

The San Francisco Call. FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1903. JOHN D. SPRECKELS, Proprietor. Ask for THE CALL. The Operator Will Connect You With the Department You Wish.

THE WALKING DELEGATE.

As men are constituted it is to be expected that all organizations will be used for selfish and sometimes for corrupt purposes. It is not surprising that the labor unions have proved no exception to the rule.

The revelations in New York have brought the courts into action. Already one walking delegate is in stripes in Sing Sing for "fining" an employer \$10,000 and pocketing the money, which was really his price, as a bribe, for ordering off a strike which he had ordered on to give him the chance to extort the money.

Another walking delegate is now on trial in New York. He was the delegate of the Housewives' and Bridgemen's Union. The testimony shows that he extorted enormous sums and pocketed them as the price of his permission for employers to go on with their work.

The firm started about a year ago in the heavy metal trade in house fittings. Their plant was unionized and an agreement signed to that effect. Last December a strike was ordered. Upon inquiry of their workmen none of them knew why the strike was ordered.

Perhaps these experiences will do something to remove the objections of the unions to incorporation, which will make their walking delegates legally responsible and remove the muzzle from the members themselves.

The members of the Senate of the United States of Colombia have justified every opinion which we have entertained of their intelligence and of their fidelity to their country. With an idiosyncrasy which possesses only the single merit of calmness and with a reckless disregard of their country's welfare, which can have no excuse, they have refused to ratify the Panama canal treaty.

POSTAL EDUCATION.

At the recent convention of the National Association of Postmasters at Boston there were discussed quite a number of propositions for the improvement of the service and it is probable that many of them will be submitted to Congress for adoption.

Among the more important improvements suggested by the convention are the adoption of a simple form for sending small remittances through the mails, so as to avoid the inclosure of postage stamps; more rapid transit in large cities between the main office and the sub-stations and the railway depots, and increased facilities for the special delivery service.

One of the salient features of the convention was a discussion of the need of educating the public with respect to postal matters. There is no branch of the Government that is closer to the people or is so much in use by the great masses as is the postal service, and as a consequence it is important that well-nigh every one should know how to make right use of it.

Whether or not it would be advisable to introduce a course of postal service instruction into the public schools is for public school teachers to decide. The schools are pretty heavily overladen with studies as it is. We can hardly hope to teach a child everything at once and make him a master of all the intricacies of government, science, industry and art while he is struggling with the rules of reading, writing and arithmetic.

done a good deal would be gained, for it seems that letters that go astray are almost invariably found to be either illegibly or faultily directed.

There is something deeply significant in the energy with which Russia is displaying her avenging wrath toward Turkey. The spirit with which nations are quick or slow to enter a quarrel depends altogether upon the character of the other fellow.

AGUIRRE AND HIS FRIENDS.

FOR the first time in the history of San Quentin prison the convicts as a body have in due form given an expression of regret at the departure from office of a Warden of the institution. The incident is noteworthy, for there is in it something of appropriateness and something of incongruity that renders it both instructive and amusing.

The incongruity is apparent on the face of it. It is an old saying that "No rogue e'er felt the halter draw with good opinion of the law," and it is a plain inference that had the convicts been restrained in their vicious tendencies by the Warden they would not have entertained a good opinion of him.

It happens, however, that there is a certain appropriateness in the expression of friendship on the part of the convicts for the Warden. His relations to some of them at least have been very close and of a familiar nature. It is well known that during his administration the rules of the prison have been violated, its records distorted and falsified, illegal work has been done and rank forgeries committed.

Having received the expressions of regret, it is now in order for the retiring Warden to assure the convicts that he values their esteem above that of any one else in the State, and to set forth his obligations to those of them to whom he is specially indebted for assistance in falsifying the records.

Our aristocratic families and our distinguished representatives of refined leisure should take heed and prepare accordingly against an epidemic of appendicitis, that dread affliction of those who can afford to pay more than is necessary to cure an attack of cramps.

CONVICTS IN GEORGIA.

COMMENTING upon action taken by the Legislature of Georgia to mitigate to some extent of the evils of the lease system of working convicts, The Call stated yesterday that under the new law all convicts sentenced to confinement and work for five years or more are to be employed on public roads instead of being leased to private parties.

