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Weather Forecast. Northern California—Fair Thursday, except in the extreme northern portion, where showers are likely in the afternoon.

THE FATE OF THE HIGHWAY MEASURES. The highway bills will, it is believed, come up in the Senate to-day for final action.

It is not, probably, claimed that the bills are in all respects just what they should be. Road reform advocates would much have liked to see them framed to meet their advanced views in all things.

It is the unshaken conviction of all those who have given the subject study and have made California conditions matters of especial concern, that the State will best conserve its own interests and those of the several counties by adopting some clearly defined system of good road promotion; that proposed or on the lines suggested in the bills now before the Senate, and which are the outgrowth of weeks of work by a joint committee of the two houses of the Legislature.

These are not the bills, as we understand it, that the Bureau of Highways deemed best in order to promote the work all desire, but they are, under the modifications made, measures that will set on foot a system of reform that is believed to involve some of the highest and best interests of California. The result of the action of the State two years ago in erecting the Bureau of Highways is conceded on all sides to have been satisfactory; it is agreed that the work of that body has been of first educational and statistical importance, and that as an advisory board it has been worth all and more than its cost.

Whether California is to proceed hereafter according to system, method and plan advised by the best authorities and the experience of older States, or to fall back to the old and unhappy methods of the past in this matter of attempting to better the means of country communication, and promote easy and economic transportation between farms and market, field and rail, and between towns, probably depends upon the action of the Senate to-day.

STUPID REPORTING. To trained newspaper men who have conscience and pride in their work, it is inexplicable how mischievous and misleading reports of the commonest proceedings in public bodies find their way into journalistic columns. As an instance of mischievous blundering or willful misrepresentation with a view to create a false opinion in the public mind, take a case occurring on Tuesday in the State Senate where absolutely false reports were made of a simple matter, but which reports convey the impression to the people who read them that the Senate was attempting to gag the press and prevent news publications of Senate proceedings.

so simple a matter so stupidly stumbled. One paper contained the statement in the report of the contempt proceedings before the Senate, that Mr. Boyce moved to exclude all newspaper men from the floor of the Senate, and that the motion was lost. Another put it this way: "Morehouse suggested that representatives of San Francisco papers be excluded from the Senate chamber during the examination."

Either and both of these statements must have the effect of impressing readers of them with the idea that an effort was made worthy of universal condemnation. There were hundreds of people in the Senate chamber who heard all that occurred and can certify, as do the official records, that nothing of the kind took place. The fact was so trivial that the "Record-Union" reporters did not consider it even worthy of a note.

On the occasion referred to the Senate chamber was crowded; every inch of available space inside the rail was occupied by extra chairs, and it was with extreme difficulty that anyone could move through the aisles. It was suggested to the President of the Senate that as each Senator wished to hear all that took place in the examination of witnesses the usual distribution of papers be stopped and the distributors kept off the floor. Without a dissenting voice interposing, Lieutenant-Governor Jeter in the chair, made the order.

If so simple a transaction could not be correctly reported and may be so twisted into the form of an attempt to gag the press and thus arouse the resentment of the people, what may not result from blundering or purpose in more serious matters?

Before a legislative committee of inquiry the other evening it was in evidence by the proof slips that some State officers and employees so mark and change proofs of matter composed in the State Printing Office to their order, that it is found to be cheaper to distribute the original composition and re-compose the whole matter. In one case of copy from the State University the second revised proofs were thus cut by the University people and so changed that the cost of the matter was more than doubled. There is absolutely no excuse for such extravagance. It is not possible in newspaper work to avoid changes in proof from time to time; but in official work for the State there is no reason why the copy should not go in clean and perfect in the first instance. It is understood that the committee will report back advising the adoption of a rule that all copy for the State Printer must come in either in reprint or typewriter, and that no proofs shall be furnished. That is to say, officials are to prepare their manuscript in the first instance as they wish it to appear in print, and the State Printer shall be held responsible for reading proof "by copy."

