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THE CASE OF HARRIMAN

COMMISSIONER FRANKLIN K. LANE is diplomatic in his utterances respecting the future of Mr. Harriman. "Will Harriman go to jail?" asks the reporter. "I hope not," replies Mr. Lane with all the solemnity of official propriety, but he intimates that the interstate commerce commission is prayerfully considering the facts that may involve prosecution of the nimble witted financier and railroad magnate.

There is, for instance, Harriman's contract with Senator Clark for control of the Salt Lake and San Pedro line. That agreement, in the first place, was ostensibly concerned only with local business and contracts in restraint of trade were not at that time forbidden by the California statute.

Then the plea is made that Harriman, acting for the Union Pacific, built the Salt Lake road jointly with Clark, and his lawyers contend that there is no law forbidding a railroad to parallel its own line. The fact that this new railroad would be a competitor in other hands does not take away the right to build.

Considering the merger of the Southern Pacific with the Union Pacific, that question is found to be likewise perplexed by doubt. In the first place, the Union Pacific does not own a majority of the Southern Pacific stock. It holds enough for all practical purposes of control, and, in fact, does control.

This reasoning is rather specious, but in considering it we must have regard for the complexion of the United States supreme court. That body decided the Northern Securities merger case by a 5 to 4 vote, and one of the majority, Justice Brewer, reached his conclusion by a different route from that traveled by his associates.

Harriman as the terror of Wall street is another thing. The interstate commerce commission will no doubt make sundry severe and well merited remarks about Harriman's stock deals. The inflation of Chicago and Alton was, perhaps, the most daring and scientific scheme of the kind ever worked out, but it appears to have been done within the law.

There is no reason why this process should not go on indefinitely, unless the interstate commerce commission can find a way to stop it, and it is clear that such a way has not yet been found.

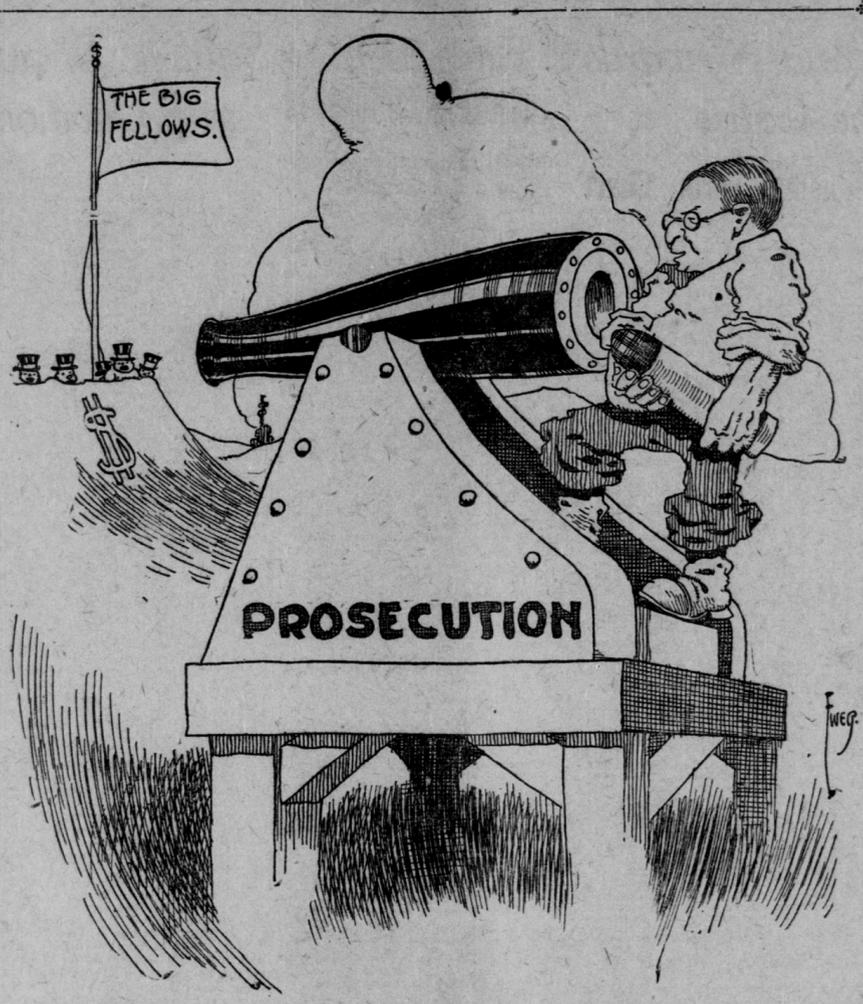
A GOOD WOMAN GONE

ONE remembers a more quiet time in San Francisco, when the whole town watched at the bedside, as one might say, of a gentle woman, whose life hung in the balance, while the nation's chief executive, her husband, the well beloved McKinley, waited for the sentence of life and death that Dr. Rixey was to pronounce.

