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WANTED: A PROMPT DECISION.

Two wealthy estates have determined to build class B instead of class A structures on their properties unless the ordinance limiting the height of buildings to one and a half times the width of the street be revoked.

This uncertain state of affairs is likely to work a serious injury to the city and something needs to be done to bring about a repeal of the offending clause or to determine by competent witnesses that the law is necessary.

There are many reasons why the Mayor's plea for wider streets should be heeded, but if the price of wide streets is low buildings it is too heavy. The owners of downtown properties say that, wide streets or narrow, unless the height restrictions are removed they will confine their plans for new business blocks to four and six story structures.

Mayor Schmitz has announced that he is willing to "listen to reasonable arguments" on this subject. Presumably, the Mayor has not fully decided whether or not he will stand for the law. He is open to conviction, according to his own words.

KEEP THE DISREPUTABLES AWAY.

Rev. Terence Caraher, who has devoted much of his life to the welfare of the people of North Beach, protests against the re-establishment of what was known as the Barbary Coast.

Now, the report is that the owners of property in the Barbary Coast district are about to rebuild on their property under the old leases. The fire destroyed many of these resorts and it was hoped that no more would ever be made to rebuild them.

No licenses to sell liquor in this district should be issued unless the saloon man understands fully that he must conform to all the regulations that make for law and order. The number of saloon licenses should be materially reduced and the strictest rules enforced as to the conduct of public houses.

COLLINS AND HIS CUSTODIANS.

Sheriff O'Neil replies to The Call's editorial entitled "Too Much Collins" in an open letter to this paper, in which he avers that Collins was never permitted to roam the streets of the city, to outward appearance at will, without an order of court.

The Call conceded that Collins should be given legitimate opportunity to make defense, but it could not, and cannot yet, understand why Collins should be treated with such deference by the deputies of the Sheriff's office.

The conduct of the Sheriff's office would make a better appearance if prisoners who, as in the case of Collins, are framing their own defense were compelled to attend to their affairs speedily, reasonably and without obnoxious effrontery.

MAKING GOOD USE OF THE DEBRIS.

Arrangements are being made to use 6,000,000 cubic yards of debris in reclaiming low land in the Potrero district. This will not only remove from the city an enormous amount of waste matter, the disposition of which is a serious consideration, but provide for the filling of lands, the reclamation of which will add largely to the development of an important part of the city.

It would be well to take advantage of all similar opportunities to turn the debris to advantage. On Market street, from Second street to the ferries, for example, a large amount of filling must be done to bring the street up to the required grade. Plans for this work, completed before the fire—placed the

cost of the material to be used in the work at between \$20,000 and \$25,000. If the debris that now clutters lower Market street and the adjoining property can be used for this purpose—and competent engineers state that it can—not only will property owners be saved the cost of removing the debris, but the city will be saved the expense of bringing in material for the work.

PUNISH THE DISHONEST.

The serious charge is brought against certain insurance policy-holders that they have made false statements of their losses. It is alleged that between 150 and 200 individuals are involved, and that they have succeeded in defrauding underwriters of about \$200,000. It is also claimed that the insurance companies have had detectives at work and are prepared to give name and place and circumstance to the inquisitors.

One bad apple in the box spoils the lot; the discovery of a few crooked policy-holders throws enough suspicion upon statements of loss to give the delay-hunting insurance adjusters color of excuse for further extending the day of settlement, because of the alleged necessity of closer inspection of claims. Those who have been engaged in defrauding the insurance companies have not only been stealing, but they have injured thousands of honest claimants who ask only what is justly due.

It makes no difference who may be discovered as parties to the fraud; rich or poor, high or low, there should be no delaying of the day that they shall join in the lock-step at San Quentin or at Folsom.

BETTER RELIEF METHODS.

Dr. Devine states that after July 31 the bread-line, soup-kitchen method of administering relief will be dispensed with and methods better calculated to preserve the self-respect of those receiving help substituted. For the better handling of the refugees, the aged and others who show indications of becoming permanent charges are to be separated from those who are able and willing to help themselves.

Such a policy, if intelligently carried out, cannot but produce good results. The relief provided for San Francisco was not intended to be used in giving the victims of the fire an indefinitely extended easy time. It was intended to tide them over a decidedly hard time, to enable them to make the period of their dependence as short as possible.

No hardship need be wrought by a policy that will get the competent of the refugees back into productive occupations once more. There is demand for labor in all branches of industry, and the best efforts of the relief commission from now on will be to connect their charges with jobs.

AMERICAN WOMEN NOT SMOKERS.

Dr. Elizabeth Sloan Chester of London declares that the evil practice of cigarette smoking among women is on the increase in England, and the subject has been taken up and widely discussed by the women's clubs of America. The verdict of the club ladies is that the women of the United States are not confirmed smokers and that the habit has gradually died out here rather than grown.

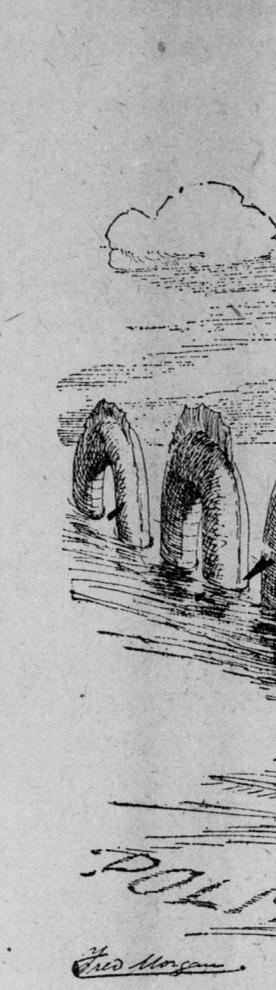
Dr. Chester's statements are at variance with those of eminent London physicians. English statistics purport to show that the cigarette habit is on the steady decline, particularly among members of the gentler sex. Dr. Chester says that smoking has become a fad among English women and even in the best of society it is tolerated.

