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Look ahead. Catch on to the revival. Cheer up, cherries are ripe. Set an example to your neighbor. Truth hurts nobody, but it scares fools. Give another lift to the competing road. Every prospect pleases and only the streets are vile.

Good news comes from all sides, and increases as it comes. Showing the silurians to reform by showing him how to do it.

In a progressive community a good leader never fails to get a good following. The elevation of the community depends upon the uprising of the right people.

The San Joaquin road must secure a good terminus in order to make a good beginning. The competing road strikes while things are hot, but it was the monopoly that made them hot.

As London papers are advising Cleveland to hold an extra session, we may possibly get it. Hollister is little, but she can crow \$50,000 worth on the competing road, and don't you forget it.

The new national party has already developed enough questions of policy to split it clear up the back. A good many people may still go to Oakland to sleep, but it is not a sleepy place by any means just now.

The two things most needed this week are a good spring shower and the adjournment of the Legislature. There are some statesmen who believe the best way to get even with railroad bills is to demand free passes.

Statesmen call Cleveland a fisherman, and the fishermen call him a politician. No class cares to own him. Los Angeles is to have two competing pipe lines from the oil district. That will grease the wheels of business.

The Senate's spasm of economy comes too late to do it much credit. Too much death-bed repentance about it. Every county in the State is getting into line for progress, and a good many of them are striving for the front rank.

By setting to work on the streets the men who are now idle, the way of life would be made better for everybody. Twelve Kansas counties have notified the Governor that they need no more outside aid. That promises Republican gains.

The few legislators who are opposing the valley road at Sacramento are making biographies they will be glad to suppress hereafter. About the time Lord Rosebery breaks down under the strain of the Premiership old Gladstone will be ready to step in and relieve him.

We call the attention of the silurians to the fact that they could sleep easier if there were fewer cobblestones to make the car of progress rattle. Rev. Dr. Parkhurst of New York is going to clean out St. Louis. San Francisco is to do that job for herself without extra-State or legislative assistance.

Who can doubt that the world is growing wiser when he notes the number of Eastern statesmen who are coming over to the side of free silver? The fame of Trilby may not be permanent, but it will be stationary in this country, for a railway company in Louisiana has named a station after it.

Now that everything is moving we ought to have an extra session of Congress to force Cleveland's hand and keep the Government in line with the people. The people of Alameda County will have a good memory for the legislators and lobbyists who have combined to maintain extravagant salaries for their county officials.

The big floating drydock that will soon arrive here from Benicia is an additional commercial facility which we shall need in connection with reviving California trade. In deciding that whisky cocktails are an American manufacture within the meaning of the law, the Secretary of the Treasury must have been guided by sad experience abroad.

Boston sympathizes with San Francisco in fighting for local self-government, for it seems the Bostonians are not permitted to regulate even Sunday entertainments without legislative interference. Eastern exchanges that have found California references to midwinter flowers a trifling monotony, will take notice that we have changed the subject and are now talking of cherries and strawberries.

Whatever may be the backing of the Napa Valley electric railroad scheme, it offers a hint for many minor California valleys in connection with the building of competing local roads throughout the State. Kaiser Wilhelm will not assist the agrarians in shutting out American grain from the German market. He may not always know which side of his bread has the butter on, but he knows where to get the bread.

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IT SHOULD BE PASSED. The bill which empowers the Board of Harbor Commissioners to lease the unused lands of the State on the water front for railroad terminal facilities is by far the most vital measure with which the present Legislature has had to deal. Its terms are short and simple and easily understood. Its scope is bounded by a single object, which is the grant of a proper favor to a competing railroad. By its limitations the fullest safeguards are set up against any occupation by foreign corporations or by monopolies already possessing terminal facilities of the lands of the State. The obvious and the only purpose of the measure is to enable the new railroad to obtain an adequate terminus in San Francisco, and for that purpose to lease from the State its vacant lands along the water front for a term of years.

This measure, with such an object and with no excuse for failing to pass to-day. No argument worthy of the name has been adduced against it. None can be. To let these lands lie waste and idle when there is so desirable an applicant for their use would be an infinite folly. To refuse to permit the valley railroad to lease them for a fair rental and for the purpose of a terminus would, under present conditions, be worse than a crime. The possession of terminal facilities in San Francisco is absolutely essential to this great project for a competing railroad, without which its powers as a competitor would be hampered and its ability to fulfill its object seriously impaired.

