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Weather Forecast.

Official forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at midnight February 14th.—Northern California.—Fair, warmer, except light rain in the extreme northwestern portion; slight changes in temperature; north to west winds.

THE THREAT TO THE CHARTER.

The RECORD-UNION yesterday took occasion to express a feeling of alarm that many of the bills before the Legislature may have the effect, if they become laws, of disemboweling the new charter of this city.

We cited a few of these bills that appeared to have the effect referred to. There are many more, for we did not take up Senate bills, save in one instance.

It is now reported that our delegation has had several of these bills so amended as to exclude Sacramento, by naming a population classification that will not include Sacramento. That is well, but others remain to which amendment of that order will be refused, because the city for which that bill is drawn is within the classification to which Sacramento belongs. We expressly stated that we had not examined the bills with the care trained counsel would give them. Notwithstanding the assurance that amendments will be made to exclude Sacramento, we insist that it is the duty of the city authorities, with counsel to aid them, to meet with the Sacramento delegation and go over the whole matter.

The Evening Bee, in commending the RECORD-UNION's warning, reports Senator Hart as pronouncing the warning a mere bugaboo and that he finds no bills inimical to our charter. But in the same columns Assemblyman Anderson says he has found such bills and has moved amendments to them to draw their teeth.

We trust both gentlemen, if correctly reported, are right; we hope that our warning is needless, that it is a bugaboo. The RECORD-UNION will be delighted to know that it has been in error. But until something more than has been shown thus far has been advanced it will decline to recede. It does know that Oakland's charter was paralyzed in its most important provision by an innocent little bill relating to a Southern California village, and that the Supreme Court so held. In the face of that fact it repeats that unless all bills relating to municipalities, to streets, to local courts, to taxation, to public works, to municipal institutions, and so on, are examined in detail, and in the light of the Constitution and the court decisions, full duty will not be done by this city.

We have confidence in our delegation in the Legislature that it is the friend of the new charter, which has cost us so much labor and money, but we recall that equally as able delegations have in the past been unable to guard against all assaults upon the city. We recall some notable instances. But if the delegation and city counsel of acknowledged capacity could consult upon the subject, as the San Francisco delegation consults with officials and counsel from that city, all doubt can be set at rest. The gentlemen representing Sacramento in the Legislature are busy men; they have pressing upon them a multitude of questions and they will therefore, we are certain, gladly welcome an official consultation upon this subject.

The Board of Freeholders who framed the charter can do no higher public service than to meet and consult upon this subject, and that at once. They are high-minded, public-spirited citizens, and we appeal to them to give a little more time to examining the deluges of the product of their labors.

One of the Sacramento legislative delegation sends word to the RECORD-UNION that, in his opinion, the new charter supersedes all existing laws conflicting with it, and all that may be made. We trust that in this construction of the Constitution, as now amended, he is correct. But lawyers of high standing express grave doubts of the soundness of the holding.

The words of the Constitution are: "It (the charter) shall become the organic law thereof (of the city), and supersede any existing charter and all amendments thereof, and all laws inconsistent with

such charter." Does this apply to laws existing when the charter was approved, only, or does it include laws that may be made after the charter was approved, and that are general in application and may work modification of the charter? We say that upon this point there is a positive disagreement between good legal minds. In that case the thing to do is to see to it that the Legislature does not pass laws that will raise the issue. This can be done by expressly excluding a classification that would include Sacramento. So far as that has been done, the action by our delegation is wise and timely. But the question remains whether all bills ripping up our charter are thus treated, or can be, and hence we renew the suggestion for a consultation.

AN UNJUST PROPOSITION TO RECLAMATION DISTRICTS.

Assembly Bill No. 304 treats of the election of trustees of reclamation districts, but not in a manner that is worthy of commendation. If it passes it puts into the hands of the large tract owners of the vast present overland lands the absolute power to control the funds of the district.

The bill provides that at the election for trustees each owner of land in the district shall have one vote for each dollar's worth of real estate owned by him in the district, on the basis of the assessed valuation according to the next preceding assessment roll of the county. That far the bill is just and right, and is the law as it stands. It places all owners, great and small, upon a common level of values represented in the district.

But here follows a proviso, that, after there shall have been an assessment for reclamation purposes levied on the lands of the district, each owner shall have the right to cast one vote for each dollar for which his land has been assessed for such reclamation purposes on the last assessment list for such district.

This proviso practically destroys the original method of electing, which obviously is the most American method as well as the most just. Under the proviso the least valuable or least reclaimed lands, which are usually the largest tracts and held in the greatest single holdings, and by non-residents, can outvote the more valuable lands on the county assessment list, but least assessable upon the reclamation assessment list.

To illustrate the injustice of this new scheme, let us suppose the district to be surrounded by what is known as bank land, that which is highest lying along the levees and which is under a high state of cultivation and has been, to all intents and purposes, reclaimed. This bank land is always owned in small tracts, and has about all the population of the district and represents its greatest interests, in all respects and of every character. It is far more to the interest of these small bank land owners that the whole district be reclaimed and made secure. For their little holdings are all they have, generally, while the large central low-lying tracts are of but secondary interest to their owners, and if damaged by overflow, cannot visit much if any suffering upon them.

Between and lying below the improved bank lands are the large, low-lying central tracts that are unreclaimed and are of lowest possible value, and have least interest in the permanency of the district. Under the amendment the executive powers of the district—which is a district only because the bank land has been reclaimed and is kept up to resist waters—are placed wholly in the hands of the least valuable tracts—those held in large bodies and by absentee owners.

It is, therefore, obviously unjust to put the government of the district into the hands of the absentee owners of large tracts of unreclaimed lands lying lower than the bank lands. They may, and often do, so expend the funds when they get control as to fritter them away in experiments, or they neglect to take action that will enhance values all around, with equal justice.

