

DAILY RECORD-UNION

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Weather Forecast. Forecast for the ensuing twenty-four hours: Northern California—Fair, warmer on the upper coast. There is probability of rain in the extreme southern portion.

FREE NOMINATIONS.

One of the intended effects of the new secret ballot law is now manifest—the nomination by electors without the aid of conventions. Under this provision of the law any citizen who desires to become a candidate for any office may have his name placed upon the official ballot on complying with the provisions of the law.

What these are the RECORD-UNION this morning sets forth in its local columns. We there present a form of the certificate of nomination required by the law. This form has been prepared with great care, and is believed to embrace every affirmative fact essential to be set forth. It is published in response to many inquiries for advice as to what is necessary. There is no intricacy about it. It is a simple proceeding and easily comprehended.

Under the provision of the law, one of its chief virtues, the poorest man in the land may freely exercise his sovereign right to solicit the votes of his fellow citizens for any office. It is one of the vital principles of free government that each qualified citizen shall have this right, and in no way be debarred its exercise. The greater the freedom of the citizen in this respect, the more secure are free institutions. For a time, large numbers, for mere lust of office, will avail of this new method; but in time citizens will exercise greater discretion in signing certificates, and manifest more courage in refusing to indorse the ambitions of office-seekers.

The effect of the new law will be also to bring conventions to a higher level; they will treat the claims of candidates with more consideration, knowing that the road is open without toll to any small group of citizens to put independent candidates check by jaw upon the official blanket ballot with those of the conventions. The bosses will not, as heretofore, snap their fingers in the faces of would-be nominees, but will become exceedingly circumspect in their procedure. It will be no longer necessary for the citizen who wishes to apply the test of the ballot to ascertain how he stands with his fellow-citizens as a candidate to buy the boss influence, manipulate the caucus, run the primary, or capture the convention; nor will he be forced to large expenditure of his means to print ballots and prepare the way to the ballot-box.

However viewed, the new provision of the election law is beneficial, since it puts the bosses and conventions upon good behavior, and gives the forgotten man an even chance with the nominee of party. All the advantage the latter will now have will be the party strength growing out of organization and the loyalty of party followers, and it is all that he ought to have. Heretofore he has enjoyed the greater advantage over the independent candidate of the heavy cost to the latter for preparation of tickets and their distribution, which was in nearly all cases as great as the entire cost of a convention ticket divided among all the nominees.

In short, the new law is essentially one of fair play. It does not permit poverty to bar the ambition of any man; it places the poor candidate upon a level with the rich; it relieves the dissatisfied elector from the necessity of voting for one of two or three equally objectionable convention candidates; it gives every little group of citizens that chooses to step from under the party lash and leadership a full license to present its own candidate. It frees conventions very largely from boss domination and will make them more representative and induce citizens to enter them who have hitherto refrained from doing so.

The new system will have a tendency to give all men political equality before the law; to insure not only free elections, but free nominations; also, to secure an accurate and honest expression of opinion as to the fitness of candidates; to encourage fit and competent men to take on official duty and serve their communities, who have heretofore declined to submit their names to the manipulation of machine methods.

As Mr. Ivins has it in his treatment of the subject, with the official ballot and the free nomination we may have elections that are such in a true sense, for without them when we vote we simply register our choice as between two or three men who have already been elected by machinery unknown to the law, the personal property of the few, and in which the many have no right which they can enforce.

A LESSON FOR CALIFORNIA. An incident happened at Cincinnati on the 29th inst. that has in it a lesson for California of no small importance, and which we propose to emphasize, in the hope that it may bear for the State some excellent fruit.

