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Apparent Failure Of United Railroads' Policy

UNDER the irresistible pressure of public sentiment the supervisors show a disposition to deal with pending street railway controversies on a reasonable and safe basis. If the action of the public utilities committee expresses the sense of the board there will be no surrender of public rights in Market street. Now if the United Railroads should show an equally reasonable sense of the situation and adopt the suggestion to connect the Sutter street line with the inner tracks in Market street the controversy would be greatly simplified, because the other questions that remain at issue are in the way of settlement in the courts.

It is obvious that the refusal of the United Railroads to connect the Sutter street line with the inner tracks has from the first been intended solely for political effect and to create a spurious public opinion that was expected to influence action by the board of supervisors. In aid of that political campaign a shoal of fake improvement clubs was herded together to work the resolution mill. These agencies expounded the injury done to the city by compelling Sutter street passengers to ride on horse cars. But the obvious insincerity of the agitation was made manifest when The Call pointed out that the inner tracks were always open for electric connection with the Sutter street line. In a word, it was demonstrated that the horse cars on the outer tracks were nothing more than a perverse pretense, maintained for political effect and to coerce the board of supervisors into granting a valuable franchise without any consideration given therefor.

Apparently, if the position of the public utilities committee is sustained by the board, this political pretense of the United Railroads has failed of its purpose. It is for the corporation to decide whether it is worth while to keep up this discredited device when its prime object has failed and its only effect is to create a feeling of general hostility against the company.

It is suggested by a member of the board that the improvement clubs might very well use their influence with the corporation to induce that institution to adopt a reasonable and conciliatory course in this relation. Hitherto the clubs have addressed their petitions to the wrong body. They should have gone in the first instance to the United Railroads, asking for electric connections with the Sutter street line, and not to the supervisors, but it is not too late to correct the mistake.

The Call has favored the enactment of the Bancroft ordinance directing the United Railroads to use the inner tracks in Market street for the Sutter street cars. One purpose of this ordinance was to raise indirectly the legal questions affecting the validity of the franchise in lower Market street claimed by the dummy Sutter street railway company. That purpose will be more logically and more directly fulfilled by the suit instituted by the city attorney to determine these questions. But if immediate relief in the matter of providing electric connections for Sutter street is desired it must come from the adoption by the United Railroads of a more reasonable and conciliatory attitude. No doubt this would involve a radical change in the policy of the corporation, but now that the "bureau for the creation of enemies" has failed of its purpose to obtain a franchise for nothing, it may even occur to the United Railroads that it is not good business to be forever quarreling with its customers and patrons.

THE recent "by elections" to fill vacancies in congress have been the subject of wide comment because of the strongly prevailing tendency of republican voters to turn down the discredited policy of standpatism. Another election of the same sort comes off next Tuesday in the Rochester district of New York. The republican boss of Rochester is George W. Aldridge and he has nominated himself for congress.

A Forthcoming Election of Interest

There is proof that Aldridge has accepted corruption money, but he is personally popular in Rochester, where he is known as a "good boss." At the same time it is realized that he made a bad mistake when he nominated himself for congress. In fact the New York Mail, which may justly be classed as a stalwart, standpat republican paper, advises everybody to vote for the democratic candidate in these words:

Mr. Aldridge is unfit for the office, or for any other. His candidacy is an affront to public sentiment. He ought to be defeated. The way to defeat him is by voting for James S. Havens, the democratic candidate.

It is a bad year for the standpatters and the bosses. The republicans of the fourteenth Massachusetts district reversed a 14,000 majority at the recent election. The republican majority in Rochester was over 10,000 in 1908, but if the bosses elect to outrage public sentiment they are likely to be taught a lesson.

Everybody Should Help the Census Takers

SAN FRANCISCO'S population is in process of enumeration by the United States government and it should be obvious to every resident of the city that a full count is matter of the highest importance in the public interest. The census will fix the comparative standing of the city, commercially, socially and politically. It will supply the basis on which the apportionment of federal offices will be made, the sum of the appropriations for public improvements and the nature and extent of governmental facilities to be supplied in the way of postal and other such functions. The census, above all, will fix the standing of San Francisco among American cities, and this is a matter of peculiar moment to this city at the present time, when it is incumbent on us to demonstrate how complete has been the recovery from the disaster of 1906.

