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HOW DOES LANGDON EARN HIS SALARY?

We rejoice to find the Examiner joining in the demand made by The Call that Judge Graham should impanel a Grand Jury not subservient to Ruef, a body with grit and determination, to put the question to Schmitz, McGushin, Lonergan and other officials who have risen from recent obscurity to wealth so suddenly.

So far the agreement between the Examiner and The Call is perfect, but as soon as Mr. Hearst's organ shows symptoms of the disease of "personal politics," which affects everything that Mr. Hearst touches, there is immediate divergence. By way of programme for the coming Grand Jury the Examiner says:

That Grand Jury will be certain of able and conscientious advice and assistance on the part of District Attorney William H. Langdon, who has shown himself to be above the vicious control of the bosses, and who did not hesitate to break with Abe Ruef and Mayor Schmitz when the path of his duty led him directly into collision with the interests they protected and from which they have been supposed to derive a revenue.

Then the Grand Jury will have to wait until after election if it has to rely on Mr. Langdon's assistance, and it is quite possible that by the time November arrives Mr. Langdon may have caught sight of some other office and be chafing that. In his speeches in San Francisco beginning his present campaign Mr. Langdon pointed with pride to the fact that this was the third time within three years or so that he had come before the people as a candidate and every time it was a new office.

It is true that Mr. Langdon once raided a gambling den in a spectacular way. Then he went to sleep or, mayhap, caught sight of another office. At any rate, there are as many gamblers and gambling dens in San Francisco today as at any time since the early '50's.

Among other work for the new Grand Jury the question might be put: "How does Langdon earn his salary?"

A TRICK UPHELD BY LAW.

The ruling of the Supreme Court refusing H. N. Beatty a place on the Republican ticket as the nominee for State Senator in the Eighteenth District is, of course, directly in line with all parliamentary law, although the question may not have been raised before as to political conventions.

Nevertheless, Ruef has applied this rule in a way to do a grave injustice, and his power to do so illustrates the chronic vice of the convention system, which is that such bodies are ready to do any sort of wrong at the bidding of the boss who owns them.

The fact that the injustice in this instance was done to Fred Eggers, who differs from Ruef only in degree, makes no difference. In fact, the squabbles of Ruef and Eggers and Maestretti only serve to illustrate the type of men who come to the front in political conventions.

In this particular instance Eggers elected the delegation from the Thirty-sixth Assembly District, which, with the Thirty-first, constitutes the Eighteenth Senatorial District. The delegation from the Thirty-sixth was larger than that from the Thirty-first and therefore Eggers controlled the nomination.

Such is a fair example of the convention system. No matter what safeguards the law may throw around the primary elections their work may be nullified or set aside when the convention assumes power.

The convention system must go. It is corrupt and vicious and a facile instrument in the hands of the bosses. It will be replaced by the direct primary at which the voters themselves will name the party candidates.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CALAMITY.

The London Hospital indulges in disquisition on the hygienic and therapeutic effects of a great disaster and uses the events following the San Francisco fire for its text. That public health conditions have been so good in this city notwithstanding its disabilities since April 18 the English medical writer explains with the statement that the people have been getting it not enjoying "the enforced benefits of a sanatorium."

trouble; while the mental condition which so often accompanies the dyspeptic state has equally improved. The men had to dispense with "trams, alcohol, luxuries," the women with candy; "for lack of light they have gone to bed early, with the compensation that they have risen with the lark."

We may accept all that as true, but it is far from being the whole truth. It is a well-known fact that there were in this city at that period a great number of marvelous recoveries not traceable to merely physical and material causes. If it were not invidious to mention names in this regard it would be easy to specify cases. Cures followed in a great many instances where the best medical skill and treatment at health resorts had failed.

Whether these cures are permanent or temporary we are unable to say. Quite probably the effect is not lasting, but the phenomena of that period which are capable of verification open up a curious field of psychological study covering the effects of mental processes on physical condition. There is a condition of nervous exaltation that might be classified as the "excitement cure."

NOTE AND COMMENT.

In advocating the annexation of Cuba Senator Beveridge is not to be understood as proposing the island republic for joint statehood with Alaska.

Jonathan P. Dolliver has rushed to the defense of the United States Senate. He says graft was more flagrant in Jackson's time. Practice is the price of perfection.

Two South Dakota men put a stick of dynamite in a stove to see what would happen. Their report on the result of their investigation has been indefinitely postponed.

A. Ruef says he is in favor of the direct primary election law because it will put party management in the hands of the people. Not the least of Ruef's striking parts is his fine sense of humor.

Chauncey M. Depew has been unmercifully snubbed by New York's swell clubbdom, of which he was formerly the idol. Clumsiness that results in detection is the unpardonable sin in Gotham's most exclusive circles.

