

# CALIFORNIA'S SEMI-CENTENNIAL

THE great international fair celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the admission of the Golden State into the Union may now be regarded as an assured fact. Mayor Phelan has completed the important task of naming the fifteen committees who will handle the various branches of the undertaking, men who have been selected after mature deliberation as being representative citizens in their line. And it is a pleasing fact, indicative of the success of the project, that all have entered into the spirit of the project with unbounded enthusiasm and have promised to do all in their power to further the best interests of their State.

Now that the committee has been appointed the next thing to be considered is a meeting for the purpose of formulating the preliminary steps. Here is where the greatest caution will have to be exercised, as a start in the right direction means much to the ultimate success of the affair. Mayor Phelan states that he will call a meeting of the committee in a few days. At that meeting it is probable that the first thing to receive consideration will be the matter of a State appropriation to aid in bearing the expenses of the work.

Governor Budd has received letters from the Governors of Nebraska, Montana, Oregon and Minnesota, all promising warm support for the fair. Each one promises to appoint a committee to a convention to be held to discuss plans for the exposition and to do whatever else may be in his power for the good of the project. The Governor of Idaho is at present out of that State, but his secretary, under date of March 15, writes that he is expected to return in a few days, and a favorable reply will doubtless be received at that time.

From the Mayors of the various cities and towns of the interior come letters eulogistic of the idea of a great international fair to spread abroad the knowledge of the resources of this State and the advantages of living here. Several are given in this issue, and others will be printed later on.

Attorney J. B. Reinstein of the law firm of Reinstein & Elsner, who has been assigned the duty of preparing the provisional branch of the grand celebration, believes it too early yet to discuss the means of securing the celebration or the features; that these things should be left to the mature deliberation of the committee.

"California is a State the advantages of which are little known throughout the East and elsewhere," he said, "and there is no doubt that such an exposition would do us a world of good. There is no reason in my opinion, if procedure is made along the right lines, why the affair could not be made a grand success. My professional and other duties are pretty heavy at present, but I am in hopes they will lighten by the time active work in this matter becomes necessary, as I would take a great deal of pride in lending my best efforts to the furtherance of the plan."

A. S. Baldwin of the real-estate firm of Baldwin & Howell, who has been assigned the Merchants' Association branch of the celebration, stated yesterday that the proposition will probably be brought before that body after the charter has been signed, which will probably be within two weeks. Speaking individually, he was sure that the association could be depended upon to do all in its power to the furtherance of so worthy a project.

"A great deal of preliminary work will have to be done by the committee before the citizens are assembled," he said, "and the most important thing to be considered is the raising of the necessary funds. The people will doubtless enter into the spirit of the affair so heartily that I anticipate little trouble in that direction."

There is one branch of the celebration which will be exemplified in a manner never seen before west of the Rockies—the amusement element. This branch has been placed in charge of a man of experience and keen professional spirit—S. H. Friedlander of the theatrical firm of Friedlander, Gottlieb & Marx.

"I am going to make this one of the efforts of my life," said that committee member yesterday. "The people of this State can rest assured that they will be given amusements of such a nature and such a character that they alone will be one of the strongest drawing cards of the celebration, a card that will bring a tremendous influx of people into the State, without considering any other feature."

"As I have been only lately notified, I have had no chance to outline any plans as yet. However, I can say this: The character of the amusements will be different from anything ever given the public here before, and it will be absolutely independent of the theaters."

W. H. Mills, who will have charge of the transportation branch of the affair, asserted yesterday that this end can be depended on to take care of itself. He did not care to make any definite statements, on account of the fact that the committee must act as a whole. In Mr. Mills' estimation, the affair, if conducted rightly, will be of incalculable value to the State in many ways, educating as it will the country at large to a proper appreciation of the resources of the State.

"LEO XIII IN THE VATICAN." A Lecture by F. Marion Crawford Arranged by the Y. M. I. The Young Men's Institute Lecture Bureau met last evening and completed its arrangements for the lecture to be delivered on "Leo XIII in the Vatican," by F. Marion Crawford, the eminent novelist, at the California Theater, next Monday evening.