In this view the census of San Francisco arouses a worldwide interest. If we are able to make a favorable showing the demonstration of energy and success in this regard will carry an advertising

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value of incalculable service to the future of the city. It is for this reason that the returns from San Francisco will be examined everywhere with an interest that does not attach to the count in other cities where no sensational setback like that of 1906 has occurred to influence the natural progress.

It is true that the making of an accurate enumeration for San Francisco is accompanied by more than common difficulties. A quite considerable part of our population is Asiatic and most of these do not write or read the English language. Besides they are perhaps disposed to regard a government inquisition with some suspicion. There are other newly arrived foreigners not familiar with our language and ignorant of the nature of popular institutions. But all these elements are accessible to reasonable explanation of the beneficial purpose of the census, and it is in this field that the most effective work for San Francisco can be done. The native and the naturalized population can, for the most part, be relied on to make full, careful and truthful returns, but that is not enough if missionary work among the less instructed elements is neglected. Those who are able to reach these elements and explain the useful purpose of the census should not ignore their duty in this regard.

THE CENSUS MAN MUST GET YOU

By ARTHUR L. PRICE
The census man is coming; can't you hear him in the hall? So gather in the children and be sure you get them all! And let him know their middle names and genealogy. And whether they are married and their partner's name. He'll ask them and he'll take them so to see if they can write. And read the English language well, and did they ever fight? And did they ever lose their jobs, and are they thin or stout? But the census man may miss them if you don't watch out!

The census man is coming, now his bugle's at the farm. Just count up all the hired men and he will do no harm. Acquaint him with your chickens and your cabbages and geese, and do you really own the ranch or hold it in trust? The cattle and the chattels you must all enumerate. And do you eat the winter eggs or sell the output straight? Just tell him all about it and don't leave the chap in doubt. For the census man may miss you if you don't watch out!

The census man is coming. Now what language do you speak? He'll deal with you in Chinese, Hindustani or in Greek, Bohemian or Polish, little Russian, Slav or Swede. You'll find him ready with the tongue that he will need. He'll chin you and he'll win you, be you Irish, Dutch or Jap; You will find him most conversant with Roumanian and Lap. He is a cosmopolitan—though you whisper or you shout— Still the census man may miss you if you don't watch out!

The census man is coming, and he's looking hard for you. And if you try to slip him you will find it will not do. You have to give your number, for his conquest will prevail. It is better to be written down than written up in jail. He'll race you and he'll chase you and we'll help him at the game. We want the population, for in numbers there is fame. And perhaps an extra congressman—we need some more about. And the census man must catch you so you must watch out!

Answers to Queries

CAB STANDS—Quibus, City. Can you tell me anything about the origin of cab stands? The "Maypole" in the Strand was the first place in London where in 1694 a stand was established for cabs and hackney coaches by Captain Bailey. An old account says: "He hath erected according to his ability some four hackney coaches, put his men in livery and appointed them to stand at the Maypole in the Strand, giving them instructions at what rate to carry men to several parts of town, where all day they may be had. Other hackney coachmen, seeing this way, flocked to the same place and performed their journey at the same rate, so that some times there is 20 of them together, which disperse up and down that they and others are to be had everywhere, as watermen are to be had by the water side. Everybody is much pleased with it, for whereas before coaches could not be had but at great rates, now a man may have one much cheaper."

THE EARTH—C. J. Fresno. How many miles a minute does the earth revolve? There are 360 degrees of latitude, each of which consists of 60 geographical miles, or 43 1-3 statute miles at the equator. In its axis once in 24 hours it follows that each hour 15 degrees of latitude must pass under the sun, that is 900 miles, or that 15 miles of surface must pass beneath the sun every minute at the equator. In other words, the earth revolves at the rate of 15 geographical miles, or 17 1-3 statute miles, every minute.

DIVORCE—Subscriber, City. Is a divorce granted in San Francisco to a party who has never been a resident of that city three months legal? The law of California requires that one who wants to begin an action for divorce must have been a resident of the state one year. It makes no provision as to residence in any particular locality of the state.

