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Weather Forecast. Official forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at midnight, November 15th: For Northern California—Fair, but partly cloudy and foggy along the coast, north to west winds, fresh to brisk along the coast east and in the southern portion; generally cooler.

BRAINS IN ELECTION BOARDS. If there was slow counting anywhere in California after the election of Tuesday it was due to the incapacity and stupidity of clerks, and often to the thick-headedness of judges and inspectors.

In one precinct in this city, with 293 votes cast, the count was completed between 5:30 P. M. and 12:10 A. M., or six hours and forty minutes. Yet in a precinct a few steps distant, with 260 votes, the count lasted until 4 A. M., or nearly four hours longer.

Another had but thirty-five more ballots to count than the first mentioned, but did not complete the count until 6 A. M., taking nearly six hours longer than a precinct that had but thirty-five less votes.

One precinct that had for clerks skilled accountants and practical book-keepers won the laurel by being the last to finish and hanging on until daylight, though the vote was but little in excess of precincts that counted out about midnight.

We cite these instances to prove that rapid counting or slow counting is neither to be credited to nor charged against the ballot law; both are matters into which brains must enter. What is wanted is competency, intellectual and clerical.

The exclusion of men from Election Board service who do not happen to be upon the assessment-roll shuts out some of the brightest and most competent people.

In one precinct we have in mind the Election Board found a ballot on which the voter had stamped for Presidential Electors ten names, selecting from the several party groups. That board wrangled for more than an hour, and had a hot, wordy warfare over the discovery.

Part of the board claimed that the whole ballot must be thrown out, while the remainder held that the electoral vote only was lost. Yet the law is so plain that a primary pupil could read and understand it.

If a voter marks more names than there are persons to be elected by any vote, or if for any reason it is impossible to determine the voter's choice for any office to be filled, his ballot should not be counted for such office.

It will scarcely be believed that men with a thimbleful of brains would hesitate an instant to decide that only the electoral vote was lost.

In another case there was a long wrangle because a voter had written in a name. It was not stamped. Yet the law reads, and was read to the board:

Any name written upon a ballot shall be counted for the office under which it is written, whether or not a cross is marked after it.

We repeat, what is wanted on Election Boards is brains—ordinary, plain, everyday, common sense, business brains. As it is now, it seems that about one-third of the Election Boards put up are the refuges for all the stupidity, stubbornness and incompetency that can be raked up in the precincts.

ECONOMY OF SCIENCE. Speaking of the conquests of modern science Lord Lyon Playfair, in the North American Review, holds that dirt is only matter in a wrong place, and adds that every day the diffusion of knowledge is impressing more and more upon thoughtful people, that chemistry, like a thrifty housewife, economizes every scrap. It would be well if this truth were even

more appreciated than it is. In fact in cookery in our homes it is safe to say that from lack of scientific knowledge one-third cost is added to family expenses.

Playfair says: "The horseshoe nails dropped in the streets are carefully collected and reappear as swords and guns. The main ingredient of the ink with which I now write was probably once the broken hoop of an old beer-barrel.

The clippings of the traveling tinker are mixed with the parings of horses' hoofs and the worst kinds of woolen rags, and these are worked up into an exquisite blue dye, which graces the dress of courtly dames. The drops of port wine, carefully decanted by the toper, are taken in the morning as a seditive powder to remove the effect of the debauch.

The oil of the streets and the wastings of coal gas reappear carefully preserved in the lady's smelling bottle, or are used by her to flavor blanc manges for her friends. All this thrift of material is an imitation of the economy of nature, which allows no waste. Everything has its destined place in the process of the universe, in which there is not a blade of grass or even a microbe too much if we possessed the knowledge to apply them to their fitting purposes."

OUR wagonways are described by Harper's Weekly of September 17, 1892, as a crushing mass of iniquities and drawbacks to civilization. The tendency of population toward the cities, the abandonment of farms, and even the modern development of "slums," are largely ascribed to bad roads, which are said to be worse and more numerous here than in any other civilized country.