Mayor James D. Phelan has kindly promised to preside and introduce the distinguished lecturer. The committee reported a grand demand for tickets. The committee also reported that the boxes had been sold to prominent Catholic gentlemen, who have thus shown their interest in the lecture and their appreciation of the work of the lecture bureau.

SUICIDE CAUSED BY SICKNESS. Mrs. Lippman, Dreading a Necessary Operation, Took Her Life. Dependent on account of an illness of a serious nature Mrs. Ambrosine Lippman took carbolic acid yesterday at her home, 945 1/2 Folsom street. The dose was taken at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and a short time after that the woman was found lying on the floor of a room by her mother-in-law, Mrs. Simons. Dr. Maston, of 889 Howard street, was called in, but was unable to counteract the poison, and Mrs. Lippman died at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Lippman had been suffering from a tumor for some time, and yesterday morning went to Mt. Zion Hospital and consulted Dr. Livingston in regard to her ailment. He informed her that an operation would be necessary. This news frightened the lady, and on her return home she went to a closet and took the carbolic acid. She was 28 years old, a widow and leaves a little girl 8 years old.

NEWSPAPER THIEVES. A reward of \$10 is offered for the arrest and conviction of any person caught stealing copies of this paper from the doors of subscribers.

## NOW WE MUST HAVE A GOOD APPROPRIATION

A Most Important Subject to Be Considered at the First Meeting of the Committee.

I have worked hard on the problem of a committee, and have finally secured what I regard as an ideal working body. All the men are representative of their respective lines and all but one, who was until lately out of the city, have cheerfully consented to it. I shall call the committee together in a few days and have the preliminaries for the great movement under way as soon as possible. One of the very first matters to be considered will be the taking of steps to secure a State appropriation. The prospects are excellent for a celebration on a great scale, one that will herald the fame of the State far and wide.—Mayor James D. Phelan in an interview.

## MONTANA TO BE RELIED UPON.

Executive Office, Helena, Montana.

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HELENA, March 14, 1898.

His Excellency JAMES H. BUDD,  
Governor California.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 3d inst., giving an outline of the plan for holding an Industrial Exposition in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the admission of California to the Union, is duly received.

In reply, I will say that I will gladly comply with your request and will appoint a committee to represent Montana as soon as informed of the date and place of holding the proposed convention. I am, with great respect,

Very Truly Yours,

*Robert B. Smith*  
Governor Montana.

## OUR DIVERSITY OF INTERESTS.

They Should for Once Be Adequately Represented to the Outside World.

PACIFIC GROVE, March 15.—O. S. Trimmer, president of the Board of Trustees of Pacific Grove, in speaking to-day of the exposition project for 1900, as suggested by The Call, said: "I think such an enterprise would be an inestimable benefit to California, both in bringing people from other portions of the country to our State, and also in developing and demonstrating the many resources of the State. The commercial interests of California have never been and are not now adequately understood by those outside the State, because they have never been properly represented. Our climate and fruit products have been advertised to the fullest extent by the railroads, but otherwise little is known of us, and I believe by an exhibition such as The Call suggests we could show the rest of the world what we can do in other ways than fruit raising. I should certainly co-operate heartily in any effort that may be made toward bringing about so laudable a project, and I can think of no more fitting manner of celebrating the golden anniversary of our entrance into the Union."



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## OREGON HEARTILY APPROVES.



SALEM, OR., March 17, 1898.

HON. JAMES H. BUDD,  
Governor of California.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 3d inst., announcing the probable celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the admission of California to the Union, and requesting as a preliminary step to harmony of effort throughout the great West on this subject, that the Governor of Oregon appoint a committee to represent this State at a convention to be held at a place and date to be fixed in the future. It is hardly necessary for me to say that the proposed celebration of so important an event meets with my hearty approval, and I assure you that I shall be glad to do whatever is in my power for a successful celebration. However, I have no funds at my command at present, and as the Legislature of Oregon cannot meet for some months I will have no money to advance the work; but when I shall be advised of the place and date for a preliminary meeting looking toward the celebration I shall endeavor to appoint public-spirited men who will have sufficient interest in the celebration to attend and promote the work.