VOLCANIC ASHES—Subscriber, City. What is the substance of volcanic ashes? Such ashes are of much the same composition as pumice stone or nearly the same as the primary rock formation of the earth, principally silica and feldspar, with a small admixture of metallic oxides.

MARRIAGE—M. L. J. Stockton. Is a marriage legal in California if at the time of the ceremony one of the parties is under age? In order to be legal a resident of California has the consent of the parent or guardian. Otherwise it is a cause for the dissolution of the marriage.

DATES—M. A. R. City. On what days of the week did the following dates fall: May 2nd, 1860; February 12th, 1862; February 3rd, 1864; and February 3, 1866? In 1860, Tuesday; 1862, Friday; 1864, Wednesday; 1866, Saturday.

HAIR—A. D. S. City. Can hair of the human head be pulled out by the roots? Will the hair so pulled out grow again? Hair may be pulled out of the scalp as long as the primary root remains. There is a difference of opinion as to whether hair will grow again where the roots have been destroyed. TABLE D'HOUE—A. E. C. San Jose. How is table d'hôte pronounced by English speaking people? As if written ta-b'hot, with the sound of "a" as in ask and that of "o" as in old.

FINAL FROLIC OF THE SEASON

University Assembly Will Be Enjoyable Affair For Younger Collegians

THERE is another dancing party that will attract the younger set for a final frolic of the season. The event is the last of the university assemblies and will take place this evening at Century club hall. The dances have been very successful and have been given primarily for the members of the younger set that are attending Berkeley or Stanford. The last assembly of the season promises to be a delightful reunion. The patronesses who have directed the social successes of the club are: Mrs. Henry St. George, Mrs. James McNab, Mrs. Charles Rundschu, Mrs. William A. Schrock, Mrs. Rudolph W. Baum, Mrs. William E. Palmer

The imminent departure of Major General Weston and Mrs. Weston with their charming daughter, Miss Kathleen Weston, has crowded these last days of the week with social favors for them. One of the most delightful affairs for Miss Weston was the dinner and theater party given last evening by Miss Eleanor Martin. The affair was given at the St. Francis and among the guests were: Miss Anna Weller, Miss Eleanor Burns, Miss Gwynette Henley, Charles Adams, Philip Paschel, Arthur Fennimore

Miss Anna Nicholson Scott and her fiance, Almer Mayo Newhall, are receiving no end of attention socially, and almost every day sees one or more entertainments planned in their honor. This afternoon Mrs. William Mayo Newhall will entertain at a luncheon for the pretty bride elect. One of the most enjoyable affairs of the week was a theater party given for the couple by Edgar Zook and Sherwood Coffin. Both of these hosts, by the way, will be ushers at the wedding that will take place later in the month. Two other friends who will act as ushers on the same occasion are Spencer Grant and Arthur Foster.

Mrs. Ramon Wilson and her daughter, Miss Marian Wilson, will be the complimented guests at a farewell reception to be given Monday, April 18, from 3 until 5 o'clock, by the members of the Sequoia club. Mrs. Wilson and her daughter will be abroad indefinitely and will be missed in a large circle of friends. Miss Wilson is going to Europe to continue her musical study. Mrs. Wilson is a member of the Spinners club, the Century, the Sequoia and other organizations. She has given up her apartments in town and will be at the Century club until her departure, April 22, for the east and Europe.

Mrs. Gordon Blanding gave an informal dinner last evening at the Fairmont, and there were less than a score of guests bidden by the hostess for this delightful reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Crow Dickson, who was Miss Violet Burton of Los Angeles, have returned to live in this city. The wedding was an event of the early month at the southern home of the bride and there were only relatives with a few close friends at the pretty ceremony. Mrs. Dickson has many friends here, as she passed most of her childhood in this city. She is a member of the Gamma Gamma Phi society. Dickson is a graduate of the University of California. The friends of the couple are pleased over the announcement that their home will be established in this city.

The friends of Mrs. William Miller Graham are receiving charming accounts of the season in London from this attractive matron, who has taken a holiday for the season in the English metropolis. Mrs. Graham has many interesting coterie of clever people. William Miller Graham is at the Palace for a few days and has received a cordial greeting from his friends here, but will return to Santa Barbara and may go abroad later in the year.

