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THE ALLY OF THE BRIBE GIVERS

THE Chronicle appears to have undertaken the defense of the bribe givers, which is natural enough and to have been expected. It is part of this defense to drag a red herring across the trail by demanding the punishment of other offenders who have not yet been indicted.

That, in fact, is what the Chronicle wants. Keep the prosecution busy while the "big fellows" slip out of the net. In order to make a case for that policy it is necessary to magnify the offense of the bribe taker and at the same time minimize that of the bribe giver.

There is danger that in our zeal to catch the bribe givers the enormity of the crime of bribe taking may be overlooked. As a matter of fact, while bribe giving and bribe taking are both felonies, the man who sells himself, while not more wicked than the bribe giver, is infinitely more contemptible and really more dangerous to society because of the much larger number and their opportunity for spreading infection among the community.

And in another of its numerous editorials on this subject the Chronicle says:

The existence of twenty-five or thirty, more or less, corrupt men in this city cannot of itself greatly affect our civic character. The crimes of which these men are accused have not, even in the aggregate, caused any serious damage to any single individual.

The Call fully understands the enormity of bribe taking, but this offense is distinctly not "more dangerous to society" than the giving of bribes. The bribe taker is infinitely less dangerous to society than the man who uses money to corrupt the government.

Again, we learn from the Chronicle that "bribe takers are of a very low type. From the moment they become so they are allied to the criminal class." Just so. But how about the bribe givers who made criminals of the bribe takers? The reasoning appears to be that the bribe givers are not criminal because they usually wear good clothes and are educated men.

Of course, the purpose of this silly plea is to confuse the issue and distract the efforts of the prosecution. The Chronicle, which every morning presents a tearful and hypocritical plea in behalf of the arch bribers, would rejoice to see the energies of the prosecution frittered away in pursuit of a shoal of petty thieves.

A TRANSPACIFIC REFORMER

NOT many months ago a terrifying uproar was raised concerning the doings of Judge Wilfley, then newly appointed to the American consular court of Shanghai. Among others a certain obstreperous Volcano Marshall, fuming like his name, spread himself over many columns in recital of the woes and wrongs of the Shanghai bar at the hands of this new fangled judge.

Now comes Warren A. Seavey, an American professor at the Imperial university in Tientsin, and declares to the Boston Transcript that Wilfley is all right and, in fact, a modern Hercules, engaged in cleaning up Shanghai or, at least, the American part of it.

Now, from a legal standpoint, it seems fairly clear that the judge was entirely within his rights. He could admit to practice on conditions which he should name. And if he gave a severe examination, in the absence of any rule from the act which created his court, he was doing only what every judge has a right to do.

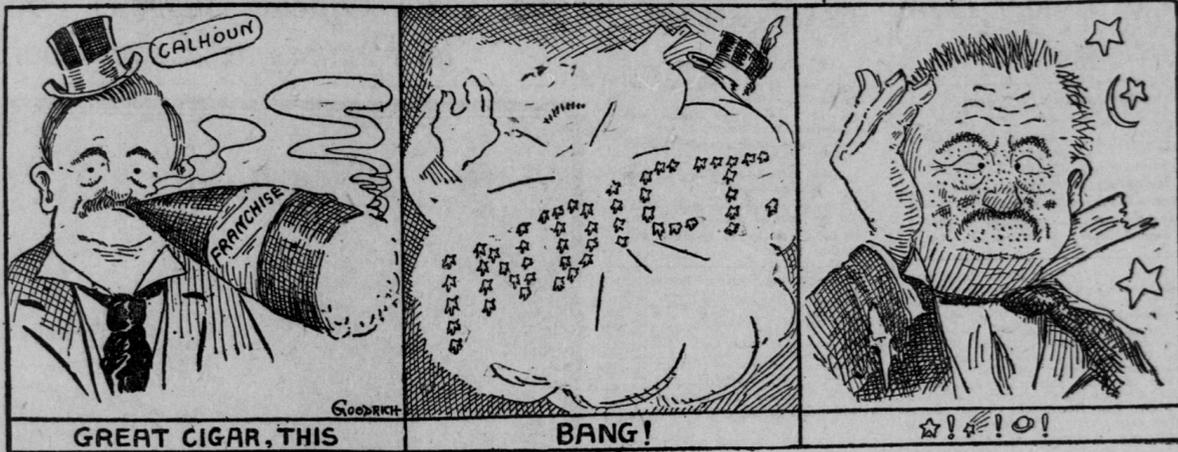
Judge Wilfley would have been wiser to have stated his real ground for removal than to have gone at it in the roundabout way he adopted. That plan gave his enemies a handle which they were not slow to use.