The people of California desire that no impediment be placed in the path of the competing railroad and demand that every aid be offered which the power of the State can give. No member of the Legislature can afford to be heedless of this desire or deaf to this demand. The Assembly has already shown its favor to this measure and will doubtless stand by its strong majority of Saturday when the vote upon final passage occurs to-day. The action of the Assembly has met with the unqualified approval of the people of California, and in that action it is the universal demand that the Senate shall concur. San Francisco, whose merchants have given so liberally in aid of the competing railroad, wishes its terminus to be here. The interior also desires the new railroad to be able to bear its freight and passengers directly into the heart of the great city, where the centers of traffic are. All classes of our citizens are pleased to see the prospects of this great enterprise advanced in order that at the earliest day possible construction may be begun.

The people call upon their representatives in Senate and Assembly to give them relief. Pass the bill, and place it in the hands of the Governor for his approval to-day. RELIEF AT HAND. Of all the news of the past week, hardly any portion could have given more satisfaction and complete repose to the general newspaper reader than the announcement that Li Hung Chang has received back his peacock feather and started off to make peace with Japan. This news awakens sweet hopes of a cessation of the interminable, voluminous, insufferable reports, rumors, contradictions and recantations from the Orient that for months past have almost made newspapers unreadable.

Conventional usage will doubtless compel history to record the fracas around the peninsula of Korea as a war, but there never was any war. There was hardly a fight or even a kick from behind. Some drums were beaten, some powder exploded, some yellow fellows ran and some others ran after them, and behold the wonderful battle was done! Over these unimportant occurrences, however, for months past, some highly paid gentlemen known as war correspondents have wasted a mass of words and an eloquence of description that at times were almost worthy of an international boxing match or a grand aggregation of chicken fights.

The reports of journalistic energy thus wasted and wasted in trying to infuse something of the liveliness of a sensation into the events in the Orient, would have been sufficient if employed in that way to build up a public sentiment in favor of the anti-high hat bill and make a statesman's reputation for every legislator who voted for it. It was in vain, however, that swelled head lines and nightmare cartoons were resorted to to attract the attention of the public to the wavering fracas. The reader preferred even the tongue war of Corbett and Fitzsimmons to the imbecilities in the Orient, and it was not until the war correspondents got up a little riot among themselves again to describe the reports of one another in the hottest parliamentary language that the public took any interest in what they had said or left unsaid.

About the only catastrophes of the ruction that made any impression on the public mind were the losses to Li Hung Chang of his peacock feather and his yellow coat. These occurrences did indeed cause little thrills of expectancy to run along the ossified railway of the public backbone and carry something of interest to the public brain. People casually watched to see if Li, having lost his yellow coat, wouldn't lose his yellow head. They also took an interest in reports concerning the peacock feather. It is known to be very difficult to get the peacock plumes out of the head of an American politician without cutting off the head, and considerable curiosity was felt to see what would come of the attempt in China.

Li Hung Chang, having now recovered his coat and his feather, all interest in the circus ends. Let there be peace between China and Japan, and peace also among the war correspondents. The latter, in particular, should cease their troubling and their vast expanse of copy full of mutual contradictions. The American people wish American news, and it is time to wish the Oriental news off the face of journalism and give the space to live news of home affairs. LOOKING AHEAD.

It is but a few months since the business men of San Francisco were wrestling successfully with the proposition to raise \$350,000 as a starter for the San Joaquin Valley Railroad. To-day, thanks to the brains, energy and example of a few leading men, they are gathering in the third million dollars. It now becomes evident that California only needs an example to start her on the high road to prosperity. Under the influence of San Francisco's action Oakland now comes forward with a subscription of nearly \$200,000 with the prospect of \$500,000 in the near future. These figures make the old \$350,000 mark for San Francisco look like a small matter, and so it was. It was

not a question of ability at all, but simply of waking up. Even little Hollister down in San Benito County now pledges \$50,000 with the prospect of doubling the amount. As Hollister pays \$600,000 annually for export freight, she may expect to get back her money the first year that the road is opened to business. Within two or three weeks surveying parties will be in the field and then the question of route will soon come up for decision. It seems to be pretty certain that the line will fork at Fresno, one branch coming to San Francisco by way of the San Benito and Santa Clara valleys, the other continuing down the San Joaquin to the water. There is room enough for terminal facilities on both sides of the bay.

Regarding this matter of terminals our people should not lose sight of one consideration. They are working now for both the present and the future of San Francisco. For the present they will seek to establish the best terminal facilities that can be obtained under existing conditions. For the future they must keep in mind that all roads once led to Rome, so all roads must eventually lead to San Francisco. With the way open up the peninsula to the south, and a cantilever bridge from Goat Island that the future of this city as a railroad center will be assured. Our people will never again brook the cry once raised that "San Francisco is on the wrong side of the bay."

