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**Weather Forecast.**  
Northern California—Rain Wednesday; high southeast wind, and dangerous gales on the northern coast.

**SCHEME OF THE HIGHWAY BUREAU.**

A road builder of Petaluma complains to the "Argus" of that city that the Bureau of Highways is a failure because nothing has been accomplished in his section in the way of road building. He concedes that it has made good suggestions and collected statistics, but does not understand that these will be of any practical value to the State.

It is simple justice to the law under which that board of inquiry was erected to point out that a good many people have supposed that the Bureau of Highways was created to construct roads, and because improved roads are not built therefore the bureau is a failure. Such complaints we have frequently noticed in the State press. It is a positive wrong to permit any department of aid to State Government to suffer under false impressions.

The Bureau of Highways, it is found by the words creating it, was constituted to make a searching inquiry into road conditions in the State and to ascertain what road systems have cost each county thus far; what have been the results of these expenditures; what has been the reason for such poor returns, and to point out as the result of such inquiry what ought to be done to conserve economy and insure better results from road expenditures.

The bureau by the law was required to hold in the several counties of the State one public meeting in each year or 114 in all; to discuss road matters with the people and disseminate such information among them as would tend to augment the spirit of good road building, and favorable consideration by the people of more economic plans of building permanent highways and of maintaining them. The bureau was also to inquire into the location and availability of road material, to point out defects in California road construction, bridge erection, drainage and care of roads, and a number of other similar matters, and to make personal inspection of physical conditions, and submit its recommendations to the Legislature, and likewise to aid in establishment of the State rock-crusher and the introduction of the road metal it produces, etc. The report of the bureau is just out, and it appears that all these things have been accomplished, and every statistical fact laid bare as to every county in the State relating to road economies. The report shows that the meetings have been held, the physical examinations made, and the recommendations have been submitted. The bureau has, then, accomplished all it was created to do, and will over back into the treasury a respectable sum unused of the money appropriated for its work.

It will be observed, therefore, that when people complain that no roads have been built by it, that it had no power to do so, and no means with which to do it; that the good-road agitation has been greatly promoted by it, and that it has been the means of ascertaining just what every one wanted to know, and of giving the State the information necessary for intelligent action. This was what was contemplated, as we understand it. The report shows that what has been accomplished, however, has only opened the way for a great deal more valuable work that such a board should do, and which now lies open to it.

The "Record-Union" advocated the law creating the bureau, and has therefore watched the working of the statute with jealousy and especial critical severity, and it is satisfied that the requirements of the law have been met, and a great good work accomplished at a reasonable figure.

No great State system of doing anything was ever yet established, except either through preliminary inquiry of

an exhaustive character, or as the result of long experience. This has been true of our financial, our judicial, educational, our penal and our hospital systems. They were not created at one bound in the form we now have them; they have all been matters of growth, development, and most, if not all of them have been aided to their present status by boards of inquiry, revision, visitation to other States and countries, of commissions of codification, conventions of the people, under official inquiry, research, study, etc. It will be precisely the same with the evolution of road betterments in California, just as it has been true in all progressive States.

Speaking of the funding bill, which was so clearly and in detail explained in these columns a few days ago, the Los Angeles "Express" concludes:

The best method of procedure to obtain or secure the indebtedness is purely a business question. Foreclosure would undoubtedly involve a large loss to the Government. Extension with ample additional security to all that already held would insure the final payment in full of the debt. The interests of the Government lie in the direction of obtaining from the debtor companies the full amount of the money due, and as is frequently the case with other debtors, the probabilities lie rather in the direction of extension than of immediate foreclosure.

This is the common sense and business view of the matter and its soundness there is no gainsaying. The "Express" then proceeds to consider the claim that the sale of the roads or their taking by the Government would tend to improve industrial conditions in California by reducing transcontinental freight rates and shows that there is no warrant for that assumption, or for the claim that it would be possible to do as the radical and impractical railroad enemies insist shall be done. The "Express" suggests that change of ownership will not likely change methods, and that roads must adjust their rates with each other so as to afford fair living to each.

Our contemporary adds some other considerations, namely:

California productions come into strong competition at the East with Eastern productions. Very cheap freight rates bring our fruit and vegetables into the Eastern markets right under the noses of the farmers and producers there. There is no very great desire in the East to assist California in further cheapening the rival products of California. There are many people on this coast who think it would be greatly to the interest of California to weaken the transcontinental lines. The most correct idea is that our interests would be best secured if all the transcontinental lines were strong enough to carry out their plans without embarrassment. They are more likely to be able to give good service and at reasonable rates.

