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Weather Forecast. Forecast till 8 P. M. Thursday: For Northern California—Light scattering rains; slightly warmer; followed by cooler weather.

THE DEMAND FOR REFORM IN SAN FRANCISCO.

At the mass meeting held in San Francisco Tuesday night there were made speeches, and resolutions were passed denouncing in emphatic terms corruption in office and the administration of public affairs, and demanding that the prostitution of office to venal ends and the personal ambition of corrupt men shall cease.

To all which hearty assent will be given by honest and self-respecting men and lovers of clean and orderly government. It is very encouraging when the masses of the people rouse themselves to duty-doing, for it is the simple truth that all the evils complained of are directly traceable to and are the legitimate result of neglect of their political duties by the people.

The same mass meeting took occasion to express itself to the effect that the Southern Pacific Company should not interfere with the politics of the State. It ought to be scarcely necessary to refer to the well-known fact that the policy of that company has been distinctly and emphatically announced to be in accord with such expression in favor of non-interference. Such have been the repeated and emphasized declarations of that company, which the commonest principles of self-interest must move to desire cleanliness, decency and justice in the administration of public affairs.

All movements orderly and within the law for the correction of evils and abuses in office and administration, must have the support of good citizenship, and all declarations to that end must have hearty approval. But in the same spirit the emphatic declaration of corporate bodies of their policy of non-interference with and non-manipulation of politics of the State, should be received. If the people will but avail themselves of their franchise rights and privileges, they can work all beneficent and orderly revolutions that need demands. That they should do so has not only been the urgent pleading of the RECORD-UNION for years, but of all self-respecting and law-abiding intelligences of the land—indeed this journal has carried its demand for purification of administration of public affairs to the extent of announcing its belief that our responsibility as a people, in this government by the people, is such that we get just the administration in government that we deserve.

DOCTORS AND THE LAWS.

The collection and recording of vital statistics are of the highest importance to a State. Of that no one at all conversant with history will venture to deny. The medical societies of this State, the official medical bodies and others, begged the Legislature to enact laws of the most stringent character, requiring births and deaths to be reported with details of a certain order. The Legislatures complied, and amended and strengthened the earlier law.

It was perfectly reasonable to expect, therefore, that the medical men would be shining examples of law-abiding, and would comply with the statute with praiseworthy promptness. Following up the State law, cities have supplemented it by ordinances requiring reports to be made of all contagious diseases treated, and for the very best and wisest of reasons, and these ordinances have been approved and applauded by all official and other medical bodies.

shameful fact, that at a recent meeting of the local Medical Society the question of the "compulsory notification of contagious diseases by physicians under penalty and without compensation" was taken up, and that "in the absence of the regular paper the subject was introduced and discussed at length by the society, the consensus of opinion being that the present city ordinance embodying the foregoing provisions was wrong in principle, unjust in practice, and possessed the inherent weakness of failing to protect the public by leading to concealment of disease."

Two things are undeniable and patent, that doctors in considerable number advise a law, and then defiantly disobey it, and that some one is lying outrageously, for the physicians have distinctly told the city authorities that the ordinances referred to are necessary and wise, while, if the journal referred to tells the truth, "the consensus of opinion" among these same physicians is that the ordinances are outrageous and oppressive.

We submit that the doctors are put in an unenviable position, either by their official board, or else by their medical journal's report of their society proceedings. They owe it to themselves to state to the public where the truth resides.

A GOOD PROPOSITION.

A bill has been introduced in the United States Senate providing for a permanent Census Bureau. There is much strength in the proposition. It is conceded that the census of the Nation as now taken, once in ten years, is altogether too slow in its method. It is not probably advisable to have official declarations made upon which political apportionments are to be based other than once in ten years. In that respect the law as it stands should not be disturbed. But the value of other census statistics is such that there is need to have the facts gathered and made public from time to time when they are of the highest importance.

We have a Bureau of Statistics now related to the Treasury Department, and the Census Bureau might very well be incorporated with it. In the matter of the enumeration of the people our present system is such that it is impossible under it to arrive at the actual facts with that degree of accuracy that is desirable, nay, essential. The census of the Nation so far as enumeration is concerned, ought to be taken in a single day, as is done in some other countries. There is a great variety of statistics outside of enumeration of the people that should be collated constantly, and which, if aggregated but once in ten years, become misleading.

Moreover statisticians are products of training; experts become such only by severe experience. A good Census Bureau is essentially one of experts. To gather fit men once in ten years for a comparatively brief period of employment is very difficult—in fact, it may be said to be impossible. But with a permanent bureau the Government would have at command constantly four or five trained heads of branches of the work, and under them be training constantly recruit experts according to the need.

Special education and training are necessary in order to secure good results in census taking, and these cannot be expected in a hastily organized force. A permanent bureau would be removed from the political field and all party bias and partisan scrambling for place in the census years would disappear.

