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THE CHIMNEY MUDDLE.

The chimney question in San Francisco is developing an ugly phase, and the specter of a scandal, the first since the catastrophe, is looming up. It is up to Mayor Schmitz to step in and see that the matter is corrected, and he should not lose any time in doing it. He has thus far made an excellent record during the city's trial, and in justice to his own reputation, if not to the public, he should settle the ugly business without delay.
The facts are these: There are now in San Francisco, 50,000 chimneys to be inspected before they can be used. The Citizens' Building Committee, which is a sub-committee of the original Citizens' Committee of Fifty, has already inspected 26,000. The Board of Public Works suddenly appears on the scene, disputes the jurisdiction of the Citizens' Committee and orders all chimneys in the city inspected at a cost of \$1 per house, figuring three chimneys to each house. The 26,000 already inspected by the Citizens' Committee will be reinspected by the Board of Public Works at this cost of \$1 per house of three chimneys.
Each householder is to have his own chimneys repaired. When the repairs have been made the board will give him a certificate of inspection showing that the chimney is safe for use. Then a test of six blocks at one time will be made, and if the chimneys in the six blocks are found to be safe they may be used, and the board will take up another section of six blocks in the same manner.
It is estimated that in the hilly sections about 30 per cent of the chimneys are in bad order and on the made ground 90 per cent are likewise, or demolished altogether, and will have to be rebuilt.
These 50,000 chimneys, at the rate of \$1 per house of three chimneys, mean thousands of dollars to be paid to inspectors by the public. The work of inspection is already proceeding at the rate of 1200 chimneys per day, and a good many inspectors have been employed for this work by the Board of Public Works.
As the matter now stands, it is a conflict of authority between the Citizens' Building Committee and the Board of Public Works. The latter claims that it is backed by the charter and an ordinance just passed by the Board of Supervisors, conferring upon it this power of inspection.
Here Mayor Schmitz comes in. He says the chimneys shall not be used until he issues a proclamation to that effect, and he will not issue such proclamation until the Board of Underwriters gives him the word. It is a bad mess all around, with the public as the victim.
The people are sick of cooking in the gutters. It is a nuisance. They want to get back to their kitchens, but if this inexcusable delay and controversy goes on they will be cooking in the gutters for months yet. There is no reason why a householder should not use his chimney as soon as he gets it repaired, and any board or official who prevents him from using it will be apt to hear from him later on in some form or other.
There is no excuse for this high-handed proceeding. It is an overstepping of authority. More than that, it is an outrage on the public. It is inflicting hardship on every family in San Francisco. Already mutterings of discontent are heard and very soon the public will demand who is to blame for this state of affairs and insist upon its immediate correction.
Let this matter be settled, and at once. The public have already suffered enough from earthquake and fire without being afflicted by this arbitrary proceeding on the part of the city government.

SAN FRANCISCO SPIRIT.

The bright optimism of San Francisco has amazed the delegation of steel magnates now here from the East to place at our disposal all the steel structural material we may need for rebuilding during the next three years. One of them says in an interview:
'We expected to find a despondent and dispirited people, but we haven't seen a discouraged face since we got here Tuesday morning. From Sacramento to New York the country is stunned by the disaster, while you people either don't know your own suffering or you have a world-beating pluck.'
'San Francisco is the only city that ever organized its own relief,' was the observation of another member of the party.
WITH RAPID STRIDES.
The work of rebuilding the city is proceeding with an alacrity which is positively surprising. Chicago amazed the world by the rapidity with which she rebuilt, but we venture the prediction that we will beat her record, with time to spare. The announcements of new buildings not only planned, but ready for erection the moment the ground is cool and cleared off is bewildering. The mind with difficulty retains their designations. As for the money, nobody has much to say about that now. We have got it, and more than we need. The only serious questions seem to be labor and prompt deliveries of structural material. With these assured, San Francisco will astonish the world.

WEATHER BUREAU BULLETIN.

Table with columns: Station, Barometer, Temp., Wind, Weather, Precipitation. Includes cities like Baker, Boise, Eureka, Flagstaff, Fresno, Independence, Kallispell, Los Angeles, North Head, Pocatello, Portland, Phoenix, Reno, Red Bluff, Rouseburg, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, Seattle, Spokane, Tatoosh, Walla Walla, Winnemucca, Yuma.

Forecast for San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Sunday; fresh west wind. For Sacramento Valley—Clearing Sunday; fresh south wind. For Los Angeles and vicinity—Cloudy Sunday; fresh southwest wind. A. G. McADIE, District Forecaster.

