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Weather Forecast: Northern California-Fair Thursday; continued cold weather; light northerly winds.

A SENSATIONAL LIE RUN TO EARTH.

Some weeks ago an assault was made by sensational papers upon General Miles, commanding the United States Army, because, it was alleged, he had recommended that Gatling guns be placed upon the parapets of buildings occupied by the sub-treasuries of the United States.

It was claimed that this action was inimical to the liberties of the people, and was another evidence of the disposition of the Federal Government to overawe and humiliate the citizen.

For some reason not clearly expressed it was held that such a recommendation as General Miles was said to have made was a menace to the workingman, and labor was appealed to to voice its protest against such autocratic suggestion.

The whole thing on its face was absurd, of course. How adequate protection of the treasury of the Government in which every citizen has an equal interest with every other citizen, could be construed as an assault upon the liberties of the people, was one of the things that ordinary intelligence could not comprehend.

When the report of General Miles, submitted to the Secretary of War just prior to assembling of Congress, appeared, there was found in it nothing whatever to justify the attacks that had been made upon him in this matter.

General Miles has been subjected to considerable unjust criticism on account of the placing of several Gatling guns at the Federal building in Chicago during the troubles with the anarchists in 1886.

The "Record-Union" is reliably informed that a proposition has been made and is in fair way to eventuate in success to form a local company to provide the necessary plant for the extraction of sugar from beets.

The idea is that such reduction and refining works shall be wholly capitalized by the people of Sacramento and the immediate vicinity, and for the purpose of utilizing sugar beet growth prosecuted in this section.

The idea now taking form is precisely the right suggestion, and promises to realize the economic principle of cooperation among the people for the benefit of all concerned in the industry of beet sugar culture, with enormous saving to the producers not possible where they practically subsidize private capitalized energy.

The "Record-Union" believes the suggested plan to be entirely feasible. There is money enough and more than enough in the county for the purpose that is not better or as well invested, or that is not invested at all.

LYNCHING NOT DETERRENT OF CRIME.

The Savannah "News," reviewing the subject, reaches the conclusion that lynching does not act as a deterrent of crime. It does not lessen such crimes as are punished by lynchers.

Lynching is most frequent for as-

saults upon women. But right in the teeth of its supposed deterrent influence assaults upon women multiply. Thus it is that lawlessness begets lawlessness, and that communities, by taking the law into their own hands, actually encourage and prompt the criminally disposed to do likewise.

Whatever tends to bring the machinery of justice into disrepute tends also to increase vice and crime. Lynching, therefore, is not a preventive, but, on the other hand, seems rather to be attended with an increase in the crime in question.

This is testimony from the South, where lynching for assaults upon women has been most frequent. The "News" has the very best means of knowing what the exact statistical facts are; how lynching operates upon the public mind, how it affects the criminally inclined.

How to stop lynchings, how to remove the causes for them, are questions of great moment and seriousness. The remedies proposed are many and many are clearly ineffective. So far as lynchings themselves are concerned, there is but one treatment, and that is to bring them to the bar of justice and to punish officials who by cowardice or design aid them.

Communities must be brought to conviction of the truth that is reflected in the conclusion of the "News," that lynching is ineffective for the very purpose it is supposed to have in view. Greater respect for the law must be promoted through the educational system of the country; lawlessness must be made abhorrent, not through fear of punishment, but through conviction of its infamy and awfulness.

Youth must be brought to despise and repel those vicious influences and sensational agencies that are doing their utmost to bring the law and its agencies into contempt. Criminal procedure under the law must be weeded of the things which cause great delay, and that require so much of machinery and form.

There is nothing in the north coast press just now more entertaining than the news of the activities of Seattle and Tacoma for capturing from San Francisco the trade that is expected to result from the rush to the Klondike mines with opening of the new season.

The way the people of the cities named are standing together, shoulder to shoulder, is a valuable object lesson. The Tacoma "Ledger" in a late issue, treating of the matter, declares that "San Francisco is no longer in it" so far as Alaskan trade is concerned, and advises the Californians to waste no money in endeavors to call the trade away from Puget Sound ports.

It points out that these ports have increased their exports and imports \$7,000,000 in the last eleven months, and that Tacoma heads the list of gains. The rivalry between the sound and the California cities has had one splendid effect at the north. It has united the people up there solidly.

It is now with the no longer division and wrangling, but unity and harmony. Local prejudices are buried, local quarrels settled, and factions and cliques are disappearing, while united effort, common purpose, and that traditional "pull all together" are in full operation. So should it be in every community.

