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Weather Forecast. For Northern California—Partly cloudy; cooler at Fresno and in extreme northeast portion; fresh southerly winds, probably becoming northwesterly along the coast.

THE NEWSPAPERS AND THE WATER.

At the membership meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of this city on Wednesday night Mr. C. E. Adams in the course of a speech declared that Sacramento is being ruined by its newspapers, because they publish the fact that the drinking water of this city is bad, offensive to sight and repugnant to all who have not been bred and ingrained with the idea that it is delightful, sparkling and altogether desirable.

We are very glad that Mr. Adams had the courage to say as much. We respect the courage that expresses honest conviction, and doubtless Mr. Adams firmly believes what he says. We are glad that he voiced his opinion also, because it affords opportunity to disabuse the minds of others who think as he does, and who keep themselves busy in chattering about it.

But passing that, Mr. Adams should know that the way to right ends, the swift, sure and only correct path runs through the speaking of the truth. In that the newspapers are blameworthy that they have not spoken the whole truth, namely, that to such men as Mr. Adams entertaining the views he does, the city is indebted for most of the ill it has to endure in this matter of a water supply.

Mr. Adams and men of his order, if they visit Chicago, Des Moines, Toronto, London, Paris, New York, San Francisco, any part of Southern California, Honolulu, Savannah, Philadelphia, Berlin, Constantinople, the great Northwest, the South, the East, the distant and the near by lands of earth, will learn to their surprise, perhaps, on mentioning Sacramento, that if those they speak to about the city know of it at all, they know more about its discolored and gritty water than about its commerce, its society, its architecture, its history, its newspapers, or its citizens who hold with Mr. Adams.

He can learn if he has the desire for knowledge that some ten thousand strangers visit Sacramento monthly, who are introduced first dash to its drinking water. He can ascertain from the Custodian of the Art Gallery what the five or six thousand strangers who annually register at that institution say about Sacramento drinking water. He might ascertain that of the thousand and over of commercial travelers who pass some hours in this city yearly, of the many hundred actors, the not small number of excursionists, the large number of visiting delegations of confraternities, the tens of thousands of Californians and others who come here during fair weeks and legislative sessions, on festival occasions, to conventions, celebrations, etc.—that all of these become active, energetic, missionaries to advertise far and wide that Sacramento offers to visitors water neither fit to drink nor to bathe in.

Mr. Adams will discover that in no one of these cases is judgment formed upon newspaper "say so," but upon ocular experience and tangible testimony. The truth is that the newspapers of the State, some five hundred in number, are constant in and out of season in abusing Sacramento weekly and daily because of its water supply. He could much inform his mind by passing a day or so in the office of a Sacramento newspaper and overhearing the hundreds of exchanges the news editors search through. He would discover that what the Sacramento papers say about Sacramento water is as a mole hill to a mountain,

compared with the expressions of the newspapers not published in Sacramento, and that in every case the outside newspaper bases its assaults on its experience, or testimony other than that of a Sacramento newspaper.

All the people of the Adams and husband-by-baby order, who imagine that they escape the hunter by ducking their heads ostrich-like in the sand, ought to be told that all they accomplish is the exposure of a more useful portion of their anatomy. The people of sense and cleanliness are weary of this twaddle about shutting the closet door tight and close in the hope that nostrils will not detect the stench within. The way to remove the carrion is to snatch it forth and dispose of it to the purification of the apartment. Let the Adamses continue to fold their hands and believe that if the newspapers should shut their mouths about Sacramento water, the world would never know anything about it, and that strangers will come in and stay with us and invest in our enterprises blissfully ignorant of the evidence of their senses.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

The report of the proceedings of the Chamber of Commerce at its first annual meeting, held Wednesday night, occupied no less than eight columns in yesterday morning's "Record-Union," and every word of it is of first interest to every man in the Sacramento Valley, and largely to all citizens of the mining counties and of the foothill region.

There has been held here, nor anywhere, in years a California meeting more charged with vital interest to the whole State than this meeting. If its treatment of all subjects considered by it is not in all things to the liking of all people, it certainly presented the subjects boldly, fairly, fully and with business courtesy and wisdom. Neither heat, passion, prejudice, biased judgment, nor uncharitableness are manifest in the important reports submitted by its officers, nor in the conclusions reached by the chamber.

