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BUSINESS NORMAL EVERYWHERE.

There were a number of interesting features to trade last week. Chief among them was the decline in the country's aggregate bank clearings to \$2,284,393,000, against an average of about \$3,000,000,000 during the late winter and spring months.

The individual clearings, however, have lost the uniform gain over 1905 which has characterized them for nearly a year past. During this period the regular weekly return of clearings, month after month, showed gains in at least 90 per cent of the eighty cities and towns thus reporting.

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The wheat market in Chicago closed the week firm with light offerings and a disinclination to sell, and a good demand from speculative and consumptive sources. Additional strength was imparted by the statement of a Chicago statistician that the winter wheat crop had deteriorated four points during the month of May, and the receipt of crop damage reports from a number of points in Kansas.

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The national money market continues steady, and there are sufficient funds in sight wherewith to meet all demands now expected. New York rates are 5@5 1/2 per cent for mercantile paper, 4 1/4@4 1/2 per cent for time and 3@5 per cent for call loans.

The recent local disaster has been an object lesson in exhibiting San Francisco's importance as a financial center. Our local conditions in regard to the receipt and distribution of millions of dollars of insurance money are regarded as probable important factors in the New York money market for some time to come.

Business conditions throughout the State are favorable. Crop prospects are rendered somewhat uncertain by the remarkably late rains. These have caused some damage to tender fruits and mown hay, but have been very beneficial to the standing crops, orchards and vineyards and green pasturage.

A COMMENDABLE BOARD.

Supervisor Gallagher, acting chairman of the Board of Supervisors when it unanimously passed to print the reduced municipal budget at its meeting on Friday, is evidently determined to show the city that the administration intends to practice the most rigid economy in its conduct of municipal affairs during the forthcoming fiscal year.

Heads of different departments waited on Gallagher and protested against any reduction in the appropriation for their respective departments. Some even wanted more, and all were insistent. But Gallagher stood firm.

"This is a time to save, not to spend," he said, and went on to state that the assessment roll had been curtailed over \$200,000,000, or almost 40 per cent, yet in the very face of this some heads of departments were complaining because their appropriations had been cut.

Supervisor Gallagher evidently stood for the whole board in resisting the importunities of the heads of the departments, and the community will not be slow to appreciate his stand.

"Sentiment in this country does not favor Gorky," says the Philadelphia Ledger, "but it would be far from favoring a scheme for surrendering him to Russia." Don't know about that. Gorky came to this country accompanied by an insult to Americans, and he adds nothing to the dignity and safety of republican institutions.

LITTLE OF EVERYTHING

When you take your time see to it that you are not taking the time of others.—Dallas News.

The school teacher—"Willie, can you tell me the meaning of leisure?" The bright scholar—"It's the place where married people repent."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Adversity borrows its sharpest sting from our impatience.—Horne.

A Los Angeles girl is going to marry the teacher from whom she took lessons on the corner. In other words, the tooter is going to wed the tutor.—Los Angeles Express.

Men are April when they woo, December when they wed.—Shakespeare.

Good advice seldom profits a man as much as a good scare.—New York Times.

Bacon—"You say your wife does all her own cooking?" Egbert—"Yes; she does her own. I take my meals at the club."—Yonkers Statesman.

Great men too often have greater faults than little men can find room for.—Lander.

"Your children are growing fast." "Yes. I've had to raise the bolt on the pantry door twice during the past year."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Rest lengthens life, society takes us away from ourselves, and solitude returns us to ourselves.—Mme. de Lambert.

"Pop, what's a financially embarrassed man?" "A fellow, he's a married man, Willie."—Denver Post.

Pearl buttons are becoming more fashionable among ladies, and the Birmingham pearl button which has declined of late years, promises to revive.

London Lady's Pictorial says that just at present the stomach is much wanted. Appendicitis has become de mode, many people recovering from it without being operated upon by Sir Frederick Treves.

The London Lancet notices the death of a woman from a scratch on the nose received while smelling a variety of primrose originally brought from central China. The Lancet says it is not the first case of the kind.

Belgium will soon send a mission to Abyssinia in order to negotiate a treaty of commerce. The mission will carry as presents to Emperor Menelik arms and ammunition of Belgian make, various scents and a silver toilet set.

The average expenses of the men in the graduating class of Yale College are said to have been \$4146 for the four years, according to the class book editor. The greatest sum expended by one student in a single year was \$7550 and the lowest \$18.

