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FORAKER'S COUNTERBLAST

JOSEPH BENSON FORAKER of Ohio is what Alan Breck would have called "a bonny fighter," but it seems from force of circumstances over which he has little control that he has got in wrong.

It is either Foraker's misfortune or his fault that he finds himself arrayed against Theodore Roosevelt. That is a serious handicap for any political aspirant to carry.

I was unable also to agree with the President as to conferring the rate-making power upon the Interstate Commerce Commission, as provided in the Hepburn law, passed at the first session of the Fifty-ninth Congress.

It is quite clear that public sentiment does not believe that the delegation to the Interstate Commerce Commission of power to regulate rates was a step in the wrong direction.

Giving Senator Foraker credit for sincerity in his opposition, he is still unfortunate in the company he keeps. He scouts the idea that any \$5,000,000 conspiracy exists to destroy Roosevelt.

Senator Foraker will do well to dissociate himself from these dubious allies, notwithstanding his belief, announced at Canton, that they need "no moral regeneration."

THE WEATHER PROPHECY'S RAMPAGE

THE superior enterprise of the New York press as compared with the crude, unfinished style of Western journalism is illustrated by the notable discovery of a double-barreled prefix for a great California advocate.

To characterize the monumental oration of Delphin Michael Delmas only the language of meteorology meets the requirements of Mr. Hearst's young man.

Mr. Delmas did himself proud. That is not as fine language as the loud alarms and excursions of the weather prophet, but it is the best we have in the box.

The Blocker Blocked



disease—dementia Americana—and is, therefore, a benefactor of his species. It is the single ray of light that illuminates this gloomy cavern for dead men's bones, and Mr. Delmas will be promoted to a pedestal in the hall of fame.

A COLONEL'S WRATH

COLONEL JOHN P. IRISH would consign the whole press of California to deep damnation. "If," he cries, "the press of California could be bundled together and sunk for ten years in —, it would be a good thing for the State and —."

Colonel Irish's immediate grievance is that the State press published details of some recent floods which the Board of Trade believes to have been exaggerated and, therefore, damaging to California.

Therefore, when Colonel Irish begins to rain fire and brimstone he confounds himself with Providence, and the chairman very properly reminds him that convulsions of nature are not permitted under parliamentary law.

AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN

SOME curious misconceptions in regard to the Chinese boycott of American goods are still prevalent in the Orient, and although the movement is extinct and never had much force it is still made to do duty by way of explanation.

The Yokohama paper adds that "there are signs that Australia welcomes Japanese laborers in consequence of the anti-Japanese question in America."

Gossip in Railway Circles

J. BARNETT of the Western Pacific will have shortly one of the most beautiful homes in the State. He has bought Sylva Island on the Marin shore, on which he is building a handsome house.

A. G. Wells, general manager of the Santa Fe; L. L. Hibbard, general superintendent; H. C. Phillips, chief engineer, and W. G. Barnwell, general freight agent, are all in the city from Los Angeles.

The officials will make a tour of the lines as far as Albuquerque, Wells says that it will be some time yet before the Franklin tunnel will be opened.

J. A. Reeves, general freight agent of the Oregon Short Line, and his assistant, F. H. Plaisted, are in the city to discuss traffic matters with Freight Traffic Manager Jones of the Southern Pacific.

Jay Adams of the Nickel Plate left yesterday for an extended trip through the northwest and is expected back at the end of the month.

P. R. Lund, chief train agent of the Harriman system, left Wednesday night for El Paso.

The Smart Set

MRS. SELBY HANNA entertained ten of Mrs. Marguerite Hanford's closer friends yesterday afternoon, who were asked in for tea and to bid farewell to Mrs. Hanford, as that most attractive little matron will leave at 11 o'clock this morning for her former home, Montreal, for a visit of six months' duration.

Mrs. Henry Clarence Broeften will entertain at an informal box party and supper this evening in honor of her sister, Mrs. E. Walton Hedges.

Many San Franciscans journeyed across the bay last night to attend the wedding of Miss Hazel Marston and Frederick Winslow Reed of Stockton, which was celebrated at Christ Church, Alameda, at 8:30 o'clock in the presence of a large number of friends.

The bride, who was given away by her father, Charles A. Marston, was charming in a gown of white liberty satin, trimmed in Irish point lace, and having medallions of silk roses applied.

Leaders of Today Were Unknown Then

In those days there was no Burlingame set and the members of the present exclusive set were unknown socially.

The Tobins occupied their big house on Nob Hill, but were not prominent socially. The Carolans, too, were obscure as far as society went.

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The Insider

Writes of society in San Francisco twenty years ago, the notables who figured in the smart set and those who are now leaders

Great Social Change Undergone by City

IT is said that the society in new communities changes every twenty years or so, and this is particularly true of San Francisco. Society twenty years ago was entirely different from what it is now.

It was about the same time that Mr. McGavin, who was then a raw slip of a boy, brought to this city his bride from Paris.

Another social musical genius was Mr. Guthrie of Balfour, Guthrie & Co., who played the violin.

But Few Remember Waldemar Ludovici

It may appear strange, but how many people recollect F. Waldemar Ludovici, and yet he should be well remembered. If it had not been for Ludovici the Cosmos Club would not have been brought into existence.

Dr. Campbell Shorb Character of Note

One of the most extraordinary and individual characters in social San Francisco during this time was Dr. Campbell Shorb. The doctor was a bizarre dresser.

E. M. Greenway was then an obscure clerk in the Anglo-Californian Bank and could be seen any afternoon escaping from the bank to buy a bag of fruit.

Hall McAllister Terror of His Time

Hall McAllister was the terror of his time. He had a knack of saying things which cut to the quick, and yet he could speedily allay wounded feelings.

It seems that Judge Hoge had annoyed McAllister, who referred to him as "a d-d old fool."

Union Was Swell Club of That Day

The Union Club, twenty years ago, was in a low, white building on the northwest corner of California and Montgomery streets.

Southern Set Was Under Two Banners

There was another little set, which clustered around the home of Mrs. J. C. Fall, on Van Ness avenue.

The army was then much to the fore in the matter of entertaining, and General McDowell, who resided at Black Point, was a leader.

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Personal Mention

C. C. O'Farman of Chicago is at the Majestic.

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W. D. McLoyd of Portland, Or., is at the Palace.

Henry L. Reeve of New York is at the St. Francis.

W. D. Johnson of Tacoma, Wash., is at the St. Francis.

Charles J. Keppeler of Washington, D. C., is at the Dorchester.

W. W. Burnett and family of Palo Alto are at the St. Francis.

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