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FLOUTS BRYAN'S LEADERSHIP.

BRYAN boom No. 3 has been hit by a hard jolt in Chicago almost at the outset of its prosperity. It is a favorite practice among leaders of the Democracy, both State and national, to expend their chief energies, mental and bodily, in seeking to drive from power the officials chosen by their own party.

In the exercise of this political function Mr. Bryan has assumed control of the party and the first use of his power was to issue his command to Roger C. Sullivan of Chicago to resign forthwith his office of national committeeman from Illinois.

In a letter written from this safe retreat Mr. Bryan says of Sullivan that "he holds his office by a fraud and against the express wishes of a majority of the delegates to the State convention."

In the interests of party discipline and the exercise of those powers which Mr. Bryan has seen fit to assume at his own invitation, it is distressing to find that Sullivan flouts the party dictator, slaps him on the face and even calls names.

If the letter was written by Mr. Bryan it furnishes proof that he is mistaken again, as he was on the free silver question, and that he is wrong again, as he was when he permitted himself to cut so unenviable a figure as he did in the Bennett will controversy.

It is apparently Mr. Bryan's misfortune to jump to conclusions too readily and to be misled by men whose assumed friendship for a boyhood companion is not sufficiently great to prohibit their attempting to place him in an awkward light before the great majority of the Democrats of Illinois.

Back of their attempt to oust me as national committeeman, however specious may be their pretext, lies the animus which causes Mr. Dunlap to rejoice in bearing the name of the "know-nothing" candidate for President in 1856—the year of his birth.

With Tom Taggart under fire at one end of the Democratic circus and Sullivan at the other, Republicans may be forgiven if they believe what the Democrats are saying about their own chosen leaders. These men are about the only officials that they ever elect to places of trust and the results are not encouraging.

THE GOVERNOR'S STEADFAST PURPOSE.

THE CALL does not know how far the municipal administration and its political following are pledged to support the petition for the release and pardon of the ballot-box stuffers.

We do know that men who have been active in that political faction were very busy during the extra session of the Legislature peddling the petition and begging for signatures. In fact, the acting Speaker of the Assembly used his influence as such to induce members to sign the document, an obviously discreditable exercise of his powers.

The strenuous character of this endeavor and the pressure brought to bear in favor of the convicted stuffers were manifest to all who were in attendance on the extra session, and Governor Pardee may be freely commended for resisting the demand which took on the aspect of a threat to destroy his political future.

A COMMANDER IN PETTICOATS.

AN assertion of the right of property in servant girls made by Captain H. P. Howard, acting commandant at Fort Walla Walla, Washington, raises a question not unlike that put by the employer of this city who recently complained that his cook had been seen leading a forlorn hope on Captain Kilian's stores when she should have been busy among her pots and kettles.

The incident serves to arouse suspicion that Mrs. Howard is commanding the United States army at Fort Walla Walla. A commander in petticoats is sometimes disposed to be warlike in the

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wrong place, but the incident leaves us still at a loss to answer to the moot question, Who owns the cook?

THE PROPHETS QUARREL.

LO, the prophets quarrel among themselves. Berger, the Socialist, turns and rends William Randolph Hearst and then laughs at the pieces. The spring of all this windy woe is the resignation of Mr. J. G. Phelps Stokes from the Independence League, which is more of an organ than an organization.

An Illinois physician has caused the prosecution and punishment of two graceless youths who insisted on calling him "John D." on the public streets in recognition of his striking likeness to the master of Standard Oil.

Agricultural Director Fox speaks in a tone of levity concerning that highly moral circus, the State Fair as by law established, and he thinks that in the absence of gambling and the Demon Rum a corps of exhorters, with Filcher leading the choir, might prove an attraction.

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The inquiry for babies in the Berkeley market is strong and insistent. Two hundred and thirty-three mothers by proxy wanted to adopt the Greenfield baby. The stock of hand-me-down infants is very short.

The Smart Set

It is announced that the wedding of Mrs. Rebecca McMullin Belvin and Francis J. Heney, which was to have been celebrated next month, will not take place until the end of the year.

Mrs. Lucy Otis, who has been staying at the James Otis home on Broadway since the fire, will go about September 1 to the Knickerbocker, on Fillmore street and Pacific avenue, and will spend the winter there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson have returned to town after a brief stay at the Hotel Rafael.

Miss Lalla Wenzelburger has returned from a fortnight's stay with Miss Lutie Collier at the Collier country place in Lake County, but will not remain long in town.