We have not seen Mr. Hale's bill and are not advised concerning its details, but the simple proposition for a permanent Census Bureau is one that addresses itself forcibly to the intelligence. COMMANDER SCHLEY of the Baltimore, just arrived in port at San Francisco, adheres to his original statement that all of the men of the Baltimore wounded in the Valparaiso affair were stabbed in the back; that the assaults occurred simultaneously in many parts of the city and upon groups of three or four sailors, by bodies of Chileans of from forty to two hundred in each case, and that the police took an active part with the mobs. These facts, he says, are established by the proofs. How, in the face of this assertion, can our Government be content with the findings of the Valparaiso secret tribunal of inquiry? Shall there not be, before settlement, assertion of these facts to the Chilean Government, and an emphatic demand that reparation be made to the men, and damages paid to the families of those who were killed? How can we afford to dismiss the matter with less than that?

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The Tulare Register, San Diego Union, Los Angeles Express, Humboldt Standard and Ventura Free Press each issued a fine holiday edition, setting forth the advantages of their respective sections.

The Lower Lake Bulletin, Woodland Democrat and Palermo Progress have just entered upon new volumes.

The Bakersfield Californian has been sold by A. C. Maude to John M. Renck, who will hereafter edit and publish it.

The Colusa Sun will hereafter be published as an evening paper.

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twenty millions of people, will have less than five per cent. of that number. Now, if the people will take hold of this matter in the right manner and treat the subject as it deserves, use their best efforts to prevent the acquisition of such large bodies of land by any one individual, they will do more for their State than in any other manner. What we want is small land holdings and millions of people.

LARGE LAND-HOLDINGS How They May Affect the Destiny of the State.

(From the Los Angeles Herald.) A decade and a half ago the northern part of the State held the southern part in contempt, and that our section merited the term applied to us, of cow counties, was shown by the fact that outside of a few valleys devoted here and there to orange and vine culture, our immense ranches were mere cattle and sheep ranges.

But since that time a great change has come over the face of nature in this latitude. The great ranches, especially those in the fine valleys and on the table lands, have been cut up and subdivided into small farms and vineyards and orchards, and are now supporting families instead of sheep and cattle. There are very few of the great ranches that it would pay to subdivide left their original owners. We can just now recall but two, and these are the San Joaquin ranch in Orange County and the Laguna in this county. The Tejon is still in the hands of its original owner, and we doubt whether it is fitted for anything else. The San Joaquin will be subdivided as the heirs can agree upon a plan of partition or upon terms of sale, for the whole piece. The Laguna cannot long stand in the way of the progressive march of civilization and prosperity that has invariably followed the wake of ranch subdivision. These two ranches would give homes to over a thousand families, and increase in value a hundredfold, if they were cut up into small holdings.

Nothing has contributed so much to the marvelous growth of population in Southern California as the subdivision of its extensive ranches, and however some people may heretofore the new Constitution, it is a fact that this instrument gave the first impulse to the movement that resulted in making our section inviting to homeseekers and in changing cattle and sheep ranges into orchards and vineyards.

It is curious to note the fact that whilst this process of beneficial change has been steadily going on in Southern California, the very opposite process has been operating in some portions of Northern California to turn small ranches and farms into either extensive cattle ranges or immense grain fields owned by a few men of great wealth. The Sacramento River-Union has heretofore in this matter thoroughly and finds that in 1880 there has been a rapid concentration of land in a few hands. In 1880 there were twenty-five land-owners in this county, whose aggregate holdings were 325,281 acres. The largest owner held 58,000 acres, the smallest 2,202. In 1880 twenty-two owners held 317,022 acres, the largest owning 44,051, the smallest 5,119. In 1890 there were thirty-seven persons who owned more than 5,000 acres each, and the number of acres in the hands of ranches owned by 130 persons was 406,538. Thus we see that the aggregate of land owned in that county in 5,000-acre holdings and over had increased in ten years by 130 per cent.

An impetus has been given to this concentration of land into few ownerships by the marvelous improvement made in agricultural machinery and the profits from wheat-growing on a large scale. Whilst the small farms have been absorbed by the great land-owners, the population, instead of increasing, has decreased, some of these counties presenting the pitiable sight of miles of open country and vacant land where not a home is to be seen.

If this tendency to land monopoly should continue in the north, there will soon be a reversal of the present population in California. The counties in this part of the State will hold the balance of political power in less than five years from this time. There can be no check given to our growth by a possible return to great individual land-holdings, because irrigation has become so firmly established a system in Southern California that progress in subdivision is inevitable. The transfer of the political power of this State to Southern California means more for our section than appears on the surface. It means that we shall be able to compel division when we choose to demand it, and that we shall be in position to exact from the Federal Government and Congress a consideration which we have looked for in vain under the domination of political power of the northern part of the State.

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