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THE SAN PEDRO APPROPRIATION.

SECRETARY ALGER'S statement that no money is available for work on San Pedro harbor during the present fiscal year, so far from depressing the people of Los Angeles has only roused them to new efforts.

All that Los Angeles desires to advance the construction of the harbor will have the support of the rest of the State. THE CALL has notified Secretary Alger of its willingness to advertise for bids for the work and notices to contractors at once.

California has repeatedly had cause for complaint of the neglect of the National Government of her interests, and of delay in undertaking public work for which Congress has made appropriations.

Los Angeles has just cause to hold a mass meeting of protest against further delay in a work which has been so thoroughly considered, studied and retuded as that of the proposed harbor at San Pedro.

Every community in California should regard this issue as a matter of concern to itself as well as to Los Angeles. The wrong threatened to that section in this instance may have its parallel in a similar wrong to some other community later on.

A CHANCE FOR THE LAW.

CHANCE for the criminal law of California to show what it can do in the way of promptly punishing criminals when there are no perplexities or obstacles in the way is afforded by the killing and attempt at robbery at the Grand Hotel at Baden.

In a case of this character the law will probably be able to proceed with precision and promptness. There are no sensational features to arouse morbid sympathies with, or antipathies against, the accused men.

By observing the history of this case we may be able to determine whether the seeming perversity in our criminal courts is inherent in the law itself or is caused by something peculiar to sensational crimes.

Impartial law should make no difference between the low murderer of the normal criminal type and the extraordinary murderer whose nature or position in society renders him a psychological wonder and a nine days' sensation.

At any rate, California law has apparently a plain case before it in the Baden crime, and it is to be hoped will take advantage of it to mark out a path by which justice can move swiftly to the punishment of crime hereafter, whether committed by a plain criminal or by the so-called moral monster.

Yellow journalism was never busier than now. Not only has it, after infinite labor, induced France to investigate the guilt of a state prisoner, and Mexico to send an expedition to punish the Seris for eating people, but it must by its own unselfish devotion keep both these great schemes under way.

The prospect of an arbitration treaty between this country and England does not seem particularly bright, but it must be a consolation to the thoughtful to reflect that the United States does not have much to arbitrate.

The Supreme Court has won admiration by confirming the sentence of a guilty man merely because he was guilty, and had been proved so.

Notwithstanding that beef has gone up the man who has just been fined \$500 for biting a small piece, not particularly palatable, from a friend's cheek may look upon 20 cents a pound for tough steak as comparatively reasonable.

Weyler's reception in Spain was very cool, but any time he wants one hot enough to brine the average way up he may get it by visiting the United States.

JUDGE LORIGAN'S CASE.

IN an endeavor to vindicate himself from the charge of having improperly influenced a Grand Jury to withhold an indictment against one of his political friends Judge Lorigan of the Superior Court of Santa Clara County has adopted a line of evidence that is at once amazing and extraordinary.

When the statements of a grand juror who witnessed the alleged impropriety were first published in THE CALL Judge Lorigan was given an opportunity to explain and justify. Instead of doing this he chose to fall back upon his judicial dignity and treat the charge with contemptuous silence.

Therefore, in pursuance of his peculiar plan of vindication he summoned the Grand Jury before him and asked each member in regular order whether or not he had divulged the "secrets" of the jury-room. He did not ask the jurors whether it was true that they had attempted, in spite of his protests, to indict a man for embezzling public money, nor whether the charge that he had gone into the jury-room, misstated the law and ordered them to drop the proceedings was true.

The honest way to meet such a charge is by denial and the introduction of exculpatory evidence. Judge Lorigan seems to have an idea that his judicial ermine ought in some way to shield him. He evidently thinks there is something ethereal about a Superior Court Judge which renders it unnecessary for him to explain any charge affecting his integrity.

WHAT ARE ADMINISTRATION MEASURES?

AS a last resort the proponents of annexation are declaring that the acquisition of Hawaii is an administration measure, and must, therefore, have united Republican support. It is worth noting that this cry comes from many who will not support administration measures in domestic policy.

THE CHARGE OF CLAN GORDON.

The charge of the Clan Gordon at Dargai snatches of a more heroic age, when war was picturesque and personal, and men fought as to the personal honor of their chief. The charge is of tactical units. The charge is an anachronism in modern warfare.

