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BEWARE OF THE BLACKMAILER.

The time is approaching when the Supervisors will be called upon to fix the rates which the water and the gas companies will be permitted to charge consumers.

Public expectation of a favorable consideration of the claims of consumers against any excessive charges of the companies is at this time well founded.

Until yesterday everything looked well for the proposed reform. There was every prospect that the work would be undertaken in the proper way, that an honest and thorough investigation would be made and good results obtained.

The Examiner has entered the field ravening for boodle and blackmail. It has sprung forth to attack the companies with a fierceness which can be assuaged only by money.

The Examiner methods of dealing with corporations have been frequently exposed and are well understood. When it drew \$1000 a month from the railroad company it had no word to say for the rights of the public.

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San Francisco can well afford to be generous in her aid to the stricken people of India, for California has profited by the loss of the Indian wheat crop and it is only right for us to help those from whose injury we have derived gain.

The rains will be of benefit to miners who wish to work their claims as well as to the farmers and orchardists. In fact, almost every industry in the State has been benefited and the outlook for property has been brightened by the clouds.

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Chronicle shows that no Creelman was correspondent of the Examiner at the time when it was supposed to be reporting the wreck of the Colima. It was the Examiner's boasted dispatch of the wreck of the Colima that stated that the steamship had "split on a rock," when as a matter of fact it had foundered in sixty fathoms of water.

We have no desire to pour vinegar into open wounds. Our exposure of the Chinese fake was done as a duty to the public, in order to save unsuspecting citizens from the schemes of those who swindle them with fakes instead of news.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A SOLDIER?

There are many men to-day who would leave a "job" to become one of Uncle Sam's sons in blue. The records of enlistment show that "many are offered and few are chosen."

It will be a graphic and interesting description of the type of soldier who serves in the army of the United States to-day.

Not for millionsaires. Oh, no! for Saurians! Every one is fond of thrilling adventures!

Then no one should fail to read the exciting account of the engineer who faced a awful death!

Think, then, of facing it alone in the wilds of the mountains amid the blackness of the night!

What of the Children's Page? Why, it is going to be one of the brightest ever published.

And they are told in such a glowing and graphic way that you can imagine yourself throwing snowballs and skating and having piles of fun, too.

And whoever expected to see a bicycle with sails! Well, you will see them pretty soon!

Read THE SUNDAY CALL and you will know all about this new and wonderful invention that is destined to create a furor among cyclists.

Another thoroughly interesting story relates to a California pioneer who served his country faithfully and well, in war and in peace, until he grew old and feeble.

Then if you are fond of good things to eat you can learn all about the new and delicious diet which will soon be favored with epicureans.

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CRELMANIZING.

In its eagerness to draw the public eye from the harrowing expose of its Chinese fake the Examiner makes itself the special champion of James Creelman in his former capacity of war correspondent of the New York World at the Grand Hotel in Yokohama and the Palace Hotel in this City.

Creelman's name is a household word. He has been a hero in the eyes of the public, and his name is a synonym for bravery and heroism.

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AROUND THE CORRIDORS.

Lower rates to the coast is what many men are clamoring for in California. The State has made before there is great prosperity. More people are needed here.

There is an enormous territory comprised in the State boundaries, and but a small population. It is a fact that the State is a vast waste of land.

The rates are too high, far more than the people can stand, but the transportation roads will give no reduction. The rate ought to be at least half what it is, Mr. Hammett claims, to properly induce people to come and settle here.

If they made investments in land, said he, the railroad could well afford to give this rate. It would make money by doing so. In fact, if the State was filled up as it ought to be the railroad would not be a burden more than it does now.

"I have put a great many people into Kansas during the last few years and more than one sending them to surrounding States. The railroads were all glad to give a cheap rate to land-seekers, and settlers had other reductions who bought lands."

"Kansas filled up rapidly in many parts. The cheap rates in that State, as in others, were of inestimable value, and the roads made more than anybody else. There ought to be a big sum of money for the average man and family to come here, and they just won't stand it. They can't. They haven't got it."

A DISTINCT OPINION ON THE TREATY.

