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**Weather Forecast.**  
 Official forecast for the twenty-four hours  
 ending at midnight December 20th: North-  
 ern California—Fair, except light rain along  
 the northwest coast; warmer south to west  
 winds.

**THE FRENCH SCANDAL.**  
 The French scandal has not really had  
 much new light shed upon it in the last  
 few days. It has been settled that Reinach  
 committed suicide, and the motive is  
 reasonably judged to be cowardice in  
 meeting the charges relating to his con-  
 nection with the Panama Canal swindle.  
 Beyond that fact we have only the arrests  
 of half a dozen parties without specific  
 disclosure of the facts in their cases,  
 and finally we have the refusal of De-  
 lahaye to name the deputies he charges  
 with being corrupted or to indicate  
 witnesses to substantiate the charges.  
 This refusal, if persisted in, will be apt to  
 turn the tide somewhat in favor of the  
 accused. As a rule, a public will not con-  
 demn on generalizations, and a failure to  
 specify charges is generally taken as a  
 confession of their weakness.

President Carnot, it is reported, will  
 not resign. He has said as much, which  
 must be taken as the result of conviction  
 on his part that the charges relating to  
 his personal and closest political house-  
 hold to the Panama swindle are not by  
 him believed to be so founded as to reflect  
 discredit upon him. If he were con-  
 vinced to the contrary he would be bound  
 to resign, no matter what the effect upon  
 France. Such is the force of the unwritten  
 law in such cases that he could not,  
 would not dare to resist it.

The refusal of the magistrates to admit  
 Charles DeLespess, Leroy and Fontaine  
 to bail strengthens the belief that the au-  
 thorities are firmly convinced of their  
 ability to secure conviction of these men.  
 That there is enough truth in all the  
 scandals about the canal, and the relation  
 of the officials to it, to cover France with  
 shame is undoubted. We do not doubt  
 for a moment that in the main that which  
 has been charged is verity. The big ditch  
 scheme is without any question a swindle,  
 and that it has been promoted at the ex-  
 pense of the French people without a  
 single financial or economic excuse is  
 true. The only things in doubt are as to  
 who are the greater rascals among the  
 managers, and what newspapers were  
 guilty of selling themselves to the swindle  
 in order to rob those who were deceived  
 into investing. French search into such  
 affairs is deep and penetrating, and  
 French justice is swift. That the truth  
 and the swindlers will be reached we may  
 confidently expect.

**TIME OF ISSUANCE OF THE TEXT-BOOKS.**  
 The enemies of the State text-book sys-  
 tem industriously seek to create the be-  
 lief that there has been unusual and un-  
 pardonable delay in issuing the school-  
 books ordered by the Legislature. An  
 examination of the records at the State  
 Printing Office and of the State Board of  
 Education will disclose to any impartial  
 person data that will refute the charges of  
 delay and neglect to promptly issue the  
 books.

A little over seven years ago the books  
 were ordered, eight in number. Since  
 then five more have been authorized.  
 Of the eight first ordered by the Legis-  
 lature five were completed and delivered  
 to the schools within two years. Of the  
 thirteen ordered to this date but one  
 remains to issue, the larger geography,  
 and that is advanced more than half  
 already through the printing office. It is  
 further ascertained that of the thirteen  
 books ordered eight were prepared by  
 authors who gave to the work their whole  
 time, while five were written by persons  
 having other occupations.

It is our belief from data we have been  
 able to gather up to this time that the  
 State text-books have been issued as rap-  
 idly and in most cases more rapidly than  
 any set of schoolbooks by private pub-  
 lishers. The private publisher, so far as  
 we can ascertain, never has been able to  
 secure from his selected author a school-  
 book within the time that was consumed  
 by the State in getting its manuscript  
 from its authors. Indeed, many cases are  
 found in which the largest private pub-  
 lishing houses were greatly longer in  
 completing their series, and no case has  
 been found in which a private printing  
 house has sent from the press a school-  
 book so quickly after delivery of copy as  
 has been done by the official printing  
 establishment of this State.

Those who are well informed concern-  
 ing the economies of large private pub-  
 lishing concerns advance excellent rea-  
 sons for the long time consumed by them  
 in completing a series. First, the educa-  
 tors they select are almost always en-  
 gaged in some other vocation and can  
 rarely afford to abandon all else for a task  
 that at best can give them but compara-  
 tively brief employment. Secondly, the  
 editing of the author's work is done in  
 connection with other work of like order  
 in the establishment, though in a few  
 cases special editors are employed. Third,  
 most of such establishments do other  
 publishing of an extensive character.  
 Fourth, these private publishers wisely

refuse to consider mere speed an essen-  
 tial. They strive to secure excellence,  
 because upon that alone can they hope to  
 base success. So, it will be seen upon re-  
 flection that this State has done as well in  
 the matter of speed, and better in some  
 cases than any private school-book pub-  
 lishing firm, and with which, of course,  
 there is every reason for such rapidity as  
 is consistent with success, since capital  
 always seeks the earliest reward for its  
 investment.