Mrs. Eleanor Martin has been in town quite continuously of late, business affairs and the repairs on her house demanding her attention, but a little later she expects to go to Del Monte for a stay, and probably after that to go to Los Angeles for a visit to some of her many friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Morton, who have been living in the Foute house on Gough street, are now at the Knickerbocker for the winter.

Mrs. C. August Weiche is spending the summer at Blithedale, but will return to town on September 1.

Mexican Labor Has No Quarrel With Aliens

EDITORIAL CALL: The press of the country has recently published some telegraphic reports from correspondents on the frontier to the effect that some labor fraternities in Mexico were preparing an anti-foreign, specially an anti-American movement.

Official inquiry revealed at once the absurdity of said reports and prompted his excellency David E. Thompson, the honored American Ambassador at the Mexican capital, to apprise his Government of their falsity and recommend their denial.

The Government of Mexico in turn declared such reports not only false, but malicious as well, and liable to do some harm to the interests of both Americans and Mexicans.

The progressive tendencies of the people and the sound policy of the Government, generally acknowledged to be one of the wisest of modern times, makes a disorder of the nature reported impossible in Mexico, where foreign industry and capital enjoy today the highest appreciation of the people and the effective protection of its strong Government.

Should this letter appeal to your enlightened sense of public duty I would be grateful for its publication in your valuable columns. Most truly and respectfully yours,

P. ORNELAS, Consul General of Mexico, San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 8, 1906.

Public Approves Bills Presented by Theaters

M. R. CLARK'S osculatory performance with the six alleged widows remains the stellar feature of the current bill at the Orpheum. It is instructive to adolescence and interesting to grown-ups, and almost compensates for the defects in Mr. Clark's single endeavor to entertain.

For next Sunday is announced Edith Helena, a soprano with phenomenal vocal range; Frank Gardner and Lottie Vincent in a spectacular fantasy entitled "Winning a Queen"; The Six Proceanis, trick cyclists, and the Reiff brothers, singers and dancers.

By the by, why doesn't Mr. Clark bill those said-to-be widows as "winning" instead of "winning"?

"Fiddle-Dee-Dee" is likely to hold the boards of the Davis Theater for many evenings to come. Since the opening of the piece it has been impossible to purchase even standing room after curtain-rise, and there is no indication of any change from that remunerative condition.

There are two characters in "The Black Flag," running at the Central, that more than repay the moderate price of admittance. The hero, played by Mr. Humphreys, is such a perfect hero that one almost wonders why he does not sprout a nimbus, and the villain, portrayed by Mr. Brewer, is so wicked that the audience would hardly be surprised to see horns protrude from his head.

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Men Who Will Guard State's Forests Against Fire.

AS authorized by law (Stat. 1905, 235), the State Forester has appointed the following fire wardens, thus conferring upon them the powers of peace officers to make arrests without warrant, for violations of any State or Federal forest laws; to compel the assistance, in putting out fires, of any able-bodied citizen between the ages of 16 and 50 years, and to grant or refuse burning permits, without which it is unlawful to burn brush, etc., during the dry season.

E. S. Mainwaring, Weaverville; Edward Malloy, Layton; A. D. Martin, Goleta; H. E. Martin, Hobart Mills; H. J. Martin, Glenwood; Francis McCarthy, Scott River; T. W. McGahan, Stony Ford; J. D. McGregor, Highlands; Malcolm McLeod, Millwood; J. B. McNally, Sierra Madre; E. C. Merrifield, Colton; Randolph Meserve, Banning; R. H. Miller, Sesse; Albert Miller, Highlands; Walter Montelius, Buck; Thomas Moore, San Bernardino; Claud Moores, Stirling City; W. B. Morgan, Los Angeles, 134 1/2 North Spring street; H. W. Muzzall, Santa Barbara.

J. F. Nash, Stirling City; Frank Neal, McCloud; John T. Noddin, Northfork; Amos Ogden, Upper Lake; G. D. Oliver, Hebart Mills; Marcus Osborn, Oakland.

Montague H. Pariser, Sausalito; E. D. Payne, Ivy; Seraphy Y. Parnay, Pasadena; Edward Pierce, Morro; J. H. B. Pilkington, Boulder Creek; Myron Pine, San Bernardino; Thomas Pixley, Verdi, Nevada; J. F. Poore, Alturas; Allan R. Powers, Quincy.

