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RABIES OF A "HIGHER UP" ORGAN

THE Examiner at length frankly puts itself in the same class with the gutter weeklies that make a scanty and precarious living by vilifying the graft prosecution and the men concerned in that work. The weeklies are known to be in the pay of Calhoun. What may be the Examiner's source of inspiration for a cowardly attack on Mr. Heney can be left to the imagination.

Apparently Mr. William J. Dingee, next friend of Eugene E. Schmitz and late president of the Contra Costa water company, supplies the ammunition with which the Examiner fires a broadside of the familiar sort at Mr. Heney. The material is old and stale and has been in use until it is frazzled at the edges by the gutter weeklies. The sum and substance of the whole charge that inspires the Examiner's heroics and hysterics is that Heney was paid a \$30,000 fee by the Contra Costa water company. Why, Dargie told the same thing to everybody that cared to listen six months ago or more. What of it?

Mr. Dingee does not dare and the Examiner does not dare say there was anything wrong about the payment of this fee. They do not pretend that Heney did not earn his money. It requires nearly two pages of heroics to convey the solitary fact that Mr. Heney was once attorney for a water company and was paid a large fee. The receipt for the money, in plain commercial form, is characterized as "an extraordinary document." Bosh!

If the receipt of a large fee from a corporation is either sinful or "extraordinary" the Examiner might very well print a list of the sums paid to Mr. Garret McEnerney by the Contra Costa water company. At the rate of exploitation allowed in Heney's case Mr. McEnerney's "extraordinary" fees would occupy a complete issue of the newspaper. If the Examiner is further interested in "extraordinary" fees paid to lawyers it might inquire how much money was paid to Mr. William F. Herrin in the litigation over the will of James G. Fair, and what "extraordinary" services he rendered in that behalf. The Examiner is very close to Mr. Herrin at the present moment and is doing his work cheerfully and assiduously. Mr. Herrin should respond in kind and gratify the legitimate curiosity of his organ about "extraordinary" fees.

If the Examiner has anything new to tell the world about Heney, anything that has not been printed a hundred times before by the discredited and disreputable gutter sheets in the pay of the "higher ups," why, bring it out. Has Mr. Dingee anything to say? The policy of vague insinuation is merely sneaking and cowardly. Of course, the motive of the Examiner's bushwhacking is obvious enough. Mr. Heney, in his public addresses, has constantly advised all honest men to refuse to buy the Examiner, and the advice has been very generally followed. Hence the Examiner's inky tears.

THE MOVING FINGER PARALYZED

A QUEER bill is pending in the British parliament to gain more daylight by moving the hands of the clock. The idea is to persuade people who believe their clocks that it is 9 a. m. when, in fact, it is but 7:40 a. m. This notable reform is to apply only to the summer months. The man who desires to show implicit faith in his clock will begin work an hour and twenty minutes earlier in summer. In winter the clock will be permitted to run in the old vicious way. That noted moralist and financier, Mr. Henry Clews of New York, offers this criticism:

The idea is based on a false pretense. It is nothing more than falsifying the clock. It is immoral and the English government cannot give its sanction to trickery of this sort without damaging its authority. Aside from that aspect any one with horse sense could see the futility of trying to make a nation get out of bed earlier by moving forward the clocks. Of course the same argument applies at the other end of the day. People who like to stay up late, whether to serve God or the devil, will not change their habits because the clocks are 1 hour and 20 minutes fast.

We hope that Mr. Clews will take back these heedless words, because one remembers that the democratic national convention, imbued, perhaps, with British ideas, set back the clock at Denver by four hours to prevent the nomination of Bryan on the unlucky Friday. The Call resents the charge of immorality laid by implication at the door of the democracy by Mr. Clews. If he had said that monkeying with the clock was merely silly, that might be different. Mr. Clews doubtless remembers what the Persian said about the Moving Finger.