Having got rid of the shyster lawyers, Judge Wilfley proceeded to clean out the gamblers by sending them to jail without option of a fine. Some of these were socially prominent, and there was another brainstorm in Shanghai. It did not last very long.

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:
San Francisco Minimum, 50; Maximum, 75
San Diego Minimum, 60; Maximum, 68
San Francisco building permits for May 28:
Permanent \$19,000,000
Alterations 5,000,000
Fruit canneries and packing houses throughout the state are short of help. Several thousand women and girls could find immediate employment.

He Didn't Know It Was Loaded



when people began to realize that it meant the regeneration of American interests in Shanghai. The women of easy virtue fled the town. Thus was American Shanghai purged.

THE RECOIL OF A NOVEL

CHARLES DICKENS wrote a novel that caused repeal of the law of imprisonment for debt. Charles Reade was the author of novels that brought important reforms in English prisons and lunatic asylums. These are classic examples, among many, of the influence exerted by novels with a purpose.

It is a remarkable fact that now, when canned beef is put up under government inspection and every safeguard, the export of this product has dwindled to comparatively insignificant figures. Here is a comparative table, issued by the national bureau of statistics, showing the decline:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Quantity (Pounds), Value. Data for years 1900-1907 showing a decline in both quantity and value of exports of canned beef.

That is a rather melancholy showing, but the packers must blame themselves and not Sinclair. If the novelist's exposures had not been founded in fact they would have fallen to the ground of their own weight. The showing compelled a government investigation, which ascertained that the charges were substantially true.

WASTEFULNESS IN THE BUDGET

THE budget for next year submitted by the board of supervisors on Monday is extravagant in some particulars and wholly unjustifiable and unsatisfactory in others. There is, for instance, no earthly reason why the city should spend nearly three-quarters of a million in constructing part of a street railway in Geary street.

There is another matter that calls for criticism, and that is the unfulfilled promise of economy in the matter of salaries. Several departments are given an increase, and none, so far as appears, is reduced. It has always been notorious that the city hall was infested with superfluous and useless attaches, who made a pretense of earning salaries.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The complexion of the brute has no real bearing on Colonel Watterson's enthusiasm over a "dark horse."

The business garb usually affected by captains of industry is now generally accepted as good dress form for indictment teas.

Personal Mention

A. W. Flint of Forest Hill is at the Savoy.
C. D. Dickinson of Goldfield is at the Savoy.
B. W. Smith of Los Angeles is at the Fairmont.
Senator Charles M. Belshaw is at the St. Francis.
James D. Galbraith of Seattle is at the Dorchester.
W. G. Blackie of Glasgow, Scotland, is at the Palace.
J. B. Hart, a rancher of Los Gatos, is at the Baltimore.
W. L. Butler of Seattle, Wash., is at the Majestic Annex.
A. Newton and wife of Napa are registered at the Hamlin.
H. J. Grannis and wife of Duluth, Minn., are at the Fairmont.
Charles A. Eaton and wife of Del Monte are at the St. Francis.
George D. Plato, a merchant of Modesto, is at the Baltimore.
D. E. Wisner of Ontario, Canada, and W. G. Whiteside of Toronto, Canada, who are making a pleasure tour of the coast, are domiciled at the Hamlin.

The Insider

Relates details of the career of S. S. McClure, pioneer in the ten cent magazine field, who arrived here recently to investigate grafting.