Bad roads, it is argued, cause schools and churches to be neglected, prevent social intercourse in the country and make life in the rural districts cheerless, isolated and narrow. The question is, is not this indictment true? Is it not true that bad roads are barriers not only to trade and production, but in a large degree to civilization?

AMUSEMENTS. This evening at the Clunie Opera-house W. A. Brady's dramatic company will produce Boucicault's famous sensational drama "After Dark."

It is one of the most stirring and thrilling of all plays having city life, hay and mishap, plot and counter plot, for centers of interest. Mr. Brady has never sent here a weak company, nor one not well equipped with scenic and mechanical effects when there was special need, as there is in this piece for these things.

Milton Nobles and his charming wife, Dollie Nobles, backed by an excellent company, appeared at the Metropolitan Theater last night in "From Siroto Son," one of the best works of the versatile actor and dramatist.

It possesses in an eminent degree the essential element of "human interest." The men and women are flesh and blood. There is nothing artificial about them. Dollie Nobles plays with great sweetness and intelligence. She sings exquisitely, accompanying herself with the mandolin.

Mr. Nobles plays with the ease, polish and magnetic force that have always characterized his work. Many admirers of Milton Nobles as an artist far above the average in point of ability. He is always conscientious, and while he may fall sometimes to realize a character, still he is never commonplace.

He has risen from the ranks to a prominent position as one of our leading native actors. His plays possess a broad knowledge of men and things. A close analyst himself, he has given to the literature of the stage much that in the future will be regarded as models of their class.

The company supporting Mr. Nobles is above the average, several names being quite familiar to theater-goers.

To-night the same company will appear in "For Revenue Only." In this play Milton Nobles has made something of a return upon his first memorable production, "The Phenix," in which inconsequent comicality and freely bestowed sentiment were the maricab and popular elements.

Mr. Nobles is a peculiarly gifted man, a clever actor, an ingenious constructor, and an effective writer of plays that deal oddly with the foibles and tendencies of human nature. He has written a number of plays in each of which there is evidence of his keen sense of the humorous and his appreciation of that which is dramatic in the conditions of life and character.

There is a curious mixture of good and bad, humor and absurdity, sense and nonsense, purpose and vacuity, in "For Revenue Only." The play is farcical in character, with a pleasant but incongruous element of sincerity to contrast with its nonsense and make one wonder how Mr. Nobles's audience really taking idea to the frolic of absurdity that runs away with both its romance and its satire.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean says: "It is a pleasure to see Mr. Nobles in this piece, his art as an actor and his humorous methods as a comedian giving distinct and valuable characterization to the play." "The Phenix," Dollie Nobles, whose sweet voice, pretty form, and charming simplicity as an actress have made her a great favorite with theater-goers who know her, is very wise and interesting in the light comedy part she plays in this piece."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL. Mrs. F. C. Campbell is visiting in Los Angeles. Mrs. E. E. Lee of Auburn is visiting relatives here. Dr. B. M. Gill came down from Dunsuir yesterday.

John Heath, the well-known Michigan Democrat, is in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar M. Luckett have returned from San Francisco. Assemblyman-elect William Crow of Placerville was in the city yesterday.

Wm. M. Sims, the attorney, left for Redding, Shasta County, last evening. Judge J. M. Walling and wife of Nevada City are at the Golden Eagle Hotel. Miss May Gilbert and sister of Oakland are visiting Mrs. Timothy Lee in this city.

the annual party, which was to be given on next Wednesday, the 17th instant, until the early part of December, owing to the severe sickness of two of the club's officers. Due notice of the date of the party will be given.

Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: John Hanson, George Bortwick, C. Stark, New York; Milton Nobles and wife, Mrs. J. D. Murray, Brooklyn; J. J. Loring, Boston; Mrs. R. M. Sands, Pittsburgh; P. B. L. Garrity, Chicago; John F. Hanlon, J. J. De Haven, Ralph C. Harrison, J. R. Sharrstein, E. A. Girtman, Hymen, C. H. Garoutte, J. C. Eddington, Henry Turner, W. A. Titomb, J. C. Eubanks, San Francisco; L. C. Morehouse, Fred. Bryant, San Leandro; Mrs. D. B. Spagnoli, Jackson; E. C. Voorhies, Sutter Creek; J. H. Thompson, Stockton; A. D. Mason, J. M. Walling and wife, Nevada City; Thomas P. Ryan and wife, Fresno.

An Elk Grove correspondent writes that J. N. Andrews of that place was last week treated to a complete and genuine surprise. He was invited out by one of his friends, and on his return to his house found it in possession of many friends and neighbors.

On his demand to know the cause, he was presented with an elegant sideboard, stocked ready for use, which had been set up during his absence, as a mark of appreciation by the people of the community for his faithful discharge of the duties of Postmaster of Elk Grove for many years and his worth as a citizen.

PROBATE MATTERS. Several Petitions for Letters of Administration. Mrs. Eliza Hanford, widow of the late James Hanford, the well-known locomotive engineer who was killed in an accident recently, petitioned the Superior Court yesterday for letters of administration on the estate of the deceased. The estate is estimated to be worth \$2,024 22.

James Glenn has petitioned for letters of administration on the estate of Patrick Allen, deceased. This estate is worth about \$1,700.

Henry Schlemmer petitioned for letters on the estate of the late Simon Zuercher. This estate consists of real estate and cash, all of which foots up \$3,000. The deceased bequeathed the property to his wife and four children.

Public Administrator Bronner put in a petition to administer on the estate of T. A. Patchen, who died intestate. The estate is only worth \$270.

SONTAG SENIOR. The Father of the Train-Robbers Said to Have Arrived. A dispatch was received by Chief Rodgers from railroad detective Ben True last evening, informing him that the father of the notorious Fresno train-robbers, George and John Sontag, was on the overland train to arrive here at 7:40 o'clock.

As no description was given by which the elder Sontag could be recognized, and as the conductor was not aware that he had so distinguished a passenger aboard, nothing further concerning him was ascertained.

A few weeks ago the Fresno officials received letters from the elder Sontag stating that he was coming to California, and intimating that he had come to settle with those who had interfered with the communistic career of his sons.

BRIEF NOTES. John Milton Nash is charged with having fraudulently registered. The official canvass of the city vote last Tuesday shows that 6,536 ballots were cast.

A large delegation of Nevada and Placer County miners passed through the city last evening en route to the Miners' Convention in San Francisco. The criminal libel case of S. E. Carrington was continued yesterday in Justice Devlin's Court, in consequence of a death in the family of L. Spurgeon, the complaining witness.

S. J. Holsinger, of the News staff was yesterday admitted to practice by the Supreme Court on motion of Deputy Attorney-General Layson and a certificate from the Appellate Court of Iowa.

The Pioneer Cursing Club has elected the following officers: Charles Gallagher, President; W. H. Bailey, Secretary; Dan Healey, Treasurer; E. T. Crode, Secretary; J. J. Long, Slipper and Field Steward.

Patrick Allen, an old-time employe at the railroad shops, died on Sunday, after a few days' illness. He was seized on Wednesday with convulsions, while at his work, and never recovered consciousness. The funeral of deceased took place yesterday, the pall-bearers being J. H. Harris, James Condy, O. Pennington, M. Metzger, D. Foley, J. Dugan, etc.

Complaint has been made to the Sanitary Inspector that slaughter-house refuse is being dumped near the American river bridge. That officer says he will endeavor to ascertain the responsible parties and stop the outrage. Has anything been done about the depositing of dead horses near the American river bank, to which, as reported, was made a week ago in the RECORD-UNION?

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Gale Bros. & Co. On November 15, 1877, the "Articles of Confederation" were adopted by the Continental Congress. This was the form of the government for the American colonies which preceded and was supplanted by the more perfect union under the Constitution of the United States. The articles had been debated for more than a year by Congress which, by common consent, was exercising the functions of government.

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