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Weather Forecast.

Forecast till 8 P. M. Friday: For North-

ern California—Fair weather except light

drizzle in extreme northern portion; variable

winds, generally south to west; nearly station-

ary temperature.

THE DIVISION OF COUNTIES.

The State is biennially put to heavy ex-

penditure, precious time is consumed, any

amount of bad blood engendered by the

contentions of county factions in the halls

of legislation over attempted county di-

visions. The matter has assumed, in-

deed, portentous proportions, and at

each session of the Legislature so weaves

itself into nearly all legislation that it

becomes a menace to State business and

a hindrance to the discharge of legislative

duties.

This is much the situation at present.

There are several county division projects

before the Legislature obtaining to the

exclusion of other and more needed legis-

lation, and even touching upon the very

quickness of scandal. We have nothing to do

with any of these several schemes; feel

no interest in them, and are not con-

cerned about their outcome or that of any

one of them. As to their justice or im-

policy, as to their character, the disputed

facts, the arguments on one side or the

other, we have taken, and have no con-

cern whatever. But in common with all

who desire expedition in general legisla-

tion, carelessness in law-making, and its

freedom from all unnatural entanglement,

we deprecate these biennial contentions

before the Legislature and the activity of

rival professional lobbyists who bleed

both sides.

The local strife referred to is the found-

ation head of great evil and the source and

spring of infinite contention. It is the

cause of harm and the tap-root of ill to

the State and general public interests, and

should, therefore, be removed from rela-

tion to or contact with the legislative

body, and strictly confined within the

local bounds of its origin.

The fundamental proposition embodied

in a bill already introduced, but the de-

tails of which we do not now consider, to

relegate all county division questions to

the people of the districts the dismem-

berment of which is sought, is

sound. These are questions upon which

the people should express their

will, not through petitions and the ap-

peals of committees and large delegations

of citizens or the devices of lobbyists, but

through the medium of the ballot. They

are purely local questions; they do not

concern the State, since they do not affect

representation in Congress or the Legis-

lature, nor do they involve any issue re-

lated to State revenue.

It seems to us, therefore, that the part

of wisdom is to refer all questions of

county division to the people of the area

to be affected, and by a general law pro-

vide how the will of the people shall be

ascertained, and what shall be the

methods of procedure to effect division

if it is affirmed at the ballot-box.

The policy of good government is to

bring the government as nearly as may

be done with safety close to the people; to

provide in all cases where it can be wisely

done for local self-government upon

general and fundamental lines laid down

by the State. Certainly this intention is

reflected in the Constitution, and it enters

into and is inspiration of the genius of

free government. The RECORD-UNION

representatives there assembled, not to take a step which he believes to be dangerous to the nation.

He did go to Washington and did frankly, strongly, but respectfully say to the Silver Committee that it would be from his standpoint, wise to report against free coinage. It is not charged that he misbehaved, that he abused any one, that he threatened or vituperated, but he is spoken of as "haranguing" the committee. Atkinson represented a large financial and commercial interest, a large body of citizens, and the thought of the foremost political economists of the age.

But we find by the reports that the finger of scorn and derision was pointed at him in Congress, and the reporters were so impressed by the shabby manner in which he was treated, that they speak of him as "the fellow." This is not the proper treatment for citizens who protest or petition. Mr. Atkinson is neither a fool nor a knave. He is a scholar, a life-long student of political economy, a statistician of great experience, and a man of broad, bold views. He is 63 years of age, a citizen of Massachusetts who is highly esteemed and respected by his people. He is the author of many works on economics that have the commendation of the ripest thought of the day. He has been honored for years by invitations to address the people far and wide, at home and in foreign lands on a great variety of topics, relating to legislation, revenues, banking, labor statistics, railroads, manufactures, applied science, etc. He is the founder of the Boston Manufacturers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association, and withal is an inventor. His writings cover a wide range of economic study and research, and are to be found in home and foreign libraries among standard authorities.

Mr. Atkinson may make, probably does make mistakes, but he certainly is not afraid to change his mind when convinced of error; yet that fact was one of the main charges made against him in Congress on Wednesday. He certainly did advise that petitions be sent up against silver inflation, and certainly, also, it was his right to do so. We submit that vituperation by legislators against as distinguished an economist as Edward Atkinson is confession of inability to meet him in open debate.