Miss Dorothy Baker is a popular girl with a host of devoted friends. She has been recent visitor to Santa Barbara, and has been crowded with informal entertainments. While Miss Vera de Sabia was in the south the two girls were together frequently, but Miss Baker has been passing most of her time as the guest of Miss Mary Gambia. She has enjoyed the reunion with her school friends in the southern city.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Miller have taken a house at San Mateo and will open their country home early in June. The Misses Morrison of San Jose, who have been in town for a few days, entertained at an informal tea given yesterday at the Palace.

Thomas Wilson was host at one of the jolly informal dinner parties of the week given at the Fairmont. There were 10 or 12 guests at the pretty table, which was decorated with flowers. Among those seated at the table were Mrs. Florence Porter Pfingst, Mr. and Mrs. William Sesson, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar de Pue, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Anderson.

Walter Martin was among the guests at the wedding of Miss Genevieve Walker and William P. Burke, that took place yesterday in Philadelphia. Horace G. Pratt was a recent visitor in Santa Barbara. He Who Flies May Read: Any one who has given the subject a moment's thought must see that, with the spread of aviation, a thousand and one difficulties will arise between the flying man and the man walking. Let us take the simplest example: A man entering an airplane will read the notices and signboards on shops easily enough, but how about the aviator who is thinking about his descent? All the signboards to him will be upside down, says the London Globe. This idea has struck an enterprising hotel keeper in Auvergnier, in Neuchatel, and he, as a public benefactor, has arranged one of his notice boards at the side of his hostelry accordingly, so that it reads: GARDER LES VOLS EN HAUT: N'OLVLS ENVYVOUHY: How will the municipal authorities act in regard to the notices of the names of towns so as they shall be available alike to the motorist, the pedestrian and the aviator? The same difficulty will arise with the tobacconist, the purveyors of light refreshments and the names to any nothing of kindred matters, which will easily suggest themselves.

SCHOOL GIRLS NEED MORE PARENTAL CARE

Tragedies Like That Caused by Acid Thrower Might Be Made Impossible

By MARY ASHE MILLER

AMERICAN manners and customs are the pride of our national heart, as a matter of course and patriotism; but, without disloyalty, there are moments when it seems just barely possible that some of the ideas of the older countries are worth harking back to—at least, for consideration. One of the things we are particularly strong upon in our buoyant Americanism is the lack of segregation of the sexes educationally. Boys and girls in this land to prove their worth, must have coeducation, it is contended by many.

To declare our democracy, the children of rich and poor, high and low, moral and immoral, unmarred and criminal, clean and unclean, are thrown in closest association for some hours each day. It is natural that this leads to acquaintances, friendships and, of course, love affairs, some of which terminate seriously. A notable example of this is shown in the case of the pretty high school girl, injured by acid thrown by a man, presumably a fellow student. This girl, who comes of one of the excellent families of the city, is probably sadly marked and has gained an unenviable publicity for herself and her affairs. We had something of the old world plan of chaperonage, or, at least, segregation, this might have been avoided. It is said that the youth's attentions to the girl have gone on for two years, and she has evidently given him some encouragement and written to him during a part of that time. Of late he was so violent in his protestations of affection that she became alarmed. But before that, as long as he merely wrote letters, would adorn the pages of the Family Herald type of romance, it was just one of the high school jokes. The affair was not of the reprehensible, chance acquaintance, surreptitious stamp. It was quite within the bounds of propriety, according to the standards that prevail. She met him at school—was in the same classes with him. The freemasonry of educational association gave them all the

Gossip of Railwaymen

CHARLES DORFLINGER, contract- ing freight agent of the Baltimore and Ohio, had a close call the other day. He nearly fell into the clutches of a professional race-track tout and had it not been for the compassion of Norman Hall of the Santa Fe Dorflinger would have been out a 10 spot. It was the same system that caught H. P. Anewalt of the Santa Fe. A man with two racehorses to ship called on Dorflinger and made arrangements for their shipment over the B. & O. Dorflinger was to make the arrangements for the transportation of the horses over the Santa Fe, and it was while trying to make those arrangements that he was "put wise." A few minutes after Hall had given him the tip to keep away the shipper called again and gave Dorflinger a red-hot tip on one of the horses and it was a close call, but which was running that afternoon. The same plan worked with Anewalt more than a year ago and it is the consensus of opinion in railroad circles that the B. & O. should bear a part of Anewalt's loss.

