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Northern California—Fair Tuesday; brisk to high northerly winds; a moderate northerly.

GREEK AND TURKISH FORCES.

The military expert of the "Politiken" of Copenhagen says that the Turkish army in Macedonia is not by any means an effective force.

The cavalry and artillery are short of horses. The new guns purchased from Krupp some years ago are rusting away in Constantinople, and the men in the provinces do not know how to handle them.

How to transport the necessary ammunition, even if the guns are sent, is another problem. Of the new Mauser rifles, 200,000 of which were imported some years ago, only 30 per cent are forthcoming.

Knowing that they will be badly fed and clothed, the Turkish reserves are in no hurry to join their regiments.

Most of them do not appear at all, and many desert afterward. The ignorance of the officers is frightful. More than half of the Turkish officers cannot write or read.

This does not agree with the more recent accounts. And it is to be remembered, also, that much the same was said of the Ottoman forces when Turkey last engaged in war with Russia.

But the soldiers of the Porte in that conflict gave a good account of themselves.

On the other hand, Rear Admiral Werner writes in the Berlin "Gegenwart" of the Greeks, saying:

Any one acquainted with the Greeks is aware that they are a totally depraved race, and that morality and justice are hardly better in Greece than in Turkey.

Among the French a person of very low character is called a Greek. It is very doubtful if peace would reign in Crete if Greece had possession of the island.

That the Greek Government hardly deserves a better name than the individual Greek is shown by the attempt to repudiate the foreign debt. The very army, such as it is, and the fleet were built with the loans on which Greece will not pay even the interest now. It is not impossible that the Powers will be forced to appoint a receiver for Greece.

We shall very soon learn just what the mettle of these opposing peoples is. From all we can learn of the condition of the two forces now arrayed on the borders of Macedonia, we are inclined to believe that the war efficiency of both has been much underrated, and that we will hear of some of the most desperate fighting of the century within the next few weeks.

That the Turks will display the greater generalship may be taken as certain. They have German officers in plenty, and the story is that the army has recently been under the tutelage of a foremost German military man, who has almost revolutionized the system under which it has heretofore been organized.

The Greeks, on the other hand, have their head a young man who has never seen a pitched battle, and whose military knowledge is confined to what he has been taught in the very indifferent military schools of his country.

We must make up our minds to one thing, namely, that in the war now on we shall hear of cruelties that will make humanity blush. Neither Turk nor Greek are merciful. The latter dislikes to take prisoners and keep them alive, and the other dispatches such captives as he does not dispatch. There is not a considerable Turkish city in European Turkey in which there are not found descendants of Greeks whom Turks have made slaves after having been taken captive in battle. We do not express a mere fanciful idea when we say that if the Greek-Turkish war continues a month, the world will be shocked by stories of awful barbarities committed on both sides. It is to be a war, we fear, in which but few of the rules of civilized warfare will obtain.

In the "Electrical Review" Mr. Kammerer proves conclusively that there is no safe made that can withstand the attack of a burglar armed with a few feet of wire and a carbon point related to an electrical current of 220

voit service, with resistance arranged to reduce the current from 250 to 350 amperes, when a voltage of from 50 to 80 will be sufficient. He shows that holes have by this means been put through a seven-inch safe wall, made of seven plates of five-ply drill-proof steel, each one inch in thickness, in less than thirty minutes. Illustrations are shown of a safe of six plates of five-ply drill-proof steel and one plate of soft steel, that was entered by the new device in two minutes. A spherical safe of solid gun-metal with walls three and one-half inches thick was entered by means of the electric arc in one and a half minutes. Any burglar who can steal from a trolley or electric light wire, can work the device and enter any safe and that too, noiselessly. As this fact is well known to safe burglars, no harm is done in stating the fact. Until, then, safes are built that will resist these electrical assaults, the only electrical guard is a net work of electrical devices, delicate conductors that will envelope the safe and on the slightest provocation sound an alarm.

