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AUDITOR KOSTER'S REFUSAL WILL NOT BLOCK THE HETCH HETCHY PROJECT

It will be time enough to find out how much law Auditor Koster's attorney knows after the present emergency in the Hetch Hetchy campaign is passed.

This money—\$10,000—must be in hand by noon today. The mayor heads the subscription list with \$100, and several supervisors and other city officials are down for the same figure.

Are you in favor of a Sierra source of water supply for San Francisco—an untainted source? If so, your name belongs on this subscription list.

The auditor's refusal, based upon such a reading of the charter as to require a vote of the people before any steps can be taken involving the payment of public money toward the acquisition of a public utility, is only one of the minor difficulties in the way of the Hetch Hetchy project.

Fortunately, however, these obstacles to come have been provided against in the government's grant to San Francisco. Time lost in litigation will not be charged up against the city in applying the limitations of this magnificent gift.

GOVERNOR GILLETT'S WORSE SIDE

When Governor Gillett is "doing politics" he is quite a different person from the Governor Gillett whom The Call has had occasion to commend for his broad constructive policies in matters pertaining to the material welfare of the state.

The removal of Charles E. Snook, counsel for the board of regents of the University of California, was, in the governor's own language, "a personal political matter," and as such carries its own condemnation.

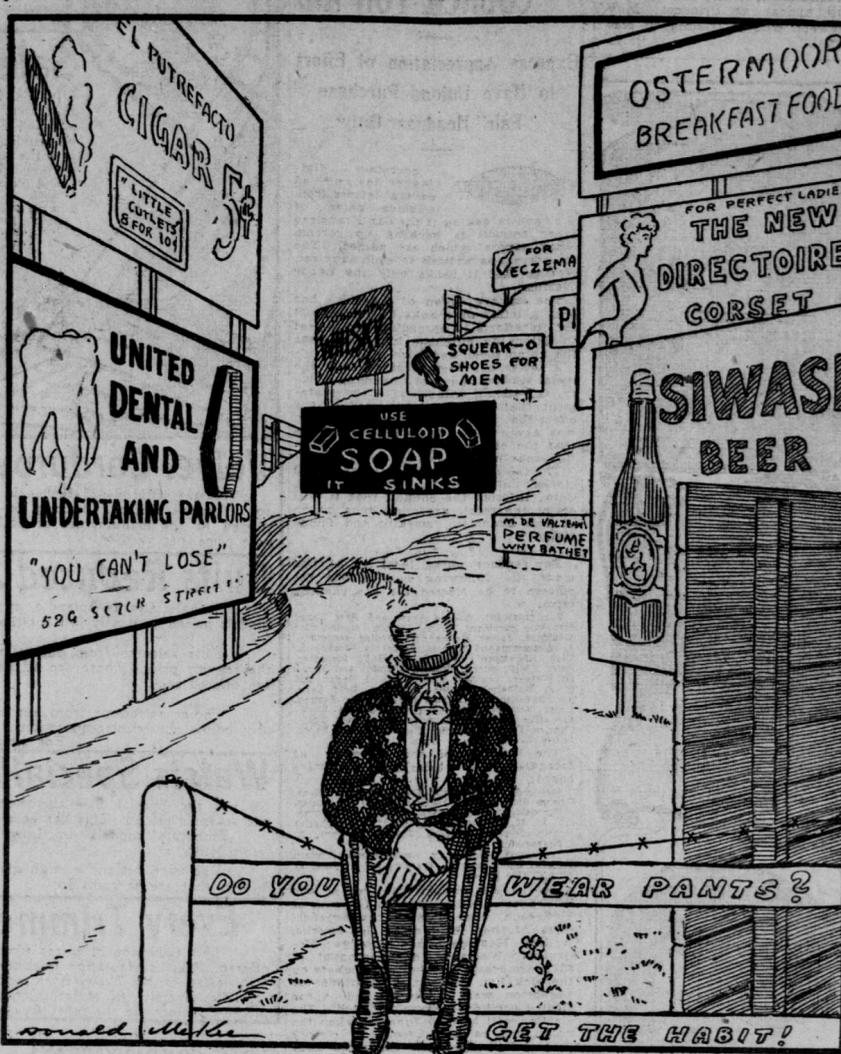
Mr. Snook's successor is Fletcher Cutler, against whom nothing can be said but that he accepted an office upon which he had no other claim than the circumstance that Governor Gillett desired to get rid of a political opponent and asked his former law partner to assist him.

General regret will be expressed that the state university should be dragged into "personal political matters" in this unseemly fashion. The public schools of California should be beyond the reach of the politicians and above the fetid atmosphere of partisan or factional strife.

GUESSING A ROYAL PURPOSE

If neighborly amenities are presumptive proof of an intention on the part of those concerned to keep the peace of the neighborhood, there will be no quarreling in Europe this summer.

