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STATE SENATOR WOLFE'S "RECORD"

THE exposition of State Senator Wolfe's "record" on the matter of direct primary legislation made in these columns on Sunday furnishes ample justification for the opposition of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league to his candidacy. Mr. Wolfe is the most astute and the best skilled instrument of the political machine in the legislature. His considerable abilities, coupled with his undoubted knowledge of law and parliamentary practice, make him the most dangerous obstacle in the way of legislation designed to advance public interests at the expense of the machine. He works in the dark. In secret caucus he is most active, while he contrives to maintain the appearance of devotion to popular rights, so as to keep his public "record" straight. You do not hear of his fighting a measure like the direct primary law on the floor of the senate, but in the tricks of the secret caucus he is fertile and ingenious.

By a trick of this character he very nearly succeeded in postponing for four years any sort of legislation for the direct primary, and if he should be sent back to the Senate he would apply the same dubious skill in bedeviling the legislation designed to give effect to this measure. With Wolfe directing a machine caucus the direct primary bill would emerge from the Senate so full of jokers that it would be useless and ineffectual, or perhaps wholly unconstitutional.

This is the prime purpose and genesis of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league, to elect officials who will be friendly and not hostile to reform legislation and administration. If you put popular government in the hands of public enemies you will get what they want and not what you want. They will make a fair pretense of compliance with popular desires and needs, but they will so sophisticate and adulterate the means that the result will be nil.

It is the ingenuity with which Wolfe pursues this policy of the machine that makes him so dangerous. Wolfe must be retired to private life, where he can apply his undoubted talents to honest work. He says he is not an issue in this campaign, but he is an issue and his shrinking modesty must not be permitted to obscure the facts.

The voters of the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth assembly districts have before them the important duty of retiring Mr. Wolfe to the private station, where he will have less opportunity to practice caucus tricks.

RUEF SEEKS "VINDICATION"

THE alliance of Ruef and his somewhat damaged gang of heelers with the regular "organization," with Fisk and Wolfe and John C. Lynch and Herrin, is natural and appropriate. We would not have it otherwise. The alignment constitutes the most eloquent certificate of good moral character that could be given to the Lincoln-Roosevelt league. It combines all the forces of boodle and all the rascals in one camp and will make their defeat the more decisive and complete at the coming primaries.

We invite the attention of the people of San Francisco to the renewed activity of Ruef in local politics and ask them to consider its significance. What does Ruef stand for? What has he always stood for? Just now he is standing for Herrin and Wolfe and Lynch and the malodorous following of heelers and strikers and politicians of the baser sort that disgrace the name of "regular" republicans. It was to wipe out this libel on the republican party that the Lincoln-Roosevelt league was instituted.

Ruef and his heelers are rakings the stew of the tenderloin for votes. They tell their friends that "if the regulars win the prosecutions end." Quite possibly they are telling the truth. We need not doubt that it is the purpose of the regulars to end the prosecutions if they have the power. That is the "program."

It is just as well that Ruef should make the issue so clearly. The people of San Francisco know what to expect if the "regulars" win. It means a return to Ruefism and all that that implies. Nay, Ruef himself will be able to say that he was "vindicated" by the popular vote. Here is a man who, by his own confession, has been robbing the city and the citizens for years on a systematic plan, who has bailed himself out of jail with the stolen goods, worth nearly a million dollars, and is using his freedom to compass an indorsement of his crimes and escape from punishment.

A mere statement of the facts seems like an attempt to reduce popular institutions and government to absurdity and shame.

HEARST AND THE "HIGHER UPS"

THE Southern Pacific company, it appears, maintains a permanent agency for the importation of labor from Mexico to do section work in Arizona, New Mexico and southern California. This traffic is carried on with the full knowledge of the federal authorities and with their consent. It has existed for years and still continues. If it is illegal now it has been illegal always.

The contract for this traffic has been held by four or five men in succession. One of these was Ben Heney, a brother of Francis J. Heney. He holds the contract no longer because Mr. Herrin canceled the concession by way of punishment for Francis J. Heney's activity in the graft prosecutions. The man who strives to do his duty to cleanse the city government of San Francisco earns the active hostility of all the "higher ups." Patrick Calhoun and William J. Herrin are closely united by the cohesive power of public plunder. They are one for all and all for one—these musketeers of graft and political corruption.