Within a few years Harvard expects to build a library structure at a cost of something like \$1,000,000 more. William Frederick Miller ('53) died in 1905, leaving his \$1,000,000 estate to Harvard for library purposes after the expiration of the widow's life interest.

Collectors of picture postcards will be interested in the inauguration card of the Simplon tunnel. On the one side is a design showing labor pointing the way to commerce and agriculture. On the other side is a frieze bearing a laureated head and the inscription, "in labore pax." In the lower part of the frieze are the words, "Inauguration of the Simplon." Of this card 500,000 copies will be struck and the block then destroyed.

In 1613 certain villages of Lorraine sued the Department of Forests in denials of the right to cut wood in a certain forest. After nearly three centuries of litigation the Supreme Court at Leipzig has just given a final decision against the department and condemned it to pay all costs.

M. Etienne, the French Minister of War, plinned upon the tunic of Lieutenant Latour, who was killed at Lens, the cross of the Legion of Honor. This gives Latour's name to the right of admission to one of the schools of the Legion of Honor, and it is considered a great honor to have been educated in one of them.

The number of convents and monasteries in Belgium, and especially at Bruges, has increased with wonderful rapidity. In 1846 there were 779 such institutions in the country, with a membership of 12,000 men and women. In 1900 there were 2500 institutions, with a membership of 38,000. Practically one-third of the buildings in Bruges belong to religious societies.

Sells Lots in Outlying Districts. B. Getz, temporarily located at 540 Broderick street, reports excellent sales in building lots in the outlying districts as follows: Lot 25x120 on the east line of Twenty-second avenue, 125 feet south of Point Lobos, to L. H. Cox; 50x120, east line of Nineteenth avenue boulevard, 200 feet south of P street, to Joseph E. Endert; 25x240, west line of Nineteenth avenue boulevard, 100 feet south of E street, to John Orton; 25x100, northwest line of Paris street, 275 feet southwest of China avenue, to Ellie Long; 25x100, northwest line of Edinburgh street, 175 feet northeast of Persia avenue, to Joseph Davis; 25x100, northwest line of Paris street, 200 feet southwest of Persia avenue, with improvements, to G. Fianzi; 50x100, southeast line of Moscow street, 250 feet northeast of Russia avenue, to William and Ellen Vaughan; 25x100, southeast line of Moscow street, 100 feet northeast of Russia avenue, to John C. Tippet; 25x100, southeast line of Moscow street, 125 feet northeast of Russia avenue, to H. R. Lanigan; 100x100, southeast line of Naples street, 150 feet northeast of Japan avenue, to J. W. Ferguson; 50x100, northwest line of Vienna street, 200 feet northeast of Japan avenue, to Thomas Wilson; 25x100, northwest line of Paris street, 225 feet southwest of China avenue, to James Murray; 25x100, northwest line of Paris street, 250 feet southwest of China avenue, to William Gantam; 50x100, northwest line of Vienna street, 150 feet northeast of Japan avenue, to Henry W. Leach.

REPUBLICANS TO ORGANIZE.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Republican State committee will be held at the temporary Union League Club at the corner of Sacramento and Franklin streets, at 1 o'clock. The committee will set a time and place for the gathering of the State committee, at which a call will be issued for the coming conventions.

Fire Starts in Coal Yard.

A fire was discovered shortly before 2 o'clock yesterday morning in the yard of the Ajax-Briquetting Coal Company, 905 to 927 East street. An alarm was turned in from box 615. The firemen extinguished the blaze before much damage was done. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

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ANOTHER FINE STRUCTURE FOR KEARNY STREET.

F. A. Hihn Is to Erect a Twelve-Story Building at Corner of Bush.



HIHN BUILDING TO BE ERECTED ON BUSH AND KEARNY STS.

Lower Kearny street will be a row of fine skyscrapers if the plans of many of the property owners of that district are carried out. F. A. Hihn has announced that he will erect a twelve-story class A building on the site of the old Chronicle building, Bush and Kearny streets. This makes five skyscrapers that will be built in that vicinity.

Plans for the Hihn building have already been accepted and the work will be rushed. The building has been designed by Architect W. H. Weeks. It will cost over \$350,000.

The structure will be made as near fireproof as possible. The material will be re-enforced concrete. All the interior finishings will be metal. The corridors will be walled and floored with marble. The cornices will be of copper. In the entire construction there will be so little wood used that the building will be practically safe from fire.