We have thought and said that Californians has in the past placed herself in an unfortunate attitude by the methods employed in soliciting our Eastern brethren to visit the State and examine into its claims for greater population and the incoming of capital and enterprising spirit. It has been humiliating to observe the begging attitude of many California delegations. We have sent to the East committees that have had the bad taste not to only beg, but to offer bribes to executive bodies to fix the sessions of their main organizations in California. In some instances these trumpeters have been invited through the assailed Eastern men through the drawn-beatings, banner-floating, gun-firing and wine-guzzling without limit, to say nothing of immodest boasting of our hospitality and our "glorious climate" that could have had no other

effect upon sensible people than to disgust them and cause them to estimate California as the land of gush, brag and brazen impudence.

But to the California Press Association it has been left to give the State at least one example of dignified and modest procedure in the matter of soliciting visits. It sent to Cincinnati to appear before the Executive Committee of the National Editorial Association a committee of sensible men; hard-working, straightforward and dignified newspaper men representing rural worth in California.

This committee of four went before the National Committee on the 26th inst. and extended a dignified and courteous invitation, in the name of the State Press Association, the State Board of Trade, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and the legislative bodies of interior cities. The delegation, in a non-effusive, dignified and modest manner, expressed to the National Committee the great pleasure it would be to the people of California to have the editors of the East learn something more of their common country by a personal observation in the chief State of the Pacific Slope. In the name of that great educational process, and in the name of modesty, the delegation triumphed.

From a letter by Mr. Allen B. Lemmon, one of the committee consisting of G. M. Francis, Scipio Craig, J. A. Filcher and Mr. Lemmon, we learn that there was no beating of drums, no blowing of trumpets and no bar in behalf of California. Our delegation had very warm opposition. Asbury Park was there by representatives, who were first upon the ground; they were boomers, with pictures of their streets and avenues, elegant descriptive literature, general good cheer and stimulants. Atlantic City made a vigorous canvass, and Asherville was in the fight with an earnest representative of Eastern vigor. But California subsidized no newspapers, maintained no bar, did no hurraing, floated no banners, indulged in no booming, made no boasts; but in a dignified, impressive, sincere manner conveyed the invitation of her cities and towns, simply and plainly stated what would be the route of travel through the State, and precisely what expense the trip would be to each visitor and to what extent California would afford them opportunity to travel in the State—and California won, won on the first ballot to the surprise of all other contestants.

All which proves that the very worst thing we can do in inviting guests is to disgust them with profuse promises of hospitality, to insult their integrity by offers amounting to bribes, and to offend their manhood by filling their stomachs to the befuddling of their judgments. Let the lesson reach beyond even these lines and teach us that when our guests come we should not weary them by ringing the changes upon our bounteous hospitality, tireless discourses concerning our "glorious climate," and never-ending apostrophes to our State, that in nine cases out of ten testify only to inflated self-conceit and serve but to expose to our visitors our limitless vanity.

A SPLENDID THING FOR THE HOME. An Opportunity Seldom Equalled and Never Surpassed.

Mrs. John A. Logan, widow of the late General Logan, is a brilliantly accomplished woman, a practiced observer and a clear thinking and scholarly writer and manager.

Mrs. Logan is editor and conductor of the Home Magazine, now in its fourth volume, published at the National Capital by the Brodix Publishing Company monthly. It is a large quarto of forty pages and 100 columns, equal to 200 of the ordinary octavo monthly magazine.

The Home Magazine is profusely and handsomely illustrated, and in all respects a broad-minded, versatile, attractive, elevating journal, the influence of which is widespread and everywhere wholesome.

The RECORD-UNION rarely clubs with any journal, but its admiration for The Home Magazine and our belief in its beneficial character has induced us to enter into negotiations with Mrs. Logan for the furnishing of our magnificent twelve-page WEEKLY UNION with The Home Magazine. These negotiations have been happily concluded, and we are enabled to announce that for the nominal sum of \$1.75 we will mail, postpaid, to any part of the United States or Canada the WEEKLY UNION and The Home Magazine.

We are confident that no such liberal offer has ever been made as this. It is unprecedented in journalism, and will prove to all readers of these journals a benefaction of the first order.

