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AMUSEMENTS. Alcazar—"Countess Guclli." Columbia—"Zaza."

AUCTION SALES. By Auction at 517 Market St.—Tuesday, March 12, at 10 o'clock.

A PRIMARY ELECTION LAW.

REPORTS from Sacramento are not encouraging to those who expect the passage of a satisfactory primary election law.

A primary law cannot be a partisan measure, as it will apply equally to the primary elections of all parties.

It is to be borne in mind that the candidates of all parties in the last campaign were pledged to enact a primary law.

As soon as the Supreme Court declared the former law invalid the demand arose at once for the enactment of a new one.

As soon as the issue became one of practical politics the Call pointed out that the only obstacle in the way of passing a satisfactory law to regulate the conduct of primaries was the opposition sure to be made by the bosses and corrupt corporations.

A dispatch from Indianapolis reports that "a ferocious Bengal tiger" recently escaped from its cage in the zoo of that city and made an attack upon a wild ass from South Africa.

The Westminster Gazette of London, in commenting upon the organization in this country known as Daughters of the Revolution, spoke of the members as "dandy women"; and now the ladies may know what sort of reputation they have abroad.

It is stated that one of the men who was foremost in burning the negro Alexander near Leavenworth has whirled in and married a negro woman, and now the whites and the blacks of the neighborhood are disputing as to which race gets the worst of the bargain.

The ladies of San Jose who devised recipes for using prunes in making bread, soup, salad, jam, jellies, preserves, candy and pickles deserve credit for their talent; and it will hereafter be a very poor bill of fare that isn't full of prunes.

TRUE VS. FALSE LABELS.

THE Internal Revenue Department has decided to put a stop to the sale of domestic liquors under foreign labels.

California wine-making has greatly improved since those who engaged in the business have discovered that vineyards are not to be planted nor wine made by the rule of thumb.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has taken the right position, and his agents should soon eradicate every label factory.

There are wholesale wine houses here which accommodate the retailer by putting up his case goods in foreign labels.

But there is still another form of fraud that is forbidden by the internal revenue law and should be watched, detected and punished.

BRITAIN'S COSTLY WAR.

REPORTS of last week from London announcing that Dewet was in full flight at the head of a disorganized band, that Botha had made overtures for surrender, and that the end of the South African war is in sight, have not been confirmed.

In the meantime the cost of the struggle mounts higher and higher. The cry of the Government to the people is the refrain of Kipling's famous song: "Pay, pay, pay!"

The enormous cost of the war must be met by new taxes and it is not easy for the Ministers to find a means of levying the new burdens of taxation without in some measure deviating from the free trade system.

Until the Ministry submits its revenue bill the question for the public remains one of academic interest only. Up to this time the discussions on the subject have been vague and indefinite.

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and the huge cost mounts higher into the millions of dollars with each succeeding week, the pressure of the burden of taxation is slowly changing the temper of public opinion at home.

IN THE MATTER OF WEATHER.

ONCE more an inauguration day has dawned upon Washington amid clouds and rain and wind.

While that racket of coughs and sneezes and curses makes life mournful in the East the happy dweller on the Pacific Coast walks abroad in the blessed sunshine, watches the fruit trees blossom, catches the fragrance of flowers and the song of birds, and in rapture declares March weather to be elysian.

The Boston Transcript has recently been moved to express a wail of discontent over the sort of winter the twentieth century has imposed upon the Atlantic coast.

All that is very sad, but we cannot sympathize with it. It is impossible for us to get up even a polite shiver of condolence with those who are thus suffering from blighting blasts and diminishing cold bins.

We cannot sympathize with the Eastern folks, but they might share our gladness if they would. The way to California is open to all and there is room here for a flower-garlanded home for several millions of the folks of the shivering East.

HISTORY AND SOCIETY.

THE foreign legations at Washington make up the diplomatic society of the capital. While that circle touches general society, it has troubles of its own.

In the romance of royal life on the Continent it fell out one day that the Belgian Princess Carlotta married the Austrian Prince Maximilian, and the pair entered upon what was regarded as an ideal life in beautiful Miramar.

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It has come back like a wraith to disturb diplomatic society in Washington. The men in the legations are not responsible for it. "But the ladies, God bless 'em," as the toast runs, have been avenging the wrongs of Carlotta and her Prince, until the Belgian Minister has had to take his wife and go where it is not so torrid socially as the lady has made Washington.