Clearly the just method is to give the votes for Trustees to the lands upon the county assessment basis, which is more nearly an equitable rating for representative purposes than any other. The law as it stands is American, fair, and needs no amendment.

THE CORRUPT PRACTICES BILL.

The bill now pending to punish corruption and conserve purity in elections is a lengthy one, and in some matters somewhat involved. But, on the whole, it would seem to be aimed in the direction taken by the reform ballot law. It guarantees publicity of election expenses, as is done under the election laws of England. Publicity is, in most things, promotive of the correction of abuses.

The bill in question provides that no one in promotion of his own nomination or election, shall promise appointment to a public position of honor or trust; or expend money for a like purpose, directly or indirectly. But a candidate may pay his own personal expenses of travel and expenses incidental thereto. Also, he may pay for writing and printing letters and circulars not issued at regular intervals; he may pay for telegrams, telephone use and messenger service. He may also make a payment voluntarily to a political committee promoting his candidacy.

But the designation of a political committee would appear to be so broad as to let down the bars—it is a combination of three or more persons to aid the success or defeat of a political party, or the nomination, election or defeat of a person. The bill, it is true, requires such a committee to have a treasurer who has to report all receipts and disbursements. To this treasurer all who act for or in behalf of the committee must report all receipts and expenditure in detail.

The treasurer is required to file with the County Clerk sworn detailed statements of receipts and expenditures in excess of \$20 in the aggregate, and of all liabilities incurred, with the date, names, purposes, etc., and set out fully all facts necessary to give full publicity. This

statement is to be filed within twenty days after the election.

All other persons acting otherwise than under the authority of a committee, in receipt or expenditure of money to aid or defeat a party or candidate, are required to file sworn statements as is required of a committee treasurer. This in both the case of a treasurer or any other applicant to nominating expenses as well as to elections. It is provided that no other than a voter shall engage in receipt or expenditure of money for nomination or election purposes. And it is specifically provided that the equivalent of money, a promise or acceptance of liability, or creation of one, is to be treated as is money in this respect.

A candidate is forbidden to promise to pay money or its equivalent to a committee except in his own name, and committees are forbidden to receive money except in the name of the person paying. Committees are forbidden to demand money or a promise to pay it, or invite its payment from candidates for election.

If one required to file a statement fails to do so, the courts have power to enforce performance when appealed to by a candidate or five electors. It is provided that no one called upon to testify in such a proceeding shall be liable to criminal prosecution because of anything developing in his examination.

All statements filed are to be open to public inspection for fifteen months. The Secretary of State is to furnish County and City Clerks with blank forms for statements, the State Treasurer and Controller acting with the Secretary in devising the forms.

Another provision requires that all payments required to be accounted for under the Act, except they are under \$5, payable to the same person, must be vouched for by a receipted bill stating the particulars of the expense, and these receipts are to be preserved for six months after the election. But it is not stated who is to have the custody of these vouchers—presumably the intention is to have them filed with the statement.

The Act is made to apply to caucuses as well as to nominations, conventions and elections. For violation of the provisions of the Act punishment by fine or imprisonment, or both, is provided. If the violation is by a candidate who is elected his office may be declared vacant by a court on a petition in the name of the people on the relation of the Attorney-General or any elector.

While the bill is long it is difficult to see what can be eliminated from it without endangering the purpose of the Act. It aims right. There is no reason why whoever aspires honestly to position should not lay bare the means employed to attain his end. If a law can compel him to do so, he will certainly refrain from such means as will tend to bring him into disgrace before the people and that will put him in the attitude of having obtained his office by purchase and corruption.

Though it has been shown by undeniable statement of the facts, that the service of a ton of coal in locomotive use is, compared to its cost, greatly less in California than in the East; though the proofs advanced of this fact before the Senate Committee stand unassailed by evidence, and though there is nothing against it but unsupported statements, and which have been shown to be false in every particular, the San Francisco Call continues to assert with the frozen effrontery born of the desperation of a helpless cause, that the service of a ton of coal on a locomotive in California is double that of a ton of coal on a locomotive in Kansas. It is true that the disingenuous journal states the case in these words—"It is reasonable to estimate that a like amount of labor and fuel will perform [in California] more than double the service [performed in Kansas]". But this method of putting the lie does not make it any the less a falsehood nor any less an attempt to mislead the public thought.

Now that the falsity, injustice and trickery of the Leeds comparative statements, in assault upon the railway system of California, have been exposed and downed by the plain statement of the truth, the rabid anti-railroad press is driven to revamping the old lies. The Call indulges in this method with effrontery that indicates desperation. It proceeds upon the theory that misrepresentation and deceit adhered to is quite as well as the truth. It evidently imagines that the reading public is insensible to reason, and that it will accept of hard falsehood if it is persistently asserted and continuously repeated. A graver mistake could not be made. Public candor in distinguishing between truth and falsehood is underestimated by the Call. The truth is that the public sense of fairness in the end manifests itself, and with unmistakable emphasis.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The Stockton Mail, one of the brightest papers in California, has entered upon its fourteenth year. We do not always agree with the Mail, but we recognize it as an ably edited and newsy journal.

Special Notices.

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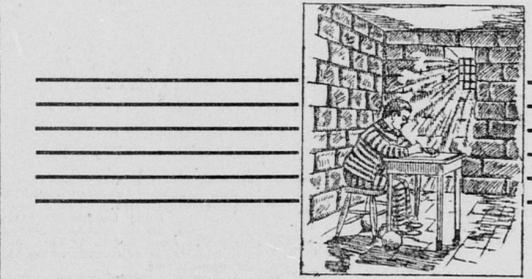
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