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Weather Forecast. For Northern California—Fair weather; generally warmer; fog and clouds along the northwest coast; frost in the mountains.

THE NUISANCE AT MECCA. The New York Medical Record demands the setting on foot of a new crusade.

We are strongly inclined to second its suggestion. The idea is that civilized nations should enforce better sanitary conditions in Mecca, and along the routes of the annual pilgrimage to it.

Whenever the pilgrimage begins the ogress of Cholera rouses from his lair and begins to scatter death and woe broadcast. At Mecca, where sanitary conditions are wretched, the pest is most virulent.

The city becomes the fittest of cholera-breeding spots, and sends out the plague to the four corners of the eastern hemisphere.

We are told that this year the cholera is worse at Mecca than ever before. It appeared there July 17th simultaneously with the festival of Kurban-Bairam.

In fact the very first caravan of pilgrims brought in the disease, three deaths being reported in it the day of its arrival.

The cases increased with each day until on the fifth day 100 and on the sixth 300 were down with the plague.

It appears that it is a devout ceremonial on arriving at Mecca to drink zem-zem, or holy water, which is believed to be fairly pure culture of the comma bacillus.

Bottles of this water are also carried away by returning pilgrims. Through the table-lands of Asia Minor the disease is now epidemic. In Northern Africa the scourge is vicious, and in Northern Syria its ravages are frightful.

The Medical Record says: The public concern is increased by the knowledge of the total inadequacy of the sanitary measures of the Turkish authorities.

That the Turks are most anxious to keep the disease out of their European territories cannot be doubted; but the executive authorities, to whom all the measures proposed by the International Sanitary Board are intrusted, are so little to be relied upon that neither the different cordons in Arabia nor the numerous quarantine stations that have been established are of any avail in checking the progress of the epidemic.

The sanitary condition of Mecca is simply shocking, but no Christian is allowed to enter the Sacred City, and the ignorance and fanaticism of the Mohammedans prevent any effective sanitary control by the local authorities.

Barton tells us a little of what the condition of things there was at the time of his visit, and it is not likely that any improvement has taken place since. He tells of the sacrifices at Mecca, when five or six thousand animals, including camels and bulls, were allowed to putrefy in the heat, not the slightest effort being taken to cover them with earth.

Europe is now threatened with an invasion of cholera; winter may suspend it, if it does not determine before that. But cold does not kill the cholera germ; it will awaken to vitality with the summer of 1892, and this knowledge accounts for the great concern now felt in Austria about it.

Now the Turkish Government cannot and will not do anything to prevent this annual cultivation of the cholera. The question then is, Have the rest of the world any rights in the premises? They certainly have. They can and ought to compel the Turk to enforce sanitary regulations among the pilgrims and in the city of Mecca.

The Turk has no more right to maintain a nuisance that breeds death for other peoples than A has to maintain a death-dealing nuisance on his premises to the injury of his neighbor B.

Now Mecca is the distributing center for cholera. It begins there and from that point it is scattered far and near. The nations certainly have the moral and should exercise the physical right to compel the Turk to reform Mecca.

If it involves reformation of some of the superstitions of Mohammedanism no matter. The religion should not be interfered with; let it enjoy its superstitions, but these must not be indulged in to the destruction of others.

RIGHT ACTION. The Board of Supervisors of San Francisco has directed the Auditor of that city "not to add to or increase the valuation of property for city and county purposes on the assessment book for the first fiscal year 1891-92, as such action would be wholly unauthorized, and therefore illegal and void."

This, by a contemporary, has been construed as resistance to or defiance of the order of the State Board of Equalization.

But it is not, since it does not relate to the State tax at all. San Francisco fixed her tax levy in June. She could not now amend it if she would.

To consider the 30 per cent. raise as applying to the tax for city purposes would raise more money for the city treasury than is needed, and the politicians would jump in and loot the surplus.

We have examined the constitutional debates had upon the setting up of the

constitutional clause relative to the State Board of Equalization. Clearly the intention was that the State Board was to equalize only between counties and for State purposes. Its only function, as the San Francisco Bulletin well says, "is to equalize taxation between the counties for State purposes. It has not, and cannot have, any power over local taxation, directly or indirectly. If the affirmative view is taken we will have a State Board which is complete master of local as well as State taxation, at least so far as this county is concerned."

