

COMMISSIONER EDSON.

COMMISSIONER EDSON, in your own behalf, as well as in the interests of the people of California, The Call warns you this morning to consider carefully the situation in which you stand and to take heed lest you fall.

You cannot be ignorant of the fact that the old-time confidence in you has begun to waver, nor can you be doubtful of the cause. It is but a short time ago that after hearing ample evidence from both sides you voted for a reduction in railroad rates on oil.

That action was approved, and it was with surprise the public noted your recent action in voting to invalidate the decision you had given after that hearing.

It is not strange that suspicion once aroused should have looked closely to your relations with W. F. Herrin. It is known that Herrin's professional and political fortunes are at stake in the oil rate case.

That is Herrin's plight, and it is through the sacrifice of your reputation and your career, Mr. Edson, that he hopes to win out. You know that he is now bringing to bear upon you all the pressure he can exert to induce you to reverse your former decision.

The evidence which Herrin has introduced at this hearing and by which he promises to furnish you a soft cushion on which to fall is of the kind known as "expert" testimony.

We repeat, Mr. Edson, that we give you this warning concerning the situation for your own sake as well as for that of the people. If you decide as Herrin dictates the oil men will lose nothing but money, but you will lose that good repute you have so long enjoyed.

If you have any hesitation in the matter, take a look at the political graveyard in which the Southern Pacific Company has erected tombstones over those Railroad Commissioners who did its bidding.

Mr. Edson, the eyes of the people are on you.

EDUCATION OF INDIANS.

JUDGING from the facts stated in the summary given out of the annual report of Indian Commissioner William A. Jones the system of education which the Government has provided for Indians is nearly all wrong and does more harm than good.

The Government is now maintaining 113 boarding-schools, in which it is educating or trying to educate 16,000 Indians. The schools are excellent. The young Indian who has been brought up in a tepee or a mud lodge finds himself on arriving at the school transplanted into a comfortable home, where he is warmly clothed, well fed, provided with clean beds and cared for by all the resources of civilization.

His linen is washed in a steam laundry, his cooking is done for him on a modern stove, he has hot and cold baths, and he can get light or heat by merely pressing a button. For his amusement and entertainment there are books, music, dancing, gymnasiums and athletic sports. He is taught grammar, geography, history, drawing, algebra, astronomy, botany and several other sciences.

When he has finished his education at the boarding-school and returns to his tribe the young graduate enters a community where all his training is useless. The white boy after leaving school finds himself in a society that encourages him to make use of all he has learned. Public sentiment sustains him at the level of the school training. It stimulates him to advance and improve upon his education.

It is estimated that during the last thirty-three years the Government has educated at its boarding-schools upward of 180,000 Indians at a cost of about \$250,000,000, but scarcely anything has been accomplished. A large proportion of the Indian population is still on the Government reservations, receiving food from the Government and showing no signs of ever becoming self-supporting.

SAVING SUPERVISORS FROM THE HANDS OF THE BOARD OF WORKS.

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Country Against Chinese.

Editor The Call: We are in favor of Chinese exclusion. Do all you can to enforce the act and to prevent them taking the place of white labor.

All around here are large fruit orchards. The right arm of us here is being cut to Chinese and two more are negotiating to rent to Chinamen. Why, to think of it, our School Clerk and Trustee hired a Chinaman to repair and do carpentering work for over two weeks on our district school, while white men of large families have been glad to get the work.

According to some of the New York papers the testimonial given by Tammany to Croker after the election was a jardiniere, while others say it was a punch bowl, and it is significant of how little any of them care about the man or the thing that not one makes an effort to explain the contradiction or find out the truth.

One of the nearest jobs Congressional leaders will have to perform this session will be that of getting Congressmen to agree upon a plan for revenue reduction, or upon a policy of leaving things as they are. Just at present each Congressman seems to think that he has ideas of his own on the subject, and the leaders will have to persuade him that he hasn't.

It is said the American missionaries in Bulgaria and in Turkey object to the payment of a ransom of Miss Stone on the ground that should the bandits be permitted to make a rich haul they would be encouraged to kidnap other missionaries, and life in the missions would have a new terror.

SUPERVISORS' CONCERNING AFFAIRS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE TO CITY.

Reed Arraigns Spring Valley Water Company Again.

Board of Works to Report on Availability of Lobos Creek.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

G. Migliavacca, a vineyardist of Napa, is at the Grand. Otto Fera, a wealthy coffee planter of Guatemala, is at the Lick. John Ericson, City Engineer of Chicago, is staying at the California.

