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OPEN THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES

THE president's diagnosis of the financial situation comes pretty close to the facts. The trouble is purely psychological and not physical. It is a state of mind with which we have to deal and not a scarcity of money.

Some evidence of the extent to which it prevails in San Francisco may be gathered from the fact that the safe deposit companies have been compelled to multiply their facilities within the past year and notwithstanding this increase they are unable to keep up with the demand for boxes.

The hoarding began in this city fully three months ago and continued to grow in volume until it produced a local stringency. No doubt a similar process was going on at the same time in all other cities of any importance and nobody knows how many hundreds of millions are thus locked up.

What is most needed just now is that our citizens should realize how fundamentally sound business conditions in this country are, and how absurd it is to permit themselves to get into a panic and create a stringency by hoarding their savings instead of trusting perfectly sound banks.

Hoarding is not enlightened selfishness, but the reverse. It works as much injury to the man who hoards as to his neighbor. It is the sort of cowardice that brings on hard times in the midst of plenty.

A PARLIAMENT OF GOVERNORS

THE parliament of governors called to meet in Washington by the president represents a wholly new idea in American statesmanship. To be sure, we have had important conferences like those of the trans-Mississippi and irrigation congresses, but these were wholly extraofficial and only imperfectly representative.

Roosevelt doubtless got the idea on his recent voyage down the Mississippi. On that journey he met all the governors of the riverine states, with mutual advantage in the way of suggestion. This country is so big and its interests so various that it is a good plan to bring together for consultation the representatives of the several sections.

LONG RANGE FRIEND OF SPRING VALLEY

MILWAUKEE paper, the Sentinel, is much alarmed lest the secretary of the interior permit the city of San Francisco to use the Hetch-Hetchy valley for a reservoir to supply water for domestic use. Doubtless Milwaukee regards water as its natural enemy when it takes any aspect but beer, but this playing dog in the manger under pretense of a sentimental fad is unworthy.

It appears that for more than forty years the city of San Francisco has been supplied water by the Spring Valley water company, a private cor-

"Caught in the Rain"



poration; that, under existing law, the water rates to consumers are determined by the city itself; that the quality of the water is good and admitted to be within the limits of the standard of potability; and that the company has the ability to increase the supply to adequately meet the needs of the city almost indefinitely.

The secretary's statement is full of ridiculous errors. The city has not succeeded in fixing water rates since 1902, because it is laboring under a series of injunctions that do not come off; but supposing the city could fix rates, that fact would have no bearing on the question of water supply.

STREETCAR MEN MUST BEHAVE

A RECENT decision of the Illinois supreme court holds streetcar companies responsible in damages for the behavior of their employes in their relations with the traveling public. Mrs. Tillie Mahoney of Chicago obtained a verdict of \$1,250 damages against the Union traction company of that city because a conductor rudely ejected her from a streetcar, notwithstanding that she had paid her fare.

In the lower court the company did not dispute the fact that fare had been paid, but contended that the measure of damages was 5 cents; that is, a return of the nickel paid for the ride. The court did not sustain this position and the jury rendered a stiff verdict in damages. This judgment is sustained by the supreme court, which says:

"Passengers of a public carrier are entitled to courteous treatment and it is the duty of the company to see that its employes give this sort of treatment to passengers."

It is a rule of law that may be commended to the attention of the United Railroads.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Would it be far fetched to say that the local windstorm almost immediately followed Bryan's willing-to-accept announcement?

Maybe the news that 15,000 pounds of assorted chocolates were coming with the fleet won't make the girls sit up and take notice!

Logan Christmas, arrested while rummaging around a residence, should set up the defense that he is Santa Claus and was getting a line on people's holiday needs.

The Dubuque, Ia., Y. W. C. A. has decided it necessary for men to learn to cook. Fine chance any member of the Dubuque Y. W. C. A. has to get a husband!

An irate New York poultryman shot two robbers, to death Monday night. Eggs must be as precious in New York as they are here.

Mexico spent \$250,000 in entertaining Root, then ceded us Magdalena bay as a coaling station. It looks as if the joke were on Mexico.

A critical ethnologist objects to the new \$20 piece because an Indian bonnet adorns an Irish face. The face value of the twenty is unimpaired, nevertheless.

By The Call's Jester

BABY LOGIC

"Tommy, if you loved your mother you wouldn't be so naughty." "If my mudder loved me," sobbed Tommy, "she wouldn't b'lieve I was naughty."

COSTLY RESEMBLANCE

"What's Smith looking so downcast about?" "He intended to mail his mother a \$2 glove order, and inclosed a \$20 clearing house certificate by mistake."

PAST MIDDLE AGE

Mrs. Oldstock—"I hear that Count Swelldasky's ancestry runs back to the middle ages." Mrs. Justgotit—"Oh, they must be older'n that. I'd judge that neither of them's a day under 70."