We take the opportunity, therefore, to point out some of the virtues of The Home Magazine. In the first place it is patriotic, American cheer through. Next, it is edited with ability, vigor and brilliancy, but not over-edited. In the third place it is extremely varied in contents, and addresses many tastes. Lastly it is essentially a home magazine.

Take the December number as an example. Two columns are devoted to short, vigorous, broad-minded editorial notes on public topics. Then come an illustrated novelette, "Arbutus Berries"; "A Song of Christmas"; "The Christmas of 1864," by Mrs. Logan, being one of her series of personal recollections. Then follow the serial "One Too Many," by the eminent writer Harriet Prescott Spofford, "Society Notes," by Mary Logan Tucker, and a paper on "The King's Daughters," by Mary Lowe Dickinson, general secretary of the order.

departments, but varies their treatment in each case. Both numbers have handsome portraits of people distinguished in diplomacy, politics, art, science, literature, invention, society, good works, etc.; fashion plates with descriptions, knitting plates, cartoons, general views, and title full-page pictures.

Subscribers to the WEEKLY UNION who avail of the offer we make will receive The Home Magazine direct from Washington, and subscribers to the magazine will receive the WEEKLY UNION direct from this office, each journal honoring all 75 subscriptions received, at once, and exchanging lists daily as subscriptions are received.

The WEEKLY UNION is too well known to call for comment from us. It is a clean, intelligent, independent paper for the home, office, street, market, farm or shop. Its news facilities are of the very best in the world. It keeps abreast with all topics of concern to the progressive citizen; addresses industrial, agricultural, political, literary and scientific tastes; and is well supplied with essays, tales, criticisms, news of progress and discovery, and all the news of the world as received from day to day. It is always clean, and can be placed in any home with confidence that no impurity stains its pages.

BIG IMPROVEMENTS. Nearly All of Brannan Island to be Cultivated This Year.

Organization on Brannan Island is now assured, and before many weeks of the new year, 1892, have passed into oblivion the ranchers on that rich body of land will feel protected to a certain extent from future floods of the Sacramento River, says the Rio Vista News.

A meeting of the committee of seven, recently appointed, met at Siskiyou last week, Saturday, and it was there decided to solicit the signatures of the holders to an agreement to form an organization similar to that of the Pioneer District. It is believed that if this can be done—and there is little doubt of it—that in the course of a few days a large organization under the swamp land laws of the State can be effected.

It was the opinion of the committee that it would be advisable to raise the levee to a standard of four feet above the high-water mark of two years ago. It is found that all the levee on this side of the island is from two to three feet above that mark, and it will be a matter of little expense to build all the levee required to be so built—about fifteen miles—to that desired standard.

Of the 8,000 acres comprising the island, all but about 500 acres are perfectly dry and in a fit condition for cultivation, and the ranches of Hart Smith, George Butler, J. Hodapp, Thomas McCor, Louis Ruble, J. F. Wilcox, P. Kuhn and others will all be cultivated, while a large tract of Robert Zeiler has been reserved by Henry Kulper and will be seeded this season.

It will be remembered the island was flooded two years ago, and that it was worked the summer following or last year, but the water was drained off without even the assistance of a pump, and to-day the island is found in excellent condition for cultivation, and the owners are to be congratulated upon their valuable possessions.

Don't eat with indigestion. Take Beecham's Pills.

Special Notices.

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

New Advertisements.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION are notified to meet in convention THIS (Thursday) EVENING, at 8 o'clock, in Pythian Castle, to make nominations for city officers. By order of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

THE GRAND BALL TO BE GIVEN BY THE Catholic Ladies' Relief Society will take place on FEBRUARY 4th at Farmer Hall.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE new addition to the Sisters' building can be seen until 10 o'clock, Monday, 1892, at the office of A. A. Cook, Seventh and J, up to which time, and at said office, sealed bids for construction of the building will be received. The committee in charge reserves to itself the right to accept any or reject all bids. By order of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Republican Primary.

