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Weather Forecast. Forecast till 8 P. M. Saturday: For Northern California--Fair, except light rain in the extreme northwest portion.

METHODS HERE AND ELSEWHERE. In New York and other Eastern cities, when a dive nuisance is ordered closed, or a place is by the law directed to be closed at a given hour of the night, if the party in charge disobeys the police proceed to shut and bolt the doors and turn out the lights and that is the end of it.

When the anarchists Wednesday night in Chicago held a meeting, denounced the laws of the Union and the people's officers and displayed red flags and symbols of enmity and disorder, the police marched into the hall and gave the rascals two minutes in which to elevate the American flag and place its colors high above the ensigns of blood and ruin.

Thursday night the anarchists met again but in secret, in a saloon, some hundreds strong. This time they would outwit the officers, and so the stars and stripes were not unfurled, but the red emblem of fury waved triumphant. Suddenly the doors were burst inward and a hundred blue-coated servants of the people marched in, presented their guns point blank at the anarchists, the order "throw up your hands" was obeyed instantly, and the police proceeded to disarm 200 wretched, would-be assassins and marched a goodly number to jail for carrying concealed weapons.

In San Francisco when the authorities direct a place to be closed the police proceed with hammers and nails, if need be, to close it effectually by making doors and walls solid.

Here we manage very differently. The proper authority refuses certain parties a license to keep an open house of entertainment or to run a dive, for reasons of which the authorities are the sole judges, and that are conservative of order, decency and good government. Thereupon the keepers of these places proceed to disobey the law and are arrested; bonds, pre-arranged, are presented, the prisoners released and the offense continued with lights ablaze and the game of defiance in full blast.

Then comes the trial, by jury perhaps. If there is conviction, a fine is levied and paid, and the offender proceeds to again disobey the law and submit to another arrest and trial, and so on through a farce of never-ending duration.

Of course these holes can afford to pay the fines, take chances of disagreeing, weak-kneed juries, and by persistence wear out the servants of the law. As a rule they are worn out, lose patience and hope, and at last the official order becomes a dead letter.

Certainly the offenders can afford to pay the fine, for their net profits nightly far exceed the penalty. Perhaps a taste of cell life might not be so well relished, but that is too much to be hoped for. Here the claim is boldly, openly made, and by not a few good men maintained, that if these offenders are once arrested and put to trial, the "case" is concluded, no matter how often they repeat their offending nor how many years it may be a final judgment.

As well might the burglar claim exemption for his nightly depredations so long as his first case is pending. That is to say, arrest is to be construed to be license to continue in violation of the law.

The Sacramento method may be the better plan--it certainly is for the offenders. The police force is disposed, however, to continue to arrest for such offenses, and in that determination they will be earnestly supported by the people. If they will adhere to their resolution, perhaps seven fines in the week, or even five, may prove too much for even hokey-pokey games in unlicensed midnight resorts to stand, that now defy the law and scorn the public.

A taste of real closing, actual shutting up of these offending resorts, as is practiced in New York, Chicago and San Francisco, might be a startling innovation in Sacramento, but the people would really like to see it tried, just for the novelty of the thing.

jurisdiction of the rules of government that prevail in the best and most glorious of nations. If so it may be worth while for the people to consider if it would not be well to move back and feel comfortably within the union once more.

A SIMPLE QUESTION FOR CITIZENS. A local discussion is on foot concerning taxation of city property upon the basis of assessed values, that to us seems to involve no other principles than those underlying common honesty.

It is perfectly true that if taxation in the city is high upon an assessment of low values, it will be lower upon an assessment at higher values, and in the outcome the owner of real estate property will pay no more taxes. In fact, the heavier taxpayers upon really will pay less, since it is an undeniable truth that personal property largely escapes taxation and is more undervalued in assessment than is real property.

But here is a proposition to which we invite the thoughtful attention of every man who is not so consumed by selfishness that he cannot "play fair," and not so debased as to take advantage whenever it presents, no matter if it involves perjury and moral degradation. If the County Assessor of Sacramento assesses the real and personal estate within the city boundaries at some \$18,000,000 valuation, and the process of appeal to the Board of Equalization does not materially affect his estimate of values; and if the City Assessor lists the same property for city purposes at from \$13,000,000 to \$14,000,000 valuation, then one of the two assessors is in error. Either one roll is too high or the other is too low. From that conclusion there is no possible escape.

Now, suppose the assessment for city purposes is so far raised--we prefer the term "made fair and just"--as to accomplish these ends:

1. Non-increase of the tax rate, though there is added a sum to secure total discharge of the bonded debt in three years.

2. Augment city credit so that we can lawfully borrow our own money from our own commission to carry out and perfect a system of proper sewerage and sewage disposal; complete levee protection; provide a sufficient good water supply and proper city buildings; fill up low places and abolish traditional nuisances; conserve public health and comfort and broaden the invitation to investment by an early lowering of taxation to the minimum rate known among cities in the United States.

3. Secure us freedom from the present perilous practice of carrying over from one year to another unpaid balances against us.

Suppose the means suggested, we say, will produce these results, besides bringing us into honest harmony with the law and putting upon personal property a fairer share of burden, what is the part of wisdom?

This is the one question for the people to ask themselves--is it honest to have two valuations, one high and one low, upon the same property, and to consent to one and protest against the other?

A POLITICAL CRITIC UPON THE EUROPEAN SITUATION. R. Bonghi, a political essayist of prominence, writing in the Nuova Antologia, Rome, reviews the European situation and concludes that the outlook is worse than it was four years ago for the maintenance of peace. His belief is that the seeds of war are more ready to spread now than they were in 1887, when Sir Charles Dilke published his book, "Europe This Year." If there is war, he believes that "the blame must fall upon those who wrested Alsace-Lorraine from France."

