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THE TROUBLED DEMOCRACY

THERE are grievous signs of activity among democrats—grievous because, in truth, activity in the ranks of democracy means bloody noses and cracked crowns, not at all for the hereditary and perfidious foe, but for themselves. It began when the New York World put the question, "What is a Democrat?"

Governor Johnson of Minnesota is reputed to be Colonel Watterson's masked battery. Whether he fulfills the wooden requirements of Colonel Watterson's aspiration we are too generous to declare.

Governor Johnson has been delivering a sort of baccalaureate sermon to the University of Pennsylvania, and Colonel Watterson, instead of warning him against the danger of opening his mouth so wide, commends him highly for utterances like this:

So to harmonize national and state legislation that the former shall include everything national and interstate and the latter cover all conditions which begin and end within the state is one of the nicest problems of future American statesmen, and to your earnest study it is respectfully commended.

Why, to be sure, there is small danger in these sentiments. Roses are red when they are not yellow, and violets blue if they are not white. The flowers that bloom in the spring have much to do with the case. It seems as if Johnson might be the Fairbanks of democracy.

In the meantime, Mr. Hearst has brushed up the justly celebrated interview with "an Iowa democrat" and is having it reprinted once a week in all his newspapers. 'Tis an old and tried friend, begad, albeit something greasy at the elbows and smudged with printer's ink.

The next function in the regular round of democratic activities will be the reading out exercises. It is some time since Mr. Bryan read Roger Sullivan out of the party. To be sure, he did not stay out, but then, they never do, nor does this incompleteness of function impair the quality of entertainment.

SAN FRANCISCO REPORTS PROGRESS

OUR dubiously good natured friends beyond the mountains and in the interior of California who occupy their elegant leisure scolding San Francisco as a horrible example among cities might profit by examination of Assessor Dodge's annual report.

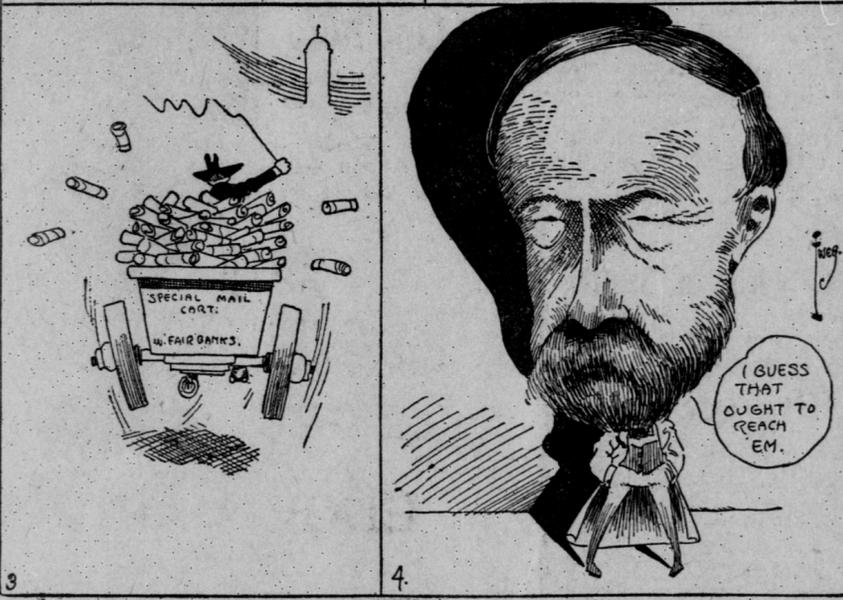
The financial agent for one of the largest estates in San Francisco, which was completely wiped out by the fire as income producing property, said the other day that he had collected \$10,300 in rents for the month of May. The city is alive and growing fast.

To be sure we have our troubles and possibly more than our share of strife, but we make a lot of noise over it all, and possibly our good natured neighbors and our ill natured neighbors have come to believe that our condition is much worse than it really is.

