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WHEN MR. HEARST CHANGES HIS MIND

IT is a wise man's privilege to change his mind, but when he does this between two days it sometimes becomes embarrassing, and that is what troubles Mr. Hearst. There was a time, not so long ago, when Mr. Hearst was deeply impressed with the high moral worth and eminent abilities of District Attorney Langdon. Indeed, Mr. Hearst at one time presented himself as the discoverer of Mr. Langdon and asserted property rights in his discovery.

At the head of the line and in command of the prosecuting phalanx is District Attorney William H. Langdon. He is a man who always thinks through from the beginning. No one ever had to argue him into the honest view, for he had that view at the start. His is the Lincoln sort of civic virtue, simple and incorruptible.

Now, that is very well said and written by a man who knows how to handle his tools, but unhappily the Hearst machine slipped a cog between the hour of writing and the day of publication. In a word, Mr. Hearst changed his mind and, accordingly, his opinion of Langdon was made over to suit.

This family jar of printer's ink is one of the disagreeables that attend the process of monthly publication for people whose opinions are more nimble and more shifty than the revolutions of a Hoe press. When such fine sentiments as we have quoted are prepared for sale two months in advance of their appearance on the news stands it is awkward for the proprietor who cannot stay put.

The agility of Mr. Hearst's mental processes appears to have had an unhappy effect on the fortunes of the "well earned tribute" which was published or, at least, partly published in his monthly. Mr. Hearst, having changed his mind in the meanwhile, was nevertheless unable to catch up with his past and bury it decently.

THE MUNICIPAL BOND ISSUES

SOMETHING has been said to the disadvantage of San Francisco because the city has been unable to sell the 3 1/2 per cent bonds voted some time ago, and envious outsiders have cast injurious reflections on the financial standing of the municipality in consequence.

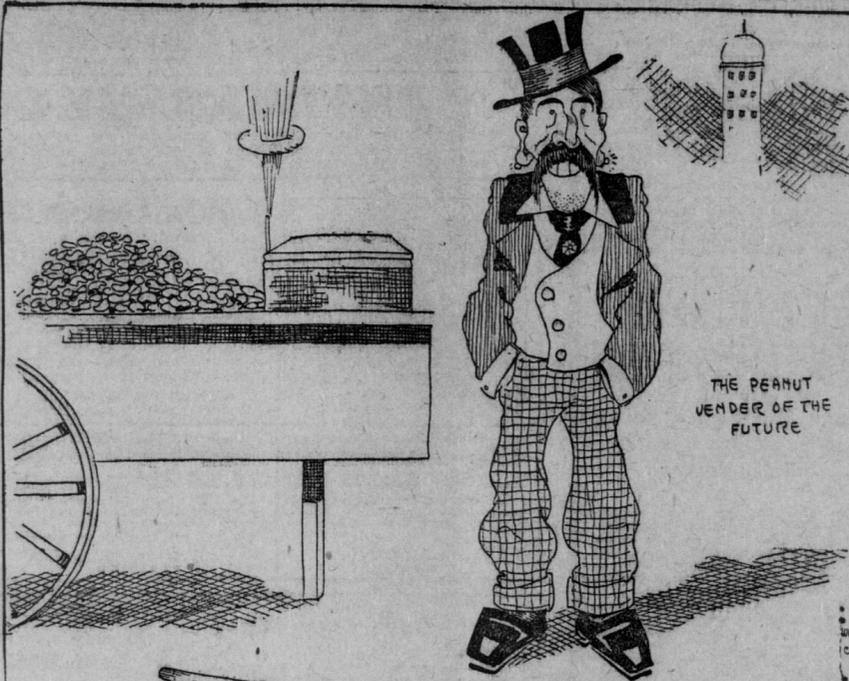
The fact is that no city in America is able to sell a 3 1/2 per cent bond today. The great financial center, New York city, is finding serious difficulty in selling 4 per cent bonds, and is offering all kinds of inducements and proposing a variety of schemes to float the issue.

New York city bonds are better than any other, except, perhaps, government bonds. Let the people have them. They'd subscribe for them. Sell \$50 bonds. Sell bonds for the people, not for the bankers.

That is very pretty and comforting. But the people who subscribed for the Spanish war bonds in such a hurry knew they were getting in on a good thing and, in fact, realized a premium of 15 to 25 per cent within six months after they bought the bonds.

San Francisco has a proposition before it offered by Supervisor d'Ancona to vote a new issue of 4 per cent bonds. Before going much farther it might be well to ascertain from bankers whether an issue of that character can be sold without giving a

When Peanuts Take the Place of Porterhouse



discount. It is the fact that all over the world capital is insisting on higher rates of interest than those which prevailed five years ago.