Francis J. Heney's interest in the peon contract was slight. He had loaned some money to his brother for working capital and this loan is still outstanding. Mr. Heney has not received a dollar

The Plain Issue: Herrin vs. the People

REPUBLICANS of San Francisco, the political fate of your city and your state is in your hands. You will determine that fate tomorrow. By the manner in which you exercise your franchise at the primary elections tomorrow you will establish your right to the privilege of self-government or record your voluntary surrender to the shameful yoke of Herrinism.

It is no complex problem that you will be called upon to solve tomorrow. The issue is as plain as day. It is Herrin vs. the people. Your best interests are bound up in a clean bench, trustworthy, capable legislators and unbossed congressmen. Herrin's purposes and the purposes of the allied villainies fighting with the Southern Pacific company's political bureau can only be accomplished through puppet judges, whose decisions Herrin and the higherups can dictate, and manikin senators and assemblymen who at Herrin's demand will legislate against you.

Herrin is making the fight of his political career to recapture the city you took away from him in May. Your victory in May aroused the decent republicans of California from Humboldt to Imperial. With your help they will drive Herrin's hired men out of the legislature. The salvation of California depends upon you. The perpetuation of the Herrin machine depends upon the subjugation of San Francisco.

Herrin has sounded the call to arms. Every enemy of good government has responded. Abe Ruef, arch criminal of the age, confessed premier of boodle brokers, rides through your streets begging for votes for the Herrin machine tickets. His family and his old strikers are working unceasingly for the success of the "regulars," which they assert "means everything to Abe"—means freedom for the man who confessed that he sold your privileges to any who would buy—who confessed that he sold public officers like the cattle that they were—the man who delivered the San Francisco delegation in the Santa Cruz convention to Herrin for a lump sum.

Ruef does not want delegates to deliver for money this time. The price is his freedom, which can only be secured through judges ready to emasculate and nullify your laws at Herrin's command and legislators who will stop at nothing to defeat your efforts to redeem yourselves in the eyes of the world.

Herrin wants Eddie Wolfe and Budgy Nelson returned to the senate. He has picked Tom Finn to succeed Frank Markey. He has placed the stamp of his approval on Paul Fratessa and Sammy Beckett, who betrayed the labor constituents for Harrison Gray Otis (Mex.) at Herrin's direction. Herrin can rely upon them to work against you in your fight for the enactment of a proper direct primary election law. Herrin and Ruef can rely upon them to vote for another "change of venue" bill or any other legislation which would serve to free Ruef from the penalty for his crimes.

With Ruef, Johnny Daly, Philly Crimmins, Billy Bell, Nic Beban, Lefty Bannon, Jack Butler, the Banjo Eyed Kid, Tim Sullivan, Buck Worthington and the other traitor county committeemen are working under the direction of Herrin's new local dictator, Johnny Lynch, late of Herrin's bank commission, which has permitted thousands of wage earners to be robbed of their little savings.

Nothing is too vile for the political highbinders who seek your civic life. They have bought county committeemen bound to you by solemn pledges. Bribes and promises failing, men who have dared to be men—dared to stand up for free government and a free party—have been threatened. They have been told that opposition to Herrin meant the loss of their employment, financial disaster, business ruin. Herrin's creatures have not stopped at invasion of the home. Women have been bullied—intimidated with threats of injury to their loved ones. Reputable citizens have been coerced into accepting places on the Herrin tickets through fear of threats to ruin their business—made to serve as vote catchers for the controlled majorities, which Herrin can manipulate as he pleases.

Will you submit to that kind of peonage, republicans of San Francisco? The opportunity to free yourselves once for all from the thrall of Herrin will be offered you at the primary polls tomorrow. The Lincoln-Roosevelt league of republican clubs has nominated delegate tickets in every assembly district. Those tickets were nominated in club meetings by the votes of republicans. They are composed of men truly representative of organized labor, the professions and the best in the commercial life of San Francisco. They were not selected by a democratic boss, his hirelings or a self-confessed criminal. They owe allegiance to no boss. They are genuine republicans—not partisans for hire. They are your neighbors. You know them. You know they cannot be bought or traded. You know they will keep the definite pledges they have made you. You know that Abe Ruef cannot sell the votes of those men. You know that the Lincoln-Roosevelt delegates can be relied upon to nominate clean judges, incorruptible legislators, congressmen who will take orders from no boss—who will not desert you in your fight for decency and clean government.