WHAT ineffable twaddle that is the  
 People's party leaders in Kansas have put  
 out in protest against dancing the night  
 of the inaugural ceremonies. While not the  
 advocate of nor the objector to dancing,  
 the RECORD-UNION sees no earthly rea-  
 son why people who want to dance and  
 pay the fiddler should not do so. Just  
 what relation the giving of a ball has to  
 American politics we confess inability  
 to comprehend. But we do suspect that  
 Calamity Weaver and Socialist Lease,  
 and their like, are attempting to play  
 upon the prejudices of the people who do  
 oppose dancing as a violation of the  
 moral code; and secondly, to influence  
 those other people who are so idiotic as  
 to suppose that the spending of money  
 by those who have it to spend for ball-  
 going somehow hurts the man who has  
 it not. What a miserable farce is all  
 this assumed spasm of indignation that  
 any one should wear a swallow-tailed  
 coat or a silk necktie and trip to music  
 in a ballroom if he chooses, be the occa-  
 sion the inauguration of a Governor or  
 a Constable. These self-appointed moral  
 conservators exclaim in this most recent  
 protest that dancers at inaugurations are  
 not of the "class" of which the People's party  
 is a part. Indeed! Who is talking of  
 classes in this free land? If the man of  
 modest means may swing in the reel and  
 whirl in the country dance, so let those  
 who wish crack silks and lace it  
 through the german. Why in the name  
 of sense should any one wish to inhibit  
 the rich from spending their wealth  
 freely, instead of hoarding it and cor-  
 nering necessities? Are we going back  
 after all to the days when there were  
 classes indeed? If so, no one is doing  
 more to hasten our moment in that  
 direction than the idiotic fellows who in-  
 sist that dancing is a luxury inhuman to  
 the "common people," because the rich  
 who may indulge in it at greatest cost  
 are not of the "class" from which "popu-  
 lists" are drawn. It is exasperating to  
 hear this constant raving upon "class"  
 in a republic where there is no political  
 distinction, and where every man is as  
 free, if he chooses to be, as any other  
 man. Classes and classes will wreck any  
 nation; if we build up either, it will be  
 because of the miserable policy pursued  
 by some of the naturalized in maintain-  
 ing organizations under hyphenated  
 titles, with the American after the hy-  
 phen, and it will be because the envious,  
 short-sighted and shallow leaders of so-  
 called reform movements, and so-called  
 "populist" efforts insist upon class dis-  
 tinctions.

ROYALTY is entitled to the credit of set-  
 ting one good fashion—it has given the  
*comp de grace* to the practice of wearing  
 crape in mourning. The Princess of  
 Wales sets the fashion largely in England;  
 in her mourning for the Duke of Clarence  
 she refused to use crape in her costume,  
 and as a result a decided impetus has  
 been given to a movement already begun  
 to reject that somber fabric from the  
 mourning costume. If the mourning  
 costume could be wholly eliminated a  
 still greater advance would be made.  
 Such outward symbols of grief, such ad-  
 vertising to the world of the world that  
 should be sacred in privacy, is of the re-  
 mains of custom that the best civilization  
 is not responsible for. It should not,  
 therefore, permit this remnant to have its  
 countenance.

**Agricultural Directors.**  
 The following Directors of Agricultural  
 Societies were commissioned by the  
 Governor yesterday:  
 District No. 1, A. H. Baldrige,  
 Escondido, San Diego County; W. W.  
 Stewart, San Diego; Charles A. McHou-  
 gall, Moose Canyon, San Diego County.  
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 DAILY RECORD-UNION and the Inter-  
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 great World's Fair will be elaborately  
 treated in the Inter-Ocean. Can be had  
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 No CHRISTMAS and New Year's table  
 should be without a bottle of Angostura  
 Bitters, the world-renowned appetizer of  
 exquisite flavor. Beware of counterfeits.

**New Advertisements.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS—ESTATE OF**  
**MARtha NEELY, deceased.** Notice is  
 hereby given by the undersigned, adminis-  
 trator of the estate of Martha Neely, deceased,  
 to the creditors of, and all persons having  
 claims against the said deceased, to exhibit  
 them, with the necessary vouchers, within  
 four months after the first publication of this  
 notice, to the said administrator, at the office  
 of Driver & Sims, 420 J street (up-stairs),  
 Sacramento City, California, the same being the  
 place for the transaction of the business of the  
 said estate in the county of Sacramento, State  
 of California.  
 WM. F. NEELY,  
 Administrator of the Estate of Martha Neely,  
 deceased.  
 Dated, December 19, 1892.  
 DRIVER & SIMS, Attorneys for Administrator.  
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**GRAND SELECT PARTY**  
 BY THE—  
**SACRAMENTO MILITARY SOCIAL CLUB.**  
 WILL BE GIVEN AT ARMY HALL,  
 THIS (Tuesday) EVENING. Subscrip-  
 tion, admitting gentleman and ladies, 50  
 cents. Admission by invitation only. 11

—THE—  
**SACRAMENTO LECTURE ASSOCIATION**  
 HAS ENGAGED

**James Whitcomb Riley**  
 FOR A  
**SECOND ENTERTAINMENT ENTIRE**  
 change of programme at the Congrega-  
 tional Church THIS (Tuesday) EVENING,  
 December 20, 1892. Association Tickets ad-  
 mit. Season Tickets, \$1. Single Tickets, 50  
 cents. (R.E.N.C.) 11

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 my own Family Medicine. It is a pure, good  
 and reliable medicine. My mother before me  
 was very partial to it. I find the Regulator  
 very safe, harmless and reliable as a Family  
 Medicine, and have used it for any disorder  
 of the system and found it to be a charm. I  
 believe if it was used in time it would prove  
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 recommended it to my friends and small con-  
 tinue to do so."—Rev. J. M. Rollins, Pastor  
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**Amusements.**  
**METROPOLITAN THEATER.**  
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