This story from Alabama is too humiliating for belief; yet it is told with such circumstantiality that we are driven to acceptance of it. It is related that until recently the telephone was unknown in a certain large section of Alabama. About the time the wires were put up and communication opened between the towns of the region, the price of cotton fell. Unable to understand how a man in the town of Huntsville could talk with another a hundred miles away, the farmer people of the section began to have superstitious fears concerning the wires and instruments. Finally the suggestion grew into expression that the telephone was chargeable with the slump in cotton prices. Thereupon the ignorant people began to tear down the wires, and this they have continued until most of the lines are down. It is reported that so firmly is this foolish folk of the belief that the telephone is a thing of evil and that it has worked a spell upon their cotton industry, that the wires could not be replaced save under protection of armed officers. And this in the blaze of the intelligence of the nineteenth century, and in the United States of America. Let us send no more missionaries to Africa and the islands of the sea.

On Friday we expressed doubts of the truth of the official report made by the Spanish commander in the Philippines to the effect that the rebellion was suppressed, and that only a few bands of insurgents were in the field, small in number and practically harmless. It was stated that 10,800 rebels had either surrendered or been captured, and that now Spain could safely withdraw the greater body of her forces. But now comes the news by the steamer from the Orient that the rebels are still in force, have again become aggressive and are driving the Spanish soldiers back to the coast. This accords with the idea we had of the situation. The news by steamer is probably correct, and we shall presently learn that the so-called official report was sent out to affect sentiment regarding Cuba and the ability of the Spanish to suppress the insurrection on that island.

The belief is entertained that by 1900 the Trans-Siberian railroad will be completed. Then it will be possible for the globe trotter to make the circuit of the earth in a month. The road named will be the longest in the world, covering not less than 7,500 miles from St. Petersburg to the Pacific ocean. When the line is complete one can go from New York to Bremen in seven days; to St. Petersburg in one and a half days; to Valdevert in ten days; to San Francisco in ten more, and to New York in four and a half, making a total of thirty-three days. When the Siberian road is well settled and its line perfectly stocked, it is believed that the time can be reduced three days.

People who hear much about Macedonia these days, and find difficulty, as they will, in locating it on the maps—indeed but few modern atlases have the name at all—will be spared some annoyance by keeping in mind that Macedonia as it was, was almost the entire stretch of territory along the Thessalonian border east of Albania and north to Roumelia. But latterly it has come to mean that smaller province of Turkey, marked upon ordinary maps as Salonica.

It is one of the curious casts of war that Edhem Pasha, the commander of the Turkish forces in Macedonia, should be a Greek. He is the son of a Turkish slave, a Greek taken in war who was adopted by a Turk of wealth, who had the children of the slave educated and given preferment.

Now that the war is on between Greece and Turkey it would be a good speculation to corner all the geographical pronouncing dictionaries in the country.

JOE'S JOKES.

Underwood Held to Answer for Passing Bogus Checks.

Joseph Underwood, the "come leben" check operator, who obtained money from several persons on worthless \$11 checks, was yesterday examined in Justice Henry's court and held to answer before the Superior Court.

How the fellow ever succeeded in swindling anyone it is difficult to understand, for he didn't even know how to spell the names affixed to his bogus checks. Oscar was spelled "Oskar," and Ben, Welch's name was written "Behn" Welch.

Journeyman Butchers.

The annual picnic of the Journeymen Butchers' Association will be held at East Park on the 13th of June.

For Correct Styles in Millinery Visit the Red House Company, J Street.

Come and hear Major Winchell at St. Paul's Church, Eighth and I, on the "Social Work of the Salvation Army." Admission free. To-night, 8 o'clock.

Try McMorris's 35c tea, 631 M.

Alex. Holmes, Photo Studio, 1308 10th.

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

Extracts From Editorial Expression of Journals.

Of the State and the Coast on Subjects of Living and News Interest.

Tacoma Ledger: Ever since William Cullen Bryant wrote the line "Where rolls the Oregon, and hears no sound save its own dashing," many years ago, people have hunted the map in vain to find where it rolled. All is now known. She rolls in the mud at the entrance of the Port Orchard dry-dock.

GOVERNMENT IN ALASKA.

Oakland Enquirer: The question of establishing a system of effective Government in Alaska is forcing its way to the front very rapidly. The coast district is kept in order after a fashion by the authorities at Sitka, but the larger part of the white population is away inland—hundreds or even thousands of miles up the river Yukon, and is quite out of reach of Sitka. Ten thousand gold seekers are expected to go in this year to join several thousand others already there, and Senator Perkins has made the good suggestion that a few companies of soldiers be sent up and a fortified post established near the British river. This should certainly be done.