ROOSEVELT'S IDEA OF THE NAVY

IN his address at Newport, R. I., on Wednesday, President Roosevelt put in a nutshell the policy that should govern the future of the United States navy. The moral of the president's words is that an inferior navy, a half-way navy, is simply an invitation to the enemy to come and take it away from us. Thus Roosevelt:

There are always certain numbers of well meaning, amiable individuals, coupled with others not quite so well meaning, who advocate merely a coast defense navy. Such advocacy illustrates a habit of mind as old as human nature itself—the desire at the same time to do something and not to do it. No fight was ever won except by hitting, and the one unforgeable offense to any man is to hit soft. That applies to the individual and it applies to the nation, and those who advocate a coast defense navy are advocating that we shall adopt as a national principle the principle of hitting soft.

I hope with all my heart that never will this nation of ours hit unless it cannot possibly be helped. I believe that the nation should scrupulously refrain from wronging or insulting another nation, that it should put up with a good deal in the way of misconduct on the part of others before going to war. But when this nation does have to go to war such war will only be excusable if the nation intends to hammer its opponent until that opponent quit fighting.

That is good war talk and good peace talk. It makes for peace more than war, because a preponderance of sea power held by the

Seeing Is Believing



United States means that it will be exercised as a restraining rather than a belligerent influence. This nation desires no conquests and wants no war, but the very wealth of the country invites attack unless means of defense are adequate, and the most effective defense lies in the power of attack.

THE LAWYERS' PROFESSIONAL CODE

THE American bar association, which meets in Seattle next month, has employed Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court and Alton B. Parker to draw up a canon of professional ethics that holds out glittering hopes to the lay public of a time when there will be no chicanery at the bar and the profession will purify itself, as it were, automatically. For instance, here is a section of the code suggested by these eminent jurists:

Nothing operates more certainly to create or foster popular prejudice against lawyers as a class and to deprive the profession of that full measure of public esteem and confidence which belong to the proper discharge of its duties than does the false claim, often set up by the unscrupulous in defense of questionable transactions, that it is the duty of the lawyer to do whatever may enable him to succeed in winning his client's cause. A lawyer owes entire devotion to the interest of his client, warm zeal in the maintenance and defense of his cause and the exertion of the utmost skill and ability, to the end that nothing may be taken or withheld from him, save by the rules of law, legally applied. Nevertheless it is steadily to be borne in mind that the great trust is to be performed within and not without the bounds of the law. The office of attorney does not permit, much less does it demand, for any client, violation of law or any manner of fraud or chicanery. No lawyer is justified in submitting another's conscience for his own. A lawyer should not do for a client what his sense of honor would forbid him to do for himself.

The Call believes that the great majority of lawyers observe these rules, but they are content to let it go at that and do not insist on their enforcement. The code of ethics is nothing more than a pious opinion. If you are decent you observe it, but if not it makes no particular difference. If the code were an effective and real thing, involving penalties for violation, we should not see Henry Ach, Abe Ruef and George D. Collins members of the bar in full standing. The profession will not be cleansed by adopting sets of resolutions. A generous approval of the ten commandments does not go for much unless specific penalties are enforced for violation of those rules of conduct.

The Chronicle and the Lincoln-Roosevelt League

FROM THE FRESNO-REPUBLICAN.

The Chronicle is coming around, at least in its editorial columns. A few days ago it said of the so-called "regular" organization that it doubtless received most of its inspiration from corporation sources. Now it says of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league that it contains a very large share of the management of "this alleged league," which, nevertheless, we recognize as containing a very large share of the best citizenship of this city and state, and with whose aims the Chronicle is in most hearty accord. That the writer of the editorial in question is "in most hearty accord with the purposes of the league" nobody doubts. That the writer (and suppressor) of most of the political news of the Chronicle is heartily out of accord with the aims of the league is also a matter of no doubt. That "the Chronicle" (whoever and whatever is meant by that) permits the two to go their divergent ways indicates, if anything,

