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Weather Forecast.
Forecast till 8 P. M. Saturday: For Northern California—Fair weather; fog along the coast.

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH WEST POINT?

Is the United States Military Academy to decline and go out? It would certainly seem that it is retrograding, from its standard of numbers, at least. The law fixes the number of cadets to fill the corps. That number is now, and for some time has been, one-sixth short, and all efforts to fill the vacancies, sixty in number, have failed, and this shortage, be it noted, is not exceptional, but annual.

The chief reason given for this state of affairs is indifference of Congressmen in exercising their right to nominate suitable candidates. They select and send up youths who cannot possibly pass, and on rejection being announced they send to the examiners a new lot, equally as far below grade as the preceding one.

Fortunately for local pride California is not named in the list of vacancies, but districts in Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Ohio are. Is the disposition of good material to take the military course declining? Is the drift of our youth to purely commercial pursuits on the one hand, or to the university course of education on the other, so strong that West Point presents no attraction sufficiently strong, with all its financial advantages and assurance of a salary on graduation to fill its roster?

Evidently the Board of Visitors entertain a fear that with the present limit of nominees the standard of the corps cannot be maintained. They have, therefore, recommended that the privilege of nominating be extended to United States Senators, giving to each Senator one nominee. This rule, if adopted by Congress, will enlarge the corps standard of numbers by eighty. But what assurance does it give that the annual vacancies will be lessened? The greater number of nominees does not and cannot guarantee that qualified youths will be sent up for examination.

There ought to be physically qualified young men enough of ability and ambition among 62,000,000 of people to fit themselves to accept the bounty of the Nation as extended at West Point. Here is an institution that without a dollar of cost to the cadet gives him a fine education, fits him for military duty in any one of several departments, and on graduation puts him, if he wishes, on duty at a comfortable salary, yet there are not found youths to avail of the bounty in number equal to the number of representatives and delegates in the lower house of Congress.

The next examination takes place on the 28th inst., and the next after that in June, 1892. Unless these two examinations fill the roster, will it not be a justifiable conclusion that the military academy has entered upon its decline simply and solely for lack of material, and not because of any lack in the system of education, or because of want of liberality upon the part of the Government? If this shall prove to be true, as the annual shortage would indicate, then the causes must be sought for and the weakness remedied. That the speculative tendency of the times, the indifference of youth to study necessary to fit it for the academy, the cigarette habit—numbers are rejected because of it—the crowding into business, the struggle to enter the civic professions, the multitude of collegiate institutions near to the homes of the people, and the dullness of military life in times of peace, are causes accounting for the vacancies at West Point is probable. But there may be others and that they are of a character that can be corrected, but since the preparatory educational requirements are not great, and as physical excellence is more insisted upon, it is difficult to divine other causes for West Point vacancies than those named.

TAKING THE BACK TRACK.
The late Legislature of Texas committed so many serious errors of legislation that the Governor has resolved to call an extra session that, so far as may be, the blunders may be corrected. But this fact gives rise to the inquiry, "Why should such grave mistakes have been committed?" If it was because time sufficient was not allowed for deliberation, then true economy demands extension of the legislative period. If it was because of incompetency, then the people must improve the timber of their legislative craft.

If it was due to prejudices and in-

sane assaults upon corporate and industrial interests, as was true in fact, then the punishment the State is taking is deserved, and will prove a corrective.

But the intellectual and mental character of the Legislature, it is safe to say, needs elevating. It is certainly true in this State. Our Legislatures, in point of the personal ability of the membership, have not for several years been on the up-grade. In most of the far Western States of the Union the legislative personnel is not abreast with the general intelligence. We are no longer selecting as lawmakers our best men, and we cannot therefore expect to reap good fruit of the labor of houses made up largely of incompetents. That is to say, we select men to do the most important business of a commonwealth can engage in whom, as a rule, we would not choose to manage private affairs of corresponding importance.

In Texas it appears that prejudice has run riot in the Legislatures in recent years, and that discrimination against useful corporations created under the law has been merciless and foolish. These assaults have discouraged capital, kept out investors, and generally have been menaces to capital. No State history discloses any gain by such lines of policy. The imposition of undue burdens, the exactions of prejudice and the restraints that are born of the communistic idea, drive out capital, check investment, paralyze industries and inflict upon the State heavy losses. Money will not engage itself in enterprise where the local sentiment is one of hostility. The hostility is largely cultivated by politicians who wish to gain by blackmailing corporations on one side and contesting capital with loud-mouthed platitudes about the defense of the people's rights for purposes of political advancement on the other hand. This is done by the vote-catching and wire-pulling scheming of low and conscienceless politicians who fringe all Legislatures of Texas.

Texas has indulged in legislative errors of this order sufficient to work her commercial interests serious injury, and the idea is now obtaining that the return path to reason and justice must be taken. All the schemes that were to injure aggregated capital have failed. The benefits that were to flow from such antagonistic legislation have not been realized, and with business stagnation threatening her, Texas now proposes to undo the evil. Trade is to be fostered, capital conserved, with just regulation of corporations, and foreign investors invited to enter. But will they do so? What assurance has money outside of the State, that if it turns its energy to industrial and commercial activity within it that it will be free from future causeless assault?

