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### AMUSEMENTS.

Orpheum—Vaudeville. California—In Paradise. Columbia—"A Winter's Tale." Tivoli—"The Idol's Eye." Grand Opera-house—"Queen's Lace Handkerchief." Alhambra—"At Gay Conny Island." Alcazar—"Lord Stanley." Chutes, Zoo and Theater—Vaudeville every afternoon and evening. Olympia, corner Mason and Ellis streets—Specialties. Sherman-Clay Hall—Concert. Oakland Race Track—Races.

### AUCTION SALES.

By Turkish Rug Co.—This day, at 11 a. m. and 2 p. m., Turkish Rugs, at 145 Stockton street. By Wm. G. Loring—Thursday, January 25, at 11 o'clock, New Horses, at Oakland Race Track.

### PHELAN SEEKS, WITH A GAMBLER'S DESPERATION, TO WIN.

ANDY LAWRENCE stacked the deck and Mayor Phelan dealt the cards, and yet these sure-thing gamblers find their game in imminent danger of miscarriage.

It was one thing to appoint men of repute upon the Police Commission with the understanding, tacit or expressed, that Esola should be chosen Chief of the department, but was quite a different thing to ask these men to sacrifice the reputations of a lifetime by appointing him to the place after his proved unfitness, his shameless perjury and his swift mendacity.

An edifying spectacle was that which Esola presented before the Board of Police Commissioners when he failed to remember that he had appeared before them less than two weeks previously. He was either lying impudently or his memory was so short as to demonstrate his unfitness for the place into which Mayor Phelan insists upon putting him, to the sacrifice of such honor and repute as now is left him.

For as to Mayor Phelan, he presents the pitiable spectacle of a man whose wealth lifts him above sordid temptation. Yet he is proved a man who in his lust for place and power has fallen far lower than the pothouse, money-seeking politicians whom in public he pretends to despise, but whom in private he truckles to and cajoles. He has been charged by the Call with the commission of a felony. To this he turns a sluggish head and answers that he will again appeal to the electors. Like all opium addicts, he basks in the sun of his present prosperity, ignorant of a future. He forgets, if he ever knew, the words of the wise Lincoln that you cannot fool all the people all the time. He has come to the end of his ability in this direction. The people can no longer be fooled.

Nor yet can the gentlemen whom he appointed upon the Police Commission see their way clear to swallow the bolus he would cram down their throats. Esola is not only a bitter pill but a poisonous pill to men of repute. The people of San Francisco are watching to see if they can take it. It may be that they will select for this responsible position a man whose sole claim to preferment is that he is the choice of A. M. Lawrence, but the people of this city will not believe it. They think that among our 350,000 people a man can be found whose selection will reflect credit upon the commission, who will be the instrument of no man, whose capability, independence and integrity are beyond question. That man surely is not Esola, and the Commissioners know it. If there be within their knowledge any suitable person for the office they should appoint him at once; otherwise let them resign.

The Police Commissioners surely cannot refuse to answer two civil questions propounded by thousands of our citizens as they meet and talk. Here they are: 1. Did you ever hear of Esola until your appointments were offered you? 2. Would you ever have considered him for the office of Chief of Police except for the pressure of Andy Lawrence and Mayor Phelan?

The columns of The Call are open for your reply.

It is the case of Andy Lawrence ex rel. Esola vs. the Welfare of San Francisco. The Police Commissioners are the judges and Mayor Phelan is trying to corrupt the courts. There is the whole situation. What a sunny prospect to our hopes of a decent administration!

The charter administration seems to have robbed city employees of another of their vested rights. It has been authoritatively announced that loafing on the part of laborers will not be tolerated.

If it takes as long to cut the Nicaraguan canal as it has to suggest a route for it the next generation may still be speculating upon the affair as one of the glorious visions of the future.

### AN EXTRA SESSION CONSPIRACY.

GOVERNOR GAGE has called an extra session of the Legislature under circumstances and upon terms fitted to arouse the indignation of the State. The summons issued on Tuesday for a session to meet on Monday gives but six days' notice to the public and to the legislators. That fact in itself is suspicious and suggests that some plot has been prepared which can be carried to success only by being sprung as a surprise and hurried to a swift conclusion before the people have time to oppose or even to denounce it.

Such suspicions are well founded. The Call has evidence that Governor Gage came to this city and had a secret conference with three men, at which time the programme for the session was arranged and agreed upon. The three persons whom the chief executive of the State called into council on the subject were W. F. Herrin of the law department of the Southern Pacific Railroad; J. B. Wright, division superintendent of the Southern Pacific road, and Daniel M. Burns. Those are the men who determined that the session should begin on the sixth day after the call, and they decided, further, that the balloting for Senator shall begin on next Tuesday, the day after the session begins.

