mother objected to the young man, and his death resulted. Truly was then a Tivoli chorus girl, but she bounded into vaudeville while the manner of the death of her admirer was yet the talk of the town. She has been bounding along ever since, and now she is rich, has an established place on the stage, and is even more beautiful than in the old Tivoli days. The public has an insatiable curiosity for a woman "with a past," and they are ever ready to pay their big American dollars to see an actress who has achieved a notorious divorce, or for love of whom some foolish young man has lost his life.

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A party of prominent Englishmen, many of whom have been municipal officials, are coming to San Francisco to make a close study of the operations of our charter, the fame of which, it seems, has gone abroad. They should attend a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, when the Mayor and the representatives of the untterrified Democracy are exchanging compliments, and watch the wheels go round. It is

not always that visitors from abroad can enjoy the wondrous spectacle of American statesmen publicly engaged in thought. The exhibition of the Braunnhart convolutions will alone repay them for the trip.

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The street sweepers have been directed not to disturb the mass of mud that has accumulated along the curbstone in front of the Examiner building. It is to be used during the coming campaign.

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Politicians who were there, say that at the Ruef banquet Charley Shortridge killed any chance he might have had for consideration as a candidate for Congress from the Fifth. Nobody knows what Shortridge was expected to talk about, but, presumably, it was on something appropriate to the occasion. At the top of his voice he extolled the virtues of Matt Quay, Dan Burns, Bill Higgins, Sam Rainey and a bunch of others, all of whom have "passed out."

"Now, if he had only added his own name, Shortridge would have had a complete list of 'dead ones,'" said a politician. But he did say one good thing. When he arose, some one shouted, "Three cheers for Charley Shortridge!"

"That's a good idea," said Charley. And the waiters smiled.

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"The woman in the case" has appeared in the Eppinger trial. She is the wife of Juror Plumbe, and she manifests her devotion to her spouse by ardently kissing him every morning when he appears in court after his enforced detention at the Palace Hotel. All the bachelors on the jury, after witnessing the salutations of Mrs. Plumbe, have decided to become benedicts. Judge Lawlor, meanwhile, is trying to figure out a method to lessen the demonstrations of domestic affection, particularly as it is reported that Mrs. Plumbe has expressed the opinion that Eppinger is a persecuted man, and that she knows what she would do if she were on the jury in her husband's place. It may develop that Mrs. Plumbe is a peach.

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This practice of osculation in our juries should be frowned upon by our judges. We cannot think of anything more reprehensible than this innovation. Either give all the jurors the right of labial refreshment inalienably, or cut out those kissers in particular out a method to lessen the demonstrations of illege." It is unconstitutional, material and relevant.

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The News Letter has frequently had occasion to severely criticize the methods of the street cleaning contractors, and to point out the danger to health, as well as the great annoyance arising from the neglect of sprinkling. Now comes a prominent New York physician, Dr. S. A. Knorp, who has made a study of street cleaning and its attendant ills, and in most forceful language he sustains the position taken by us, and urges that the law should be absolute requiring all streets to be sprinkled immediately prior

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to sweeping. Dr. Knorp says that five years' work as a street sweeper in New York makes the average individual a consumptive. This is due directly to the constant inhalation of all kinds of dust, and the consequent irritation of the pulmonary surfaces, which makes the invasion of the germ of tuberculosis more easy. The sweeping of streets in the dry state, he says, should be considered a crime against our fellow-men. It is not the air, but the dust in the air, which makes New York a dangerous place, particularly in summer, to people pre-disposed to pulmonary troubles. While, as a natural consequence of their occupation the street sweepers are the most severe sufferers, the citizens at large also suffer to a considerable degree. We are all apt to breathe the irritating and infectious dust raised by sweeping, by gusts of wind, by street cars, wagons and other vehicles. If street cleaning, under present conditions, renders the average employee consumptive within a few years, the sources of tuberculous infection are thereby increased. Furthermore, the majority of the street sweepers being of the poorer classes, they will become burdens to the community as soon as they cease to be bread-winners. Street cleaners should be provided with respiratory masks, particularly in very dusty localities.

All the statements of Dr. Knorp apply very forcibly to conditions in this city. Our streets are never clean. The sprinkling cart is seldom seen. It is the exception, rather than the rule, when streets in the residence district are sprinkled before being swept. In the down-town districts, because of the bitter complaints made by merchants, sprinkling is sometimes done, but in the Western Addition and the Mission, where the afternoon winds drive the dust in blinding clouds, sprinklers are never seen. The infectious dust fills houses and stores, and covers the clothing of people on the streets. There is urgent need for reformation in our methods of cleaning the streets.

Tom Riordan has refused to handle that gilded brick bearing the inscription: "Nominee for Congress in the Fourth Congressional District." He has business of greater importance to the Republic, for he has just organized a savings and investment company, with a capital of \$1,000,000. All these politicians manage to move up toward the million dollar mark. How do they do it?

The University Regents have fixed the salary of the office of Secretary of the University at \$6,000 per annum, and they are vainly seeking for a man possessing the necessary qualifications to fill the position acceptably. In raising the salary to the present figure they have shown wisdom far beyond that usually displayed in determining the amount to be paid the State officials. A good man is worth \$6,000 a year. The University cannot afford to have a substitute who is willing, as McKeown was, to accept a much smaller salary, but who, like McKeown, may not be able to resist the temptation of appropriating some of the money that passes through his hands. The people of this State frequently complain of the poor material they get for officers, but they overlook the small inducement they offer to take office. Most of the State officers get only \$250 a month, \$1,000 a year less than is paid most of the officers of this city. A State officer has to bear the expense of a State campaign, and nearly all of them enter their offices at Sacramento burdened with debt. Their salaries are barely sufficient to maintain them and their families, and to pay the personal expenses they

are forced to incur entertaining visitors to the State Capitol. They can save nothing from their incomes. Is it any wonder, then, that some of the weak ones fall by the wayside? The solution of the problem is to get better men, but that can be done only by raising salaries.

The authorities at Washington are becoming really paternal in their solicitude for the rater and his family. Local customs officers have received orders to arrest any captian who overcrowds an excursion boat, hereafter, and to revoke the nense of the boat. They have been directed to keep particular watch on Fourth of July excursions, and to keep tally on all the seekers for sensation who go over the gang-planks. That order, if enforced, should have some good effect, for it will certainly lessen the danger of loss of life. The wonder is that scores of lives have not been lost through accidents on excursion boats. They usually carry about four times as many passengers as the law allows; their crews are small, ignorant and inefficient, and their life-boats, when there are any, are wrecks held together by the double lashings that fasten them to the davits. Under this order, the customs officers might inspect the Oakland ferry boats, broad guage, on the 5:30 and 6 o'clock trips from this side, any evening. They always carry fifteen to twenty times the number of people that, upon an emergency, could be crowded into the life boats, and the company takes chances every day that would make a gambler tremble.

Thousands of people are going to the Yosemite this year. Thousands more would go if it were not for a deterrent factor. That mass of emerald green and dirty ochre that does duty for a painting in the ferry depot nave has had the effect of keeping people at home. They argue that if the Yosemite looks anything like this picture, the farther away they can remain the better. This explains the unpopularity of the "up-stairs" department of the depot. If that picture be removed, many more will use the nave as a promenade. The Yosemite painting was probably pictured by a "child wonder" as an example of what may be done in art without any previous tuition.

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TIVOLI—"Robin Hood," in many respects the equal of the Bostonian performance.

CENTRAL—Lights o' London"—A very fair production.

FISCHER'S—"The Mormons"—A highly enjoyable comic operetta.

At last the Tivoli is producing something that is up to its old reputation, and in some instances beyond that fair repute. When I say that the performance of "Robin Hood" compares favorably with the work of the "Bostonians" in their palmiest days, you can rest assured that it is a wonderfully good production. Manager Strine has used the pruning knife to good advantage. He now has young women on the stage who sing well, act well, and look well.