THE UNIVERSITY FIRE.

Oakland Enquirer: The fire which destroyed the agricultural building at the university yesterday admonishes the town of Berkeley that it must have better fire protection, and it should also be a suggestion to the university authorities that they need to do a little something to protect themselves. No fire apparatus has even been owned by the university except a few lengths of hose, and when these were dragged to the scene of the fire yesterday it was found the couplings were not for the hose. It took a long time for the Berkeley town hose carts to arrive and stretch their hose, and when they were dragged to the scene of the fire yesterday it was found the couplings were not for the hose. It took a long time for the Berkeley town hose carts to arrive and stretch their hose, and when they were dragged to the scene of the fire yesterday it was found the couplings were not for the hose.

GENERAL FRANK WHEATON

Promoted to Major-General on the Retirement of General Ruger.

General Frank Wheaton, who has recently been made a Major-General, entered the United States army in 1855, and during his service before the war he was stationed at old Jefferson barracks, on the banks above the Mississippi River, near St. Louis.

He went to the late war as a Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Rhode Island Volunteers and took part in the battle of Bull Run. In 1862 he was made a Brigadier-General of volunteers for gallant conduct on the field of battle. He distinguished himself in the operations in the Shenandoah Valley and in the campaign which ended in the surrender at Appomattox in 1865. In 1866 he was Lieutenant-Colonel of the Thirty-ninth Infantry in the regular army, Colonel in 1874, and later Brigadier-General in the regular army.

PERSONAL MENTION.

B. W. Freer of San Francisco is in the city.

Dr. J. F. Morse of San Francisco is at the Golden Eagle.

Dr. C. A. Ruggles and J. D. Young of Stockton are visiting the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Donnelly of San Francisco are stopping at the Golden Eagle.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Cronan will leave to-day for one of the Lake County mineral springs.

M. W. Wilder, who a week ago underwent an operation for appendicitis, is progressing toward recovery.

Among the Sacramentans attending the Los Angeles Fiesta are Mrs. C. M. Cogan and her daughter, Mrs. George Kingsbury.

CALIFIA PARLOR.

Native Daughters Handsomely Entertain Their Friends.

After the regular meeting of the Califia Parlor, N. D. G. W., last evening the ladies entertained about a hundred guests at what was an enjoyable time was had.

Grangers' Hall was beautifully and artistically decorated, and looked a veritable bower of roses. The chandeliers were entwined with wisteria, while draperies of lavender, with sprays of roses, formed a beautiful foreground.

Light refreshments were served, and the affair throughout was such as is only to be given by Califia Parlor, which has a deserved reputation as a hostess royal.

GAS COMPANY'S LICENSE.

The Company Refuses to Pay What the Collector Demands.

The issue between City Collector Robertson and the Capital Gas Company, involving the question as to the proper sum that should be charged the latter for its license, was not settled in the Police Court yesterday, but was submitted on briefs to be filed by the City Collector claims that the company should pay \$150 per quarter for doing business, and that the charter demands it, but the company refuses to pay that sum, holding that the city can collect only the usual rate on the volume of business transacted.

State Board of Examiners.

A meeting of the State Board of Examiners was held yesterday afternoon, and bills for salaries of officers of State institutions and for the maintenance and support of such institutions, amounting to \$150,000, were approved. There were present Secretary of State Brown and Secretary of the Board Markley.

Will Soon Wed.

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A Long Way From Oakland.

A young Spanish boy named Louis La Costa applied at the police station for lodging last night. He had boarded a train at Oakland Pier for Jackson street in that city, but owing to his inability to speak much English he was brought clear through to Sacramento. He resides at 214 Market street, San Francisco.

The Fifth in a Year.

The Capital City Drum Corps turned out last evening to celebrate the marriage of Fred Robbin, their Secretary. He was the fifth member to get married within a year.

At this rate the single men of the corps will soon be all gone, so after this married men only need apply for membership.

The Ross Case Settled.

The case against Angus Ross, charged with having permitted gaming in a building owned by him, was called in the Police Court yesterday morning.

Through his attorney, Charles T. Jones, Ross withdrew his former plea of guilty, and entered one of guilty and was fined \$100.

