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SAN FRANCISCO'S BEST ADVERTISEMENT

THE tone of the eastern press in relation to San Francisco has undergone a remarkable change, due to the election of Mayor Taylor and the good government ticket.

In one week came a complete reversal of judgment. The election of Taylor did it. From east and west comes a chorus of congratulation over the redemption of San Francisco from the clutch of the hoodlums.

Mayor Taylor's election by 11,000 plurality is one of those encouraging triumphs for good government and common honesty in municipal affairs that have never yet in this country failed to arrive when the clock has struck the hour warning Americans that they faced a deadly peril to their institutions.

The Providence Journal finds cause for rejoicing in the way that party politics was set aside for the common good: San Francisco is redeemed to stay redeemed, in spite of the vicious attempt, initiated in the last hours of her municipal campaign, to muddle with partisan puerilities a profound civic issue.

All questions of politics aside, the election in San Francisco must be gratifying to lovers of good government everywhere. The ticket named and supported by the citizens' committee organized to punish grafters and get rid of the hoodlums who had long dominated the city was elected by an overwhelming majority.

The Chicago Post sees it as a significant victory for the principles embodied in the graft prosecution: San Francisco has made a tremendous stride forward by defeating for the first time in six years a so-called labor ticket, made up of men who pretended to represent one class while they really represented its bitterest enemies.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press finds in the result a significant rebuke to the republican organization that attempted to set party above the common weal: In San Francisco the honest republicans wisely allied themselves with honest democrats and good government men in supporting re-election Mayor Taylor and prosecuting Attorney Langdon.

Testimony of this kind could be multiplied indefinitely. There is scarcely a newspaper on the American continent that has not had some word of congratulation for the redemption of San Francisco. The election was an advertisement whose value is great beyond appraisal.

