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TOLERATE NO MORE DELAYS.

NOW that the Board of Supervisors has determined to make a thorough investigation into the cause of delay in the construction of the Hall of Justice, it is to be hoped that early action of a salutary kind in the premises will put an end to the scandalous disregard of duty which has aroused widespread indignation against the procrastinating contractors. Flimsy excuses can no longer be tolerated. The contractors have been prolific of pretexts for deferring operations. At one time it was lack of iron, at another dearth of stone, then the walls needed underpinning, and next an old well on the site had to be filled in. Three months have thus been consumed, and the men who engaged to construct the municipal building now seek to shift the blame to the shoulders of the architect. To-day the Hall of Justice site is practically deserted. Property and business interests in the vicinity are damaged by the existing condition of affairs.

The terms of the contract provide that, in case due diligence is not exercised in the construction of the building the architect shall have power to assume charge of the work, deducting the cost from the amount due on account of the contract. No further extension of time should be granted. If the contractors refuse to abide by their agreement the contract should be taken out of their hands. Too much leniency has already been shown them. Public patience has been exhausted in the matter.

When so distinguished a visitor as "Pony" Moore pronounced this country "no good" there are several ways of receiving the information. One is to ignore it, another to bow in silent acquiescence, and a third to reach for the Moore jaw, teaching him by the violence of the impact the lesson so well taught the parrot by the monkey. It would seem that the third method is the popular one. At least it has been tried, and the man who put it in force paid a fine so cheerfully as to indicate solid enjoyment on his part.

Chivalrous Virginians have ascertained, to their manifest chagrin, that on a recent lynching excursion they hanged an innocent man. Such accidents are to be deplored, but in a region where exhibitions of mob-law are about as common as sunset of course must occasionally happen. Why don't some of the remorseful lynchers hang themselves? They could do so without danger of committing an error similar to that over which they repine.

"Dick" Croker thought he would live permanently in England, but apparently he could not bear to remain away when a fat office showed indications of a willingness to seek him. The hope he cherishes of becoming Mayor of Greater New York is pleasing to himself, and he may as well get all the joy he can of it while it lasts.

It is strange that the attorneys of Luertger, the Chicago sausage-maker, have not advanced on behalf of their client the plea of insanity. He has been mailing epistles of affection to one of the witnesses, and if the pictures of that woman are correct, the man cannot be anything worse than a dangerous lunatic.

Judge de Haven's decision that a laundry is not a nuisance will be generally commented. It is the man who persistently refuses to patronize a laundry who is the nuisance.

GERMANY'S TALKATIVE RULER.

THE feelings of Europe seem to have been wrought into a state bordering upon disquiet by the recent remarks of Emperor William at Coblenz. On previous occasions they have been similarly disturbed, and yet not much has seemed to come of it. There has been formed a habit of giving undue weight to all the Emperor says. His speeches are analyzed, and acute correspondents find in them every element of danger. The results of the analyses are cabled to the United States, which promptly feels a few sympathetic thrills of apprehension, takes a long-distance squint at the war cloud, observes that its condition is unchanged and falls to wondering what surprise the Emperor will spring next. He is not taken seriously here for more time than required to read a column of print.

Emperor William is one of the world's remarkable men. That he exalts his kingship unduly there is no doubt. That he regards himself bigger than he is and his relations with Omnipotence more intimate than they are no observer will question. Yet he has been several years on the throne, and the throne is firm. The strength of character manifested in the retirement of Bismarck was enough to excite admiration, even though tinged with disapproval. He proposed to rule and not have the "fiery light" to which a monarch is entitled dimmed by the shadow of a powerful Prince. He has sought notoriety, but his display of rhetoric is as innocent as the pride he takes in his uniforms—it is a part of his vanity. When the Emperor cannot be writing a play or poem, painting a picture or bestriding a charger on the field of review, he must be making a speech. He can't help it. The sound of his voice is music to him.

German papers go the length of adversely criticizing some of his utterances, which but for this attention would be of no moment and quickly forgotten. They seem to accept the fallacious idea that somewhere within his sounding phrases he has swathed the fate of nations, and that to take this view is to join the clash of arms will be heard. But to take this view is to join the Emperor in his own overestimate of his powers. Germany is a strong country, well entrenched by constitutional limitations strictly defined. From these limitations the Emperor is not free. He chooses to think he is, and the time may come for unceding him.

The fact that the Emperor bares his mind with a frankness that would bring upon a Czar a shower of bombs, or drive a President of France from power, proves that while Germany does not necessarily endorse his words, that he has the respect the people have always paid their sovereign, that in their hearts there is a place for him; in fact that he possesses qualities such as cannot be discerned by reading one of his famous bursts of thought, even scanning it between the lines.