Answers to Queries

PASSPORTS—L. E. B. Fruivale, Cal. Who issues passports from the United States and where can one be obtained? No one but the United States secretary of state may grant and issue passports in the United States, and he is empowered to refuse them in his discretion. The fee for a passport is \$1. To obtain one address a communication for a blank form to the "Department of State, Bureau of Citizenship, Washington, D. C."
LIABILITY—C. S. San Luis Obispo, Cal. Is a stock holder in a California corporation liable for the debts of the corporation above the amount of the stock he holds? The constitution of the state says: "Each stock holder of a corporation or joint stock association shall be individually and personally liable for such debts contracted or incurred during the

Letters From the People

LOOKS LIKE SPITE OR BLACKMAIL. Editor Call: I think Mr. Heney is to be congratulated upon the rapidity with which he dismissed the representative of the "longest leased lars" Morning Rag. This looks like spite or an attempt at blackmail. In either case he dignified his position by a silence more forcible than words, as evidenced and witnessed by the reporter of the Morning Rag. I presume that Mr. Francis Heney was not angry with the meek and lowly reporter of the Rag, but that he knew the immediate necessity of informing the Rag that spittlework or blackmail will not deter him in the performance of his duties. Yours for prosperity and extermination of the grafters of San Francisco. S. B. EDWARDS, 493 Eddy street, San Francisco, July 24, 1908.

THE DUTY OF A JUDGE

Editor Call: Though a reader of The Call for over 40 years, I've never seen this troubled you with an inquiry; but I cannot pass over the extraordinary status of the cause known as The People vs. Graft, some phase of which has been, and will again be, before the court of appeals. In an undisputed interview has been published wherein the honorable presiding justice of said court of appeals has said that the leading metropolitan journals aiding the cause of law and order are not fit to enter the homes of our citizens. Well, I can remember the time when any journal failing to stand stanchly by the conservative of public morals, and every day in their power to enforce the law against any and all offenders, irrespective of class or status in the community, would have been excluded from every home of respectability. It is the duty of a judge to not only hear and without bias determine all mooted questions submitted and construe all penal laws in the manner most conservative of public morals. Question—Is the honorable justice, judged by his own actions and utterances, a conservator of public morals? ERAD, San Francisco, July 24, 1908.

Personal Mention

W. E. Trotter of Crowley, La., is at the St. Francis. F. E. Engstrom of Los Angeles is at the St. Francis. W. Chandler, a mining man of Tonopah, is at the St. Francis. L. L. Swift of Santa Barbara is staying at the St. Francis. John Adams of Sonora and his daughter, Miss Adams, are at the St. Francis. J. M. F. McGinty of the United States navy is staying at the St. Francis. Mr. and Mrs. William Pierce of Susan, Colo., are staying at the St. Francis. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Booth and Mrs. Evelyn Booth of Philadelphia are at the St. Francis. W. A. Pearly and V. S. Wooley, both of Chico, registered at the St. Francis yesterday. Dr. G. W. Lincoln, a prominent Philadelphia physician, and Mrs. Lincoln are at the St. Francis. Among the Los Angeles guests at the St. Francis yesterday were A. R. Glasgow and O. Heleary. Among the arrivals from the middle west at the St. Francis yesterday was James Cunningham of St. Louis. W. Monterey, a banker and capitalist of Salt Lake City, accompanied by his wife, is staying at the Fairmont. Commander C. I. Carr, United States navy, from the navy yard at Mare Island, and Mrs. Carr are at the Fairmont. Fernando Sanford, head of the department of physics at Stanford university, registered at the St. Francis yesterday. G. Holterhoff Jr., assistant secretary of the Santa Fe system, and his wife, arrived from Los Angeles yesterday and registered at the Fairmont. Georges Lenoir, an electrical expert from Geneva, Switzerland, arrived in San Francisco yesterday and is staying at the Fairmont. Lenoir is touring the world on business and spent the last few months in Mexico and the south.

been able to find any record of is John Hanson Craig of Danville, Hendricks county, Indiana. His height, 6 feet 5 inches; weight at 37 years of age, 307 pounds; measurement around the hips, 8 feet 4 inches. TORPEDO BOATS—Subscriber, City. What class of boats are the Perry and the Preble, U. S. N. ? Torpedo boat destroyers

The Insider

Tells politicians estimate of Bryan's ability to make terms with Japanese, based upon his adoption as father by son of Nippon

Bryan Is Chosen "If Bryan is elected," said a well known politician in the St. Francis lobby, "he will be able to settle the Japanese question quicker than Hobson could."

