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Weather Forecast. Northern California—Rain and severe local storms Friday, high southeast, shifting to westerly, winds; cooler in south portion.

THE ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE STATE FAIR. Craigie Sharpe and a small lobby are at work upon an attempt to move the State Board of Agriculture and the State Fair to Oakland.

There is not now and has not been made any expression by the people of Oakland authorizing Craigie Sharpe to act for them and speak in their name in this matter, nor to come here with an offer in the nature of a bribe to move these institutions from the capital of the State.

Craigie Sharpe is acting without authority. There is no movement in Oakland in the direction indicated by Sharpe's effort. Who is Craigie Sharpe anyhow, and what is his relation to the community of Oakland? Is he acting in the interest of the people of the State, or in behalf of purely personal and selfish interests?

This effort to move the State Fair is a movement to boom private concerns and interests at the expense of the State. It asks the Legislature to forfeit and throw away immensely valuable property given to it in trust for a specific purpose, and departure from which will work forfeiture.

It is a movement in the interest of racing concerns that hope to benefit by the proposed change of location. It is not demanded by the general interest, and no good end will be conserved by it. There is no institution of the State which by title, purpose and fitness is more properly located at the State Capital, where it pays no rental, occupies State property, and is in touch with the chief executive and administrative departments of the State Government.

No State institution has been more maligned or so much misrepresented as the State Fair. It has been the constant song, for instance, of those who hope to make it an instrument to further private ends (and this song has been echoed by those who do not understand the facts) that it is simply "a horse-racing institution." Now, as a matter of fact, it is the law, and has been for all these years, that not one dollar of State money can be used for the promotion of speed contests, for rewards purses, or racing premiums. Yet with this fact staring in the face whoever reads, it is constantly falsely asserting that the State supports horse-racing and hangs up purses.

Naturally and rightfully the Capital of the State should be the friend of the State Fair, as should any other locality where it might be located. Were this not so, such place would be justly subject to reproach. Now the people of Sacramento have been more than generous to the State Board of Agriculture. They have given it in trust a valuable property, one that has greatly enhanced in value and has continued to do so from year to year. They gave to the State for over twenty years free of all cost to it, a pavilion for the holding of the State's exhibitions, and when the present pavilion was erected the people of this city defrayed one-half the cost of the construction.

Sacramento never has and never will stand in the way of State interests. She has been loyal to the State in the highest sense of that term. She will prove so for all time. Whenever it can be shown incontrovertibly that high public interest, wisdom and justice demand the removal of the State Fair to any other locality, Sacramento will not be found faithless to State interests.

But we affirm that by reason of centrality, its relation to the great agricultural sections, the navigable streams and the interests of the people, and the property possessed by the State here, the Capital City is the right and the best location for the State Fair, and that nothing could be more unwise or impolitic than to locate it at the threshold of the metropolis.

Wisdom, good business policy and economic discretion advise that the fair should be held where it has been for so many years, in the very center of the great rural interests of California, the Sacramento Valley on the north, the San Joaquin Valley on the south, the mining interests of the people on the east and southeast, and the coast valley interests on the west.

However, these are considerations it is not necessary to discuss in fullness now. The question in hand is, what moves Mr. Craigie Sharpe, who is acting on his own accountability and without any authority from the people he unwarrantably assumes to represent? Of course, now that he has entered upon this unwholesome and unlawful lobbying scheme, it may be possible, as an afterthought, for him to drum up something in the shape of an endorsement of his activity by people who may be moved by solicitation. But we affirm that there is no warrant for the scheme, and that it is not in State interest, is not economic, is inadvisable, and is lacking in every element of justice and fair play.

MAX NORDAU AND AMERICA. Dr. Max Nordau has broken loose again, and after his effusion upon women, has taken a breathing spell and now comes to the front as a prophet. He announces that Cuba will tear herself away from Spain, and then he turns his attention to American matters.

OUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. Its Members are Laboring for Home Interests.

Important Matters Considered at the Meeting Last Night—Grape Protection, Etc.

There was a small attendance at the regular meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce last night, at which President Steffen presided. Charles C. Perkins was elected a member of the chamber by a unanimous vote.

J. O. Coleman, from the Committee on Sugar Beet Culture, spoke of a proposition from Mr. Raaf to make the experiment at the expense of the chamber. Mr. Coleman explained that the railroad company had agreed to give a very low rate of freight from any portion of Sacramento County to Alvarado.

The whole question was referred to the Committee on Sugar Beet Culture, to report at the next meeting. Communications from Senators White and Perkins and Congressman Loud, with reference to the Loud postal bill and the action of the Chamber of Commerce thereon, were read.

Senator Perkins promised to strive to have a suitable bill introduced in the next session, and Senator White promised to look carefully into the same matter. Several letters referring to the proposition to have a constitutional amendment passed to make valid a three-fourths verdict in criminal cases were read, in which promises were made to look carefully into the matter, and the Grand Jury of San Francisco adopted the recommendation.

CONSULAR SERVICE REFORM. The following communication from Secretary O. D. Frary of the National Association of Agricultural Implement and Vehicle Manufacturers was read, and on the recommendation of Chairman A. J. Bruner of the Law and Legislation Committee its recommendations were adopted:

Chicago, Feb. 6, 1897. Secretary Board of Trade, Sacramento, Cal.—Dear Sir: I beg to quote you below a resolution passed by this association at its annual meeting held in Nashville, Tenn., November 17th, and 18th, 1896:

"Whereas, the Consular service of this country is, at the present time, not as efficient as it should be, on account of the manner hitherto adopted in the selection of its members, and recognizing that the duties of a Consul are entirely professional, requiring the employment of skilled men, especially educated for this branch of the service, the nature of which is in the highest degree important to the prosperity of our country; therefore be it

Resolved, by the National Association of Agricultural Implement and Vehicle Manufacturers, now in convention assembled, that we individually and collectively, use all our influence to have the Consular service removed from the domain of practical politics, and place it within the protection of the civil service reform law, insisting that all applicants be subjected to a rigid examination to determine their suitability, and that, once having been accepted, they be dismissed only for proper cause. That promotions be awarded according to merit, and that sufficient compensation be paid to attract men of suitable ability and character, and be it further

Resolved, that the copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Board of Trade of all our large cities, and to such other business associations as are interested, requesting them to take suitable action."

Our Executive Committee requests that you bring this matter before the proper officials of your organization at the earliest practicable date, when we hope they will give it due consideration and find it consistent to further the spirit of the resolution.

DRAINAGE, ETC. The following letter from the San Francisco Fruit Exchange was read and its recommendations endorsed: Dear Sir: At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Fruit Exchange held this day, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, there being now before the Legislature of this State an Act providing for the appointment of an Auditing Board to the Commissioner of Public Works, authorizing and directing him and them to perform certain duties relating to drainage, to purchase machinery, tools, dredges and appliances, to improve and rectify water channels, to erect banks and levees necessary and incident to said drainage; to condemn land and property for purposes aforesaid, and making certain acts a felony, and making an appropriation of money for the purposes of this Act; and whereas, we believe that not only the localities directly interested, but the entire State, will be benefited by this Act;

Resolved, that we heartily endorse the measure, and earnestly urge our representatives in Legislature assembled to use the every effort to make this Act a law."

IMMIGRATION. The following letter from E. K. Aisp was referred to the Committee on Immigration and Lands, to report at the next meeting: Jos. Steffen, President Chamber of Commerce, City—Dear Sir: By invitation I attended a meeting of the City Board of Trade in San Francisco last Friday. This board, in connection with the northern part of the State, intends taking steps to establish an office in Los Angeles, to try to promote immigration from Southern California. They

Action to Quiet Title. O. A. Anderberg, Priscilla Bailou and Fioebe Stocks, by their attorneys, Driver & Sims, have brought suit against Florence E. Atkinson, Emma F. Hoadley and Francis K. Cross to quiet title to the north half of lots 7 and 8 in the block between Q, R, Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets.

