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GOVERNOR GILLETT PRESENTS —?

It was quite natural, even appropriate, that the political gossips should settle on Eddie Wolfe—we call him by his pet name—to succeed Wilson as railroad commissioner.

Mr. Wolfe is a useful and amiable citizen—useful to himself and to Mr. Herrin, amiable to all. He is a smile in boots. He is ready to be a brother to you on five minutes' notice.

With all these delightful traits Mr. Wolfe is not a desirable public servant. In the state senate he represents not the people of San Francisco but the Southern Pacific political bureau.

We have long ceased to hope for action by the state railroad commission in its line of duty. Some signs of life were recently observed in that quarter and people rubbed their eyes and wondered what was up.

Gov. Gillett should appoint Senator Wolfe to the Wilson vacancy we should know that Lazarus was still dead. Could not the governor, for example, find somebody whose record and affiliations are not so well known?

BREAK UP THE GARBAGE TRUST

SUPERVISOR PAYOT'S plan to put the collection and disposal of garbage in the hands of the city deserves encouragement. The present system is the worst possible.

The present system, or lack of system, is insanitary and most imperfect. It does not meet the requirements of the national marine hospital service, which is supervising the sanitary campaign in this city.

UNCLE JIM HILL'S GROUCH

UNCLE JIM HILL is once more airing his immemorial grouch. The railroads are being hounded and ruined and the magnates are a persecuted people.

The trouble with Mr. Hill is that he has persuaded himself that a railroad has all sorts of rights, but no obligations that it is bound to respect.

Political campaigns in many states have been made on the issue of a general assault on the integrity of railroad property and management. There followed a wild raid in which over 170 acts more or less confiscatory of railroad property were enacted by the legislatures of more than a score of states.

The answer is that the railroads have brought all this upon themselves. No state legislature would dare attempt to discipline a railroad company honestly managed, with recognition of the rights of the public.

When the railroads begin to behave themselves and leave politicians and stock jobbers alone they can borrow all the money they want for legitimate betterment.



—NEW YORK WORLD.

By The Call's Jester

THE RINGS OF SATURN

With double bowknots in the rings that surround him, Old Saturn's the object of much speculation.

Perhaps he forgot and stayed out in the day time, And knotted his rings as a little reminder;

Or else he was twisting around to see Venus, And is frowning severely because he can't find 'er.

Who knows what they brew in the regions above us, Or how it affects the unwise ones who revel?

Mayhap the old fellow is twisted with trying To carry a holdover jag and walk level.

But any way Saturn is so misbehaving That his name has got into the big daily papers;

And wise men are puzzled to wild aggravation In trying to fathom his Saturnian capers.

THE WALL STREET FEELING

First Convict—They say that Teddy is likely to get a third term.

Second Convict—There's some guys in Wall street whad'd like to give him life—but not in Washington.

The Voice of the Press

Perseverance Wins Great corporate wealth, powerful rich and cowardly business interests, crooked officials, a purchasable weekly press, the lukewarm support of the Chronicle and the Examiner at times, have all been against them.

Will Restore Credit Mayor Taylor's election and the assurance that the grafters will be punished will have a tremendous influence in rehabilitating the credit and prestige of the city in other parts of the world.

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IN MALE ATTIRE—Subscriber, City. There is an ordinance in this city which prohibits persons from wearing clothes not of the sex, but there is no ordinance that will prohibit a woman from wearing male attire on the stage or at a masquerade ball.

PANAMA—E. B. City. The reason that Panama many years ago withdrew from the Colombian government was that the people did not like that form of conducting public affairs.

SAN JOSE'S POLICEMEN UNDERPAID

SAN JOSE'S policemen justly consider themselves ill treated when they compare their scale of pay with that allowed for like service in other cities of California.

Table with 2 columns: City, Rate per month. San Francisco \$127, Sacramento \$102, Berkeley \$102, Stockton \$102, Oakland \$102, Fresno \$102, San Jose \$85.

That table is sufficient demonstration without more. The figures for San Francisco are not the actual rate, but they show what the people of this city think about the matter and what they have voted to pay patrolmen as soon as the recently adopted charter amendment goes into effect.

A salary of \$85 a month is too low for patrolmen. Their responsibilities are great and they must be men of intelligence and some education. They are paid to encounter danger of violence and they come in contact with many forms of disease.

San Jose would do well to bring the pay of its policemen up to the level of other cities of like circumstances.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Andy Wilson gained much boodle but lost his reputation. But Wilson prefers the boodle.

The clearing house certificate doesn't make a noise like money, but it buys just as much.

Rockefeller denies that he possesses any government bonds. Glad to hear of something he doesn't own.

The Lusitania and the Mauretania each earn about \$66,000 profit on a trip. No wonder they hurry.