Objection has been made by members of a local Sunday-school that the assistant pastor kissed them in a "fatherly way." The girls will be sustained in their objection. That is no way to kiss a Sunday-school maid who has approached anywhere near the age of appreciation and discretion.

An American woman who married a title has the onerous duty at present of remaining in a London jail, for besting, that is to say, cheating, a landlord. Yet she is probably not as one who will not be comforted. The title is right in jail with her.

So much liquor is being confiscated and poured into Alaskan waters that pretty soon a man cannot drink freely of a river without risk of jim-jams.

Rockefeller's ambition to be a gold king is likely to be realized. He has only to persist in investing in California mines.

NATIVES WERE NOT CONSULTED.

THE Chronicle highly approves Senator Morgan's declaration that it is not the policy of the United States to consult the natives of a country which we desire to annex. The reason given by the Senator is that "we give them good government." Both the Senator and our contemporary cite Alaska as an instance in which we annexed regardless of the views of the natives. We bought that country of Russia, which for more than a century had exercised jurisdiction over it. Russia's reasons for giving it up were not shadowed in any mystery. Her seat of power is upon a continent. Her efforts at expansion on her European side have borne immortal results. Her extracolonial territory in Alaska added nothing to her strength, but its defense would tax her resources beyond the importance of the stake. Her expansion must be on the plane of least resistance and, therefore, followed the easier cleavage through Asia. That policy must bring her in conflict with other European powers, among them England, which are exploiting the same region. Her wise policy may be profitably studied by the United States, as we are about to enter upon extracolonial expansion, and in the light of Senator Morgan's statement of our policy we may go to Alaska to study the "good government," which is his sweeping reason for annexation anywhere without consulting the natives.

In the current number of the *Oceanic Monthly* is an article of reputable authorship on Alaska. THE CALL neither denies nor affirms the statements of Dr. Cothran, the author. The magazine in which they appear is recognized as standard in American periodical literature. Dr. Cothran says: "Since annexation more than half the natives of Alaska have perished of cold and starvation. . . and a happy and prosperous people have been reduced to an extremity of destitution and misery unparalleled on this planet. Independence and plenty have been exchanged for serfdom and squalor. In a few years the last food source of the natives, the salmon, will have been destroyed. I make a plea for the helpless, whose natural rights are outraged. If President McKinley appoint a commission to investigate in Alaska its record would be the blackest and most sorrowful record that has been written in modern times. At the end of a long tale of unspeakable wrong and outrage it would tell of the decaying vestiges of hundreds of formerly prosperous villages, deserted now and marked only by Greek crosses above the graves." This picture of the "good government" extended to Alaska, drawn by an intelligent American citizen, will hardly reassure other natives upon whom we propose to confer similar blessings without consulting them.

The contrast between Russian rule and ours but little flatters that kind of American pride to which Senator Morgan appeals with fervor and frequency. If the appalling picture of desolation that has followed our presence in the north be true we may reconsider our criticism of the extraterritorial administration of England in India, of France in Algiers, Cochinchina and Madagascar, and of the Dutch in Java.

But are such results exceptional? Are they not common in history? They appeared in the Macedonian administration of Persia, in that of Rome in the conquered provinces, and of Spain in her distant colonies. "Good government" fades in the ratio of distance from its administrative center, and maladministration at the circumference is finally reactive upon the center.

But these are philosophical reflections derived from the experience of mankind and therefore inconsequential obstructions in the path of glory in which our feet are set without "consulting the natives."

Lady students at Berkeley have declared themselves opposed to "rushes." Some of the masculine students regard this as presumption, yet a lady has a right to an opinion, and in this particular instance could not well have any other.

Workmen seem to have altogether deserted the site of the Hall of Justice, but the difference in the progress of the work will not be material. There never have been enough laborers there to make even a respectable bluff.

Golden Gate Park is pronounced by travelers among the most beautiful in the world, and it belongs to the people of the Mission just as much as to those of any part of the City.

"War is war still!" remarked the distinguished Weyler. From watching that individual, however, we had arrived at the conclusion that war was something else.

A statement is afloat that the potato crop is one billion bushels short, the news being the first intimation that Mr. Pingree has been neglecting his duty this year.

HON. THOMAS B. REED WILL REPLY.

WIDESPREAD comment was occasioned by Hon. William J. Bryan's article on the "Return of Prosperity and the Future of Silver," and the public generally will be gratified to learn that in THE CALL of next Sunday will appear a "Reply to the Statements of the Nebraska Orator" by Hon. Thomas B. Reed of Maine.