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A CHANCE TO SMILE.

Traveling men of the poetry trust are now active, and are showing their samples of poetry for the fall trade. They report considerable business, with orders for the autumn leaf variety predominating. Enterprising dealers are making some inquiry for winter poetry, particularly for adjustable skating songs, which can be used in an eventful and happy coming revival of the roller-skating craze being verified.—Boston Transcript.

The sentimental bride on the park bench watched the sun set in Lake Michigan. And she murmured: "See, darling, how phosphorescent!" "It's no wonder," responded the matter-of-fact bridegroom, "when you think how many matches are made here."

Reyes Not a Revolutionist.

Editor The Call: In your yesterday's issue you published a magnificent picture of General Bernardo Reyes, Mexican Minister of War and a highly valued member of General Diaz's Cabinet, but unfortunately you present him to the public as a Colombian revolutionary general.

MUST SEPARATE PLANNING MORE IMPROVEMENTS

City Attorney Lane filed an opinion yesterday with the Board of Supervisors advising that the ordinance concerning the acquisition of public utilities cannot be submitted at the same election as the question of bonds for public improvements. Lane says in his opinion:

Neither in my estimation can both of the public utilities questions be submitted together, but it is my opinion that the question of bonds for the various public improvements contemplated, to wit: Sewer systems, parks, schoolhouses and hospitals might be submitted at the same election, but the question of public utilities has not heretofore been presented. Those proceedings are under a different section of the charter, and that section provides submission of each at a separate election.

The ordinance declaring that the public interest demands the acquisition of the Geary-street road and its extensions, the construction of a sewer system, a hospital building, the construction of nineteen school buildings, and the block bounded by Seventh, Folsom, Sherman and Harrison streets; block bounded by Washington, Gough, Sacramento and Laguna streets; and block bounded by Dolores, Church, Eighteenth and Twentieth streets be acquired for park and playground purposes, and the block bounded by Hayes, Grove, Larkin and Polk streets, which were referred to the Committee on Public Utilities, and which will meet on Wednesday and Friday afternoons for the purpose of revising the ordinances in accordance with the City Attorney's opinion that they were not legally drafted. The opinion further says:

One of the bills states that the plans referred to therein for furnishing water from the Tuolumne River are fixed and submitted to the people for their approval. It is assumed that there is no objection to that no question of presenting to the voters various alternatives is contemplated. In case this assumption is not correct, it is suggested as the proposition whether several alternative plans may be so presented in one device of careful consideration and is not to be passed upon offhand at this time. For these reasons I believe it would be advisable to proceed no further under the bill.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Alcorno—"We Uns of Tennessee." Columbia—"On the Quiet." Grand Opera-house—"Die Walkure." California—"The Yonkers." Tivoli—"The Grisham." Central—"Sisters."

AUCTION SALES.

By Wm. G. Loring this evening, at 8 o'clock, Thoroughbred Brood Mares, at 721 Howard street. By Rosenberg this day, at 11 o'clock, Drug Store, at 322 Twelfth street, Oakland.

LINCOLN MONUMENT LEAGUE.

By the Lincoln Monument League there has been issued a circular letter inviting the recipients to attend a meeting to be held at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday afternoon.

The league was organized in March, 1897, and has ever since been active. It has formed committees on which many of our most eminent citizens are serving. Its energies and influence have extended beyond the limits of the State and it has been instrumental in establishing the observance of Lincoln day in fifteen States and several Territories.

It is to be borne in mind that virtually every dollar collected for the fund is available for the purpose. Every fraction of the work of the league has been gratuitously performed. No salaries nor office rent have been paid. The expenses have been strictly limited to the sums required for the purchase of stationery, the cost of necessary printing and the rent of halls when needed.

Upon that showing and with so patriotic an object in view, the league has certainly a right to expect liberal support from the public in the prosecution of its work. It is time the enterprise were taken up with zeal and energy. It is true we have also under way at this time a movement for the erection of a memorial to McKinley, but that should not in any way impede the work of the Lincoln Monument League.

Some time ago certain enterprising men in Chicago established a line of steamers to run direct from Chicago to European ports, and there was much talk at the time of the probability that New York would be made a way station; but now the line of steamers has been transferred to the Atlantic coast trade, and neither Chicago nor Europe will ever see them again.

The deer season has closed in New York, and in summing up the casualties of the sport the newspapers print a list of persons killed or wounded that makes the record of the season look like a report from a seat of war.

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