Mr. LACEY has introduced a bill in the Assembly making it an offense to expose for sale a long line of products without the weight being marked thereon in plain figures. Such a law is unnecessary. Until there is established some authority to seal weights and measures and to inspect all scales and weighing appliances and measures in use, such a bill as Mr. Lacey's will be valueless. When that authority is established, as it should be, and weights and measures are inspected and stamped, every purchaser has the means of determining whether his grocer or merchant uses the standard, and in turn it will be used by the dealers, because the penalty of the law will hang over them, as well as the danger of loss of custom, and because they will require the producers to give them full weight. This the producers will do, because the dealer, as they well know, will weigh and measure to protect himself. So that under those conditions the law Mr. Lacey proposes would be needless. What we should have is a law in the form provided in the bill to create the offices of Deputies to the State Sealer of Weights and Measures—the Secretary of State. That bill, which the RECORD-UNION recently fully explained and commended, covers the whole ground, amply protects the purchaser and involves the State in no expenses, as we then pointed out.

It is gratifying to note that the disposition of the legislators towards the Home for the Care and Training of Feeble-minded Children is one of interest and warm friendliness. The institution cares for a class which, if not trained into some degree of self-helpfulness, would become absolute burdens upon the State. The experience of other States and countries is, that the feeble-minded child can be so far strengthened and improved as to make it, in most cases, self-helpful, so that it is not necessary for it to be supported wholly by the State, as is the case with hopeless idiots. The California institution, therefore, is really an economic one for the State. It is, of course, as yet in its infancy, but even at that it has accomplished great good. It ought to receive, and we think will have from the State liberal support, its buildings completed and its domestic necessities responded to. In a very few years the institution will, we believe, be able to present a balance sheet that will prove it to be the most inexpensive charity, measured by its accomplishments, that is wholly under State charge.

JANUARY WEATHER. Lieutenant Finley of the Signal Service Makes His Report. The month of January, says Lieutenant John P. Finley, has been notable for the following important features: First, the high latitude of the easterly movement of cyclonic areas. Second, although the approximate paths of eight cyclones have been charted for the month, in no case did the center of any storm reach southward into Washington. Third, the marked deficiency in precipitation throughout the Pacific Coast States. Fourth, general increases in temperature in all districts, especially in Washington. Fifth, the periods of fair weather in Washington and Oregon from the 7th to the 14th, and from the 19th to the 29th, when this region was occupied by an anti-cyclone. Sixth, the slow movement of the cyclonic areas of the month, especially the storm of the 14th to the 19th, which required nearly five days to pass eastward beyond Washington. Seventh, the period of high northerly winds in California from the 25th to the 30th, when the velocities ranged from twenty-five to over forty miles per hour at many places. During this time an anti-cyclone, having its center on the northwest coast of California and the southwest coast of Oregon. Eighth, the peculiar development of the cyclone of the 29th to the 31st.

This storm appeared to remain almost stationary over British Columbia but with a remarkable influence in diminishing barometric pressure to the southward, without apparently changing the location of its center. The barometer fell slowly but constantly for three days, from Mexico to British America, continuing on the night of the 31st in light rains with snow in mountains, in California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. Ninth, the development of a huge "water spout" off the mouth of the Columbia River on the 5th, in the southeast quadrant of the cyclone, then central off Vancouver's Island.

This cyclone first appeared on December 31st, last, and remained in the vicinity of Washington until January 6th. The "water spout" was reported as of remarkable size and power, blowing from southwest to northeast, attended by a loud roaring noise. It seemed to possess the characteristics of a veritable tornado and would undoubtedly have caused considerable destruction to property, and perhaps life, if it had passed over the land. Tenth, the heavy and continuous gales of the Washington coast, especially from the 14th to the 19th, during which time the average daily maximum velocity at Fort Canby was nearly fifty miles per hour. Eleventh, the heavy rains turning to snow in mountains in Southern California and Southern Arizona on the 28th and 29th days of the month. Twelfth, the north-easterly winds and low temperatures of that period. San Diego 1.08 inches of rain and Fort Grant .50 inches of snow. Thirteenth, the rainfall deficient in all districts, especially in Northern California, Western Oregon and Western Washington. The deficiency ranges from 0.25 inches at Keeler, to 0.79 inches at Eureka, 4.57 inches at Red Bluff and 4.68 inches at San Francisco. The rainfall at San Francisco has not been so small since 1852, when the deficiency was 0.79 inches. In 1851 the amount was 0.72 inches. The rainfall for January, 1891, is 0.68 inches. In January, 1892, there was recorded 24.36 inches of rain. The heaviest ever reported for San Francisco. The largest monthly rainfall was 6.60 inches at Fort Canby. No rain fell at Keeler and Yuma. The heaviest rainfall in 24 hours was 1.08 inches at San Diego on the 23rd and 24th. Rain fell on 22 days in Washington; in Oregon, 24 days of rain and five days of snow; in California, 10 days and of rain 13 of snow; Nevada, 10 days of rain and 17 days of snow; in Arizona, four days of rain and four days of snow. Local storms—Astoria, Or., 23, thunder, lightning and hail.

