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TRANS-MISSISSIPPIANS CHOOSE THE RIGHT CITY

FROM a new state comes cheering word to a new city. A telegram from Muskogee, Okla., tells that the trans-Mississippi commercial congress, now in session at Muskogee, will hold next year's meeting in San Francisco.

It is not only cheering but significant news, indicating the feeling that exists toward our regenerated city. The world has learned that we have rebuilt ourselves morally and are achieving wonderful things in rebuilding ourselves physically. It has heard that San Francisco is self-sufficing, self-supporting, self-reliant. The song of our riveting machines, the sound of the whirring saw and the tapping hammer have carried to all the corners of our country, until our city is looked upon as a marvel for recuperation.

It is estimated that between 5,000 and 10,000 people will attend this congress, for the California delegation has extended a cordial invitation to the "women folks." And truly we will have something worth showing these visitors from all the states west of the Mississippi. A year ago they could have seen little better than four square miles of debris and ashes, dotted with shacks and temporary buildings. Now we can show them clean government; prosperity, in spite of a cruel pinch in the money market; skyscrapers by the score, in various stages of completion; some large residence districts entirely built up, others partly so; busy and prosperous shopping centers, and for music could bid them listen to the song that rebuilding makes.

And it should not be forgotten that much of the credit for bringing this congress to San Francisco is due to H. D. Loveland, president of the board of trade, whose eloquence was a large factor in winning the day for this city.

BAD TASTE OF JUSTICE BREWER

MR. JUSTICE-BREWER of the United States supreme court is hard to please. Apparently he holds the president responsible for all the floating talk of politicians and the scattering fire of gossip printed in the newspapers about a third term. That is the only premise on which Justice Brewer can base his declaration that Roosevelt is "playing hide and seek with the American people."

Justice Brewer's words are virtually an accusation of falsehood directed at the president of the United States. He charges Roosevelt with bad faith and a design or desire to repudiate his declaration that he would not be a candidate for a third term.

There is no such evidence. Roosevelt can not control the political gossips and wire pullers who would like to see him run again. He can not get an injunction to restrain newspapers from printing what people say about him. Possibly the theory is that the president should, let us say, once a week, on Monday morning at the opening of business, make a solemn public announcement that he is still of the same mind.

Theodore Roosevelt is far from being perfect. He is very human, choleric, perhaps, and impulsive, and it may even be that the American people love him all the more for these qualities, which have their root in an acute sense of indignation at wrong.

LIBELER AND SNEAK

MR. HEARST finds the libel prosecution by William Astor Chanler somewhat embarrassing. It is not that the gates of prison yawn for him or the turnkey stalks behind, because he is not in serious danger of going to jail—not yet—but he has been caught and nailed doing dirty politics in the customary

In the Cauld Blast



way characteristic of the Hearst newspapers wherever published. The people of San Francisco know the style and method by experience.

William Astor Chanler has a brother who ran for lieutenant governor of New York on the same ticket with Hearst for governor last year. Chanler was elected by a comfortable plurality. Hearst was defeated. It was a hard slap in the face and Hearst does not readily forgive.

We all know the plan. We saw it in active operation during the summer here in the sneaking attacks on District Attorney Langdon and the graft prosecution. The Hearst newspapers, whether in New York, Chicago or San Francisco, dare not say openly what they desire to convey by indirection.

In the same policy of the sneak was the effort to evade service and deny responsibility for the publication, but all these tricks did not avail, and Hearst was finally run to ground. Hearst likes to pose as a man of mystery. To drag him into a vulgar police court and brand him libeler and sneak was a bitter indignity.

FORAKER'S CHALLENGE

SENATOR FORAKER'S stuffed club has been heard from. The senator has organized a league of so called republican clubs in Ohio, professing to represent the whole party. As a matter of fact, the league is stuffed with federal office holders who owe their places to the senator.

It is the small politics of a small man, who, in forty years of public life, has never learned anything better and is unable to rise above these petty tactics. Of course, it is regarded as an open declaration of war by the Taft forces in Ohio, and they can not ignore the challenge. It must sooner or later come to a showdown between the contending factions in Ohio, and if the Taft following proves the stronger it may even drive Foraker out of public life.