A FRIEND AT COURT. Emperor William of Germany talks like a statesman. He declares that he "cannot help in making poor people's bread." This was said in reference to the grain monopoly bill directed against the importation of American wheat. The German agrarian party hopes to push its ends by making the increase of the navy dependent upon the passage of its prohibitive measure. The Emperor represents its tactics. Perhaps he appreciates the fact that with the passage of the grain bill there would be little use for a larger navy. Germany's coasts are of such a character that she has little need of a navy for their defense. Navy-building with her is largely a question of the protection of her merchant marine and growing foreign interests. By subsidies to shipping and cheap manufacturing she has won a large foreign trade which she hopes to increase. The Emperor evidently understands that the existence of that trade depends upon competition in prices with England and other manufacturing countries in the open markets of the world, and that in such a competition German workmen must have the advantage of cheap food. The question of the prohibition of American meats will also enter into the discussion of this question in the Reichstag.

AROUND THE CORRIDORS. "White-hat" McCarthy's racing man, who is a good judge of horseflesh, has demonstrated that the clothes do not make the man, nor do they make him different from his real self when dressed other than in every-day apparel. The practical demonstration occurred recently when Lord Talbot Clifton informed the man of white-hat proclivities that he was about to give a banquet, and asked the pleasure of McCarthy's presence. "And do not forget, Mac, that it is a full-dress affair."

"What?" exclaimed the invited guest. "You are not living under the impression that I am a dude, are you?" "No, no, old fellow. Not by any means. It is simply to be in form, that's all." "In form, did I hear you say? Well, it don't go, see? I am not the kind of a chump to put up ninety plunks for a suit of clothes simply to be in form. No, Clif, it gives me a pain to think of it. Come off, please, for a few seasons."

Lord Talbot called McCarthy down by promising to get him a suit for that occasion, provided he would wear it and pacify himself for a few hours by becoming a slave to custom. "All right, Clif, I'll do it for you. Trot out your togs and get to business. Where do I dress?" The Lord's eyes beamed with joy, and grabbed

McCarthy by the collar, and he followed him to his room where the rearrangement of the race-horse man began. "There you are, now, old man. How do you like that vest and that coat and those shoes? Here you are for a swell stand-up collar and a pair of link cuffs. How does that strike you? Now get onto this watch fob and see."

"Hold up, Clif, that fob don't go. I want my gold chain with big links. You can't work off no fob on me. Here, give me that chain," and Mr. McCarthy reached for the dream of his make-up, which Talbot was attempting to hide for the time being. He finally got hold of it and came on to his watch fob and link cuffs. "Now, that's something like, Clif, and if it don't suit your aristocratic eye, why we quit right here."

Talbot tried his best to get the fob on the watch instead of the chain, which was pulling the vest down like a dumbbell in a sack, but McCarthy was firm in the belief that he looked all right until he got up in front of the glass. At this point it struck him that he was wearing the clothes of a man 6 feet high, and as McCarthy is not much over 5 feet, naturally ruffled him a bit. In a few moments all the wrath in the race of McCarthy came to the surface and he began to toss broadcloth all over the place. The storm of clothing lasted about one minute, after which the man of "White Hat" got into his own tweed and resumed his dude blow-outs for the remainder of his life.

"We have become so accustomed to the sight of beggars on our public streets that we fail utterly to realize how disgusting and disgraceful they are," said the reverend Father in a conversation concerning the proposed arrest of professional mendicants. "The Merchants' Association is doing splendid work in removing inanimate filth from the streets, but they are not removing the animate filth. That work should be taken up by some association or person and pushed to an issue. It is just as necessary to the good name of our city as the work done by the street-sweepers. Besides some of these stumpy-legged and one-armed beggars are not only a nuisance, but they are money by actual intimidation. If these beggars are arrested and the legal points in their cases are finely balanced between them and the people of this community, so far as I am concerned, the people shall be given the best of it, and we will not let the law by an appeal. One of the most trying duties of a police magistrate is the determination of the question whether a beggar is a fraud or not, but frankly, I don't take much stock in this sort of subterfuge of selling pencils and so forth on business streets. It is merely an excuse in most cases. However, I do not wish to be understood as prejudging the matter. My opinion as a citizen is simply that the present condition of our beggar-ridden thoroughfares is a public disgrace."

"Such is fame!" mournfully remarked Preble Jones in the corridor of the Baldwin last night, accompanying the remark with an unusually long and elaborate flourish. "What is fame?" returned a sympathetic bystander. "Well," returned the pedagogic, sacrificing another drop of heart's blood, "out at the school the other day I was remarking to the class how many great men had recently died. Among others I mentioned Prince Bismarck, F. Butler, ex-Governor of Massachusetts, whose deeds in the late war are matters of world-wide renown. After speaking of him I asked if any of the scholars could tell me who Ben Butler was. A little chap way down in the corner raised his hand and gave him permission to speak. 'I know who Ben Butler is,' he shouted. 'He is the one-eyed son out at the Cliff House.'"