Short as is this step in the direction of a correct prison system, it is still a movement toward reform and will induce the taking of further steps later on. The Constitution announces that already several counties in the State have made application for all the short term convicts from their courts and will at once put them to work on the public roads.

That, it seems, is the best Georgia can do at present. In the end, however, chain gangs working on public roads will become as offensive to public sentiment as the outrages that have just stirred popular indignation against the lease system.

The war lords of France tried a peculiar experiment the other day when they ordered that live shells be fired at the turret of a French man-of-war. The battleship, it is reported, stood the test, but there is nothing in the reports to indicate that the Government is willing to permit any but French shells to fire at such a target.

There is sufficient reason to believe that duelling in Germany is distinctly improving in method and results. In a recent affair of honor one of the antagonists was fatally wounded. A few more instances like this and the sport of fighting one another will come out of the character of opera bouffe in the Fatherland.

RURAL TRAINING FOR HOMELESS BOYS AND GIRLS

Thirteen of the State's leading charitable associations and orphan asylums have effected an organization for the purpose of finding homes for children who have become public charges. All of the local charitable institutions are crowded to the limit with homeless boys and girls, and with the rapid increase of population in San Francisco the problem has become steadily more difficult of solution.

The system of home-finding for orphans and abandoned children has been in practice in the East for several years and has proved very successful. Nothing of the kind has ever been attempted on broad lines in this country before.

All of these institutions are in receipt of kind requests that they be given an orphan for adoption, and sometimes investigation has shown that the applicants are unable to provide properly for the little ones. Now an agency has been established at 400 Montgomery street and the work formerly handled by the thirteen institutions separately will be conducted through one office.

Mrs. Isabel H. Raymond, at present probation officer of the San Francisco courts, has been selected as the State's agent. She will travel through the State investigating applications and finding homes for orphans.

H. W. Lewis has been chosen president of the new organization, which is the United States Government should be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Shakespeare and the Bible.

Shakespeare's indebtedness to the Bible has been made the subject of an exhaustive inquiry by William Burgess. The author informs us that when he began his studies he had no idea of publication, but was led solely by personal conviction, as the result of certain utterances concerning the "so-called absence of religion in Shakespeare." The evidence against this assumption, the author found, is so abundant and conclusive that it "amounts to a revelation." Consequently, "The Bible in Shakespeare" is a bulky volume, which has just been published.

At the outset Mr. Burgess admits that Shakespeare is still "the poet of secular humanity." His contention is that the poet drew largely from the Bible for his loftiest thoughts and his grandest inspirations, that he employed "Scripture teachings, facts, poetry, philosophy and language in his writings," and that he was a sincere believer and accepted the orthodox views current in his day.

So much for the author's general contentions. For the rest—and this doubtless constitutes the valuable part of the book—he has gone laboriously through the plays and given us a chapter of references to the Bible in each of his works. It appears, another in which biblical characters are mentioned and several devoted to Scriptural and Shakespearean parallels. On the whole, it is a curious and interesting book.

BIGGEST GORILLA EVER KILLED

Shot in the Cameroon Country—Was Almost Seven Feet in Height.

There has just been placed on exhibition in the Umlauf museum at Hamburg the biggest known specimen of gorilla. It was shot in the Cameroon territory in West Africa. After much difficulty it was removed to Hamburg, where it is now on exhibition. It measured 6 feet 10 1/2 inches from the crown of the head to the middle toe, and across from middle finger to middle finger 3 feet 3/4 inches. It was largely a matter of chance that the German traveler, Herr Paschen of Schwerin, shot this gigantic gorilla.

When the natives came to the agency at Cameroon with stories of the "big monkey," Herr Paschen did not take much notice of the matter. When the native troops started out on a hunt for the gorilla the German traveler took his carbine and went along. After some hours' travel they came to the patch of bush where the gorilla was supposed to be hiding. The natives surrounded the bush, and suddenly the beast's head appeared. Herr Paschen made a path through the bush with his bush knife and when within range took aim and fired.

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THE LOVE CHASE. T. G. City.

The drama "The Love Chase," by Sheridan Knowles, was written by him in 1837. After Venice Berlin has more bridges than any other town in Europe.