PAYING THEIR WAY.

The Assessor reports that collections of taxes due on unsecured personal property are averaging \$20,000 a day. This is a large amount to be collected in a community that has within three months passed through the most disastrous fire of modern times.

The French are setting us a good example in their legislation concerning "alimentary products." The French have a "pure food" law in the sense that it attempts to prevent adulteration of food products with deleterious admixtures. It is also a law to prevent the imitation of food products which have attained a reputation.

AN ANOMALY.



STRANGE DOUBLE-HEADED SEA SERPENT WHICH HAS APPEARED IN THE SEA OF POLITICS.

—PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER.

VICE AND RICHES

Wealth has not yet made the Americans vicious, but it certainly has made some of them extremely foolish, and many of them vulgar. Throughout the country, from ocean to ocean, there are numerous centers of sudden wealth.

Mrs. Edward Griffith and her son, Millen Griffith, arrived last week from the East and are at their cottage in Ross Valley for the summer. Mrs. Griffith has been East since early in the spring, having been called there by the serious illness of her son, who is now quite recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bryant Grimwood, who are at present the guests of relatives in Sausalito, have taken a cottage on Jackson street, beyond Presidio avenue, and will come to the city in the near future.

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THE SMART SET

One of the most interesting weddings of the summer will be that of Miss Gertrude Jones and Webb Ballard, which is to be celebrated this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Jones, on Buchanan street, between Broadway and Pacific avenue.

Mrs. Henry C. Campbell, who has been seriously ill of late, but is now convalescent, has gone to a mountain resort near Truckee for a stay, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Frances Reed.

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JAPAN NOT ASLEEP

It is realized that the Russian shadow, if not actual substance, will forever remain a menace in northern Manchuria, and furthermore that, while the war achieved much, it could not and did not build up border barriers impassable against invaders.

Mayor Mott's sisters, the Misses Mott, entertained a party of friends at the Jackson-street home in Oakland on the afternoon of the Fourth, the garden being prettily decorated with flags and bunting and made comfortable with lounging chairs for the dozen or more guests.

The Oscar Longs of Oakland expect to leave shortly for an indefinite stay at Carmel-by-the-Sea. The Maternity Hospital Association, of which Mrs. Long is president and a leading spirit, has concluded to send all patients to Providence and Fabiola hospitals instead of maintaining a separate institution as heretofore, although the association will continue to act as a body for the relief of distressed women.

Mrs. Long will surely enjoy a vacation this year, as, like the other ladies who have so ably assisted her, she has worked unremittingly since April 18 for the afflicted and needy.

Frederick Irons Bamford of the Free Public Library of Oakland has planned a series of luncheons for the next few weeks, the first of which he will give today. He will preside again at a pleasant affair.

Mrs. Fred Stolp of Oakland, who has been very ill at the hospital, is steadily improving and will be removed to her own home on Vernon Heights in a few days. Mrs. Stolp is one of the most beautiful young matrons in Oakland and extremely popular in the social set on both sides of the bay.

The Anstruther Dalziels of Oakland are very happy over the coming of a lusty young son. Mrs. Dalziel was formerly Helen Bruning.

Mrs. F. R. Chadwick, one of the Oakland Club's brightest members, is spending the summer in Mill Valley, and on Friday afternoon will entertain a couple of friends at her cottage there. Her guests-to-be are all Oaklanders and members of a small card club, including Mrs. G. F. Shanklin, Mrs. G. A. Scott, Mrs. Ed Schwiner, Mrs. Frank Titus, Mrs. Rupert Whitehead, Mrs. Frank Barnett, Mrs. George Johnson, Mrs. W. W. Kergan, Mrs. A. L. Leber, Mrs. A. A. Denison, Mrs. Fred Doraz, Mrs. George Humphrey, Mrs. W. H. L. Hynes, Mrs. Glascock.

The engagement of Miss Amy S. Haeuhen of Fruitvale and Dr. F. H. Zuhwilt of San Francisco has been announced. The wedding will take place July 27 at the bride-elect's home.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

DEADLY SINS—E. P., Golden Gate, Cal. What are known as the seven mortal or deadly sins are: Pride, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony, avarice and sloth.

SEVEN VIRTUES—E. P., Golden Gate, Cal. The seven virtues are: Faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. The first three of these are called "the holy virtues."

CABBAGE PESTS—M. N. D., Loyalton, Cal. If you will address a communication to the experimental station at the University of California, Berkeley, you will be advised as to what to do in order to kill off the cabbage pest known as "cabbage lice."

SUMMONS—J. B., Oakland, Cal. It is the duty of every person summoned to appear before any court or coroner to

serve as a juror to present himself at the time named and there give an excuse for inability to serve. A failure to answer the summons carries with it the penalty provided by law.

SEALING WAX—A. L. R., City. The following is the meaning to sealing wax used on letters: White is a proposal of marriage, black an announcement of death, violet signifies sympathy or condolence, chocolate is used for invitation to dinner or luncheon, vermilion is used for business communications; ruby, suggestive of a bleeding heart, is used to seal love letters. Green signifies hope, brown tells of melancholy, blue of constancy and yellow of jealousy. Pink is the proper color for young girls who write to one another, and ladies of mature age use gray in token of friendship.

THE WORLD'S WAY. "Who is the man on the hilltop?" "That's the fellow who climbed to fame and fortune."

ANOTHER HOLD-UP. "Hobo Hank—Yes, mister, I found a dorg dat yure wife is advertistin' a reward uv \$2 fer."

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