The people loved McKinley because he was a good husband of a good wife. They respected him for his ability and statesman-like qualities; they knew that the country was safe in his hands; but their affections were given to him because his admirable and yet simple family life offered the finest model for the American home.

There are millions of women in America as sweet and good as

Loading the Big Gun



Mrs. McKinley was; there are plenty of men with as much brains and ability as her husband possessed; but rarely have the great ones installed in the seats of the mighty offered a more worthy example of the old fashioned virtues that one likes to call American.

THE ETHICS OF A JURIST

JUDGE CARROLL COOK is troubled about ethics which, apparently, is in conflict with the sentiments of his breeches pocket. He has been offered \$50,000—so his press agent states—to undertake the defense of Mr. Patrick Calhoun, a wealthy and two fisted gentleman at present under a cloud.

It is a question of ethics with me. I feel that I have been elected by the people of the state of California for six years and that they are entitled to my services for that time, and I do not feel that I would be justified in resigning until my term has expired.

As between two bundles of hay Judge Cook will probably choose the larger. Questions of ethics are luxuries for criminal lawyers. And as for the tender sentiment that he confesses for the feelings of the people who hired him he might well feel himself absolved from any solicitude on that score by the returns of the last election.

NOTE AND COMMENT

That Chicago flat owner who has offered prizes for baby tenants makes a noise like a candidate for a diplomatic berth.

Subsequent developments indicate that the display of a harmony flag in Ohio was based on a weather bureau report.

The Home Rule Bill

EDITOR CALL—Sir: The provisions of the bill introduced on the seventh instant by Mr. Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, which can address the council on any subject under discussion, but cannot vote. The departments give to the control of the council are:

1.—The local government board.
2.—The department of agriculture and technical instruction.
3.—The congested districts board.
4.—The commissioners of public works.
5.—The commissioners of national education.
6.—The intermediate education board.
7.—The inspector of reformatory and industrial schools.
8.—The registrar general.

The Insider

Tells Henry J. Crocker's story concerning the laborer from Michigan and the union and relates a comedy witnessed on a delayed train

Laborer Is Puzzled by Admission Day

THIS is Henry J. Crocker's story, and he is having so much fun telling it that it seems a shame to take it away from him by publication: A laborer from Michigan, who had found nonmembership in any trades union a handicap to securing steady employment in this state, had been working for the railroad at Fresno. Quitting the job he applied for his wages.

Comedy Is Enacted on a Delayed Train

Jack Wilson is fond of relating a little comedy he witnessed not long ago on a delayed coast line train. Hour after hour the cars had been motionless. Hope of reaching San Francisco that night had vanished. All but one of the passengers in the Pullman accepted the delay philosophically. The exception was a wealthy San Francisco man of affairs, and to all who would listen he told his troubles.

In Railway Circles

THERE was a time when it was alleged that the new rulings of the interstate commerce commission would be as balm in Gilead and would bring in their train the healing of many wounds and be looked upon by the merchant as well as the railroadman as a blessing. This hope has not been fulfilled, for the rulings of the commission have brought forth more complaints and charges of absurdity than any previous tariff. A railroadman in discussing the tariff had this to say:

"The rulings of the interstate commerce commission are so conflicting and at variance with each other and with the published tariffs of railroad companies that it seems peculiar that the president does not appoint at least one practical tariff man on the commission. One instance of this is the ruling made recently forbidding the use of a combination of locals when the published through rate was higher. At the time the ruling was made the rate on illuminating oil was made by using the local rate from points east of Chicago in connection with 7 1/2 cents rate west of that point.