By forming what the diplomatic world will insist as regarding an offensive and defensive alliance with our traditional enemy, we shall offend our traditional friend, Russia, and her friend, our friend and former ally, France.

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SPECIAL TEACHERS

NO ONE IN FAVOR

The Grand Jury Would Save Money by Dismissing Them.

A Committee Report That Offers Suggestions Looking to Greater Economy.

The Grand Jury yesterday heard reports from two of its committees—those on public schools and health department. The committee on schools makes several suggestions for reducing expenses.

Following is the report: To the Hon. Grand Jury in and for the City and County of San Francisco: Your committee beg to report as follows upon the Board of Education of this City and County:

1. Number of substitutes engaged—day, 41; Number actually employed—day, 12; Evening, 53.

2. Number actually employed—day, 35; Number actually employed—night, 36.

3. Actual cost per month for substitutes—Day, \$1,400; Evening, 200.

4. Number of unassigned teachers, 11; Actual amount paid to unassigned teachers per month, \$1,600.

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6. Average number of pupils in class 1896, 10; Average number of pupils in class 1895, 35; Decrease of average, 12.5 per cent.

7. Increase of salaries may be accounted for by the decrease of pupils in each class, thereby increasing the number of special teachers employed by the department at large salaries and also the number of special teachers drawing on an average \$75 per month each.

8. Teachers' salaries increased about \$7000 per month by the increase of the number of special teachers amounting to about \$100,000 for the period above stated, and \$100,000 for special teachers, and \$50,000 of the above for natural increases.

Reference is made to the methods employed in the shop and supply departments. The carpenter-shop was abolished two years ago, and the carpenter-shop, Building and Grounds Committee of the Board of Education employs and discharges the men. The inspector of buildings assigns the men for time service and keeps their time, which he reports to the storekeeper daily.

Plumbers and carpenters are paid \$2.50, plumbers and carpenters \$4 and mechanics \$3.50 per day. Most all supplies are contracted for and samples furnished the storekeeper so that he may make comparisons with goods delivered. It is suggested that a department of supplies be kept with each school so as to keep track of its cost.

The committee suggest that the following teachers be dropped, namely: One physical culture, One Spanish (day), One Spanish (evening), One manual training, One free-hand drawing.

These teachers cost \$1150 per month. There are seventeen non-resident teachers in the department as follows: Residing in Oakland—Mrs. E. A. Dunn, Miss M. J. Mayhew, Miss M. Simon, Miss C. M. Palmer, Miss K. E. Whitaker, Miss K. Shepherd, Miss M. J. Mayhew, Miss M. Simon, Miss C. M. Palmer, Miss K. E. Whitaker, Miss K. Shepherd.

In Berkeley—Mrs. K. Thompson, Mrs. M. E. Brown, Miss H. E. Whitlow, Mrs. M. E. Hayburn. In Alameda—Mrs. G. D. Mitchell, Miss A. F. Sprague, Miss M. E. Hopps.

In East Oakland—Mrs. M. A. Hogg, Miss E. Fontin. Your committee believes San Francisco capable of supplying teachers for the poor of the community and recommend that teachers non-resident be dropped from the roll. Respectfully submitted, L. R. KATZ (Chairman), R. S. KRITZBERG.

Chairman Brent of the committee appointed to report upon the Fish and Game Warden recommended the continuance of that official in office. It is to say, recommended the continuance of the office, "as the City and County is insufficiently patrolled by the officers of the State Fish and Game Commission."

No action was taken on either report. The Grand Jury will take up at its next meeting the inquiry into the alleged attempt to bribe Supervisor Dodge by Frank Marry in the latter's effort to secure the contract to supply the Almshouse and City and County Hospital with milk.

Lecture on Hygiene. This evening a lecture will be given at the Mechanics' Institute by Lieutenant-Colonel Greenleaf, United States Army, on "School Hygiene." The lecture will be free to members of the Mechanics' Institute and their friends, and in addition, as this is a matter of importance to educators, schoolteachers and all parties interested in the subject are especially invited to be present.

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