

The San Francisco Call. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1903. JOHN D. SPRECKELS, Proprietor. Ask for THE CALL. The Operator Will Connect You With the Department You Wish.

PERNICIOUS BILLS.

SENATE BILL No. 314, introduced by Senator Lukens, is about the most pernicious bit of silliness in the way of legislation that has been proposed at this session of the Legislature.

The full effect of the passage of such a measure can hardly be forecast. Should the courts hold it to be valid new cases would arise under it, and the extent to which the principle would be carried is beyond computation.

The bill has been aptly characterized as "anarchistic and vicious." It would, in fact, work a revolution in our industrial system and seriously interfere alike with employer and employe.

Much the same may be said of the similar bill introduced by Luchsinger. While it is not so drastic as the Lukens bill it has the same object of changing the relations of employers and employes, and would, if adopted, give rise to an equal litigation.

A little while ago we were all for favor with the British; then Prince Henry came and we were unanimous for our friends the Germans; now we are doubtful of both and are shaking hands with France over the Venezuelan question and talking of the brave old days when the French helped us lick King George.

At a recent "pet stock" exhibition in Chicago the managers excluded music from the hall on the ground that it made the chickens nervous and unfitted them for exhibition purposes; and we may therefore infer that Chicago music is very nearly bad enough to spoil eggs.

During his trial Young, the fendish New York murderer, shows absolutely no concern in reference to his probable fate of death. He undoubtedly knows better than any one else what ought to happen to him, but is trusting to one of the freaks of the law.

MORMONS AND STATEHOOD.

SENATOR BARD in his speech against statehood for Arizona and New Mexico gave the discussion a new and important aspect. With the frankness which becomes a Senator he declared that the whole country must consider the political influence and control of the Mormon hierarchy in Arizona, and to a degree in New Mexico.

When Senator Bard broke the ice the question was discussed with a freedom that has not been heard in Congress since the debates on the Tucker-Edmunds law against polygamy. The increase of Mormon power in Idaho and Wyoming was revealed, and the recent incidents in the politics of those States were gone over with enlightening effect.

This recalls some recent history in that State to which he did not refer. When he was in Republican politics in Idaho Territory he made several bitter and forcible attacks upon the Mormon church. When he became a candidate for his present seat in the Senate, and his fate hung upon the election of a Legislature, these anti-Mormon speeches were recalled and the church entered the field against him.

In the statehood debate there was expressed a fear that the church, controlling Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Arizona, and with hope of the balance of power in Colorado, will defy public sentiment and public law and renew polygamy. In the revelations made in this debate it is very evident that we are far from done with the Mormon question.

We are convinced that it is the duty of the nation to cut off polygamy as a future resource for the recruitment of Mormon power. Before that church succeeds in controlling States enough to defeat a constitutional amendment one putting polygamy where an amendment put slavery should be adopted.

Some of the young men whom Uncle Sam is educating at Annapolis to be fighting sailors have risen in revolt because they are not to be permitted to indulge in the cowardly practice of hazing.

Over in Kansas something in the way of a novelty has been introduced in the form of a bill providing for taxing old maids as well as bachelors. In the case of bachelors the tax is to be imposed between the ages of 40 and 65, while in the case of bachelorettes it is to be imposed on all over 35 and under 50.

A New York legislator supported by several clubs of leading ladies has introduced a bill establishing a State farm for women. The complaint is made that numbers of women now shut up in the prisons of the State have nothing to do except sew, scrub, cook and darn.

A Minnesota legislator has introduced a bill making it unlawful for one person to kiss another unless the kisser can prove that he is not afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease. Had he stopped there, he would have acquired no fame, for that bill is old.

The best bill of the lot is that of a Pennsylvania man, providing that at danger-points along railways there shall be placed three grades of torpedoes. The first shall be strong enough to warn the engineer, if he be awake and attending to duty.

The almost unprecedented action of the County Clerk of this city in demanding that his deputies shall work as a reward for their salaries has created almost a revolution in the City Hall.

It is announced that Ward McAllister's famous "farm" at Newport, where once the select forty of the four hundred used to lunch and dance upon the velvety green, has been sold to a market gardener, and now it will be more noted for cabbage heads than ever.

be strong enough to wake him up by shocking him or throwing him off his seat. The third will have power to knock him off the cab and automatically set the air brakes. Concerning that measure little need be said. It is one of the bills that fills the bill.