Picturesque America



How Some of Herrin's Men Got to the Recent Convention

From the Sacramento Bee. A notable feature of the day's convention doings was the liberal manner in which the organization men got rid of their money.

Personal Mention

H. E. Woodworth of Boston is staying at the St. Francis. William Banning of Los Angeles is a guest at the St. Francis.

Answers to Queries

FIGHTING BOB—J. R., City. Has "Fighting Bob" Evans an artificial leg? Did he lose a leg in battle?

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Baroness von Schroeder and Miss von Schroeder are staying at the Fairmont, registered from San Luis Obispo.

New Trans-Pacific Line

The Blue Funnel line is building two steamers to enter the passenger and freight carrying trade on the Pacific.

WATERSON'S FRUITLESS QUEST

Colonel Henry Waterson gathers himself once more into the Bryan fold. He has never been in open revolt against the peerless one, but his intense democracy sent him on a quest for a more consistent democrat than William J. Bryan.

It is the opinion of Colonel Waterson that the majority of what is left of the democratic party favors the nomination of Bryan, and as majorities are the cardinal rule of democracies when other rules fail, the eminent Kentuckian has "bowed to the will" of this one.

Among recent arrivals at the Blair are F. A. Brown of Sacramento and W. H. Fowler of Reno.

Francis Peterson, a mining man of New York, is at the Fairmont, accompanied by Mrs. Peterson.

R. A. Rowan, a real estate man of Los Angeles, is at the St. Francis, accompanied by Mrs. Rowan.

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President Charles C. Moore of the chamber of commerce left yesterday for a business trip to San Francisco.

The latest aggregate figures show that in a year the production of gold was 4,648,385 troy ounces, valued at \$98,101,400, and the production of platinum during the same period was 1,433 troy ounces, valued at \$45,189.

ACRE—W. E. C., San Jose, Cal. What is the size of an acre? In the United States and England an acre contains 160 square rods or 4,840 square yards, equal to 43,560 square feet.

The Smart Set

CARDS are out for the wedding of Miss Beatrice Fife, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Storrs Fife, and Captain Edmund Douglas Shortridge, U. S. A., which will take place at St. Paul's Episcopal church at high noon on Wednesday next.

Society here will be glad to welcome back Miss Mary Carrigan, who sailed from Manila on the Claremont country club tomorrow.

Mrs. William Hinckley Taylor has bidden a score of society women to a luncheon at the Claremont country club tomorrow.

Mrs. J. Parker Currier, who is spending the summer at the Hotel Rafael, will entertain 20 society women today at luncheon.

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One of the prettiest of the month's home weddings was celebrated in Berkeley last Saturday evening, when Miss Lillian Bennett, the daughter of Captain J. J. Bennett, was married to G. M. Glidden, who is a son of James Glidden, port superintendent of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha.

James Otis and his daughter, Miss Fredericks, will spend the summer months in a trip to Brazil, sailing from New York next month.

Mrs. Robert Sherman, who was Miss Ruth Foster, has been visiting for several weeks in this city, dividing her time between her husband's people and old friends here.

This week's Del Monte letter reports an unusually full house for the popular hotel, with many prominent San Franciscans who spend the entire summer.

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Gossip of Railwaymen

"There is a pleasure in eating here," observed E. Black Ryan as he seated himself at a table in the private room of a restaurant where the members of the Transportation club lunch.

"The pleasure is all ours," politely replied S. F. Booth, president of the club. "As I was about to observe," placidly continued Ryan, "I have less fears of my hat being stolen."

"I don't see why you worry about that," interrupted Fosbury Walker. "I never think about my hat, unless it is to think you have any reason to worry, Fosbury," added Ryan with a smile.

"That is where you are mistaken. I believe my hat was taken by mistake once. The man is in the passenger department of the Southern Pacific, but as his hat covered up my shoulders he was only too glad to return mine and beg for his own."

"I thought it was an advertising hat, but he assured me he wore it. Strange, isn't it, that a passenger man should get the big head, eh?"

"That is done," answered Sam Booth severely, "so as not to let the law department have a monopoly."

George J. Bradley, who was for many years with the Southern railway as commercial agent, has accepted the position as traffic director for the California traffic association.

Captain H. P. Lauritzen, master of the steamer San Pablo, operated by the Santa Fe, risked his life last Saturday to save from drowning a Vagabond, who fell off the gang plank at Ferry point.

Impertinent Question No. 55

Why Do They Call It the Merry Widow Hat? For the most original or wittiest answer to this question—the briefer the better—The Call will pay FIVE DOLLARS.

- Winning Answers to "Why Don't You Take a Vacation?"
\$5 prize to R. B. Travis, Coy, Siskiyou county.
Because there's Nannie, Susie and Norrie so fair,
Scottie and Nellie with the dark brown hair,
Margaret, Rose and little, wee Don.
Take a vacation? Well, what on?