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Weather Forecast. Northern California fair Thursday, but with increasing cloudiness on northern coast; warmer in southeast portion Thursday; fresh north wind, shifting to easterly.

A MOLE MADE A MOUNTAIN.

Down on the grazing lands in the Kings City district there has been, unquestionably, some distress due to the drouth and the effort of the people to raise crops on lands unsuitable for such a purpose.

Taking all reports together, all letters and all news advices, and sifting truth from chaff and the calm mind must reach just this conclusion: that the Monterey County communities are able to meet all demands for aid and are willing to do so; that local distress is limited to a very small area, but has been worked up into a sensation and published abroad to the great injury of the State.

Bad news travels fast and is soon world-wide, says an old proverb, and it is very true. At the East it will be published far and wide that famine has struck California. There will be no fine distinctions drawn as to districts. Pause will not be made to consider the vast area of the State, and that distress in Monterey County relates to the whole State about as distress in a small village in Virginia would to the Atlantic coast from Boston to Charleston, S. C.

The injury has been done. That a few sensation mongers may revel in the glories of an ebullient charity trumpeted from the house tops with the note of business heard upon each wave of horn blowing. The whole State must suffer in the estimation of our friends of the far East. California has no concealments to make. Whatever the truth concerning her seasons, her soils, her capabilities and her invitations to home seekers she wants made known, with every discouraging feature distinctly breasted with every virtue and promise. On that basis we make our bid and on no other. But it is simply justice to protest against mole hills being magnified into mountains.

The despatches say that naval officials at Washington are much displeased over Lieutenant Hobson's kissing tour in the West, and that if there is any way to reach him he will be called down sharply. We confess that the way the young man has gone into the promiscuous hugging and kissing of women in public created the impression that he was lowering the dignity of the naval service in the estimation of the people. This view is taken by naval officials at Washington. It is added that Admiral Dewey will be just the man to discipline Hobson and take some of the starch out of him. No one would shear the gallant youth of his honors, nor discredit his devotion, bravery and skill. But it is unbecoming in an naval officer to give himself over on the public stage to the embraces of gushing and shallow-pated girls and old maids. We had thought that Hobson was endeavoring to shame the women, and that view of it apologized for him for a time, but the way he went into the embracing and osculatory business in the West changes that judgment into one less charitable. Youth has its follies, and, thanks to dame nature, Hobson will outgrow his.

THE CASE OF CONGRESSMAN ROBERTS.

Congressman-elect Roberts admits that he is a polygamist. He claims that he was such when the Territory of Utah was admitted as a State, and that the disability clauses of the Act of admission provide only that there shall be no more plural marriages; that he has made none since; that he was regularly elected and therefore he must be accorded his seat in the House of Representatives.

Under the law making polygamy an offense Roberts was charged, arrested, tried, convicted and imprisoned in the penitentiary, and it is claimed was thereby disfranchised. But his claim is that the subsequent admission of Utah as a State restored to him all his civil rights. To this it is replied that he has continued in his offending, and that Congress cannot accept a man as a member who thus defies the law Congress itself passed.

Above and beyond this is the moral question of permitting a polygamist to sit in the House. Doubtless worse men than Roberts will hold seats in the next Congress; men who are less true to their wives and less regardful of the moral code. But they at least do not defy Congressional enactment, nor do they pose as defenders of and believers in a system which the nation has declared to be obnoxious and criminal. Since the nation through its legislative body has declared against polygamy and admitted Utah as a State under express condition that such reproach should be wholly removed and no more obtain, to admit a polygamist to the seat of legislation will be to practically nullify the declaration of admission, and to restore the old conditions.

If a polygamist Congressman may be accepted as a national legislator to aid in making laws, why should there be raised any objection to others of

Utah or elsewhere practicing, under the guise of religion, the offensive system Roberts defends while a claimant to all the rights of a national legislator? He is the representative of the dead Utah and the open exponent of a crime which the Act of admission specially and forcibly condemned and declared should not be tolerated, much less recognized. How then can Congress stultify itself by seating this man?

We suggest to our anti-expansion contemporaries that they will be able to save wear and tear on gray matter, and some ink and paper besides, if they will speak of things as they are—no one has ever suggested "annexation" of the Philippines.

Hankow, China, is evidently pursued by ill fate. It has its sins to answer for, but really its punishment has been in excess. Only last year a great fire swept over half of the city, and now comes the tale of a terrible explosion wrecking buildings in a square mile of area, and killing some 3,000 human beings.

As the country was going to the demolition bow wows, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Carnegie have gone into bedroom council over the situation and propose to save the nation from itself. In the meantime the republic will continue to pursue the even tenor of its way.

