

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

EXTRACTS FROM EDITORIAL EXPRESSION.

State and Coast Opinions on Subjects of Living News Interest.

San Jose Mercury: Gilroy, with the other sections, begins the new year hopefully. The past year, says the "Advocate," has been a prosperous one for our farmers and fruit-growers. The high price of wheat, grain and dried fruits has brought money to their pockets and paid off long-standing mortgages and debts, leaving more money in circulation.

POSSIBLE EASTERN WAR. Stockton Independent: War seems more than probable between the gangs of international robbers that have set about plundering China. While the parceling out of the Celestial Empire might be good for the world at large, the increase of power that must result to European monarchs will more than overbalance it. A British ship of war is reported to have fired on a Russian cruiser, and if the rumor proves correct, war seems inevitable. That war will be good while it lasts for the American farmer, but on its result will be much of great importance to the world. Britain appears to be almost desperate over the loss of prestige as the most powerful nation of the world, and if she has thus begun a war with Russia, she stands as much chance to lose still more prestige as she does to regain pre-eminence. As her statesmen fully appreciate this truth it is best to regard the rumor with doubt until it is well authenticated.

WOMEN IN JOURNALISM. Santa Rosa Republican. Not one of the great journals of to-day, to the writer's knowledge, has for its editor-in-chief a woman, although there are places taken by her sex on the editorial staff. The reason is apparent. Man has, by heredity, and environment, become fitted to fill this position, while woman is but passing through her preparatory school. Her day of coming is at hand. The preparation she is undergoing will fit her daughters for this field of action. In the century now at hand there may be no sex distinction in the sphere of journalism.

THE CIVIL SERVICE. San Jose Herald: The Democrats have been accused, and in the power of seeking to put persons of their own political faith in office regardless of civil service regulations. Probably they have done so. It is the nature of partisanship. But the Democrats have never entertained the deliberate purpose of breaking down the civil service. The Civil Service Commission and going back to the old spoils system. That was reserved for the present Republican majority in Congress. The question will probably be taken up this week in the House.

HOT AND COLD SUPPERS. San Jose Herald: The new German budget passes Parliament, the soldiers will have at least one thing to thank Emperor William for. An item has been included in the budget appropriating 11,000,000 marks to furnish the private soldier with hot suppers. At present the soldier meets in the day enjoyed by the German who is in the ranks is the one at midday. It is conceded that the soldiers would possess better health in case they had another hot meal, but one would be disposed to think that a hot breakfast would be even more comforting than a hot supper.

SATISFACTORY. Placerville Nugget: Nothing can be more satisfactory than the swelling evidence that debts are being paid off all over the country. The vast numbers of farm mortgages which have been lifted during the season indicate a condition which is satisfactory to every patriotic American. At the first opportunity, an honest people, after a period of hardship and indebtedness, pay off their honest debts, and the people of the country have been doing this with the money received from the sale of their property dollar for dollar, each dollar worth one hundred cents, alike equitable to debtor and creditor.

A CHANCE FOR FAME. San Diego Union: When the appropriation for the civil service commission comes up in the House it is expected that most members will place themselves on record either for or against the present Civil Service Act. Here is a chance for many a Congressman to make the political blunder of a lifetime by yielding to pressure. It is possible that some opponents of the merit system will have the effrontery to place themselves on record as favoring overthrow the law so as to promote the good of the public service. Few, however, will have any such hardihood, and they will not convince the public that all the noise they are making is not simply for the purpose of enabling some of their clamorous constituents to get a chance to serve in the office. The Congressman who is influenced by this clamor, is likely hereafter to bring to a page in his record that will be glad to have people forget.

AN EXPLICIT DENIAL. Stockton Mail: We entertain a very friendly feeling for the esteemed "Record-Union" of Sacramento, but when that journal reprints and credits to the Stockton "Mail" such an editorial as it did credit to this paper in its Saturday issue, that friendly feeling shivers with an imminent chill. We do not know

where the "Record-Union" clipped the article in question. It is headed, "To Shoot Flying Saucers," and advocates a revision of the law compelling officers to shoot at fleeing criminals at first sight. It is a very foolish and childish suggestion, and is made doubly foolish by the recollection of the recent tragedy in San Francisco, where a brawling policeman shot Mr. Gardner while recklessly and uselessly blazing away at burglar Strohm, who turns out to have been unarmed and who would certainly have been captured without the policeman's costly folly in shooting. The "Mail" may not always be right, but it is never a fool, and the esteemed "Record-Union" does not cause us joy by attributing stuff at once childish and ridiculous to this journal. We beg the esteemed's exchange editor to be more careful.