The stunts by the chorus are invariably better than anything attempted by the Bostonians. The Will Scarlet of John Dunsmure is the very best basso we have heard in many a day, while Arthur Cunningham's "Little John" electrifies the house. Kate Condon is a singer from Singersville. Her notes are pure and sure, and she has made a splendid hit. Miss Edith Mason as "Maid Marion" wins the heart of her audience by her pretty stage presence. Her face is a sweet and a pleasant one, and her voice has the right timbre, although she has not yet caught the range of the house. William Schuster's "Friar Tuck" is splendidly rendered, and the "Guy of Gisborne" of Teddy Webb is like all Webb's work—excellent. Barron Berthald will come out all right in the weeks that are to come. His voice rose once or twice to the requirements of the opera in fine shape, but, as a rule, there was a huskiness and a way-down-in-the-throat delivery that was many miles from what it should have been. Dame Durden, in the hands of Bessie Fannehill, was a very good piece of work. There is not much of the dame, except in avoirdupois, but she can sing, and she sang better than she usually does.

Willard Simms suffered by comparison with Barnaby. He is a caricature of that grand old man in form and feature, but alas, not in voice. He has a falsetto squeak which jars discordantly, and which sounds unnatural. If it is an unnatural effect he should cut it out. He can dance very gracefully, and in the drunken scene he made the most acceptable sot I have ever seen. I believe Simms is an acquisition, and that Barnaby's shadow should not prejudice us against the newcomer.

I could sit for hours and listen to John Dunsmure or Cunningham in their respective solos. Here and in the chorus is where the new company shines. The audience was prolific all the week with its encores, and some of the old stand-bys who have been faithful in and out of season are busy congratulating one another on the enterprise which has given them something to praise without stint at the Tivoli. I predict packed houses for to-night and Sunday, and I wish a long life to Robin Hood and his merrie band at the Eddy-street house.

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Frances Starr has struck a keynote in the hearts and heads of every man, woman and child in the audiences at the Alcazar. And these audiences are

not small. Some evenings they have tested the capacity of the house. The play which serves to bring out the talent of this little actress and draw the crowds is "Lover's Lane." I have singled out Miss Starr because she is so phenomenally the character study in this symposium of truthful pictures. She takes the part of "Simplicity Johnson," a member of the household of the minister who is the hero of the play, the Reverend Thomas Singleton (Mr. Durkin) and she maintains the undivided interest of the audience from the start to the finish. There is no line or word which calls for adverse criticism. She is simply perfect and unalloyedly enjoyable. Mr. Mather takes the part of the bell ringer of the church, and his love passages with the "Melissy" of Miss Jennie Wiederman bring down the house. He doubles in this bill, and also assumes the part of Skittles, the village bill poster, who gets the minister into difficulty by posting up some pictures of girls in tights as an advertisement for a church affair. The play abounds with jollity and pathos, and the cast is an exceptionally long one. I cannot particularize further, nor can I say more than this: every actor and actress seems imbued with the sweet tone of the play, and player and people are close to one another in a heart-to-heart study of the best things in humanity.

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Fischer's is producing a delightfully clean little skit called "The Mormons." The book is by Judsen Brussie and the lyrics by Lee Johnson. The book is generally acceptable, and the music is sparkling and catchy. The company is doing good ensemble work, and there are one or two of them that are phenomenally fine.

Alton is meeting with a hearty approval of the Seminole business, and he and the chorus deserve all the praise they receive. Mr. Keane in his song, "By-lo-Baby, By-lo," is splendid, and he secures fine appreciation from an audience which is always ready to applaud the "human interest" in a song.

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good idea to remember that it will not remain indefinitely at the Fischer house.

There has been considerable criticism of the book of this play. Most of this is adverse, and undeserved. There are certain things that militate against the phenomenal success of any production at Fischers. Women will not attend a house where unannounced smoking is permitted, and this accounts for the vast preponderance of the male man to see "The Mormons." Further than this, while Miss Aug is one of the best soubrettes, she does not, by any manner of means take the place of a Russell or an Amber. There is still a crying need for one big central feature, man or woman, at this house, and the best playwright in the world, with the finest playlet ever written, cannot supply the want. It would be a most unthinking critic who would misjudge in this case, and lay any blame on the playwright because of the character of the Fischer audiences or their lack in numbers.

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The theatres of San Francisco are doing remarkably well considering the fact that there are thousands of people away at present. It is conservatively estimated that at least twenty thousand people have gone away to the summer resorts, and an army of no small dimension is at present at St. Louis, and yet a good show always draws a good house. It simply proves what I have always said: "San Francisco is the best show town in the country, but you cannot advertise a poor show into a large audience."

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Mrs. Leslie Carter holds out well under the terrific strain of Belasco's "Du Barry." She begins the third and last week of a most successful engagement next Monday. If any of the readers of the News Letter have not seen "Du Barry," they may take the word of a critic whom they know is not easily pleased and go to the Grand Opera House and witness a performance of this celebrated play and this gifted woman. There is no need of being afraid of witnessing a performance that has been arranged for the purpose of setting off the star to the best advantage. The ladies and gentlemen with Mrs. Carter are all wonderfully clever. It is the best that has come down the theatrical pike in many moons, and you can take the word of a sour old critic for that!

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Miss Marie Rawson, a blonde type, said to be a beauty and a clever actress, will take the part of "Hope Langham" in principal support of White Whittlesey in "Soldiers of Fortune."

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Trask and Rogers, who have been starred with the best minstrel organizations in the country, will present their original singing and eccentric dancing act at the Chutes this coming week. Fyne and Dandy, comedy acrobats, will also be new, and the musical Harts will change their refined specialty. Lamont's Australian trained cockatoos, highly intelligent feathered actors, will continue their interesting performance; the dainty Fay sisters will give new songs and dances, and Hallie White, the pleasing soprano, will be heard in the latest illustrated songs.

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The company in support of Mr. Whittlesey, at the Alcazar, for the summer season will be composed of the following ladies and gentlemen: Messrs. Osbourne, Hilliard, Conness, Byers and Barnum; Misses Belgarde and Elsmere, and Miss Rawson as leading lady.

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The case of Dr. Dogge of San Jose, who is suing the Fidelity and Casualty Company for a \$14,712 claim, under one of its policies, and which was written about in a previous edition of this publication, but serves to show the danger of investing in insurance which does not insure.

The Fidelity and Casualty Company is contesting the claim on grounds which to it may, it is conceded, seem just.

Accident insurance companies of the Fidelity and Casualty stripe, however, are too prone to resort to the courts to defeat the claims arising under their contracts of insurance. The Fidelity and Casualty Company has in this respect achieved a record, and an examination of the court dockets will convince the most ardent defender of the company that it has apparently earned the title of being a fighter of claims. Whether the Dogge case be tried to a conclusion or whether the company compromises it out of court, the fact remains that the V. S. the Fidelity and Casualty is too easily found in the court records, and is so familiar that the intending insurer in this company naturally becomes dubious.

The financial standing of the corporation is unimpeachable, but it is not a pleasant prospect to a policy-holder to feel that he has to employ a collector to secure a payment of his claim.

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The home office of the company is in New York, and it may be that the local management has some weight in its actions in litigating claims. There was some years ago scandal in regard to the then local manager of the company, but his successor, Mr. Bosworth, is so well known for his probity and ability that the blame for the dilatory tactics adopted by the company in the settling of its claims cannot be saddled on the manager here, but must be charged where it belongs, to the home office.

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Mr. George W. Turner, the ex-manager of the Northwestern, is going on a trip to the East. He will visit the St. Louis Fair, and incidentally will bring back a company, or maybe two.