Trusting that you will have the cordial co-operation of the States of the West in the proposed celebration, I remain,

Very Respectfully Yours,

*Wm Ford*

## EXPECTS OVERWHELMING SUCCESS.

Sonora's Chief Official Wants to See All Previous Efforts Totally Eclipsed.

SONORA, March 15.—Leonard Kahl, president of the Board of City Trustees, is speaking here to-day to a representative of The Call concerning its efforts in behalf of holding an exposition in 1900, said: "The Call's efforts for the holding in San Francisco of an exposition in 1900 to commemorate its half century of Statehood are praiseworthy and timely in an eminent degree, for I feel that such would prove of incalculable good to this State, and I sincerely hope and expect to see its energetic steps in furtherance of the plan meet with overwhelming success, such as will totally eclipse, great and far-reaching though they were, the glories and results of the Midwinter Fair. Such an undertaking, with the right kind of men at its head, should prove to the outside world that we on the Pacific Coast are fully abreast of the times, and can carry out the exposition idea as fully and completely as our brethren in the older and more thickly settled Eastern States. The Call is deserving of great credit for the unique idea, and I hope and fully expect to see it crystallize itself into an assured fact at no distant date, and feel sure that such will prove the case. Tuolumne County will do her share by making such a display of her mineral wealth and other resources as will be alike creditable to herself as a county and an integral part of the commonwealth, and doubtless her neighbors will vie with her and each other by their gold exhibits, in showing to the world that California to-day, with her great Mother Lode and almost equally great eastern belt, has no peer as a gold producer. The Call is deserving of the thanks of every man, woman and child in the State for its present intelligent and heroic efforts in behalf of the advancement of the material and industrial progress of our people, and truly proves itself a worthy champion and exponent of their needs."



REDDING, March 15.—"You may quote me as heartily in favor of the exposition for 1900," were the words of Mayor O. J. Lowry when questioned on the subject. "I am certainly not in favor, however, of an exposition which would interfere with that of the Paris Exposition, and appear in the light of an act of discourtesy to the French Government. But if the dates could be so arranged as not to clash with those of the French Fair, I am sure that San Francisco could depend on Northern California putting no stumbling block in the way of the project as outlined in The Call. "San Francisco's winter climate is such a great attraction in itself that it would be a mistake to open an exposition in any other season of the year, and on that account there is no reason why our exposition should interfere with the Paris fair, which closes, I believe, in November. If such a splendid showing as the Midwinter Fair could be made in so short a time we ought to discount it with the time and opportunity now at our command. Our marvelous winter climate makes California the show ground of America, and if the public-spirited citizens of San Francisco, aided by those of the State at large, take the matter in hand I am positive the results would surpass our most sanguine anticipations."

## HEARTILY IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT.

Redding's Mayor Says That the State Should Discount All Past Efforts.

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Other prominent citizens expressed enthusiastic approval of The Call's exposition project, and there is no doubt but San Francisco would receive substantial encouragement from Shasta County toward making the exposition the greatest in the history of the State.

## THE CALL HAS THE RIGHT IDEA.

The Mayor of Salinas Suggests Some of the Benefits of Such an Exposition.

SALINAS, Cal., March 15.—Charles Frances Mayor of Salinas, said: The semi-centennial celebration of California's admission into the Union should be something that will give people from the East and elsewhere an idea of what California actually is, and I think The Call has the right idea. An exposition in which all the States of the Union are represented would bring people from these States, and so be the means of securing to California the population and trade which her great resources justify. The exhibits should embrace representations from Mexico, China and Japan, Hawaii, Australia and other countries reached by Pacific steam lines, and not be confined to the inter-State idea merely, for all these countries contribute, in a measure, to the commerce of California.



The thousands of people who are now flocking to Alaska will be returning about 1900, and those who have made rich strikes will have much money to leave here if they find an exposition or anything else to interest and amuse them, and naturally whatever money is expended in our State adds to its wealth and power. The financial benefit of an exposition such as The Call suggests will come not only after the formal opening of the fair, but will be felt in the various lines of trade from the very beginning. Laborers and mechanics will be given employment in preparing the grounds and erecting the buildings and artisans and artists of all classes will be called upon to make them attractive. Taking the project as a whole I am strongly in favor of it, and as a citizen of California shall give my efforts and hearty sympathy to its furtherance.