Charles Arnette Towne, who has fought and bled mighty phrases on every side of every political question raised in a decade, prefers stooping to silence. He has announced that he will take the stump against Hearst.

Deplores Methods of Americans.

CONSUL GENERAL J. L. RODGERS of Shanghai deplores the methods as practiced by a certain class of unscrupulous Americans who have been operating in China and imposing upon its people to the detriment of American trade. He says:

"There are many things which can be given as current reasons for retarding American trade in the Orient. The advent of a class of Americans like those who came from Manila after a brief experience there, and those who tried their fortunes in connection with the events of the Russo-Japanese war, has done a great deal to injure the American name and reputation with the Chinese. This class, usually indigent, has, by reason of imposition upon the Chinese, destroyed to some extent a confidence which has existed for many years and which had borne good fruit.

Silverware Market in Mexico.

OPPORTUNITIES for the sale of silverware on the west coast of Mexico are every good. The hollowness of the market consists of casters, pitchers, cake-baskets, coffee sets, fruit sets, jewel boxes, loving cups, napkin rings, toilet sets, walters and novelties. The principal brands in sale are German, and while the Rogers and Meriden were have a good reputation, but very little of these goods are on sale. The American ware is at no special disadvantage, except that there is no stock kept here, and that the merchants who are German, French and Spaniards prefer buying goods in their own countries; in fact, most of them are branch houses of European concerns.

The importers conduct business through the commission houses, who also settle the accounts of their correspondents, which are nearly all cash transactions, taking advantage of all of the cash discounts. Illustrated catalogues are of little practical use, except when firms have running accounts. It frequently happens that catalogues several years old are sent, and when orders are given the articles wanted are out of stock and others are substituted, which is seldom satisfactory. The practical way of introducing goods and opening an account with a local firm is to send one or more best selling designs and make a special discount on these samples as an inducement. Only guaranteed plated ware should be sent, as hollow ware of solid silver is mostly used in this part of Mexico.

Answers to Queries.

ISAAC—A. O. S., City. The name Isaac, from the Hebrew, means "laughter," or "he will laugh."

GANS-ERNE—L. City. Joe Gans met Frank Erne in New York March 23, 1906, and lost to him in twelve rounds. They met again in the ring at Fort Erie May 12, 1902, when Gans knocked Erne out in the first round.

CUSTOMS SERVICE—F., Sonoma, Cal. The "proper place to apply for information and application blanks for the customs service" is the civil service clerk in the custom house nearest to the place where the applicant resides.

BASEBALL PLAYER—G. W. and E. J., Los Gatos, Cal. As "James Kent, the baseball player," has not yet attained sufficient prominence to be classed among the big ones, his name does not appear in the biographies of celebrities, and for that reason the questions asked cannot be answered.

PINOCHLE—Reader, City. The rules for the American pinochle say that in addition to the values the cards have in the meld, they also count and score as follows: Each ace counts 11 points, each ten 10 points, each king 4 points, each queen 3 points, each jack 2 points and the last trick 10 points.

IN CASE OF WAR—A. S., San Jose, Cal. This department has not been able to discover any law, international or otherwise, that declares that in case of war between two nations one shall not be allowed to invade the territory of the other with an army larger than that in the territory invaded.

In the Joke World.

"He had better not call me down." "Why, what will happen?" "I will call him out."—Josh Wink.

"Sticking to a thing invariably brings success," remarked the Prairie Philosopher.

"How about sitting on a log with a lot of pitch on it?" retorted the Wise Guy.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Susie had tried the teacher's patience sorely and when the latter looked up and saw the little girl chewing gum, with her feet sprawling into the aisle, she said:

"Susie Jones, take that gum out of your mouth and put your feet in."—Lippincott's.

"I wonder," said the man who was given to thought at times. "I wonder what is meant by the 'embarrassment of riches'?"

"The poor relation, very likely," replied the man who was one.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Betty—The cake they had at the wedding yesterday was horrid, wasn't it? Sue—No. It was great! I slept with some of it under my pillow last night and dreamed of just the man I want to marry.—Detroit Free Press.

HIS ONLY SHOW. "Why do you advocate anarchy? Don't you perceive that even if government could be abolished it would be formed anew?"

"Certainly," answered the habitual agitator. "And if things took a brand-new start I might turn up as one of the bosses."—Washington Star.

"We've often heard about the meanest man, but I happen to know the meanest woman."

Which Hearst Is Right?



Before Nomination. After Nomination. —NEW YORK PRESS.

Press of California Expresses Its Opinions of Hearst.