COFFEE CLUBS AT SAN JOSE

SAN JOSE, Aug. 20.—The coffee clubs in San Jose, Petaluma, Santa Clara and San Diego are to be incorporated into a State association. Other clubs are being formed and they will be included in the organization. The aim of the coffee clubs is to furnish places of entertainment for young men and boys, to keep them from visiting saloons, coffee, light meals, ice cream and soft drinks are sold in the rooms are conducted in connection with the places. San Jose has three of the clubs—on for men, one for boys and another for women.

Ernest Fox of this city has formed the clubs in this State and elsewhere. They are a success and have proved profitable. Fox now proposes to form a State association, and the articles of incorporation have been prepared. San Jose is to be the headquarters of the association.

Fox, whose movement has the sanction of the church and State, has decided to erect a headquarters building in this city. An attempt will also be made to have the clubs in Santa Clara, Petaluma and San Diego and those about to be organized erect their own buildings. The profits of the clubs will go into the State association.

Fox contemplates establishing roadside coffee clubs. Attractive places with gardens will be fitted up near the ordinary roadhouses and saloons. Light meals and ice cream drinks will be served. He believes that people will patronize the coffee clubs instead of saloons and that in time the roadside saloon will disappear. The experiment of establishing coffee clubs along the road will be tried first in Santa Clara County.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES

MILK BILL—Constant Reader, City. In making out bill for milk delivered, it would be proper to write "For milk delivered during July, 1903."

HOME—Marguerite, City. Your request for information about a "Home Industry Institute" in California was published in this department August 7.

ADVERTISING ON PLAC—It is unlawful in the States of Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Dakota to use the American flag for advertising purposes.

SEEDS—M. A. G., Fresno, Cal. Application for seeds that are distributed by the United States Government should be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

NAVAL APPRENTICE—Mother, City. For information about taking an apprentice in the United States navy, see a communication to the Naval Training Station, Goat Island, San Francisco.

COMMUNITY PROPERTY—E. Orland, Cal. The husband in the State of California cannot dispose of the community property by gift or for a valuable consideration without the consent of the wife, given in writing.

AN OLD-TIME FIRE—E. F., City. The Harpending block on the south side of Market street, between First and Second, was destroyed by fire September 23, 1871. David Scannell was chief engineer at that time, but was absent on vacation, and the department was in charge of Assistant Engineer Con Mooney.

THE KING—B., Veterans' Home, Cal. The King of England is not paid a salary, but the master has brought out people. He is allowed annually a civil list amounting to £470,000, of which £110,000 is for the private purse of the King and Queen. The remainder is for the salaries of the royal household, household expenses, etc.

COWARDICE—Subscriber, City. "To tell one's name to the enemy," to tell it to one who is about to be challenged to combat, was deemed by the ancient Scotch heroes a mark of cowardice; because if the predecessors of the combatants had shown hospitality no combat could ensue. Hence to tell one's name to an enemy was an ignominious synonym of craven or coward.

IN MASSACHUSETTS—N. N., City. The laws of Massachusetts do not prescribe that distribution of an estate, whether the property be cash or bank, be made within a stated period after the will has been filed or proceedings in case of no will have been instituted. The time when distribution can properly be made must depend upon the circumstances made in each case. If all the persons entitled to shares are known the distribution may be made at any time after the debts are paid.

Paris and the Trolley.

With regard to trolley extension in Paris it is stated that the controversy over the matter has brought out people who are gradually but surely "uglifyng" la ville lumiere. One interview in the Figaro which has attracted considerable attention is with Victor Blinet, the well-known decorator. He says that what is the use of bothering with overhead wires—for trolleys must be endured whether they are ugly or not—when so many other misdeeds against art are being committed. The so-called new art has so stultified the public that no trace of taste remains in France. The deep sea people have been working for years to make Paris ugly. They were allowed to devastate the Esplanade des Invalides and the Champs Elysees. The new monuments and ornaments in the squares and parks are ridiculous—gingerbread and cardboard monstrosities altogether devoid of decorative effect. The new houses are hideous with their absurdly unornamental facades, which will harmonize well with the trolley wires, the gibbets stuck all over the city and the yellow asparagus stalks fixed over the entrance to the stations of the underground railway, called for brevity the "Metro." "Let us pray," says M. Blinet, "for power to stand all this mercantile, Americanism and utter ugliness." But why "Americanism"? New art is decidedly a European production, French or German, perhaps both.