The Chicago and Northwestern has decided to abolish Sunday work in all departments of the road other than in those actually necessary to operation of the system, and from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. on that day only passengers and perishable freight will be moved. It is estimated that the plan will save about 10,000 to 12,000 men, chiefly members of train crews and freight handlers, to spend that day at home. The freight train schedules have been rearranged so that in as many instances as possible the crews of "dead" trains reach their home towns Saturday night.

The Chicago demurrage bureau handled 243,731 cars in February against 180,823 a year ago. R. E. Wells, general manager of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake, arrived in this city yesterday morning in his special car. He will leave for Los Angeles this morning. Wells' trip was merely for pleasure, although he says that indications point to the opening of the Salt Lake route as early as the middle of June.

Work on the double tracking of the filled in portion of the Luch cutoff is proceeding. It has not been definitely decided whether the trestle portion will be double tracked or not. According to an official ruling of the state attorney general's department of Texas, the officers and employees of the Texas state railroad can not accept or use free transportation over other railroads, nor extend such courtesy over that line.

Local railroadmen, who were in attendance at the meeting of the Raisin day committee in Fresno Wednesday.

Dollar Has Two Heads

Hansell W. Compton has just returned from New Orleans, La., where he went upon a business trip, bringing with him the only genuine silver dollar with heads stamped on both sides ever seen in Atlanta. And thereby hangs a tale. Compton got this silver dollar in change after the head had been stamped under these conditions some railroad men believe that no refund should be made at all, while others have made a practice of charging various multiples of the excess baggage rate for the service of shipping the baggage. Heretofore there has been great diversity of practice among the roads in cases where baggage was shipped, as indicated by the punching of the railroad ticket, but not notice of the failure to make the journey paid for. Where no statutory requirement exists, there is no obligation on the carrier to refund the price of an unused ticket, either in whole or in part. Under these conditions some railroad men believe that no refund should be made at all, while others have made a practice of charging various multiples of the excess baggage rate for the service of shipping the baggage. The story in connection with this coin is as follows: An employe in the New Orleans mint whose duty it was to run the silver coin through the dies to have the head stamped upon it, substituted a die that stamped the reverse side immediately after the head had been stamped upon it, with the other side unmarked and perfectly slick. This was in 1906. Three years later he ran the coin through the stamper for the reverse side, impressing another head and 1909 on the die. The fact that a coin had been put in at the first instance to replace the half coined dollar prevented detection. In this manner, it is explained, the silver dollar came to have its two heads. PERSONS IN THE NEWS WILLIAM STERN, a manufacturer of cotton goods, is in this city on a business trip, registered from New York. Mrs. Stern accompanies him. They are at the St. Francis. JOHN O. REED and M. E. Cooley, professors of Ann Arbor, are guests at the Fairmont. Wilfred B. Shaw, secretary of the alumni association, accompanies them. A. L. PORTER, secretary and treasurer of the Western Retail Lubbermen's association, is at the Palace, registered from Spokane. SECUNDO GUASTI, a vintner of Los Angeles, and L. R. Rogers, a rancher of Las Palmas, are guests at the Palace. C. A. LONG, manager of the automobile company that runs between Willits and Eureka, is at the Palace. CHARLES RASSEL and wife of Modesto are at the St. James. Rassel is touring the state in his automobile. T. L. ENRIGHT, a hardware merchant of Sacramento, is among the recent arrivals at the St. Francis. EDWARD BERWICH, an apple grower and rancher of Pacific Grove, is at the Turpin. W. B. THUMMEL, a lumberman of Modesto, is among the recent arrivals at the Palace. W. H. DAVIS, an insurance man of Los Angeles, is registered at the St. Francis. DR. C. I. BURT of Reno is at the Stewart.