The following summary for June shows California conditions: San Francisco building permits, \$3,916,450; San Francisco building permits since fire, \$73,497,842; Los Angeles building permits, \$1,493,279; Oakland building permits, \$448,570; San Diego building permits, \$1,136,850; San Francisco real estate sales 655, value \$1,922,346; San Francisco bank clearings, \$177,307,227.96; San Francisco bank clearings for June, 1905, \$148,312,795.94; San Francisco bank clearings for June, 1906, \$132,149,341.46; Los Angeles bank clearings, \$51,457,221; Oakland bank clearings, \$11,495,511.75; San Jose bank clearings, \$2,395,935.52; San Francisco customs receipts, \$668,176.17.

We have money to spend for other things besides rebuilding the city. It is a significant fact that a company of players at a local theater had box office receipts amounting to \$37,000 in three weeks,

Mr. Fairbanks' Campaign



notwithstanding the streetcar strike. We are doing very well, thank you.

SALARIES AND THE FINE ARTS

A NATIONAL department of the fine arts is the latest plan to improve the American race. There are uncomfortable people who declare that the great object of government is to provide salaries and more salaries.

We would not be understood to cast any slighting reflections on the methods of a promotion committee as applied to the fine arts, but while we do not grudge Mr. Bumble his salary, we doubt whether bureaucracy supplies the right machinery to make culture hum.

Gossip in Railway Circles

LYLE FLETCHER has returned from the City of Mexico, where he has been living for some years as assistant to the president of the Pan-American railroad. Naturally he is glad to be back, and will make San Francisco his headquarters and attend to the business affairs of D. P. Doak, who, with a friend in St. Louis, controls the Pan-American line.

of Guatemala, Salvador and Costa Rica will make extensive and rich coffee lands accessible to market. Mexico is the country to make money, and it is really amazing how much American money is being poured in there.

With reference to the Pan-American line, it is now operated within 50 miles of Guatemala. It connects with the Tehuantepec National at San Geronimo and will eventually be extended to Panama.

Agent R. H. Counties has just issued a notice to the members of the transcontinental freight bureau cancelling rule 15 of the east and west bound tariff 3, E, and L, G respectively. The rule 15, that where intermediate and terminal class rates are respectively applied in connection with current and western classification make lower rates than those found on pages 40 and 41

Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation for the Harri-man lines, spent last night at Del Monte and should be in the city some time today. With him are E. E. Calvin, general manager of the Southern Pacific, and W. S. Palmer, general superintendent of the northern district.

Angel City's Growth Shown by Paper

THE Evening News of Los Angeles appeared last Wednesday with a "Greater Los Angeles Edition," which set forth arguments and other data showing how the city is to have a million population within a comparatively small number of years.

Personal Mention

- C. K. Ralph of San Jose is at the Hamlin.
Charles H. Lee of Seattle is at the Robins.
A. E. Wills of Dawson is at the St. Francis.
G. Gensler of Portland, Or. is at the Baltimore.
Henry White of Los Angeles is at the Palace.
C. Davidson of Kenwood, Cal. is at the Hamlin.
C. M. Wendover of St. Louis is at the Majestic.
Romeo C. Jacks of Monterey is at the Jefferson.
M. T. Whitaker of Los Angeles is at the Fairmont.
Rev. Father M. Tubman of Reno is at the Imperial.
Ira B. Damm, a hop grower of Ukiah, is at the Hamlin.
W. H. Henry and wife of Los Angeles are at the Savoy.
William H. Magee and Mrs. Magee of Tucson are at the Fairmont.
Frank Dick and A. Enkle of Los Angeles are at the Dorchester.
J. H. Macmillan, a mining man at Goldfield, is at the St. Francis.
C. L. La Rue and Mrs. La Rue of Sacramento are at the Robins.
James W. Neill, a mining man from Pasadena, is at the St. Francis.
Walter P. Hensley, a mining man of New York, and Mrs. Hensley are at the Robins.
Lieutenant John H. Read Jr., United States army, and Mrs. Read are at the St. Francis.
J. B. Robinson of the Diamond match company of Chico, Cal. is at the St. Francis.
John Fernbeck, a manufacturer of machinery at Rochester, N. Y., is at the Hamlin.
Judge T. J. Lemon, wife and son of San Rafael, en route to Paso Robles, are at the Jefferson.
Simon Wile, representative of the Jergens soap company of Cincinnati, is at the Dorchester.
Colonel Samuel W. Ferguson, mine owner in New Mexico, and Mrs. Ferguson and their daughter are at the Robins.
Norman Field Sisson of Sisson, one of the owners of Sisson tavern, is spending a few days in town and is at the Imperial.
Boston arrivals at the St. Francis are Robert A. Ware, F. D. Cochran, Thomas W. Rube, F. H. Downs, Mrs. Downs and G. N. Lussan.