THE EX-QUEEN'S CLAIM.

The ex-Queen of Hawaii has filed her claim with Congress for payment for 1,000,000 acres of crown lands in the islands, which she says were her private property, and for which this Government should pay her a good price.

The crown lands, under the broadest interpretation of the law, were the possessions of the crown as the head of state, not as an individual. Lilioukalanu represented the State when she was enthroned. The lands she claims for her private purse were not hers as a person, but as the wearer of the crown. The revenue from the lands followed the crown. She could not dispose of them so as to dispossess the State of its rights in them. With the succession of a republic to her estate as head of the Government, every State right passed also, just as every right of the crown would have passed had another princess succeeded the ex-Queen.

The claim of the deposed monarch will not, therefore, hold good. If any payment is to be made at all for lands taken, it must be made to the successor of the Queen. That successor was the republic of Hawaii, and it has transferred all its rights and titles to the United States of America. We do not need to pay ourselves for that which we have in possession—and there the matter ends.

While inclined to doubt the statement, it is said seriously that objection has been made to retaining two capable Sacramento police officers on detective duty, because it gives no others of the force a chance to distinguish themselves as detectives. But if any such silly plea has been advanced, it ought to excite a roar of laughter for its very absurdity. When officers are chosen to be detectives and are found efficient and successful, the last thing in the world to do is to displace them, and put greenhorns in their places. Police forces are not maintained to enable men to win honors, but to afford the people who foot the bills protection. In all well arranged forces there are two distinct branches, the detectives and the roundsmen. They are really distinct, while co-operating. Never yet was there a case in a city where sanity prevails, of shifting roundsmen about so as to give them all a taste of detective work. Such procedure might be pleasant for the roundsmen, but it would be rough upon the municipality. It would be precisely as sensible in a commercial house to shift the whole body of its employees so as to give all a chance at the throttle of the engine, or the inner office of the confidential clerk. It takes years and years for a detective officer to become highly skilled, and that is the reason he is so long retained. The more familiar he becomes with the arts of the criminal class, the more valuable his services become to the people. The longer he is in training in tracing from effect to cause, and from crime to motive, the more skilled and valuable he becomes. It is to be hoped that all the chatter about shifting of patrolmen in our small force, so as to give all hands a pull at the detective bat, will cease and be no more heard. It is too absurd for a sensible community.

The Napa "Daily Register" is now twenty-six years old. In honor of its birthday it has donned an entirely new dress, purchased a new and improved press, and makes as fresh and pleasing appearance as any daily might desire. We congratulate our contemporary on its prosperity. It is one of the clean, high-minded, self-respecting journals of the State, a credit to its community and an honor to its conductor and owner.

The advices from the Philippines indicate that the better class of the Filipinos, the men and women who count for most in the formation of public opinion, are not in sympathy with Aguinaldo, but on the contrary are prepared to meet the United States in a generous spirit, and cordially unite with us in pacifying the islands and restoring peace and prosperity to the disturbed territory.

The "Record-Union" commented recently upon the decrease of the birth rate. Whereupon the Colusa "Sun" replies and lays the blame at the door of the Republican party. Well, we have heard almost every thing under the stars charged to black republicanism, but never that until our Colusa contemporary spoke. Next.

Now that the foot ball season is closed the hope may be indulged that the season of study in the colleges and universities will open.



"The New England Magazine" for December (Boston) is richly and profusely illustrated and has these among other features: "Fra Angelico," from the painting by Mantegazza; "The Red Squirrel at Home," William Everett Cram; "Boston Writing Masters Before the Revolution," William Carver Bates; "St. Catharines," a Christmas sketch, Arthur Willis Colton; "Fiddle and Jimmie," a story, May McHenry; "The Journal of the Minister of Bedford," Abram English Brown; "Old Plantation Hymns," William E. Barton, D. D.; "Prussia's Greatest Artist," illustrated, W. Henry Winslow; "An Engagement at Sea," a story, Lewis E. MacBrynen; "The Battle of the Migrations," E. P. Powell; "Colonial Architecture," E. C. Gardner.

"Universal Brotherhood" for December (New York) has among other papers these leading ones: "Alphonsus de Liguori," a story, Alexander Wilder, M. D.; "Theory and Practice," Vespa, M. Freeman; "The Rebirth of Beauty," H. T. Edge; "The Art of Forgetting," H. L. Guild; "Education, True and False," Herbert Coryn; "The Necessity of Sacrifice," Hubert S. Turner; "Time and Space," an article of great worth; "Student's Column," conducted by J. H. Fussell; "Brotherhood Activities," M. H. W.