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It is too bad, but the fact remains that the National Casualty of Detroit has been organized with a capital stock of \$200,000, to take over the National Protective Society of that city and the American Casualty Company of Buffalo.

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The Lloyds Insurance Companies, managed by that notorious firm of Farmer & Thompson, of Chicago, have losses of nearly a hundred thousand dollars and assets—well—not any.

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In anticipation of the glorious Fourth of July, says the Record, over two hundred applications for permits to sell fireworks have been received by the New York Fire Department. The premises on which it is proposed to sell the fireworks will be inspected by the Bureau of Combustibles, which grants permits only after the regulations for safety have been complied with. When everything is in order the small boy and his larger brother will be on hand to see that a sufficient number of killed and wounded are provided in celebration of the glorious Fourth. Chicago has realized the danger of the physical fire hazard as well as the danger of the accident insurance risk. It has appointed a committee from amongst the Board of Aldermen, and the small boy or the big

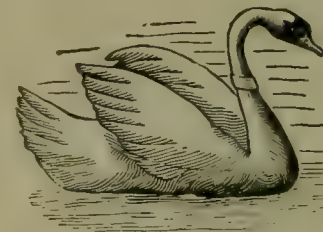
one must get a license from the committee prior to his firing off a single rocket or a nre-cracker on the coming Fourth.

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A rather interesting decision to life insurance men was that rendered recently by the Common Pleas Court refusing judgment in the suit brought by the executors of Robert Kirkpatrick, against the Metropolitan Life; he was hanged for murder. The policy contained a clause to the effect that if Kirkpatrick, within one year from the issue, died by his own hand or act, the company would not be liable. On June 16, 1902, the company was notified that Kirkpatrick had been convicted, but continued to receive premiums. On October 25, 1903, the man was executed. Judge Ralston, in his opinion, said: "We consider that upon grounds of public policy the law of Pennsylvania forbids a recovery upon a policy where the insured has been executed for crime whether the policy contains a clause upon the subject or not, and even if it stipulates that the company shall be liable." At the present time this is especially interesting to California life-men, since practically the same case is before the courts of this State.

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New York and Chicago are hereafter to take care of their firemen. The day or night when a fireman is to be left to take care of his injuries is passed; in the future he will have "the first aid to the injured." In New York, for instance, two trucks are sent out to every fire, and one first aid bag will go with every two trucks. The bag will be equipped as follows: Aseptic bandages of gauze and muslin; absorbent cotton and aseptic gauze in nickel-plated tubes that are supplied with adjustable openings, thus allowing of frequent sterilization; aseptic needles of different sizes, in packages that are not to be opened till wanted for use; a tourniquet for stopping hemorrhage; splints for broken bones or bad sprains; seven air-tight bottles, one of which contains bichloride tablets, with which to prepare antiseptic solutions; a bottle of iodoform; two bottles of oil for burns; carbolic acid for disinfecting; a pair of surgeon's scissors. By the time that the amateur has used all this lot of stuff it is safe to say the fireman will have risen in his wrath and killed the kindergarten nurse or will have collapsed himself. The first aid to the injured is the dream of a theorist, and not the demonstration of practicability.



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The cool winds as evening closed hardened the asphalt. Chauffeurs wondered that night why the road was so rough, but no one knew save Willie, and he got a new pair of shoes for his knowledge.

SECURE A GREAT ACTRESS.

Mr. George Tyler, theatrical manager, gives a very readable account of his trip to Paris to secure the engagement of the great actress Rejane and the Italian actor Novelli. While Mr. Tyler was in London, he made arrangements for the appearance of the gifted American actress, Miss Eleanore Robson, for September, at the Duke of York's Theatre, in Zangwill's "Merely Mary Ann."

Incidental to the London trip, Mr. Tyler purchased an automobile. He makes some interesting remarks on the subject, which will bear re-printing:

"As regards the pleasure part of my visit," said Mr. Tyler, "one of my purposes in coming to Paris was to buy an automobile. I was at once taken possession of by all the dealers in the city as soon as my intention was known, and from the first day I arrived in Paris till now, I hadn't a moment to myself. I was simply tossed from one vehicle to another, spun around on big automobiles and small automobiles like one of the doomed shades of Dante. I made only thirty-two trips backward and forward to Versailles. Every bone in my system at last began to ache, and my judgment was all mixed up in smoke and petrol. I decided yesterday to put an end to my martyrdom by purchasing a fourteen horse-power Renault. It is a perfect beauty, but I don't want to see it to-day. I have had enough of automobiling just now and have to lock myself up for business. In a few days I shall start on a tour to Italy in my new trap. I shall go to Milan, Florence and Rome."

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With E. H. Sothorn's final performance of "The Proud Prince" this Saturday evening at the Columbia Theatre, the brilliant season of 1903-4 at that house will come to a close. Commencing Monday night, the theatre will be dark for a period of two weeks, preceding a long line of star attractions to be seen here during the next season, which will be inaugurated on Monday night, July 11th, by Ethel Barrymore, in her greatest success, "Cousin Kate." The announcement that Charles Frohman is bringing Miss Barrymore all the way from London to play this special engagement will be received with every mark of pleasure on the part of the theatre-goers in San Francisco. Miss Barrymore has achieved a great triumph in this delightful comedy, and has been enormously successful with it this season. All theatrical precedents were broken in New York, where in one season she played three separate engagements to immense audiences, the house being sold out at every performance.

Valerie Bergere, the piquante, clever and graceful comedienne who scored such a hit here two years ago in "Billie's First Love," will return to the Orpheum this coming week, supported by a competent company. "His Japanese Wife," a one-act playlet by Grace Griswold, and a tremendous New York success, will be her new offering. Miss Bergere is a capable artist in every respect, and she injects just enough humor in her work to keep the plot intact and at the same time to take the minds of the audience from the pathos which creeps up now and then between the lines. Gallagher and Barrett, Irish comedians and laugh-inducers of the first water, will make their first appearance in San Francisco.

Henry Miller is to appear in Henry Arthur Jones's new play, "Joseph Entangled." Charles Frohman secured the play for Miller and will have that star, supported by a big company, when it is produced for the first time in America next month at the Columbia Theatre. The piece is to be one of the first offerings of the next season in New York, to which place it will be taken after its premiere in this city.

They have removed Ferris Hartman from the stage performances at the Tivoli, for which thanks are due. Mr. Hartman will now give his undivided attention to the stage management, and there is no better stage manager in the country. I believe in rendering "unto Caesar," etc.

The Central will continue its popular series of big attractions next Monday evening with the sterling New York success, "The Power of the Cross." All through the East, this heart-interest drama has had splendid runs, and the critics have been high in their praises of its thrilling plot and powerful climaxes. The play is as full of action as an egg is full of meat, and the four acts are alive with striking and startling episodes, while the tragic and pathetic qualities of the piece are relieved by comedy that is delightful and fascinating.

Knowing the previous popularity of White Whitelsey at the Alcazar, I have had no hesitancy in saying that the coming engagement of that bright young man will be a successful one. He has been working

very hard, and he will astonish his plentiful supply of old friends by his newer ability. He is to give us Richard Harding Davis's "Soldiers of Fortune." This is a dramatization by the veteran playwright, Augustus Thomas. It is a thrilling story of South American adventure, located in the supposititious Republic of Olancho. Magazine readers are familiar with the plot, and as people remember what they read in the magazines and forget what they read in the daily papers, it is safe to guess that "Soldiers of Fortune" is bound to have a large following nightly. Thousands have read the story.

San Francisco people who have seen Sothern in his inimitable acting will be astonished and no doubt edified at the following from the Los Angeles Examiner:

"Mr. Sothern is an actor without subtlety; he cannot fill its requirements. Mr. Sothern has gifts of person and of voice. He has a pretty touch of romance and a most graceful mode of love-making. He is unwise to sacrifice these assets in the attempt to win what is forever beyond him. He has not the mental bent which would enable him to grasp either the bizarre or the tragic."