There may arise cases where, after official copy is sent in, a new condition of fact develops requiring a change of an essential character. Such a rule as is proposed should therefore be sufficiently flexible to allow for such contingencies. With such adjustment the proposed rule ought to be adopted. The Legislature does a graceful act in passing resolutions inviting and welcoming the National Educational Association and the Christian Endeavor National organization to the State. Both bodies are representative of the highest and best forms of American civilization and patriotism. One is representative of the great common school and higher educational systems of the nation, and the other is representative of several hundreds of thousands of religious people in inter-denominational accord, mainly in the bloom of youth and who have devoted their lives largely to the betterment of moral conditions and the maintenance of a high standard of right conduct. These people in each case will come to the State at a time and under conditions when impressions made upon them by their observation and what they hear from us concerning California will count very greatly in forming public opinion at the East about our State, its resources and its social conditions. The invitation and welcome therefore are particularly appropriate, and will unquestionably be well received. In the case of the welcome to the Christian Endeavor organization, the rather lengthy document is too sophomoric, and in degree is gushing. It would have been better had it been less effusive. However, the intention and its sincerity will be understood by our expected guests, and it will constitute a State welcome in the broadest possible sense.

The highest promise the world holds out to any man is the respect and admiration of his fellow-men. How exceedingly careful we should be, therefore, of assault upon character without having first satisfied ourselves beyond all question that we are not unjustly blighting the hope of manhood in a fellow-being. If newspaper men and legislators, politicians and men of the pulpit, officials and their constituents were more mindful of the truth we have attempted to express, we would have a great deal less of suspicion, distrust and chicane, and a deal more of trust, manliness and high character in the world. For it is true that a good many men who have "gone wrong" have been put into the downward path by injustice and because of failure to find that helpfulness and trust which it is so easy to extend to our fellows.

It is good news to learn that the Secretary of State has informed Consul-General Lee at Havana of the personal desire of the President that he shall remain at the Cuban post, and that there is no present intention of supplanting him, though the Gen-

eral begs to be permitted to return to his home. It is not to be doubted that the President will in the course of some weeks, perhaps not for months, appoint some one to succeed General Lee, who is very desirous of surrendering his position, which at the very best is an unenviable one in the present condition of affairs in Cuba. That the President desires General Lee to remain, however, for a time, is proof of the confidence reposed in the Consul-General by the new Administration, and must be accepted in some sense, if not wholly, as approval of his course. What is even better than this news is the further statement that Secretary Sherman has notified General Lee, in response to his appeal, that the Government will give him the material support he asks for in affording American citizens in Cuba due protection.

King George is a Dane. He is not native to Grecian soil, therefore, but he manifests the old Hellenic spirit and excites the admiration of the world for his pluck and manly bearing. He will go down in history as one of the few Kings who have been set to rule over a people foreign to them, who has won the love of the ruled. This reply of his Cabinet to the note of the powers has the ring of true metal in it. It is a splendid protest against the demand that Greece shall abandon the Greek Christians on the island of Crete to the fury and religious hatred of the merciless Moslem. The declaration is that while Greece will withdraw her ships of war in the interests of peace, she cannot recall her land forces and preserve her honor and self-respect. It is set forth that Greece will willingly agree to any means whatever that are fair and open to secure permanent peace on the island, under a free expression of the Cretans as to the kind of government they wish to be put over them. But as to the autonomy the powers propose to guarantee to Crete, Greece treats it with scorn and sharply, but politely, gives the powers to understand that no sort of faith is placed in it. All honor to George and his Cabinet Ministers for this stand. It is an attitude that puts the great powers in a humiliating attitude before one of the least of the nations of the earth.

The Shasta "Weekly Courier," one of the most respected and valued of our exchanges, has just concluded its forty-first year. It is the second oldest weekly paper in the State. Its present weekly publisher has been its chief for over thirty-one years. It has been loyal to the Republican party since the foundations of the political organization were laid. The "Courier" is a good, clean, newsy paper, devoted to the interests of its section, broadminded and capable. We trust that it will live another forty-five years and more years after that unnumbered.

The Wyoming Legislature just before adjournment enacted the law that was asked from the California Legislature, namely, a provision by which one can vote at an election for State or county officers for a straight ticket. We have yet to hear of any really good reason why party nominations should not be grouped on the blanket ticket.

KENT TAKEN EAST. He Goes to Expiate His Crime Committed in a Fight. Sheriff Hinson of Martinsville, Morgan County, Ind., and B. E. Lewis of the same place, have taken back Bedford Kent, who is wanted there on a charge of murder. They departed last night.

Full of Reliable News. (From the Orville Register.) The Sacramento "Record-Union" has entered upon a new volume, and it is with unfeigned pleasure we notice the success of this paper. The "Record-Union" has a reputation for good square dealing, envied by the papers of the State and its columns are full of reliable news. No fake methods are used by its managers and we turn to it as a source from which we can get impartial information.