Exigencies of space and time forbid considering the action of the chamber with that degree of fullness and explicitness to-day that their importance warrants. But the "Record-Union" does not hesitate to advise all of its readers concerned in the welfare of the State and its several communities, to read the broad-minded, intelligent reports submitted, and the strong resolutions adopted. We are confident that whether these meet the views of our readers in all cases or not, no one will regret having perused the matter referred to. The chamber is much less than a year of age, yet in that time it has done far more than was anticipated.

This paper was an earnest advocate for its erection. We foresaw that such a body, formed on a broad and conservative basis, planned for free, open and untrammeled debate and expression, embracing in its ranks citizenship of the whole north and central interior, could be made a most useful agency in the upbuilding and development of California, and in the promotion of all worthy schemes for the betterment of local and State conditions. Thus far the chamber has proved worthy of the expectation. It may not in all things have acted precisely as the judgment of this paper would advise it, but we are conscious of the fact that there never has been, and never will be, a business body that in all respects will meet with the approval of all men.

What is now needed is an exceeding large membership in the chamber. Fifteen counties ought to be largely represented in it. It is essentially a Northern and Central California institution, and stands for the highest and best interests of that entire section and of the whole State. Its officers have proven thus far efficient, diligent and progressive, and have done more to conserve the common good than the most confident had expected of them. The duty of the people is to bend their energies to the enlargement of the membership and the funds of the chamber, that its work may be more easily, rapidly and thoroughly accomplished.

THE SAN FRANCISCO PRESS SUPPLEMENTS THE NEWS.

The Sacramento Chamber of Commerce is the chief representative business organization in Central and Northern California outside of the metropolises. Its doors are open to all citizens of Central and Northern California. Its representative character is high and its membership is composed of sterling good citizens and thoughtful men. These members held their annual meeting Wednesday evening in this city and it proved to be a most important convocation.

Among the subjects taken up and passed upon by expression in resolutions adopted, after calm consideration in committee, was one favoring the funding of the railroad debts on the basis of fifty years' extension of time. The chamber considered also the river question, navigation, the dangers thereto, the hydraulic mining question, Government supervision of the navigable streams and other important subjects. It was altogether a notable meeting, and as a public concern its proceedings should be accounted to fall within the realm of very important current news. But, strange as it may seem, none of the San Francisco morning papers of yesterday had a word to say concerning it, though each has special reporters in this city, all of whom knew of the meeting, and two of whom were present. Although dispatches concerning its deliberations and resolves were sent to at least two of these papers, and probably to all, and through the usual news channels, they were diligently suppressed by the San Francisco morning dailies.

Yet these same journals, the "Call," "Chronicle" and "Examiner," claim to be records of each day's events, certainly of important events and proceedings within the State.

It is not difficult to understand why the news of the action of the Chamber of Commerce found no place in those papers. The funding resolution, which was the unanimous expression of the chief business organization of the in-

terior, was not to their liking, and the short cut, in their estimation, to ignoring it was to suppress publication of even the cold fact of the annual meeting of the chamber. This is a fair sample of journalism as it is conceived and carried on in the metropolises of the coast.

These same papers have a considerable circulation in Sacramento; they are constantly bidding against the local press for subscription patronage, and the plea of the solicitors is always that no matter what the opinions of the editorial sides of the papers, they give the news "impartially and fully," and therefore they are of some value to readers. Yet the Sacramento clientele of these sheets opened them yesterday to discover that the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of its own city were refused publication because there was one resolution opposed to the views of the journals in question.

If in this patent instance of suppression, injustice and unfair play, it is made clear that the San Francisco press warps news reports, suppresses and alters them when not to their liking, how reasonable it is to conclude that they do so in all other cases where news runs counter to the schemes of these so-called newspapers. The fact is that these same San Francisco journals are little more than exponents of the views, prejudices and selfish schemes that operate behind or within them. How long will citizens of Sacramento continue to patronize these papers and thus encourage them in their course?

BOGGS AND MATTHEWS.

Ridiculous Ground of the Assault Upon Them.

(From the San Francisco Post.) The assertion of a morning paper, which is just now suffering from the railroad rabies, that Dr. W. P. Matthews and John Boggs should not be reappointed members of the State Board of Agriculture because they are "railroad men," betrays the depths to which railroad animosity will descend upon an emergency. It is ten years since John Boggs was a Senator, and during his entire term there was no railroad issue except taxes before the Legislature. The record will show that, while Boggs was not conspicuous in any of the demagogic attempts which were made to settle the tax questions in his time, he always voted with what the morning "Blackletter" now calls the "people," but which is really its own interests.