The injustice of the increased assessment for State purposes is enough to bear, without compelling the people of San Francisco to raise an enormous sum of money for local purposes for which they have no need whatever.

We do not believe that the Constitution gives the State Board the power to raise or lower taxation for municipal purposes. If it is so authoritatively construed, then a new and grievous wrong will have been done.

UNJUSTIFIABLE CLASSIFICATION. A New York magazine, the Century, classifies the ballot reform laws of the twenty-nine States that have now adopted modified forms of the Australian ballot system. The California law is classed as "bad," the comparisons being "good, fair, poor, bad."

Searching for the reasons upon which the California law is stigmatized, we find that the one only charge laid against it is that it does not accord greater freedom for independent nominations and individual candidates to get upon the official ticket.

In all other respects, therefore, we must assume that, to the New York purist, the law is flawless.

The percentage of strength to entitle an independent party to a place upon the ticket is that it shall represent one-twentieth of the voting power on the basis of the vote at the next preceding general election.

In other States, whose laws are indorsed "good" by the New York journal, 3 per cent. is the strength required. So, too, the required number of nominating petitioners necessary to place an individual candidate upon the official ticket is somewhat greater in California than in most of the States that have adopted a reform system.

But if it is for argument's sake admitted that our ballot law is not, in these respects, unscientifically liberal, it is still unjust to rank our system among those worthy of being dubbed "bad."

It appears to have been overlooked that it was almost miraculous when any reform law was passed at all by the late Legislature. The opposition to it was such that until almost the last hours of the session friends of the bill had very little to encourage even a hope for its passage.

Indeed, had it not been for the fact that the Democratic party had forced the issue by a positive pledge to pass such a law, the bill would have been defeated by the Republican majority.

Even under those conditions it could not have disposed of leadership opposition except by a compromise that raised the percentage standard of strength measurement referred to.

But it would have been a great achievement had the percentage been placed twice as high. With the old election law embodying advantages known in but few of the States, such as the "100-foot limit," within which tickets must not be shown or their contents disclosed, and with the uniform ballot system, it was exceedingly difficult to convince legislators that a still higher class of reform was desirable.

Not all reforms are to be accomplished at a bound; in California it would be very desirable to have the ballot law in the most approved form upon our statute books, but if not every feature deemed elsewhere essential to high excellence appears the fundamentals are there.

Our law, in insuring the complete secrecy of the elector's ballot, and in depriving the boss and his lieutenants of opportunity to cow the voter and dictate the contents of his ballot, we have achieved the chief purpose of the reform.

Without any reference whatever to nominating forces, the law would be eminently good one, and as a pioneer advocate for it, the RECORD-UNION enters its protest against the law being stigmatized as bad, because it is not as yet in accord in every detail with the ideas of extremely radical reformers.

WHEN the Tartar Emperor of China recently issued an edict commanding all the officials of the Imperial Government to afford full protection to Christian missionaries, because they advocate "a religion that teaches men to be good," the cunning celestial smiled audibly in his sleeve.

He does not believe anything of the kind. On the contrary the "goodness" of Christian preaching is in his view, an abomination. There are some of our Eastern contemporaries that pretend to believe the quoted expression is sincere, and indicates on the part of China a more liberal policy and a letting down of the bars of heathenism.

Whoever deludes himself with that fancy is woefully deceived. That the Chinese Government is very solicitous that there shall be no difficulty between its people and foreigners, is undeniable. Such activity would endanger the stability of the Tartar dynasty; that which begins with assault upon "the foreign dog," is very likely to develop into a storm that will burst upon the Imperial Government in the form of revolution of the most prodigious character.

If 450 grains of silver bullion are worth on the market 98 cents, and 371 grains of silver were put into the dollar, by what process of reasoning or financial juggling could that coin be esteemed worth 100 cents, when it would have but 76 cents of value in it?

But the silver men insist that the wage-earner shall take the dollar of 371 grains with the belief that its purchasing power will be as great as if it contained the full value of 100 cents.

A deer which visits the outskirts of Easton, Me., is so tame that he will allow people to walk up to him and pat him. The animal was probably some one's pet in his youthful days.