The Hearst political show may be accepted as one of the possible rather than natural phenomena of popular elections. In a democracy every man has the privilege of posing in the intellectual and moral nude. If William R. Hearst has any of the attributes to inspire confidence or is possessed of any of the qualities of true statesmanship the American people are ready to have them pointed out, and it ought to be done at once.—Pasadena News.

All political platforms are alike to Hearst, for he is running now on two which are diametrically opposed to each other—one favoring municipal ownership and the other severely denouncing it.—Sacramento Bee.

The California State convention read W. R. Hearst out of the Democratic party and charged him with the unpardonable sin of trying to "prevent the nomination for President and encompass the defeat of America's greatest citizen, William J. Bryan." Since then Hearst has been nominated for Governor of New York, and "America's greatest citizen" says that the nomination is a very good one. How many different kinds of Democrats are there? and why is a Democrat anyhow?—Merced Star.

The old and thoroughly respectable Democratic papers in New York State are nearly all in revolt against the nominee of the paid-up convention, yelet Democratic, that nominated W. R. Hearst. It is safe to say that Mr. Hearst will be the worst defeated candidate ever before the people of New York. The Democrats all over the land are rejoicing over his nomination, as it means his desertion of the Independence League and his elimination from politics forever.—Willows Journal.

Union labor, at last exercising its own prerogatives and becoming at last conscious of the fact that its organizations have been submitting themselves as catspaws of Hearst's personal ambitions and tails to the kites of his yellow papers—union labor has begun to throw off its Hearst shackles by taking prompt and decisive steps to repudiate and disavow the Hearst league ticket. It was high time. There are men of fine intelligence among the union labor organizations, and they have too long

permitted corrupt agitators to trade on their good name and sell them out to such conscienceless millionaires as William Randolph Hearst, who, posing as "a friend of labor," is in reality one of the worst enemies that honest labor has in all this country.—Los Angeles Herald.

Judge Parker made a strong point against Hearst when he said that a man who had so little respect for the judiciary as Hearst ought not to be in a position to name judges.—Fresno Republican.

The man who will run Hearst's campaign in New York made his reputation as a "strike-breaker." Thus are the labor-unionites bound to Willie by one more endearing tie.—Los Angeles Times.

The candidate of the Municipal Ownership League of New York will follow Mr. Hearst over the State in a boxcar. Mr. Hearst has repudiated the Municipal Ownership League, and now the members are hot on his trail. So determined are they to impress the common people that they are closest to them they will send their gubernatorial nominee out over the State as a common freight exhibit. Mr. Hearst is plainly at a disadvantage. The only way he can show his humility and unselfish ambition is to ride over the State on a donkey.—Stockton Record.

Mr. Hearst, the aspirant for the Governorship of New York, has intimated that the sound of "Bryan and Bailey" for President and Vice President has the suggestion of the hippodrome. It might also be remarked that there is some suggestion of a funeral in the name of Hearst.—Petaluma Courier.

It has been suggested that a joint debate should be arranged between Mr. Jerome and Mr. Hearst. It is quite possible that if this is done Mr. Hearst will, as usual, turn over the ball to his managing editor.—Mount Bullion New Era.

Hearst cannot complain if the cartoonist's pen be dipped in gall for him now, nor if the political writer be bitter in denunciation of his patchwork past. He has spared no one and he can expect no mercy.—Palo Alto Times.

It is a shame and a disgrace that Murphy for a consideration should be willing to forget all the mean things that Hearst has said about him; that Hearst is anxious to eat his own words and take a nomination from a man he has repeatedly branded as a thief.

It is a shame and a tragedy that two such men should today, by an unholy and corrupt alliance, control the Democratic party of New York and be in a position to say whether it shall be anti-Socialistic or pro-Socialistic, respectable or disreputable, Democratic or undemocratic, the plaything and the toy of a corrupt millionaire who is utterly devoid of political honesty, and who seeks to prostitute the party to his own base ends.—Woodland Democrat.

Charles Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall; Thomas F. Grady, Timothy D. Sullivan, P. E. McCabe of Albany, and other unscrupulous leaders, constitute the political crew who have prostituted the name and the prestige of the party to which they profess allegiance, but which they have always used only to subserve their own corrupt and evil purposes. These, too, it should be remembered, are the men whom Hearst denounced in his newspapers as proper subjects for prison stripes. But they were in a position to deliver the goods for their price, and Hearst was willing to forget their political villainies of the past and pay their price to carry through a still greater piece of villainy and treachery in order that his ambition might be satisfied. By their action these political freebooters have given the Democratic party of New York in twain, and by his alliance with them Hearst has shown his pitifully selfish and contemptible self.—Santa Barbara Independent.

Townsend's Cal. glass fruits and candies at Emporium, Post and Wm. Ness, and 1202 and 1226 Valencia street.