The complete story of the sinking of the Merrimack and the capture and imprisonment of her crew at Santiago, is graphically told in "The Merrimack," by Deignan, United States navy, late helmsman of the Merrimack, in the January "Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly," published December 24th. The story is fully and richly illustrated with authentic portraits of Hobson and all the crew, besides many new drawings especially prepared under Mr. Deignan's personal supervision. Other features in the January "Frank Leslie's" are: Bret Hart's new story "Jack Hamilton's Klondike"; Joaquin Miller's "In a Klondike Cabin"; and Thomas R. Dawley's "Campaigning With Gomez."

The Christmas number of "Little Folks" (Boston) the children's magazine, is out. It is full of good things for the small people, opening with a charming frontispiece by Elizabeth S. Tucker, illustrating Margherita Cassinotti's story of "Toddle's Christmas." Many Mann Metcalf tells about the spruce and balsam trees which are used for Christmas trees. Abby Morton Diaz contributes a story of "The People From Skyton." Olive Risley Seward has a Christmas story, and there are others by Sophie Swett, and others, besides poems, jingles and picture stories. A more desirable Christmas present for a child than a year's subscription to this ideal magazine cannot be imagined.

"What Do I Fear?" is a question worth asking by each man or woman. Perhaps without recognizing it the reader of this paragraph is being influenced in his or her daily life by groundless fears that are ruinous to character. "The Cosmopolitan Magazine" (New York) has taken up this subject and is obtaining the views of a great many prominent people, where they are willing to open their minds frankly. A great many prominent people have refused the "Cosmopolitan's" request, being afraid to tell the public what they fear—perhaps even afraid to confess to themselves what they fear. The December issue includes statements from William Dean Howells, Richard Croker, Admiral Gherardi, Chauncey M. Depew, Viola Allen, Mine, Janus, and Ella Wheeler Wilcox. The second series will, it is promised, be even more interesting. Julian Ralph, who has been for some years in England, writes for the December "Cosmopolitan" a very clever analysis of what seems to him the English ideas of a gentleman; and John Erskine, who attempts to consider the American ideals. We are in the formative stage of American manners, and too much stress can scarcely be given to the dangers of introducing those ideas which are least admirable in the character of our English cousins.

The Christmas edition of the "San Francisco Music and Drama," the only purely dramatic paper published west of the Missouri River, is a pleasing and attractive number, filled with crisp and original matter. Among the contributions are: Felix Morris; George Lusk; Charles Day; Max Steine; Sydney Child; Anita Fallon; Ed Dunn; Mark Thall; Glen Miller; H. D. Cortell; James H. Love; "Punch" Wheeler; and Will Lange—"Little Eva." The makeup is clear and neat, contains 150 half-tones of people well known in the theatrical profession, is printed on 80 lb. paper, with a highly illuminated cover.

"Field and Stream" for December (220 Broadway, New York), with choice illustrations and a great variety of matter, is a charming number of one of the foremost field sports journals in the world. Among attractive features of this number we make note of these: "The Boar's Head," Charles Lewis Shaw; "Only a Dog," a true tale, Alex Hunter; "Under the Murrumbidgee Pines," Oliver Kemp; "Christmas Bells" (poem), Lalla Mitchell; "Trophy," a humorous story, Talbot Warren Torrance; "Fishing on Camas Lake, Montana," C. C. Mering; "Twas Xmas Time," Drummond Foster; "Hunting on the Three Tetons," J. M. Baltimore; "Job's Turkey," Flinlock; "Fifty Years With a Fly," General John McQuinn; "Doctor Dan at the Runway," Charles Hilliard Sawyer; "Boar Hunting," Margaret Herbert Mather; "The Fin-de-Siecle Sportsman," Charles Gordon Rogers; "A Hunting Cruise on Pamlico Sound," Leroy C. Brown; "Our Boys and Our Game," E. P. James; "Parched Ridges of the United States," Dr. R. W. Shufeldt; "In the West With Note-Book and Kodak," Clarke Helme Loomis; "Hank Peters' Recollections," Charles H. Crowell; "Several Kinds of Shooting," Charles Cristadoro; "A Florida Quail Hunt," Walter F. Mickler.

"Trained Motherhood" for December (150 Nassau street, New York), in addition to the six full departments, has these papers of first interest to mothers: "The Error of Overtending,"

S. Henry Dessau, M. D.; "Children's Christmas Gifts," Emilie Hoffman; "Childhood of the Nineteenth Century," Ellen Lee Wymore; "Fantastic Intestines," "Catharrh," W. R. Beattie, M. D.; "The Spread of Contagion," Edwin Rosenthal, M. D.; "Christmas Work for Baby Fingers," Caroline Hardy Paton; "What is Motherhood?" Katharine Louise Smith; "Christmas Presents," Helen Raymond Wells.

