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Mr. J. SACKETT CORNELL is devoting his versatile talents to the Evening Telegram, the first number of which appeared yesterday afternoon.

The plight of the Consolidated bank of San Diego, at which Mr. Bryant Howard was president, is a melancholy one. All hope of resumption seems to have been abandoned.

AWAKENED energy in enforcing the law is pretty substantial evidence that President Cleveland has returned to Washington in improved health. He has given his subordinates the hint to do their duty, and most of them are beginning to pull in the traces like thill-horses.

WE ARE told that England is now spending within a trifle of sixty-five millions of dollars on her navy. There is a hint in this fact which the United States, if it were not befooled, would act upon. While it is not necessary that we should start in to bully and rob other nations, it is very handy to have a noble navy, manned by splendid American Jack Tars. As the United States are the wealthiest nation in the world, and our national debt is only about one-fourth that of England, we could afford even risking getting into debt a little in order to maintain our national prestige.

IN AN editorial yesterday we expressed some distrust of the activity shown by Aaron Smith in the scheme of getting the extending of the figures of the assessor's rolls done by contract. Mr. Smith has assured us personally and by letter that he has nothing to do with the matter. Since then we learn from another source that the Citizens' Non-Partisan Reform League have agreed to have the job done for \$700, the estimate being that under the supervision of Auditor Lopez it would cost from \$3000 to \$3400. As we now understand the matter, the Citizens' Reform League propose to have the work done for \$700, and as they are responsible gentlemen the supervisors and the auditor should both gladly stand in with a laudable scheme to save the money of the taxpayers. If this be the true drift of things, good might come out of the Smith Nazareth.

THERE is a growing opinion that the silver question is not so near settlement as was expected, and that the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act can only be accomplished through a compromise. It is true that the anti-silver men talk confidently about having a satisfactory majority, but the action of the senate in declining to apply the gag law to the minority makes the whole matter a struggle of endurance. In such a game the silver men hold a full hand. The most favored plan of compromise is that suggested by Senator Faulkner, who proposes that silver shall continue to be purchased and coined at the rate of 3,000,000 ounces a month until the silver circulation shall reach the sum of \$800,000,000. This, together with the coinage of the seigniorage of the government, amounting to \$50,000,000 in silver, and the bill allowing the national banks to issue

coinage up to the full face value of their bonds deposited with the secretary of the treasury as a security for their circulation, would probably give a temporary relief to business. At best this would be something of a financial hodge-podge, but it would be far better than allowing the anti-silver men to have everything their own way. It is quite evident that silver will share as fully as the tariff, if not more fully, the attention of the people in the next congress. There will be miening malicho in the congressional elections next fall.

THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK.
When it comes to downright cheek England is unapproachable and France is just a trifle in the rear. We are not speaking censoriously because we have a sneaking admiration for "outpourers of the Empire and the Rule" of which we have never succeeded in divesting ourselves. We always looked with wonder and even awe on the freebooters of the middle ages, and even Capt. Kidd and the New Orleans pirate Lafitte stood high in our regard. In fact, any nation or individual that could steal on a wholesale scale is entitled to the respectful attention of the world. No matter what codes of ethics, international or local, they may have violated, if they have done it on a large scale their offences seem to be practically condoned.

Two quite clever writers occupy a large space in the last number of the North American Review in discussing the present state of things in Siam. One is a Mr. Curzon, an ex-English official in the British Asiatic empire. To this gentleman's excited vision the whole course of France with regard to Siam is utterly indefensible. The Gaul is the great oppressor of the unoffending Asiatic, and is bulldozing his way into the control of the Mekong basin without a shadow of right; or, rather on the principle of the lines.

The good old rule—the ancient plan, They may take who have the power, And they may keep who can.
Now this is doubtless all very true. France has no more right to any dependencies of Siam than the United States has to the possession of Hawaii or Cuba. These islands might be made very valuable properties in the possession of this country, but the American people have not yet made up their minds to turn freebooters, however brilliant the examples which have been set to this country by great and puissant nations, who have in a hundred instances made might stand for right. We may have lost a good deal of money by pursuing this conservative and consistent course, but at the same time we have undoubtedly saved ourselves a great deal of worry.

Per contra, to Mr. Curzon's smooth statement Madame Adam gives the French side of the question. The real gravamen of her article is that La Belle France has been obliged to grab something to keep her end up. In face of the insatiable appetite of England for grabbing Asiatic territory, that of France has been that of the hunger of a boarding-school miss would be to that of a prize-fighter. The Madame is thoroughly read up in the history of English aggressions in Asia, and she gives a resume of them from the time of Lord Clive down. It was for a long time a debatable question as to whether France or England would conquer and loot the rich cities and valleys of India, and France's failure to support her brilliant champion and his gallant followers at the right time caused the victory to perch on the banners of England. This vivacious Frenchwoman lays on her pigments with great nicety and effect. But taking both the articles together, it looks very much as if both England and France regarded India, and Asia generally, as simply a game of shuttlecock and battledore in which right at no time entered.

