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SUICIDES ARE FEW.

The fact that there were just three cases of suicide in San Francisco during the sixty days immediately following the earthquake and fire is attracting much attention...

In the rush and hurry of rebuilding their city, of restoring order and doing away with chaos, the San Franciscans have been cured of the suicide habit.

The most reasonable explanation of the almost total absence of suicides is that all San Franciscans were miserable together. There were no distinctions of caste...

Other things that drove away thoughts of suicide were the necessity for doing something useful, the rapidity with which things happened.

May we not hope now that, having found how much better it is to meet and overcome difficulties than to shuffle off the mortal coil without trying to meet them...

A GREAT SHOWMAN.

If P. T. Barnum knows what is going on in this mundane sphere he must wiggle in his grave from envy as he watches the pyrotechnics of Roosevelt...

Beginning almost with the first day of this congressional session, the president has given a series of "startlers" such as even Barnum or the Kaiser never dreamed of.

For instance: Congress opened on a proposal to execute a Santo Domingo treaty, a Philippine tariff, a Panama canal bill, a joint statehood bill, and a railroad rate regulation bill...

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was thrown in as a fancy epilogue, and when that got too hot for the impressario, the packers' report was billed as a blood-curdler worth ten times the price of admission.

Somehow or other, the show is beginning to pall and the public is wishing there might be less of poster announcements and more of real business about the performance.

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Behind the scenes there ought to be a snicker at the thought. Where is gratitude when the Republican party can sanction an assault on its old-time friend and "angel," the Standard Oil?

The advance man of the administration says the Standard Oil will probably be prosecuted under the Sherman anti-trust act, and also under the rate-regulation law of this session.

The Standard Oil's fate or the fate of any of its officials in this widely-heralded prosecution. The corporation may be fined and so have to raise the price of oil a notch.

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A SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY.

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Similar hours have been established in many of the larger cities with gratifying results and there seems to be no good reason why the plan should not be feasible here.

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A morning contemporary says: "It is a remarkable fact that the editorial comments which really show any intelligent grasp of the subject are uniformly against Mr. Smoot and his case."

Season's Attractions at Coney Island

BY FRANKLIN FYLES.

New York, June 22.—The name of Coney Island is a synonym for summer amusement, and Coney Island itself is open for the season—very wide open—so spread out and so thick that it is the world's biggest theatrical show place that is, or even was, as to the fact that "San Francisco" is presented this week as a drama that fills an hour's time and an acre's space remarkably.

For the tragic portion of this spectacular drama, the portion which undertakes to picture the destruction of San Francisco, a block in Market street is reproduced so exactly as to give an illustration of reality. It is the afternoon of a busy day, with San Franciscans thronging the sidewalk, horse-drawn and motored vehicles rattling over the pavement and all the necessities of commercial traffic.

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The annual Pain pyrotechnic show is called this time "The Eruption of Vesuvius," and as you may imagine, the fireworks are made to boom and burst from the volcano crater with tremendous resplendence. The flow of molten lava down the mountain side, too, is a feature of the spectacle.

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was to show twenty Little Egypts all in a row. They were no more Egyptian than French, though, but young New York girls trained for the "muscle dance" and willing to uncover all the muscles employed in their exercises.

The question of immorality at Coney Island is settled by the mayor prior to the opening of each season, and his decision is passed along through the police commissioner to the captain of the seaside precinct. When Coney was beyond the city limits, it was ruled automatically by a township boss named McKane, who made a fortune and became a vice lord.

Showmen are apt coiners of phrases in their business. What is meant by a "yap graft" in the language of Coney Island, which, while it fools unsophisticated people, at the same time satisfies them. Fortunes are being made with "yap grafts" that were brought from St. Louis last year ago, and are thriving in "creation."

Some of last year's "yap grafts" have new names and new frontages. "Hereafter" is rechristened "The End of the World," and angels symbolical of heaven and hell stand gigantic at the portal.

An aerial ballet floats above what seems to be an escalator—such a sliding stairway as we now have in department stores and elevated railway stations—and up this incline getting in Little Egypt are being carried. All of which has the look of an old-fashioned Kiraly transformation scene at the end of "The Black Crook," but the yaps seem glad to accept it as "The End of the World."

Luna park and Dreamland are aggregations of big and little shows. You pay a dime to get in, and 1 cent to 50 cents for each separate diversion, from penny-in-the-slot boxes to really remarkable exhibitions.

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which she and Tom Thumb rode to the famous Illipitana wedding with which Barnum made Grace church an advertising adjunct to his museum—talks to visitors from the open front of a New England type of sitting room.

The cost of the class of scenic shows that are nearly mechanical, and are moderately paid employes, there are as many that make very costly appeals to people who know what is what. The new ones have been described in this correspondence. Theaters at Brighton and Manhattan are to have actors of the star grade with fully equipped companies in well-known musical comedies.

In the desire to impart novelty in one place, a toothless and clawless old lion, still looking like a lion, is accessible to whomever cares to go into his cage. Of course he is harmless, but not too old to growl thunderously, and he is about the biggest, in the menagerie. So the sight of him pelted by strangers destroys the illusion when the really great risks are taken by the fourteen trainers.

CLEVER PARAGRAPHS.

May Want to Borrow Aldrich. (St. Louis Globe-Democrat.) Japan is in the throes of its first railroad rate war. Now we shall see if the Japs are really as smart as they claim to be.

That Method is Too Slow.

(Pittsburg Gazette-Times.) - Altona has a chicken that lays half dollars. Bet 50 cents it will be gobbled up by some chief clerk to a railroad man.

Really, Thomas Must Go.

(Buffalo Express.) A postal card mailed in Philadelphia 20 years ago has just been received at its destination in Camden.

Have You Got Yours.

(Detroit Free Press.) Dr. Holt says a man at 40 worth \$25,000. Would be greatly appreciated. (New York Commercial.) Now that Chancellor Day has exonerated the packers, it might be well for him to give the Pennsylvania railroad folk a boost.

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