CUBA. Los Angeles Herald: The people of Cuba are discharged from their allegiance to Spain, according to the law of nations, the principles of justice and the precepts of humanity; they look for succor and assistance to the American people. Shall we be deaf to their righteous appeals? Does President McKinley intend to wait till the Spanish decree of extermination shall have been carried out before he will afford succor or assistance?

RETROSPECTION. Alameda Argus: Those people who are able to look back through the year just closed with perfectly unclouded vision, and not be biased on account of their own success or failure, must reckon that a considerable general improvement has taken place, though it came haltingly, over the nation. The general prospect of Republican ascendancy enlightened things at the beginning of the year 1932, but the upward tone was checked when the complications that threatened the tariff were made manifest. Since then things have been steadily better, though not in a cloud-burst fashion, as some seem to think they ought. The way back to prosperity is tedious and slow, and the progress is likely to be so inappreciable that the country will be at or near its starting point before it is likely to be well aware of the fact.

THE PROFESSOR'S DREAM.

It was a perfect June morning, and Professor Fritz Dreifuss, sitting in his little dining room over the music shop, felt it very oppressive, although the window was wide open. He went to the door and opened it; a boy was coming up the stairs and called to him, "Are you the Professor?" "Yes." "Then here's a note," and, throwing it on the table, he ran down outside again, preferring the fresh air outside to the suggestions of onions, etc., that were floating up from the kitchen. The Professor picked up the note and opened it. "Dear Sir: It would be convenient for you to come and see me this morning at 12 o'clock to arrange about music lessons for my daughter? Yours truly, MARION H. HEWETT."

Fritz Dreifuss ran his fingers through his hair, already tinged with gray, and murmured, "It is something, I will give it a try." He had heard of Frau Heiwett. It is said she plays beautifully; well, I will see. He sat down at the piano and dashed off a lively little waltz of his own composition, then wrote a note to say he would have much pleasure in waiting on Mrs. Hewett at her house, if she would be so good as to call on him. He had been married for many years. When he arrived punctually at Weylands, Mrs. Hewett's house, he was shown into her pretty, cool drawing-room. She was not there, so he sank into a comfortable armchair and looked about him as he waited. Flowers in picturesque vases were everywhere, shedding their sweet fragrance all over the room, but what pleased him best were the roses. There was a huge bouquet of them in the empty grate—large, velvety, red ones, and a few pale pink. The Professor thought he had never seen such beauties; he was very fond of roses.

He was still admiring them when Mrs. Hewett entered. She was a tall, good looking woman, her pretty gray hair was arranged in thick coils round her head, her hands were large and white, and her fingers were covered with rings, which flashed and sparkled when she moved them. After greeting one another they arranged about the lessons.

When it was all settled Fritz said: "I should like to hear Frau Heiwett play; is she at home?" Mrs. Hewett called her at once. A tall, dark girl, very pretty and very graceful, entered the room, and on hearing why she was wanted seated herself at once at the piano and began. She played Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" and one of Chopin's waltzes. Then the Professor stopped her. His face was eager and his tone excited; he had never heard such playing, so beautiful, so true.

"Fritz," he said, "I wish to hear something of your own composition." The girl blushed. "How do you know?" she asked, striking a few chords here and there. "You could not play like that and not compose something," he replied, "play." She played a few chords after a few chords began a strong minor prelude. "Now something else," and she complied. This time it was a dreamy waltz, carrying you away with it as it rose and fell in its soft cadences. The Professor, sitting there, felt as if in a dream; the scent of the flowers shivers with an imminent chill. We do not know

FOR THE HOLIDAYS. Kuhstaller's EXTRA PALE SPECIAL BREW. GILT EDGE BEER. Extra Fine Old Porter. CITY BREWERY, TWELFTH AND H.

COMMERCIAL.