LITERALLY PUT OUT

"Met Brokely a while ago. He looked all put out." "Yes. Landlord did it for being behind in his rent."

TEACHER WILL HELP

The superintendent of public instruction in Illinois advocates the teaching of love making in the schools.—News Item. No more the boys and girls will sit. The schoolroom width between them. But side by side may bill and coo. Nor need a book to screen them. And Tommy's close cropped head may lean.

Letters From the People

DIFFERS FROM CURATOR

Editor Call: It is surprising to one well read in Indian history that any one posing as curator for the Field museum should make the statement that Indian men only wore the war bonnets. It is a well known fact that the war dance was always celebrated by the women, who on such occasions wore war bonnets. Professor Dorsey would better turn to history. My knowledge of the subject comes from actual experience among the Indians. Very truly yours, A. G. SIMPSON, 158 Silver street, City.

PRESIDENT BY DIRECT PRIMARY

Editor Call: In a Washington dispatch in today's Call I read a report of an interview in which a politician said that if a direct primary could be held and if through it a large majority of the voters said they preferred Theodore Roosevelt for president he might regard such an expression as a call to duty which could not be ignored. Why can not we have a direct primary in this case? Is it begging the question to say that we will not ask the president to stultify himself by accepting a nomination, yet by our voluntary action put him in a position to say whether or not he will serve if elected? Suppose the papers throughout the country that favor his re-election support an independent movement to the end that those who wish may vote for electors who will vote in the electoral college for Theodore Roosevelt and tender him the office. If he refuse, then elect the second choice of the republican party. Very truly yours, F. D. Berkeley.

The Voice of the Press

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to San Francisco! Decency and progress have won a decisive victory and the effect on rapidly of building and progress will be immediate. The defeat of Taylor and Langdon would have given it a setback, and the state cannot help but feel a relief that such has been averted.—Inyo Register.

CONSCIENCE AWAKENED

San Francisco has redeemed herself in the eyes of the world by electing the democratic and good government ticket and putting the stamp of disapproval on indefinitely upon the system of graft that has prevailed for years in both business and politics that all may see the public conscience has been awakened.—Livermore Herald.

"COMMERCE WILL GROW"

That San Francisco will make swifter progress because of the outcome of the election goes without saying. The best element of its citizenship is dominant. Capitalists will feel safe in making investments there. Greater improvements will be made. Rebuilding will be on a grander scale than ever. Commerce will grow. Business will flourish as never before. Population will increase. San Francisco has redeemed itself.—Pasadena Star.

CLEANED THE SLATE

San Francisco has now cleaned the slate and stands ready to inaugurate an era of progress and prosperity. The ruined streets will be repaired and the ghostly wrecks of municipal buildings will be pulled down and new structures will take their places. Investments will be safe and business will be revived of the incubus of graft. Let every man stand for the policy of a square deal and not only San Francisco but the whole state of California will reap the reward.—Palo Alto.

WISH REALIZED

The wish so ardently sought by the better class of people in this state was realized most effectively last Tuesday. San Francisco then not only set her seal of approval on the incidents of her recent congruous past, but at the same time by her right of suffrage in over-whelming force utterly prostrated the ghoul of pelf and infamy endeavoring to prey upon her vitals. She is hence re-established as to good government for two years at least, but it is reasonably hoped for a period much longer.—Sausalito News.

The Insider

Tells how revenue cutter lieutenant's request for a doctor was met by marine hospital corps with advice to be his own physician

Asks for Doctor; Gets Pamphlet

LEUTENANT JOYNES of the United States revenue cutter service assumed command of the cutter Manning recently when Captain Cantwell was detached. It was a temporary promotion for Joynes, but as it was his first command he determined to do the thing in style. So one of his first official letters to Washington was a request that a medical officer be assigned to the Manning. Now the revenue cutter service has no medical corps of its own, as the navy has, and the surgeons detailed for duty on the cutters are usually officers of the marine hospital corps. The marine hospital service has troubles of its own just now and the problem of distributing its officers so as to cover the field for which the service is responsible was worrying the Washington authorities when Joynes' letter arrived. Joynes received his answer the other day. The letter read: "Your request of such a date to hand. Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed pamphlet. Yours, etc."

The pamphlet was entitled, "The Ship's Medicine Chest and How to Make the Best Use of It."

No Monotony for Him in the Arctic

Talking about the revenue cutter service and marine hospital officers the federal medical officers rather outspoken in expressing their dislike for the duty that takes them cruising with Uncle Sam's commissioned marine policemen. They have little in common with their shipmates and the long Arctic cruises grow very monotonous to the men of medicine. The end of the cruise is an occasion for rejoicing and last year several marine hospital men were gathered in this city to meet a fellow officer who was due here on the last cutter to get home. They gave him a little dinner the evening of his arrival and were sympathizing with him on the unusual length of his cruise.