The only assurance the people can give is to be found in the improvement of the personnel of the legislative body. There must be put into it more of brains and high-mindedness, more of wisdom and statesmanship and foresight. Men whose horizons are broader and whose capacity and statesmanship will enable them to labor for State interests without driving from them material support must be sent up to make the laws. The people who elect legislators deserve all the evils that follow the ill choosing. Texas is harvesting what she has sown, and if she does not profit by the experience she is now gaining, she will not be deserving of pity.

RAILWAY CARRIAGES IN EUROPE.
Mr. Chauncey M. Depew has recently expressed himself very freely about European railway traveling. He declares that the system obtaining in Europe would be impossible here. There you are locked into a small compartment called a carriage. You may have five, three, two or but one traveling companion, and he a total stranger. If he is a thief and the stronger, or you sleep, you are at his mercy. For an hour at a time you are shut up in this small space with a total stranger, and whirled at great speed over the road. You see no conductor or other employee; you have no signal cord and cannot communicate with any other part of the train. In fact, you are imprisoned in a little coach and are utterly unable to help yourself. Robberies, murders and assaults are frequent in these railway "carriages." In America, where the criminal class travels more, outrages would be more frequent if we had such a miserable system.

The amazing thing about it is that Europeans will put up with such service when the superiority of the large car is confessed, through which attaches frequently pass and which cars permit of one moving about, or going from one part of the train to another, or of signaling to the conductor or engineer in case of danger. As Mr. Depew puts it, in Europe men travel by rail at risk of their lives from assault, and women at the risk of their honor.

The European trains are without toilet conveniences of any character, says Mr. Depew, a defect so glaring that he is amazed that the continental public submit to such outrageous neglect of the commonest want. Then, too, the "carriages" being small, there is a great deal of jolting, and in some cases, says Mr. Depew, one is thrown up and down and about as if in an old-fashioned stagecoach on a rough road. On the European trains there are no adequate arrangements for eating, sleeping or for amusement, and the rides are consequently dreary and wearisome. Mr. Depew is a traveled man, himself at the head of a great railroad company, and he knows whereof he speaks.

He has not told us, in this instance, anything not often and earlier related; but the value of his utterance is the confirmation it gives to travelers' tales, for Mr. Depew declares that he has investigated the matter, and that what has been told of inconvenience of European travel by rail is true. The Europeans, then, though superior to us in art, architecture, scholarship and music; though looking down upon us from the lofty heights of centuries, have not, in the matter of travel conveniences, the right to claim to

be even equals with us, the youngest of peoples.

De Foe declared that the impartial writer must expect martyrdom. "If he tells the crimes of great men they fall upon him with the law; if he tells of their virtues the mob attacks him with slander." How near the truth De Foe was every newspaper writer knows. Yet there are many courageous men who write fearlessly of the truth, and in this day the world is not so unjust toward them as De Foe believed was true in his time. The truth is, courage in writing, the highest of qualities, the thinking world applauds and upholds, and martyrdom is the exception and not the rule for truth-telling.

VIVA VOCE voting had its last foothold in Kentucky. By the adoption of the new Constitution in that State, the last vestige of the old time system is swept away. It was not adapted to the conditions of today, and like other systems not in harmony with the spirit of the age, it retires to the tomb.

THE reciprocity treaty with San Domingo does not open up to us a large trade, but it does emphasize an important principle that conserves the protection of American industry by enlarging our export trade.

IN THE HIGHER COURT.
Death of Judge C. G. W. French in San Francisco.

Another of the early residents of Sacramento has gone across the river to death. Judge C. G. W. French, who died at the Lick House in San Francisco on Thursday night, came to Sacramento in the early fifties and practiced law here for several years.

In 1875 he went to Arizona as Chief Justice of the Territorial Supreme Court, to which position he was appointed by President Grant. About a year ago he returned to this city, but did not practice his profession. Indeed, the old gentleman appeared to have passed his years of usefulness and to lack prosperity.

Deceased was a ripe scholar and a man of excellent legal attainments, but he was too eccentric to succeed at the bar. He was a great stickler for courtroom etiquette, and it is said that while on the bench in Arizona he presided with all the dignity of a Lord Chief Justice of England.

Judge French represented this county in the Assembly of 1872-3, and made a good record. His daughter, a Mrs. Aubrey, formerly lived here, but removed to Arizona while the Judge occupied the bench there.

To-Morrow Night's Concert.
Commencing at 7 o'clock, the Hussar Band will give an open-air concert at the Plaza to-morrow evening, under the leadership of A. E. Lendevyer. The programme will be as follows:

- March, "Au Revoir".....Reeves
- Schottische, "Golden Bells".....Evers
- Waltz, "Flowers of the Forest".....Benett
- Overture, "Poet and Peasant".....Suppe
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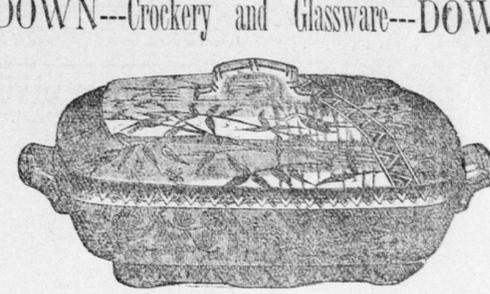
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- Ladies' French Dongola Shoes, in patent leather tip, St. Louis or opera toe, reduced from \$3 50 to \$2 70.
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