Sacramento as well as San Francisco may learn wisdom from the example of our friends of the sound. It is said that the Board of Education of Oakland is about to encourage the study of civics in the public schools by organizing societies among the children of the schools to study matters pertaining to good citizenship, its duties, privileges and honors.

The first steps for the organizations have been taken already. The hope should be entertained by every one that the experiment may succeed. In fact, if properly promoted, and if the method of study is made interesting, as it can be very easily, the scheme will succeed.

There are many reasons for the belief that the anti-Hawaiian annexationists are backed by the capital and the influence of the sugar ring. There is a well-organized literary bureau of the "ants" in New York, and the agents of the party are swarming in Washington—all which means heavy expenditure. When there is such an influence at work it ought to augment the number of the friends of annexation.

The German and Russian journalists who have expressed the belief that the United States will enter a protest against the acquisition of Chinese territory by Germany drew upon fervent fancy. We have no interest in the matter. Having no territory to be affected by the German occupation, the United States has no reason whatever for interfering in any form in the carving of the Empire of China.

Here is news, indeed! Japan now prefers the claim—in the annexation debate—that she grows much the same products as are common to the soil of Hawaii. Well, if true, which it is not, what of it?

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

EXTRACTS FROM EDITORIAL EXPRESSION.

State and Coast Opinions on Subjects of Living News Interest.

San Jose Herald: The wisdom of the proposed amendment to the copyright law, requiring the donation of copyrighted books to depositories in the larger cities of the Union as the basis for the American literature, might depend upon the number of cities designated and character of the books.

San Jose Herald: It is interesting to note that the United States now has a navy. In the language of Wilhelm, himself, "Vat ish dot navy for?" The United States also has a Monroe doctrine. What is that Monroe doctrine for?

San Jose Herald: An agent of the Russian Government who has been studying American agricultural machinery has something interesting to say about the prospect for its use in Russia. He declares that there will be a great market there for such machinery for years to come.

San Jose Herald: We have almost daily occasion for thanking heaven that there is a sheel, if not a good old-fashioned hot place, where to roast those who need roasting. Over in England they import turpins from the continent, cut them up, soak the turpin taste out of them and doctored syrup into them and then sell them to English people for California preserved pears.

San Jose Mercury: Before the sale of the Union Pacific road the Democratic party was howling that the President had entered into a conspiracy to rob the Government of half the debt due it. Since every dollar of the indebtedness was secured, and the President has directed the proper official to bid, if necessary, on the Kansas Pacific, this same party is clamorously contending that the President is stealing from the Government.

San Jose Mercury: The improvement in wages which was promised as a result of protective tariff is beginning to be felt. Naturally the first improvement under a protective tariff would be that relating to the number of people employed. This was felt as soon as the new law was assured, for it will be remembered that the number of people employed even before the Dingley bill went upon the statute books.

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ness to the extent of issuing the bulk of the money used in the country, and it ought to have a monopoly of that business. What objection is there to it? For the money that is there for paper money than the credit and good faith of the country? So with the postal savings system. It affords people with moderate means an absolutely safe method of saving.

Sacramento County: An election was held in Sacramento County last Saturday, when a proposition in favor of bonding the county for \$75,000 to build an improved, model highway, from Sacramento to Folsom, was submitted. The election resulted in 5,052 votes being cast for the bonds, and 770 against the same.

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NEW PARLOR GAMES.

Good Way to Help Entertain Parties—Golf Played With Cards. Hosts of new and lively games have been added to this season's pastimes to beguile the long evenings now at hand.

It is played as follows: Each member of the party is provided with a sheet of note paper. One writes the title, real or imaginary, of a box, folds the paper down, and passes it to his next neighbor, who gives it an author, covers it, and passes the paper on to the next, who adds a motto.

Another game which grownups, as well as children, are playing in England is called the royal game. It is played with a pack of cards, fifty-two in all. Each card bears an excellent likeness of some member of the royal family—the Queen, Prince Albert, Prince of Wales, Duke and Duchess of York and the Edinburgh and Hesse families.

Another game played with cards, especially designed, is called St. Andrews. It is adapted from golf. Both this and the royal game may be purchased here. For St. Andrews the cards bear spirited sketches of various events in the game of golf.

Sift smoke is an amusing game played with a complete pack of cards, divided into halves, one portion being dealt round to the players and the other remaining on the table, the last card dealt being the trump. The cards rank as at whist. The tricks are of no value, but each player must follow suit or play a trump. For each trick gained, the player takes a card from the un-dealt portion, and he who can hold out longest wins the game.

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