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Supervisors Delivering The Goods to the U. R. R.

If the action of the public utilities committee of the board of supervisors foreshadows the course and policy of the board there can be no escape from the conclusion that the United Railroads is in full control of the municipal administration.

The incumbent administration is dominated by men elected on the union labor ticket and the men who voted on Wednesday to give away public property without compensation are all of that political persuasion.

The facts are not disputed. The people of San Francisco have voted overwhelmingly to build the Geary street railway and extend it to connection with the ferry.

The people's mandate bids the administration to proceed without delay to settle by legal process the disputed questions relative to franchise rights on lower Market street.

THE Call recognizes fully the great value of the advertising done by the railroad companies in presentation to the ultra-montane public of the attractions and advantages that are offered by California.

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I believe that the time has arrived when the people should demand and can only realize their aspirations by demanding (so far as procedure goes) that there shall be a special rule in each house of congress by which cabinet measures, or administration measures, definitely presented and urged by the president in a special message to congress, shall

TAKING A RIDE



be entitled to precedence over other business until disposed of, unless other matters are declared an emergency by a two-thirds vote.

Something of this tendency we already see in the practice of the present congress. Bills are avowedly prepared by the attorney general after consultation with the president and members of the cabinet.

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THE tableaus vivants to be given Tuesday and Wednesday, April 5 and 6, in the grand ballroom at the St. Francis, will be under the patronage of the board of directors of the Armistage orphanage of Burlingame.

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Miss Dorothy Boericke will leave this week for a visit to the southern part of the state, where she will be entertained in Santa Barbara and prob-

NO CLAMOR HERE TO ASSIST FELS

Local Millionaires Do Not Feel Inclined to Give Up Their Wealth

By MARY ASHE MILLER

JOSEPH FELS of Chicago, who has made millions selling soap, wants to give away his money, he says.

In order to ease his conscience of the burden of getting rich, he explained at great length to some people who were dining at the University of Chicago.

All the capitalists of industry are robbers, he says, but they can not help themselves because the laws of the country are unjust to the masses.

Here in San Francisco Fels' ideas are causing a serious row, but no one seems inclined to go hand in hand with him to give away much money.

Joseph Leggett, attorney and former police commissioner, who is an ardent admirer of the millionaire soap-maker, does not believe that his business is going to suffer through his endeavor to revolutionize economic conditions.

I. W. Heilman Jr. did not want to talk about it, but finally said: "This embraces the whole matter of socialism and is too large a question to be dealt with in a brief interview.

"Will he sell his soap any cheaper?" he asked, and then said: "Well, he wants to get up a scheme to educate the world and revolutionize economic conditions, so he says he will be one of twelve to finance it.

"I think he had better make up his mind to be the whole twelve. I don't know any other rich men that are going to put up the money to do that sort of thing. If I had such faith in any idea I should be willing to finance it.

"There is a great deal of land owned in California by men who do not pay the taxes they should pay. They bribe or cheat the tax collectors, and pay very little. If these tracts were divided up into small farms they would be more valuable.

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DELAY FINAL REPORT ON THE OCEAN SHORE

Engineers, Instead, Ask Court for Appropriation of \$750
Instead of filing their final and complete report on the physical condition of the Ocean Shore railway yesterday, as promised, Virgil Bogue, A. W. Foster and Colonel W. H. Heizer, composing the investigating board of engineers appointed by Judge Van Fleet, filed a partial report in the United States circuit court, which was a request for \$750. They said that they expected to make a full report March 31.

Railroads Should Attract The Settler

An examination of the literature put out with so much pains, labor and cost by the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe discloses the fact that the drive and purpose is almost wholly to attract the tourist trade.

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Answers to Queries

SIGNALS—E. M. T. Salinas. What are the bell, whistle, hand and lantern signals used on railroads?
One bell pull, stop; 2, go ahead; 3, back up.

INHERITANCE TAX—Different subscribers. City. What is the inheritance tax in California? What amount is exempt?
On estates less than \$25,000 in value the tax rate varies from 1 per cent to 5 per cent, governed by the relationship to deceased, the nearer the relationship the smaller the rate of tax.

CROSS—A subscriber, City. Who placed the cross on Lone Mountain, San Francisco, when and why?
It was placed there by authority of the late Archbishop Alemany as an emblem of Christianity and to serve as a landmark. The original cross was erected in May, 1852.

STAMP LANGUAGE—H. A. W. White Salmon, Wash. What is the stamp language or code?
The so-called language of stamps is the placing of stamps on an envelope in such a manner that the position will convey a meaning to the receiver.

WILD BIRD—A. J. T. Tulare. This correspondent wants to know what the superstition is as to a wild bird entering a room. Can any of the readers of this department enlighten him?
CUSTOM HOUSE—Subscriber, City. Where shall I apply for information about civil service examination for the custom house service?
At the office of the civil service commission, Postoffice building, this city.

TO VOTE—E. S. Oakland. Must a foreigner who came to this country while a minor become naturalized in order to vote?
Yes.

PERSONS IN THE NEWS

DR. J. E. MACNEILL of New York is staying at the St. Francis. Dr. MacNeill has written an interesting book on the volcanoes of the Hawaiian Islands and has recently returned from a trip through Yosemite, which he intends to describe in book form.

C. H. PIERCE, head of the Slinger sewing machine company of New York, is at the St. Francis with Mrs. Pierce. They are here on a two years' trip around the world and will sail from this port on the next Pacific liner for the Orient.

CAPTAIN CHARLES T. HINDE, president of the Spruckles Brothers commercial company at San Diego, is at the Palace with J. B. Alexander of Los Angeles, manager of the same company at Los Angeles.

RAYMOND WHITCOMB company of Boston have 60 celebrities on a tour of the west, interested at the Fairmont. They will be in this city for several days, taking a glimpse of the rebuilt sections of the city.

E. L. GOOD, a businessman of Clovis, J. H. Gunn, a businessman of Heidelberg, and W. F. Kaufman, a merchant of Eureka, make up a party staying at the Argonaut.

W. W. SHANNON, state printer, is down from Sacramento looking over the political situation. He is at the Palace with Mrs. Shannon.

W. D. McBRIDE, a merchant of Honolulu, is a guest at the Stewart.