"Don't waste sympathy on me," he surprised them by saying. "I had the time of my life. The trouble with you is that you don't adapt yourselves to circumstances. Those revenue cutter fellows are all right if you know how to take them."

This was received with a chorus of protest and a demand that the doctor be more specific.

"Boys," he said, leaning over the table with a confidential air, "let me give you a pointer. Those fellows are the dearest lot of lambs on earth or sea. They think they can play poker, but here is documentary evidence that they can't." And the doctor produced from an inside pocket a neat little bundle which he patted and put away again. "Easiest money you ever saw. Waiter, do that again!"

Thinks Calhoun is Ready for Heney

I was standing at the foot of Market street the other day watching pedestrians dodge street cars as they swept around the loop. An elderly citizen starting from the south side of Market street narrowly avoided being run over by an east bound car. As he jumped he tripped over a newly laid set of double rails and nearly fell into a westbound juggernaut. He escaped that by a narrow margin. He looked around as the car rolled by and found himself standing on the newly reconstructed death curve by which the Sacramento street cars will reach the ferry depot.

"Holy smoke!" he said; "Pat Calhoun must think that Heney goes home this way."

Demonstration of Late Parisian Fad

The adoption of the latest Parisian fad in this city was first observed at an Orpheum matinee, when three girls, pretty, piquant and smiling, came tripping down the aisle and seated themselves in a box near the stage. During the intermissions when the house was brilliantly lighted, and keen eyes behind longnettes and opera glasses were scanning balcony, orchestra and parquet, one of the trio of maids carelessly lifted the lid of a dainty gold box which she held. Taking from it a pink fluff of cloth, she dipped into a small receptacle in the box and proceeded with the greatest equanimity to bestow a liberal sprinkling of powder on her fair and plump features wherever the tiny mirror in her portemonnaie showed that it was needed.

Not in any hidden or furtive manner was this performance gone through with, but freely in full view of the house and with the utmost unconcern. Not once, but twice and thrice during the play was this obligation to beauty made, and when the curtain was rung down on the final act all three were observed briskly powdering their countenances from three separate powder boxes, serenely regardless of the fact that hundreds of eyes were focused curiously upon them. In Paris they go still further. Rouge for lips and blackening for eyebrows are applied in public whether walking or driving or automobiling, with the same sang froid and indifferent ease that the San Francisco maids adopted with signal success in their efforts to cause a sensation.

The Smart Set

AFTER having spent the summer in their Buflingame home, the Joseph B. Grants have come to town and have secured the John Martin house in Washington street for the winter. Mrs. Grant will give her first formal luncheon in the new home tomorrow to a dozen guests.

Much anxiety is felt by the relatives and friends of Mrs. James Watkins over her illness. Several doctors are giving her their constant attention, and daily messages, flowers and letters testify to the concern and affection of her many friends.

Letters from New York describe the delightful times that Miss Patricia Coagrove and Mr. and Mrs. Emory Winslip are having in the eastern city. They are at a downtown hotel and are doing full justice to the opera, the shops and the theaters.

The famous Galty club, popular for so many years among the young people of the most exclusive set, will meet for the first time this winter tomorrow night. The dance is to be given in the home of Mrs. Barron and her daughter, Miss Marguerite, will be hostess. About 100 young people will be present. The members of the Galty club are 40 select girls, each one of whom is privileged to ask a man to every dance. No matrons are allowed to belong to the club and when a member marries her place is filled from the ranks of the debutantes. That the invitations are considered a great honor may be easily imagined and the maids and men who are looking forward to tomorrow night's affair consider themselves very fortunate.

Mrs. Jimmy Robinson will be hostess at a luncheon today, to which several of the smart set's prominent matrons have been bidden. The luncheon will be followed by an afternoon at the bridge tables. After the game there will be an informal tea, which will be attended by several additional guests.

After a week as the guest of Captain and Mrs. Fenner at Fort Baker, Mrs. Clarence Carrigan has returned to her mother's home in Clay street, where Mr. and Mrs. Carrigan are spending the winter.

Miss Florence Frey of Evansville, Ind., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Richard S. Shalwald, at the El Dorado hotel, Pacific and Devisadero streets.

After a week with Miss Vera de Sabla in the latter's San Mateo home, Miss Laura Smith has returned to her home in San Anselmo. Miss Smith recently returned from several years' schooling in New York and six months' travel in Europe. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harper Smith.

Conditions in California

The California Promotion committee wired the following to its eastern bureau in New York yesterday:

Table with 3 columns: California temperatures for the last 24 hours, Minimum, Maximum. Rows for Eureka, San Francisco, San Diego. Includes text: Reports received by the California Promotion committee from Sacramento valley show great activity in railroad construction. The city of Alameda has let contracts for the new municipal electric lighting plant, the building to be of reinforced concrete. The cost of the structure, together with that of the unit installed, will exceed \$85,000.