Publisher McClure S. S. McCLURE, who was in San Francisco last week, with one of his star writers, to investigate grafting as it is grafted in our city, was one of the pioneers in the ten cent magazine field.

McClure is a self-made man, having begun life as a poor boy in Galesburg, Ill. He worked when other lads were flying kites and playing marbles and tops, and when he felt the need of an education he paid for it himself. He fell in love with a beautiful girl in Galesburg, and though she had wealth and he had none, he pursued his suit to a successful finish.

Tells of Changes in Street Names A reader of The Call writes me: "Thanks for the reminiscences and recollections of the origin of street names and old localities.

Now that landmarks and records have been destroyed these collections of data are not only interesting, but valuable. It may be worth while noting that Kearny and Sutter streets were invariably called "Karny" and "Sooter," in conformity with the pronunciation of the patronyms of those for whom they are named until the building of the transcontinental railroad brought us eastern immigrants whose persistence in fitting sound to orthography wrought the change.

"The funeral notice of George Treat, mentioned by your contributor in connection with the street which bears his name and the old time race track, appears in the papers of the 23d and 24th instant. He was an old time pioneer, and, if memory serves me, was a resident of this vicinity before the Mexican war.

"Another point of interest in connection with the city streets is the disappearance of old names. Sixteenth street used to be called Center. I also recall that beginning with Twenty-second the names of the numbered streets running south were John, Horner, Park, Temple and Navy. Army street, which is midway between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh, still maintains its original designation.

Gossip in Railway Circles

It is understood that the Southern Pacific will shortly begin the construction of a road from Glams, a point on the line to Yuma, to Pala Verde, 33 miles in a northeasterly direction.

H. C. Cantlow is receiving the congratulations of his friends on his promotion to the general freight agency of the Pacific Coast steamship company. He takes the place of J. H. Cooper, who has been transferred to other duty.

F. E. Signer, general freight agent of the Wisconsin Central, is expected in the city and with him is J. A. Clock, general western agent of the same line, with headquarters in Portland.

David Bowes, assistant general passenger agent of the Chicago and Alton, is on a business visit to the coast. He has been visiting the southern part of the state.

Adler Ellis, who has been for many years with the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul in their Chicago office, has been sent to this city and will take up the duties of traveling freight agent.

Roy Gurney, who has been with the Colorado Midland, will take a position in the local office of the Rock Island in the passenger department, and Grove Lowry will succeed Gurney.

All freight trains destined for the east via the Ogden route will be sent by way of Stockton until such time as the ferry boat Solano is repaired. One of the Solano's engines is out of order, but that will not prevent the big boat carrying passenger trains across the straits during daylight.

C. S. Fee, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific, left last night for Chicago by way of Portland.

Eastern Press Views on Current Topics

M R. ROOSEVELT has done the Democratic party many a cruel injury. He has abstracted planks from its platforms and principles from its politicians. But his crowning abuse is not what he has wrested from it but what he has foisted upon it. Dame Democracy had a hard enough time of it explaining away the compromising attentions of Tom Ryan and the indiscreet advances of the Belmont swain, but when she discovered on her doorstep a White House basket containing such foundlings of high finance as Moraga and Baer and Harriman, all cooling their love of states' rights and strict construction and babbling their fear of centralized power and federal usurpation—then she had a right to consider it nothing less than a scurry trick.—New York World.

It matters little what "brain storm" peculiar to Wall street has caused the explosion of timidity and pessimism in the stock market. The thing which counts is that there is no reason why the disturbance local to the speculative financial district of New York should affect the business of the country. Stock market furies have only local and extremely limited significance when the American people are as secure and well fortified against any possible menace of industrial and commercial reverses as they are today.—Cleveland Leader.

The theory that Wall street is the barometer of business conditions throughout the country is no longer impressive. Wall street has been in the doldrums for some time past, while trade in all quarters was booming.—Pittsburg Press.

Hereafter every rich man will find it harder not to give of his fortune to the poor when he reflects that even Russell Sage was made a philanthropist at the age of 40.—Chicago Journal.