WHEAT FOR SPECULATIVE PURPOSES LOWER. Less Demand for Barley, but Owing to Small Stocks on Hand Holders Are Firm. San Francisco, Jan. 6th. Wheat for speculative purposes is lower; the local market followed Chicago closely today, opening lower and subsequently gaining strength. There is less demand for barley, but owing to small stocks on hand holders are firm; the rain has not affected the market, but from present reports it has not been very general; the speculative values declined sharply. Less activity in oats and corn; prices are undisturbed; no corn arrived and no oats, either. Hay is a trifle easier, but prices are not affected; receipts are up to the average of late. Bran is fairly well cleaned, up and is firm. Middlings also are firm. Very little movement in Apoles and Oranges. Apple stocks for all needs. The Pears offering are poor and are no longer worth quoting. Mandarins are in crates. Butter is lower; dealers have to force sales; Cheeses are shaded; there is no accumulation. Store Eggs are moving, owing to the temporary scarcity of Eastern; ranch still seem to be above the views of buyers.

Produce Quotations. FLOUR—Net cash prices for Family Extra—Shipping Wheat, \$1 40/1 41/4; per cent for No. 1 and 2, 1 42/4 for No. 1, 1 43/4 for No. 2. BAKERY—Feed, Baker's choice, 57 1/2 to 59 1/2; 50 lb. sack, 1 05/1 1/2; per cent. BROWN—Large Yellow, 97 1/2 to 98 1/2; Small Yellow, 96 1/2 to 97 1/2.

GRAIN—Wheat, 1 12/1 1/2; per cent. RYE—1 05/1 1/2; per cent. BARLEY—1 05/1 1/2; per cent. OATS—1 05/1 1/2; per cent. CORN—1 05/1 1/2; per cent. SUGAR—1 05/1 1/2; per cent. COFFEE—1 05/1 1/2; per cent. TEA—1 05/1 1/2; per cent. SPICES—1 05/1 1/2; per cent. FRUITS—1 05/1 1/2; per cent. VEGETABLES—1 05/1 1/2; per cent. EGGS—1 05/1 1/2; per cent. BUTTER—1 05/1 1/2; per cent. CHEESE—1 05/1 1/2; per cent. MEATS—1 05/1 1/2; per cent. POULTRY—1 05/1 1/2; per cent. FISH—1 05/1 1/2; per cent. SEAFOOD—1 05/1 1/2; per cent.

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SANDER ELECTRIC CO., 439 Market Street, San Francisco. Office hours—8 A. M. to 8:30 P. M., 10 S. P. M. to 10 A. M. Los Angeles Office, 204 South Broadway; 252 Washington Street, Portland, Or.; 935 Sixteenth Street, Denver, Col.

Some of the most interesting Clearance Sale Items ON SALE TO-DAY. READ THIS AD. DAILY, FOR IT'S PROFITABLE.

Ladies' Jackets. AT Ladies' Tan and Black Cloth Jackets, \$3 50 half lined, high storm EACH collar, strapped front. A great value at this price.

Dress Goods Reductions. TEN SPECIAL LOTS. SILKS. An entire line of imported high novelty silks. The newest colorings and most beautiful effects. Former price, \$1 50. Clearance sale price, \$1 yard.

52-inch two-tone real camel's hair diagonal, very stylish. Regular price, 30c. Clearance sale price, 50c yard. 54-inch finest all-wool imported two-tone granite suitings. Regular price, \$1. Clearance sale price, 50c yard.

44-inch black English satin soleil, extra value at 75c. Clearance sale price, 49c yard. 5 pieces 56-inch heavy black English storm serge. Regular price, \$1. Clearance sale price, 69c yard.

33-inch figured mohair dress goods, two-tone colorings. Former price, 50c. Clearance sale price, 30c yard. 30-inch all-wool boucle checks, new colors. Regular 50c value. Clearance sale price, 30c yard.

40-inch imported Scotch chevots, latest mixtures. Regular value, 75c. Clearance sale price, 49c yard. 40-inch novelty changeable mohair suitings, bright new colorings. Regular price, 80c. Clearance sale price, 50c yard.

GREAT VALUES IN MEN'S OVERCOATS. Light weight and light colors. Regular prices \$14, \$15, \$16 and \$17 50. Clearance Sale Price, \$5.