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LEAP YEAR WAS A FAILURE But the Early Moments of 1897 Made Up for It.

Four nights a week and once on Sundays had Lancelot Geggaw been paying his attentions to pretty Syrasella Floore-dee, and there was yet quite a long pay roll before him. But in all that time he had not thought to say the thing that would have made him happy. Syrasella was a beautiful being. Her hair was so raven black that it left a mark on everything white, which is why Lancelot always wore colored gentlemen's furnishing goods. Her eyes were like twin comets, rushing through space at each other, and she had many beautiful teeth. Altogether she had the proper assortment of attractions calculated to make her face a thing of beauty.

Lancelot was not a chump, although he wasn't saying a thing to her. He was simply lacking in assurance. He was a book agent, but that was his profession. His almost human ears hung on either side of his head, tastefully covered over with real hair, and his eyes were of the true floorwalker variety. He was no bargain counter attraction, but a special Monday mark down, and Syrasella knew it.

And now they were seeing leap year go out together. He had talked about everything, except the one dead-end, hackneyed, yet never stale subject, and as the hands on the clock chased themselves near to 12 she grew more and more beautiful, as she seemed to be nerving herself up to the point of saying a few words herself. Suddenly the clock struck a dozen times, and with a wild cry she cried out, saying: "Lancelot, why did I lose my chance? Leap year is gone for four years."

Lancelot beat at his forehead with his clenched fist until the veins in his neck assumed the proper shade of purple. Then, stalking across the floor, he came back. He knelt in front of the divinely beautiful girl, whose hair was making streaks over her gown. His tones were like the best quality of honey: "Syrasella, forgive me."

"Give me your heart," she murmured, coyly, as she swept her cheeks with her long eyelashes. She was that neat that she swept them every day.

"Give me your heart," he said, in deep, wealthy tones, and as the whistles sounded ushering in the new year her tender "Yes" rose above all the tumult, and two loving hearts gave a faithful imitation of a dynamo working overtime.—New York World.

Advice to Stay Young Men. Thomas Wentworth Higginson, in his autobiographic papers now running in the "Atlantic Monthly," under the title of "Cheerful Yesterdays," remarks that as an overgrown boy he suffered tortures from shyness in the presence of the opposite sex and relates the plan he adopted for overcoming the weakness.

Col. Higginson says that he has recommended his unique system to young men of a later generation who have followed it with the best results. In his own case shyness was "conquered for ever in a single evening."

"Going invited to a small party I considered beforehand what young ladies would probably be there. With each one I had, of course, something in common—kinship or neighborhood or favorite pursuit. This would do, I reasoned, for a starting point. So I put down on a small sheet of paper what I would say to each if I happened to be near her. It worked like a charm; I found myself chatting away the whole evening and heard next day that everybody was surprised at the transformation. I have to this day the little magic bit of paper on which I afterward underscored, before sleeping, the points actually used. It set me free."

Successful Failures. Dickens was one of the greatest of English novelists, but it was his failure to become an actor which caused him in the first place to turn his attention to literature.

David Livingstone studied for three years with the sole aim of being a missionary to China. It was only because his hopes were crushed by the "opium war," which made it impossible to enter China, that he thought of going to Africa and was the means of opening a whole continent to Christianity and civilization.

Columbus discovered America through his failure to reach India, as he hoped to do by sailing westward. Some years ago an ingenious plan was proposed by a man named Joggins for sending logs from Canada to New York by towing them, bound together by cables and iron girders, as rafts. The plan failed, as the first raft sent out met with a storm near the end of its voyage. The iron girders snapped and the logs were scattered far and wide. Hundreds of captains in the Atlantic, the Mediterranean and the South seas noticed these logs and reported on them. The reports were collected and systematized and deductions made from them as to the course of ocean currents. In the end the failure of the Joggins raft led to one of the greatest discoveries in modern marine geography and navigation.

Not a Desirable Place. Dennis—Arrah, Pat, and so yer have come back to stay? Why didn't yer luke it out West in that place yer had had such a good job?

Pat—Och, it's no place for a Christian man, Dennis. There ain't a livin' soul about the place that hasn't died with the malarial.

Why Attempt to Cure Catarrh by the use of so-called blood remedies? That catarrh is not caused by blood troubles is self-evident when you reflect that attacks are always due to sudden climatic changes or exposure, and occur most frequently during the winter and spring, though the blood is as pure then as in summer or fall. A remedy which quickly relieves and cures the catarrhal attacks has been found in Ely's Cream Hair.

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