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AN INDEX TO YESTERDAY. BY TELEGRAPH: The Santa Fe goes into the hands of receivers. Indefinite advice from Brazil. Political affairs in the fatherland. Spanish anarchists. Pope Leo addresses cardinals, prelates and bishops.

LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS: New York fashions. News about the ranches. Alalfa, and how it will enrich the poor man. L. M. Holt. Tammany's gossip. San Francisco letter. Society events. The investigation of Horticultural Commission. Scott. Hogboom on 'Gene Field'. Disbarment proceedings against Judge Gordon. Supreme court proceedings. Meeting of fruit growers on the citrus fair. The midwinter fair. Baseball today. John F. Francis has a narrow escape from being murdered. A new phase of the Mansfield-Goodspeed case.

NEIGHBORING PLACES. PARADISE: Today's church services. The plumbing ordinance. RECONSIDER: The gold mine. Irrigation district lands. SANTA MONICA: Board of trade. New bath houses. TERMINAL ISLAND: Geologist's paradise. SANTA ANA: The Grimes burglary case.

The King's daughters are good haters; or if that be too strong a way of putting it, good fighters. Doctor Hagan has found in them indefatigable pursuers. We are persuaded that this official was not intentionally delinquent in his duties but the King's daughters have found several openings in his armor.

It begins to look very much as if the so-called investigation of Horticultural Inspector Scott was 'little else than a persecution. He appears to have really had a conscientious sense of his duties and to have tried to perform them to the best of his ability. Whether his judgment was good in all cases is another matter.

TELL it not in Gath nor whisper it in Askelon, but it is a downright truth that "Scotchman" Maloney, the seer, orator, statesman and grand thaumaturgist has been "licked" like blazes by a man named Forsythe. What will happen in the superincumbent heavens, or on the earth beneath them, after such an unheard-of event, it is hard to say.

THE Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway has at last, after many portentous mutterings, taken the plunge into the hands of receivers. This time there are three of them. This road seems to owe the prodigious amount of \$350,000,000. As it has been a splendid asset in developing the west and Southern California it will be greeted with nothing but good wishes for its future from this section. May it soon emerge from its difficulties and again strike the "swim," will be the wish of every Angeleno.

THE resolution offered by Mr. Richard Croker at the general meeting of Tammany hall, to the effect that congress should at once push through the contemplated tariff legislation hits the nail squarely on the head. The business interests of the United States ought to be afforded an opportunity of at once adjusting themselves to the conditions which will govern their operations for at least two years to come. The Democratic party is pledged to shoot Niagara and the plunge may as well be made at once. The great and immediate desideratum is that manufacturing operations should be resumed, and that can only be done when the manufacturer knows where he stands.

THERE has been entirely too little attention paid in California to raising sheep for market, and yet this, it seems to us, with our rich perennial grasses, would be a source of much profit. Years ago Sir Francis Burnett, at that time proprietor of the Centinela rancho, imported some Southdown stock, which afterwards passed into the hands of Mr. D. Freeman, together with the ranch. These sheep were afterwards sold to Mr. E. J. Baldwin. It was a pity that they were not cared for, and made the means of grading all our bands up to a high standard. The alfilerilla which grows so lazily on our bottoms and meads, makes

both in a green and dry state, very sweet mutton. We see no reason why raising sheep for the shambles should not be as profitable as the raising of hogs or beef cattle.

THE NEW YEAR'S HERALD.

On New Year's Day the HERALD will get out a notably fine edition, with a view to its availability for circulation at the Midwinter Fair. It will be the largest daily paper ever issued in Southern California, and, with two exceptions, the largest ever issued west of the Rocky Mountains. It will be profusely illustrated and will be full of interesting and reliable statistics. It will also be the largest edition of any daily paper ever issued in the State outside of San Francisco. Its desirability as an advertising medium can therefore be appreciated. Tens of thousands of this publication will be circulated at the Midwinter Fair, many of our public spirited citizens having subscribed liberally towards that end. The advantages to the advertiser and to those having real estate to sell of a place in the columns of the New Year's HERALD can be appreciated at a glance. We have still some space at the service of our advertisers, but it should be applied for at once.

MAKING DUCKS AND DRAKES OF DECEASED'S ESTATES.