In the meantime the crowned heads of Europe are falling over each other in the effort to meet the secretary of war, who is trying to make up his mind how best to dodge the lineup of kings and emperors without appearing to be rude. He will attend to Brother Foraker later.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Up to this time it has been a nothing extra session. The Los Angeles bankers believe that receiving is more blessed than giving. Bryan says that four years is enough for a president. Bryan will never get enough.

The paving of our streets is to begin soon. Here's hoping that they will not be paved, as before, with bad intentions.

Defenders of peanuts as an article of diet are upheld in communications to the New York Times. These defenders have it all their own way—

The Smart Set

SEVERAL hundred society people will gather at the Coliseum rink Monday evening for the skating event to be given by the Albert Sidney Johnston chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The coming out tea of Miss Kathleen de Young will take place this afternoon in her parents' home in California street. Invitations have been issued to several hundred people. The receiving party will be in the red reception room, and the large ballroom will also be used.

Mrs. T. Walmorgan Draper and her daughters, Miss Elsa and Miss Dorothy, have returned to San Francisco after having spent nearly a year with kin people in Washington, New York and Newport. Miss Elsa Draper was introduced to society here two years ago, but nearly all her social life has been spent in the eastern cities.

Miss Frances Stewart will leave San Francisco Wednesday for New York, where she will be the guest of Miss Helen Williams during the winter.

Mrs. Charles W. Hinckley, who came from Los Angeles a week ago to attend the golden wedding anniversary tea of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clark, will return to the southern city in a few days.

Gossip in Railway Circles

"As the son of a soldier and having lived in the 'midst of alarms' during my tender years, I may be accounted a man out of the ordinary," remarked Phil K. Gordon, after whom Fort Phil Kearny is named.

"What's the matter?" I asked, for I was interested owing to the excitement of the brakeman. "Oh, nothing," replied the conductor, and he continued his conversation.

It is whispered in railroad circles that the reason of the trip of Richard M. Duffy of the Santa Fe to Chicago at this time of the year is something more important than passenger business. The rumor is that Duffy will bring back with him a bride whose home has been in the Windy City.

H. W. Adams of the Rock Island line has returned from a trip through the northern part of the state. He said yesterday that the country never before was so prosperous as at present.

W. A. Worthington, who has been promoted to assist Julius Kruttschnitt in the maintenance and operation of the Harriman line, is in the city.

Answers to Queries

LONGEST WORD—Inquirer, Alameda, Cal. In the Standard dictionary are two of the longest dictionary words, "disproportionateness" and "establishmentarianism."

STATES AND TERRITORIES—L. S. City. The American union is composed of 13 original and 33 added states, making 46 in all, and the territories of New Mexico, Arizona, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, District of Columbia, District of Alaska and Hawaii.

THE LUSITANIA—L. D. R. City. The following are the dimensions of the large steamer Lusitania: Length over all 785 feet; breadth, 83 feet; depth, 49 feet 4 1/2 inches; gross tonnage, 33,500 tons; displacement, 35,000 tons.

JAPAN'S EXHIBITION THE exhibition to be held in Tokyo in 1912, according to the China Telegraph, is to be called the grand exhibition of Japan. It is to be held between April 1 and October 31, 1912, and is intended to demonstrate the growth of Japanese industry, civilization and resources.

THE HUDSON—A. P. V. City. In reply to your question "Are the East and North rivers in New York part of the Hudson?" this department says that the North river is the Hudson for the distance of the common application of the term north, as far as Tappan Zee, The East river, purely a tidal stream, may be regarded as an affluent of the North river as seen at the Battery or as a branch, if one views its Harlem tributary at Spuyten Duyvil.

MAJOLICA WARE—S. C. City. The term "majolica" applied to earthenware ware with a painted glaze had its origin in Italy. The making of this kind of ware originated with the Arabs in Spain in the ninth century. From there the art was taken to the island of Majorca, the largest of the Balearic group southeast of the month

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 30 Maximum 60 San Francisco Minimum 49 Maximum 63 San Diego Minimum 50 Maximum 68