Four years ago Dr. Matthews was Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Assembly. As such it became his duty to pass upon some of the legislation designed to settle the tax questions pending between the State and the railroads. He disagreed with the demagogues who aimed to "cinch" the railroads, but who always, for reasons it is unnecessary to discuss, fail to do so, and proposed a bill of his own. He was overruled and the "people's" bill passed. The record which has since been made shows that had Matthews' plan been adopted the State would have received \$200,000 more than it received under the so-called "people's" bill.

It is an outrage that a newspaper which pretends to represent the interests of the State should assail two men like Boggs and Matthews upon such evidence. The former is one of the

most conspicuous farmers, bankers and public-spirited men in the State. Dr. Matthews is an old-fashioned Southern politician, whose whole life has been spent combating fraud and upholding good Government. The fact that in his old age he is compelled to hold a small public office in order to live cannot be cited to his discredit.

We trust Governor Budd will reappoint both these gentlemen to the State Board of Agriculture. He will search the State in vain for two who will bring more credit to his administration.

MISS PENELOPE'S VALENTINE.

(Special Correspondence of Record-Union.) She sat on the cool, shady piazza in the exact spot and in the exact chair where she had been sitting for more years than she cared to remember.

Not that Miss Penelope was vain, but like the average woman she has a wholesome fear of some day growing old.

She still wore her hair in a row of stiff little curls, falling upon her neck, and fastened on the top by a bow of bright hued ribbon.

Her dresses were always made in the same fashion. Short baby waists, and full tucked skirts, beneath which one caught glimpses of a small, daintily shod foot.

Miss Penelope's neighbors were not always charitable, and some even went so far as to say they wondered if Penelope Andrews had forgotten that she was forty years old instead of twenty?

But Miss Penelope heard none of these things, and lead her own quiet life in undisturbed solitude.

To-day as she sits on the piazza her active hands are folded idly in her lap, unmindful of the pan of peas she ought to be shelling for dinner.

All day she has been living in the past. It began that morning while she was toasting the bread for her solitary breakfast. She happened to raise her eyes to the mantel shelf; as she does so they fall upon an ancient valentine hanging over the tall, old-fashioned clock; this valentine has hung there for almost twenty years so that there should be no reason for showing unwarranted agitation; nevertheless, the moment her eyes fall upon it she burned the toast, and afterward ate it as a penance.

When she had finished her breakfast and tidied up the kitchen she looked at the calendar and saw that it was St. Valentine's Day.

After that discovery Miss Penelope went about her work as in a dream. Again she saw her sailor lover as they parted for the last time down by the gate. He had sent that valentine the day he made his last trip.

They were to have been married upon his return, but the ship had sunk with all on board.

Miss Penelope arouses herself with a little jerk, takes up the pan of peas, and begins to shell them energetically. Presently the postman comes down the street. "Got a letter for you," he says, thrusting a big, bulky envelope into her hands. "Must be a valentine," and then he runs down the steps. At the mention of that word Miss Penelope, who has been too bewildered to speak, tears it open hastily, without a glance at the superscription and draws out not a letter but the counter part of the ancient valentine she had gazed upon that morning.

Miss Penelope sinks back into her chair with a little gasp of astonishment. The valentine drops from her nerveless grasp.

Down the street comes the sound of a merry whistle, while the odor of tar and fresh, soft sea breezes is wafted to her.

"Penelope," calls a well-known voice, "Penelope, it is I, Jack, come back again." And the next thing Miss Penelope knows she is sobbing on the manly breast of her sailor lover.

It seems that he was the only survivor of the wreck and after various adventures at last found himself a stranger in a strange land.

By degrees he managed to earn enough to take passage home, but on the eve of departure he heard that Miss Penelope had married. Then he lost all interest in his native land and resolved to live and die on these foreign shores.

But after an absence of nearly twenty years a great longing to see his native land once more took possession of him, and he returned and learned to his satisfaction that his sweetheart was still true to his memory.

Then he sent the valentine and followed it up by coming himself. They were married a few weeks later, and to-day two valentines hang over the ancient clock. BESELENA.