Asked why he was so sure of that he told how Bryan adopted a Japanese son.

"You know, in Japan," he said, "any youth with aspirations citizen to adopt a prominent man as his father, and it is up to the distinguished citizen to care for the lad until he can do that for himself. About 12 years ago a young Japanese student who had read about the free silver man wrote Bryan a letter to the effect that he had chosen him for his honorable father and would sail at once for the United States. Bryan got the letter and communicated its contents to his family. They were scared. Japs aren't so common in Lincoln, Nebraska, as they are here. The collector of the port here was written to, but he could not avert the calamity. One morning the Bryan household was awakened by a ring at the front door and when the maid answered it there was the yellow peril and his suit case, prepared to stay. 'I have come,' was what he said in excellent English. That boy was Yamachita Y. Bryan. His adopted father gave him the best education a boy can get, whether he is American, English or oriental. He was here once, I remember, with a member of the Japanese parliament who came over to study our industries. Yamachita was his secretary."

Prejudice of 'Ring' Delays Promotion

For many years, a navy man tells me, Admiral Uriel Sebree was denied official recognition of his merit, though every active officer in the service was alive to his sterling qualities as seaman and officer. The reason why Sebree's merit was so long left unrecognized, says the navy man, was because he was a victim of the prejudice of the "naval ring." Navy men not in the "ring," a few years ago, never had any of the fruits of the plum tree. Sebree is one of those "born commanders," and he looks the part, but he was for a long time doomed to inactivity, though he yearned to be in the thick of things. When the Spanish war broke out and when he was eager to get to the front he was sent off to Alaska in command of the gunboat Wheeling.

The Smart Set

THE wedding of Miss Pearl Judson and Frank Alton Somers will take place very quietly next week in the home of the bride's parents in Clay street. Absolute simplicity will mark the details of the affair, both bride and groom being unattended and the wedding guests numbering only six or seven. After an informal supper Mr. Somers and his bride will leave for a fortnight's stay in the northern part of the state. Their new home will be made in this city. Mrs. Judson is one of the most charming and accomplished women of society here and has a host of friends. Mr. Somers is prominent in social and business circles. The marriage of his brother, Roy Somers, to Miss Emily Marvin was one of last season's events.

Mrs. Edward Barron, Miss Margaret Barron and Miss Eva Barron will leave in September for a year's stay in Europe. The Barrons, who had the Huntington house in Jackson street last winter, are spending the summer in their country place at Mayfield. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coryell have returned from their motor trip through Lake county, after a most enjoyable fortnight of travel. They had with them as their guest Mrs. Kathryn Henry, who has rejoined her mother, Mrs. Alfred Voorhies, in this city. One of the delightful features of the trip was a stop at Highland Springs for the recent stag hunt.

Miss Marie Deane was hostess at an informal bridge party yesterday afternoon, which was enjoyed by several of the maids and matrons of the smart set. The affair took place in the Deane apartment at the Hillcrest and was followed by a tea at the Huntington house in Jackson street last winter, are spending the summer in their country place at Mayfield. Mr. and Mrs. George E. Bates and Mr. and Mrs. John Hanify will leave in October for a tour of the world, spending a year en route. The Hanifys, whose home, the Briers, is one of the prettiest in Sausalito, recently took a party of friends for a trip of several days on their yacht, the Martha.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Law and Miss Clara W. Chandler, who have come up from a visit of four months in Europe. They took their own car with them and traveled for the most part by motor. The Laws are planning another trip to Europe in the near future, and will leave California for England late in the fall. The latest letters from Mrs. Charles West Clark were from London, where she and her sister, Mrs. Raoul Duval of Paris, have been making several visits. Mrs. Clark, who left Burlingame about a month ago, went first to Paris, where her three little daughters are now, with Mrs. Duval's children. Miss Helen Baker will be hostess at a large luncheon this week in honor of Miss Anna Foster, whose marriage to