A meeting of that kind for that purpose may be rightly termed a conspiracy. The Republicans of the State have to confront the issue it raises. Herrin is a Democrat, Wright is a Democrat. Neither of these men has any regard for the interests of the Republican party. Burns has no interest in it other than the office he hopes to gain from it through the Governor and the Southern Pacific Railroad. It is with these two railroad Democrats that the Governor has bargained away the Senatorship to Burns or to some one like him, if it be found that his election is impossible.

The issue, however, rises above partisan considerations. It is not Republicans only whose indignation will be aroused by it. In a broad sense it concerns every citizen of California. Here is a railroad corporation, through two of its agents, conniving with the Governor of the State to take snap judgment on the Legislature and elect its candidate to the Senate regardless of the popular will. There is in that fact a wrong, an insult and a menace to every citizen, no matter what his party may be.

Herrin, who has been the arch plotter in the conspiracy to elect Burns to the Senate, attained his eminence in the Southern Pacific Company by methods better known to members of former Boards of Supervisors than to the general public. He would like to have in the United States Senate a man whom he could use as he was wont to use the easily corrupted Supervisors. It is natural he should turn to Burns, for Burns has been a known defaulter in every office he ever held except that of Police Commissioner, and there his record is not known. Such a "Democrat" and such a "Republican" have a wide ground for mutual understanding, but there is no portion of that ground they dare disclose to the people; and therefore the need of secret conspiracy in planning and a swiftness of action in carrying out the plans.

There is little time left for Republican protest, but every day and hour of that time should be employed. The indignation of the genuine Republicans of the State can yet baffle and defeat the scheme, if it prompt to resolute action.

The voice of the rank and file of the party must make itself heard. Every Republican in the Legislature should be made to feel his responsibility to the party and to the State in this issue. By protests against the bosses, by memorials setting forth the right, by letter and by word of mouth, the genuine Republicans of the State should assert themselves in the contest. Every constituency should speak. Let there be no mistake. There is danger ahead, and nothing but an intelligent and resolute patriotism can avert it.

### THE COMMERCIAL MUSEUM PROJECT.

FROM the tone of the discussion at the conference held on Tuesday evening it is evident that among the business men of San Francisco there are many who believe the establishment of a commercial museum in this city to be a feasible enterprise and are willing to devote no small part of their time, talent, energies and wealth to its attainment. The first step in the movement was taken by the organization of a promotion committee, with President Wheeler of the State University at its head, and by providing for a subcommittee to investigate the whole subject and make a report upon ways and means at a meeting to be called later on.

That the work is to be one of great magnitude was made clear at the start. "We must conceive of the museum as a great thing," said Mr. Wheeler, "for if we conceive it small we shall conceive it wrong." It is one of the enterprises which cannot be carried out by individual enterprise, nor by a single interest or industry of the community. To achieve it there must be union of all the forces at our command. It therefore furnishes a test of the degree to which our people are capable of sinking the individual struggle for supremacy and subordinating it to a co-operative effort for the general good.

The very fact that a body of men of such influence and leadership in the city has entered upon a serious consideration of a project so vast and far-reaching may be taken as a proof that a new spirit of enterprise has been awakened in the community. It is a spirit that is in accord with the time. It is an outcome of an intelligent recognition of the wonderful opportunities that recent developments in the Orient have opened for us, and a determination to profit by them.

The inducements are certainly strong enough to arouse the emulation of all. The trade of the Pacific Ocean countries is not only of vast magnitude, but is rapidly expanding. It amounts in its entirety to more than \$2,140,000,000 annually, but of that sum the United States has at present less than 1 per cent. The British Islands, far away in the remote northern seas on the other side of the globe, have by sheer energy obtained upward of one-half of the whole, and now Germany, by intelligent direction and a careful study of trade conditions, is pushing her way forward to rival the British. The people of the United States have in the competition of such rivals the highest incentives to action. We must have the commercial enterprise of the British and apply it with the scientific skill of the Germans. If that be done the bulk of this immense Pacific Ocean trade will come to the United States and pass into the country through the Golden Gate, to the enrichment of every class in the community.

It is fortunate that the movement has the leadership of such a man as President Wheeler. As The Call has already pointed out, that leadership lifts the enterprise above suspicion of being a movement for the advantage of special interests and gives it a national prestige. The outlook is therefore promising. The cost of the museum will be great, but not greater than we can afford, and, moreover, we have a just right to expect aid from the Federal Government in establishing and in maintaining it. Definite plans and estimates will probably be submitted at the next meeting of the committee, and in the meantime the public may prepare itself for the enterprise. It is bound to be undertaken, and when started every one in proportion to his means and influence will be expected to support it as a movement of national as well as civic patriotism.