CALIFORNIA CONGRESSMEN CONFER WITH METCALF

Discuss the Urgent Need of an Additional Circuit Judge for This State.
WASHINGTON, May 12.—The members of the California delegation in Congress today met in conference with Secretary Metcalf and discussed the question of an additional Circuit Judge for California, as well as the urgent need of liberal appropriations both for the construction of new Federal buildings in San Francisco and the proper repairing of others.
Insurance litigation will, it is believed, make an additional Judge imperative.

Rare Jewels Stolen.

PHILADELPHIA, May 12.—Mrs. Edward Lower Welch, wife of a prominent banker, has notified the police of the loss of rare and costly jewels which were stolen from the Welch suburban home at Chestnut Hill. The value of the missing gems is said to be in excess of \$10,000. A former butler is suspected.

CHAPMAN'S BODY RECOVERED FROM SAN LORENZO RIVER

Loses His Life While Trying to Save Young Woman Friend From Drowning.
BERKELEY, May 12.—J. Leslie Dobbin received a telegram yesterday from Santa Cruz stating that the body of L. E. Chapman, the University man who was drowned in the San Lorenzo river last Saturday, has been found. Chapman perished while trying to rescue Miss Mildred McKay, his fiancée, from drowning. They were rowing when the boat overturned. Both Chapman and the girl were students at the State University. They lived at a boarding house, 2228 Chapel street in Berkeley. When the University closed, after the earthquake, Miss McKay invited Chapman to be a guest at the home of her people near Santa Cruz. The tragedy that involved the death of both was a somber ending to the plans for a pleasant summer outing.
Chapman was an engineering student, and an assistant in the office of City Engineer W. F. McClure. He drew the last map of Berkeley. His parents reside at Bayley, New South Wales, Australia. His body will be shipped there for interment.

WILL EXTEND FIRE LIMITS

Committee Will Recommend That Ninety Blocks Be Embraced.

Sixty North of Market and Thirty South Is the Division.

The fire limits of the city are to be extended. This was practically decided upon at yesterday's meeting of the building laws committee and a committee from the Board of Supervisors. The proposed extension will take in ninety blocks, sixty of which will be north of Market street and thirty south of the city's main thoroughfare. The fire limits as agreed upon at the joint meeting are as follows:
Beginning at the point of intersection of the waters of the bay with the line of Hyde street; hence southerly along Hyde street to Montgomery avenue; thence along Montgomery avenue southeasterly to a point 137 feet 6 inches southerly from Bay street; thence easterly on a line 137 feet 6 inches south from Bay street to Twentieth street; thence southerly along Twentieth street to Lombard street; thence easterly along Lombard street; thence some street; thence southerly along Sansome street to Broadway; thence westerly along Broadway to Powell; thence southerly along Powell to a point 137 feet 6 inches north of Pine; thence westerly along the line 137 feet 6 inches north of Pine to a point 137 feet 6 inches west of Van Ness; thence southerly along a line 137 feet 6 inches west of Van Ness to Market; thence northeasterly along Market to East street; thence northeasterly along East to point of beginning.
Also, commencing at a point on Pine street 137 feet 6 inches westerly to Van Ness avenue; thence northerly to Pacific avenue; thence easterly along Pacific avenue to a point 137 feet 6 inches east of Polk street; thence southerly to Pine street; thence westerly to point of commencement.
Also, beginning at Valencia and Thirteenth streets; thence easterly along Thirteenth street to Market; thence easterly along Market street to water front; thence southerly along water front to Fremont street; thence northerly along Fremont street to a point 137 feet 6 inches south of Howard; thence west to Ninth street; thence along Ninth street 137 feet 6 inches to Howard street; thence west along Howard street to Thirteenth street; thence northeasterly along Thirteenth street to point of beginning.
Also, beginning at Howard street and Third street, 137 feet 6 inches east of Third, running thence south to Townsend street; thence west to Eighth street; thence north to Bryant street; thence east to a point 137 feet 6 inches west of Fourth; thence north to Howard.

A. Reef and J. D. Galloway were appointed a committee to draft the lines of the proposed fire limits as a whole, and later offer them for adoption after which they will be presented to the Board of Supervisors to be finally acted upon.
James Gliden appeared before the committee with the plan of a hydraulic water wall, composed of stationary water towers, to be utilized for wholesale drenching in case of a large conflagration. He was referred to General Smith of Chicago, who has been sitting with the committee, and who will report as to its practicability.

