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THEY KEEP ON TAKING UNCLEAN COIN

FOUR of The Call's San Francisco contemporaries continue to aid and abet the lottery swindlers. For a share of the tainted money out of which the lottery thieves cheat the credulous section of the public these four newspapers both promote and protect what they all know to be a rank fraud.

These four newspapers are the Bulletin, the Examiner, the Post and the Chronicle. The Bulletin is the only one of the quartet that has the elementary decency to be at all ashamed of itself. It is the only one with enough of a conscience, rudimentary though it be, to feel the necessity of attempted justification of its course.

Yet these newspapers make occasional loud professions to the virtue which they often demand of others. Every one of them at some time or other has had spasms over gambling in Chinatown or elsewhere, and has roundly scored policemen and prosecutors and judges for blinking at the horrid vice of poker or faro or fan tan.

Four great moral engines these be—the Bulletin ashamed and the Examiner, Post and Chronicle shameless.

THE TWO CENT RATE ON TRIAL

SOME useful light on the subject of the two cent passenger rate is supplied by the attorney general for Minnesota, who has compiled this comparative table of earnings:

Table with 4 columns: Minnesota Local Business, Entire Minnesota Business, May-June, 1907, 2 Cts, and May-June, 1907, 3 Cts.

It would appear from this comparison that most of the roads have made money by the reduction of the rate to 2 cents a mile. Only three of the lines show losses, but some of these are very striking, as in the case of the Great Western.

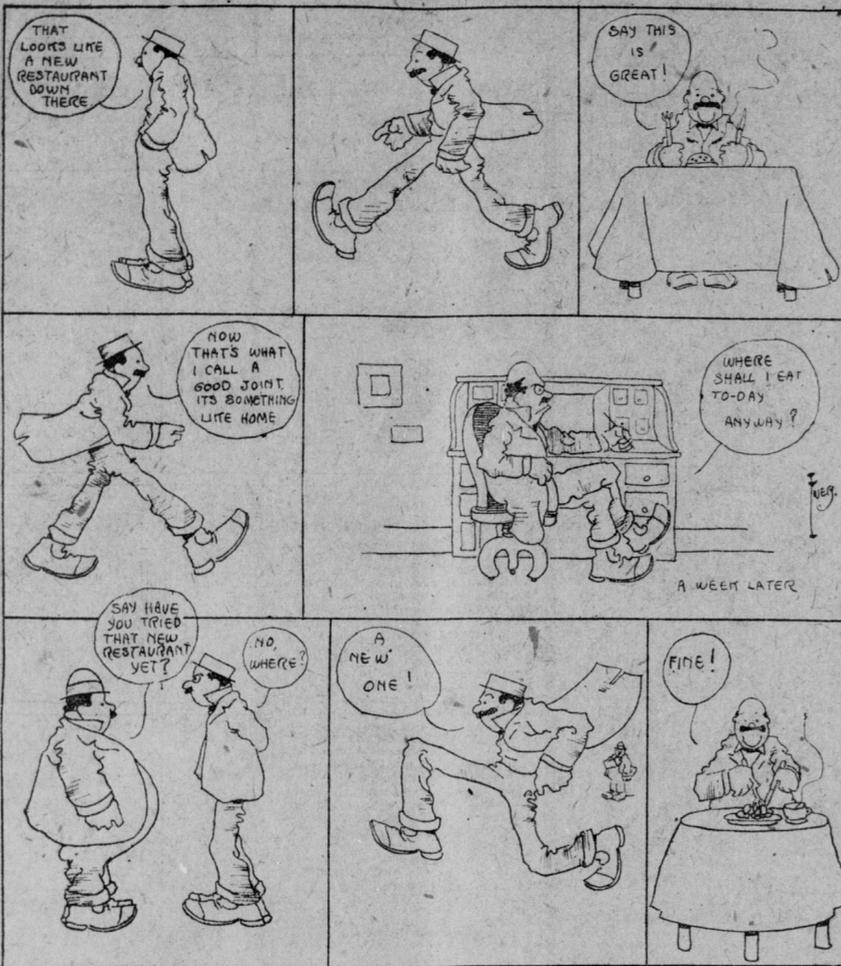
We have always held that a blanket rate for passenger business is likely to prove unjust or rather unequal in operation, and this table, so far as it goes, supports that view.

Neither can anybody say in advance just how the thing is going to work, and for that reason the action of those federal judges who so hastily granted injunctions suspending state laws should be unreservedly condemned.

THE CASE AGAINST STANDARD

THE literary bureau of the Standard oil trust appears to have effected a lodgment in the North American Review, if one may judge from an extraordinary article written by one Frank D. Pavey and printed in that periodical.

The New Restaurant Fiend



By The Call's Jester

FROM THE CALL OF 1950

Commuters living in Mendocino county are complaining bitterly of the service given them by the Aeroline company. The trip from Ukiah to San Francisco often takes more than 15 minutes, and the promised service of an airship every 30 minutes is not forthcoming.

