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A STREET RAILWAY PARALLEL

THE uses that a traction company may have for a corps of private detectives, such as the United Railroads employs in this city, find illustration in the testimony taken before the public service commission in New York concerning the scandalous stock watering and juggling with franchises by the Interborough-Metropolitan system of that city.

The extensive character of this espionage was described by Mr. Amory. On one Sunday in 1903 he drove uptown in the afternoon, and he was able to count eleven detectives, including two women, shadowing him.

A CONCERTED MOVEMENT

M. R. E. W. WILSON, a banker of this city, just returned from New York, gives a rather amusing account of his experiences in Wall street, which goes to bed every night cursing Roosevelt.

Wall street feels that way because Roosevelt has put a stop to the stock jobbing game for the present. Issues of inflated capital fall dead on the market.

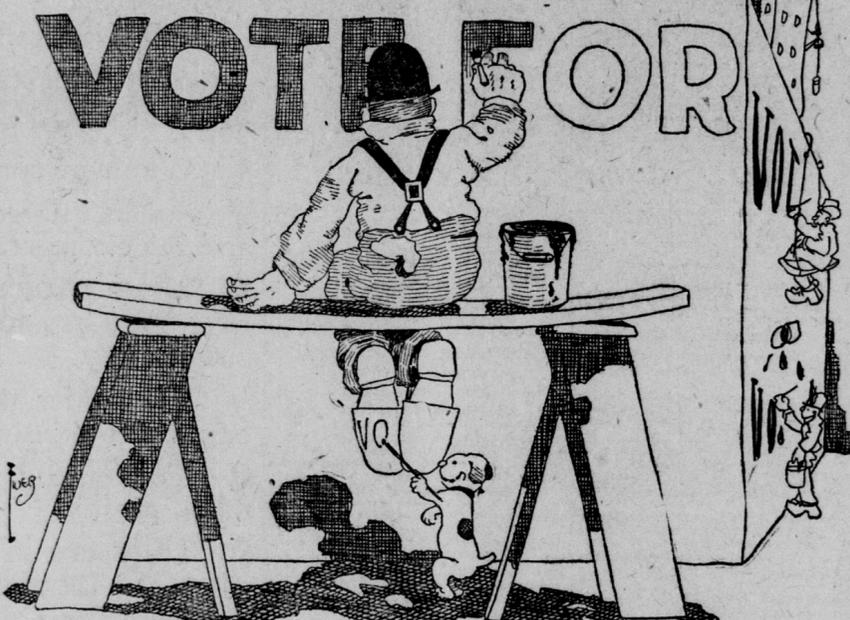
But Mr. Wilson tells us, further, that in the middle west business is good. The crops are moving and there is ample money to do it.

AN UNHAPPY OBLIQUITY

THE deplorable behavior of the Vancouver mob makes sore embarrassment, not only for British and Canadian journals but likewise for Japanese publicists.

I am greatly grieved over our noble ally's colonial men in that Vancouver barbarous place. It is worse than the San Francisco precincts.

Signs of the Times



A MIDWESTERN VIEW OF SULPHURED FRUITS

THE Omaha Bee represents a certain hastily formed sentiment relative to the enforcement of the pure food law, and is impatient because, for instance, the department of agriculture has not yet said the last word in relation to sulphuring fruits and the use of other preservatives.

The trouble seems to find origin in rulings by the department of agriculture holding up or suspending the operation of certain phases of the law pending a final test of the points at issue.

The question, What is pure food? is wholly a matter of evidence and cannot be determined offhand. Sulphur, saltpeter, salt, sugar and the smoke of a wood fire are all well known preservatives.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The trouble with the United Railroads seems to be not lack of opportunity to buy power, but lack of willingness so to do.

The World and the Sun, having exhausted their own vocabularies in denouncing the coming of the fleet, have taken to quoting each other's editorials.

The man who says he is building an airship that will take him across the Atlantic in 24 hours would do well to hurry, or the liners will beat him to it.

The Oakland Tribune advises its readers on "A New Way to Develop Truth." The Tribune can hardly be called an expert in such matters.

A contemporary remarks that the brainless chauffeur should be eliminated. He's attending to the job himself in a very satisfactory manner.

The horse Whisk Broom has been barred from the track at Latonia, Kentucky. Probably it was thought that he would make too much of a cleanup.

The Los Angeles Times gives voice to a suspicion that Luther Brown has made a jackass of himself.