No man in the Republic is more competent to speak concerning the outlook for the white metal or upon the causes which have produced the healthful financial conditions now existing in America than the brainy Speaker of the House of Representatives. Nobody should miss this clashing of intellectual broadswords in the battle of the political giants.

His clear hammer blows of his sound logic. His clear reasoning, his large mental grasp, his great knowledge of political and financial history and his perfect familiarity with the National issues of the period make him a most potent authority on the real value of the propositions advanced by Mr. Bryan in last Sunday's CALL. Speaker Reed's "Reply" will be deeply interesting to every citizen, and it will constitute a strong and popular feature of THE SUNDAY CALL.

If half told of Mrs. Naek, in a New York prison for murder, is true, she may be said to have the laugh on the law. It can electrocute her but once, and that would be only a beheading of what is justly her dues.

If Italy's new rifle, shooting eighty times a minute, shall prove successful King Menekle may not have so much fun chasing Humbert's troops out of Abyssinia next time.

Congratulations to the girl in New York who has married a Chinese, and will she kindly forgive the natural suspicion that she has married above her station?

THE REVOLT OF THE WAITERS.

PARISIAN waiters have appealed to the patrons of cafes and restaurants to aid them in putting an end to the odious "tip" system. It is a not uncommon idea that the piece of money we drop into the palm of the person who brings us the bill of fare purchases certain special favors, concerning which the proprietor is quite oblivious.

It is assumed that the waiter is in league with the cook, and that the only way to make sure of a choice article of food, along with all the garnishments that round off a perfect meal, is to pay ample tribute to the chef through the very accommodating agency of the knight of the napkin. We thus pay two prices for a dinner and imagine, perhaps, that the proprietor is getting the worst of the bargain with us, while the lord of the cafe is really tempted to laugh at our innocence.

The proprietor is fully acquainted with his job and knows what is going on. In Paris an association of waiters, in a set of resolutions urging patrons to give no fees, declare that tips benefit only the proprietors, who tell their employees, "We shall give you no salary; the public will give you tips and you will pay us for the privilege of receiving those tips." The waiters have suffered from the scheme and they are hankering after salaries. When waiters rebel against it the tip system in eating-houses is doomed. The Pullman car porters will doubtless continue to endure the wrong entailed by the tip business in their line. They have an erroneous impression that a mere salary means financial slavery.

PERSONAL.

J. Moushan of Fresno is stopping at the Cosmopolitan Hotel. Charles Rule, a stock-raiser of Duncans Mills, is at the Grand. Dr. D. E. Taggart, a physician of Bakersfield, is a guest of the Lick. Dr. George E. Goodman Jr., the Napa banker, is a guest at the Palace. G. W. Hagan, grain merchant of Tracy, is at the Russ, accompanied by his son. Samuel M. McMurtrie, contractor of Portland, Ore., is registered at the Palace. L. M. Nace, wife and daughter of San Jose are staying at the Cosmopolitan Hotel. C. C. Merriman, a vineyardist and winery man of Fresno, is registered at the Grand. M. E. Wisa and wife of Lordsburg, Cal., are visiting the city, and are registered at the Cosmopolitan Hotel. C. Beckfor, an extensive cattleman of Williams, Ariz., is among the guests at the Cosmopolitan Hotel. Dr. F. E. Gallison, a physician from Point Arena, arrived at the Russ yesterday and will make this City his future residence.

Baron A. de Senaracens of Liege, Belgium, arrived at the Palace yesterday, having come in on the morning steamer from the East. George F. Becker, a member of the United States Geological Survey at work on this coast, arrived at the Palace last night for a few days' stay. J. B. Fuller of Marysville, one of the State bank examiners, arrived yesterday at the Cosmopolitan, accompanied by his wife and daughter.

H. O. Baz-Ironside, an attaché of the British embassy at Washington, is at the Palace, accompanied by his valet. He arrived yesterday from Panama on the City of Sydney and is westward bound on a pleasure tour of the world.

State Senator John J. Boyce of Santa Barbara is at the Occidental. He is on his way home from a steamship trip to Alaska, which he took for a rest and a change advised by his physician. Among the arrivals yesterday at the Palace were: W. H. Palmer, wife and two children, and Mrs. S. Taitierro and two children, all of Houston, Tex., and on their way home from Central America. Martin F. Sosa of Sonsonate, San Salvador, arrived at the Palace yesterday from Central America, accompanied by his daughter, and will remain here several days for pleasure and rest. He is a prosperous hardware merchant at Sonsonate, a town about twelve miles inland from the Pacific.