Dr. Lawrence Draper is shortly to take place. The affair, which will be attended by about a dozen girls of the younger set, will take place in the Bakers' summer home in Sausalito. Prominent society people of Washington, D. C., who are visiting here are the Conrad Symes, who left the capital city about a month ago, and have been traveling leisurely westward. They will spend a fortnight in town, during which time they will be entertained by various old friends, returning to Washington by way of Canada in August. Mrs. Percy Denroche gave an informal tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Mary Crowley, who will leave on Thursday next for a year's visit to Europe. About 40 prominent society matrons and maids enjoyed this affair, which took place in the Denroche home in Masonic avenue. Mrs. Angellotti and her daughter, Miss Marian, who have been in the east with kinship for nearly two years, are expected home some time next month. Miss Angellotti, whose debutante season was cut short by a sudden serious illness, is one of the most popular girls of the smart set. A dance will be given in the ball loft at Mare Island navy yard this evening, the event, as usual, being attended by the younger navy and army people, and by some of the city's society girls. The loft will be elaborately decorated for the occasion with flags and evergreens, and several prominent navy women will act as hostesses. Mr. and Mrs. George North, who have been staying with Mrs. Nolan's people in Napa, have gone to Lodi, where they plan to make their home for some years. Mrs. North was Miss Ruth Goodman, whose pretty wedding was one of the spring events. Miss Edna Bowman, one of the prominent society girls of San Jose, is again visiting friends in this city and will be the motif for several informal affairs this week. Miss Bowman spends her time here with Miss Minnie Houghton, who is an old and intimate friend. Mrs. George Buckingham, who has been visiting in Berkeley, has gone to Tahoe tavern for a fortnight's stay. Miss Augusta Fouts will spend the coming week end as the guest of Miss Florence Breckridge in Menlo Park. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sharon will entertain a house party in their country home at the same time. Mrs. J. Walker Benet, wife of Colonel Benet of Benicia arsenal, Miss Laura Benet and their house guest, Miss Marie Fechet, have returned to Benicia, after a stay of several days at one of the hotels here. Miss Fechet's marriage to Captain Lincoln Kilbourne, U. S. A., will take place in September. Mr. and Mrs. Garret McEnerney and Walter Rotinschild left last night for New York City. They will sail early in August for Europe and plan a stay of six or seven months on the continent.

Impertinent Question No. 61

What's the Most Useless Thing On Earth?

For the most original or wittiest answer to this question—the briefer the better—The Call will pay FIVE DOLLARS. For the next five answers The Call will pay ONE DOLLAR EACH. Prize winning answers will be printed next Wednesday and checks mailed to the winners at once. Make your answer short and SEND IT ON A POSTAL CARD to IMPERTINENT QUESTIONS, THE CALL.

Prize Answers to "What Are You Good For?" \$5 prize to D. Jones, 1265 Eleventh avenue, city. I don't know yet; there are several things I haven't tried. \$1 prize to James L. Williams, Alms, Cal. A drink—after I've had it. \$1 prize to Charles C. H. Bate, 412 1/2 Oak street, city. For nothing—my wife told me so last night. \$1 prize to W. W. Kennedy, 907 Fifty-fourth street, Oakland, Cal. For nothing—I don't have to be paid to be good. \$1 prize to Mrs. William Adams, 632 Ninth avenue, city. For all the work in the house that the hired girl won't stand for. \$1 prize to Mrs. J. Kilroy, 341 Twenty-fourth avenue, city. It doesn't pay to be bad.