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FIGHT FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT.

WHEN the friends of Mr. Lane take a fair view of the political situation they can find no reason for voting for him beyond that of personal friendship.

Every effort to rally the old Democratic party to his standard has failed. Democracy is as divided in this city as it is in the nation at large.

The vast powers of the Mayor have been repeatedly enumerated and are now well understood by intelligent voters.

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FEDERAL IRRIGATION.

THERE was recently published an interview with Federal engineers concerning the use of the waters of Clear Lake in an irrigation scheme in charge of the United States in the Sacramento Valley.

As the editor of the Sun, General Green, is the pioneer irrigation engineer of California, and has knowledge of water laws unusual for a layman, his opinion is entitled to credit.

Now, if it be true that the limited holding of 160 acres is applicable to the use of water impounded and distributed under the Federal law, and that the present owners of our valley land can get water for only that amount of land, no matter how much more they may own, the policy of depending at all on the Federal Government is open to doubt and debate.

Stricken by conscience, a Wyoming man who participated as among those present at a recent lynching has confessed to the authorities and has implicated thirty-five otherwise reputable people of the State in the crime.

BRYAN, PHILANTHROPIST.

IN the land of steady habits and wooden nutmegs lived Mr. Bennett, an admirer of William J. Bryan. Mr. Bennett by keen industry had made a fortune, and advised Mr. Bryan by letter that he proposed to leave of the same sum of \$50,000 to him.

Mr. Bennett seems to have been impressed with the divine ratio of 16 to 1 and with Mr. Bryan as its expounder, hence this effort to get \$50,000 as evidence of that impression.

There is a demand for irrigated land in the West that promises to increase rather than diminish. In the valley of the Snake River, in Idaho, from Idaho Falls far up beyond St. Anthony, irrigated land sells readily for \$40 to \$60 per acre, and the tracts from the East are filled with buyers at that price.

Two police officers are under suspension here on the serious charge of having accepted bribes from keepers of saloons. And the most serious aspect of the affair seems to be that the saloons involved were not among the hundreds that openly conduct a gambling attachment.

WOMAN'S CIVIC WORK.

MAYOR OLNEY'S appeal to the women's clubs of Oakland to assist him in building up public institutions and in making his administration more successful than it could be without such co-operation has been heard clear across the continent.

The Boston authority, however, does not believe there can be an effective and full use of woman's energy in the advancement of municipal life without conferring upon women the right to vote.

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FORMER CABINET OFFICIALS VISIT SAN FRANCISCO

General Russell A. Alger, newly elected United States Senator from Michigan and former Secretary of War, accompanied by ex-Secretary of the Interior Cornelius N. Bliss of New York, R. A. Alger Jr. and Charles Alger, son and nephew respectively of the Senator, Henry Standart of Detroit and Major George H. Hopkins formed a distinguished party that arrived from Southern California yesterday and registered at the Palace Hotel.

General Alger's prime purpose in coming West at this time was to inspect his mining properties in Arizona. This he has already done and he is now bound for the Northwest to look over his timber holdings in that section.

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RELATIVE, FAR REMOVED, CONTESTS DYER'S WILL

Claims That When Testament Was Made Mind of the Deceased Was Unsound. A contest of the will of John B. Dyer, who died on the 21st inst., was brought yesterday by James Dyer, first cousin of the mother of the deceased.

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BRIGGS SEEKS THE AID OF THE FRUIT-GROWERS

Individual fruit growers are writing to the State Board of Trade commending the resolution adopted by the board to provide for an investigation relative to the returns that California farmers receive for their products in the markets.

General Briggs of the State Board of Trade has sent a letter to President Chapman of the State Board of Trade, which is as follows: "Recently I read an account of resolutions of the State Board of Trade with reference to the manner of sales of California fruit.

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SOME ANSWERS TO QUERIES BY CALL READERS

ELLA WILCOX—L. Santa Clara, Cal. Ella Wheeler Wilcox was born in Johnstown Center, Wis., in 1855. She was educated at the University of Wisconsin. She married Robert M. Wilcox, and resides at the Bungalow, Short Beach, Conn.

GEORGE FLEMING—M. A. F. City, Julia Constance Fletcher, who under the nom de plume of George Fleming wrote "Kismet" (Boston, 1872), was born in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, in 1853. She was the daughter of James Cooley Fletcher, a missionary.

GAME IN ALASKA—Hunter, City. The killing of caribou on the Kenai Peninsula or on the Alaska Peninsula, west of Lake Iliamna (except for scientific purposes under special permit from the Department of Agriculture), is prohibited prior to September 8, 1903.

SNAKE BLINDNESS—Z. Petaluma, Cal. Snakes become partially blind several times a year, at the time they shed the skin. The skin is always thrown off by reversing it, so that the transparent covering of the eyes and that of the scales are always found concave in the scutulae.

FASCINATION BY SERPENTS—Z. Petaluma, Cal. The power ascribed to serpents to be able to fascinate the small animals on which they prey has been often ridiculed, but it is supported by a great deal of evidence and has been fully observed by a number of scientific observers.

DIVINING ROD—W. W. Watsonville, Cal. No good reason has yet been given why a divining rod, usually a forked stick of iron, used to locate water or minerals, will turn in the hands of some people and not in the hands of others.

SNAKE BITES—Z. Petaluma, Cal. Treatment in case of snake bites must be promptly applied. If possible, the wound should be sucked vigorously to withdraw the poison, and circulation in the region of the wound be shut off by means of bandages applied with a tourniquet.

Commercial Travelers' Benefit. The regular annual benefit of the San Francisco Commercial Travelers' Association will be held at the Grand Opera House Thursday evening, October 29, E. Dunn, H. H. Becker, C. E. Torres, C. C. Muller, W. T. Rouel, G. W. Morehouse, K. M. Bowman, N. M. Marisch, J. Egan, F. McGeeney, W. H. Holling and P. Lang will have charge of the affair.

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