"An amusing incident happened on the Berkeley train the other day," said Employment Secretary Leslie of the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday. "A long, lean, lanky, overgrown schoolboy of 16 years travels from school by that line every day. The trainmen are not long in becoming acquainted with regular passengers, and on the day I speak of the brakeman attempted to 'josh' the lad. 'I do not see how your people dare to trust you out without a chain,' he said. 'That is all right,' retorted the boy. 'They will have you in the pound pretty soon because you do not wear a collar. 'Don't wear a collar, eh?' ejaculated brackie. 'I should say I do wear one. I wear a Southern Pacific collar.'"

PERSONAL. Dr. R. Mitchell of Fernalde is visiting in the city. Dr. Ord of Pacific Grove is stopping at the Occidental. F. P. Wickersham, the Fresno banker, is registered at the Lick. Aaron Smith, a railroad man of Los Angeles, is registered at the Grand. N. B. Ambrose, a prominent merchant of Lockeford, is a guest of the Grand. W. H. Jack, a wealthy rancher of San Joaquin County, is a guest of the Grand. C. O. Johnson, a railroad man from San Luis Obispo, is registered at the Occidental. John M. Vance, an extensive lumber and mill man of Enreka, is in the city on business. Speaker John C. Lynch of the Assembly occupied a room at the Baldwin Hotel yesterday. Captain L. C. Brant is over from Angel Island, and is making his headquarters at the Occidental Hotel. Mrs. H. F. Hubbard and her two daughters are in the possession of Prince Nicholas Paul Esterhazy of Eisenstadt, Hungary. The Esterhazy and Castellane families are distantly connected, and that the jewel should find its way back to its former associations after having been on the market for a long period is a remarkable coincidence. Miss Helen Gould purchased the jewel from Tiffany. The Esterhazy

gem, which is probably the most valuable in America, consists of a large diamond surrounded by eleven smaller diamonds, and every stone is perfect in form and color. Beardsley, he that imitators, Beardsley, the English artist that revels in the outlandish and interesting, is coming over to talk to us in the evening. He will first finish a book, "Venues and Tannhauser," that he expects will make a stir. Beardsley is 22, a consumptive, and is an architect's clerk and then tarried in an insurance office. But the great Burne-Jones bought out such unwholesome environment and made him take up art as a profession.

Abdurrahman, Ameer of Afghanistan, is one of the most interesting despots in the world. He is over 50 years of age, a man of great stature and colossal strength, with a broad, massive countenance and brilliant black eyes. He is dignified and commanding in bearing, and can be genial if he cares to be. He is a man of great intellectual power and of a wide range of information. Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone were sitting in a church at Cannes the other day. They were near the pulpit, but when the sermon began Mr. Gladstone turned to his wife and said irritably: "I can't hear!" "Never mind, my dear," she replied in a whisper loud enough to reach every working man ready to pay his salary after he has been a member for one year. Poverty, misery and crime must go!

The foregoing is from a circular calling a mass-meeting Thursday evening at 1159 Mission street, under the auspices of the association. The banishment of poverty, misery and crime is a consummation devoutly to be wished. A guarantee of a steady job to every workman is very desirable and something unheard of. The question of living interest is, then, the responsibility of the guarantor—can it be done and how? Something about what the Labor Exchange was given in the CALL a few days ago through an interview with the California organizer, Carl Gleaser. The question was put to him yesterday: "By what right and how?" "The association is growing so rapidly," he said, in answer, "it is reasonably certain that within a year we will have secured such members and such a variety in the number of tradespeople that steady employment to all may be guaranteed. That is the only 'if' there is in our proposition. With numbers and variety to supply each other's wants the thing is done. The first great purpose of the Labor Exchange is to get employment for the unemployed. We offer our labor for hire, with sympathy of everybody, should we not?" "Now we are practical men and come to our purpose with long experience and study. We have a plan. It is simply to take every man's labor for hire, and it is attached to it. With our great end in view we are, at least, entitled to a hearing, are we not? Our plan is simply this: To exchange labor for a share of its product. Money, therefore, becomes unnecessary. Our aim is to do this in all the cities of San Francisco or perform any other of its public work. We will build the San Joaquin Valley road, or we will string irrigation ditches through the arid regions of California and change them into fertile gardens—all without asking a cent of legal tender money from anybody. 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