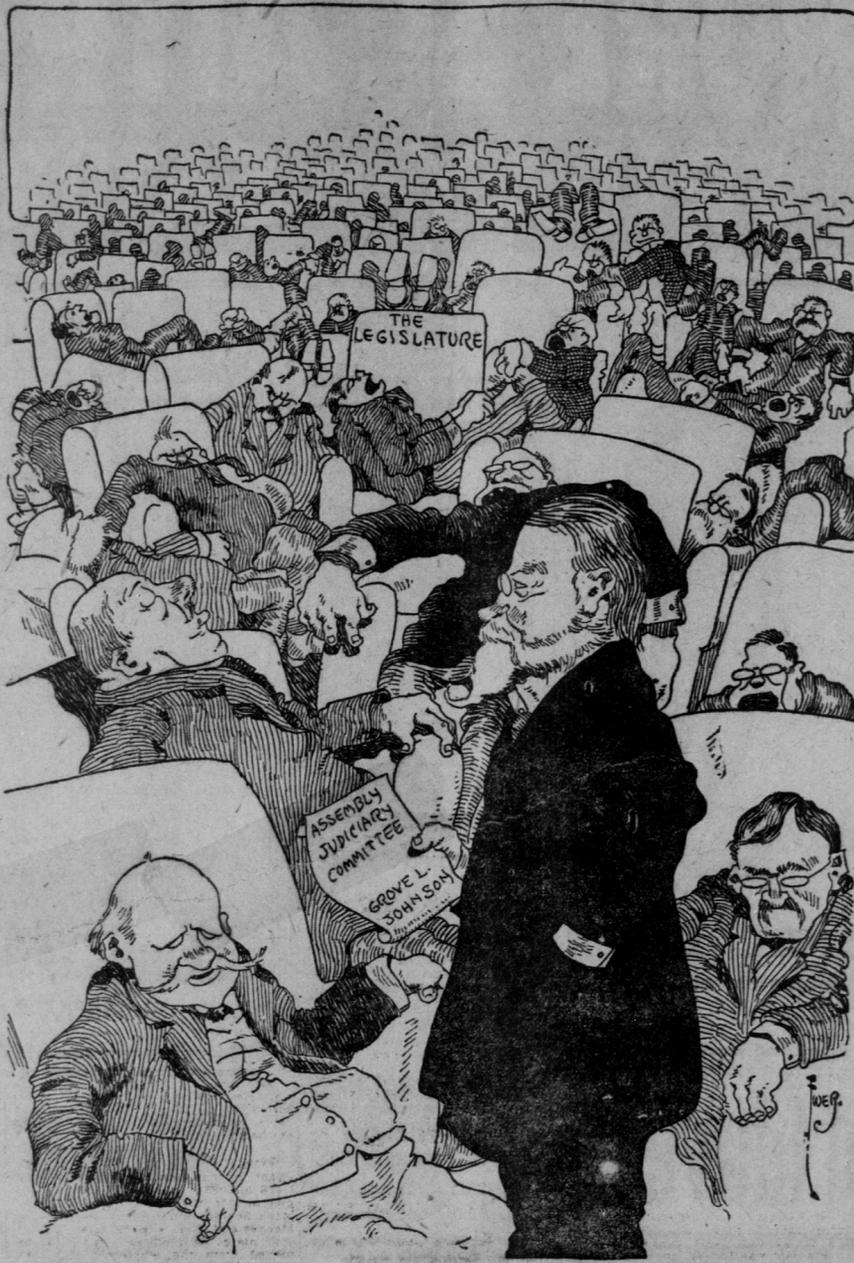
"LACK OF DIGNITY," SAYS GERBER

APERPLEXED people will welcome the discovery made by Mr. W. E. Gerber, financier, of Sacramento, who knows exactly what caused all the trouble. The direful spring of woes, unnumbered, it seems, is Roosevelt's bad manners.

The special session of the legislature, the crash in Wall street, the clearing house certificates, the patent reversible holidays and Mr. Gerber's flux of wisdom would never have happened had Roosevelt made less noise. There is safety in the roar of the sucking dove; there is peace and plenty and hard money in the squeak of the mouse.

Besides, the president has the manners of a rough rider. Mr. Gerber calls him undignified. It is not polite nor considerate to mention "malefactors of great wealth." Society calls that a contradiction in terms.

Mr. Johnson Has the Floor



he did, but the nasty way he did it. What's the use of creating a disturbance when the preacher sees there are pickpockets in the congregation? Let the sermon go on in an orderly way.

The sermon now ended, The fishes descended, The eels went on ceiling, The pikes went on stealing, Much delighted were they, But preferred the old way.

LESSONS IN COURSHIP

PROFESSOR FRANCIS J. BLAIR, the state superintendent of schools for Illinois, declares that courtship and marriage should be taught in the public schools.

I believe, and believe it thoroughly, that courtship and marriage should be made subjects of instruction in our Illinois schools, just as much as your spelling and arithmetic.

Courtship in Illinois would become a very solemn affair and marriage a ceremony scarcely to be distinguished from a funeral. Nothing less lugubrious than a Puritan wooing would be tolerated.

Why turn the minds of innocent childhood to such matters before the appointed time? They will find out soon enough that marriage is a serious business, but that is no reason why courtship should be confounded with the Latin grammar.

POLITICS AT THE BARGAIN COUNTER

IT is quite clear that all this talk about the increased cost of living and the diminished purchasing power of the dollar is mere rot. The purity of elections law supplies conclusive proof on that question.

We would not hint that the waiting list of the Ananias club is being unduly swollen by reason of the San Francisco elections, nor even should we venture to suggest that the affidavits filed under the purity of elections law might be called by a "shorter and uglier" name.

Bryan Song for 1908

I am willing to be drafted, I am willing to be waited, To be rafted, to be grafted to the presidential chair— You can find me in the dawn, you can find me on the lawn.