HALE BROS. & CO., 825 to 835 K Street. San Francisco, Jan. 6th. WHEAT—May, 41 1/2; July, 42 1/2; September, 43 1/2. CORN—Large Yellow, 97 1/2 to 98 1/2. BRAN—\$1 05/1 1/2 to 1 06/1 1/2.

SACRAMENTO MARKET. A Rather Quiet Day in Local Produce Circles. Trade was quiet character in produce circles to-day. Prices were as previously quoted.

Following are the retail prices for the various articles mentioned: FLOUR—Family Extras, \$2 50 per 100 lbs. \$2 25 for 50 lbs.

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LADIES' HANKERCHIEFS. Painted and embroidered silk hankkerchief cases. CLEARANCE SALE PRICES. \$1 25 grade reduced to 75c each. \$1 grade reduced to 50c each. 50c grade reduced to 35c each.

LADIES' HANKERCHIEFS, 30c dozen. Ladies' white hemstitched handkerchiefs, a good quality. Clearance sale price, 30c dozen. CHILDREN'S HANKERCHIEFS, 30c dozen.

CHILDREN'S FLANNEL DRESSES, 25c. Children's colored flannel dresses, trimmed in colored wash braids, 2 to 6 years. Clearance sale price, 25c each. BLEACHED SHEETING, 16c.

EMBROIDERED FLANNEL, 50c. Cream flannel, 36 inches wide, all wool, neat silk embroidery, a variety of patterns. Clearance sale price, 30c yard. LADIES' SHOES, \$2 98.

LADIES' SHOES, \$3 48. Large line of ladies' extra fine Viel kid Fixed button shoes, cloth and kid top, Louis XV, heels, worth \$5, all sizes and widths. Clearance sale price, \$3 48 pair. MISSES' SHOES.

Our large line of Misses' extra fine Viel kid lace shoes, cloth top, long pointed patent leather tip, most all sizes and widths. Worth \$2. Also, small lot of Misses' best French kid brogue shoes. Worth \$3. Clearance sale price, \$1 25 pair.

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Ladies' Jackets. AT Ladies' Royal Blue, Black, Green and Tan Cloth Jackets, \$11 00 EACH etc, h a n d s o n c l y braided, high storm collar. This season's newest goods.

MEN'S HOSE, 8 1/2c. Men's cotton Shaker socks, medium heavy weight, dark colors, worth double. Clearance sale price, 3 pair 35c. MEN'S SUSPENDERS, 12 1/2c.

MEN'S OVERSHIRTS, \$1 each. Men's overshirts, all wool and wool mixed, in stripes and checks; regular prices, \$1 50, \$2 and \$2 50; sizes 14 1/2 and 15. Clearance sale price, \$1 each. MEN'S GLOVES, 50c.

Composition books, stiff cover, good quality paper, 80 leaves to book; size 4 1/2 x 9 inches. Clearance sale price, 8c. YELLOW KID DOLLS, 15c.

CHILDREN'S FELT SLIPPERS, 65c. Mixed lot of children's felt slippers, all colors, sizes 6 to 10 1/2 and 11 to 2. Clearance sale price, 65c pair. MEN'S SHOES, \$2 98.

Two large lines of men's finest American made dress shoes, all hand-sewed, square and pointed toe, regular \$5 shoes. Clearance sale price, \$2 98 pair.

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CITY OFFICIAL ADVERTISING. SEALED PROPOSALS. Bids will be received at the office of the undersigned until 5 o'clock p. m. on Monday, January 15th, for repairing Twelfth street bridge in this city. Plan on file in the office of City Clerk, certified check for \$1000.00 payable to City Clerk, for an amount not less than 10 per cent of bid must accompany each bid. The Board of Health reserves the right to reject any and all bids. M. J. DESMOND, City Clerk.

Ordinance No. 438. Prescribing Rules Concerning Sanitary Plumbing and Drainage in the City of Sacramento. The following committees have been appointed to serve for ensuing term: Finance—Bentley, Tebbets, Dolan. Streets—Surgut, Bentley, Dolan. Police—Tebbetts, Douglas, Kent. Water—Douglas, Tebbets, Devine. Fire—Surgut, Bentley, Dolan. Building—Devine, Bentley, Brown. Sewer—Kent, Brown, Palmer. Finance Committee meets every second and last Monday of each month. M. J. DESMOND, City Clerk.