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Weather Forecast. Northern California—Showers in northern portion Tuesday; fair in southern portion; light southerly winds.

FREAK LEGISLATION.

When Herbert Spencer treated of the "Sins of Legislators" he was not modest in condemning the disposition to correct all human error by Act of Legislature, the vice of attempting to regulate all human activity by bill.

The Chicago "Tribune" has been at pains to collect some of these curious, and they constitute an interesting list. In Missouri we find a bill introduced to punish railway employes for flirting with women passengers; but no penalty appears to attach to the women, which suggests an obscured vision of justice in Missouri.

Kansas takes the palm and long has for freak legislation. In the present Legislature over fifty measures of that sort have been introduced, among which are anti-lift your skirts bills; bills to prevent women wearing boots; bills forbidding the wearing of corsets, and a bill forbidding the wearing of bloomers.

In Indiana a bill has been pending to prevent women from gushing over condemned prisoners. But by singular oversight the mover of the measure failed to order the custodians of prisoners to refuse women visitors admission to the cells and the corridors of prisons, which would seem to be the simplest way of reaching the evil, assuming that such a thing can be reached by the discretion of sheriffs and jail keepers.

But these bills fade in presence of the Indiana proposition that all hotels shall be required to print their bills of fare in the English tongue; and before another requiring all landlords to mark in full on the hotel register the account of the boarder or guest instead of using those single initials indicating the arrival and departure of the customer.

In Minnesota a bill had favorable consideration requiring all saloons to keep suspended in front of their doors a lantern with red glass sides on which shall be painted the word "Danger," the lanterns to be illuminated at night.

was defeated, but only by a narrow margin. In North Dakota a bill to create a State Board of Barbers to act as "Examiners" of all barbers was paralleled by a similar bill in the California Legislature at the present session.

We have no idea of attempting to list the freak bills that have appeared in our own Legislature. Not a session has been devoid of them. Nor have we indicated a fiftieth part of those that have been offered in Eastern Legislatures, for the craze of regulating all things by "act" has become a positive nuisance, may a danger. It indicates a spirit ignorant of the functions of law-making, grossly ignorant of the purposes and limitations of government, and a disposition intolerant of private rights, and radically and aggressively paternal.

The consolation however, may be taken to heart that all these efforts to square the moral and physical conduct of men by the rule and compass of legislation, sooner or later supply their own antidotes. The judgment of the mass of the people in a self governing community comes around right, and in the end does justice.

It is a trick as old as the barren hills of Egypt to charge a Legislature as corrupted in the passage of a bill, and when confronted with an investigating committee to refuse to say what was the source of the information of the accuser, on the ground that the communication was confidential.

It is a trick as old as the pyramids to lay charges against a legislative body and when called upon to produce the proofs, to say that they are in the possession of another, and intermingled with a vast mass of records not material to the issue, and revelation of which it is well known is not wise or in line with human right.

Fair play is a jewel. It is more, it is the soul of honor. When, therefore, any newspaper attempts to lead its readers to believe that a legislative investigating committee appointed to use all its powers to evolve the truth under charges laid is really striving to cover the truth and to hinder the disclosure of it, and when on the basis of such representation such paper procures and publishes expressions from citizens condemning the legislative committee because of such assumed attempt to suppress the truth, that newspaper has taken a mendacious, dishonorable and unmanly course.

That, it seems to us, is precisely the position occupied by the San Francisco "Examiner" to-day. It is publishing statements by citizens denunciatory of the Legislature now in session, on the basis of the assumption that the houses are refusing or obstructing investigation into charges by the "Examiner" when in fact there is no ground whatever for any such assumption.

We are not concerned in the matter further than the truth concerns all decent intelligences in the State. But we are concerned at all times and in all things in the demand for fair play, and we assert unhesitatingly that the course of the San Francisco "Examiner" in this matter of securing and publishing expressions of opinion on the basis of information that the legislative investigating committees are obstructing the investigations, and blocking the way to the exposure of the truth, is mendacious and little short of infamous.

The New York Association for relieving the condition of the poor recently employed Professor Atwater to make critical examination into the methods employed by some of the poor in large cities in choosing and preparing their food. The result of his examination was the conclusion that a very large loss is visited upon the poor, or a large proportion of them, because of the un-economic methods they use, and that this is due to want of knowledge of the economics of marketing and of cookery.

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THE LICENSE REGULATIONS.

A Veto Message Against the New Ordinance. Provisions Could Not be Enforced.