"I believe," said Assistant Chief Engineer H. M. McCartney of the Western Pacific, "that the motto of the San Francisco bootblack is 'delays are dangerous,' for I have several applications from bootblacks demanding the privilege of shining shoes on the boats of the Western Pacific. As the designs for these boats have not been made, some of the San Francisco bootblacks it would seem are determined not to be late in filing their notices."

Joseph McElroy of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas has returned to town after a long absence in the wilds of New Mexico, Texas and other interesting countries. McElroy announces that the different states, which were through assured him that they were all in a prosperous condition. McElroy believes that El Paso will one day be a great city, and so told denizens of that metropolis. His statements were indorsed by the residents without a dissenting voice, and he was presented with a series of fine views of the city and its many suburbs.

The Great Northern is keeping up its reputation for delivering freight in fast time in San Francisco. A consignment of several cars was shipped from Lynn, Mass., which took 13 days to reach San Francisco, when the cars were turned over to the Great Northern. That company delivered the cars in San Francisco in 12 days, making better time than the eastern roads did from Lynn to St. Paul.

J. F. Hadden, general freight and passenger agent of the Tonopah and Goldfield road, is in the city. Virgil G. Bogie, chief engineer of the Western Pacific has returned from his inspection of the work being done on the road in the states of Utah, Nevada and California. It is understood that on his arrival the bids will be opened for the construction of the tunnel in this city. The Harriman lines have ordered 150,000 tons of open heart rails for 1907 delivery. Of these 100,000 tons are for the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific and 40,000 tons for the Illinois Central. J. M. Crawley, traffic manager of the Nevada, California and Oregon railway, is in the city. He is here to get medical treatment for his eyes. Crawley's headquarters are at Reno.

The Smart Set

There is much regret expressed at the news that the invitations to the wedding reception of Miss Louise Redington and Dr. Albin Walter Hewlett, who are to be married on June 12, will be recalled, owing to the recent tragic death of Dr. Hewlett's uncle, Albin W. Whitney, last week.

Miss Sidney Davis, who leaves today for Santa Barbara, was the hostess at a very enjoyable little informal tea on Friday afternoon last at which she entertained a number of her friends. Among those present were: Miss Helen Baker, Miss Dorothy Baker, Miss Malzie Langhorne, Miss Julia Langhorne, Miss Helen Thomas, Miss Maude Payne, Miss Claire Nichols, Miss Mary Wilcox and Miss Louise Redington.

Harold Plummer was the host at a very delightful party on Saturday last. The party started from his home in Sausalito and after cruising around the bay for an hour landed at California City on the Marin shore, where a very elaborate luncheon was served. Mr. Plummer is a member of this year's class at the state university and several of the guests were his intimate friends of that class. Others present were: Mr. Plummer, Miss Mabel Watkins, Miss Ruth Goodman, Miss Maude Payne, Miss Helen Thomas, Miss Emily Johnson, Prentiss Gray and Arthur Fenimore.

Miss Maudie Coyle and Miss Angela Coyle entertained at a very enjoyable reception on Saturday evening last at their home on Jackson street in honor of Miss Mae Sadler, who is soon to become the bride of Lewis Risdon Mead, and of Miss Lucy Mighell, who is to wed Thomas Churchill. Nearly 100 guests thronged the pretty rooms, which were attractively decorated with greenery and cut flowers and there was a little dancing late in the evening. Assisting the young hostesses in receiving were Mrs. Coyle, Miss Sadler, Miss Mighell, Miss Marie Churchill, Miss Helen Gray, Miss Marion Lally, Miss Florence Sloper, Miss Gertrude Mills, Miss Marian Mills, Will Falter, Jed Hoag, Almer Newhall, Paul Koskavitch, William Sheehan, Roma Sbarboro, Thomas Churchill, Milton Sprague, Lewis Mead, James Coyle, Mr. Gillett and Chauncey Montgomery.