There are only two tickets labeled republican. The machine's prograft-pro-Herrin ticket and that presented by the genuine republicans of San Francisco fighting under the banner of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league. The one stands for all that civic corruption which has exposed San Francisco and California to the contumely of the nation. The other stands for freedom—for the same kind of clean men in public office that are on the Lincoln-Roosevelt delegate lists—stands for you, for your city and for your homes.

You know you can elect the Lincoln-Roosevelt tickets. You demonstrated that in May. You have more at stake tomorrow. That republican who is registered and who fails to vote tomorrow fails in his duty to his state and his party. The vote of every decent republican is needed tomorrow. Republicans of San Francisco, the trust of your city and your state is in you. Will you be true to that trust?

of profit from the enterprise. He has no other connection with the business.

We are not concerned here to discuss the morality or the public policy of this traffic. If it is wrong the Southern Pacific company and Mr. Herrin are using their own wrong in an endeavor to blacken Mr. Heney, although his connection with the business was at most indirect and remote. In this endeavor Mr. Herrin finds the Examiner a ready tool. Mr. Hearst, who makes so much cheap pretense of devotion to the interests of the "common people" offers himself as the convenient instrument of the "higher ups." No means to stab the graft prosecution in the back is neglected by the Examiner. Mr. Herrin orders; the Examiner obeys.

We invite the public to contemplate Mr. Hearst and his hypocritical pretensions in the light of his conduct. This most useful tool of the "higher ups" is the proprietor and promoter of a so called political party professing "independence" and bursting with magnificent promises and pledges of devotion to popular rights.

In this campaign to cripple or destroy the graft prosecution, Mr. Hearst is working under the direction of Mr. Herrin and William J. Dingee, late president of the Contra Costa water company. They supply the information and give the orders. The Examiner does the rest.

This is Hearst.

Answers to Queries

A NUISANCE—A. O. S., city. A man has a stable next to my house and keeps a fractious horse there that kicks the stall all night, disturbing everyone in the house. How can this be abated?
Make your complaint to the owner of the horse and if he does not remedy the matter have him arrested for maintaining a nuisance.

MABEL CLARE—F. L. City. Several correspondents have furnished the title of the old song in which are the words, "No more shall I gather roses, etc."
The title is "Beautiful Mabel Clare," by Rosetta Lunt. If the correspondent will send a self-addressed and stamped envelope a copy of the song will be forwarded.

NATIONAL HOLIDAY—Reader of Query Column, City. Is there a national holiday in the United States?
Had you been a close reader of the query column you would have noticed that in the last three months several correspondents have been told that there is no national holiday.

LUCIN CUTOFF—S. City. What is the length of the Lucin cutoff?
The distance from Ogden to Lucin by the cutoff across the Great Salt Lake is 103 miles, while the distance between the same points over the Southern Pacific route is 147 miles.

AFFECTS—J. D. B., City. Is "affects" correctly used in the following, or should it be "effects"? "In this way

he has already cost us something more than \$2,000 on the original purchase price. Naturally the first cost affects you."
Affects is correct. To affect is to produce an effect. To effect is to accomplish.

BATTLESHIP DRESS SUIT—Reader, City. How many flags does a battleship of the United States navy carry?
According to a naval authority in addition to a full set for communication necessary during maneuvers in home waters, a battleship must be equipped with an extensive array of flags stored on board for various forms of ceremonial and official occasions. This dress suit outfit of bunting consists of 250 different flags, the material and making of which costs \$2,500. Each ship is entitled to a new flag equipment every three years, though, owing to their constant use, a flagship will often require a new set of signals in about a year.

POKER—G. D., Oakland, Cal. If a player asks for three cards and the dealer gives him two only, can the player bet on his hand if he does not find out the mistake until he has picked up the cards?
Any hand of more or less than five cards is dead. The player should have counted the cards given him by the dealer while they were still on the table face down. After he has taken them up or looked at them he has no remedy.

Phonographic Records of Masterpieces of World's Songsters Buried for Future Generations

By Walter Anthony

THE imagination is excited by recent accounts from Paris of the ceremonies held in the vaults of the Paris opera house when the voices of some of the world's greatest songsters were buried, not to be exhumed for 100 years. When the present and another generation have passed over the face of the earth; when only a memory handed down from father to son and grandson is left of the beauty of Caruso's tones; when Tetrazzini's glorious coloratura has ceased to be heard and is but a tradition; when Tamagno's voice in the great "Otello" aria has been silent for a century—then there will be no opportunity in the vaults of the Paris opera house, from hermetically sealed cases of copper the records, bearing the preserved voices of the greatest of our singers, will be placed in the machines now so familiar to us all, and then will be forth again to men and women yet unborn the voices of our great singers.