It must be a very blissful thing to be a lawyer in California—that is to say, in the limb of the law in the swim, has a pull or has any method of getting his gallinippers on clients. A celebrated Pennsylvania lawyer was wont to say that one client, properly handled, was enough to make a man rich, and yet no Pennsylvania disciple of Coke, Lyletton and Blackstone ever dreamed of the law as it is fashionable in California. These may be briefly described, in criminal cases, as being all that a man has got and in civil cases all that the lawyer can get.

About ten years ago an Englishman named Blythe died in San Francisco intestate, leaving a very large estate and no lawful heirs. From the moment the last nail was driven into his coffin his estate passed into litigation, and it has been litigated ever since. To his everlasting enrichment Phil Roach was public administrator when Blythe passed away, and the handling of his estate passed into the hands of this ex-newspaper man. Mr. John A. Wright, the attorney of the public administrator, received \$135,000 in fees for handling the estate during Mr. Roach's term as public administrator and is now suing the estate for \$20,000 more. We have no means of knowing what Mr. Wright's services—purely legal services—were worth, but the probability is that they would be dear at two or three thousand dollars a year for the period covered by Mr. Roach's term of office.

Attorney-General Hart, who has an interest in the estate as the attorney of Florence Blythe Hinckley, says that fully \$500,000 of the moneys of the estate have been improperly absorbed. Thirteen most important vouchers are missing, covering immense sums. Nobody knows what has become of them, although they have been hunted for high and low.

The most astonishing feature of the vast misappropriations of the moneys of the Blythe estate is that nobody can be found to arraign the honor of any of the persons connected with their disappearance. They are all highly honorable men. A person of a splenetic turn of mind might readily find a different phrase to characterize them. That they are moral agriculturists of a most pronounced type goes without saying. It is impossible that such prodigious sums—as in the case of the Blythe estate nearly a million and a half dollars have been absorbed during the past ten years mainly in expenses of administration—should vanish without dishonesty amounting to piracy with flat burglary superadded.

It is possible to check the rapacity of a certain section of the bar in California? We doubt it very much. We have seen so many instances of flagrant abuse, amounting to felony even, that we have lost all confidence in the power or the willingness of California courts to rein in the attorneys who practice before them. It is a case of can't or won't, and probably a little of both.

Is it possible that a man practicing before a California court (we do not now allude to the United States courts) could, under any circumstances, be debarred? We answer that we do not believe he could be. We have ourselves seen a man stand up in a Los Angeles court, plead guilty to a felony, beg for mercy, pay a large fine, escape the penitentiary by the skin of his teeth, and the mercy of the court, and yet continue a member of the Los Angeles bar, to all intents and purposes in good standing.

There ought to be a remedy for such things but we do not see any. All of which must be very galling to the honorable and self-respecting members of the bar—for, thank God, there are still many left who deserve this designation.

STOKES REDIVIVUS.

The celebrated John Wilkes said that the very worst use to which you could put a man was to hang him. This is true as to most men, but there are cases in which it will not apply. Perhaps Mr. Edward Stokes is one of those exceptions. After that enterprising individual murdered his benefactor, Jim Fiske, a crowd of determined policemen prevented a mob from mauling out instant justice to him. If the "finest" had found it convenient to have disappeared for a moment there would have been no Ed Stokes to make the world his debtor for various and sundry enlightenments, principally in the line of villainy. The telegraph the other day again called attention to this man in connection with

a lawsuit with John W. Mackey. As to the peripatetic that litigation we neither know nor care. What we do know is that if it were not for a markish sentimentality Stokes would have been either hung or kept in the penitentiary for life, and a number of people who now curse the day he saw the light would have been easier in their minds. The old tactics of delay were resorted to in his case, and the usual miscarriage of justice followed. There was every circumstance to intensify the atrocity of Stokes's crime. Fiske had been his benefactor. He was notoriously a big coward. And yet Stokes awaited him at the head of a stairway in the Grand Central hotel and cruelly assassinated him. If Mr. Mackey shall come out behind in his dealings with Stokes he will have occasion to condemn himself for having ever cultivated an intimacy with a man whose discreditable record was well known. The old scriptural adage still holds good that he who toucheth pitch will be defiled. Unlike Fiske, Mackey is a man of clear grit and can take care of himself, otherwise we would advise him to beware of mounting stairways in New York hotels without taking precautions to learn who might be at the top.