Bill—the term artist has a wide significance. Why, it is applied to men who draw well either pictures or corks.—Yonkers Statesman.

THE MUNCHHAUSEN CENTENNIAL.

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THE DULL DARWIN.

Since the days of Sir Isaac Newton there has not arisen a greater man of science than Charles Darwin and yet he was considered by the most scientific of the men of his day as a very ordinary, rather below the common, man in intellect.

WHERE THE K. K. COMES IN.

This incident recalls one of similar import brought from the Indian Territory by Indian Commissioner Pray and told him to a company of the most ancient families of Germany.

AMERICAN KILL LEADS.

If orders for locomotives keep pouring in upon the factories of the United States as they have been doing lately, it will not long before American railway engines will be pushing in every corner of the globe.

PERSONAL.

D. K. Minor, a merchant of Arcata, is at the Grand. T. S. Milton and wife of Belvedere are at the Baldwin. W. E. Gerber, a Sacramento banker, is at the Grand.

CALIFORNIANS IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—At the St. Cloud, F. L. Levy; B. Rothold; F. Shepard, Mrs. J. Thompson; Netherland; Mrs. Bianchini; St. Denis, M. Buckley; Grand Union, H. W. Grately; Everett, T. W. Huntington; Vendome—H. Spear, William Holloway; Ed N. Pasovale; W. C. Gordon; J. B. Smith; J. B. Smith; Wilhelm der Grosse for Bremen; F. Schultz is here buying.

BULLDOG OF DARGAI GAP.

The following lines were written by Richard Mansfield, the actor, during the preparation of the capture of Dargai Ridge by the Gordon Highlanders.

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GEO. A. KNIGHT ON CALIFORNIA.

Washington Post. George A. Knight of San Francisco, Cal., is at Willard's Hotel. He has stamped the State in every national and gubernatorial campaign in the interests of his party.

WHITTLINGS.

The Independent. In giving thanks for your blessings don't forget the criticisms you have received. He who knows the weakness of his own wings is sure of successful flight.

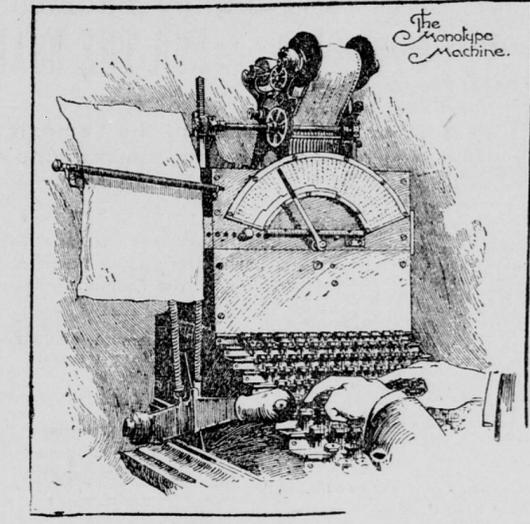
THE WORD OF AN INDIAN.

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THE EDITOR HIS OWN COMPOSITOR.



KEYBOARD OF THE MONO TYPE COMPOSING MACHINE.

Since the first printing machine, Keeling's single cylinder press, to which Mr. Walters of the London Times applied steam, made its appearance in 1811, that branch of the art of printing has kept full stride with the progress of inventive genius in other lines.

THE BEST OF HUMOR.

In the South it is the early frost that catches the germ.—Chicago Times Herald. Guest in cheap restaurant)—Here, waiter! The meal is simply vile. I won't pay for it. Where's the proprietor? Waiter—He's out at lunch, sir.—Philadelphia Record.

NOTES ABOUT NOTABLES.

Mr. Cleveland's boy was named Richard in honor of Mr. Cleveland's father, Rev. Richard F. Cleveland. William B. Howell, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, was a messenger-boy in the department fifteen years ago.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

SHOOTING RABBIT—T. J. B. City. There is no law of this State that protects rabbits. CURA—R. C. D. City. None of the powers have yet recognized the Cubans as belligerents. JULIAN'S AGE—C. R. City. Martin Julian who has figured in boxing contests, is about 40 years of age.