The whole question can be disposed of in very short measure. Neither France nor England had any more right to loot and dominate the people of India or Asia than Turkey would have to set up the rule of Mohammed in London or Paris. The whole history accompanying the English conquest and absorption of India formed one of the most melancholy incidents conceivable. It was made possible by the genius and energy of two of the ablest and most consummate scoundrels that ever lived, viz., Lord Clive and Warren Hastings. The former, on returning to his country and meeting the averted faces of his countrymen, who were appalled by the narratives of his atrocities that reached England from all sources, although he brought back enormous wealth, had the grace to commit suicide. His seared conscience was not proof against the stings of remorse. The celebrated trial of Warren Hastings, which was illuminated by the most brilliant oratory that has ever figured on any stage of the world's history, developed the incredible atrocities that signalized the establishment of English ascendancy in India. The stories told of Pizarro in Peru shrink to insignificance in the comparison. No one, who wishes to be informed of the peculiarly atrocious inception of British rule in India should fail to read Macaulay's essay on Warren Hastings, or the speech of Edmund Burke on the Nabob of Arcot's debts. The two together form a picture that is absolutely unique in all the annals of mankind for rapacity and barbarism. As we are giving but a faint echo of the carefully studied utterances of such men as Charles James Fox, Edmund Burke, Richard Brintley, Sheridan and Thomas Babington Macaulay, we can scarcely be accused of exaggeration.

Madame Adam, in her article, gets in one very neat piece of work. John Bull is very fond of talking about the horrors of human slavery, and the celebrated Lord Chatham got off a beautiful piece of declamation about the incompatibility of the air of England and servitude. England has maintained Exeter Hall and its Booriaboola Gha machinery for the express purpose of making other people feel how naughty and unchristian they are, but the French controversialist shows conclusively that England has

sustained Siam and other Asiatic nations in enforcing the most revolting enslavement of Asiatics in the Mekong valley—a slavery so cruel and fierce that death followed its infliction in nine cases out of ten. In this department of the argument the Madame gets in her work with great vivacity and force.

SINGULAR BLUNDERS IN EMPANELING THE GRAND JURY.
It seems to be a very hard matter for the superior court to organize a grand jury without some kind of a blunder which casts suspicion upon the validity of its acts. For two or three years past there has always been some error of commission or omission which has had this effect. Consequently, it is not astonishing that the usual blunder has been discovered. Just what its legal effect will be is not known yet, as it is one of those technical mistakes which may or may not invalidate the work of the grand jury. It appears that the officers whose duty it was to subpoena the gentlemen whose names were drawn to be empaneled as grand jurors, performed that duty in an exceedingly careless manner.

They need the blanks commonly used for term trial jurors, merely filling in the names on such blanks. When the jurors reported according to order it was as term trial jurors to all intents and purposes. The matter was absolutely hushed up, and not a word was said about the mistake, the jurors being sworn in as grand jurors, while they had in their pockets the written and printed notices that they were to serve as term trial jurors. There may not be enough in this error to be fatal, but it is an awkward and inexcusable mistake. In addition to this is the selection by Judge Smith of D. W. Field, ex-public administrator, as foreman of the body. He still has a number of unsettled estates in his charge, and the propriety of his appointment and his acceptance are to be questioned very seriously. It ought not to be a difficult matter to correctly impanel a grand jury in this county. The law is very plain relative to the course to be pursued. Just why there should always be some little loophole for doubt of the legal status of the grand jury is a matter that passes comprehension.

THE YACHT DEFENDER.

The Vigilant an Easy Winner on the Second Trial.
NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—The second of the series of yacht races to decide which boat shall defend the American cup, was sailed today over a triangular course, 10 miles to a leg, off the Jersey coast. The yachts had a long wait for a breeze. The Pilgrim got away and led by six lengths. Next came the Jubilee, followed closely by the Colonia. The Vigilant was last. The race was sailing was vastly different from that of Thursday, when she won. She did not seem to point anywhere near the Vigilant and Jubilee on the first leg. The Jubilee could have rounded the red-flag buoy 300 feet ahead of the Vigilant, but General Paine and his skipper were afraid of being hampered, and sheered away to give the Vigilant plenty of sea room. By skillful tacking the Vigilant came around the mark with her job even with the Vigilant's stern. The Jubilee went hopelessly wide of the mark and lost greatly. The Colonia came last, doing very poorly. Throughout the second leg the Vigilant increased her lead. The race turned the second mark in the same order as the first, but about a quarter of a mile apart. The run here was long, monotonous and nearly windless. The Vigilant never relaxed her lead. The Colonia tried in vain to pass the Pilgrim. There was a great deal of noise at the finish. The corrected time of the race is: Vigilant, 4 hours, 4 minutes and 31 seconds; Jubilee, 4 hours, 9 minutes and 3 seconds; Pilgrim, 4 hours, 12 minutes and 40 seconds; Colonia, 4 hours, 16 minutes and 55 seconds.

