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ROOSEVELT'S DECLARATION

JUSTICE BREWER of the supreme court owes the president an apology. In a public way he charged Roosevelt with "playing hide and seek" with the people and with the nomination.

The only basis for the charge was the irresponsible gossip of politicians and newspapers, partly malicious and in part the idle speculation of idle people. Justice Brewer appears to believe that it is Roosevelt's duty to issue denials every time Tom Jones of Smiths Corners makes himself responsible for a report that the president is seeking a third term.

President Roosevelt has now repeated, in the most emphatic manner, that he is not and will not be a candidate. Doubtless that declaration will not convince men like Justice Brewer, who do not wish to be convinced. That he will offer an apology for his unfounded charge is scarcely to be expected, but that would be the honest and manly course.

Roosevelt's declaration was expected. He could not honestly be a candidate after he had persuaded Taft to enter the field and abandon his long cherished ambition to go on the supreme bench.

The declaration leaves the field open. We hear a great deal about the "waning" of the Taft boom, but are free to suspect that much of this talk is inspired by a wish that is father to the thought. It is true that the division in Ohio may injure Taft, just as a division in New York may hurt Hughes. The hopes of the progressive elements in the republican party center on these two men.

LITTLE COMFORT FOR CALHOUN

M. R. CALHOUN'S spokesman in New York, presumably hired for this job, did not get much comfort out of District Attorney Langdon. Indeed, Wednesday night was not a season of cheer or thanksgiving for Mr. Calhoun's hired men anywhere.

It is reasonable to infer that Mr. Calhoun sent an attorney to the New York meeting that District Attorney Langdon addressed. He hoped to be able to disconcert Langdon by interruptions and impertinent questions.

What other result might have been expected? The man who makes himself the champion of graft and bribery need not expect the applause or support of decent people.

Calhoun has champions, but few of them have the temerity to stand up in public to make his defense, and the inspiration of most of them comes from the breeches pocket.

Mr. Langdon may be congratulated on the satisfactory manner in which he disposed of Calhoun's interloper. As for the spies that dog the district attorney's footsteps, they are part of the homage that vice pays through the nose to virtue.

TWO CRITICS OF CONSOLIDATION

THE Berkeley Independent offers this criticism of the proposal to consolidate the bay cities:

The San Francisco Call advances as one of its pleas for consolidation the prospective ease with which an adequate water system might be obtained when the cost would be diffused among a greater population.

We thank our contemporary for the reminder, but we do not regard the legislation mentioned as practicable. It will require a closer bond of union than mere proximity to carry out a great project of that sort.

Another and quite different class of criticism—different because the motives behind the plea are different—comes from the Oakland Tribune, which says:

Of course it is well known here and should be understood abroad that Oakland is not promoting the greater San Francisco scheme, even though one of its ex-mayors is the nominal head of the movement.

The best argument for consolidation is Dargie and his kind—the kind that ought to be punished for grafting. These are the

Moving Day When Teddy Leaves Washington



men who make taxes high. It is not surprising that the Tribune should oppose consolidation, but one doubts the policy of perpetually making an indecent exposure of Dargie.

FOOTBALL AND PINK TEAS

ECHOES of the Swarthmore college decision in favor of the sacred pigskin continue to rumble, but we have not seen anything quite as funny as this, from the Philadelphia Press:

The managers of Swarthmore college have reached the only conclusion possible, as all educators have seen from the beginning, upon the conditional bequest made by the late Miss Jeanes, if this bequest involves a decision on the future policy of the institution for all time.

The issue involved in this legacy, given upon condition that the college forego competitive football contests in the future, has never been a choice between "football and \$1,000,000"—if the bequest were this size.

No college could do this and keep its contract, express and implied, with its students. Any institution which takes the tuition fee of a student

The issue would have been exactly the same if the gift had provided that Greek should always be studied by every pupil or that no dead language should be studied by any.

No, the issue would not have been the same in the case of Greek or Latin or English. These all belong to education, but football does not. Indeed, there are certain old fashioned people who insist that as far as football has any influence on the training of youth it is brutalizing.

Let us suppose, by way of illustration, that the feminine mind had become inspired with an overwhelming and imperative desire for pink teas and all that they imply, and suppose some philanthropic testator had bequeathed a warm million to Vassar college on condition that no pink tea function be ever again permitted within those consecrated walls.

The Swarthmore decision may be wise, but Mr. Pecksniff does not make it so, and it is useless to attempt disguise of the fact that the real reason for the refusal is that the trustees feared a decline in matriculation if the fashionable game were cut out.

NOTE AND COMMENT

It will soon be too late to do early shopping.

Quality and not quantity is the desired thing in bank commissioners.

The railroads are pleased but probably not surprised at the news that they will not be "harassed" by the new railroad commissioner.

News of a tidal wave wrecking a passenger stage in Oregon is another confirmation of Sailor Jack's belief that the sea is the only safe place in a storm.

The Nobel peace prize of \$38,000 has been divided in two pieces, an Italian getting one half and a Frenchman the other. There may be war over the division.

Conan Doyle has been victimized by a lunatic who through a series of letters convinced him that he was the missing heir to a large estate. It is evident that the great Sherlock is de-

By The Call's Jester

MILWAUKEE'S TREASON

The wires bring us news each day Of murder and destruction, Of marriage, quarrel and divorce, Of thieving and abduction.

Though startling this array of things Dished up in ink each morning, The news that from Milwaukee comes, Without a word of warning,

Makes strong men tremble as they blow The foam from off the beaker, And as the meaning takes full hold, They weaker grow, and weaker.