It began by her refusal to recognize the Mexican Minister. If she omitted any slight or snub, even in her exile she is sorry for it.

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Doubtless Pat Crowe has been wronged by the suspicion that he kidnaped young Cudahy, but all the same he has been writing too many letters of protest. If he cannot be held for kidnaping the police should at least arrest his mania for letter writing.

Uncle Sam's soldiers are likely to have another chance to make some good Indians. The Sioux, it is said, have serious intentions of rising in rebellion.

PAPERS ON CURRENT TOPICS.

PREPARED BY EXPERTS AND SPECIALISTS FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO CALL.

Healthful Influence of Club Life and Federation Upon the Activity and Ideals of American Women.

By Sarah S. P. Decker.

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(COPYRIGHT, 1901.) III—WOMEN'S CLUBS AND WOMEN'S HOMES.

Those who were present at the trans-Mississippi Congress some years ago will never forget the genuine burst of laughter and, withal, the sympathetic thrill which went through the audience at the telling of the story of why a woman in Oklahoma wished to belong to a club.

The description which George Eliot gives of sad Mrs. Transue has its counterpart in the history of multitudes of good, capable, talented women before the days of clubs and kindred organizations.



Sarah S. Platt Decker.

"A little daily embroidery had been a constant element in Mrs. Transue's life; that soothing occupation of taking stitches to produce what neither she nor any one else wanted was then the resource of many a well-born and unhappy woman."

Husbands and Fathers Give Testimony.

What is the effect upon the home of this broad life of the mother, sister and daughter? Let us have the testimony of the husbands and fathers themselves.

Another president tells this story: Going to the car at noon she overheard the conversation of two young husbands about spending the half-holiday.

Increasing the Dignity of Motherhood. The chief objection raised to clubs for women is that women must be mothers, and the whole life must be regulated with reference to that high calling.

Business Training and Fresh Air. Another result which is most potent in its effect on the home life is the training in business methods which the club furnishes.

MISSOURI CLUB—M. W. S. City. The president of the Missouri Club is E. A. Bridgford, Clunie building, this city.

CANNOT BE—F. L. S. City. A supposition and a fact are not co-existent. A supposition is hypothetical, a fact is something that exists.

TO VALDEZ ISLAND—L. Mountain View, Cal. The steamer that carries the United States mail from Seattle to Valdez, Alaska, has two lions on board. She carries the mail once a month.

VELOCITY OF THE WIND—J. W. F. Ripon, N. Y. The velocity of the wind is measured by an instrument called an anemometer, the simplest being what is generally known as the hemispherical cup, which consists of four hemispheres or cups fixed to the ends of two horizontal iron bars crossing each other at right angles, and supported by a vertical axis which turns freely.

AT HOTEL DEL CORONADO the season is now on at full tide. American and European plans. Best of everything, including the character of entertainment. Apply 4 New Montgomery st., city, for special ticket.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Lynn Helm, a merchant of Los Angeles, is at the Palace.

Francis A. Gee, a vineyardist of Madera, is at the Palace.

John de Laitre, a flour manufacturer of Minneapolis, is staying at the Occidental.

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FASHION HINTS FROM PARIS.

This dress for a girl of eleven to fourteen years is of chambray colored cloth, trimmed with ivory cloth and string colored guipure. The short sleeves are finished off with bouffant of white mousseline de soie, tied in with black velvet. The waistband is also of black velvet.

The fearsome rumors fly from lip to lip! Suspicion points to his wife! But she has murdered him or has she simply become an authoress? For the moment the police are quite baffled. They profess to have seen nobody believes this—Detroit Journal.

Choice candies, Townsend's, Palace Hotel.\* Cal. glace fruit 50c per lb at Townsend's.\*

Eye glasses, specs, 15c to 40c; look out at 4th, front of barber shop and grocery.\*

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Many causes induce gray hair, but Parker's Hair Balsam brings back the youthful color. Hindercorns, the best cure for corns, 15c.

The lowest human habitation is said to be that of the coal miners in Bohemia, some of whom make their dwellings at a point over 3000 feet below the level of the sea.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

A GOOD STORY.

A certain young lady in delicate health was advised by her doctor to take a half-teaspoonful of Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil after dinner—once a day—and found herself almost suddenly growing robust.

So small a dose is by no means the rule; the rule is whatever the stomach will bear—not more. Another rule is: take it on every least occasion, but not too much; don't overdose it.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl street, New York.