THE HISTORY OF A LAW

SOMETHING has been said in these columns about the Wisconsin law to compel the Pullman company to leave the upper berths of sleeping cars unmade when not occupied. It is the practice of the company wherever permitted to lower the berth in all cases, whether occupied or not.

When the bill was introduced in the Wisconsin assembly it went to committee in the usual course. That suited the Pullman lobby very well. It was not difficult to fix that committee.

When the measure was first mooted the Pullman attorneys pretended that it was unconstitutional, but this was merely for lobby consumption. Since the passage of the law it has not been contested by the corporation, and in Wisconsin now the unoccupied upper berths are not lowered.

STILL SPLITTING HAIRS

THE case of Caleb Powers, now on trial in Kentucky for the fourth time for the murder of Governor Goebel, is unusual even in the long history of state trials where politics so often gets mixed with justice. Powers has been convicted three times of murder in the first degree by Kentucky juries.

The last order for a new trial, for instance, was granted because the judgment was entered upon the same day that the verdict was rendered, and for the further reason that the prosecuting attorney told the jury in his argument how the jurors had stood in another murder case where there had been a disagreement.

Powers hopes to escape punishment because of an alleged pardon granted to him by W. S. Taylor, who claims to have been de facto governor of Kentucky after the assassination of Goebel, but as this plea has not been prosperous in the state courts it will be tried later on the federal courts, so that Powers looks forward to a green old age in custody.

Answers to Queries

ACETPHENETIDIN—P. R. H. City. Acetphenetidin is a febrifuge. Dose for adult 1/4 grains.
WADDELL AND MACK—F. M. H. Presidio, Cal. Rube Waddell pitched for Pittsburg between six and seven years ago. Connie Mack never managed for Pittsburg.
FLAG—E. R. D. Cambria, Cal. There is no law requiring a foreign vessel on entering an American port to fly the American flag.

In Railway Circles

H. J. SNYDER, who represents the Mexican Central in this city, is much encouraged by the success that he has met in securing freight shipments from California, Oregon and Washington for the larger cities in the neighboring republic. This profitable trade has been somewhat neglected, but during the short time that Snyder has been here he has already laid the foundation for a fine business.

The new engine was installed last night on the Solano, which has been running with port side engine and with the assistance of the tug Collins on the starboard side. The new engine was made in the Sacramento workshops and sent down from there yesterday afternoon.

The engineering department of the Western Pacific reports that five miles of track have been laid out of Stockton north toward Sacramento and that four and a half miles has been built out of Marysville toward Oroville.

J. H. P. Mason, traveling passenger agent of the Washington-Sunset in Los Angeles, is in the city on business.

S. F. Booth of the Union Pacific, who has been in the southern part of the state, reports that all the seaside resorts are enjoying enormous patronage and the hotels are confident that there will be a big tourist travel this winter.

The line of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul west of Chamberlain, S. D., has been extended from Oacoma to Rapid City, a distance of 219 miles.

Personal Mention

W. S. Eames of St. Louis is at the Majestic.

Captain Cecil Stewart, U. S. A., is at the Hamilton.

A. W. Scott Jr. and wife are guests at the Fairmont.

S. R. Break and family of Casadero are at the Imperial.

S. F. Heath of Boston arrived at the St. Francis yesterday.

E. M. Bain from New York city registered at the Fairmont yesterday.

O. M. Sampson arrived from Sonora yesterday, and is staying at the Hamilton.

Dr. F. C. Matheson and James W. Neill of Pasadena are at the St. Francis.

R. H. Sadler and Dr. L. Tasker of Los Angeles are staying at the Fairmont.

T. B. Hunter and wife arrived from Monterey yesterday. They are at the St. Francis.

David Kline and wife of San Francisco are permanently located at the Majestic annex.

Dr. E. H. Turlyne, with his sister, Mrs. H. W. Sutcliffe of Los Angeles, are registered at the Hamilton.

Former United States Senator Thomas R. Bard arrived from Eugene yesterday and is at the Imperial.

W. B. Cherry and wife of Syracuse and Oscar W. Kuhn and family of Cincinnati are at the Fairmont.

Captain A. H. Payson, assistant to the president of the Santa Fe company, will leave today for the east by way of the Grand Canyon.

Walter C. Cox, mine owner of Wonder and Goldfield, returned to the Imperial yesterday after a visit of several weeks at Oak Ridge.

The Insider

Tells why the Poet of the Sierra, who is now a candidate for United States senator from Oregon, came out in eulogy of Rockefeller

Joaquin Miller Not Changed With Years

JOAQUIN MILLER, poet of the Sierras and aspirant for the Oregon seat in the United States senate, is said to be on the water wagon now. When he brought out his "True Bear Stories" a few years ago a magazine commented that it was "pretty hard lines when that man got down to telling the truth about anything."

I heard a story the other day about Joaquin Miller that is rather good. He was in Boston and absorbed in a book. A disciple of Ibsen-Maeterlinck-Browning came along, and seeing the poet reading, asked him what his book was. It was one of Bret Harte's novels.

