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Weather Forecast. Official forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at midnight January 6th: Northern California - Fair weather; slightly warmer; variable winds.

DIVERTED CHANNELS AND OFFICIAL RETICENCE.

The Feather River at a point about one mile below Nicolaus has recently at flood water left its channel, made its way through its east bank and is sending its current down across outside lands, the overflow from which discharges into the Sacramento River through several sloughs near this city.

Not far below this point of diversion of the main current of the Feather a bar has formed clear across the stream, on which the water is now but three feet deep at the shallowest point, thus threatening the navigation of the stream to Marysville. This is due, of course, to the checking of the flow of the water carrying matter in suspension. The bar is something like a quarter of a mile in width, with varying depths of from five to three feet.

On the Sacramento River, below the mouth of the Feather, at what is known as Jacobs' Slough, the stream is largely passing through the slough upon the overflow on the east, and uniting with the diverted waters coming down from the Feather. The possibility of the Sacramento being diverted at that point may be great, and of course if it happens a bar will form below the point of diversion, precisely as one has interposed a barrier to navigation of the Feather. If that happens the Sacramento above this city may be closed for boats, except of two or three feet draught, and to event them in the summer's low water stage.

Certainly the United States Engineering Commission sent out by the Secretary of War two years ago, feared this disaster, for it advised with urgency that Jacobs' Slough should be closed, and that at once, and to that end Congress appropriated \$50,000. But the slough has not been closed and the public has heard of no steps having been taken in that direction.

We do not undertake to say that the engineers in charge have not moved in the matter-they may have done so; there may have developed some obstacle to their work; they may have advised the War Department of the needs for the work and that branch of the Government may have neglected to order the contracts made. But of these matters the public knows nothing and there does not appear to be any likelihood that they will be informed.

Unfortunately for the people, who are supposed to constitute the Government under which we live, army officers are hedged about by traditions of necessity for reserve, and by the practice of reticence regarding official matters that becomes simply absurd in the extreme to which it is carried in civil affairs. There can be no reason under the sun why the people should not know what the engineers in charge think of the disaster now apparently threatening two chief navigable streams. If it is said that they must speak only to the head of their department, certainly there can be no violation of duty or propriety in saying to the people that there is, or is not danger of diversion; that their fears are, or are not, well founded. Nor can there be any possible reason why Major Heiser or Colonel Mendell, or some one else on the ground, should not explain why the Jacobs' Slough closure has not been undertaken.

For in these matters the people have the right to know, inasmuch as they have the right also to move upon the law-makers, who are their representatives, to take action, if needed, that will enable the engineers to act in turn. That is to say, if there is an obstacle that prevents action; if the sum appropriated is insufficient; if the law is defective, the people ought to know the facts, that they may demand of their Government the proper correctives.

It will be recalled that after twenty years' waiting, the people did appeal three years ago to Congress; Congress pleaded ignorance and appealed to the War Department, and the War Department pleaded ignorance, replying that nothing was being done upon the rivers because the department had not been "officially" informed that anything was the matter with the rivers. Thereupon the people moved upon Congress again, and it moved upon the War Department to inquire, and it moved upon its engineers, and they, being moved upon, at last replied that certain things were needed; and thereupon Congress, being again appealed to, appropriated the necessary money-not enough, but something.

So, after a great deal of red tape and whipping of the devil around the departmental stump, it developed that the people need to move first in order to put official machinery into motion. The hope is entertained, however, that this may be avoided now and that someone here, or at Washington, or in some other quarter of our great country, will let the secret slip why in the past year nothing was done in the matter of closing Jacobs' Slough. If there was a good reason, the people have the right to know it; if there is no good reason, the people have the right to be informed concerning it, that either their fears may be allayed or that they may take the necessary steps to accomplish the ends they desire.

THE TWO METHODS. Supervisor Goodwin of San Francisco proposes that the sanitary cleansing of that city shall begin at once and continue day by day from this time on. He declares that only by beginning now, and keeping on cleaning, disposing of garbage and connecting the sewer system, can the sanitation of the city be effected. That seems to be a sensible declaration. Mayor Ellert and Supervisor Rogers are of the same way of thinking, and the probability is that the board will, as early as next week, enter upon the work of city cleansing. In Sacramento, however, we have a very much better idea of how to do such things. Here the cleansing is more difficult because our sewers have such slight fall, and because we have no system at all for disposal of sewage of the worst character. Why should we work in the time of ease and when there is no danger, to prepare for possible assault? The time to fight an evil is when it appears, and he who makes ready and arms himself, wastes his energy. Our City Trustees are infinitely wiser than those of San Francisco, for the former understand clearly that after the cholera reaches us, after typhus has carried off a few score of victims, after hot weather has come, when the sewers are reeking and the sewage must be disposed of, is time enough to institute inquiry as to what ought to be done. The idea of ascertaining now, of laying plans, of ferreting out the defects in our system, at a time so long in advance-as much as a hundred days, surely-is silly. No, Sacramento is more economic in her methods. While New York, Chicago, St. Paul, St. Louis, even Denver up in the pure atmosphere of cloud altitudes, are fooling away their time ascertaining what is best to be done, and how best to do it at the least cost and with greatest benefit, we do not worry and expend energy and bother ourselves about the future. When the infected breezes blow we will stuff an old hat in the window and bid epidemic and disease whistle to comfort itself. What matters a few human lives, more or less?-life is cheap.