Leonard W. Coleman of Kenwick, the seat of the big Iron Mountain copper mines, near Redding, is at the Palace. He is secretary of the company, which is an English concern, employing 350 men in the mines and 450 men in the smelters. It is the largest copper property on the Pacific Slope and employs one of the biggest forces of miners in California.

C. L. Bradford, a former journalist and now a merchant and real estate dealer of Hilo, Hawaii, is at the Occidental. He has come here to conclude several deals in coffee lands with men in this city and to invest capital in the formation of a joint stock company to engage in raising coffee on the island of Hawaii, the largest and most productive of the Hawaiian group. He will take some coffee machinery back with him.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 9.—At the St. Cloud—E. H. Clark, D. E. Wilber, Netherlands—E. H. Clark, Savoy—J. Wusteler, Holland—C. L. Fair.

A WOODLAND SUMMONS.

Maiden frank and free, Leave the city with a sigh, For the fields of emerald corn, For the meads with running streams, Singing praises to the morn; For the hills that bound the distance, Crowned with purple daisies, For the sunshine on the dewdrops, Decking trees and plants with gems.

Maiden sweet and fair, Young and debonair, Leave the city smoke and hurry, Never ceasing toil and pain, Noisy streets and noisome air, Love of gold and greed of gain, Where the soul is cribbed and caged, Where the heart has hungered, Where the ghosts of want and hunger, Stalk around in robes of gloom.

Maiden dear and free, Nature here we see, Nature in her robes of beauty, Glowing in her summer dress, Free from artificial fetters, Free from sorrow and distress, Soothed by sound of running waters, Charmed by hummie of the bees, Let us rest within the shadows Of the grand primeval trees.

THOMAS L. FROST, the Independent.

MADE FRIENDS WITH BLOOD-HOUNDS.

Mobile Register. Most people know that the "Uncle Tom's Cabin" style of "bloodhounds" have no existence outside of fiction. Hounds are used to track escaping criminals, but they are mere trackers. They are not after the man's blood. In Bullock County last week a negro detected in the act of robbing a store by a pack of dogs. When they caught up with him he patting them on the head and put them on the trail of another who had been seen passing. The would-be burglar was captured by other means.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

New York Press. A baby is a little pink bunch of yell. The more I think about getting married the more I think about getting divorced. If some folks were the devil on a visit to heaven they would get awfully homesick. A woman loves her husband for her children; a man loves his children for his wife. Every man I know is in love with a woman; the married men's reflections are generally not fit to print.

Just because a man won't cheat a streetcar company out of his nickel or sign that he won't be about the amount of money his vacation has cost him.

WITH YOUR COFFEE.

"Why," asked Pat, as he came hiccoughing into the Quippery, "is he humble going always held up as the synonym for intoxication, for instance—'pull a goat'?" "I cannot guess," answered Tim, "unless" and he paused meditatively and looked at Pat as if he expected an invitation—"unless it is because he is always ready to throw a horn into anybody."—Pittsburg News. Biecker (at Asbury Park)—Did you ever try to get anything to drink here? "Yes—Yes, I tried it once, but I never try it again." Biecker—What was the matter? Didn't you succeed? "Deh (with a wry face)—That is just what was the matter. I did succeed.—Puck. Minnie—Nellie is a regular genius. She puts her frizzes up in tin foil or champagne corks. Midge—And why of champagne corks? Minnie—Because it makes 'em tight.—Judge. "Johnnie, I hope you are not beginning to sweat?" "No, no, not till I am as big as papa!"—This Witly World. She—Mr. d'Auber is wedded to his art. He—Well, there's nothing mercenary about the union.—Lido. He (trembling)—I have one last wish to ask you before we part in anger forever. She (sobbing)—What is it, George? He—Will you meet me next Thursday, as usual? She—I will, will, George.—Tit-Bits. Preachlight—What do you expect on the day of judgment? S—Spudthrift—Supplementary proceedings.—Truth. Nervous Philanthropist (on a slumming excursion)—Can you tell me if this is Little Erebus street, my man? Suspicious-looking Party—Yes. Nervous P.—Er—rather a rough sort of thoroughfare, isn't it? Suspicious-looking P.—Yes; it is a bit thick. The further you goes down, the thicker it gets. I lives in the last house. [Exit Philanthropist]. She—I know that I am not good-looking, but hope your face when I sing. He—Won't you sing now?—Fleegende Blatter.

SLAVE DAYS IN ILLINOIS.