The theory is held by a good many people, not only in California but in other parts of the country, that the present would afford an excellent opportunity for the Government to buy in the Union and Central Pacific Railroads and run them on Government account, as a great trunk line. Such a plan would hardly be practicable, however, unless the Government conducted all the transcontinental roads; because in order to make freight rates low enough to be of special value to the California producers they would have to be put so low that they would seriously injure the business and property of all other transcontinental lines. Partial Government ownership could not possibly work well. It would have to be exclusive, like it now has the handling of the mails, to avoid making it operate as a great injury to individuals and interests now engaged in the railroad business, other than those known as the Pacific roads.

Stripped of all but purely business considerations, the extension of time on some plan, such as that embodied in the funding bill or some other, as against loss by foreclosure or the uncertainties and dangers of Government ownership, seems to be the most reasonable plan.

The Commission for Revision of the Laws has recommended that in an election on completion of the count, the Election Board shall post at the entrance of the polling place a complete statement of the result of the count, and such statement shall remain posted ten days. That is a good idea. It was first suggested in these columns at the close of the last election, we believe, and it met with general approval. It seems to be the only possible scheme to defeat the unaccountable stupidity and malevolence of some officers of election, who not infrequently go so far in their desire or ignorance as to conceal from the public the result of the polling by sealing up the duplicate tally sheets along with the originals and sending the lot in to the County Clerk, who cannot under the law, and properly, open them.

**A MAN IN THE CASE.**  
Lively Scrap Between a Couple of Jealous Women.

About 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon two women, whose names were not learned, met on K street near Fifth. One carried an umbrella, and the other had a number of small parcels in his hands. When they met the one carrying the umbrella raised that article overhead and brought it down with a resounding whack upon the headgear of the other. The latter's hat was knocked down over her eyes, in approved style, but she was game—very game.

In an instant the parcels she had carried littered the sidewalk, and she went at her assailant. She swung her right square on her assailant's eye, and followed it with a left hook on the jaw, which knocked the hair of the woman with the umbrella out of plumb.

Down came the umbrella again, and out shot right and left in quick succession, and when the contestants were at length induced to break away the scrap was declared a draw. There were no arrests.

The trouble was all about a man. He was once sweet on one of the women, but married the other. Both were jealous, and both were full of fight.

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**MR MAUDE EXPLAINS.**

**No Conflict Between the Highway Board and Prison Officials.**

The story in yesterday's "Record-Union" in relation to the rock-crushing plant at Folsom has created considerable comment.

Commissioner Maude of the Bureau of Highways, when asked by a "Record-Union" reporter yesterday for information in regard to the relations existing between the Board of Prison Directors and Bureau of Highways, stated that, as a matter of fact, nothing but the most cordial feeling had ever existed between the two boards.

Regarding the charge for switching, referred in the McKinnon petition, Mr. Maude again stated that the Bureau of Highways had no jurisdiction over or connection with the prison railroad, and such being the fact, they were in no way responsible for the charge of switching. They recognized the fact, however, that the prison should be reimbursed for the expense of hauling rock from the prison to Folsom. The matter of charges other than those for switching referred to in yesterday's "Record-Union" involves a question upon which there is a friendly difference of opinion between the two boards.

"Speaking for myself," said Mr. Maude, "I am much annoyed that the article was written in such a manner as to convey the impression that all the statements contained therein had emanated from myself or conferees. This is not the case.

"All of the Prison Directors are my personal friends. As for Captain Aull, he has shown me such personal courtesy as would tend to make him even a closer friend.

"The whole matter involves simply questions as to the propriety of the charge for switching and the determination of the particular fund out of which certain other charges are to be paid. This does not make a difference of one cent in taxation. The plant has proved a success and that has been the main desideratum."

**GLUECK-SCHELD CASE.**

**It is Now on Trial in the Superior Court.**

After many continuances the case of Johanna Glueck against Adolph P. Scheld for \$25,000 damages—claimed because of the death of her husband, which resulted from his having been struck by a glancing bullet shot from Scheld's pistol while target shooting—came up for trial yesterday in Department One of the Superior Court before a jury. Judge Prewett of Placer occupies the bench.

On the 3d of March of last year Scheld and a friend went out to a place in the county road, near the County Hospital, to practice pistol shooting at a target. The spot selected was close by a roadside inn kept by Fred. C. Glueck, where he and his family resided.

Glueck went out to witness the shooting, and while standing at a supposedly safe distance a bullet from Scheld's pistol, which was prematurely discharged, struck the ground and glanced, hitting Glueck and inflicting a wound that caused his death.

Scheld, it is said, subsequently offered Mrs. Glueck a certain sum of money for the support of herself and children, but it was not accepted, and Mrs. Glueck brought suit for \$25,000 damages. She was in court yesterday with her four children. Her attorneys are Isaac Joseph, F. C. Castelnou and T. J. Crowley, and General A. L. Hart.

and Albert M. Johnson are counsel for Scheld.

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