Paul Kruger, it is said, is nearing death. When the end comes to the old man the world will lose one of the giant figures of the nineteenth century and the personification of a national ideal which should be a guide to the twentieth.

THE ACRE DIFFICULTY.

SINCE we are getting reports of the outbreak of war in Central America let us rejoice that the controversy between Brazil and Bolivia over Acre is seemingly to be settled without a fight.

The row over Acre appears to have arisen out of the natural conditions of the country. It is a part of Bolivia, but it is so located that about the only way for it to carry on any intercourse in the way of trade is along the Amazon River.

It appears the Brazilians were the first to perceive that Acre is a good thing. They began to colonize the country and market the rubber. They were able to beat the Bolivians at that kind of work, for they had easy access to the country through the Amazon, while the Bolivians could hardly get there at all.

The Brazilians recognized the formidable nature of the Bolivian movement and promptly denounced the concession to the syndicate as "a monstrosity in law." They declared it would never do to permit the establishment of a precedent for transferring to a syndicate the power of sovereignty with the right of fixing the fiscal laws of a province.

Just what becomes of the syndicate in the new deal has not been stated in the dispatches. The chances are, however, that it will get the rubber from Bolivia and the right of free navigation from Brazil, and eventually own the country.

A professor of Greek in Northwestern University says the only way to elevate the stage is to have every play censored by a body of "representative moral citizens." Who'll censor the citizens?

THE PROMOTION FUND.

REPORTS from the California Promotion Committee are to the effect that although the circulars calling for subscriptions to the fund for the coming year have been out but a few days the returns up to Saturday evening are conclusive that the work of the committee is appreciated and will be amply sustained.

The reports go on to say: "It is desirable that subscription cards be sent in as early as possible, as the plans outlined entail the entering into advertising and other contracts for the next year. The committee will also get out a pamphlet as soon as the subscribers are on record, giving the name and the business or profession of each, and this pamphlet will be distributed with other advertising matter by the committee throughout the world, the idea being to show parties interested in California that the progressive movement here is backed up by the most substantial people in the community."

At the regular monthly meeting of the committee on Monday it was announced that letters of inquiry about California received by the committee during January numbered 395, and the number of letters sent out, including answers to inquiries and circular letters, was 5876. The total number of letters received down to the end of January is 9275, while 18,960 were sent out.

The letters of inquiry are coming from all parts of the Union and show an increasing interest in California among Eastern people. That interest is of course due to the work that has been done to educate the Eastern public concerning the resources of the State and the advantages it has to offer to investors and to home-seekers.

Alexander McMillan, M. D., a prominent physician of Lansing, Michigan, writes: "On three cases I have tested Herpicide for dandruff and the result has been all that could be desired."

Herpicide is made upon an entirely new principle, that is, that dandruff and falling hair are caused from a microbe that infests the hair bulb, and, by destroying the microbe, one's hair is bound to grow luxuriantly. Herpicide is the only hair remedy that claims to and really does destroy the dandruff germs.

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REGENTS HEAR REPORT ON THE MARSH LANDS.

At the meeting of the Board of Regents of the State University at Mark Hopkins Institute yesterday Rev. Peter C. Yorke was introduced by his fellow regents by Garret W. McEnerney, Guy C. Earl was called to the chair. Regents attending were: A. W. Foster, I. W. Hellman, Dr. Ellinwood, Phebe A. Hearst, Garret W. McEnerney, Guy C. Earl, J. B. Reinsteil, P. C. Yorke and President Benjamin I. Wheeler.

Thanks of the board were given to the firm of Levi Strauss & Co. for extension of the Strauss scholarship. The firm's check for \$500 for payment of the scholarship for the ensuing year was received.

Mr. Thomas' appointments marks an important change in the university's management of examining those high schools in California which seek accreditation. It will be the duty of this new university officer to spend the first half of each college year in visiting high schools. He will examine them as to general organization, tone and efficiency. He will consider each school as an organism, as an individual life. In order that he may keep thoroughly in touch with the university as well as with the schools, he will offer instruction during the second half of each year at Berkeley in the Department of Education.