"Illinois was nominally a free State, and yet there were a good many negroes held in bondage there prior to 1844," said C. W. Morris, Chicago, to a Washington Post reporter. "My grandfather had about 100 slaves and my father possessed a small bunch. It was due to Lyman Trumbull that the system played out in Illinois. It was while he was a young lawyer in St. Clair County that the incident happened that caused the abolition of the traffic in human property." "A client walked into his office in Belleville one day and said that he wanted to get Trumbull to help him out of a difficulty. He had been sued for non-payment of a debt amounting to \$400. He owed the money and was willing to pay it, but it was absolutely out of his power to settle at once, and the creditor refused to give him more time. If a little more were given he could easily square the debt." "What do you want the money for?" asked Trumbull. "For a negro girl who helps my wife about the house." "Then Trumbull, after reflecting a bit, told the man that if he didn't want to pay his creditor couldn't make him. The client said it was a just obligation and he would pay, but Trumbull wouldn't get any extension. The man would have to get Trumbull to fight the case in the courts. Well, the case came up for trial and the court decided for Trumbull's man on the ground that there was no consideration. It was held that Illinois was a free State and had been ever since the Virginia ordinance of 1787, which sought to limit slavery to the country south of the Ohio River.

"Whether the debt ever was settled after the decision in favor of the debtor I don't know, but so far as further trial in darkness was concerned the decision ended things. But it is curious to note that even after this the Legislature passed a law forbidding negroes to come within the borders of the State, and occupying 200 square feet. This law should be arrested and sold at public auction." HIS REVENGE. Spare Moments. "Oh, yes; it is. I am beginning to pick up the game now," chuckled the little man in the railway carriage, as he hugged his packages and smiled at his friend who sat next to him. "I don't understand, my friend." "No? Well, you see, it's a kind of open question at home as to which of us, the wife or I, is head of the house. Last Christmas she had saved up enough of my own money to buy me some presents. What I got was a diamond ring, a pair of gloves, a pair of shoes, a pair of kid gloves that happened to be her size. "Wouldn't it be well to assert yourself; just enough, you know?" "Well, to-morrow's her birthday, and you see all these bundles. All presents for her. There's a pair of boots, a pair of shoes, a pair of stockings, three neckties, a half dozen big linen handkerchiefs, a pair of work and four pounds of smoking tobacco. They're all for her." And the little man laughed till he dropped most of his packages.

THE TEXAS WATERMELON.

San Antonio Express. Compare the watermelon crop of Texas with the Washington monument at Washington. The monument is 552 1/2 feet high and 146 1/2 feet square at its base. Last year the amount of Texas' 40,000,000 melons, packed and sold, they would make a column 1223 feet high, 145 1/2 feet square at the base. In the bottom layer there would be 24,528 melons, occupying 29,482 square feet. This calculation is based on the average size of the Texas melons—fourteen inches long and nine inches in diameter. These 40,000,000 watermelons would weigh in the aggregate the enormous total of 800,000,000 pounds. It would require 30,000 freightcars and 1200 full trains of 25 melons to each car to transport them, with not a foot of space between them, would cover a distance of 170 miles.

MORE "YELLOW" JOURNALISM Indignation Among Members of the Young Men's Christian Association. Accuse the "Examiner" of Faking in Order to Misrepresent Them. Persistent Unfairness on the Part of the Paper Toward the Organization. Considerable indignation is felt by some of the members of the Young Men's Christian Association on account of what they term the "yellow dog" journalism practiced by the Examiner. That "Prince of Fakers" has added another jewel to his crown by publishing in a recent issue what purported to be interviews with prominent citizens of this City in reference to a question which came up for discussion at the recent conference of the Y. M. C. A. At least one of the interviews is a "fake" pure and simple, for the gentleman whose name is used was not interviewed by any representative of the yellow journal, nor did he make the statements attributed to him by one.

FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT. Sherwood Council, C. O. F., Gives an Interesting Entertainment to Its Friends.

The entertainment and social that was given recently by the members of Sherwood Circle, Companions of the Forest, to its friends in the circle's hall, Foresters' building, was one of those pleasant social gatherings which are so common to our city. The usual there was a good attendance and the programme that was presented was decidedly entertaining. This affair, which was presided over by Mrs. Sarah B. Brown, Mrs. Kate Howard and Mrs. Josephine Hartley, included a few select numbers, "the dressing of the new woman," a recitation by Miss Emily Berggren, vocal solo by Mrs. Sarah B. Brown, a recitation by Mrs. Dr. Brackett and short addresses by Mrs. Sarah B. Brown, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Josephine Hartley, included a few select numbers, "the dressing of the new woman," a recitation by Miss Emily Berggren, vocal solo by Mrs. Sarah B. Brown, a recitation by Mrs. Dr. Brackett and short addresses by Mrs. Sarah B. 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