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Weather Forecast. Official forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at midnight February 13th.—Northern California—Fair weather; cooler; north to west winds.

IN IMMINENT DANGER. A bill in the Senate provides that in all cities between 10,000 and 30,000 inclusive, the Chief of Police shall receive no more than \$1,800 a year, the Captain not less than \$1,200 a year, and the officers not less than \$100 nor more than \$125 a month.

The new charter of Sacramento, just made a law, gives the Chief \$2,100, the Captain \$1,500 a year, and the officers \$75 a month. But the Board of Trustees has power to increase these salaries, but not to affect incumbents in offices having definite terms.

Suppose the Senate bill to become a law and the city to be held to rating by the Federal census, what effect will the bill have upon the salary clause of the new charter? It will be remembered that the charter which Oakland framed with such care and at such cost received its death blow at the hands of a little bill of innocent appearance passed to accommodate some village in a remote part of the State. It would be wise, under any circumstances, for some one in authority to overhaul all the bills before the Legislature to ascertain whether among them there does not lurk danger for Sacramento's new governmental system, notably in the matters of public works, street improvement, assessments, taxation, expenditures, water and sewer systems, and in the management of the municipal finances and the conduct of public improvements.

For instance, we find in the Assembly history of bills alone these measures that by title affect city government—and there are others amending codes that may do so.—Nos. 50, 78, 88, 102, 103, 105, 160, 176, 190, 276, 287, 343, 352, 393, 412, 472, 475, 481, 546, 550, 557, 568, 604.

These bills, if they become laws, may destroy our charter system as to the selection of Free Library Trustees, as to street improvements, Police Court, Fire Department and Prosecuting Attorney, and affect seriously the charter relative to taxation, bonded indebtedness, etc. The people will be gratified to learn that the fears now entertained are exaggerated, but certainly we are not alone in entertaining them. If there is great need for legislation proposed of the character indicated, legislators will find Sacramento's new charter to present the best results of study and experience in that direction, and they may well study it with a view to introducing its features elsewhere, instead of patching up the old laws with untold ideas.

It requires close examination to determine how far these new bills affect our city government. Some may not do so at all, others we are convinced do. As, for instance, there are some which directly relate to and modify our Street, Police, Fire Department and other systems and affect disastrously some of the most cherished provisions of the new charter, which fairly represents the results of the best experience of all the States in municipal government.

There is one bill which seems to abolish the office of Chief of Police and gives us instead a City Marshal who is also to be Tax Collector (I) and makes the office elective, whereas under our charter the local legislature chooses the Chief of Police and he is solely an officer of police. Again there is a bill throwing down the entire liquor license authority of the charter and setting up a different system and fixing a limit to licenses.

Here, too, is a bill compelling us to have a Prosecuting Attorney, and giving the District Attorney power to appoint him over us, and fixing his salary at \$2,000; whereas under our new charter we elect the City Attorney at \$1,800, who has also to prosecute before the Police Court. By the bill referred to we will have both officers and our salary list be jumped up \$2,000. Possibly this bill may not reach us, but prima facie it appears to do so. Another bill seems to re-establish the Board of Fire Commissioners which we have just abolished. If the doctrine is to prevail that it is wise to have local self-government, but if after great labor and heavy cost it is established, the enactment of a single bill to accommodate some town or small city may destroy its vital principle, it is useless to attempt to establish economic and permanent government.

There is a radical defect in the State system if, after cities are chartered with elaborate systems of local government suited to local needs, the result of great cost and long experience, they can be completely upped and their government converted into a hodge-podge of conflicting and incongruous legislative acts.

UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT. The Bulletin would not under any circumstances dare to give the very able paper presented by Mr. W. G. Curtis, assistant to the General Manager of the Southern Pacific Company, a fair review. So it tries to belittle the testimony of Mr. Curtis by saying:

The figures and assertions of Mr. Curtis seem but the echo of Expert Morgan's report in reality. Expert Morgan's report is only the echo of Mr. Curtis' teachings. There is a strange similarity in the arguments put forth, though Mr. Curtis, being an able and accomplished railroad manager, was able to put his report in far better shape than the Railroad Commission's employe.

No better evidence that an argument is unanswerable can be found than this method of treatment. Not daring to attempt a discussion of Mr. Curtis' testimony, it undertakes by innuendo to say that either Mr. Curtis wrote Expert Morgan's report or Expert Morgan wrote Mr. Curtis' report.

utterly ignorant of the history of the State. The Central Pacific Railroad Company once purchased the Donahue system, but returned it to its owners as being of no value in the general system of railroads in this State. It has therefore once been in the hands of the people who control the Southern Pacific Company. Moreover, it does not appear to be known to the editor of the Sausalito News that the Donahue system of railroads has been offered time and time again to Mr. Huntington and his associates. It was put up at auction and no bid came from the Southern Pacific Company; it was sold cheaply and the Southern Pacific Company was not a bidder. It appears to be in like ignorance of the fact that the Southern Pacific Company was not behind any bidder; that the bonded debt interest has been eager to have the Southern Pacific Company take the Donahue roads, but without success. There is therefore not the slightest probability of that great artery of commerce falling into the hands of the Southern Pacific people. Likewise the paper is ignorant of the approaches to San Francisco. There is nothing in the world to prevent any railroad desiring to enter San Francisco from condemning a right of way from Alameda or Oakland, from coming up the peninsula, or from entering from Sausalito or Tiburon. If twenty railroads should seek a terminus in San Francisco, they would all find easy access. The property must be begging in the market indeed when the News tries to frighten the business men of San Francisco into purchasing it.

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