"Are you quite sure that I am immortal?" asked Joaquin. "Why, of course you are." "Then, in that case," said Miller, "I don't see why I should be so economical of my time."

A year or two ago a reporter, who knew Miller's penchant for fiery diatribes against monopolies and usurpations, interviewed him anent Standard oil. The reporter was mightily astonished to have the poet come out in a eulogy of John D. and his company. He didn't stop to recall a very simple fact that he should have known, that the poet is an oilman himself, owning oil properties in Texas which yield him a fat income.

He ought to make a hit with the ladies in Washington, if he gets there, as a hand kisser, which playful courtesy he still adheres to. He would be just as apt to say today what he did 30 years ago, on being introduced to a woman, "My God, how beautiful you are," or to silence some one else who did not gain his good will by threatening him with old fashioned hell.

Mrs. Clay Greene's Career on Boards

Mrs. Clay M. Greene has been paying a visit to her old home. In the days when San Francisco was smaller than it is now Mrs. Greene was one of the most successful amateur actresses hereabouts. She was in that famous "Pinafore" cast when Emelie Melville was the only professional, and the other parts were taken by "talented amateurs."

That was the old Mechanics' fair, and a picture of the old pavilion where the exhibitions were held before the building was moved to Larkin street appeared a Sunday or so back in The Call's supplement. Do you remember the conservatory of that old pavilion? It was a building in itself, a beautiful place filled with rare plants and flowers, and was a great resort for the "two-sers" of those days.

The Smart Set

IN the presence of an assemblage of relatives and friends and to the strains of the beautiful Lohengrin march, Miss Adrienne Guittard was married to Louis A. Goetz last evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. R. G. Hanford, at Vallejo and Taylor streets.

The bride was gowned in a Parisian princess gown of soft white satin, trimmed with old point lace—an heirloom in the family. The tulle veil that enveloped her was pinned to her coiffure by a diamond crescent.

Mrs. Shee and Mrs. Farrell entertained at dinner last evening at their residence, Broadway and Octavia streets, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Graves and Lee Graves of New York. Among the guests were Judge J. V. Coffey, Jeremiah Coffey, Judge and Mrs. Cotton, Aylette Cotton, Lieutenant McClosky, U. S. A., Mrs. M. Kerwin and Miss May Kirwin.

A bit of interesting news has come to the friends and former pupils of Madame Otto Blankart, that of her appointment as a member of the faculty of the California college in Oakland. Mrs. Funston, wife of General Funston, and she will have charge of the musical department of the college.

The engagement of Miss Edith McDonald and Selah Chamberlain did not come as a complete surprise to the friends of these two popular young people, for it had long been suspected. Miss Edith is a sister of Mrs. William Hamilton and a daughter of Mark McDonald, a pioneer of Sonoma county.

Invitations have been received by the friends of Mr. and Mrs. James Porter Langhorne to attend the wedding of their daughter, Elizabeth (Maizie) and Richard Hammond. This notable social event will take place on Saturday evening, August 24. It will be a quiet home affair, however, owing to the recent death in Mr. Langhorne's family. Miss Julia Langhorne will be her sister's only attendant.

The informal hop given last Friday evening at the Presidio was well attended and proved to be a most enjoyable affair. Mrs. Funston and Mrs. Nugent were the hostesses. There was a large attendance of society people from the city. Music was furnished by the Twenty-fifth infantry band.

Captain S. P. Adams is now in command of the cavalry at the Presidio in the absence of Major Benson. Mrs. Adams, who is a charming southern woman, has made her Presidio home most attractive and delights in informal entertaining.

Mrs. Hoyt, wife of Colonel Hoyt of the Twenty-fifth infantry, now stationed at the Presidio, is an attractive addition to life at the garrison. It is regretted by those who have met Mrs. Hoyt that her orders will carry her and Colonel Hoyt to the Philippines the latter part of this month.

There are many congenial people in the Presidio at present and social affairs have taken a new lease of life. Many dinners and bridge parties are enjoyed each week.

Mrs. H. B. Moon, wife of Colonel Moon of the army, has arrived from Manila and is being welcomed by her many friends. Mrs. F. R. Day, wife of Captain Day, arrived from the Orient on the transport Crook. Miss Jennie Crocker entertained last week Mr. and Mrs. George Caldwell, who also have been guests of their aunt, Mrs. Montford Wilson, at Burlingame.

Dr. and Mrs. McNutt are occupying a delightful place in Berkeley and have had with them for the last few days Mr. and Mrs. David Brown (Ruth McNutt). The Browns are now at the Fairmount.

Conditions in California

Table with columns for Year, Construction, Alterations and Repairs, Total, and Total. Rows include 1906-08, 1906-07, and 1906-06.