'Twas bad enough when from the south Came news of prohibition, Of colonels withering of thirst, Of mint without a mission,

But when Milwaukee falls in line And talks of closing beer joints, One wonders if her people are All candidates for queer joints.

Milwaukee! Why, her emblem is The stein that's ever foamy, The motto that she cherishes, "By beer alone ye know me."

Her coat of arms displays the suds That top tall collared glasses Rampant upon a shining bar, O'er which the lager passes.

And all this by the people's vote Milwaukee may demolish— May tear the hop vines from her brow, The breweries abolish.

Should all these changes come to pass, None will see fit to blame us, If we refuse from this time on To call Milwaukee famous.

A SHIFTED COMMA Gayly—Did you get home, all right, last night? Soakley—Well, I got home, all right, W. J. W.

Back Talk

CIVILIZATION'S BOON

If the bear riders of today had lived in Morgan's time they would have been sailing the Spanish Main—New York Herald.

How civilization helps! Now they can do their plunging on dry land with no danger of drowning.

DO SOME FIGURING Only one marriage out of every 10 is a failure, and yet they say that 90 per cent of the business ventures are failures.—Detroit News.

BETTER FIRE Rev. Dr. Torrey of Indianapolis says there will be eating in heaven. Ought to be first class, too. None but good cooks can get in there.—New York Herald.

LET'S HOPE No congressman is going to Washington who is not loaded with a currency reform bill.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

THE MOTTO AGAIN If the pastors want a really good motto on the gold coins, what is the matter with "Abide With Me"—Albany Herald.

Or "So near and yet so far."

The Insider

Tells of the success achieved by W. J. Bartnett, the fallen "Napoleon of finance," during his four years at the University of California

W. J. Bartnett Is Berkeley Graduate

WALTER J. BARTNETT, the Napoleon of finance who has suffered such a series of setbacks during the last few days, is a graduate of the University of California and is a self made man with the college brand.

He made a decided mark at Berkeley as a student, and it was he who organized the committee on students' affairs which is still in existence. He was given supervision of the Blue and Gold, which was never more successful than under his regime.

Mrs. Bartnett was a Mrs. Vaux, a charming woman who lived some years abroad studying art, and is the mother of a clever daughter, who wrote and published a novel before she was 20.

Walker's Home Not Convertible Asset

David F. Walker, who was president of the bank which is being so much talked about these days, owns one of the most beautiful country places in San Mateo.

Mrs. Walker used to give house parties at the San Mateo residence, and as she is very musical there were always musicians among her guests. She is an amateur singer herself, a pupil of Miss Eleanor Connell, Mrs. Collis P. Huntington's protegee.

"Carmen" Would Resurrect Calve

It used to be Calve's way, when she reached a city in the course of her tours, to inquire at once where the best spiritualistic mediums were to be found, but from all I hear her craze for seances has languished.

Calve, by the way, has no dread of death. Though she does not, like the divine Sarah, carry her casket about with her, she has had her tomb designed to save her mother the trouble of selecting one, she explains.

Woodruff Anna Gould's fiance Harry Woodruff, who is headed here in "Brown of Harvard," is one of the most boyish looking stars of the stage.

Smart Set

ONE of the season's largest bridge parties will be given this afternoon by Mrs. William Irwin in the hospitable Irwin home on Washington street.

Mrs. Irwin's guests will be Mrs. James Pollis, Mrs. Latham McMullin, Mrs. Lilley, Mrs. Richard Girvan, Mrs. Pinckard, Mrs. John Boyd, Mrs. Carter Pomeroy, Mrs. L. L. Baker, Mrs. Ira Pierce, Miss Sallie Maynard, Mrs. Henry Dodge, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Silas Palmer, Mrs. Harry Holbrook, Mrs. Lent, Mrs. Henry T. Scott, Mrs. Warren Clark, Mrs. Richard Schwinn, Mrs. Gale, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Southern Hoffman, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Horace Davis, Mrs. Cyrus Walker, Mrs. Smedberg, Miss Carrie Gwin, Mrs. Boardman, Mrs. Alexander Garceau, Mrs. Folger, Mrs. William Tevis, Mrs. Robert Oxnard, Mrs. Hyde-Smith, Mrs. William Taylor, Mrs. Joseph Crockett, Mrs. Francis Carolan, Mrs. Fouts, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Latham, Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. James Keeney and Miss Jennie Hooker.

The second of Mrs. Ynez Sherb White's conditions will take place at the Fairmont tonight, with Mrs. Reginald Knight Smith and Mrs. Eleanor Martin receiving with Mrs. White. Tonight also is the date of the second Friday Night dance, which will be chaperoned by Mrs. James Potter Langhorne, Mrs. George Moore, Mrs. Louis Montague and Mrs. L. L. Baker at the Century club's hall in Sutter street.

News comes from New York of the William H. Crocker, who have been at the St. Regis hotel since they reached the eastern city two months ago. Mrs. Crocker has secured a delightful house there for the winter and will take possession of it some time this week.

Mrs. Henry Ware Lyon, who has been in Honolulu for three months, returned yesterday. She will be the guest of Mrs. George Riddell in Berkeley until early in January, when she will join Admiral Lyon in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Spreckels Jr. returned from the Siberia yesterday from a stay of several weeks in Honolulu.

Miss Maude Howard, who has been in Rose Valley since her return from New York, is at the Fairmont and will remain there for the winter months.

Miss Constance Borrowe has been visiting Miss Barbara Small for several days.

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