ARMY OFFICERS WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR LOSSES SUSTAINED

Those Who Sacrificed Their Own Effects to Help City to Be Paid. War Department Takes Steps to Ascertain What Men Lost in Fire.

A board of officers consisting of Colonel William A. Simpson, military secretary; Lieutenant Colonel George M. Dunn, judge advocate; Captain Frederick R. Day, paymaster, and First Lieutenant Oliver P. M. Hazard, Second Cavalry, recorder, is examining the claims of the army officers who lost their personal effects while assisting in the protection of the city during the fire, and who, according to the army regulations, are entitled to reimbursement.

Many of the officers on the general staff and others who were living in the city lost all their personal effects while on duty in the city and acting under orders of their superior officers, which prevented them from returning to their homes or saving the few things they might have carried away. Under these conditions the War Department has wisely inserted a clause in the army regulations whereby these officers who did so much toward the protection of the city might be reimbursed for their losses.

A general court-martial has been appointed to meet at the Department Reserve at the Presidio on Tuesday, June 5, for the trial of such persons as may be brought before it. The officers detailed on the court are: Major John Stafford, Twentieth Infantry; Captain William H. H. Chapman, Twentieth Infantry; Captain Charles C. Smith, Twentieth Infantry; Captain George P. Adams, Fourteenth Cavalry; Captain George B. Pond, Twentieth Infantry; First Lieutenant Clark D. Dudley, Fourteenth Cavalry; First Lieutenant Alfred McWilson, Twentieth Infantry; Captain Alonzo Gray, Fourteenth Cavalry, judge advocate.

BALTIMORE POLICE EXPRESS SYMPATHY FOR LOCAL MEN

Chief Dinna Receives Draft for \$3000. Net Proceeds of a Baseball Game.

The police department of Baltimore, Md., has given tangible expression of its sympathy for the members of the San Francisco department who suffered by the recent earthquake and fire, and a game of baseball was recently played between teams of the police departments of Philadelphia and Baltimore on May 16 last, the tickets being sold by members of this department. The net proceeds of this game were \$3000. It is our pleasure to advise you that we have this day transmitted to you through the courtesy of Messrs. Alexander Brown & Son, bankers of this city, the amount, for the purposes mentioned, and trust it may serve to help our unfortunate brothers, and show the sympathy we feel for you all in your trouble.

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IN ANSWER TO QUERIES

APPROPRIATION—E. M. W., Alameda, Cal. The appropriation by Congress for 1906 was \$498,941,777.30.

COIN BOOKS—Subscriber, Fresno, Cal. Catalogues and price lists of old coins may be procured through any first class book seller.

MAP—W. J. A., San Jose, Cal. For such a map as you desire you should write to the United States Land Office at Washington, D. C.

D. F. G., City. Maurice Vignaux holds the record, 1635, straight rail, on a five by ten table; Schaeffer's best run, straight rail, 3000, on table 4 1/2 by 9.

PRINCESS ENA—E. C. Alameda, Cal. Victoria Eugenie Julia Ena, daughter of Prince Henry of Battenberg, was born in 1887. Her father died in 1898.

SEA OTHERS—L. V. F., Cal. The United States law is that no one shall kill any sea otter in Alaskan water. The penalty for so doing is a fine not less than \$250 nor more than \$1000, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both fine and imprisonment.

TAKING LAND—K. C. F., Biber, Cal. If the government desired to secure land for specified purposes, and could not obtain the same by purchase, it would have to commence proceedings in condemnation and the value of the property would be fixed and the amount so fixed paid to the owners.

DRESSING—T. B., City. In answer to the question, "What kind of a dress should a woman whose husband earns \$3 a day wear on a train while traveling from San Francisco to Illinois?" it is that she should wear a comfortable traveling dress costing no more than her means will permit her to pay for.

TILL CALLED FOR—L. H. R. The statement in your letter of inquiry about what you should do with goods that were left with you until called for, carries with it certain law questions which this department cannot answer, as it does not decide questions of law. You ought to submit the matter to a reputable attorney for his opinion.

REFORM SCHOOL—A Reader, City. In the reform school in this State, if a boy or girl is sent to the school at the request of the parents or guardian, such parent, parents or guardian must, if able to do so, pay for the care of the one sent there at request of such. In such cases dentistry or other unusual expense is charged to the parent, parents or guardian.

POLL TAX—A Subscriber, Martinez, Cal. The constitution of California provides as follows in regard to poll tax: "The Legislature shall provide for the levy and collection of an annual poll tax of not less than \$2 on every male inhabitant of this State and under 60 years of age, except paupers, idiots, insane persons and Indians, not taxed. Said tax shall be paid into the State school fund."