The Insider

Tells of rebukes that patronizing persons have received from Chinese gentlemen and of report that Mark Twain is to marry again

Pompos Traveler Is "Called Down" PASSENGERS who arrived here the other day on the steamship Korea are telling with glee how Wong Kwong, a Chinese engineer, also a passenger, silenced a very pompous Britisher who joined the liner at Yokohama.

The pompous Britisher was introduced to Wong and from the first patronized the little celestial in a most demonstrative way. Wong openly resented the Britisher's attitude, but did nothing in retaliation until one day in the smoking room just after Wong had told a very good story.

Two days out of Hongkong and before any of us had made the acquaintance of the silk robed, pigtailed diplomat, we had just finished pitching quots to decide who was to be stuck for the antetiffin cocktail.

"Let's be sociable and invite the Chink." Walking up to the "Chink" the man from Chicago thus addressed him: "Hello, John, you sabbe cocktail? We go catchem one piecee dink. Sabbe dink? Washamalla you come along? Sabbe?"

"Pardon me, sir," said the "Chink" with a dignity foreign to anything with which "Chicago" was familiar, "but I am at a loss to understand you. I recognize the language as what we call pidgin English. If you will repeat your question in English, or in French, or Spanish, or German, or even in Greek, Latin or Hebrew, I will use my best endeavor to supply the information you desire, if it is information you seek.

There is a rumor in literary circles, a New York correspondent tells me, that Mark Twain is going to marry Charlotte Teller, the novelist. It does not seem to be founded on anything more substantial than his expressed admiration of her book, whereupon a would be wit sent the humorist a cartoon with Miss Teller as a Medusa.

Another reason why the marriage is considered a possibility is that Miss Teller has been investing in new clothes, though, of course, the explanation is allowable that she may have been anxious to spend a bit of her royalty.

The Smart Set

MR and Mrs. Hammond of Lake county, who have so many friends in San Francisco, are anticipating a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth (formerly Miss Alice Roosevelt), in the near future.

Mrs. William H. Crocker returned a day or two since from a brief eastern trip and is at her home in Burlingame. Mrs. Ashton Potter, who has recently returned from a residence abroad of several years' duration, went a few days since to San Rafael as the guest of Mrs. Phillip Van Horn Lansdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Denis O'Sullivan will arrive today from their home in London and will probably spend the next three months in California as the guests of their relatives here. Both are great favorites here and will be delightedly welcomed back.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Tilghman (the latter of whom was formerly Miss Alice Merry), arrived last week from Nevada, where they have been since their arrival from Europe, and will remain for a time here as the guests of relatives here and in Sausalito.

The luncheon at which Mrs. Thomas Driscoll was to have entertained on Saturday last at the Fairmont hotel, and which was to have been followed by a theater party, was postponed on account of the sudden death of the little son of Mrs. Robert Y. Hayne.

Mrs. A. N. Towne and Mrs. Clinton E. Worin, who are making their home at Del Monte, will next week to Santa Barbara for a sojourn.

Miss Helen Wheeler arrived on Saturday evening from the east, where she has been the guest of Mrs. John Hays Hammond on her return from Europe early in June.

Mrs. Clinton B. Hale and Miss Ellen Chamberlain have arrived from their home in Santa Barbara and are guests at the Fairmont hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Chenery, who have recently returned from a visit to Yosemite, left yesterday for Blytheedale, here.

Conditions in California

The California Promotion committee wired the following to its eastern bureau in New York yesterday: California temperatures for the past 24 hours:
Eureka... Minimum 52... Maximum 58
San Francisco... Minimum 51... Maximum 60
San Diego... Minimum 64... Maximum 80
San Francisco building permits for July 1:
Permanents... Value... \$69,900
Alterations... Value... 7,900
The fisheries of San Diego have increased 100 per cent in the past five years, and now constitute an important industry. The old fashioned sailing fleet has been replaced by gasoline boats.