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On California's Highway to Prosperity



The Insider

Cites cases illustrating fickleness of fortune, which places chauffeur in tonneau and owner in front and vice versa in a year

Automobilist Who Becomes Chauffeur

Automobiles don't always show which way the wind blows, as is evidenced by two cases of which I happen to know. One of them is the story of a man whom before the fire I had often seen spinning about in localities where a trim little runabout could go in search of pleasure.

One day a year later down at the ferry curb I saw an automobile. It looked familiar. Upon approaching I recognized it at once. It was the once smart runabout, somewhat the worst for wear. The same man was seated in it and his leather coat, and cap, too, showed signs of hard usage.

Chauffeur Becomes Automobile Owner

The other case was that of a chauffeur whose employer was a shining light in automobile circles. I had often seen him driving his master's car, though I had lost sight of him for about a year.

"Your boss has a new car, I see," I said. He eyed me a moment. Then he spoke. "Oh, no," he said carelessly. "You see, I'm not driving cars now. This comes from a garage up here, and well, the garage's mine, and so is the car. Glad to have seen you. Good-day," and he left me to meditate on the wisdom and penetration of the Frenchman who made a proverb which reads, "We have changed all that."

Peculiar Kink in Minds of Women

"Do I believe a woman under oath?" commented a judge whose name has figured prominently in many big cases. "Well," and there was a twinkle in the judicial eye, "I'll tell you what I know about women in that connection and perhaps you can figure it out for yourself. If a woman likes a lawyer, or the judge, or the defendant at the bar or any one who happens to be related to him, she will swear to anything that she thinks will help him win his case. Not purposely, certainly, but that's the peculiar kink in a woman's mind. Whatever she wants to believe she does believe and honestly believes it to be true, and the same is good of the opposite proposition. If she dislikes a man, nothing she can say will be too bad for him; if she likes him she can't say anything good enough. Now, do you still want an answer to that question?"

Daughter of Poet Is Severe Critic

Mrs. Alice Meynell, the English poet, who is a friend of Miss Agnes Tobin, and who visited the Tobins a year or so ago, has a little girl just at the age when writing notes has its own fascination. One morning the gifted writer found this tucked away for her to discover: "My Dear Mother—I really wonder how you can be proud of your article, if it is worthy to be called an article, which I doubt. Such a unlettered article I cannot call it literature. I hope you will not write any more unconventional trash."

The Smart Set

The arrival of Congressman and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth on the Korea today is looked forward to by society as an impetus to an early beginning of the social season. Though nothing definite has been announced as yet, the Longworths will no doubt be entertained by the smart set during their stay here.

Colonel and Mrs. Hammond arrived a few days ago in an automobile from their home in Upper Lake to meet the Longworths here. Mrs. Hammond gave in honor of M. M. Longworth, who she was Miss Roosevelt, as well as upon the recent visit of the Longworths on their way to Honolulu, and those who wish to meet the distinguished visitors are hoping that they will be induced to remain to be feasted and feted again.

A very pretty wedding was that of Miss Alice Huster and Oscar E. Metz, which took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Huster, at 2323 Howard street, last evening.

Colonel Joseph W. Duncan's family have arrived from a tour around the world and have taken apartments at the El Drisco. Colonel Duncan's daughter, Miss Carroll, is well known in this city, where she attended Miss West's school while her father was stationed at Alcatraz. She is a handsome girl and will be the motif for a large number of society events during the coming winter, both in town and at the Presidio.

Captain Bush S. Wells of the Eighth cavalry arrived yesterday from Fort Yellowstone. He is on the sick list and is at the general hospital.

Lieutenant Colonel W. A. Glassford arrived from Seattle yesterday, where he has been chief signal officer of the department of the Columbia. He will spend about 10 days here visiting the old friends whom he made while he was stationed here several years ago.

Answers to Queries

GENERAL WHITE—G. T. S., City. General White of Ladysmith, fame was born in Whitehall county, Ireland.

