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Probably a Fair Exchange



THE CALL congratulates the people of San Francisco and the members of the board of health upon the board's announced change of attitude toward the meat inspection ordinance; and it is a source of satisfaction to The Call that through its efforts Doctor Eaton and his associates on the board of health were apprised of the public's opposition to their proposed repeal of that ordinance.

Meat Inspection Ordinance Seems to Be Safe he was not opposed to the ordinance upon its merits and that he will no longer oppose it on any ground. What is more to the point is Doctor Eaton's promise that he will enforce the ordinance if the board of supervisors will make the necessary financial provisions.

The president of the board of health has modified the cost estimates ascribed to him. He is of the opinion that he can stop the sale and consumption of tubercle meat in San Francisco if the board of supervisors will make provisions for twelve inspectors.

DISPLAYING a perverted sense of humor some have called the hearing of the Pinchot-Ballinger controversy a "trial." In a sense alien to their intent they described it correctly: it was not a congressional trial of anybody or anybody's cause, but it was the public's trial of the sitting committee and of all that its composition and complexion signified.

THE "trial" is finished. Secretary Ballinger has epigrammatically scotched a few "snakes." His learned counsel have revised the ten commandments with all the deft skill shown by their client in his revision of the land laws and the conservation policies of Roosevelt and the people.

SENATOR "BILLY" LORIMER of Illinois has been vindicated. Senator "Billy," more intimately, if not affectionately, known in Chicago as the "Blonde Boss," did the vindicating in person. The scene was set in the chamber of the United States senate, where "Billy" stood, proud exemplification of the self-made statesman and picturesque peer of Boies Penrose, Chauncey M. Depew and Bill Stone.

the votes that made him a senator were concocted by Governor Deneen and a black hearted Chicago editor for the purpose of wrecking a bank which "Billy" and some other philanthropists were about to open in Chicago. The "Blonde Boss" did not say that his bank was organized for the purpose of handling Illinois' \$20,000,000 waterways appropriations.

Unhappily, "Billy's" personally conducted vindication was so ill timed that he was unable to consider the confession of State Senator Holtslaw. While "Billy" was explaining to the nation through the senate that Deneen and Medill McCormick had induced Charles A. White to make a false confession of bribe taking, Senator Holtslaw was making a detailed confession to the Cook county grand jury and that body was voting indictments.

The "election" of Lorimer was consummated just one year ago. The Call said then that the breaking of the deadlock for Lorimer was one of the worst of the jobs ever perpetrated by Roger Sullivan and his creatures labeled democrats.

The election of Lorimer and his present "vindication" furnish the strongest arguments against the nonpartisan senatorial propaganda. Lorimer did not dare present his name to the people of Illinois as a candidate for the senate at the preceding election. Unlike some California statesmen, he issued no statements about an expensive primary system acting as a bar to his candidacy.

Posing as a republican member of congress, Lorimer supported Stevenson, the democratic candidate for governor against Deneen, because Deneen stood for direct primary and other reforms, and because Deneen stood in the way of Lorimer's manipulation of the rich waterways appropriations. He helped elect Oglesby lieutenant governor and worked up the legislative fusion which resulted in the senatorial deadlock. Now the fusionist legislators to save themselves from penal servitude are confessing the prices paid for their votes.

The partisan character of the California direct primary law was the cause of a great outcry set up by a few hired claqueurs posing as exponents of pure reform. Some republican machinememen are now advocating that the machine attempt to ignore the senatorial provisions of the primary law and "put over" a fusion candidate after the legislature convenes. The California primary law provides ample insurance against that sort of thing. It gives to the people an opportunity to put their legislative candidates on record before they are elected, and if the people embrace that opportunity the next senator from California will not be an applicant for membership in "Billy" Lorimer's vindication club.

COLUSA'S splendidly successful carnival has done something more than emphasize the fact that the beautiful and richly productive Sacramento valley is one of the brightest spots in California. It has helped successfully to refute the oft heard charges that America and Americans are deficient in the holiday and carnival spirit.

The Colusa carnival would be an artistic success was to be expected. That its success has exceeded the expectations of the most optimistic is but the source of further congratulations. Quite apart from its purely pleasurable features the Colusa carnival is an important and significant affair.

The carnival has not only provided healthful and profitable relaxation for the people, but it has been productive of material benefits in which Colusa and a large contiguous territory will share. It has and will produce material results well worth while. The whole Sacramento valley has taken an interest in the carnival, which will close tonight. The whole valley is represented in the throngs of merry makers that crowded the pretty little city. Strangers from afar have been attracted. The advantages of the entire Colusa district have been impressed upon them in the most attractive manner. The spirit of the celebration and its possibilities are perhaps best evidenced by the fact that the program of this, the last day, is in charge of the Sacramento Valley development association. Santa Rosa, San Jose and Colusa have held extraordinarily successful carnivals. Those communities and their people have been benefited. So, too, has all of northern California. Oroville is to surrender to the carnival spirit. The Call bespeaks for Oroville full measure of the encouraging success that has attended the efforts of the people of Colusa, San Jose and Santa Rosa. The summer festival is a good thing. May its spirit infect the people of every California community.