It has been above the normal in all districts, except Northern Nevada, where the deficiency is only one degree below normal. The excess is most marked in Washington, Northern Oregon and Southern California, where it ranges from 4° to 15°. The highest temperature, 80°, occurred at Los Angeles, 23d. The lowest, 18° below zero, at Hallock and Carlin, Nev., 10th.

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Special Notices. EAST TIME TO THE EAST.—The Atlantic and Pacific Railroad (Santa Fe route) is now twelve hours shorter than the old route, and twenty-four hours shorter to Chicago than formerly. Pullman Tourist Sleeping Cars to Chicago every day without change. Personally conducted excursions every Thursday, \$2.00. W. R. LILLIN, Agent, 1004 Fourth Street, Sacramento.

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FOR THE CURE OF the inflammation and congestion called "a cold in the head" there is more potency in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills than in anything else it is possible to prescribe. This preparation has for years past been making a brilliant success as a remedy for cold in the head, catarrh and hay fever. Used in the initial stages of these complaints Cream Balm prevents and cures the development of the symptoms, while almost numberless cases are cured of radical cases of chronic catarrh, after all other modes of treatment have failed. M.W.F.

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New Advertisements. NEW ENGLAND DINNER BY THE Ladies of the W. C. T. U., at 515 K street, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7 o'clock.

THERE WILL BE AN ENTERTAINMENT at the Calvary Baptist Church, FRIDAY, February 6th, for the benefit of Home and Foreign Missions. An interesting programme will be given, consisting of music, recitations and addresses, with appropriate views. Admission free. A liberal collection expected. 4

EARLY CLOSING—A CARD.—EDITORS RECORD-UNION: The following communication was sent to your office: "Early Closing Association—Your attention is called to the fact that the closing of the city by the keeping open of the merchant tailor stores after the hour of 6, and we hereby give you notice that we shall, beginning railroad day, keep our stores open till the usual hour of 6. If you can in the meantime persuade the merchant tailors to also close at 6, it will be a great benefit to the city." 4

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL. CHEAP FURNISHED ROOMS BY THE DAY, WEEK OR MONTH. J. A. CARSWELL, Proprietor. J414-4

A CARD. EDITORS RECORD-UNION: THE SENSATIONAL article in last evening's Bee in regard to the settlement of Lee Fong Kee's estate is destitute of truth. No such meeting as therein mentioned has been held, no such offers have been made, and none will be made. The daughter Lulu and her husband are just as safe as any person could be, and are not in any manner alarmed. This whole matter was originated and blown up to a bubble by interested parties seeking to unduly and illegally influence the action of the court and create unnecessary sympathy for a particular litigant.

If Dr. F. F. Tebbets will attend to his own business, and if Mayor Constock and Captain Lee will enforce the laws and ordinances of Sacramento, and not meddle in private affairs, they will also have a better private and public record. We ask this to be published, as we were among those called by the press, and we also because we are interested in keeping up a good reputation for the Chinese merchants of Sacramento, for the sake of the city. Sacramento, February 5, 1891. HACK SHONG KUNG SUW. AT JOHN LEE HONG HING. THE NEWS OF THE WORLD IS CONTAINED IN THE WEEKLY UNION.

Hale Bros. & Co. The DOWNS SELF-ADJUSTING CORSETS give satisfaction because they are made in various styles to meet different anatomical needs. Their peculiar construction makes them the best fitting and most comfortable Corset in the market.

A Button Maker. Failing to find buttons to match the dress goods is an annoyance that happens every day. The relief is at hand. A machine has been invented that makes buttons out of odd pieces of the dress material, and at an expense only for the molds. While this invention will prove a great saving in large families, it is of special interest to dressmakers. For the benefit of those who only have occasional need for such an article, we will make buttons at a nominal cost. The price of the Button Machine, including a gross of moulds and caps, is \$2 50.

MEN'S SUITS. We have always kept a big assortment of TEN DOLLAR SUITS. With this season we leave the record far behind. The evidence is in our large central show window, which shows how low we make our prices for honest, reliable goods. Our \$10 Suits are from the best California cassimere, warranted all wool, sizes 34 to 42. There are SIXTEEN different patterns from which to make a choice.