The Straits Stealer Sold.
SHEPHERD BAY, Sept. 9.—The breaking-up sale of the steamer of Nathan Straus was held here today before the racing bench. The attendance was fully as large as that on Thursday, when the Rancocas horses were sold, and while the prices realized were far below those obtained on that occasion, they were good, considering the class of horses sold. Among those sold were the following: Joe Ripley, by Hyder Ali, \$3100; Integrity, by Imp. Sir Modred, \$13,300; Sir Excess, by Imp. Sir Modred, \$7000; Reginald, by Imp. Sir Modred-Rosalind, \$2700.

A Thing of the Past.
FARBOUT, Minn., Sept. 9.—The so-called Farbut plan is now a thing of the past. L. E. Kessler, a member of the school board, said this evening that the Catholics insisted on having all Catholics for teachers in the parochial building, and the board decided to have but two Catholic teachers there, so the contract for the use of the building is cancelled and no building will be held in that building this year.

A Stormy Session.
CHICAGO, Sept. 9.—The directors of the Whisky trust met all day today in session today with a committee from the eastern handlers of the trust's products. The committee insisted that its demands be acceded to and declined to agree on any compromise. The day's conference ended in an adjournment until next Wednesday.

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County Auditor Lopez and the Citizens' League.
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Why Should the Government of This County Be So Expensive?—A Plain Statement From Mr. Griffith of the League.

Yesterday's HERALD contained some reference to the Citizens' League and its present work at the court house.

The organization has an executive committee composed of the following well known people: T. D. Stimson, J. S. Slauson, Henry T. Hazard, G. J. Griffith, Harris Newmark, T. W. Brotherton, Abbott Kinney, Chas. Forman and R. L. Horton.

The committee divides itself into sub-organizations for the purpose of more rapidly transacting the various business that comes before it.

Mr. G. J. Griffith is the chairman of the committee on county expenditures and is perhaps better posted concerning the progress of the investigations in his department than any other person. He was seen by a HERALD representative yesterday, and asked for some explanation in regard to the insinuations of Mr. Lopez in yesterday's paper.

"We had," said Mr. Griffith "hoped to have kept these matters out of the public press until we had accomplished the desired end in remedying some of the evils in the county government. But the desire among politicians to put every obstacle in our way and the evident statement of Mr. Lopez published in the HERALD yesterday, justifies my stating the facts as we have found them."

"Having learned from reliable and competent men some weeks since that there were extravagances of the most outrageous character practiced by different departments of the county government to the extent that our county costs the tax-payers over 125 per cent more than Alameda county costs its residents, led us to investigate the matters more closely. A committee composed of J. S. Dawson, Abbott Kinney and myself called on the county auditor, Mr. Lopez, and stated these facts to him together with the fact that in continuing and figuring the tax roll it had cost the county 400 per cent more last year than we had learned it should cost. We also called his attention to it and inquired what it would cost this year. Mr. Lopez stated that it had cost \$3470 last year but he thought he might be able to have the same work done for about \$2000 this year."

"When asked how many pages a day a competent accountant could do, he answered that he did not know. We then informed him that we had learned it was a little over 7000 pages, and that the total work could and should be done for a sum not to exceed 10 cents per page, and aggregating a sum not to exceed \$700, and that at that price competent men could make highly satisfactory compensation. During the interview Mr. Lopez informed us whom he considered competent and responsible experts. Among the names given were some of those whom we had already interviewed."

The following letter was addressed later and handed to Mr. Lopez last Friday evening:

"DEAR SIR—Will you kindly furnish me with the following data, knowing that you have the same all ready on hand for the use of the board of supervisors to aid that body in making the tax levy? The items are as follows: Cost of maintaining the county tax collector's, clerk's, assessor's, auditor's, recorder's, treasurer's, district attorney's, and board of supervisors' offices for 1892. Also the receipts of the following officers: County clerk, recorder, sheriff and license tax collector. Also, if possible, the receipts and expenditures of the same officers for the first eight months of the present year."

"By complying with the above request at once you will greatly oblige Yours respectfully, G. J. GRIFFITH.

"P. S.—Please furnish same to Mr. A. Smith, who will deliver to the board of supervisors to the above Mr. Lopez personally saw me, and stated that notwithstanding the law it would be impossible for him to give me the data required before Monday morning."

"A committee of the league has items reflecting upon departments, some of which are quite sensational, but for the present prefer to keep them from the press, for our information is not yet complete enough to present all details, even to our worthy board of supervisors and district attorney, both of which departments have promised to aid us in every honorable way."

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