Demurrer Overruled.

Judge Johnson has overruled the demurrer of C. K. and V. S. McClatchy to the complaint of H. Weinstock in the latter's suit against them for libel. The defendants demurred on the ground that the publications complained of were not libelous.

Thought to be Burglars.

Officers Nagel and Taylor yesterday arrested Joe Beteras and Pat Hurley on a charge of having ridden a bicycle on a sidewalk. He deposited \$5 for his appearance in court this morning.

And There Are Others.

Charles Stover was arrested yesterday on a charge of having ridden a bicycle on a sidewalk. He deposited \$5 for his appearance in court this morning.

Partnership Formed.

Sparrow Smith and William Walter Bassett have filed in the Superior Court their certificate of co-partnership under the firm name of Capital Banking and Trust Company.

Seeing and Believing.

It is an old and a wise saying that "seeing is believing, and yet everybody knows that very often what we see and therefore believe, proves to be not really true at all. As we grow older, finding that our eyes have so frequently deceived us, we are often not satisfied with the evidence they give us until we have verified it by touch or smell or hearing, or by looking at it from some doubtful thing from different points of view, or under a different lighting.

We are not willing to believe that a conjurer actually draws rabbits from a man's ear or coins from the tip of his nose just because the conjurer tells us such tales. Sometimes our perceptions are so lasting that things must be made wrong in order to look right, which seems rather contradictory. If we look at the letter S or figure 8 as carefully as we can, the upper and lower halves seem to be almost exactly the same. We can then turn them upside down and we could have been so mistaken; yet perhaps the truth is that the loops are neither so different nor so much alike as they seem to be, as we see when we look at them turned upon their sides.—Harold Wilson, M. D., in St. Nicholas.

Obstacles to Art.

"There is one thing," said the heavy man of the theatrical company, "that'll have to be attended to."

"What is it?" asked the stage manager.

"You remember the scene in which I pledge the Princess' health in this crystal goblet of foaming wine?"

"Yes."

"Well, you can do one of three things. You can mix the tea weaker, or you can put some sugar in it or else get someone who isn't in danger of making a wry face to play the part."—Washington Star.

His Wounded Feelings.

"What's the trouble, darling?" asked Jamie's mamma as she caught her boy to her heart.

"This morning, when me and Tommie Towson was coming home in the street car," the poor child sobbed, "the conductor give me a black 2 cents and charged Tommie a nickel. And he's a month younger than me, too—boo—hoo."—Cleveland Leader.

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One of Mrs. Pinkham's Talks

Concerning a Mother's Duty to Her Young Daughter. Together with a Chat with Miss Marie Johnson.

The balance wheel of a woman's life is menstruation. On the proper performance of this function depends her health. Irregularity lays the foundation of many diseases, and is in itself a symptom of disease. It is of the greatest importance that regularity be accomplished as soon as possible after the flow is an established fact.

Disturbance of the menstrual function poisons the blood. In young girls suppression develops latent inherited tendencies to scrofula or consumption, and no time must be lost in restoring regularity. Many a young girl goes to her grave because this difficulty has been thought lightly of, and mother has said, "Time will bring about a cure; she is young, I don't worry about her."

Mother, when you see your daughter languid and indifferent to things that usually interest a young girl, when you note that flush on her cheek, that glassy appearance in her eyes; when your daughter tells you that even the weight of her dress waist oppresses her, and that she has terrible pains in her stomach shortly after eating, don't ignore these signs! If you do, you will be following your daughter to the grave, for she will die!

This is gospel truth—she is developing consumption of the bowels!

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"My health became so poor that I had to leave school. I was tired all the time, and had dreadful pains in my side and back. I would have the headache so badly that everything would appear black before my eyes, and I could not go on with my studies. I was also troubled with irregularity of menses. I was very weak, and lost so much flesh that my friends became alarmed. My mother, who is a firm believer in your remedies from experience, thought perhaps they might benefit me, and wrote you for advice. I followed the advice you gave, and used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills as you directed, and am now as well as I ever was. I have gained flesh and have a good color. I am completely cured of irregularity. Words cannot express my gratitude, and I cannot thank you for your kind advice and medicine."—Miss MARIE F. JOHNSON, Centralia, Pa.

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