The annual alumni dinner of the San Quentin gruff graduates will be held tonight. The usual question, "Why Didn't We See Burns Coming?" will be discussed.

William R. Hearst has announced that he is willing to take the nomination for supervisor, but his age, as well as his uncertainty as to which party he belongs to, makes his chances very slim.

The New York Sun prints an editorial in which it protests that the sending of the fleet to the Pacific in 1907 was a burning shame.

A historian, in going through a file of daily papers at the city library yesterday, found in one dated September 16, 1907, several columns of numbers having no apparent connection with each other, and at the head of them the words, "Official List, Original Little Pleasurama of San Francisco."

A LINE ON HOOKER
"Hooker tells me he caught a big string of fish on Sunday."

THE SIMPLE LIFE
"What's become of 'Vaguely? Haven't seen him for a long time."

Eastern Press Comments on Coming Campaign

For most politicians the really amazing thing about Governor Hughes is that, under the circumstances, he is not traveling about the country making speeches.

Senator Platt of New York is asserted to have declared his support of Fairbanks. Fairbanks would be justified in inquiring what power has put a hoodoo on him.

The Hon. J. Edward Adickes of Delaware announces that he favors the nomination of Mr. Cortelyou for president.

Those gentlemen who are figuring on "President" Taft's cabinet are more venturesome as long distance prophets than the astrologer, the goosebore seer and the weather man combined.

Uncle Joe Cannon avows that he is too busy swearing at smoking to run for president. Nevertheless, the other candidates will continue to watch Uncle Joe's smoke with interest.

The burning question in the democracy is: Is Bryan running again, or yet?—Minneapolis Journal.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The lottery sharks have had nearly all their teeth drawn.

Whisky is going up in price. That will not keep it from going down in large quantities.

Taft on the ocean wave is no more at sea than are a good many of his rivals for presidential honors.

Cassie Chadwick, the notorious woman swindler, has gone blind—as blind as some of her victims.

Sacramentans talk of establishing a special school for backward children, while Dr. Jordan thinks a graveyard would be more to the purpose.

The failure of the Southern Pacific to furnish cars for handling fruit near Stockton and its avarice in that regard in the Sacramento valley, where

an electric line threatened competition, indicate that electricity bears conscience as a spur to transportation activity.

The president is going to Texas to hunt wild hogs. One would suppose he had enough of that sort of sport in his chase after the trusts.

"The only question is, can Bryan be elected?" says the Memphis Appeal. Only the sunniest brand of optimism could suggest such a question.

Wooden dogs are carried in Paris as Teddy bears are carried in this country. It's nice to know that we haven't a monopoly on foolishness.

The Alabama will not be able to come around the Horn with the rest of the fleet. That will be a grain of consolation to the Sun and the World.

Personal Mention

M. P. Judah of Pittsburg is at the Savoy.

Frank M. Johnston of Boise is at the Majestic.

E. Latow is at the St. James from Kansas City.

John T. Hume of Seattle is at the Grand Central.

G. Mayer of Jersey City is registered at the Jefferson.

W. B. Stanford of San Luis Obispo is registered at the Hamlin.

James A. Moran of Chicago is among the guests at the Hamlin.

C. R. Davis, a capitalist of Sutter Creek, is at the Baltimore.

D. W. Morgan registered from Goldfield at the Savoy yesterday.

Dr. D. F. McIntosh of Pittsburg is a guest at the Majestic annex.

John S. Cunningham of Providence is staying at the Baltimore.

Nathan Gregg, a mining man from Denver, is staying at the Grand Central.

William Adams of Portland registered at the Grand Central yesterday.

H. Stapleton of Salem and John Reynolds of Goldfield are at the St. Francis.

Frank R. Field and Mrs. Field of Denver are registered at the Fairmont.

W. G. Cooper, a mining operator of Tonopah, is registered at the Majestic.

D. Strother and Mrs. Strother registered at the Imperial yesterday from Colusa.

Mrs. F. W. Street and H. M. Street of Sonoma have apartments at the Dorchester.

C. E. Clement of Weaverville is at the Imperial. He is accompanied by Mrs. Clement.

Clinton J. Hutchins, Mrs. Hutchins and Miss Dora Hutchins of Honolulu are at the Jefferson.

Arthur L. Patten and Mrs. Patten of Sacramento took apartments at the Baltimore yesterday.

Eugene Sperry of Sacramento and James L. Hare of Marysville are among the guests at the Dale.

The Insider

Tells of the wild stage ride given the king of Siam when he had monopolized a coach while on his journey to Yosemite valley

Tourists Revenged on Selfish Prince

It seems that the royal Yosemite has known the presence lately of a great and mighty potentate, the king of Siam. At the point in his journey where it became necessary to take the stage for further transportation he announced that owing to his exalted rank it would be impossible for him to proceed with the noi polloi and forthwith settled matters by asserting his right to the entire stage coach.