The Examiner's critic is a Miss Skinner, and as a critic, she certainly skins 'em all. The actual knowledge she possesses as to what constitutes a subtle actor would fill about one-half of a page of a child's primer and not crowd it.

This is the last week of the "Eight Radium Girls" at Fischer's Theatre.

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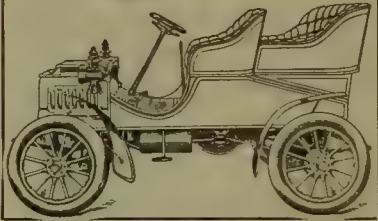
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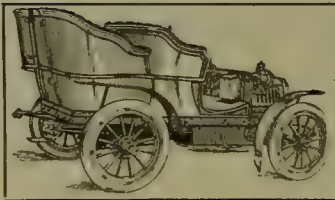


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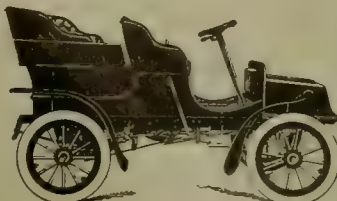
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BY THE AUTOCAR

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This is a call which should be heeded, for there is strength in numbers. The two hundred members in the club and the automobilists at large do not appreciate the club and what it may do for them if they will only stand back of it and lend it a helping hand.

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The Automobile Club is a kind of insurance to the automobilist. The local club is a protection against adverse legislation and the many other obstacles to be met with at the present "kindergarten" stage of the sport on the Coast.

With the proper kind of support on the part of the automobilists, the club could become a factor in the making of laws for the highways of the State.

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The average automobilist will howl about how unjustly he is treated, while on the roads, yet he will not take time or give his services to an organization that is trying to eradicate just the things he complains of. Then, again, he will more than likely turn on the club and its officers and complain of them. He never stops to think that the work of the officers is a "labor of love"; that they get nothing for their trouble but kicks, and carry on the club work at the expense of their own business.

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Let every one who owns an automobile promise to himself that he will give the club all the support he can for one year as an experiment. Just try it, and see what the result will be. If this is done, by all, it can be safely stated that the results will be far beyond the hopes of the most enthusiastic.

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The annual race for the Gordon Bennett cup for 1904 is now a matter of history. The honors were taken by France, with the winner of last year in second place. From the spectators' point of view it was tame, as no one was hurt or killed.

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A warrant was sworn out a few days ago for the arrest of Barney Oldfield, the American champion automobile racer, on the charge of running his machine on Franklin avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour. This is nineteen miles faster than permitted by law. Oldfield, upon learning that a warrant had been issued for him, telephoned police headquarters that he would come to the central station and give himself up.

Barney must keep before the public.

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One of the most successful automobile tours ever made on the Coast was completed recently by Dr. C. B. Brown, of Portland, Oregon, in the "Samantha." The "Samantha" is a beautiful White touring car, which conveyed five people safely to Los Angeles from San Francisco, and then after a two-weeks' stay in the Southern metropolis, brought its passengers sound and safe again to San Francisco. It was a remarkable trip of nearly 2,000 miles, and with no puncture and but one small breakage on the

auto. The pleasure of the journey was only occasionally marred by bad roads. Dr. Brown started on the trip, acting as his own chauffeur.

A broken diaphragm was the only repair needed, the car had never to be touched by a repair man, only to be cleaned and oiled, and the engine has never been taken apart or tightened up for adjustment. The auto trip was taken principally for Mrs. Brown's health, as the doctor said sunshine was the only cure. Mrs. Brown's recovery has been marvelous, and to use her expression, "Samantha has done it all. This alone has more than paid us for what hardships we had to endure."

H. D. Saville, examiner for Park licenses, instead of "dodging the baby," took a run in a White touring car across the bay last Sunday.

Among other White owners out touring last Sunday were L. P. Lowe, Robert Piper, Return Roberts and Fred W. Gregory.

Mr. Lowe drove his steam touring car to Byron Springs. Messrs. Piper and Roberts took their families in their machines to the Garden City. Mr. Gregory, of the White Company, had his wife and E. C. Ward and wife, of Fresno, out for a spin through the Presidio and Park.

J. O. Bradney purchased a White touring car last week, and made his first run last Sunday to San Jose. He enjoyed the ride immensely, and thinks motoring the genuine sport.

One of the most remarkable trips of the season was just made by Mr. John Hopkins Spring of Fruitvale in his new White touring car to Wawona and the Big Trees in Calaveras County. Mr. Spring, accompanied by Mrs. Spring, their son, and a chauffeur, left their home on Thursday, June 9th, ran that night to Gilroy, which is seventy miles from their home. The roads were excellent, and it was a beautiful moonlight night and the run was greatly enjoyed. The next morning they left Gilroy and ran over the Pacheco Pass fifty miles to Los Banos for lunch. From Los Banos they traveled to Madera, a distance of 50 miles.

They left Madera the next morning and rode to Raymond, distant twenty-five miles. Grub Gulch was their objective point, as Mr. Spring was going into the mountains to examine mining property.

The next day they took a side trip of fifty miles into the Sunset District, where the roads were bad but the scenery magnificent.

On the following day they made up their minds to visit the famous big trees on the Road to Yosemite Valley, and made the run from Grub Gulch to Awanie in good time. The day was spent very pleasantly, and the return trip made in the afternoon to Grub Gulch. Mr. Springs says he would not advise timid people to undertake to spend the night at Grub Gulch. It is the only place for miles where water can be obtained, as there is a magnificent spring there, and during the night the bears from the surrounding mountains could be heard clambering down the sides of the hill for water. Mr. Spring says that there is great interest in automobiling in that section of the country, as there has been only a few automobiles which have undertaken this arduous trip to the Big Trees.

The following morning, Mr. Spring hastily packed his luggage, and the run from Grub Gulch to Madera



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was a record-breaking one. They ran on into Los Banos for the night, and the next day the run home was made in good time.

Mr. Horace A. Beale, Jr., of Philadelphia, driving his own four-cylinder 16-22 h. p. gasoline Locomobile, won the George T. Lippincott cup on June 11th. This cup was offered for the first car that would leave Philadelphia and arrive at Atlantic City. There were seven starters, but Mr. Beale won the cup with half an hour handicap against him. He was not arrested for breaking the speed limit, as stated in the newspapers. The time between Philadelphia and Atlantic City was 2 hours 12 minutes.

Our representative, in his visits to auto headquarters, visited Andrews, Keenan and Blasauf, and noticed a powerful hydraulic press in operation, also a traveling crane, which the firm has just completed. The equipment for good and rapid repair work in this shop is unexcelled; the workshop is light and neat, and they deserve to succeed.

Return Roberts, a prominent business man of Madera, accompanied by his wife and daughter and Miss Smith, made a very successful but difficult run overland from Fresno to this city recently. The overflow of the San Joaquin River caused the party a great deal of trouble, but the White car managed to get through safely, and landed the party of enthusiastic motorists here none the worse for the journey.

The Olds Motor Works of Detroit is just in receipt of a cablegram from Milan, Italy, stating that an Oldsmobile runabout was awarded the gold medal in the touring contest at Milan, held under the auspices of the Automobile Club of Italy. The medal was won in competition with a 10-horse power Tisenach, a 9-horse-power Isottafraschini, and a 9-horse-power Tourinia, and a Renault. The course was 900 kilometres in length, and, according to the rules under which the contest was held, all adjustments were forbidden during the contest.