The Smart Set.

MR. AND MRS. LLOYD M. ROBBINS have gone to New York City on a short trip. While East they will visit Mrs. Robbins' people, who are very prominent New Yorkers. Mr. Robbins' San Francisco friends have showered him with congratulations, for the bride he met and married while touring Europe is not only a very pretty young woman, but is accomplished and altogether charming. The young people have taken a house on Lyon street not far from Mr. Robbins' sister, Mrs. John Sutton.

Miss Muriel Steele, who, with her mother, has been traveling abroad for the past year, is now in the British Isles. She writes enthusiastically of the good times they are having and gives no hint of any intention to return home for some time to come. This exceptionally attractive and handsome California girl has been showered with attentions and with her mother has been a guest at many house parties given by prominent members of the British aristocracy. Her father, the late E. L. G. Steele, had a host of friends in England and Scotland, and they have entertained his daughter in an unusually pleasant manner. Miss Steele and her mother have made many friends in the literary as well as the titled set, and among their hosts at house parties have been the Hall Caines, who count them as intimates. These Californians have been much missed at home, especially during this summer at Mrs. Thomas Williams' picturesque country place on the McCloud River, where Miss Muriel was wont to be an efficient assistant to her sister in entertaining the many guests whom Mr. and Mrs. Williams' hospitality gathers there.

Miss Ethel Cooper accompanied Mrs. James Robinson to Santa Barbara, where they are spending a fortnight most agreeably.

The following item from a New York paper of recent date will prove of interest:

"Mrs. Frank Carolan, now at Claridge's, London, will be at the St. Regis Hotel during the winter. Much interest is exhibited in Mrs. Carolan's beautiful brunette discovery. Mrs. Hans von Winterfeldt, a woman of 32, who is the daughter of a Major Godfrey of the British army and was born in Calcutta. Her husband is a son of a German Baron and made his money in Wall street. They have a house in Forty-eighth street, but are to build a place in upper Fifth avenue. Mrs. Carolan, Mrs. Winterfeldt and Lady Gore have been at the Ritz, where the attractiveness of the trio brought them much attention. The Winterfeldts are now on a tour through Switzerland."

Lieutenant and Mrs. Emory Winship and Miss Patricia Cosgrave will leave for New York next week. Lieutenant Winship, who has been on shore duty at the Union Iron Works, has been granted a sick leave of three months. During their absence Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Casey will occupy the Winship home at Ross Valley.

Miss Florence Selby, Miss Edith Selby, Miss Mona Crellin and Miss Jane Crellin, the four popular and attractive California girls who have been abroad together since the spring and have recently been touring Ireland together, were, when last heard from, enjoying the sights of Antwerp.

A pretty ceremony was the christening of the little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Langley Porter Monday afternoon at St. Paul's. Bishop Nichols baptized the wee Miss Anne Odile. Mrs. Bernard Peyton was godmother and looked handsome, despite the mourning she is wearing. Dr. and Mrs. Porter lost all their beautiful furnishings in the fire and took refuge with Mrs. Porter's father, Judge Nesbitt, who is Supreme Judge of Toronto. There little Miss Anne Odile was born three months ago. It is pleasant to the many friends of this interesting family to learn that they will re-establish here and have taken the Hutch at Sausalito for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Garret McEnerney, who have spent most of the summer in San Rafael, where they had a cottage and entertained very charmingly, have returned to town and are at their home on Washington street and Central avenue.

Colonel John L. Clem, U. S. A., is expecting Mrs. Clem and their tiny daughter, little Miss Elizabeth Clem, to arrive here within a fortnight from Texas, where they have been for several months. Colonel and Mrs. Clem will spend the winter in quarters at the Presidio cantonment.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peter Weeks, who have had a cottage at Burlingame since gayly in the summer, have decided to remain there throughout the winter. Miss Cornelia Kempff, who has been their guest during the summer, will probably stay there this winter also.

Rev. and Mrs. David Montgomery Crabtree, who left here for New York last week, are at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The friends of Mrs. Timothy Guy Phelps will be pleased to hear that Mrs. Phelps, whose life has been almost despaired of for months, has left the sanitarium practically well and is thoroughly enjoying herself at her beautiful home, Monte Vista, at San Carlos. It will probably be some time, however, before Mrs. Phelps will be able to entertain in the cordial way she has through the years before her illness.

Charles Cosgrave, who has been in the East on business for the past year, has rejoined his sisters, Dr. Millicent Cosgrave and Miss Patricia Cosgrave, and will fill a responsible position with a well known real estate firm here. Like his brothers Jack and Desmond, Charles Cosgrave is always considered a clever addition to any gathering, and his friends are welcoming him home.