February 14, 1896.

Made an Exception.

Several months ago Revenue Collector Stairley appointed George E. Cosby, Jr., cashier for his district. The Civil Service Commission permitted Collector Stairley to make his own selection for so important a position, the duties of which require the utmost confidential relations between Collector and Cashier.

To Show Cause.

The creditors of W. A. Simons & Son, grocers, have by their attorneys, Driver & Sims, applied to the Superior Court for an order requiring Simons & Son to show cause why they should not be adjudged insolvent.

Apollinaris "THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS." "First in Purity." BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL JOHN CAFFREY, 47 FIRST STREET, SAN FRANCISCO. Representing Charles Graef & Co. N. Y., for Mineral Waters.

SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE!

SEVERAL NEW ITEMS Have been added to the sale for

These Clearance Sale values are telling with wonderful effect—cause a hum and bustle of business at a season that otherwise would be dull. The bargain-hunters were so sharp after the stock placed on sale Monday that to keep up the supply we've been obliged to add new lines for the latter part of the week. Measured in any way, values exceed prices by a half to two-thirds. Come and investigate—prove our say so.

CAPES AND JACKETS As desirable as money could buy—yet we are clearing them out at about

FIFTY CENTS ON THE DOLLAR.

MEN'S SUITS AT \$9.95. WORTH \$15 TO \$20. Men's Fine Frock Suits, in Cassimeres, Cheviots and Worsteds; fine materials, perfectly cut and made. Regular prices, \$15, \$16, \$17.50 and \$20. Sale price, \$9.95 a suit.

MATTRESS TICKING AT 9 CENTS YARD. Striped Ticking, 32 inches wide. Drab ground with blue and white stripes, and something very extra at 9c a yard.

KNIVES AT HALF PRICE. Jack-Knives with Polished Wood Handles and Two Good Strong Steel Blades. Regular 45c and 50c values. Clearance price, 25c each.

DRESS GOODS AT 20 CENTS YARD. 32-inch Fancy Weave Wool Suitings in pretty two-tone mixtures, your choice of eight patterns. Reduced to 20c a yard.

MEN'S SUITS, \$10 AND \$12, CUT TO \$5. Men's Frock Style Suits, in several good patterns for business wear. Worth \$10 and \$12. Sale price, \$5 a suit.

WHITE COTTON BLANKETS, AT \$1.10 PAIR. White Cotton Blankets, good full size, soft and fleecy. Were considered very good value at \$1.50. Clearance price, \$1.10 a pair.

KITCHEN KNIVES, 3 FOR 15 CENTS. Another lot of the Fremont Bread, Cake and Paring Knives. Good steel with wave blades and strong iron handles. Value, 25c a set. Clearance price, 3 for 15c.

DRESS GOODS AT 50 CTS. YARD. WORTH 75 CENTS. 45-inch All-Wool Fancy Weave Armures in heavy quality, several choice shades to select from. At 50c a yard, which is a saving to you of 25c on every yard.

BOYS' SUITS, \$4.25 AND \$5, FOR \$2.50. Boys' Three-Piece Suits—Coat, Vest and Short Pants—of nobby chevots, worsteds and cassimeres, reduced from \$4.25 and \$5 to \$2.50 a suit.

CURTAIN SCRIMS, NEW DESIGNS. 40-inch Curtain Scrim in new lace open work designs. Very pretty and sure to go quickly at the clearance price, 10c a yard.

FINE SCISSORS AT HALF AND LESS. One lot of Fine Steel Scissors, highly polished and nickel-finished. Assorted sizes, 3 to 5 inches. Clearance price, 15c a pair.

TAFFETA SILK AT 50 CTS. YARD. WORTH 75 CENTS. 19-inch Two-Tone Changeable Taffeta Silks in firm weave and heavy quality, some twenty shades. At 50c a yard, worth regular 75c.

CHILDREN'S SUITS, FROM \$3.50 TO \$5. Children's Fancy Vestee Suits, for ages 3 to 5 years. Former prices, \$6.50, \$7 and \$8.50. Reduced to \$3.50 a suit. Same as above reduced from \$3.50 and \$5 to \$2 a suit.

WANT TO SAVE \$1.05 ON A PAIR OF PORTIERES? Fine Chenille Portieres in various colorings 3 1/4 yards long and 45 inches wide with heavy knotted fringe and deep dado. Worth \$3.50 a pair. On sale at \$2.45 a pair.