It is announced that the wedding of Miss Lillian Moffatt and Fred Ward Hunt will be celebrated on Saturday evening, June 1, at 9 o'clock, at the Jefferson. Chester A. Percy, a mining man of Nome, is at the Savoy. L. W. Melcher and wife of Chicago are guests at the Hamlin. Edwin M. Flish and wife of St. Louis are guests at the Jefferson. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Webster of Chicago are guests at the Robins. Colonel P. J. Stinson and wife registered at the Hamlin yesterday. J. C. Halpruner, a merchant of New York, is staying at the Hamlin. Dr. P. S. Jackson of Detroit was an arrival at the Hamlin yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Richey of Spokane are guests at the Baltimore. Henry A. Hoyt, a contractor of Santa Rosa, registered at the Imperial yesterday. E. Bello, a capitalist of Mexico city, accompanied by his wife, is at the Fairmont. Dr. W. A. Hendryx, a prominent physician of Denver, is registered at the Palace. J. W. Starr, a manufacturer of East Hampton, Conn., registered at the St. Francis yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Carron, wealthy residents of Mobile, were guests at the Fairmont yesterday. B. F. Jones of Independence, Or., and A. N. Orutt and A. C. Creason of Ros-

home of the bride's mother, 1724 Pine street. The bride is the daughter of the senior member of a leading business firm of the city and Mr. Hunt is a son of Judge Hunt.

Mrs. William Bourne, Miss W. Alston Hayne and Miss Ida Bourne left last week for their country place at St. Helena, where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. Maddox and her son, Knox Maddox, will go on June 1 to the Willis Davis house at Pacific avenue and Scott street, which they have leased for some time.

Miss Cornelia Kempff went up last week to Mare Island, where she is visiting her brother and sister in law, Lieutenant and Mrs. Clarence Kempff.

Mr. and Mrs. Mountford Wilson have closed their house on Pacific avenue after a stay in town of a few weeks' duration, and are again at their country place at Burlingame.

The Rev. Edward Morgan of St. Luke's church left yesterday for Europe, where he will spend the next three or four months traveling and visiting relatives.

Mrs. Albert Dibbles, Mrs. Philip Van Horne Lansdale and Miss Bertha Sidney Smith will leave on Saturday next for the Yosemite valley, where they will spend a fortnight, returning then to San Rafael, where they are spending the summer.

Mrs. J. Eugene Freeman and Miss Maude Payne will leave in about 10 days for San Rafael, where they will spend the summer months.

Miss Marian Angellotti, who was one of the prettiest and most charming of last winter's debutantes, has been quite seriously ill for some weeks past at her home in San Rafael, but is now, to the delight of her friends, convalescing.

Miss Claire Nichols has been visiting recently at Menlo Park and will go down again this week for a stay.

Miss Edna Davis will not leave today for Santa Barbara with her sister, Miss Sidney Davis, but will delay her departure until Thursday. Mrs. Davis will not go south for several weeks.

Mrs. George Dodge and Miss Mabel Dodge of San Rafael have gone to Bolinas, where they will spend the summer.

Miss Emily Johnson left on Sunday for Mendocino county, where she will spend the summer at the Johnson country place.

Personal Mention

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Answers to Queries

ROOSEVELT—C. H. R., City. President Roosevelt was born October 28, 1858. MIDWINTER FAIR—A Subscriber. City. The midwinter fair in San Francisco was opened in 1894. SNAKE SKINS—Reader, City. This correspondent wants to know the best methods to preserve snake skins. GRAND ARMY—E. G. E., City. The next encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Saratoga, N. Y. BRIDGE ACCIDENT—A Subscriber. City. The accident on the Webster street bridge, Oakland, occurred on Memorial day, 1890. MEASUREMENTS—M., Watsonville, Cal. There is no publication that gives "the weight, height and other measurements" of public men in the United States. burg, Or., were among the arrivals at the Baltimore yesterday. Mrs. Clarence Carr of Mare Island and Miss Ruth Hubbard of Norwich, Conn., are at the Fairmont. A. C. Eisen, a mining man of Goldfield, arrived in the city yesterday and registered at the St. Francis. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Saraga, a newly wedded couple from Reno, accompanied by Miss Georgia Savage, are staying at the Imperial.

Conditions in California

The California Promotion committee wired the following to its eastern bureau in New York yesterday: California temperatures for the last 24 hours: Eureka.....Minimum, 54. Maximum, 59 San Francisco.....Minimum, 55. Maximum, 60 San Diego.....Minimum, 60. Maximum, 64 San Francisco building permits for May 27: Permanent.....15. Value.....\$138,000 Alteration.....3. Value.....1,000 The grain brokers in the vicinity of Visalia are selling the crop on a 2 cent basis as against 2 1/2 cents last year.