It would be hard for any Angeleno to cultivate any disposition to croak when he contrasts the future of this section with the average of any other portion of the country. Here we are in a virgin country where one is absolutely bewildered by the extent and variety of the resources that await development. Railway projects of all descriptions are sure to materialize in the next two or three years, some of them of transcontinental magnitude, others running down to local electric lines. Here everything is activity and hope, with the most eclectic people of the United States thronging in from every side, determined upon creating the most beautiful homesteads in the world. It is absolutely impossible here to keep track of a hundred plans of improvement, some of them involving the expenditure of millions of dollars. There the question is simply, when suspended industries shall be resumed, and the operative is tortured with doubts as to what percentage of his old wages he may hope to receive. No wonder that multitudes are leaving a region of gloom to him to a section where all is bright expectancy and in the future. The wonder would be if they did not come, and come in multitudes.

It is a fact with which most newcomers are unacquainted that the best seasons ever known in Los Angeles county have been those in which the rain did not begin until about Christmas. The present season has started very well, although late. In the old days, when the county was overrun with sheep and cattle, it was a matter of considerable importance that we should have abundant grass, and early rains were, therefore, highly desirable. That is all changed now, and alfalfa, a product of irrigation, has taken the place of alfalfa, the product of nature. While we have not had much rain thus far this year it has come very opportunely and not a drop has been lost.

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Among the guests was the bride's most intimate friend, Miss Nellie Holmes of San Francisco, who visited the city especially to attend the service. Miss Holmes wore an elegant costume of pink tulle silk. She selected an entertaining company and left on the 10:30 train last night for her home in order to arrive in time to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mrs. E. M. Widney wore her wedding dress in which she was married to Judge Widney.

The bride is a Native Daughter of the Golden West. She has been associated with charitable work in this city and has also been prominent in society. She is an accomplished musician, being recognized as one of the most finished accompanists in the local musical world.

The groom is from Mt. Vernon, Ill., where his father has held the office of mayor for several terms. Mr. Watson came to Los Angeles about six years ago and engaged in mercantile business. He then accepted a position with the University bank which he held for three years until his departure.

During the afternoon a reception was held at the residence of Judge Widney and was attended by prominent people of the city.

The reception room and study were tastefully decorated with holly, smilax and flowers.

Dainty refreshments were served by a corps of dainty waiters from a handsomely appointed table in the dining room, where the following young ladies presided: Miss Nellie Holmes of San Francisco, Miss Trace Howard, Mrs. R. J. McKnight, Miss Elizabeth Kimball and Miss Pieper.

The guests were received by the following: Mrs. C. G. Du Bois, who is Mrs. Widney's oldest friend; Mrs. J. F. Ellis, the first lady whom Mrs. Widney met on coming to Los Angeles; Mrs. S. C. Hibbel, Mrs. E. A. Miller, Mrs. A. C. St. John, Mrs. Widney's niece; Mrs. W. W. Widney, Mrs. Dr. Widney and Miss Arabella Widney.

Lowinsky's orchestra was in attendance, and rendered delightful music during the afternoon.

The presents were varied and elegant, being a gratifying indication of the brides' and groom's popularity. An incident which tended to render the occasion more pleasant was the fact that yesterday was Judge Widney's birthday, upon whom, however, the years seemed to have but lightly fallen. At 4 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Watson entered a carriage and were driven to the depot amid the farewells and congratulations of the assembled guests. The couple went to Coronado by the 4:30 train but will return in time to spend Christmas with the bride's parents. They will be at home at 516 South Olive street, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

They will leave shortly for the groom's home but will return to Los Angeles the coming year to reside here.

Alfonso V. de Toro, a well-known and popular young gentleman, who holds a trustee position with the California Mutual Investment company, was united in marriage last Wednesday, at the Cathedral, to Miss Refugio Garcia, an accomplished young lady of this city. Mr. I. W. Adams, president of the California Mutual Investment company, was best man, and Miss Teresa de Toro, the sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid. Rev. Father Coté officiated and made the happy couple one, in the presence of a few relatives and friends.

A reception was given in the evening at the residence of the bride's mother, 818 Santa Fe street, where a few intimate friends were present, and a most enjoyable time was had.

Mr. and Mrs. de Toro left on Thursday morning for Coronado, on a short honeymoon, returning last evening.

The young couple received many handsome and costly presents.

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