A WILL—A. C. E., Pacheco, Cal. There is no law in California which says that a man in making a will is required to leave a dollar or any amount to each nearest relative to make it valid. The law does not require that the signature of the testator shall be verified by a notary public. It must, however, be witnessed by two persons competent in the case of a holographic will; then such need not be witnessed.

Sons and Daughters of Maritime Provocateurs. An exceedingly low rate has been made by the home-coming. It is expected that we will leave on June 4. Rate of \$2.50 and return has been low rate from Boston to Halifax. All those who are desirous of taking advantage of this low rate to Boston should get in touch with H. C. Tupper or with any Santa Fe agent.

RELIEF AND RED CROSS FUNDS STILL GROWING

SOME LARGE INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Table showing financial details of the Relief and Red Cross Funds, including CASH, SPECIAL DEPOSIT, ADVANCES TO CREDITORS, LIABILITIES, and NET ASSETS.

The accounts from which the above balance sheet is prepared embrace only the actual receipt of subscriptions and the allowance of approved claims. Consequently this balance sheet is without any consideration of the contingent assets of accretion of interest on deposits and of subscriptions as per subscription department report herewith, which have not yet been received, and of the contingent liability for claims of year-adjusted and allowed, which are shown by claim department report herewith, so far as received to this date.

Table titled LOCAL SUBSCRIPTIONS, Schedule "A", listing names and amounts of donors.

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Table showing GENERAL SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIPTS, RELIEF SUPPLY SALES, and CREDITORS DISBURSEMENTS.

Table titled SUBSCRIPTION DEPARTMENT REPORT, showing General Subscriptions, Local Subscriptions, and Total Subscriptions.

Table titled CLAIM DEPARTMENT REPORT, showing Total Claims Registered, Billed, Reduced, Approved and vouchered, and Balance Under Investigation.

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT. We have audited the accounts of the finance committee of the relief and Red Cross funds to the close of business on June 2, 1906, and certify that the foregoing statements have been correctly prepared therefrom.

GROWERS OF SONOMA EXPECT BIG YIELDS FROM THEIR FARMS

Strawberries and Cherries the Only Crops Hurt by the Rains. Many Refugee Families Will Join the Ranks of Fruit Pickers.

Special Dispatch to The Call. SANTA ROSA, June 3.—The first strawberry and cherry crops of this part of the State were practically ruined by the recent heavy rain, but the growers are expecting a larger and better crop later as the result of the moisture. The strawberry crop was just at its best and would have been heavy. The early cherries have been cracked open, spoiling them for any use.

Black and Logan berries are now coming in. They are of fine quality and give promise of a very large crop. There are a large number of families in the county from San Francisco for the fruit-picking, and there will be no lack of help anywhere. The conditions are favorable for large crops of all kinds. Hay is being cut and is yielding heavily, and all kinds of farm products are in first-class condition. The success of the farmer this year depends on the prices the crops will bring.

VALLEJO AND NAPA VALLEY ROAD TO BE STARTED SOON. Work on Proposed New Steamship Line Will Be Commenced Next Month.

VALLEJO, June 3.—Fred A. Stock, the Fresno vineyardist, who is representing the interests of the English bond house which has underwritten the bonds to the amount of \$3,000,000 for the new San Francisco, Vallejo and Yaca Valley Electric Railroad and Steamship Company that proposes to establish a line of steamers from this city to San Francisco and to build eighty miles of electric interurban roads in Solano County, connecting Yacaville, Suisun, Winters and Rio Vista with Vallejo, is in town today. He stated that the road would be built and that the field crews would be here early in July to start the work of building the branch from this city to Benicia.

Jurisdiction Over Niagara. WASHINGTON, June 3.—Chairman Burton of the House rivers and harbors committee, has submitted a report to the house on the jurisdiction of the United States over Niagara River as unquestionable, because it is a navigable stream in the greater part of its length.

Townsend Has Full Stock of California. Visit your Honolulu friends this vacation. A reduced rate of \$125 first class applies by S. Alameda, sailing June 9th. Office 1008 Broadway, Oakland, or Pier No. 7, San Francisco.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 3.—The convention of the employes officers of the Young Men's Christian Association of the North America has endorsed the efforts of the San Francisco Young Men's Christian Association to obtain \$400,000 with which to replace the building destroyed in the recent fire and earthquake.