Scientists have arrived at the conclusion that blushing is due not to fullness of blood in the head, but to a disease known as erotophobia. Mayor Phelan seems to be immune.

Your Uncle Sam is acquiring friends at a rapid rate now that he has grown to be such a big boy. Even Kaiser Wilhelm is extending the glad mitt clear across the seas.

### OUR SPRING STUDIES.

AFTER a career of marked success, in which public favor has been fully won and retained, the Home Study Circle of The Call is about to complete the fall and winter course. It is therefore timely to announce that with the issue of Monday, February 15, the spring series of studies will begin, and will present to the readers and students new fields of interest and instruction.

The spring course has been devised to fit the time and the season. This being the year of a Presidential election, a series of studies will be given on American Political Parties; as the Paris Exposition will attract many visitors from this country and, moreover, lead to the use of a large number of French terms and phrases in reports of news from the great fair, there will be a timely interest in the Twenty Lessons in French Conversation which will be given in the course; the outing season comes with the spring, and accordingly the host of those who delight in photography as a holiday amusement will be pleased and instructed by the papers on Photography for Amateurs; all classes will be gratified by the striking course of articles on Recent Scientific Discoveries, and there will be hardly less interest in the series of papers on Golden Ages of Literature and that containing Biographical Studies for girls.

The studies of American politics will begin with an account of the Federalist party and its opponents in the early days of the republic, and will be brought down to the campaign of 1860, closing with a description of the fully organized political machine of our time. The scientific papers will include articles on Wireless Telegraphy, High Speed Telegraph Systems, Photography in Colors, Liquid Air, Dark Lightning, Moving Pictures, Process Engraving, Submarine Boats, the New Gases.

The studies on the Golden Age of Literature will cover literary history from the time of Zoroaster and the sacred literature of Persia down to the present time, and will close with papers on Tennyson and Browning and the golden age of American literature. Among the biographical studies for girls will be sketches of eminent women of all ranks and of nearly all ages, including such diverse types as Joan of Arc, Mrs. Siddons, Harriet Martineau, Rosa Bonheur and Florence Nightingale.

The contributors to the series will include such eminent writers and educators as Edward Everett Hale, D.D., Boston; Jesse Macy, LL. D., Iowa College; Paul Elmer Moore, Harvard University; Thomas Marc Parrott, Ph. D., Princeton University; Charles Forster Smith, Ph. D., University of Wisconsin; Isaac N. Demmon, A. M., LL. D., University of Michigan; Arthur H. Palmer, M. A., Yale University; Maurice Francis Egan, LL. D., Catholic University of America; Charles Horswell, Ph. D., Northwestern University; Miss Vida D. Scudder, Wellesley College; Charlotte Brewster Jordan, Philadelphia; John Leverett Moore, Ph. D., Vassar College; Joseph Villiers Denney, A. M., Ohio State University; L. A. Sherman, University of Nebraska; Charles W. Benton, M. A., Litt. D., University of Minnesota; William J. Hopkins, S. B., Drexel Institute; Professor Benno Kirschbaum, Philadelphia; George W. Gilson, Buffalo, N. Y.

From this prospectus it will be seen that in many respects the spring course will be even superior to that which is about to close. At any rate it will be fully equal to the demands of the wide diversity of readers which American culture has developed.

Auditor Wells has made the discovery that there is no provision in the new charter for the counting of the moneys in the city treasury. He need not worry as long as Mayor Phelan is around. His Honor is an acknowledged "hefter."

Dispatches from New York contain the information that when the Count de Castellane heard what the editor of Figaro had to say about him he waxed wroth. Any other Frenchman would have waxed his mustache.

### LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE.



If the Cape Dutch Should Rise, What Would Become of John Bull? —Minneapolis Tribune.

### A DAILY HINT FROM PARIS.



the work at the Mare Island Navy Yard, is registered at the Lick from Vallejo.

Coroner Charles Hopcroft and John Smith, of Hollister, are at the Occidental. They are in the city as delegates to the Episcopal convention.

Rev. T. Rose-Price and R. A. G. Annesley, two members of the British aristocracy, are in the city. They are making a tour of the United States and will make Arizona and New Mexico a visit before leaving the West.

CALIFORNIANS IN NEW YORK. NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—C. W. Feldt and E. Feldt and wife of San Francisco are at the Empire Hotel; Henry Crossman of Los Angeles is at the Netherlands.

CALIFORNIANS IN WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Frank A. Jones of Oakland is in Washington to attend the annual convention of engineers. He is at the Willard. Dr. F. T. McLean of Alameda is in Washington.

MAY BESMIRCH HIS REPUTATION. Santa Clara News.

