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Weather Forecast. Northern California—Fair Thursday; fresh northwesterly winds.

MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT. All questions have two sides, that of municipal ownership of public utilities not excepted.

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But, as has been said, there are two sides to all these questions of municipal control of public utilities, and good citizenship dictates that both be critically examined into. As a rule, the nearer we can bring municipal management to business methods the better, but if city business, such as the lighting from a municipal plant, the operation of street railway lines as in some cities, or the furnishing of water for domestic and fire purposes, is conducted under political control that has in view the reward of political servitors, the uses of party and the division of spoils, the results are invariably anything but satisfactory.

The East Indian railway is owned by the British Government. It needed a large supply of rails, and bids were asked. An American house secured the contract under the bidding. Thereupon some boiling Britisher arose in the House of Commons and asked the Government how it came about that orders for rails for a Government road went to American houses rather than English manufacturers.

The American bidders were something like \$42,000 lower than the English in their prices. And that settled it. It settled also the question that in some lines Americans can successfully compete with English on their own soil. In the same dispatch conveying the news of the Indian rail matter, is a note to the effect that the traction plant for the great London Central Electric Railway has been ordered from the United States, because of lessened expense and the higher quality of electrical machinery turned out by American manufacturers.

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VOICE OF THE PRESS.

EXTRACTS FROM EDITORIAL EXPRESSION.

State and Coast Opinions on Subjects of Living News Interest.

Tulare Register: At last there is a new tariff measure to rejoice the country. It has been a long and hard struggle to enact a new tariff law, but now forward knowing what to count on. We will not risk any comments on the tariff law at this time.

San Jose Mercury: Political pessimists of the Bryan faith refuse to acknowledge that the times are any better to-day than they were a year ago. Notwithstanding the fact that the reports from all sections of the country are to the effect that there is a general feeling of confidence in the future, that more money is going into circulation, that business has been gradually reviving, that the tendency of prices, nearly all staple products of export, and that there is not one idle man now where there were five last year.

Los Angeles Herald: The big dailies print column after column of advice to their readers not to go to the Clondyke mines, and deplore the fever that has come over everybody to seek their fortune in that far-off land of ice and snow.

Stockton Record: The first week under the Dingley bill has started and the country has again launched into actual conditions in the matter of collecting itself with impalpable theories. The more fact that the new bill will supply sufficient revenue to keep the Government out of the clutches of the Rothschilds is the first great gain.

San Diego Union: It is certainly unfortunate that there is no way of preventing men who are almost without means and know nothing of mining, from getting themselves transported to the Klondyke, there to take their chance of finding gold or starting to death.

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service from the Klondyke all winter? There ought to be big money in such an enterprise, for any one who should strike it. They would be difficult in getting first-class birds to cover the route.

OUR UNEXPLORED CLONDYKES. Stockton Independent: The mountains of California offer better inducements to seekers for gold and permanent enterprises than any other part of the West, and the fact is well known to men of means, many of them foreigners.

Collector of the Queen's Portraits. A Londoner was reproaching the owner of a house on the route of the great procession with having let it for the day to a citizen of the United States.

A Base Deceiver. Nellie—Have you seen Clara since she got married? Jennie—Yes, I met her the other day. "Is she happy?" "No, she isn't."

Prosperous Times. "How's business?" asked Cawker of the druggist. "Excellent! We are compounding a great many dyspepsia prescriptions."

Humble Circumstances. "I can always tell a novel written by a woman." "How?" "She makes the men characters so deadly sentimental."

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ALTHOUGH it would be hard to obtain an admission of the fact, there are some quaking hearts among those who sit in high places in the vast twenty-first century.

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The real reason why this block is painted when the figure appears, said another watchman, "is because people come here from all over the city to look at what they term the omen, and they block up the courtyard. There is nothing ominous about it. The markings of the marble are responsible for the strange tracing."

Denver's Disappointing Air. "This is a wonderful climate you have here in Denver," remarked the Eastern tourist to a native of the mountain city.

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