PILOT AND MASTER—W. L. City. The duty of a pilot is to safely direct a vessel to her anchorage. The master of a vessel never gives up command of his ship.

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 56... Maximum 58
San Francisco... Minimum 54... Maximum 60
San Diego... Minimum 52... Maximum 74

Number of vessels passing through the Golden Gate at San Francisco during the week:
Eighteen thousand sacks of grain is the record of one day's shipments by water recently on the San Joaquin river at Stockton. About two-thirds of this was for local mills, the remainder being destined for Hawaii.

The foundations are in and the steel work started on the Insurance building at Halleck and Sansome streets, San Francisco. This will be an eight story class A structure, 41x125. The facing will be pressed brick and terra cotta.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TROUBLES

THE invasion in force of southern California by the one lunged colonist is far from being an unmixed blessing to that favored region. People in that country are beginning to realize that the consumptive is a bad neighbor, and when he makes up a large proportion of the population he becomes a positive danger to the public health. As long as the sufferers have money they are welcomed by the thrifty southerners, who are willing to take a chance on infection if it can be made to pay; but when it comes to dumping on southern California the pauper sick of eastern communities there is a very natural objection. Thus the Pasadena Star:

The time has arrived for southern California to protect itself against the conscienceless impositions heaped upon it by eastern communities in the sending of hundreds of thousands of indigent consumptives to this section with no provision for their maintenance. This imposition has grown to such enormity that it is a positive burden to this section. Every community in southern California has abundance of sympathy for these helpless sufferers, and every community is willing to do for them in reason. But it is wholly out of reason and a palpable injustice for states east of the Rocky mountains to send here heads of family absolutely penniless, obviously unable to support themselves and oftentimes having a good sized family of small children, as helpless as they are as far as making a living is concerned. These hopeless consumptives and their families become public or private charges almost as soon as they alight from the train.

Thus is discovered a new class of undesirable citizens. The Star would have the state establish a system of quarantine to exclude the indigent consumptive. The suggestion is interesting, but it is a question whether the restriction or exclusion of interstate immigration would receive the sanction of the courts. Possibly, as a police measure, it might be valid, but the suggestion of the Star goes beyond quarantine and puts immigrants on trial for vagrancy. Complicated regulations of this variety are applied with more or less success to foreign immigration, but they would be extremely difficult of enforcement as between states, even if they should be held to be constitutional. It would be an expensive business guarding all the gateways of California.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Why shouldn't the fleet follow the constitution? The Oakland Tribune says business is growing slack in San Francisco. It ought to—for the Tribune.

Wellman says he has faith in the ultimate success of his plan to reach the pole. "Ultimate" is such an expansive adjective.

British journals express alarm over the situation in Vancouver. To be consistent, they should apply to the situation some of the editorial sentiments they hurled at San Francisco not long ago.

Parisian newspapers believe that enough troops will be sent to Morocco to insure the safety of all inhabitants. The fuzzy wuzzies may be pardoned for regarding this statement with doubt as being too inclusive.

The Alameda man who complains that he is driven to the verge of nervous prostration by the braying of a donkey and the singing of its fair owner piques curiosity by failing to state which disturbs him the more.

As long as the democrats feel it necessary to have a presidential candidate of some sort, it might as well be Chanler of New York, who, being a millionaire, could make the campaign well worth the while of the gang.

In the Joke World

"Pa, do you cut your eye teeth on silver spoons or ivory rings, or what?" "You cut them on gold bricks, my son."—Nashville American.

Grateful Patient—Doctor, how can I ever repay you for your kindness to me? Doctor—Doesn't matter, old man. Check, money order or cash.—British Medical Journal.

"You understand, of course, that this engagement is only for the summer?" The man nodded. "Well, resumed the woman, "if you're a good cook you may have \$30 a month for the season."—Philadelphia Record.