THE HAWAIIANS "POI"

They Eat It With Their Fingers and Catch It on the Fly.

In an article on the Sandwich Islands a writer in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly says: "We saw the natives eating 'poi.' Poi is something like cornstarch and is made from the 'aro,' the Hawaiian potato, which is first mashed into a kind of flour and then cooked until it is a thick paste.

Four or five persons (natives) were seated on the forward deck around an open earthen jar containing this poi. Putting their two forefingers together, they would dip them into the jar; a little twist of the wrist would collect a fair mouthful, which was lifted rapidly to the mouth (no dripping allowed); the fingers were licked clean, and then they were ready for another 'go.'"

It doesn't look pretty, and as it is customary for several to eat from the same dish it rather went against my American prejudices. If I was very much in love, and "sach" had a really pretty figure, I was very particular about her hands, I might be willing to eat poi with her.

New Clearings in Frontier Settlements Often give birth to miasma, as one of the first fruits of an upturning of the soil. Malaria is a relentless foe to the newly arrived emigrant if he be unprepared to meet it by the use of a reliable preparative and preventive.

It, therefore, behooves those seeking the far West in search of homes, to provide themselves with a medicinal guaranty against chills and fever, bilious, remittent and ailments of kindred origin. Vetter's's Stomach Bitters has for nearly half a century been esteemed the best. From Maine to Oklahoma, from Texas to San Juan del Sud, its acknowledged superiority meets with no challenge in localities where it has been used.

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New Advertisements. NOTICE OF CLOSING.—IN ACCORDANCE with the usual custom, and pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Directors, the members of the Board of Trade, and business houses generally, are requested to close their places of business on Thursday, September 17, 1891, to observe as a holiday the day of the State Fair, and to enable all employees to attend. By order of the [1] PRESIDENT.

NOTICE. THE UNDERSIGNED BANKS WILL CLOSE TO-DAY, Thursday, September 17, 1891, at 12 o'clock. CALIFORNIA STATE BANK, PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK, FARMERS' AND MERCHANTS' S. BANK, NATIONAL BANK OF D. G. MILLS & CO., SACRAMENTO BANK.

PAVILION. Open Daily from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. and 7:30 P. M. to 11 P. M.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS WILL BE DELIVERED BY HON. W. ARTHUR RODGERS of San Francisco, at the Pavilion, THIS (Thursday) EVENING, September 17, 1891, at 8 o'clock. Liberator, the famous oratorist, will appear each day at the Park, and evening at the Pavilion.

PARK. Thursday, September 17th, STOCK PARADE, Commencing at 9 A. M.

Grand Trotting Day. Races Commence Promptly at 1 P. M.

No. 32—PACING—Purse, \$1,000; 2:15 class. No. 33—PACING—Two-year-old stage, \$300 ad. No. 34—TROTTING—Purse, \$500; 2:06 class. No. 35—TROTTING—Purse, \$800; 2:26 class.

FREDERICK COX, President. EDWIN F. SMITH, Secretary.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. QUALIFIED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at the office of the Board of Trustees of the Southern California State System, for the design and construction of the Farmers' Exchange Bank building in the City of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, California, until 12 o'clock M., MONDAY, the 12th day of October, 1891, for performing the labor and furnishing all materials necessary for the construction of and completion of each of the following branches of work:

1. For performing the labor and furnishing all materials for the construction of a reservoir and pipe line. 2. For performing the labor and furnishing all materials for the construction of a sewer. 3. For performing the labor and furnishing all materials for the electric wiring of the buildings now in the course of erection. 4. For performing the labor and furnishing all materials for the new piping and steam heating of the buildings now in the course of erection.

Separate proposals will be received for each of the above branches of work and a contract or contracts based on such proposals will be made. Drawings and specifications for each of the above branches of work can be seen daily from 9 A. M. until 5 P. M. at the office of the Board of Trustees, in San Bernardino, Cal.

Blank proposal forms and all information in regard to the manner in which proposals are to be tendered can be obtained at the aforementioned office of the trustees. Each proposal must be accompanied by a bond of 10 per cent. for the amount of the proposal tendered.

No Chinese labor or materials manufactured by Chinese labor are to be used in any of the above branches of work. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids if found necessary, as the public good may require.

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