Perhaps it is not too much to hope that before the public finishes the work that will close the high finance era of swindle some of the great men who are striving to bring about the era of a plucked and outraged people will be where they belong—not in the presidencies and chairmanships of boards of directors of falsely capitalized public highways converted into monopolies, but in jail.—New York Press.

The Smart Set

MRS CHARLES STEWART and Miss Gertrude Mills gave a delightful informal tea yesterday afternoon at Te Tea Cup Inn in Bush street, at which Miss Mae Sadler, who is to be a June bride, was the guest of honor.

The decorations were entirely in pink, sweet peas being used in great profusion. Assistants in hostess in receiving were Miss Sadler, Miss Ruth Sadler and Miss Marion Mills. Among those present were Mrs. Harry Bostwick, Mrs. Linda Bryan, Mrs. Carl Schilling, Mrs. William Sexton, Miss Pearl Selts, Miss Lily Selts, Mrs. Joseph Klein, Miss Malvina Coyle, Miss Angela Coyle, Mrs. Washburn, Mrs. H. N. Cook, Miss Genevieve Schultz, Miss Helene Schultz, Mrs. Glenn French, Miss Elaine Speyer, Miss Ethel Speyer, Mrs. Edward Chadbourne, Miss Myrtle Wood, Miss Hilda Wood, Miss Ida Grossmayer, Miss Alice Poorman, Miss Melita Bennett and Mrs. W. P. Buckingham.

William Falley will entertain a party of his friends Saturday evening on a trip to Tamalpais lawn, where they will have dinner and an informal dance, returning afterward to his attractive cottage in Mill Valley. Mrs. H. T. Lally and Mrs. John Metcalf will act as chaperons and among Mr. Falley's guests will be Miss Edith Metcalf, Miss Marion Lally, Miss Gregory, Miss Marie Churchill, Miss Mazie Coyle, Miss Angela Coyle, Miss Elizabeth Sheehan, Albert Sheehan, Jack Newbegin, Harry Nichols, Bernardo Shorb, William Sheehan and John Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor are receiving the congratulations of their friends on the birth of a little son on Monday. Mrs. Taylor, who was formerly Miss Edna Hopkins and who is extremely popular, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hopkins, in California street. This is the second child in the family, as Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have a beautiful little daughter.

Mrs. Romualdo Pacheco, who arrived this month from New York, where she has been for the past year, and who has been the guest since her arrival of her daughter, Mrs. William S. Tevis, will remain in California through the summer visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Hopkins and Miss Lydia Hopkins went down last week from their home at Menlo for a stay of several days at Del Monte.

Miss Mary Keeney has returned to town after a visit at the Hopkins home at Menlo Park.

Captain and Mrs. Chauncey R. Humphreys, who have been at the rifle range at Point Bonita for the past few weeks, have gone to Blythevale, where they will spend a month or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eastland, Miss Warren and Will Larson spent the week end at Del Monte.

Mrs. A. L. Bancroft, who has been abroad for some months past, has returned to California and is at her ranch at Walnut Creek, where she will be joined shortly by her daughters, Mrs. James Steele Reid and Mrs. Donald Fry, who will spend the summer there.

Mrs. Caroline Green Noble, who has recently undergone a serious operation at a sanatorium here, is at present at the Japanese resort near Los Gatos, where she is convalescing rapidly. She is accompanied by her sister, Miss Florida Green.

Wilson Mixer is en route from New York to California and will spend a part of the summer as the guest of his sister, Mrs. Horace Blanchard Chase, at her country place in the Napa valley.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. Chapin of Sacramento have been visiting Mrs. Chapin's parents, Senator and Mrs. Wilson, in Seattle for a few weeks. Mr. Chapin has already returned to Sacramento and Mrs. Chapin is expected to arrive in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Upham are among those who are spending a short time in Santa Barbara.

Mrs. Henry E. Bohlin was a visitor at Byron Springs last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Taft, Miss Christie Taft and Miss Edith Selby went down last week from Oakland to Santa Barbara, where they are sojourning for a brief while.