THE OFFICE OF NEWS REPORTING. One of the Railroad Commissioners offers a new, first-class suit of clothes to any San Francisco newspaper man who will make and procure the publication in a San Francisco newspaper of a correct report of one day's proceedings before that body. It may be taken as absolutely certain that the Commissioner will not be called upon to pay for the clothing.

The idea of an accurate report of any proceeding of any body or association in a San Francisco paper that has any interest whatever in the matter in hand, even if it be only the interest of a theory or an idea, is simply absurd. Even when one of the San Francisco papers is convicted of misreporting, it never, or so rarely as to be phenomenal, rises to the courageous level of correction.

An instance-not long ago the County Superintendents of Schools held a convention in San Francisco. The Bulletin reported a long series of resolutions against the State text-books as unanimously adopted by that convention, and the reporter went so far as to comment upon the unanimity of the vote. The fact is that the resolutions were not adopted, and were never put to vote upon adoption or rejection, but were buried in a committee and never heard of after introduction-indeed, they were not even debated. But the Bulletin's false report went abroad, and our interior exchanges still come to us with editorials commenting upon the "adoption" of the resolutions, the Bulletin's report being accepted as true, and having never been corrected by that journal.

It is well, whenever a purported report of proceedings of a deliberative body sitting in that city appears in a San Francisco daily newspaper, to accept it with a reservation of doubt. Not that some reports are not true, but since so many are either absolutely false or colored out of all semblance of truth, it is impossible to separate the chaff from the wheat.

GREENBACKS AND CHOLERA. The declaration by Representative Outwaite of Ohio, that bank bills and greenbacks are vehicles for the carriage of the germs of disease, is not new. It is a fact sanitarians have known from the outset. The same reasons that justify the interception of mail matter and the fumigation of letters and papers, apply to bank bills. They are as much more dangerous than letters as the imagination can fancy, for the very excellent reason that whereas a letter passes through but three or four hands, the bank bill passes through thousands of hands, and it is as likely as

not to have been crammed into the filthy pocket of some wretched being in the dirtiest of metropolitan quarters just before it comes to the jeweled purse in a lady's boudoir, or the wallet of the mechanic or the till of the merchant. As a matter of course, if the cholera assails the country, every sensible man will refuse to receive or come in contact with a worn bank bill. The scheme of the Congressman from Ohio is therefore wise, that proposes to call in all worn greenbacks and national bank notes, no matter what the financial effect. But this process of redemption must be continuous, for a paper currency circulation will be forever exposed to the liability of being the carrier of disease germs. It would be better, if during the prevalence of the cholera no bills should be circulated at all. No financial cost whatever is to be considered as against the awful calamity of epidemic cholera in a country such as ours, where application of sanitary remedies and guards is slow, and the responsibility divided among the officials of forty-four State governments.

THESE are, no doubt, still a good many politicians who have not yet learned, however clear and impressive the lessons of experience may have been, that the patronage is not a blessing but an unmitigated curse, to administrations, political parties and public men. For that matter there are a good many men in the Republican party equally afflicted with unbelief. The party of the future may be so absolutely free from the idea that in its freedom will reside its chief strength. Patronage as a political aid is abhorrent to principle. If it helps on to triumph, it anchors progress; if it aids in victory, it blackens and withers the laurels. Patronage, in the sense political, is really a prostitution of office to party and partisan power; whereas public trust implies duty to the whole public irrespective of party strength and building. But will we ever reach that plane, or will we go down a good deal lower in the other direction and make office merely a party means?

SOME idea of the enormous strength of the private school book publishing interest, and of how deep is its concern to prevent the State from printing its own books, can be had from these statistics. The Book Trade Journal of New York says that there are in this country over 7,000 school text-books published and in the market. For common schools the book ring issues 134 different readers or series, 116 spellers or series, 151 arithmetics, 169 grammars, 88 geographies, 50 copy books, 80 United States histories, 35 physiologies and 68 algebras. There are 188 publishers of these books. They can afford to spend money and time to capture the California trade.

THE new Mayor of San Francisco has the true conception of the reform ballot law. In his inaugural he separates the counting system from the ballot law, and treats it as an independent statute-as it is, one ante-dating the ballot law by years. A Yankee, by name John Beattie, has applied for a patent on a contrivance to prevent that whirring sound in the telephone wires that parallel trolley wires used for street-car purposes.

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BONDS FOR SALE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE Board of Directors of the Linda Vista Irrigation District of San Diego County, California, that said board intend to sell \$250,000 of the bonds of said district on SATURDAY, the 25th day of January, 1893, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, and will receive sealed proposals for the purchase of said bonds at the office of the Merchants' Trust Company, New York, until that day and hour, when the proposals will be opened and considered by said board. (SEAL.) JAMES P. JONES, President. GEORGE K. PHILLIPS, Secretary. Dated January 5, 1893. ja6-td

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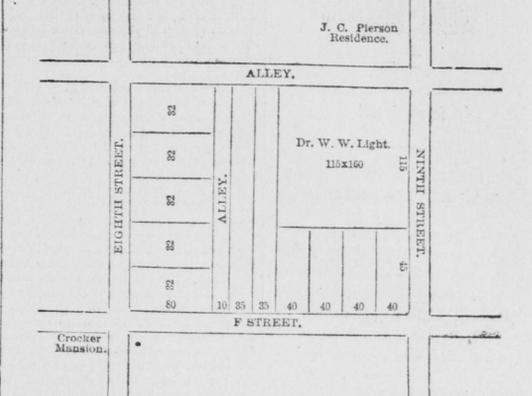
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