CHARLES FRANCES.

## OUR UNEXAMPLED RESOURCES.

It Would Be an Excellent Opportunity to Make a Magnificent Display of Them.

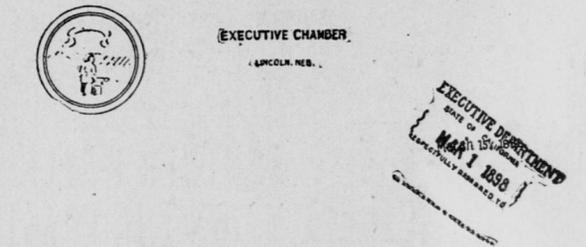
VISALIA, March 15.—Mayor Hammond of this city was interviewed to-day as to his views on the proposition to hold a jubilee exposition in San Francisco in 1900 to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the admission of the State into the Union. Mr. Hammond is greatly pleased at the idea. He said: "That idea of The Call is a grand thing, sure. I am heartily in favor of it. But that proposed exposition should be done on a grand scale in order to attract the people not only from all over the United States but from outside our boundaries. It will be an excellent opportunity, indeed, to make a magnificent display of our unexampled resources. "But the transcontinental railroads should be required to make rates during the exposition that will entice the people this way. For instance, if the railroads would make such round trip rates as they did last summer for the Christian Endeavor Convention delegates we could count on an exposition of grand proportions. "The rest of the Union looks upon California as a unique section, and this jubilee celebration of its admission into the galaxy of States will also be unique and of great interest to the people. In no other State is there an organization like the Native Sons, and the proposed exposition would do on a large scale what the Native Sons are trying to emphasize—arouse and develop patriotism. "But it should be no Cheap John affair. I repeat again, the jubilee exposition in 1900 should be planned and executed on a scale commensurate with the vast interests of this great State."

WILLIAM H. HAMMOND, Mayor of Visalia.

## MINNESOTA MAY BE IN LINE

STATE OF MINNESOTA. Executive Department. ST. PAUL, March 17, 1898. HON. JAMES H. BUDD, Governor of California, Sacramento, Cal. Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 3d inst. requesting me to appoint a committee from this State to a convention to be held to discuss plans for an exposition to be held in your State in 1900. I shall be pleased to appoint a committee, as requested, if I can secure their attendance. Inasmuch as we have no fund available for the payment of expenses of such committee I fear it will be difficult to obtain a committee that will be willing to defray their own expenses. Yours truly, D. M. CLOUGH, Governor.

## NEBRASKA IN THE VANGUARD.



LINCOLN, Nebr., March 15, 1898. To His Excellency JAMES H. BUDD, Governor of California.

Sir: I have before me yours of the 3d inst., requesting me to appoint a commission to represent Nebraska at a convention to be held for the purpose of promoting an exposition to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the admission of California to the Union as a State.

I beg to assure you of my cordial co-operation in this enterprise, and I will be glad to assist you in any manner possible. I will at an early date appoint such committee as you suggest, and stand ready to take any other steps which may be deemed necessary to advance the interests of this very laudable undertaking.

Yours Very Truly,

*W. E. Parsons*

## OUR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

Would Be Spread Out Before a Host of Eager Visitors From Abroad.

GRASS VALLEY, March 15.—Editor of The Call: I am in favor of the proposed semi-centennial exposition advocated by The Call, and think that all such celebrations should be assisted by every one having a home in the State or expecting or wishing to have such. And in my mind there are very few people that stop here for a few months that do not have a desire to stay. I believe that such a celebration as proposed would attract attention, more or less, all over the world, and when such attractions are going on people are given opportunities by transportation companies making rates which enable those to come here who would otherwise never see the beauties and opportunities which this great State offers to capital and energy. Yours respectfully,

W. E. PARSONS, Mayor.



## ADVERTISEMENTS.

# WELSBACH PATENT SUSTAINED.

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Judge Townsend, in the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of New York, has sustained the Welsbach Light Company Patent and granted an injunction.

Every manufacturer, seller or user of incandescent gas lights other than the Welsbach is, under this decision, an infringer of the patent.

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