LADIES' BLACK COTTON HOSE AT 10 CENTS PAIR. Ladies' Black Cotton Hose, good fast black and seamless. Regular 16 2/3c quality. Sale price, 10c a pair.

GROS DE LONDRES SILK AT 75 CENTS YARD. VERY SPECIAL. 19-inch Black Brocade Gros de Londres Silks in small neat designs, some twenty-five choice patterns. At 75c a yard. Something new and special value.

KILT SUIT PRICES ARE AWAY DOWN. All our Kilt Suits, both one and two-piece, in all grades, should leave us quickly at these prices—50c and \$1.

\$2.25 COMFORTERS AT \$1.55. Fine Sateen-Covered Comforters filled with good white batting and lined with fast color, Turkey red. Value \$2.25 each. Sale price, \$1.55.

LADIES' \$4 LACE OXFORDS, \$1.89. A large mixed lot of Ladies' French Kid and Patent Leather Foxed Lace Oxford Shoes and kid or cloth tops, hand-turned soles and low French heels, all sizes. Worth \$4 a pair. Sale price, \$1.89.

GROS DE LONDRES SILKS AT \$1 YARD. GREATLY UNDER VALUE. 21-inch Black Brocade Gros de Londres Silk in about twenty very handsome patterns. These are heavy weaves and excellently finished. Sale price \$1 a yard. New goods and greatly under value.

MEN'S HATS, NEW STYLES, HALF PRICE. We shall on Monday place on sale one lot of Men's New Spring Style Black Stuff Hats at \$1.50 each, which is just half their actual worth.

CHATELAINE BAGS AT 50 CENTS. WORTH 75 CENTS TO \$1.50. Ladies' Fine Chatelaine Bags in suede and seal grain leathers with fine metal frames. Regular values 75c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Clearance price, 50c each.

LADIES' \$2.50 BUTTON SHOES AT \$1.75. A mixed lot of Ladies' Best Grade Pebble Goat and Kangaroo Calf Button Shoes, all good \$2.50 values. On sale at \$1.75 a pair.

BLACK CHANTILLY LACES AT 12 1/2 CENTS YARD. WORTH DOUBLE. Black Chantilly Laces from 3/4 to 9 inches wide, in a good assortment of patterns. Values that sell regular from 18c to 25c a yard. Sale price, 12 1/2c.

MEN'S SHAKER HALF HOSE NEAR HALF PRICE. Men's Strong Blue-Gray Shaker Half-Hose, that sell regular at 12 1/2c a pair. Sale price, 7 1/2c a pair.

LADIES' SHOES, \$1.10 A PAIR. WORTH ONE-HALF MORE. A large lot of Ladies' Genuine Dongola Kid Button Shoes. Good solid sole leather counters and inner and outer sole. Shapely square and opera toes, with patent leather tips. New goods and good line of sizes. Would be very cheap at \$1.50 a pair. Sale price, \$1.10.

CHILDREN'S \$2 AND \$2.50 SHOES, \$1.25. Children's Best French Kid Bronze Button Shoes with cloth tops to match, in all sizes from 5 to 10 1/2. Nice goods and worth \$2 and \$2.50 a pair. Clearance price, \$1.25.

LADIES' DRAWERS AT JUST HALF PRICE. Ladies' Grey Ribbed Pants. A very nice quality and good 50c value. Sale price 25c a pair.

FLANNELETTE AT 5 CENTS YARD. Striped Flannelettes in Medium and Light Colors, a soft yet strong weave, and remarkable value for 5c a yard.

LADIES' \$3 CALF SHOES AT \$1.65. Large assortment of Men's Genuine Calf Shoes in hook and lace and gaiter styles, also a few pair that button, not all sizes, but they are regular \$3 values. For \$1.65 a pair.

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MEN'S AND BOYS' NIGHTSHIRTS, 30 CENTS. Men's and Boys' Night Shirts, made of good white muslin and cut good full size. Worth fully 50c each. Sale price, 30c.

LADIES' \$2.50 SHOES, \$1.25. Children's Best French Kid Bronze Button Shoes with cloth tops to match, in all sizes from 5 to 10 1/2. Nice goods and worth \$2 and \$2.50 a pair. Clearance price, \$1.25.

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