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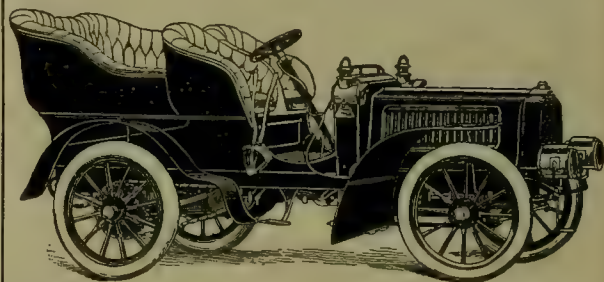
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Mr. Charles Mifflin Hammond, a brother-in-law of President Roosevelt, Mrs. Hammond of Upper Lake, B. B. Stanley and William O. Edmonds, made a trip last Friday in Mr. Hammond's new model B. Cadillac over the mountains to Upper Lake. A letter from Mr. Hammond states that the party had a very delightful trip, but the last fifty miles the dust was nearly up to the axle, and the grades ranged from twelve to thirty per cent. For six straight miles no part of the grade was less than eight per cent, and from that to twenty-five per cent.

New Model B Cadillacs were delivered last week to F. H. Birge, San Jose; A. L. Hendricks, Eureka; H. H. Myers, San Francisco; H. H. Owens, San Francisco; Charles Mifflin Hammond, Upper Lake; Frank H. Johnson, San Rafael; two to the Stockton Automobile Co., Stockton; Letcher Automobile Co., San Jose; W. F. Malcolm, Woodland, R. D. Merrill, Seattle, Washington. Twelve Cadillacs, Model B, will arrive this week.

Mr. George A. Aldrich, the well-known automobile enthusiast, has just returned from a ten months' trip around the world. His trip included Honolulu, Japan, China, returning through Egypt, Italy, Berlin and London to New York. Mr. Aldrich, while away, made the automobile industry a study, and especially so in the Orient. Upon his return to America, he remained for some time in New York and other Eastern cities, and on his way West visited the Winton factory. Mr. Aldrich also visited the Locomobile factory at Bridgeport, Conn., and while there received considerable personal attention from Mr. Riker. Mr. Aldrich has expressed himself as being especially well-pleased with the shop methods and modern machinery installed in their plant.

Mr. H. H. Sawyer of Napa came to San Francisco last Saturday and purchased a new Oldsmobile light tonneau touring car from the Pioneer Automobile Company, and in company with Mr. F. S. Jacks (also of Napa) Mr. Sawyer drove his machine home on Sunday.

Mr. George H. Osen, of San Jose, in company with Mrs. H. J. Edwards, E. A. Hunter and A. N. Johnston, drove his new automobile light tonneau touring car from San Jose to San Francisco and home again on Sunday last.

Mr. A. E. Joy, of Watsonville, drove his Winton car from his home to this city last Sunday and pronounces the Winton touring car to be the only automobile.

Mr. R. J. Mier and party of friends made a trip around the bay last Sunday in Mr. Mier's new Winton touring car.

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COLONEL WATTERSON AT THE GUNS.

An Eastern publication speaks of W. R. Hearst, the assumed Presidential candidate, as follows:

Rather than lift the screen and tell them what could not be denied, we prefer to believe—nay, we do believe—that the young sybarite, who is back of it—the invisible millionaire reckless of consequences—the rich nondescript aspiring to be President of the United States—is as insane as the young gentleman who is said to have fired the Ephesian dome, not to mention the worn-out voluptuary, who they tell us fiddled while Rome was burning. Surrounded by nothing but his money-bags, he imagines that all things may be bought by money. Surrounded by his bodyguard of more or less intellectual retainers, he fancies himself a god. Used to no element except money, bred to no appliances except its lavish expenditure, considering no force except its pressure, he thinks to buy the nomination as a bill of goods, and to compass an election by the process of turning over a bill of goods and getting a profit on it. Fancy such a person posing as a particular friend of the lowly and the poor.

The attention of National Guard officers is called to the latest army regulation uniforms and equipments sold by the Pettibone Bros. Manufacturing Company, 19 New Montgomery street, this city. This firm is represented by Captain T. A. Nerney, formerly of the 4th Reg. Inf., N. G. C., and Naval Militia, Cal., now on the retired list, having served nearly twenty years. We are able to state that Captain Nerney knows what the regulations require, and is in a position to supply the wants of the National Guard officers at the lowest figure.

The Butte County Railroad has issued a pamphlet that is descriptive of Butte County. This railroad reaches a mining and timber country that is unequaled in the State for the advantages it offers for settlement and investment. We notice that the company, whose offices are at Chico, California, will send one of these pretty little brochures to any one who may apply for same on receipt of five two-cent stamps. Address the Advertising Department.

The **Sunset for July** (advance copy) has been received at this office. Mr. Aitken, the editor, is to be congratulated on his splendid selection of articles for this number. The cover is by Dixon, and is a very creditable piece of work. Under Mr. Aitken's able management, this publication is fast becoming very popular, and is especially valuable as being a comprehensive guide-book of the industrial resources of the Pacific Coast.

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International Congress of Women

Comparatively little is known in this Western part of the country of the significance of the International Congress of Women that has just concluded its notable session in Berlin, Germany. The organized body back of this gathering was the International Council of Women, a branch of which exists in this city. The local body affiliated with this world-wide movement has been suffering the vicissitudes incident to every innovation. As far as outward appearances go, it has been making snail-pace progress for the "council idea," as the underlying principle is called, involves a scheme somewhat Utopian and much more comprehensive than the club idea. In the former scheme, all the endeavor is for the benefit of womankind, and in the latter, for the comfort and happiness of the individual members or the individual organizations. It is likely that the local council will grow more rapidly when Mrs. John F. Swift returns from Berlin. She is president of the San Francisco Council and also president of the National Council of Women, but she has been so busy with the concerns of the larger bodies, and has had to be away from the city so much of the past year, that the local council has been simply "waiting."

The story of the International Council is a long one, but stripped of every detail, it is as follows:

Away back in 1888, through the masterful plans of Miss Susan B. Anthony, the late Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mrs. May Wright Sewall and Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery, the first International Council of Women was held in Washington, D. C. It was a sort of celebration of what had been accomplished by these pioneers in the cause of women, and was so eminently successful that Mrs. May Wright Sewall proposed a permanent National Council of Women for the United States, and logically, an International Council. The scope of this was so all-comprehensive, the ideals so high, that many entirely friendly, thought that the women of the world were not ready for co-operation on such broad lines. Mrs. Sewall was confident of the outcome, and her outlook was clear. The time was fitting, and the work has been growing since then, until club miracles have happened. The object was and is to bring into one large, active, fraternal body all associations of women, no matter their individual purposes, that all may work for the few things that are of concern and interest to every one of them.

It was decided that the International Congress should convene every five years in some part of the globe. Every one remembers the great Woman's Congress held in Chicago. That was the second of the quinquennial conventions, although there were many who thought at that time that the Congress was a sort of gratuitous organization. Mrs. Sewall was asked to become international president, but she declined, and urged the election of Lady Aberdeen, which followed. The third quinquennial was held in London in 1899. It was there that ladies of quality sat shoulder to shoulder with women not at all of their own social standing, something never known in England. Both the titled women and those of the people were delighted by the experience, and each frankly admitted the benefit derived from this association. Each found that she had interests in common with her neighbor, and with Kipling, they knew that the "Colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady were sisters under their skin." At the London gathering,

Lady Aberdeen was made honorary president, and Mrs. Sewall president.

As the women of seventeen countries were interested in the recent Berlin Convention, it is easy to see why the great news agencies sent cables around the world of its proceedings.

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For the six months ending June 30, 1904, dividends have been declared on deposits in the Savings Department of this Company as follows: On term deposits at the rate of 3 1/2 to 4 per cent per annum, and on ordinary deposits at the rate of 3 per cent per annum, free of taxes, and payable on and after Friday, July 1, 1904.

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"Golf"

By Lady Algy.