TO A FRIED EGG

Today the golden sun sank in the west, And as I watched its mellow after-glow, And saw the changing colors come and go, By vagrant cloudlets kissed, and then caressed, Unbidden tears crept to my eyes, distressed, And caused my memory to overflow With ever present dreams, and in my woe I cursed the sun in very wretchedness.

NOTHING DOING

A comet flashed across some sky, A distant sky we could not see; But science used a glassy eye, As certain men whose brows were high, Knew where that comet had to be. For years untold the comet's flight Had been a fiery mark through space; A billion miles from human sight, High garnered, it sped as aut might If Barney Oldfield set the pace.

COMPANY

Doorbell started ringin', Filled us with dismay, Father got his collar And put his pipe away. Mother in a hurry Straightened up the room, Aunt Jane looked it over, And swept it with the broom. Sister got some powder, And put it on her nose, Told me she would cuff me Unless I brushed my clothes. There we all sat smilin', Neat as we could be, Everything all ready To pour a cup of tea. Then the door was opened— I am laughin' still! 'Twasn't anybody But a feller with a bill!

Queen is a Fluent Linguist

Queen Elenora of Bulgaria is an accomplished linguist and is well acquainted with French, English, German and Russian writers in the original. French writers are said to be her favorites. This is as it should be, for her majesty through her grandmother traces her descent from the famous Henri, due de Rohan, soldier and writer. The present duchess is well known as a French writer, says the London Globe. The queen's brother, the prince of Reuss, is a composer and his sister displays literary tastes. The queen prefers a country life to the attractions of the town; her favorite residences are the Palace Euxinograd, situated on the sea, and the palace at Rhodope, where the king has a valuable collection of antiquities, most of which he has collected himself in his own capital, Sofia, which is the ancient Sardica.

The Insider

Tells of the objection of the people of Coalinga to the presence of negroes and how a minstrel troupe was received and wrecked the interior of the opera house.

Five Dollars Paid for a Single Drink I T is a remarkable fact that there is not in Coalinga even so much as one negro, either as a resident or temporary guest. Once or twice a negro has reached the town, but his stay has been brief. Just about long enough for him to get a flying start for Hanford, 40 miles and more away. If by any chance a negro should happen to enter a saloon there—and Coalinga has many drinking emporiums—the bar tender immediately flashes forth a huge placard labeled:

Drinks for Negroes Five Dollars.

A minstrel troupe worked the town not long ago—real darkies—but every hotel and every restaurant was crowded to full capacity and the luckless troubadours had no place to sleep, to say nothing of appeasing their hunger. Finally they were herded into the opera house while their manager went out to buy some sort of a canned supper for them after the performance.

One of the darkies finally ventured out and down to "Whisky row." He entered a saloon, and the \$5 placard was promptly showed before him. He was game, however, and tossing a gold piece on the bar called for a drink. As he replaced the glass on the bar the bar tender grabbed it and hurled it to the floor at the feet of the negro. The fortunate arrival of Deputy Marshal Woods prevented a riot and the darkey was hustled back to the opera house.

By bribing a white man the minstrel band managed to smuggle a supply of firewater into the opera house and there they held high carnival for the rest of the night. They practically wrecked the interior of the building, but managed to get out of town without loss of life. No one in Coalinga seems to be able to give any special reason for this violent antipathy to the colored race. So far as known no negro has cared enough about the matter to argue the point or apply for a restraining order.

Comment of Pastors Sparkles With Wit

Clergymen, as a rule, at least the successful ones, have a pretty keen sense of humor. If you doubt this statement, just attend one of their conventions and you will hear some clever repartee and comment that sparkles with the wit which drives home a truth to linger long in the mind. It has been my fortune to hear all the famous after dinner speakers for which this city has been noted. I know that it has been the fashion to put the late General Barnes at the head of the list, with Hall McAllister a close second.

In my opinion, the late Rev. Doctor Jewell, long a Methodist pastor of this state, was the best post prandial orator that California ever produced. His wit was of the cleanest, his voice sonorous and as musical as a bell. Rev. Doctor Barrows, whose mental breakdown was a tragedy in the history of one of the most fashionable churches in this city, was also a delightful speaker. The venerable Horatio Stebbins always had something to say that was worth hearing. The barb of his wit, however, was often tipped with caustic. Then there was Rabbi Voorsanger, who counted among his best beloved friends Archbishop Riordan. They appreciated each other's abilities as leaders and teachers of men, and not infrequently the keen rapiers of their wit crossed in a duel of merry banter.

Men are human, and the pastor who can not appeal to the humorous viewpoint will fall short in efficiency. Here is a story in point: A prominent divine of this city once went to W. C. Ralston (they seldom went in vain) for a contribution to help lift the debt on a small country church.