Mrs. J. S. Norvell Will Talk to Girls. This afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Mrs. J. S. Norvell will give a talk to girls at the rooms of the Young Women's Christian Association, Eighth and I streets.

At 7:30 Mrs. Norvell will speak to women. There will be no meeting on Saturday.

WANDERERS WANTED. Inquiries for Jarneous Mead and Louisa McPherson Smith.

William Whitney, whose address is 56 Powers' Block, Grand Rapids, Mich., desires to learn the whereabouts of Jarneous Mead, who came to California in 1849 or 1850. When last heard from, about thirty years ago, he was at some point on the North Fork of the Feather River.

James Garrett of Montrose, Mo., also writes to Postmaster Fox to know if the latter can tell him anything about a Mrs. Louisa Smith, who has been missing four or five years. Her maiden name was McPherson, and there is some money due her from an estate.

The writer asks if there was a man named Joseph Smith murdered and his wife shot in this city in the last few years. News had been received back there to the effect that one Philip Gebhart had done so. He concludes his letter in these words:

"Let me hear from you as soon as possible. I think I can put you on so there will some money in it for you, and also confer a great favor to me."

AMUSEMENTS. At the Grand Opera-house this evening the Bloomer Minstrels and Extraneous Company. But two more nights after this evening remain of the engagement.

Mr. Sage, advance agent for the Locomotive Company, to appear here in two plays on the 27th inst., is in the city.

At the Metropolitan Theater this evening, tomorrow evening, and tomorrow evening, under the management of H. P. Taylor, Jr., acting for the Olympic, and at the request of a large number of Sacramentoans, the Olympic Club Minstrels of San Francisco will appear in minstrel and concert, vaudeville and art entertainment. There are thirty-two members of the organization selected from the Olympic Athletic Club of the metropolis. There will be eight men in the first part and a chorus of twenty voices, with the Press Club Quartet, composed of Messrs. Coffin, Tilton, Wardle and Tucker. These give a "First Part" entertainment that ranks very high in the estimation of all who have heard the combination. In addition Swinerton, the caricaturist, will appear as an end man, and later in specially sketching and caricature, illustrating in the presence of the audience the modern methods employed in that branch of art. There will be a street parade of the Olympics at 12 o'clock to-day. Friends of the club in this city have engaged the Militant Band to escort the organization through the streets. Reserved seats can still be secured at the box office of the theater for any one of the three performances, at the rate of three dollars and 25 cents. The San Francisco "Chronicle," as well as the other journals of San Francisco, recently gave much attention to this Olympic organization entertainment, devoting more than usual space to review and illustration of its performances. The "Chronicle" said that in the first part the stage setting was the most brilliant of any ever seen in minstrelsy in that city. Olympic clubs of course predominated.

In the programme to-night we are to have the choir of boy Madrigal Singers, with Master Suggen as soloist; eleven musical numbers in the first part, with Frank Coffin as tenor, and S. E. Tucker as bass, and B. L. Tarbox as baritone soloists. Then will come a burlesque on the flying ballet of "The Brownies"; the "Wiggins" in Irish comedy; the Press Club Quartet; Coffin, Tilton, Wardle and Tucker, the baritone bar act by Professor Bolan, W. Lindsey and J. Rand, followed by Swinerton in caricatures of "People You Know," and finally Thompson and Duck, knock-out comedians in the sketch "Explorers." There is every probability that there will be the largest crowd at all three of the performances of the Olympics here. The programme promises so much in the way of music, burlesque, dancing, caricature, comedy, part singing, male vocal quartet singing, character acting, personation, imitation and the like, that there is assurance of thoroughly good entertainment.

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