Personal Mention

L. Jacoby of San Jose is at the Dorchester. F. K. Roche is at the St. James from Los Angeles.

J. McClerk, a mining man of Fresno, is at the Dale. M. Leamont of Duncan Springs is a guest at the Dale.

F. G. Woodman of Denver is among the guests at the Majestic. H. C. Lewis of San Jose is a guest at the Grand Central hotel.

E. P. Clark of Portland is at the Baltimore with Mrs. Clark. Frank Crowe and Mrs. Crowe are at the Fairmont from Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Meadows of Yuma are guests at the Imperial. B. A. Noble of Providence, R. I. is registered at the Dorchester.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Nevins of Los Angeles are at the Fairmont. Governor Albert E. Mead of Washington is at the St. Francis.

Dr. J. D. Bell and Mrs. Bell are at the Imperial from Fort Fairfield. George Beebe of Los Angeles registered at the Majestic yesterday.

C. W. Kelly and Mrs. Kelly of Del Monte are registered at the Savoy. Dr. C. V. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson are at the Jefferson from Eureka.

E. J. Goodpastor of Marysville registered at the Grand Central yesterday. R. L. Heath and C. Heath of Los Angeles are staying at the Grand Central.

J. M. Goven of the Peck-Judah company, Los Angeles, is registered at the Hamlin. J. C. Allright of Santa Rosa is at the St. James accompanied by Mrs. Allright.

C. Pastori, accompanied by Mrs. Pastori, registered at the Savoy yesterday from Fairfax. S. Mitchell, president of the First national bank of Visalia, is a guest at the St. Francis.

F. E. McKeivitt, a prominent fruit grower of Vacaville, is among the guests at the Dale. H. J. Patten and Mrs. Patten of Evanston, Ill., were among the arrivals at the Fairmont yesterday.

A. J. Wille and Mrs. Wille, with W. B. Sweetman and Mrs. Sweetman of Tampa, are at the Baltimore. William G. Anderson, M. A., M. D., director of the department of physical education at Yale university, is a guest at the St. James.

J. W. Henderson, a prominent land owner of Eureka, is staying at the St. Francis. He is accompanied by his daughter, Miss Alice Henderson. C. M. Pierce, manager of the balloon route tour company in Los Angeles, and C. W. Oliver, the business agent of the company, are at the Hamlin.

F. Orbell, E. W. Kopke, D. Penton Mann, D. T. Flemming, Antonio Perry, F. M. Stillman, G. S. Canavarro and Charles M. Herbert, all of Honolulu, registered at the Jefferson yesterday.

One Man Is Willing to Quit Smoking on Streetcars

Editor The Call—Sir: To your notice of today with regard to the smoking habit on the city's streetcars, it strikes me it is a matter that should be arranged by consent of those interested—in other words, something to be agreed upon by those desiring temporary satisfaction of appetite and those to whom this satisfaction is obnoxious. Men complain some that they have rights. "It's true, they have. They also complain of the doctor's bill when mother or wife are stricken by headaches which are brought about by foul inhalations. The cost, the courtesy and the indelible rights of women outweigh it. For one, I will quit. Truly yours, GEORGE R. PRENTISS. San Francisco, September 10, 1907.

Mary had a little man. He took her out to dine. But Mary had no little lamb; said she: "No lamb for mine." She ordered all from soup to nuts. And finished up with wine. —Puck.

JAPANESE POSITION UNTENABLE

IT begins to be clear that a complete revision of foreign relations between the United States, Great Britain and Japan has become necessary. Whether the status is to be modified by treaty or by legislation is a matter of detail, but in one most important respect a revision of treaties is indicated. It is obvious that the most favored nation clause has become impossible between white and yellow. The agreement among all the English colonies where white and yellow races touch is complete on this matter, and the same thing is true in the United States.