Fancy Goods. Black Silk Drapery Nets, 48 inches wide, at \$1, \$1 25, \$1 50, \$2 and \$3. The celebrated "L. M." Fine White Cotton Thread, for lace-making, per ball, 8 1/2 cents. Genuine Scotch Crochet Linen, in 25-gramme balls, white and ecru, per ball, 19 cents. Clark's O. N. T. Crochet Cotton, in 10-gramme balls, 5 cents. Kensington Cotton Crochet Twist, in colors, per ball, 8 1/2 cents.

HALE BROS. & CO., Nos. 825, 827, 829, 831, 833, 835 K St., and 1026 Ninth St., Gus Javanson.

The Rush Continues! Yesterday was the fourth day of our sale, and we are pleased to note that the general public appreciates our efforts to give the best of

FOOTWEAR AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES. Every pair we sell is warranted. Do not overlook the fact that this sale will only continue during the month of February.

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY. Ladies' Patent Leather Cloth-top Button Shoes—Laird, Schoeber & Mitchell's make—reduced from \$3 to - - - \$3 63

Ladies' French Dongola Button Shoes, reduced from \$2 to - 1 48

Ladies' Oil Pebble Goat Shoes, common sense, reduced from \$2 30 to - - - 1 00

Ladies' Kid Opera Slippers, reduced from \$1 25 to - - 90

Misses' Patent Leather Kid-top Button Shoes, reduced from \$3 30 to - - - 1 93

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W. A. Wallace—Sacramento Stove House. SACRAMENTO STOVE HOUSE. Five Dollars BUYS A NICE Parlor Coal Stove.

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DON'T FORGET WHAT WE ARE DOING! Reducing All Our Fall Stock to Clearing Prices!

Real Ostrich Feather Trimming, \$2 25 per yard. In evening and dress shades. Reduced from \$3 and \$3 50. Heavy Pure Silk Swiss Ribbed Vest, \$4 50. Reduced from \$6.

It will cost you nothing to examine our goods at these reduced prices, and if you don't buy any other but the reduced articles we will be satisfied. They are for sale. Our Umbrellas and Gossamers are reduced 25 per cent. Should you desire either article, examine our goods first.

W. I. ORTH, 630 J St., (Successor to McKim & Orth.)

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We cut in prices each day everything to the very lowest, that we may clear our present stock to make room for new goods. Remember, we are selling Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes, Etc., At 80 cents on the \$1, which means a cut in prices of ONE-HALF. Country Orders receive prompt attention. MECHANICAL CLOTHING STORE, 414 K STREET. H. MARKS, Proprietor.

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The Favorite Young Comedians, Donnelly and Girard, In the greatest of all Farce Comedies, "NATURAL GAS" IN A NEW METER.

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THE TENTH ANNUAL BALL OF THE First Artillery Regiment, Fourth Brigade, N. G. C., WILL BE GIVEN—Thursday Evening, February 5, 1891, AT ARMORY HALL, URBAN EVENING, Feb. 7, 1891. Admission—Gents, 50 cents; ladies free. "Jas-111"

GRAND BENEFIT BALL TENDED BY THE STEELING IRON Molders of San Francisco by the Sacramento Hussar Band, at Armory Hall, SATURDAY EVENING, Feb. 7, 1891. Admission—Gents, 50 cents; ladies free. "Jas-111"

SACRAMENTO LODGE, No. 11. ORDER OF HERMANN'S SONS, WILL give a Grand Ball at Turner Hall, SUNDAY, February 8, 1891. Tickets (admitting gentleman and ladies), 50 cents. 52-4

SKATING At Old Pavilion. EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING. Music every Wednesday and Saturday Evening. G. H. STAUFF, Proprietor. 112-11

DANCING CLASSES AT Turner Hall—Gentlemen's Class, Monday at 7:30 P. M. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Class, Tuesday, 7:30 P. M. Ladies' Class, Friday, 8 P. M. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Class for new beginners, Friday, at 7:30 P. M. Children's Class, Saturdays, at 1:30 P. M. Private Lessons at all hours. JONES, FISCH & WATSON.

AUCTION SALE OF THE ENTIRE FURNITURE AND CARPETS OF THE SACRAMENTO HOUSE, 125 Front street, between 1 and J, sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M. sharp, consisting in part, as follows: Parlor Furniture, Elegant Oak Bedroom Suites, Spring and Top Mattresses, Fine Feather Pillows, Blankets, Comforts, Spreads, Sheets, Pillow Cases and Shams, Toilet Sets, Lace Curtains