"The Outlook" for December 3d (287 Fourth Avenue, New York) is a capital number of one of the sturdiest and most helpful magazines of the day. It has a weekly newspaper issue and a monthly magazine issue and it is the latter we have now under notice. The papers treat of all current topics of world and national interest, of books and authors, of religious activity, of politics and the national policy, etc., and in addition there are these contributed papers: "This Year's Best Books," chosen by Outlook's editors; "The Dreyfus Case," Adolphe Cochin; "Poets on Their Own Poems," Jeannette L. Glider; "A Back-Log Song," Paul Laurence Dunbar; "Some Famous Schools: New College and Oxford," Hamilton W. Mabie; "James Russell Lowell and His Friends—Chapter XV, Closing Years," Edward Everett Hale; "Abbe Constantini's Cassock," by Miranda (translated from the French by H. Twitchell).

"Guntion's Magazine" for December (New York) one of the most advanced, thoughtful, vigorous and brilliant essays magazines of the age, has these papers: "New York in the Senate," "Labor Copartnership," "Dr. Savage on Pessimism," "Civic and Social Reforms," "Sugar Beet Industry in America," "Distinguished Economists: VI.—Karl Marx," "Atkinson and Silver," "Equitable Basis of Interest," "Carnegie Institute Studies for December," "Practical Statesmanship."

"The American Chess Magazine" for December (New York) has a full page collection of portraits of Presidents of American chess clubs, and other illustrations. "The Chess Player," by John Preston Campbell; "The Janowski-Shawalter Match," with Notes by Jasnoski, Kameny, Pillsbury and Steinitz; "A Chess Funeral," J. Feibel; "American Problem Composers—B. Barnett," by F. M. Teed; "A New Voyage to Brobdingnag," G. B. Hayward; "Problem Department," "Problem Solving."

"The Housekeeper" for December (Minneapolis) like its predecessors, is well filled with matter of interest to the home, and especially to the housewife. It is a conservative, neat, well edited journal and useful in any home.

The program souvenir of the annual entertainment of the San Francisco Press Club (December 8th) is upon our table. It is a silk cord-bound volume of 140 pages in artistic illuminated covers, handsomely printed and richly illustrated. It contains exterior and interior views of the club quarters, a photograph of Hill's Grand Canyon of the Colorado, which hangs in the club rooms, views in and about San Francisco, portraits of a large number of musical and theatrical artists, portraits of many club members, and of distinguished San Franciscans, views on theatrical stages, etc. There is a paper by Mayor Phelan, written for this program souvenir, and papers by W. C. Bunner, T. H. Van Frank, and James S. Tyler. It is, all in all, a very elaborate and handsome souvenir, a decided novelty and a credit to the Press Club.

"The Philadelphia Record" (Philadelphia) always issues with New Year's a valuable almanac. That for 1899 is at hand, and is just a notch or two better than any of its predecessors. It is filled with valuable tables, statistics, sport news, records, chronologies, order of great events of 1898, turf, aquatic, ball, tennis and other records, Congressional directory and guide notes to Philadelphia and vicinity, together with a very concise yet very complete history of the war. It is a model issue and will be found of great value for ready reference and authoritative record.

"Self Culture" for December (Werner Company, Akron, O.). It is a superior number freely illustrated and in its text matter exceedingly varied and valuable. We place "Self Culture" among the first of the high class and valuable magazines of the age. It compares favorably with the best of its kind. Among the many features this month we note a paper on "The Sunnyside of Empire," by Professor Goldwin Smith; Rev. Dr. Dennis' paper on "Imperial Pilgrims to the Holy City"; "The Quabec Conference," by John N. Blake; "The Stay-at-Home Voter," by E. L. Vincent; "The Strength of Constitutions," by Dr. R. C. Mackall; "The Nation's New Departure," by H. C. Bell; "Mr. Howells and Some of His Novels," by Adele M. Gavignus; "Pre-Raphaelitism in England," by Irene C. Byrne; "What the Late Election Means," by J. DeWitt Warner, and other valuable papers, besides the departments on civics and sociology, art and music, education, religious thought, woman and the home, literature, youth's department and business and finance.

Her Idea. "Here is your Christmas present." There was a look of great happiness on Dimpleton's face as he turned toward his wife and handed her a neat rectangular package, on which her name was carefully written in pencil.

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