GENERAL GREELY VISITS OAKLAND RELIEF BUREAU
Finds That San Francisco Refugees Are Being Well Taken Care of by Authorities.

OAKLAND, May 12.—Major General Greely was in conference in this city yesterday with Major Erwin and Lieutenant Pendleton as to the relief supply conditions. General Greely's only criticism of the work in Oakland was that the care of the refugees had been on such a haphazard basis that the military authorities would find difficulty in inaugurating the harsher methods which must shortly be applied to conserve the food supply. Four carloads of potatoes arrived and there are four carloads of general supplies on the way to the north, sent by the Massachusetts Relief Society. Blankets and coats are in demand. Today's food issue included 5000 loaves of bread and other necessities of life in proportion.

Property Brings Good Price.
OAKLAND, May 12.—A real estate transaction of some importance was consummated yesterday in the sale of 35 feet on Telegraph avenue near Seventeenth street by Nellie L. Edwards to J. M. McKane and George G. Reine for a sum stated to be between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Will Reopen in the City.
OAKLAND, May 12.—Horn & Co., the wholesale tobacconists, have secured a site at 18 Sacramento street and will reopen on May 25 in San Francisco, maintaining temporary offices at 379 Ninth street in this city where their usual business will be transacted.

Causes Landlord's Arrest.
OAKLAND, May 12.—Mrs. C. Schafer, a professional nurse, has caused the arrest of A. M. Christensen, charging him with having evicted her from a room because she could not pay the rent, which was doubled at a moment's notice.

Structural Steel Arrives.
OAKLAND, May 12.—A large quantity of structural steel, consigned to the Judson Iron works, is being discharged from the bark Wanderer at Long wharf.

MONKEY SHINES OF MARSELEEN



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MANUFACTURERS WILL NOT RAISE PRICE OF CEMENT

San Francisco Will Be Supplied Before All Others.
Speculators to Be Barred From Buying Up the Stock.

The determination of cement manufacturers not to raise the price of their product has been communicated to the Reconstruction Committee by William J. Dungee. The following letter addressed by Dungee to Mayor Schmitz explains the position of the cement manufacturers:
'On behalf of the Standard Portland Cement Company and the Santa Cruz Portland Cement Company, I desire to state that the present capacity of the Standard Portland Cement Company, at Napa Junction, is 2000 barrels a day. We will have it increased to 3000 barrels a day by the first of July. The Santa Cruz Portland Cement Company will have a capacity and will be ready to ship cement by the first of November. I have no doubt, of 6000 barrels a day. We have already ordered the machinery to increase that to 9000.
'I further desire to state to you that we will do our utmost to supply the demand, giving the preference to San Francisco and other stricken cities, at the same price that prevailed before this terrible catastrophe befell us.
'I have given instructions to the Western Fuel Company that they shall not sell cement to speculators who will take advantage and sell it at higher figures.
'I have tried to make this matter clear and assure you that you can depend on all the statements made herein.'

GOES TO MAZATLAN BRIDE AFTER EARTHQUAKE

Rodriguez Magorga, Nicaraguan Consul Here, Returns From His Hurdled Flight to Mexico.
Rodriguez Magorga, consul for Nicaragua at this port, was the star passenger on the liner City of Sydney which arrived late Thursday from Panama and way ports. Consul Magorga's claim to distinction was that he was a survivor of the San Francisco earthquake and fire. He joined the Sydney at Mazatlan.
Six months ago Magorga's marriage to the daughter of George E. Douglas of Mazatlan was a great social event in the local Latin colony. The Magorgas were living here April 18 and like everybody else got a terrible shaking about 5:13 a. m. of that date. Their home was badly wrecked and Mrs. Magorga's health demanded her instant removal from the scene of the disaster.
From here they hurried to Los Angeles and from there to Guaymas where they took steamer for Mazatlan. There Mrs. Magorga is resting her nerves at her father's home. Consul Magorga, after a brief stay at the Mexican port, took passage on the City of Sydney and all the way from Mazatlan to San Francisco he found horrors for his tale of that never-to-be-forgotten morning when the flames burned the heart out of the city by the Golden Gate.

Orpheum Reopens Next Sunday.
Everything is in readiness for the reopening of the Orpheum at the Chutes Theater next Sunday afternoon, May 20. Herr Edmund Rosner and his original Hungarian orchestra will strike up the introductory overture. President Morris Meyerfeld Jr. of the Orpheum Circuit Company has not been letting the grass grow under his feet during the past few weeks and the wires between this city and the Eastern office, in Chicago, have been kept busy arranging for the opening show. The initial programme will be exceptionally strong.