In speaking of the recent work of the Anglin in laying the Commercial Pacific Cable the Honolulu correspondent of the New York Herald says: "In the actual work of laying the final section of cable the Anglin had a very remarkable trip. She started soon after noon on June 28 to pay out the section from Midway to Honolulu, and came right along without the slightest hitch or delay, taking the courses surveyed by the Hero several years ago. The deep sea cable ended about ten miles south of the island of Oahu, about eighteen miles from the place where the shore end was landed. The Anglin laid exactly 1315 knots of cable from Midway to this point, and with the additional eighteen miles of cable the actual amount of cable laid is 1333 knots. There was about 8 per cent of slackage. The cable force was very proud of the making of a new record for continuous use of the wire log, which registers the distance traveled. This log is on reels of 140 knots each, which have to be renewed as fast as they are run off. Heretofore the transfer of the reels has necessitated vessels slackening. The greatest run ever made before without a stop was 840 knots. The Anglin ran the entire distance of 1333 miles without a single break or stoppage or slackening of speed. The greatest depth encountered on the trip from Midway was about 270 fathoms."

Pine views of the Grand Army parade in the Vesp to-day.

FRAUD IN GAS STOCK DEAL SAYS THE RECEIVER

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 20.—In the United States Circuit Court to-day George Wharton Pepper of Philadelphia, receiver of the Bay State Gas Company of Delaware, filed a bill of complaint against J. Edwards Addicks, United States Senator from Delaware, and others, alleging fraud in connection with a transaction involving the stock of the company, said to be valued at \$75,000,000.

The bill charges the defendants as directors, except Addicks, with entering into an unlawful combination to issue to Addicks 1,500,000 shares of stock of the Bay State Gas Company without consideration. The bill further asks that Addicks be ordered to deliver to the receiver the cancellation certificates for the 1,500,000 shares of stock, and that an accounting be made of the damages and loss sustained by the Bay State Gas Company of Delaware in consequence of the alleged fraudulent and unlawful issue of stock, and that the defendants be ordered to pay an amount equivalent to the alleged damage and loss. The defendants are required to appear and make answer on the first Monday of November.

The stock is alleged to have been transferred on July 3, 1902. The bill alleged that the stock was not issued direct to Addicks, but to another man, presumably on the order of Addicks. The allegation is made that the stock was issued to Edwin M. Poul, a New York broker, who is alleged to have been in the employ of Addicks to sell the stock. It is further set forth that the \$75,000,000 of stock Addicks is believed to still control a large portion.

A CHANCE TO SMILE.

"Yes, he laid the foundation for his great fortune in a circus side show. He was a professor of palmistry, you know." "Was he? Then I should think he'd be a little sensitive about the location he has chosen for a summer home." "Where is that?" "Palm Beach."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Blobs—My friend the poet subscribes to a clipping bureau. "Blobs—Then why doesn't he take advantage of it to have his hair cut?"—Philadelphia Record.

Mrs. Work—Has your husband improved any since you married him? "Mrs. Shirk—Oh, yes; before we were married he used to fasten his suspenders with a nail. Since our marriage I have taught him to sew on a button."—Yonkers Statesman.

Mr. Fudge (sampling a new dish)—Yes, my dear, it looks all right; but, do you know, I don't think it tastes very nice. "Mrs. Fudge—I got it out of the house-keeping column of 'The Married Woman's Vade Mecum.'" "Mr. Fudge—Oh, that accounts for it."—Boston Transcript.

"Sir, you look like an optimist. You have a happy countenance. Lend me a dollar." "My friend, do you know why I look happy? It's because I haven't any wealth to bother me."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Teacher—Tommy, where was the Declaration of Independence signed? "The Tad—At the bottom."—Kansas Independent.

Mr. Sillimur—But why do you insist that our daughter should marry a man whom she does not like? You married for love, didn't you? "Mr. Sillimur—Yes; but that is no reason why I should let our daughter make the same blunder."—New York Weekly.

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