"Who is the preacher there?" was the banker's first question. He was told the name of the pastor. Immediately the great financier reached for his check book and, with a hearty laugh, exclaimed: "Why, I know that chap. I heard him speak once, and he had Mark Twain faded out of sight. You will hear from that young fellow some day."

ANSWERS TO QUERIES

CORNER BEEF—A. Q. C. R., Alameda. What is the nutritive value of corner beef as compared with beef not cornered? Authorities differ. Liebig says that "salted meat is so far as nutrition is concerned, in much the same state as meat from which good soup has been made. The Scientific American, in an article on nutritive values, says: "After flesh has been rubbed and sprinkled with dry salt, a brine is produced, amounting in bulk to a third of the fluid contained in the raw flesh. This brine is found to contain a large amount of albumen, soluble phosphates, lactic acid, potash, creatine and creatinine—substances which are essential to the constitution of the flesh. But food is used in the body to build up and repair tissue and to furnish energy. Heat and muscular power are forms of force or energy. Energy is developed as the food is consumed in the body and this is reckoned by fuel value. The value of a porterhouse steak is counted as 1,110 and corned beef as 1,271. Dr. Thompson, in "Practical Dietetics," says: "Salted meats of all kinds are drier, less digestible and slightly less nutritious than fresh meat."

NUISANCE—Subscriber, City. What does the law define as a nuisance? A nuisance in law denotes whatever is an annoyance to one's neighbors, or, in a general sense, to the public at large, in the exercise of their rights of property. The whole doctrine of nuisance is founded on the theory that every person is entitled to the full use and enjoyment of his property and of the right of passing to and fro on the highway without being interfered with or impeded by others. Nuisances are divided into two classes, private and public. For instance if a person leaves a heap of rubbish emitting noxious smells close to a neighbor's window, this may be said to be a private nuisance; but if the same were placed on a public highway, or so as to annoy divers persons equally and in the same manner, it then becomes a public nuisance.

WOOD FOR FUEL—F. J. Los Gatos. What is the relative value of different kinds of wood as fuel? A test made with air dried wood in the same furnace, under like conditions showed: Hardshell hickory, 100; pignut hickory, 95; white oak, 84; white ash, 77; dogwood, 75; scrub oak, 72; witch hazel, 72; applewood, 70; red oak, 67; white beech, 65; yellow oak, 60; hard maple, 59; white elm, 53; red cedar, 56; wild cherry, 55; yellow pine, 54; chestnut, 52; yellow poplar, 51; butternut, 49; white birch, 43, and white pine, 39.

CINCO DE MAYO—A. D. Y., Oakland, Cal. Why do the Mexicans observe the "cinco de Mayo" as a holiday? It is an observance of the anniversary of the defeat of an army of 6,000 French soldiers at Puebla on that date (May 5), at the time that Napoleon III was endeavoring to establish an empire, with Maximilian at its head, on American soil.

NANTUCKET—E. W. City. Was Nantucket always a part of Massachusetts? Was it at one time part of other territory? It was settled in 1659. It was annexed to New York in 1684, and in 1693 was ceded to Massachusetts.

EGGS—S. City. What is the average product of eggs by a hen? First year about 20 eggs, second 120, third 135, fourth 118, fifth 80 and sixth 60.

BUCKLEY—Subscriber, City. When and where was Chris Buckley, the one time blind political boss of San Francisco, born? The following is given as one means: "Set a quantity of cracked walnuts in Ireland, 1841."

LIBERTY OR DEATH—Subscriber, City. By whom and under what circumstances was "give me liberty or give me death" used? In March, 1775, Patrick Henry delivered a speech in the Virginia convention in favor of a resolution "that the colony be armed for their defense, and that if the British should attempt to disarm them, they should resist by force." In concluding his address he said: "Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

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PERSONS IN THE NEWS

- I. S. LOGAN, assessor of Riverside county, is at the Stewart. He will be married shortly to Miss Mencl, a wealthy young woman of Tahiti. G. F. ROBINSON of Chico and A. E. Beck of Vancouver are among the recent arrivals at the Mann. D. L. SHARP, a businessman of Marysville, is in town on a short trip and is making the St. Francis his headquarters. ERNEST E. WILKES, a real estate man of Los Angeles, is at the Fairmont with Mrs. Wilkes. FRANCIS W. BENNETT, a distiller of Philadelphia, is at the St. Francis with his family. MRS. AND MRS. E. M. ALLEN of London are among the recent arrivals at the Fairmont. PAUL VAN NEINDORFF, a spinning operator of Goldfield, is a guest at the St. Francis. FRANK A. WERNER of Los Angeles is among the recent arrivals at the Palace. WILLIAM R. STANTS, a broker of Pasadena, is at the Palace with Mrs. Stants. J. W. MULHERN, a railroadman, is among the recent arrivals at the Stewart. H. L. HOLVERTON, a businessman of San Luis Obispo, is at the Argonaut. RUSSELL T. JOY of San Luis Obispo is at the St. Francis for a few days.