And still some musicians say that there is no virtue in "canned music." Charles Malherbe, who has charge of the archives at the Paris opera house, describes in the Music Trades, the arrangement of the records and the method of preserving them, as follows:

The disks are so disposed as not to be in immediate contact with one another; the weight resulting from superposition would have the effect in time of marbling the fine engraving and thus compromising the future execution. Moreover, between these isolated plates it was necessary to exclude the air. Air is the friend of all that is insidious, the enemy of all that is inalienable. In order to shield the records from its deleterious action, they were made of copper, this metal being less penetrable than others; a vacuum was made in its bore especially mentioned hermetically. It was then placed in a second case, which was treated in the same manner as the first, not to have the seal of the outer box open to that of the inner, as a further precaution against the direct action of the air.

We must note, too, that the disks are provided with resinous matter, as Madame Gadecki, who is under London Charlton's management. The singer's operatic engagements will consume much of her time, but she will make two tours, the first regular appearance in the Metropolitan opera, but it is not likely she will come to this city, at least for another year. David Bispham will devote the entire season to concert work, beginning at Carnegie hall next October. He plans an interesting experiment in the use of a "sliding scale," in which he will appear as the immortal composer of the great song. The role of Beethoven is said to be strong in pathos taken from the facts of the unhappy life of the composer. Giuseppe Gabriellini, Katherine Goodson and Ernest Schelling are three pianists under Charlton's management who will appear in San Francisco, not to mention Adela Verne, the Bavarian-English pianist, who is appearing in San Francisco a few months ago created a genuine sensation among musicians. She has already appeared in New York and our judgments of her were enthusiastically confirmed by George Hamlin, accounted one of America's most finished singers, is also planning a western journey. It is probable that his tenor voice will be heard in a joint concert with Bispham. Hamlin is one of the few native singers who has had the temerity to take his art into European capitals and the ability to make himself heard and admired there. Among the obligations which American musicians have incurred to Hamlin is his introduction here of the great songs of Richard Strauss.

A new musical organization, the San Francisco orchestral society, was started last Friday evening at the home of Charles H. Dayton, at 1639 Scott street. An orchestra, consisting of advanced amateurs among the country clubs of the state in turn, was discussed. Mrs. Theodore Plinther reported at this meeting upon the large silk banner she is making for the campaign. Mrs. Alton Parke brought an encouraging report from the Santa Clara valley. Mrs. L. B. Tuohy read an account from Glen Park. Mrs. Helen Moore, Miss Selma Solomon, Miss Maud Younger, Miss E. Williams and Mrs. Mary Speary and several others also reported. Mrs. Dennison of Oakland invited the members of the league to attend the reception to be given in Oakland on August 12 in honor of Mrs. A. Pease and Mrs. L. S. Churchill, two visiting eastern women who are prominent workers for equal suffrage.

The outdoor art league of the California club, with Mrs. Lovell White in the chair, held their first regular meeting of the new term on Thursday, about 40 women enjoying the reunion. The league, which is interested in the preservation of Telegraph hill, the suppression of unpleasant bill boards and the general beautifying of the city, has decided to take up a new line of work this term and will take steps at once to preserve the old cemeteries of the city as beauty spots and landmarks as they are generally preserved in the large eastern cities. The cemeteries lying beyond Deaderick street and between Sutter and Hayes were especially mentioned in this connection. Mrs. Lovell White has asked the members to be her guests on Thursday next in her beautiful Hill Valley home, the Arches, where a luncheon, driving and a stroll under the redwoods will fill the day.

On Thursday evening the California club was again used, this time for a reception given by the women's auxiliary of the British and American union, for the president of the organization, Mrs. G. Alexander Wright. The British consul and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hearn, were guests at this affair, as were several other prominent members of the English colony here. The clubhouse had been exquisitely decorated with flags and greens, and several good musical and dramatic numbers were given during the evening. Mrs. Wright, who has been absent for six months in Europe, was presented with some beautiful flowers, and was warmly welcomed back. During her absence Mrs. C. C. Macdonald has acted as chief executive. The regular club meetings will recommence next month.