Parisian savants have discovered that the radiograph demonstrates to a certainty whether or not death has taken place. Some presidential aspirants might save themselves lots of trouble by applying the test to their booms.

That 10 per cent reduction in the price of meat has been lost somewhere between the wholesaler and the consumer.

It may be that the practice shots fired from the big guns at the President can not be heard around the world, but no doubt their echoes will at least reach Japan.

The black Mahatma who runs the clairvoyant shop in Van Ness avenue boasts that he predicted the death of King Edward within a short time. A short time has already elapsed, and Edward still lives.

Answers to Queries

HALL CAINE—T. T. City. Hall Caine, the author, according to a sketch of him in "Who's Who" for the current year, is a J. P. of the Isle of Man, from which in 1901 he was returned by a large majority to the house of Keys for Ramsey on a broadly progressive program. The house of keys is a part of the government of the Isle of Man.

HOYLE A. O. E. City. Hoyle, the authority on cards and games, never wrote about poker. The only games he ever discussed were whist, quadrille, piquet, chess and backgammon. Other writers on all sorts of card and

other games have added to the original and these have been published under the name of Hoyle on games.

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The Insider

Discusses possibility that Tetravini may not sing in New York after all, as she broke a former engagement with Herr Conried

Will New York Hear Tetravini

THERE is considerable speculation in San Francisco, especially along the Rialto, about Luisa Tetravini and her New York engagement. Not that anybody doubts the verity of the dispatch announcing her engagement by Hammerstein for the coming grand opera season, but it is the elusive prima donna herself who causes the speculation.

It was her friends who persuaded her to consider Conried's offer, and it was all arranged that she was to sing in the Metropolitan season, when the beautiful Tetravini exerted the woman's privilege, went off to Mexico and forgot all but the little laughter and the little love that constitute her happiness.

Those who heard her wondrous Dinorah and less marvelous Lucia and Amina are on the tiptoe of expectation as to what New Yorkers will say of Tetravini if they hear her. Will she be exalted above Sembrich in their estimation? Will the critics acclaim her, as ours did, the only legitimate successor of Adelina Patti?

Juniors Endure a Trying Tryout

All the junior coeds at Berkeley were delighted when it was announced that the farce chosen for presentation this year was Miss Christine Krysto's "The Wicked World." Miss Krysto is a clever girl, but then some of the boys who wrote farces in the contest were clever, also.

Davies Keeps Up London Success

Hubert Henry Davies is mounting step by step the ladder of fame. It was but a few years ago when he was doing odd jobs for the newspapers right here in our midst.

Mrs. Atherton Is Victim of Gusher

Apropos the Spinners, there was an amusing little incident at the reception the club gave to Mrs. Atherton. There are always some women, and men too, who think it incumbent on them to talk to musicians about their music, actors about their parts and writers about their books.

Later I stood near by, when the first woman was shaking hands with the author of "Ancestors."

The Smart Set

SOCIETY'S interest is already beginning to center on the event announced for the evening of December 16, the vaudeville show to be given by the auxiliary of the children's hospital.

After several months in the east, Mrs. Louis Findlay Montague is on the way home again and is expected to arrive here Sunday night. Mrs. Montague's youngest son in an eastern school early in the fall and since has been visiting friends and relatives.

Many of San Francisco's younger society folk will go to Berkeley tomorrow evening for the first of the Friday assemblies. The dances will be held this year in the Home club, which is well adapted to small dances.

The first of the Gayety club dances was held last night and was most enjoyable. The hospitable home of the Barrons in Jackson street had been elaborately decorated, and about a hundred members and guests were present.

Miss Louise Boyd was hostess at a pretty luncheon yesterday in the Francis club, the guests being a dozen young society women. Among these were Miss Elizabeth and Miss Marian Newhall, two of the season's beauties, and Miss Mary Kenney, one of last year's debutantes.

John Middleton and Miss Edna Middleton have closed their San Rafael home and have secured an apartment at Green street and Van Ness avenue for the winter.

Before the Gayety dance last night Miss Martha Calhoun was hostess at a dinner to a dozen young people, given in her home in Broadway. Several debutantes were present—Miss Helen Baker, Miss Genevieve Walker and Miss Hall and Miss Gertrude Palmer.

Conditions in California

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

Table with 2 columns: Location, Temperature. San Francisco: Minimum 44, Maximum 58. San Diego: Minimum 49, Maximum 58.

Reports received by the California Promotion committee from the Sacramento valley say that work is finished on harvesting perishable crops.

The McDonough building, on Kearny street near Bush, San Francisco, is now practically complete and the tenants are taking possession. This is a reinforced concrete structure, 28-29 feet, and eight stories in height.