Mayor Hubbard Believes That Its Provisions Could Not be Enforced.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees: I herewith return to you, without my approval, Ordinance No. 430, entitled "An Ordinance amending Sections 8 and 11 of Ordinance No. 430, entitled 'An ordinance relating to and providing for the management, operation and conducting the same, and providing for the violation of the provisions thereof.' My reasons for disapproving said ordinance are as follows:

First—By Section 1 of the proposed ordinance, Section 8 of Ordinance 430 is amended so that all business houses are required to render a sworn statement of their sales. The amendment provides that each firm, corporation or person shall render a sworn statement in writing to the City Collector.

The original section, therefore, is plain and unambiguous. The amendment simply provides that a statement shall be made of the previous receipts of the business house. The query occurs naturally—what this means, what previous receipts? For the previous day, week, month or year, or for the previous five years? It does not designate how long a period the statement shall cover, nor what period.

Second—The second objection goes properly more to the policy of the ordinance than anything else. You will observe that the ordinance requires one rate for the retailer and another for the wholesaler. The retailer pays just three times as much license under this ordinance as the wholesaler. I am informed that while the gross profits of the retailer are much larger than the gross profits of the wholesaler, yet the cost of transacting business is much greater to the wholesaler than to the retailer.

Third—Subdivision three of the proposed ordinance provides that any wholesale merchant who shall retail goods, etc., in any amount shall pay the license fixed for transacting a retail business in accordance with retail sales, in addition to the wholesale license hereinafter provided for. As I construe this section, it means that any wholesale dealer who sells in any amount by retail, whether it be a barrel of sugar, a box of cigars or any other article, shall pay two licenses, one upon the amount of his sales as a wholesale house, and the other upon the amount of his sales by retail.

Fourth—The ordinance provides that the license shall be enforced, and while it may be perfectly legal, it seems to me absurd to cumber the statute books of this city with an ordinance which we know, so far as this provision is concerned, will be a dead letter. Wholesale houses would have to keep two sets of books, and I do not believe they would do it. It is a fact well known to all of us, I think, that the wholesale houses of this city do more or less retail business, and I presume it would be utterly impossible for any wholesale house to determine just how much of its sales were made by retail, and even were the ordinance endeavored to be enforced, it clearly would not be accomplished with any degree of accuracy.

Devine moved that the ordinance be referred to the Chairman of the Special License Committee, to be amended in the respects criticised. Davis said he had expected the veto. The wholesale houses were willing to keep two sets of books, and would be necessary under the ordinance. He did not care what objections were made by the Mayor, the ordinance was all right and had been approved by a number of business men.

The motion of Devine was carried. Notaries Public. The following named persons have been appointed Notaries Public for their respective counties: James T. O'Keefe, Redwood City; San Mateo County; Robert A. Pope, Sonoma; Sonoma County; N. Bullock, Eureka, Humboldt County; J. White, Ukiah, Humboldt County; W. H. Hancock, Sumnerland, Santa Barbara County; Henry Robinson, Santa Ynez, Santa Barbara County; Lyman Brewer, San Luis Obispo; San Luis Obispo County; C. E. Slosson, Monterey, Los Angeles County; Homer P. Earle, William Pasadena, Los Angeles County; William N. Forker, Newhall, Los Angeles County; Isaac Springer, Pasadena, Los Angeles County.

LYCADORD DISCHARGED.

The Swiss Laundryman Not Guilty of Threats Against Life. The case of threats against life, with which offense Joseph Lycadord, the Swiss laundryman who was recently hanged out of \$300 by some of his fellow countrymen, was dismissed yesterday by Justice Henry and the defendant discharged.

The evidence showed that the prosecuting witness was living on the earnings of his wife, who occupies a den in lower L street, and that his reputation was bad while that of Lycadord was good. The weapon with which the alleged shooting was to be done was produced in court and Judge Henry said if it was fired at a man it would take him at least a week to find out if he were shot.

The weapon could not carry more than three feet and was not large enough to receive a buckshot.

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It was not till 4:15 o'clock that there were enough members present to constitute an adjournment, and then the adjournment was made till 1:30 p. m., to-day, as one of them said, owing to the absence of chief investigator Caminetti.

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Gardner Residence at Auction.

D. J. Simmons & Co. will sell at auction at 9:30 a. m. to-day, on the premises, the residence and grounds of Charles F. Gardner, who has removed to San Francisco. The house is 2210 O street, having eight rooms and bath, stables, barns, etc. The lot is 6x160.

A Request.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson requests of the person or persons who entered his house on the evening of February 27, to return the personal letters, papers, and a partially filled blank book. These can be of no use to those who took them, while of value to him.

To Sell Personal Property.

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