Society seems to have given the double cross to golf. The smart set no longer blows over the wind swept green out at the Presidio. Of course, society, plural number, masculine gender, still swings a golf club, but "Nancy Etticoat" in her short petticoat, has deserted it. 'Tis not because summer has a date with My Lady to wander through sun-checked glades. Of a truth, the girls gave golf the go-by all winter. Those days that raised the interrogation "Is Sunday for God or for golf?" have gone a-glimmering. The week is no longer too short for the girls to get their fill of golf. Indeed, most of them have come to the conclusion that golf's a fill anyhow!

The reason for this is not far to seek. The trouble lies not with the Hoot Mon's sport itself, but with the ladies. The unsportsmanlike spirit that has characterized all their contests has gradually undermined the popularity of the game. Last winter, Alice Hager and Miss Cheseborough were the only members of the "old guard" who went out to the Presidio links. Mary Scott Martin and the other Blingumites, who were so keen about golf, turned a frigid shoulder on the pastime. Some of the cynics hinted that it was Mrs. Peter Martin's outspoken aversion toward golf that frosted the hearts of those who played the game "follow your leader" with the Newport matron. But this has had no more to do with the thing, tra la, than the flowers that bloom in the spring.

Even if Mrs. Peter Martin had been a keen golfer, it is a question whether she could have routed the anti-golf spirit that seems to prevail. The methods of the one-time ardent competitors were unspeakable. Snobocracy stalked the links, and a player who was not in the Blingum set was snubbed into defeat. The vision of Mrs. Henry Scott in her pink hunting jacket following Mrs. Gilman Brown uphill and down dale, "rooting" all the while for Caro Crocket, still haunts the putting-green. When the Oakland Club sent down its champion, then Miss Moffitt, she was treated in a manner scarcely sportsmanlike, but she won out just the same. Every other "outsider" was subjected to the same "courtesy" until the contests became a reproach to the Burlingame Club, under whose auspices they were given.

But it was the wheel within the wheel that slipped a cog finally and stopped the whole machinery. Those on the inside became jealous of each other; there was always so much fret and fuss connected with every tournament that most of the players decided that a game which strained friendship until you could hear it creak, wasn't worth while, and the sport languished.

The report that the San Francisco golf club had been asked to pack its things and go because the military wanted to play in its own back yard, is not true. As a matter of fact, the army authorities have never sent any "keep off the grass" signs to the golf club. But the members of that organization have been seriously thinking of building links and a club-house out near Ingleside that will make the proposed new home of the Oakland contingent look like a wayside inn. The directors feel that this move would put new life into the club. More commodious quarters could be built out there, and the thing run on a more elaborate scale than is feasible on Government land, that may be taken back at any time. Of course, the present situation is very get-at-able, but in these au-

tomobile days, it is figured that the added distance to Ingleside would not be considered a handicap.

"Then, too, the ladies would come back to us," said one of the powers that be in the club. "The site we have in mind is very protected. You know it is the wind that has chilled their enthusiasm. It's hard for the ladies to 'butt' against the sort of wind that whistles over the Presidio hills. If we can get out of the wind the girls will golf as enthusiastically as ever."

Well, perhaps they will! But they'll have to take a reef in their dispositions first, and learn something about the ethics of the sportsman.

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 These things I see as half-awake, half-dreaming,
 I hear the forest stream flow through the night.

A tiny stream, and I beside it, drowsing
 O'er memories the crooning waters make:
 Old ghosts of sorrows, wraiths of pain arousing,
 And vain regrets for that I did not take.
 So with the diapason of the troubles,
 Mingles the music of the chanting bright,
 And chafing life frets into foaming bubbles
 Doomed to the silence of the pool at night.

—Roland Whittle.

COMPENSATION.

While an English parson was making the rounds of a jail, he found an attentive listener in one of the worst of the prisoners, and with righteous zeal proceeded to make the most of his opportunity to save the soul of the sinner. Taking the Parable of the Prodigal Son, he repeated it most impressively. The man listened with his face close to the wicket.

"Say that once again," said the prisoner, in the most pleading of tones. Again the parson recited the parable, laying stress on the new beauties that he was bringing out. The prisoner was almost in tears when he asked for a third repetition of the great old parable. The minister went laboriously but earnestly through it for the third time, and then turning to the man said:

"My friend, will you tell me exactly what part of the parable impressed you most. I have never found any one so deeply impressed as you in that parable, and it will be a great satisfaction to know how it affects you."

"Oh, good parson," replied the man quickly, "it was not the parable at all. I was enjoying your breath. I have not had a drink of whiskey for six months."

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HARD TO UNDERSTAND.

In the Midland Hotel—and several others here, too, for that matter—the parlor rooms are marked by letters instead of by numbers. This led to a funny mix-up last night in the Midland's elevator between the rather deaf negro operator and a testy traveler, who was in a hurry to get to bed. This man had been assigned to parlor U, and he started in the elevator for it. As he entered he said:

"U."

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"U," the man answered again.

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"U! U!" the man repeated testily. "Can't you hear?"

"Yasser, Ah done said dat am me—" began the negro.

Then the man found his senses and said:

"I want to go to parlor U; can't you understand?"

The negro took him back five floors and dumped him out.

"Never could understand some folks," was all he said.—Kansas City Journal.

AN OLD SALT'S OBSERVATIONS.

"Ain't he calm, though!" they said about the man. "Was he hurt in th' accident?" I asked. "No," says they; "but some of his friends was." An' I had to go away to laugh.

I'd rather be jest me, Obed Burgee, master of the Lyddy, than Mary Queen of Scots. If I don't run my ship to suit the people, they jest snigger, say I'm a fool, an' run along. But when she did not run her kingdom so's to suit 'em they didn't snigger—not a bit. They chopped. And it was her neck they chopped. She died of it.

There was a mighty affectionate married couple on my ship one v'yage. "I tell you," the husband said to me, "that I owe my professional success to her." "What's your business?" I asked then. "Why, I'm a doctor," he replied. "How was it that she helped you?" I asked then. "She started up free cooking schools," he answered. An' I'm still a-wonderin' what he meant.

I lived next door to a philosopher last winter. "Ain't you goin' to clean the snow off your sidewalks?" I asked of him. "Thought I'd wait a while," he answered. How long you goin' to wait?" I asked him. "Thought I'd wait about two months," said he. "But that'll be spring, an' there won't be no snow to clean off." I says angrily. "That's what I was thinkin'," says the philosopher.

There's some folks can find things to criticise anywhere and everywhere. "What," says the' old sailor when we was discussin' of th' Panama Canal, "would happen if the tides in the two oceans should happen to come different? Say Atlantic was low an' Pacific high. Why, th' old Pacific 'd jest rush through into th' Atlantic. Then s'pose some fool critter shut th' locks. Why, then New Jersey an' Great Britain they'd be drowned out along with everything in east America an' west Europe, Asia and Africa. While east Asia—th' Chinese would have ten million

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"We will one day have the laws abolish the trusts!" said the indignant citizen. "That is very inconsiderate," answered the great promoter. "The trusts haven't made any threats about abolishing the laws."

"What do you understand by the term 'civilized people?'" "Civilized people," answered the blurt barbarian, "are those who have been lucky enough to survive after being beaten by a superior power."

The hare easily caught up with the tortoise. "Well, old man, you are not much of a runner," he sneered. "No," admitted the tortoise, "I'm not. I think I'll try for the crew. You see, I'm quite at home in the shell."

"I have just read your last book of poems," said the critical friend. "That is ungrammatical," said the soulful bard; "you should have said my latest book of poems." "I suppose it was wrong. But I was merely trying to take a hopeful view of the situation."

Spinkster—Johnny, your mother tells me you were playing ball yesterday. Don't you know it is very, very wrong to play baseball on Sunday? **Johnny**—But I say, pa, we whitewashed the Bouncers! **Spinkster**—Did you? Your mother didn't tell me that!