When the dust cleared away and the king was again visible the curses of those left behind changed to howls of glee, for in the first few yards the luckless monarch had been reduced almost to a pulp. The stage rolled deliriously on and the sole passenger was being bounced sideways, crossways, upward and downward, to the roof and back again; shaken like a lone pea in a pod and decidedly rattled.

The trip from the valley entrance to Tent city was made in record time, but the king of Siam expresses no opinion on American stage coaches, at least none that is recognizable, even by experts.

Trics to Borrow for Wedding-Feast

Justice of the Peace John J. Van Nostrand, who has in his official capacity married many couples, once tied a knot which he now believes should have been a slip noose. One day a friend went to him and said: "Judge, I'd like you to do me a favor. A good fellow who lives out my way has just taken out a marriage license. The fee broke him, and unless you perform the ceremony for nothing he can't get married."

The couple soon appeared and in a few minutes were made husband and wife. After the ceremony the new husband called the judge aside and whispered: "My friend says you're a good fellow. Can't you slip me a couple of dollars to pay for the wedding supper?"

"Not on your life," cried the judge. "I sometimes marry couples free, but I make it a rule never to contribute to their support."

Precocious Youth Uses Vernacular

A local newspaperman undertook the task recently of assisting in the education of his precocious son whose age is "half past 6." The youngster spelled out the words, letter by letter, and then paused to inquire the name given to such a combination.

"C-h-i-l-d. What does that spell?"

The wise father preferred to suggest the answer. "What are you besides a boy?" he asked.

"A kid," answered the pride of the household. Failure No. 1. The child was corrected and the lesson went on.

"F-a-m-i-l-y. What does that spell?"

"We are all home now," said the wise father. "What are we?"

"A bunch," chirped the cherub.

Father cried quits, and now mother has sole and undisputed charge whenever son takes a notion to study at home.

The Smart Set

IN another day or two invitations will be out for the first series of Mrs. Ynez Shorb White's popular skating parties, which were an important feature of last winter's fun.

These will begin this year long before the first dances and undoubtedly be prolonged, as they were before, until close upon Ash Wednesday. San Francisco young people love skating, and some of them are very clever and graceful in the rink, so that those fortunate enough to be included in Mrs. White's list will impatiently await the opening night. The gracious hostess, as always, will be there herself to introduce the newcomers to last winter's old guard and by her presence insure the success of the evening.

The club will meet always on Monday nights at the big Coliseum rink, Baker and Fell streets. The dates set are: October 7 and 21, November 4 and 18 and December 2. For the second series the dates are not yet arranged. The first dance of Mrs. White's Friday Night club will not take place until November 22.

After many years abroad, spent chiefly in Paris, Mrs. Michael O'Connor is returning to San Francisco and plans to remain here permanently. This is welcome news to Mrs. O'Connor's many California friends, who remember her delightful home in San Rafael years ago for its hospitality. With Mrs. O'Connor will come her daughter, Miss Frances O'Connor, and they will be followed in a few weeks by Mr. and Mrs. Charles de Casotte, the latter formerly Miss Mary O'Connor, and Master Michael de Casotte. Mrs. de Casotte's health has not been good for some months and it is hoped that the climate here will be beneficial to it. After a few weeks in the city both families hope to establish themselves for the winter in Ross valley or San Rafael.

William Carrigan will join his aunt, Mrs. O'Connor, in New York, and come on to San Francisco for what may possibly be a long visit. It is several years since Carrigan has been here, where he has many warm friends. He will be the guest of the Andrew Carrigans in their pretty home in Walnut street.

Among the returning summer travelers are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clay Bolton, who have been away for some months. Mrs. Bolton's mother, Mrs. George Grant, will spend the winter with them in their home at Broadway and Steiner street.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Newman Percy, who, with Mrs. Percy's mother, Mrs. J. K. C. Hobbs, have just returned from Europe, will leave the city again immediately for New York, where they expect to remain permanently. Percy leaves on Friday and upon reaching the east will commence at once his duties in the important position of assistant engineer in the Atlantic Gulf company. While in Europe Percy took special technical courses in

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.....50 Maximum.....80
San Francisco.....Minimum.....50 Maximum.....80
San Diego.....Minimum.....60 Maximum.....70
Vessels passing through the Golden Gate at San Francisco during the last 24 hours, 222.
The fruit canneries in the vicinity of Los Angeles are running night and day, finishing the peaches, and 2,000 hands are busily employed. Prices on peaches are now double those of a year ago, and the fruit is of the best quality. Offers of fancy figures are daily being received from all parts of the east.
The steel frame is finished on the Stanton estate building, at Post and Kearny streets, San Francisco. The facing of cream tile is now being set in place. The ground sits is 50x22-0 and the cost will be \$20,000.