Park Concerts to Continue.
When the question of continuing the Sunday concerts in Golden Gate Park was under discussion yesterday at a meeting called by Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, Thorawell Mullyally was consulted on the subject. After hearing from him President Calhoun announced that the railroad's contribution would continue as of old.

Portland Suicide Well Known Here
Thomas Binney, who is reported to have committed suicide at Portland, was well known here in business and club circles. Mr. Binney held a responsible position with Balfour, Guthrie and Company for many years and resided at the Pacific Union Club. He was in ill health for some time prior to the earthquake and it is supposed that he committed suicide while temporarily deranged.

REALTY BROKERS APPROVE DECISION OF DIRECTORS

Board Decides It Will Not Establish Quarters on Van Ness Avenue, Sustaining Directors.
There will be no headquarters of the San Francisco Real Estate Board on Van Ness avenue, at least for the present. This was finally decided yesterday at a meeting of the board members in the Calvary Presbyterian Church. The directors recently decided to abandon the project of erecting a building on Van Ness avenue to contain the offices of the brokers. Some brokers wished to go ahead nevertheless and took steps to have the general meeting of yesterday.
President Howell made an explanation of the reasons that actuated the directors, when instead of proceeding to close a contract for construction they threw up the lease of the land and concluded that the original plan was not feasible.
His principal point was that there was no certainty when the building, which was to cover a large area, could be completed. The cost originally in view would have been exceeded. About the amount to be finally paid there was also uncertainty. When the directors took all the facts into account they concluded that it was unwise to proceed further.
After this statement a vote was taken. No dissenting votes were recorded on the proposition of approving the acts of the directors.

FRATERNAL SOCIETIES AID MANY FIRE VICTIMS

Render Timely Assistance to Those Made Homeless by the Recent Conflagration.
The Modern Woodmen, at its bureau of relief at 1317 Scott street, announces that about one-fourth of the membership of the local camps have not yet reported themselves. The office, in charge of Herbert V. Rees and W. J. Elliott, has already aided many members and is still helping others. But one member was reported as injured and no deaths have yet been noted. Additional contributions are on the way.
At the office of the Order of Pentecost a number of members who were burned out have been assisted. About one-third of the local membership were in the burned district.
The Independent Order of Odd Fellows has been doing grand work, having since the disaster assisted 2500 persons daily at the Hamilton Hall station and about 2000 at the Twenty-second and Howard street station. The contribution of clothing from various sources has been very large, and this is being distributed by the Rebekahs. The contribution in cash to the order to date amount to \$100,000, and the indications are that \$150,000 will reach this city within three weeks. The visit of Grand Secretary Shaw in the ruins of the Odd Fellowship building was opened on Wednesday, and the contents were found to be in fair condition. That of Grand Scribe Barnes was found to contain a mass of ruined matter, while the contents of the safe of the grand secretary of the Rebekahs were found to be intact.
Court Southern Heights, the largest of the Independent Order of Foresters, has secured quarters in the vestry of Olivet Church on the Potrero. This order has secured transportation for a number of members who received offer of work-out of the city.
In Court Sunflower of the American Foresters 112 of its 127 members lived in the district that was burned. In Court Live Oak but three of its members were burned out.
The Native Daughters have received many contributions of wearing apparel, and the greater portion of it has been distributed.

MONEY FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS.

State Superintendent of Instruction Kirk held a consultation yesterday with the Auditor, Treasurer and Superintendent Roncovieri over the State's share of the school fund. It was found that there is \$265,000 in this city now that had not been forwarded to Sacramento last December. Out of this sum \$225,000 will be applied to pay the teachers' salaries for the balance of this fiscal year.

MANY LITTLE ONES WILL SOON BE IN NEED OF SHELTER

Wants of Ten Thousand Persons Receive Prompt Attention.
Good Work of the Medical Men Prevents Spread of Disease.