He finds no change in the governmental policy of Russia, or of Austria, and the interests of the two powers in the Balkan Peninsula still clash. The passage of four years has not bettered the Governments of Germany, France or Italy; in fact, such changes have taken place, as the retracing of Bismarck and Grey, and the death of the latter, and the change from the prudent Depretis in Italy have contributed to make matters worse. The experience of two decades has proved that Germany's idea of national unity of Alsace and Lorraine with Germany is error, and that the people are no more German to-day than when William's guns thundered along the Rhine in 1870.

As to England, Bonghi thinks that she will play but a small part in a possible European war. If the Conservatives remain in power she will take no great part in it; if the Liberals triumph she will take still less. She trims between the nations of the continent.

This is not because the English race lacks energy, but because it has made most progress in the moral judgment of human affairs, and hence is the race most truly desirous of peace and least dazzled by the splendor of war. In fact, the interests of England are two in number: to assure the frontiers of India, and the passage through the Red Sea. For the latter there is need of a still longer occupation of Egypt, an occupation which France is constantly striving to bring to an end. If France would become on this point wiser and yielding, where a little reason counsels her to yield, it would not be difficult to renew between France and England that good understanding which has enabled the historians of Europe to write some of the best pages of her history in this century.

The essayist believes, however, that there is good reason to hope that if France and England would draw nearer to good understanding the triple alliance would be rendered harmless, and that a good effect would be had upon the "double alliance." He concedes that not all share in this hope, yet thinks that even the dissentients must admit that while the states of Europe augment arms and armed men and taxes, there are creeping in among the working classes of cities and fields more humane sentiments, and which repel the idea of shedding blood as a means of settling differences between nations, and that these sentiments will not stand still; how far they have already advanced was demonstrated at Paris two years ago, when the Interparliamentary Congress assembled, which was followed by one in London in 1880, and will be succeeded by a third at Rome in a few weeks.

tion of arbitration for war. The work they have undertaken, he believes, will not be given up. The essayist concludes that it is not Utopian to believe that if the nations of Europe can be kept from laying violent hands on each other for a few years, the present armed peace will be succeeded by a firm peace, which will bring with it security and tranquility.

WHEN a citizen now makes a purchase at the counter of the merchant he buys what is the equivalent in price of a dollar in gold. But when the amount of silver approximates that of gold, which is what free and unlimited silver coinage will effect, the gold measurement of the price of the merchandise will vanish. One of two things must then happen, either the prices will go ballooning "way up," or gold will withdraw from circulation due to wild speculation that is born of inflation--both may happen. Two things will happen to gold when the time comes in which the seller refuses to give a gold dollar's worth of goods for 75 cents in silver--gold will be stored up, hidden away, become a cave-dweller, and a load upon the stomach of vaults; and it will also become a traveler outward from the country to buy where for its true value there is exchanged full value in goods.

The new design for the half dollar, which is to appear upon the new mintage of that coin, can scarcely be considered an improvement upon the old one. The Goddess of Liberty is too thick in the neck to meet the demands of female grace in proportions. Indeed, unless we knew that the intention was to present the head of a female, we might well doubt what gender the figure represents. It would pass for the masculine without any violence to the imagination. The spread eagle, as usual on our coins, as unnatural as could well be designed. Just why mint designers are such a poor lot of artists has always been a gem puzzle.

A WASHINGTON dispatch, referring to the contest for the seat of the next Republican National Convention, says: "The Minneapolis committee has circulated a diagram showing that St. Paul and Minneapolis are exactly in the center of the universe." The San Francisco committee can beat that and give odds. It can by diagram prove that California's metropolis is, not in the center of the universe, but what is better, in the middle of the United States of America, the national territory stretching east and west about the same distance from that point.

Late Mountain Fruit. Thos. O. Hardy made a shipment of late cling peaches this week of a very fine quality. This shipment about covers his peach crop. He is now shipping some fine grapes to fill Eastern as well as local orders, and putting up raisins. He is also shipping some very choice raisins. Most of our orchardists have shipped the best of their peaches, but Winter Nellis pears are coming into the depot in considerable quantity and of good quality. Apples come in later. Many varieties of mountain apples keep till April and even later. --El Dorado Democrat.

The Chinese census is taken yearly, and costs little for official work. The oldest male inhabitant in every ten houses counts the respective families and sends the list to the Government.

Special Notices. TO SHIPPERS VIA SUNSET ROUTE. Hereafter SUNSET SPECIAL service from Sacramento will be tri-weekly, leaving TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS. Shipments from Sacramento made on same days will make close connection with special.

IF AFFLICTED WITH SORE EYES use DR. ISAAC THOMPSON'S EYE WATER. Sold at 25 cents.

PAINLESS EXTRACTION OF TEETH by use of local anesthetic. DR. WELDON, Dentist, Eighth and J streets.

Watches, Diamonds and Jewelry. UNCLE IRIS, 302 K street.

New Advertisements. FIRST ANNUAL BALL GIVEN BY THE Ladies and Gentlemen of Sacramento. November 14th, at Y. M. C. Hall. Admission 50 cents Ladies free. Sample programs can be seen at Brunner's furniture store.

JOHN LLOYD THOMAS of New York will address the citizens of Sacramento on next TUESDAY EVENING, November 17th, at 7:30 P. M. at the Y. M. C. Hall. He is a most interesting and able speaker. He will discuss some of the 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