Chris J. Quigley, Walker; Willis Quigley, Walker.

C. E. Rachford, Alturas; J. S. Reid, Peanut; C. A. Reed, Santa Cruz; W. R. Reese, Craftonville; C. A. Reyes, Oxnard; J. D. Reyes, Oxnard; William B. Rider, Oakbar; J. N. Rius, El Cajon; W. C. Robinson, Meadow Valley; Seming Rodriguez, Oceanside, care of Richard O'Neal; George E. Root, Wasloja; S. Rotanzi, Santa Ysabel; W. J. Rushing, Groveland; Allen Russell, Oceanside, care of Richard O'Neal; J. H. Russell, Newberry Park; J. W. Ryerson, Azusa; T. J. Saul, Weed; W. L. Sears, Sonoma; O. S. Sellers, Poza; Jesse M. Serriter, Monrovia; William Shepherd, Stirling City; Charles H. Shinn, Northfork; C. F. Shipman, Capistrano; J. E. Shibley, Truckee; J. M. Silva, Valle Vista; M. M. Sims, Valle Vista; Thomas W. Sloan, Upland; L. M. Slosson, Northfork; W. M. Slosson, Santa Barbara; John F. Slye, Newville; B. E. Smith, Havilah; Marion Smith, Nello; W. A. Smith, Santa Maria; C. O. Snell, McCloud; Frank G. Sommer, Stirling City; L. S. Spangler, Stirling City; H. H. Steinmeyer, Jamul; J. O. Stiner, Cedarville; Carl Stoddard, Santa Barbara; James Stout, Echo; Joseph J. Stribley, Cucamonga; R. L. Swanson, Weaverville; W. M. Sweeney, La Moine.

Samuel Taylor, Warner; W. B. Taylor, Fresno Flats; F. M. Thornton, Valle Vista; George W. Thomson, Fredalba; J. T. Thompson, Tuolumne; T. B. Thurston, Monterey; L. C. Thirkman, Shoemaker; O. Torstenson, San Bernardino; E. F. Tully, Northfork; Raymond Tyler, Sacramento.

George Uttman, Etiwanda. George Van Buskirk, Del Sur; V. Vanclief, Lompoc; S. A. Vandegriff, Stirling City.

Thomas Walker, Highlands; Sydney Willington, Concow; J. C. Wells, Nevada City; F. H. West, Stirling City; Thomas C. West, Dorrington; C. A. Williamson, Hoey (via Weed); C. R. Willamson, Stirling City; H. White, Visalia; Harry E. White, La Canada; Harry Wilkenson, Daunt; A. K. Wofford, Northfork; W. W. Woodruff, Upper Lake; Bert Worth, Burson.

E. B. Zumwalt, E. S. Zumwalt, Daunt.

Since the law authorizing the appointment of fire wardens makes no appropriation from which they can be paid, the majority of these men are either serving voluntarily or are paid by their employers. The remainder are paid, for services actually rendered in preventing or extinguishing fires, by the county in which the fire occurs. This is the case in the following counties, of which the Supervisors have taken advantage of the amendment to the county government act (Stat. 1905, 394), which permits them to appropriate from the general fund of the county for the purpose: Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Santa Cruz, San Diego.

The Supervisors of these counties have appropriated sums ranging from \$500 to \$1500 for fire protection and have either increased the salary of the game warden and made him chief fire warden, with emergency fire wardens, who are paid for services actually rendered, or have depended entirely on the latter. Either system is good so long as there are men distributed throughout the county who are paid to prevent and extinguish fire, and speaks well for the progressive spirit of the counties that have accepted this duty. The State Forester invites proposals from county governments, corporations and individuals for co-operation under these laws.

Circulars containing the forest laws and fire warning notices for posting, will be mailed free to any address on applications to G. B. Lull, State Forester, Sacramento, Cal.

In Answer to Queries.

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THE JEANETTE—Reader, City. The steamer Jeanette, fitted out by James Gordon Bennett for an Arctic voyage of discovery through Bering Strait, left San Francisco on that voyage on July 8, 1879. The vessel carried thirty-two persons all told.

FIRST TOBACCO—Subscriber, City. It would be about as difficult to locate the place where tobacco first grew as to tell where the garden of Eden was located. When America was discovered tobacco was found in use by the natives of the islands and the continent as far north as Virginia. Its introduction into civilized nations dates as far back as that time.

Townsend's Cal. grape fruits and candies at Emp. and 1203 & 1220 Val. st.