The State Board of Examiners is very anxious regarding the disposal of children of widows and widowers when the era of free feeding in the city shall have passed. Secretary Pillsbury yesterday gave out the following statement regarding the affairs of the orphanage.
'When the era of free feeding of San Francisco people shall end and the concentration camps shall close it is more than likely that many widows, and not a few widowers also, will need to be helped to take care of their children until the strain of unexampled adversity can be bridged over and the family fortunes in some measure be retrieved.
'To meet this requirement the orphanages throughout California will be taxed to their fullest capacity.
'There are now in the forty-four orphanages of the State, in round numbers, 1000 children who are both free and fit to be placed in homes to be reared as own children, or to pull their own weight by rendering some proper form of useful service suited to their strength and years. The placing of these children in homes will make room for a thousand refugee children to be cared for until their surviving parents can get them again under their own roofs.
'What better service can any well-to-do California family perform than to take one of these orphanage children into the home to be fitted for life?
'It is not and should not be so much a question of what the child so taken into the family can do for the family as what the family can do for the child. The motive may well be that of a thank offering for one's own prosperity. At all events, look well to the motive that prompts the application for a child. If its basis be selfishness, don't apply; but if the reader finds it in the heart to do a good deed from good motives what better thank offering can one make a kind Providence than to rear a good, working, self-respecting American citizen?
'The orphanage management may question closely and require the best of references. It is obligatory upon such management to do so. They cannot give children to all who may ask, merely because they ask. Let the reader who is sure of his motive and able to furnish unquestioned references apply to the orphanage nearest him, and, if unsuccessful, make known his desires to this office, that additional effort may be made to supply the demand.
'By A. J. Pillsbury, Secretary.'

SEEKS INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNBURNED BUILDINGS

Committee on Statistics Wants Property-Holders to Give a List of Their Possessions.
Property holders in the unburned district and agents for them are requested to fill in the accompanying blank and return it by mail to the chairman of the committee on statistics, corner Sutter and Franklin streets. Location of building, material of which constructed, number of stories, number of rooms, value, damage inflicted by earthquake to walls, foundation, chimneys, windows, furniture, cost of repairing, direction of walls most damaged, north and south or east and west; direction of fall of chimney, north, south, east or west; such general information or facts as may have been observed.

Cars to Run on Third Street.

The United Railroads put a gang of men at work yesterday on Third street clearing the tracks of debris and obstructions and also placing the overhead trolley wires. These necessary improvements will be finished tomorrow, when cars will run to the Third and Townsend streets depot.

BECOMING A MOTHER
Is an ordeal which all women approach with indescribable fear, for nothing compares with the pain and horror of child-birth. The thought of the suffering and danger in store for her, robs the expectant mother of all pleasant anticipations of the coming event, and casts over her a shadow of gloom which cannot be shaken off. Thousands of women have found that the use of Mother's Friend during pregnancy robs confinement of all pain and danger, and insures safety to life of mother and child. This scientific liniment is a god-send to all women at the time of their most critical trial. Not only does Mother's Friend carry women safely through the perils of child-birth, but its use gently prepares the system for the coming event, prevents "morning sickness," and other discomforts of this period. Sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per bottle. Book containing valuable information free. The Bradford Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga. MOTHER'S FRIEND

SEATTLE ASKED TO DONATE FLAG POLE FOR NEW CITY

Citizens of That Place Gave the First Liberty Pole Put Up Under American Rule.
July 7 will be the sixtieth anniversary of the raising of the American flag on Portsmouth square by a detachment sent from the United States sloop of war Portsmouth, then in the harbor of Yerba Buena. Shortly after that event the people of Seattle sent to the then town of Yerba Buena a flagpole 140 feet long from which to float forever the emblem of liberty, and it remained standing for a long time until one morning, the anniversary of St. Patrick's day, it was cut down because some one had run an effigy of the saint up to the masthead. The pole, curtailed in length, was put up again, and did good service thereafter.
Since the recent fire President Sherman of the Mexican Veterans has written a letter to the Mayor and Common Council of the city of Seattle, in which he suggested that, as Seattle gave early San Francisco such a magnificent flagpole when it was Americanized, the citizens of that place might at this time feel like presenting to what is to be a greater and more magnificent San Francisco a new pole to take the place of the old one. The letter suggests that communications on the subject be addressed to Mayor Schmitz of this city.

FIRE IN RICHMOND DISTRICT CAUSES GREAT EXCITEMENT

Frightened Residents Nearly Create a Panic in Frantic Effort to Secure Assistance.
A small blaze in a stable on California street, near Fourteenth avenue, Friday night, threw the Richmond District into an uproar. Recent events have so wrought the nerves of the people that an incident, which would have passed almost unnoticed before the conflagration, created intense excitement.
As soon as the fire was discovered the people rushed from their homes and every one that owned or could borrow a revolver began to rend the heavens with bullets. Believing that a small battle was raging soldiers and police hurried to the scene and on finding the cause turned in an alarm of fire. A bucket brigade hurried to the task, however, and before the first engine arrived the fire had been extinguished.
The blaze was caused by a defective chimney.