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7:30A	Niles, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton.....	7:20P
8:00A	Shasta Express—(Via Davis), Williams (for Bartlett Springs), Willows (Fruto, Iced Bluff, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle).....	7:50P
8:00A	Davis Woodland Knights Landing, Marysville, Chico, Oroville.....	7:50P
8:30A	Port Costa, Martinez, Antioch, Byron, Tracy, Stockton, Newman, Los Banos, Mendota, Arroyo, Hanford, Visalia, Porterville.....	4:20P
8:30A	Port Costa, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Visalia, Bakersfield.....	4:50P
8:30A	Niles, San Jose, Livermore, Stockton, (Millton) Loma, Sacramento, Marysville, Chico, Iced Bluff.....	4:20P
8:30A	Oakdale, Chinese, Jamestown, Bonora, Tuolumne and Angels.....	4:20P
9:00A	Atlantic Express—Ogden and East.	6:20P
9:30A	Richmond, Martinez and Way Stations.....	8:50P
10:00A	The Overland Limited—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, Chicago.....	8:20P
10:00A	Vallejo.....	12:20P
10:00A	Los Angeles Passenger—Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton, Merced, Hanford, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Hanford, Livermore, Visalia, Bakersfield, Loma, Sacramento, Way Stations beyond Port Costa.....	7:20P
12:00M	Hayward, Niles and Way Stations.	3:20P
1:00P	Sacramento River Steamers.....	11:00P
3:30P	Benia, Willets, Sacramento, Woodland, Willows, Knights Landing, Marysville, Oroville and way stations.....	10:50A
3:30P	Hayward Niles and Way Stations.	7:50P
3:30P	Port Costa, Martinez, Byron, Tracy, Lathrop, Stockton, Merced, Berenda, Fresno and Way Stations beyond Port Costa.....	12:20P
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3:30P	Martinez, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi.....	10:20A
4:00P	Martinez, San Ramon, Vallejo, Napa, Callisto, Santa Rosa.....	9:20A
4:00P	Niles, Tracy, Stockton, Lodi.....	4:20P
4:30P	Hayward, Niles, Irvington, San Jose, Livermore.....	18:50A
4:50P	The Owl Limited—Sewell, Los Banos, Mendota, Fresno, Tulare, Bakersfield, Los Angeles.....	11:50A
6:00P	Port Costa, Tracy, Stockton.....	8:50A
6:30P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose.....	12:20P
6:00P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose.....	7:20A
6:00P	Eastern Express—Ogden, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and East, via San Jose, Stockton, Sacramento, Colfax, Reno.....	9:50A
6:00P	Vallejo daily, except Sunday.....	12:50P
7:00P	Vallejo, Sunday only.....	7:50P
7:00P	Likelihood, San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez and Way Stations.....	1:20A
7:00P	Reno Passenger—Port Costa, Susan, Klamath, Davis, Sacramento, Truckee, Lake Tahoe, Reno, Tonopah, Sparks.....	11:20A
8:05P	Oregon & California Express—Sacramento, Marysville, Redding, Portland, Puget Sound and East.	7:60A
8:10P	Hayward, Niles and San Jose (Sunday only).....	8:50A
		11:50P

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10:15A	Alvarado, Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos, Glenwood, Felton, Boulder Creek, Big Basin, Santa Cruz.....	8:10P
12:15P	Newark, Centerville, San Jose, New Almaden, Los Gatos, Felton, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz and Principal Way Stations.....	10:55A
4:15P	Newark, San Jose, Los Gatos.....	18:55A
4:15P	Wright, Boulder Creek and Santa Cruz, Saturday and Sunday only.....	18:55A
COAST LINE (Broad gauge), (7th and Townsend Streets.)		
8:10A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8:30P
7:00A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	5:40P
7:15A	Montevideo and Santa Cruz Excursion (Sunday only).....	10:30P
8:40A	New Almaden (Tues, Thurs, Sat, Sun).....	4:10P
8:00A	The Coaster—San Jose, Salinas, San Ardo, Paso Robles, Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Montalvo, Oxnard, Burbank, Los Angeles.....	10:45P
8:00A	Gilroy, Hollister, Castroville, Del Monte, Pacific Grove, Surf, Lompoc.....	10:45P
9:00A	San Jose, Tres Pinos, Capitola, Santa Cruz, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Luis Obispo and Principal Way Stations.....	4:10P
10:30A	San Jose and Way Stations.....	1:20P
11:30A	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos and Way Stations.....	7:30P
1:30P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	8:36P
1:50P	Del Monte Express—Santa Clara, San Jose, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove.....	12:15P
5:30P	Burlingame, San Jose, Gilroy, Hollister, Tres Pinos, Palajo, Capitola, Santa Cruz, Castroville, Salinas, Pacific Grove.....	10:45A
4:30P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	18:00A
10:00P	Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos, Wright and principal Way Stations (except Sunday).....	18:00A
10:30P	San Jose and Principal Way Stations.....	19:40A
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6:45P	Pajaro, Capitola, Santa Cruz, Castroville, Del Monte, Pacific Grove, San Mateo, Redwood, Belmont, San Carlos, Berkeley, Fair Oaks, Meoto Park, Palo Alto.....	10:45P
6:30P	San Jose and Way Stations.....	18:46A
8:00P	Palo Alto and Way Stations.....	6:38A
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—John Dewar & Sons have made a novel exhibit for their distillery at Perth, Scotland, in the Palace of Agriculture. They have reproduced Scott's "House of the Fair Maid of Perth," and the only exhibit in the building is a big, brawny Scotch Highlander, who attracts a large crowd with the lively Scotch airs he plays on his bagpipe. He is known as the Pipe Major McDonald, and carries several medals from the Seathorth Highlanders and the Black Watch with whom he did service.

—Two hundred pounds of candy are being made every ten minutes in the Palace of Agriculture. Calvin S. Morris, of St. Louis, has an exhibit of the latest improved candy-making machines, and will manufacture fifteen or twenty kinds of candy to show process. A booth made of candy confetti adds to the beauty of the exhibit.

—The perfume factory in the Palace of Liberal Arts is in daily operation, and the curious processes necessary to the production of the odorous liquids are very attractive to visitors. Every part of the process is carried on in the display, which is located in the southeast corner of the building.

—A curious old bronze idol has just been added to the Chinese section of the Liberal Arts Building. It is made from solid bronze, weighs 2,000 pounds, and is a relic of the dynasty of Ming, one of the Chinese rulers who reigned about 1404 A. D. The idol represents a figure having eleven heads arranged in a pyramid five heads high, and 42 arms and hands, half on each side of the body. The idol is in a good state of preservation, and is a striking reminder of the religion of the period of history in China which it represents.

—One of the exhibits of the Department of Liberal Arts which is not in the Liberal Arts Building, is that of machinery for making concrete blocks. The company making this exhibit is now operating one of these machines; and is daily turning out the concrete blocks which will be used in erecting a building for the display of the machines. This work is being done on the site of the building in the northeast corner of the grounds near the Press Building. The building, which will be completed in about a month, will be 30 feet square, with a wide porch, 20 by 30 feet along one side. It will be wholly constructed of hollow concrete blocks, the product of the machine exhibited, and will serve both as an office for the exhibitor and a place of rest for visitors, as well as an exhibit building for the machines. The machines, which are adjustable, will be shown in operation during the summer, making blocks of artificial stone of all sizes, shapes and colors, some with hollow centers and others as solid as the natural stone which they are intended to take the place of.

—The largest talking machine in the world is on exhibition in the Palace of Liberal Arts. It is an exact duplicate of the talking machine sold to the Shah of Persia, and is constructed to operate with several cylinders at the same time, so that different parts of the same song or other musical selection may be produced simultaneously, with much greater volume and harmony than with the ordinary machine.