At a MEETING OF THE REPUBLICAN City Central Committee, held Monday, January 23, 1892, it was Resolved, That a Republican Primary Election be held in the City of Sacramento on Saturday, January 30th, 1892.

Under the provisions of the Porter Primary Election Law, to elect 102 delegates to meet at the State on 10 o'clock, Monday, 1892, to nominate candidates for the following city offices: Second Trustee, Chief of Police, City Attorney, Fire Commissioner, and six other officers as may be provided for.

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Hale Bros. & Co.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE OUR Winter Clearance Sale

Begins will be made in to-morrow's RECORD-UNION and "Evening News." This sale will not be inaugurated for an hour, a day or a week, but will be in full force each and every day until all lines have been closed out. It will not be confined to any single item or department, but will be thoroughly representative of all our departments. We are putting forth our best efforts that every department may be in readiness by the appointed time. We expect to be better able to serve you than ever before. Ample room, plenty of help, makes trading more comfortable. It might not be amiss to add that the values that are going into this sale will prove equal if not superior to any former efforts of our house. We are determined to make this sale merit your consideration.

HALE BROS. & CO., 825 to 835 K St., and 1026 Ninth.

Capital Clothing Company.

The Early Bird Catches the Worm!

To our many friends and patrons of the railroad shops, trainmen, etc., with

Pay Car

Just arriving, a grand opportunity is offered you to

Buy the Greatest Bargains

Ever offered on the coast during this,

Our Great Sale.

It will last only a week longer, and you had best call while the many bargains remain intact.

CAPITAL CLOTHING COMPANY, 600 and 602 K Street. SEE WINDOW DISPLAY.

W. I. Orth.

COMBINATION SUITS.

Ladies' Imported High-grade Wool Union Suits, natural color, \$4 50, \$3 and \$5 50, reduced to the uniform price of \$2 99. Ladies' Swiss Ribbed All-wool Union Suits, in black, white and natural, \$3 50, reduced to \$2 70. Ladies' Swiss Ribbed Merino Union Suits, in white and natural, \$2 25, reduced to \$1 75. Ladies' Swiss Ribbed Heavy-weight Balbriggan Union Suits, \$1 50, reduced to \$1 19. Children's Swiss Ribbed All-wool Union Suits, natural, \$2 25, reduced to \$1 75. Children's Swiss Ribbed Merino Union Suits, natural, \$1 50, reduced to \$1 13.

KEEP IN MIND OUR LINEN SALE OF TOWELS, CRASHES, TABLE LINENS AND NAPKINS.

W. I. ORTH, 630 J ST.

Gattmann & Wilson.

GRAND DISSOLUTION SALE

—AT— Gattmann & Wilson's, N. E. COR. SIXTH AND J STS.

The enthusiasm created by our Grand Sale still goes on. The bargains we daily place before the people are appreciated, and we have the gratification of seeing new faces daily. For choice goods we are headquarters, and our prices always lower than the lowest.

LADIES' KID GLOVES.

We quote some Special Bargains in Kid Gloves at 75 CTS. A PAIR.

50 dozen 8-Button Undressed Mousquetaire Kid Gloves. 50 dozen 8-button Biarritz Kid Gloves.

GATTMANN & WILSON, 601 J STREET.

SACRAMENTO LUMBER COMPANY, Dealers in Lumber, Doors, Windows and Blinds.

MAIN OFFICE—Second street, L and M. YARD—Front and R streets, Sacramento.

Amusements.

CLUNIE OPERA HOUSE. THE PEOPLE'S THEATER. WASHINGTON NORTON, Manager and Proprietor. Great Success and Last Night of A MILLION OF MONEY.

Metropolitan Theater. Two Nights and Matinee. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 29th and 30th.

DR. JEKYL AND MR. HYDE. To-morrow (Friday) Night. With New Scenery and Mechanical Effects.

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