The first of five concerts for the founding of the fund will be given in the Sequoia club rooms in Bush street on Sunday next, and is in charge of Humphrey J. Stewart. No pains have been spared to make these affairs successful. From both a social and financial point of view, and they promise to be a real innovation in the musical history of the city.

The preliminary program for the immense convention of college alumnae to be held in the Fairmont hotel the first week in August has been issued and speaks well for the efforts of the committee on programs and arrangements. The first regular meeting is on the evening of Monday, August 31, although earlier in the day a meeting of the executive committee, and an afternoon excursion to the park and Cliff House will be arranged. In the evening, Mrs. W. Cheney and Miss Peckham, president of the California branch, will welcome the delegates. Miss Laura Drake Gill, president of the association, will respond. Tuesday morning will be given over to reports and the afternoon to a trip to Muir woods. Wednesday will be spent entirely at the University of California, the afternoon session in the Greek theater being followed by a luncheon at Head's. A session on economics at the Fairmont hotel will be held in the evening. On Thursday various phases of college life for women will be able to express their views at the last day of the convention, will be spent in Stanford, with a visit to Lick observatory at 4 o'clock. September 3 will find the delegates in Los Angeles and on the 9th it is possible that they will visit Mount Lowe.

The Palo Alto woman's club, after some agitated sessions and more or less expressed differences in views, at Miss Head's has decided in favor of an autumn festival, has duly appointed committees, and will go steadily ahead with the work. The subject was discussed at great length at the last meeting, and the action of Mrs. E. G. Green and her committee was formally approved. No date has been set for the festival, but the businessmen who held a street convention in connection with last year's autumn festival have decided to repeat it for another year at least, and the clubwomen can come to a decision as to date without reference to them.

ASPHALT BEDS IN SYRIA
Asphaltic layers have been found in Syria, near Kferia, a village about 25 miles northeast of the port of Latakia, along which the road leading toward Aleppo, which have been declared by competent mining engineers to be not only rich in asphalt but also practically inexhaustible.

BRITISH C. O. D. PARCELS POST
The British Board of Trade Journal makes the official announcement of the inauguration of a "collect on delivery" system for the shipment of parcels post from the United Kingdom.

Clubwomen Begin Work Upon Programs for Winter

By Kathleen Thompson

NOW that the small people have been started off to school again and an unearthly silence prevails in half the homes of the city, madame has time to think of her club once more, to put the desk drawers in order and find out what papers she promised to read this winter, what committees she rashly joined just before the club closed last spring and what she must do before the first meetings are called in another fortnight or three weeks. Members are beginning to drift into various clubhouses one or two afternoons a week and are sure of finding a little knot of officers there in the coming season. As the life of women's clubs grows more and more closely to resemble that of any of the big organizations of the world, so the details multiply and the responsibility mean to do larger things than ever this winter and they are taking hold of their work in good time. Although only one club has as yet commenced its regular meetings this week has been the busiest yet in all the clubs, for several special meetings have been called for one reason or another and there have been large clubhouses nearly every afternoon in the large clubhouses.

On Sunday a week ago the women of the Glen Park outdoor art league, which is one of the most promising of the new clubs, assisted their husbands and brothers in the actual manual labor of filling in a gulch that has for several months, helped to isolate the city colony from the rest of the city. Their original idea was to serve the laborers with a luncheon, which was contributed by the members of the league, but becoming fired with enthusiasm they helped with the shovels and picks, too, with a very gratifying result. Several thousand dollars' worth of work was accomplished and the league has scored another civic success for Glen Park. Mrs. C. O. Stillings is president of the league, which is planning several concerts in the near future with a view to raising funds for a little clubhouse of its own. These will take place in the Glen Park theater, which is now being used as a clubhouse.

The state central committee of the Equal suffrage league met in the clubrooms at California and Fillmore streets on Monday last, nearly a score of prominent clubwomen attending. The work of the league has received their inspiration from the fact that the election year is always an important time for the cause, and on Monday the advisability of employing a promoter, who would visit and address all of the

Impertinent Question No. 63

What's a Lallapaloosa?

(Over in London some cockney heard an American use this expression. He wrote and asked the editor of the Express what it meant. London has been guessing ever since. Let's help London out.)

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.