—San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties completed their exhibits in the California section in the Palace of Agriculture. Fruits grown in the counties are displayed in glass jars tastefully arranged about the booth. Potatoes 12 inches long, and sugar beets of immense size are exhibited with samples of big wheat. Another industry represented is that of canning clams and abalones. Abalones are a deep-sea shell-fish, procured by Japanese divers, and are exhibited in glass jars in the different stages of preparation.

—The following entries to the Air Ship Competition Meet, to be held at the World's Fair in the early part of July, have been received by Mr. Willard A. Smith, Chief of Department of Transportation: Edward Hutchinson, Austin Station, Chicago; Charles Stivin, 1443 Third avenue, New York; S. M. Williams, San Francisco, Cal; Emery Curtis and Geo. Davis of Gillespie, New York. Santos Dumont, with his new air ship No. 7, will sail for this country on June 11th. In all, eighty contestants have applied for admission to meet. An entry fee of \$250 is required of each contestant. Those named have paid the required fee.

—A panoramic exhibit of a flouring mill in operation is that of the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Co., of Minneapolis, Minn., in the Palace of Agriculture. In this exhibit is a practical demonstration of the growing of wheat, the making of flour, and the baking of bread. Large photographs in panels about the pure white booth show the country in which the wheat is grown, the multiplicity of machinery used in perfecting the ground, the harvesting and threshing of the grain. On one side of the booth is a reproduction of the Pillsbury Mills, showing its location on a hill, and the water power that runs the mill. A moving freight train loaded with the products of the mill adds to the scenic effect of the picture. The flour passes through this mill and is run through mixers into dough troughs, moulding machines and into electric ovens, where it is baked and passed out to the critical housewife to sample. In connection with the flour exhibit is a case divided transversely into eighty compartments, exhibiting the various milling separations from the time the wheat leaves the field until it becomes flour. The starch products of the flour are also washed to show the large proportion of gluten in the flour.

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Japanese Active and Cautious.

The Japanese armies are making what seems to be substantial progress in circumventing Russia in Manchuria, but their movements are conspicuously slow and with great caution. This is not an indication of exhaustion, however, but rather that they are in the enemy's country and getting further from their own base of supplies, which in turn enables the Russians to concentrate their scattered forces.

Something happens about every day that reveals genuine military genius and staying qualities. This was shown in the battle with the Russian General Stakelberg at Vafangron last week. The Russian had carefully planned to turn the Japanese right, and was massing his forces to make the attack, but just as he was good and ready to make the onslaught he found the Japanese had not only anticipated his plans, but had completely outwitted him by attacking his own right flank in great force, with imminent danger of having his army doubled up and stampeded. He quickly changed the order to attack to one for a general retreat, but before he could extricate his forces he had to do some hard fighting, which cost him several thousand men and a lot of field guns and small arms, besides army and hospital stores in large quantities. The victory for the Japanese was by no means a decisive one, but it adds proof to the before established fact that the Japanese Generals are quicker to see and profit by the mistakes of the enemy than the Russians are. In fact, the Japanese have not once been out-Generaled or lost a single battle, though of course no great engagement has yet taken place.

It is reported that the crippled ships of the Port Arthur squadron are not only ready for service on the sea, but have been re-inforced by several of the Vladivostock squadron slipping into the harbor during a heavy fog. This should mean the risk of a naval engagement with the Japanese ships, however great the seeming odds against the Russians might be. To sum up the events of the past week, the Japanese have made some headway at every point, but have secured no pronounced success, while the Russians have lost at every point, though to no dangerous disadvantage, and they have gained much by having the Port Arthur squadron re-inforced and put in readiness to risk the sea and attacks on the coast of Japan.

Russia's Internal Troubles.

The situation in Russia seems to grow more hostile to the war party, and in turn the war party is adding severity to the already severe administration of martial law. But for all that, the public clamor for the return to power of the deposed ministers is growing, and there is a suspicion that the Czar and his immediate advisors are not disposed to check the increasing cry for a radical change in the administration of the nation's public concerns. The influence of the Czar seems to now lie almost wholly in the superstition of the Greek Church following, who regard him as Christ's vicar on earth, and that he can make no mistake in matters which involve the church and State as one. But whether he dare appeal to the people on that ground is complex as well as a perplexing question for him to deal with. It is a two-edged sword, and could easily be made to cut both ways. Anyway, the war party is in full control of the Government machinery, and at this distance it looks as if it has all to lose by giving way, and the chance

of the hazard of the die by holding on. It is pretty clear, too, that the war in Manchuria is necessary to the plundering schemes of the war party, and that its prolongation will be urged and provided for. The war party want no great victory or great defeat. The excuse for its existence would be destroyed by either, but meanwhile its brutal and inhuman rule at home and an expensive war in Asia, may so inflame public indignation that an uprising of the people cannot be avoided even by the severity of martial law and the quick execution of malcontents wherever found. The greatest weakness the war party has as yet exhibited, and which is so weak that it is silly, is manufactured interviews with well-known Generals, in which sport is made of Japanese strategy and the unscientific handling of their troops. To belittle the game, the science or the strategy of the man that is kicking you about as if you were a football, does not appeal to an observer as being common sense. Undoubtedly the Russian war party is doing good service for Japan, though not purposely, by inflaming public sentiment against the Russian powers that be, and this is clearly shown in the admission of the war party that not many of the reserves could be trusted at the front. Russia has been sowing the seed of national poison weeds for centuries, and now she is gathering anything but golden sheaves of internal peace and loyalty or of honesty in official places of trust.

The Llama Trying To Skip Out.

Llama to slip away to Northern or Mongolian China, presumably to turn a stream of cut-throats from that country against the English. But the scheme having been discovered, and discovered, too, to be a Russian device to treacherously cripple England's purpose in Thibet, the chances are that the Grand Llama will not escape, or, if he does and raises an army of Mongolians, Russia, rather than its royal puppets in Thibet will have to pay the penalty and pay all bills. Meanwhile the British army is gradually occupying the strategical points and opening up channels of commerce for trade and traffic to go and come in, and more fields for commercial expansion is at the bottom of King Edward's burning desire to civilize and Christianize the fanatical and immoral Thibetans.

The Turk Still Killing Christians.

for the butchery of Christians. Scarcely a day passes that does not record the slaying of "Christian dogs" by Turkish soldiers without any reason other than that they are not Mussulmans. But the bloody work must have the approval of the Christian nations, for not so much as a protest, except an occasional diplomatic "please quit," is filed with the Sultan against his murderous crusaders to put to death men and women who refuse to renounce Christianity for the Porte's brand of religion. To the shame of most Christian missionaries, they are willing to overlook the atrocities if they can get their own price for their destroyed church and personal property.

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And I'm all the child she's got;
And sometimes when 'tis lonely, why,
I wish there was a lot.

For mother has to work so hard,
A dancing nights and pouring tea
Each afternoon, she has no time
To romp and play with me.

I wish some nights she'd stay at home,
And, when it's time to go to bed,
She'd hear my prayers instead of nurse,
Then when it's dark I'd have no dread.

If she'd just let me hold her hand—
Her pretty hand with all its rings,
And I can go right off to sleep
If mother only sings.

But mother has no time, she says,
To humor little girls, 'cos she
Gets tired out with balls and things
That keeps her up till three.

I hark each night for mother's step,
And then I call out loud and clear,
"Hope you'll have a lovely time,"
And, "Good-night, mother, dear."

But when she's gone, and down below
I hear the carriage door slam to,
I feel so lonely I could cry,
And sometimes, p'raps, I do.

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By Margaret Fuller in Century

My lover's eyes my mirror are
Wherein I love to look.
Oh, who would sprite or dryad be
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To any love which came within her reach.
God put that soul upon the world's highway—
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