Mayor Phelan's catering to the Examiner—his attempt to foist Esola upon the people of San Francisco is not compatible with his past record. It is in pronounced discord to his past actions, and varies widely from the other appointments that he has made within the last month. Glancing over the list of appointees who will direct the administration of government in San Francisco we see, in the main, good men—citizens whose probity and honor do not have to be made apparent by trivial—and their worthiness is conceded by a people that accepts them. These men are not "goods" delivered in accordance with previously made newspaper contracts, but able citizens selected from both parties—appointed because of their fitness. In the case of Esola there seems to be no doubt that the appointment was dictated by another than the Mayor. Mr. Phelan's standard of taste proves this to be a truth. The

STYLISH HATS. The hats represented are suitable to wear with tailor-made costumes. The first is of chinchilla and red velvet, with bunches of mistletoe berries. The second is of mauve gathered velvet trimmed with white and their foliage, and has a velvet rosette beneath the turned-up brim.

GUESTS WERE IN COSTUME. Mrs. Samuel Buckbee gave a delightful dinner for her home at 1609 Sutter street last evening. The widest latitude was allowed the guests in matter of "costume," and although the majority chose to come in juvenile array, still not a few elected to come in gorgeous "fancy dress."

Mrs. Buckbee was a dainty pink and white "baby" arrayed in all the glory of pink and white organdie, with sash and ribbon bows. Mr. Buckbee assisted his charming wife to receive the guests, disguised for the time as a sailor lad in white duck costume. Fourteen guests discussed the elaborate menu, which was in no way intended for "baby" digestion. Pink roses made a pretty decoration for table and drawing rooms. Mrs. Buckbee's guests were: Miss Therese Morgan, Miss Gerrie Brown, Miss Florence Josselyn, Miss Jennie Blair, Miss Kate Dillon, Miss Adelaide Murphy, Harry Holbrook, Charles Felton, Frank Owen, Edward M. Greenway, Willard Drown and Pierce de l'Etolle. Dr. D. A. Payne concluded the evening's entertainment.

AROUND THE CORRIDORS. Thomas Flint Jr. of San Juan is at the Palace.

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Clayton of Chicago are registered at the Palace.

A. C. Bingham, a Marysville banker, is a guest at the Palace.

J. J. White, a leading business man of Fresno, is a guest at the Lick.

Rev. and Mrs. George E. Swan of Berkeley are at the Occidental.

Dr. W. R. Gillette, a prominent physician of New York, is at the Palace.

R. A. McPherson, a wealthy mine owner of Sonora, Mex., is a guest at the Lick. Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Ripley, prominent society people of Chicago, are at the Palace.

Dr. D. Smith has come down from his home in Napa and is staying at the California.

P. A. Demans has come up from Los Angeles on a flying trip to this city. He is at the Palace.

George A. Smith, a wealthy fruit grower of Courtland, is among the recent arrivals at the Grand.

William Palmtag, a business man of Hollister, is among the arrivals of last night at the California.

D. A. Payne, a well-known business man of Eugene, Ore., is among the late arrivals at the Occidental.

Guy Kilburn, brother of Paris Kilburn, has come to the city from his home in Newman and is at the Grand.

W. N. Chester, who is connected with

trial goes merrily on, and though it result in the complete vindication of Esola, Mr. Phelan will besmirch his present reputation and hazard his future prospects if he sanction the appointment of so questionable a character to so high and responsible an office.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS. A COPPER CENT—Old Subscriber, South Vallejo, Cal. A copper cent of 1863 commands a premium of from 1 to 9 cents; one of 1870 from 2 to 14 cents.

TO HOLD PROPERTY—Sub. Sacramento, Cal. The fact that a man has deserted from the United States service does not inhibit him from holding real property in his own name.

Guillet's Ice Cream and Cakes, 925 Larkin st. Cal. glace fruit 50c per lb at Townsend's.

Special information supplied daily to business houses and public met by the Press Clipping Bureau (Allen's), 110 Montgomery street. Telephone Main 1042.

An Insolvent Miner. A. Mauna, a miner of Angel Camp, Calaveras County, filed a petition in insolvency yesterday in the United States District Court. His liabilities are \$101.33. He has no assets.

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**In the Sunday Call.**

**The Shop Girl: What She Earns and How She Lives.**

**Co-Ed Life at Stanford University.** JANUARY 28, 1900.

**What Happened at Ravenscourt.** By EDGAR PICKERING.

**What It Costs a Prima Donna to Dress.**

**Why I Left the Church.** By REV. J. C. MACINNIS.

**As the Japanese See Us: Socially, Politically and Physically.**

**How a Man Should Conduct Himself When the "Only One" Says "Yes."** By TOM P. MORGAN.

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