Explorers who have been up north hunting for a new continent have returned empty handed.

By The Call's Jester

IN THE DARK ROOM
Shutter—How did your last sitting with Miss Snap turn out?

MISUNDERSTOOD
New Yorkis—How long is the mayor's term here?

DOG-GONE SHAME
Pug—Poodle says that he gets cream twice a day, a bath every morning, and has a complete wardrobe.

NOTHING IN IT
Citycus—Is there anything in that joke about suburbanites always borrowing lawn mowers?

ONE VACANT
"Here isn't a foot of standing room here," grumbled the passenger on the Market street car.

"You're wrong," remarked a fellow sufferer, "my left foot is still unoccupied."

Personal Mention

A. Alexander of New York is at the Baltimore.

W. C. Tighe of San Jose is a guest at the Dale.

C. A. Pratt, a Tacoma merchant, is at the Hamlin.

Adjutant General J. B. Lauck is at the Grand Central.

P. M. del Paso of the City of Mexico is at the Majestic annex.

J. H. Pollinger of Seattle is among the guests at the Hamlin.

G. W. Wilson, a businessman of San Jose, is a guest at the Hamlin.

James Murdoch, a businessman of Portland, is at the Dorchester.

Dr. and Mrs. John Hewatson are at the Imperial from Sierra Madre.

C. Bostwick, a lumberman of Minneapolis, is at the Grand Central.

Dr. Arthur J. Hood of Elko, Nev., registered at the Majestic yesterday.

W. H. Harrington and Mrs. Harrington of Lakeport are at the Jefferson.

The Insider

Tells of the benefit given in 1852 to aid the Mercantile library association and recounts the startling reply of a girl pupil

Reminiscences of Pioneer Library
ONE of the largest benefits ever given in this city was held in '52, when San Francisco had no library.

Answer of Pupil Startles Teacher
A new course of study is in use in the public schools and the results so far are highly entertaining.

The girl rose in her seat, apparently thought hard for a few moments, and then responded with perfect faith:

Reply of Another Is Equally Good
Another is the case of the pupil who had never been able to discern the difference between "I seen" and "I saw."

The Smart Set

A YOUTHFUL bride will be Miss Fannie Robinson, who steps from the schoolroom into her own home some time in January.

The younger set will welcome back charming Mrs. Clarence Odde, who is coming down from her Tonopah home this week to meet her mother, Mrs. Jordan.

A large bridge party is planned by Mrs. Howard C. Holmes, who will entertain a score of friends in this popular warren her Buchanan street home on Wednesday next.

The Francis Townes have gone for a week to Los Angeles, where they will attend the marriage of Mrs. Townes' sister, Miss Cora Rutherford, and Frankie G. Hush, in their Fruitvale home.

It is a great disappointment to the young set here that Miss Lydia Hopkins will not be in San Francisco for the winter's first good times, as she will leave this week for a visit of several months with friends in the east.

About 40 of society's prominent women are making quite a point of attending Professor Robert Duponey's "Treatise" talks, which are given every Tuesday morning at 10:30.

In the audience last Tuesday were Mrs. Eleanor Martin, Mrs. H. J. Crocker, Mrs. Andrew Welch, Mrs. William Reddington, Mrs. Bee, Mrs. George Lent, Miss Hyde-Smith, Miss Margaret Hyde-Smith, Miss Helen Irwin, Miss Julia Langhorne, Miss Marie Rose Deane, Miss Emily Norwood, Miss Hazel King, Miss Newhall and Miss Marian Newhall.

The members of the Entre Nous cotillion will inaugurate their nineteenth season Friday evening, October 25, ago. Her guests were a dozen young beauties from the city and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles de Cazotte were in San Rafael for a short visit this week and, with Mrs. de Cazotte's mother and sister, Mrs. O'Connor and Miss O'Connor, will probably secure a house there shortly for the winter and spring.

Los Angeles people are much interested in the engagement, recently announced, of Miss Mary Garvin Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Brown of Louisville, Ky. and Dr. Hastings of the southern city. The

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 54... Maximum 62
San Francisco... Minimum 56... Maximum 67
San Diego... Minimum 62... Maximum 68

Carloads of green fruit shipped from California points during the last week, 353. The prune harvest is about over and reports from all parts of the state indicate that the crop is about 90 per cent of normal.

The reinforced skeleton concrete frame of the Union Square building in Post street near Powell street, San Francisco, is finished, and the interior work is rapidly approaching completion.