Mr. Thomas is well known as a successful school teacher and high school principal. He graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1890. He taught in Chaffey College at Ontario, in the San Bernardino High School. From 1892 to 1893 he was principal of the high school and Superintendent of Schools in San Bernardino; he was principal of the Petaluma High School and of the Merced High School. For the past two years he has been engaged in graduate study of education at Columbia University in New York City.

The resignation was accepted of Dr. Sidney D. Townley, instructor in practical astronomy. Dr. Townley has received the honor of appointment through the superintendent of the United States coast geodetic survey, as director of the International Latitude Observatory at Ukiah, Cal.

Miss Augusta L. Dargon, once famous actress, who died in Australia, will be remembered as Miss Augusta L. Dargon by those San Franciscans whose memories take them back a score of years, is dead. Mrs. Piercy was in her day a noted actress, and the news of her death, which took place last Christmas day at Gundagai, New South Wales, has just been received here.

During the Chicago fire Miss Dargon was staying at the Sheridan House, and narrowly escaped death. Her valuable wardrobe was totally destroyed. Going to Australia some years later, Miss Dargon met Dr. E. S. Piercy. She was on her way to cure the antipodes. The doctor fell in love with the bright and witty actress and soon after reaching Australia the couple became husband and wife. Miss Dargon's appearance in Australia met with brilliant success. Among those who eulogized the actress was the great Australian statesman, the Right Hon. William Bede Dalley. Among the friends she counted in Sydney were Lord Augustus Loftus, Sir Samuel Way, the late Justice Forbes and the late Sir William Windeyer, one of the foremost Judges on the Australian bench.

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THREE EVENTS CONCERN STATE BOARD OF TRADE.

The State Board of Trade yesterday declined to send representatives of the board to the River Improvement Convention, which will come together in the Palace Hotel in this city to-morrow.

The board will go to Sacramento as a body on February 17 to attend the convention that has been called to discuss the Works Irrigation bill, which was prepared at the instance of the California Water and Forest Association through the agency of a commission. An invitation was received from President Chipman of the State Board of Trade, President Newhall of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and President McNear of the Merchants' Exchange to take part in the discussion. This invitation was promptly accepted.

PERSONAL MENTION. F. S. Churchill, a banker of Napa, is at the Palace. Senator-elect Newlands of Nevada is at the Palace. W. H. Hutton, an attorney of Modesto, is a guest at the Lick. C. B. Jellison, a capitalist of Napa, is registered at the Grand. N. Chipman, a well known resident of Red Bluff, is at the Lick. A. T. Reynolds, a fruit grower of Walnut Grove, is at the Lick. A. H. Schnable, a fruit grower of Newcastle, is a guest at the Grand. C. S. Hall, a well known grocer of Monterey, is among the arrivals at the Grand. Sig Wormser, a merchant of Fresno, is here on a short business trip and is a guest at the Lick. L. C. Kruger, a haberdasher of New York, who is touring the coast, is spending a few days at the Palace. T. M. Schumacher, traffic director of the Oregon Short Line Railroad, with headquarters at Salt Lake, is at the Palace.

Californians in New York. NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The following Californians are in New York: From San Francisco—J. Boringham, at the Murray Hill; F. W. Clark, at the Herald Square; W. R. Wheeler, at the Gilsey House; A. M. Johnson and G. M. Landers, at the Everett; H. D. Scribner, at the Manhattan; and Mrs. M. J. Turner, at the Continental.

Memory of Abraham Lincoln. In anticipation of the coming national encampment the various posts of the Grand Army of this city and the camp of Spanish War Veterans have combined to make Lincoln's birthday this year more than usually impressive.

Death of A. B. Chambers. Thomas S. Chambers, prominent in political affairs at the Potrero, has suffered the loss of his son, Aaron Benjamin Chambers, the result of an operation for appendicitis. The young man had almost equipped himself for a successful career as an electrical engineer and during his apprenticeship won the respect of all his associates.

Ex. strong hoarhound candy, Townsend's. Townsend's California glace fruit and candies, 50c a pound, in artistic fire-etched boxes. A nice present for Eastern friends, 65c Market st., Palace Hotel building.

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