Going back to '96, when the states were in a fix, They were my licks and kicks that helped the people's cause: So, too, in nineteen hundred it was my voice that thundered—

Ah, if voters had not blundered I'd have made the people's cause. Now in nineteen hundred eight I'll be willing for my fate, Coyness, deyness is my present bent, Should democrats but boost my schism, (Dilettante socialism), They will find I have a talent to be almost president.

ARTHUR PRICE

Answers to Queries

TWO WIDE THOROUGHFARES—K. P. Berkeley, Cal. Broadway, Oakland, is 110 feet wide—house line to house line—from the bay to Fourteenth street, 90 feet from Fourteenth to the junction with Telegraph avenue, then 100 feet wide northerly to the city line Market street, San Francisco, is 120 feet wide.

MONGOLIAN—J. P. Burlingame, and P. A. L. City. Boys born of Chinese or Mongolian parents in the United States, when they attain majority, are entitled to vote, being native born and consequently citizens. There are a number of voters of Chinese percentage in San Francisco.

SULLIVAN—K. C. City. John L. Sullivan won from Paddy Ryan in 9 rounds 19 minutes and 30 seconds at Mississippi City, Miss., February 7, 1882. He was presented the champion belt in Boston, August 8, 1887. Lost to Jim Corbett, New Orleans, September 7, 1892.

WORLD'S TONNAGE—Subscriber, City. According to recent statistics issued by the publishers of Lloyd's Register, the total tonnage of the merchant fleet of the world is \$8,428,000. Of this \$3,969,000 is the aggregate tonnage of merchant steam vessels.

CASINO—S. City. In answering questions relative to casino this department is guided by accepted authorities as to the game. Individuals may arrange the game to suit their particular fancy, but such is not the general way of playing it.

PUMPS—R. P. City. Rio and Grand islands on the Sacramento river have pumps of 60,000 gallons per minute capacity.

ADAMS—Subscriber, City. Maude Adams, actress, was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1872.

The Insider

Relates interesting circumstances connected with writing of playlet for charity social by the talented Mrs. Lansing Kellogg

SOCIETY MATRON'S Play to Be Given MRS. LANSING KELLOGG has written a playlet, which will be produced at the big charity entertainment at the Chutes next month.

Success Comes to California Girl When they take up their Good Housekeeping and pore over the fashion pages, how many San Francisco women notice the same signed to the sketches of modish gowns and hats and know that the designer is a San Francisco girl?

Sarah Comstock is another of the San Francisco writers who have found New York a silver one. Miss Comstock was one of the many bright girls who used to do features for The Call's Sunday supplement.

The Smart Set

AN event long awaited by the city's younger smart set, the first of Mrs. Ynez Shorb White's dances, will take place at the Fairmont hotel tonight.

After many months spent in New York and some of the other eastern cities Mrs. Henry T. Scott has returned to California and has reopened her home at Burlingame.

The authors' reading, to be given in honor of Miss Ina D. Coolbrith at the Fairmont hotel next Wednesday evening, promises to be a brilliant affair from both a literary and a social standpoint.

Mrs. R. P. Schwerin was hostess yesterday at one of the season's prettiest luncheons. Her guests were a group of Baltimore society women who are visiting San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coryell left San Francisco yesterday for a month's visit with friends and kinspeople in New York. They will spend a week or more in New York and will return just before the holidays, when they will reopen their home at Fair Oaks.

Miss Kate Stone left a few days ago for a visit to Santa Barbara and the southern part of the state. She will be gone several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Remington Quick returned Monday from a six weeks' visit to New York, where they had an enjoyable visit. They will announce their apartments at the St. Xavier for the winter.

Mrs. Frederick Plekering will be hostess at a large bridge whist party this afternoon, given to a score of card playing matrons at her home in Broadway. The game is to be followed by an informal tea, to which additional guests have been invited.

Society women in large numbers will attend the Marla Kip orphanage sale tomorrow afternoon. All the tables and booths, the grab bag, the lemonade and ice cream stands, will be in charge

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: Berkeley... Minimum 46... Maximum 54