The most favored nation clause accords to the subjects of one nation the same rights and privileges extended to those of other nations. The provision is far reaching. It includes, for instance, besides the privilege of residence, the right to become a naturalized citizen. Such is the logical result of the Japanese contention. This position is maintained by all political parties in Japan with greater or less vigor. These parties may be divided into the extremists, described as the progressists, and the moderates, known as the shiuyaku, who are in control of the government. A recent writer on Japan indicates the position of these parties:

No one, I think, in Japan, disagrees with Count Okuma's demands in connection with discrimination against the Japanese in America; in this all parties appear to be united. The only difference is as to the manner of securing compliance with the demands. There is a disposition to regard Count Okuma and the progressists as too impatient and impractical in diplomatic affairs. He simply asks that the Japanese, whether as immigrants or in any other capacity, in the United States be granted equal treatment with the citizens of all other first class nations. It is difficult for any resident of Japan to believe that any nation denying this right to Japan can permanently retain cordial relations with her. The progressist party thinks this right should be accorded forthwith or else Japan should leave the reason why. The shiuyaku thinks America should concede this privilege to the Japanese as she does to Europeans, and that America will do so if she is given a reasonable time to get the labor element amenable to American institutions.

Both parties are greatly mistaken when they imagine that either the United States or Great Britain can be either coerced or persuaded into according equal treatment to Asiatic immigrants. They are not welcome here, because it is impossible to take them into the family. This country already has all the race problems on hand that it can manage.

AN ASTRONOMER ON MARRIAGE

IT does not appear that contemplation of the stars in their courses promotes the growth of moral ideas, if one may generalize from the grotesque opinions that Professor Edgar Larkin proclaims as his own, and does not care who knows it. Professor Larkin, as the result of twenty years spent in star gazing, announces that marriage for life is a crime against humanity. What substitute he offers for this relation is not clear. Possibly he would allow relations between the sexes to settle themselves on some sort of go as you please plan. His position is stated in these words:

The marriage for life is the greatest crime that can be committed in the world, from either a physiological, psychological or anthropological point of view, and the third party, who joins a man and a woman in marriage for life, whether he acts in civil or religious procedure, or a witness to the contract, is the greatest criminal in the world.

That seems rather hard on the parson, good easy man, who has hitherto measured his usefulness to society by the number of couples he has joined. Not satisfied with this assault on the innocent dominie, the learned professor dares the statistical field with the startling dictum that "95 per cent of the crimes in the world are due to marriage for life." Where he gets his figures he does not say, but we warn him solemnly that he is invading a field long ago pre-empted by the prohibitionists, who hold the Demon Rum responsible for quite as large a percentage of crime as the professor attributes to the marriage contract.

All humanity is in a bad way if Professor Larkin is right. Our social state, seen through an astronomer's telescope, is a slight improvement on Pittsburg, but it may be that the learned philosopher is afflicted with a moral squint.

STRANGE THEORY ABOUT TAFT'S MISSION

JULIUS CHAMBERS, writing in the Brooklyn Eagle, is responsible for a strange and interesting theory in explanation of Secretary Taft's mission in the east, to wit:

The ability, tact and executive capacity of Secretary Taft are beyond dispute; but his departure at this time for Japan possesses a significance far deeper than that of a mere passing call, en route to Manila. Can it be that he is going to Japan with a suggestion that the mikado buy the islands?

Many guesses are much less plausible. There are good reasons for believing that Japan has been souped upon this question. One or two feelers were put out, at various points within the last year—notably during Jamestown ceremonies.

But, seriously, if Secretary Taft can conclude an arrangement by which the incubus of the Philippine islands will be lifted from our shoulders he will have the indorsement of congress and the gratitude of the American people of all parties.

No surer path to the White House ever was blazed out! It is not a "trail," but a great highway.

Possibly all this is visionary. It may be quite true that most Americans are rather weary of the Philippines. We are carrying the white man's burden there at a cost up to date of about \$300,000,000, not to mention the loss of lives. At the same time, we can afford the money, and a sort of sentimental regard for the islands and their half childish population seems to have grown up among the American people. It is certain that when Secretary Taft asked in Missouri last week if his hearers were ready to abandon the Philippines he got a hearty response in the negative. It is quite impossible to say what sort of reception a proposition