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California Has Done a Splendid Thing, And She Has Done It in a Splendid Way

RICH and liberal California has shown her faith in the Panama canal and in the exposition to be held in San Francisco to celebrate the opening thereof by authorizing the expenditure of some \$30,000,000 in preparation for the trade that must accrue on the fulfillment of this great project.

State and the city have provided \$17,000,000 to finance the fair, and in addition thereto the state has appropriated some \$30,000,000 to put its house in order for business following on the opening of the canal. The items are important and impressive. At last week's election the state voted \$10,000,000 to improve the harbor of San Francisco and \$1,500,000 to provide facilities for shipping at the port of San Diego.

Much of the work on these highways will be completed by the time the exposition opens. They will furnish a new attraction by making the natural wonders of this region more easily accessible to the motor car tourist. An opportunity to see Yosemite and Tahoe, the Oberland of Lake county and the orange groves and missions of southern California in a comfortable touring car, running on good roads, will be made incidental on a visit to the world fair.

As has been said, California does things on a magnificent scale. Besides the \$30,000,000 raised for the purpose of public industrial investment the people of the whole state have voted an appropriation of \$5,000,000 in aid of the San Francisco exposition project. There was no division of sentiment on this question, and the south was as ready to put its hand in its pocket as the north.

This is doing business on a broad gauge plan, but it in no way strains the financial ability of the state. With a total assessment roll of \$2,500,000,000 we can carry the load without trouble.

What have Louisiana and New Orleans to offer to the nation as an offset to this? Against nearly \$50,000,000 of California's public and private money pledged to the exposition and to works in anticipation of the canal opening, our sister and rival state and city have voted \$6,500,000 in state bonds and have raised \$1,000,000 by private contributions.

form of public offense. Chicago is working to the same purpose, but the other day had a setback owing to the stupidity of a municipal judge, who declared invalid an act of the legislature prohibiting advertising signs on boulevards or within 500 feet of public parks on the ground that the law was an infringement of property rights.

It is a decision quite at variance with the trend of modern judicial interpretation and will undoubtedly be reversed sooner or later. Writing on the subject the Chicago Daily News says:

The right to life should include the right to rational enjoyment of life. When the public spends money to create boulevards and parks it should not be within the power of individuals to nullify to a considerable degree the purpose of the expenditure by maintaining nuisances that offend the eye.

This states the true principle, and there is not the slightest doubt that the courts will come to that view. No man has the right to use his property so as to constitute a public offense. The police power must be and will be made adequate either for restriction or prohibition of the nuisance.

THE cow has been virtually eliminated from the life of cities and now the horse is threatened with the same fate. The horsecar went long ago and the motor truck and the power delivery wagon are already competing actively for the carrying trade of cities.

Extension of Motor Truck Transportation. The horse car went long ago and the motor truck and the power delivery wagon are already competing actively for the carrying trade of cities. It seems as if the future teamster would have to be something of a machinist, and the garage equipped as a machine shop will take the place of the stable.

Thus the Boston Transcript describes the situation in that neighborhood: The time is at hand when much of the burden heretofore borne by the horse is to be taken from his shoulders, when the bulk of the freight carrying in and about the large cities will be done by motor driven wagons.

It is claimed for the motor truck that not only is a quicker delivery of freight effected by it, but that likewise there is material economy in cost of transportation. One important advantage of the motor truck is that the radius of its activity is greatly extended as compared with the old plan. Business houses are using these wagons to distribute goods over a 50 mile radius around Boston.

The fact is that the gains shown by the census have been chiefly made in the industrial centers of the east and on the Pacific coast. We do not yet know whether the agricultural population of the Pacific coast has shown any important increase, but it is certain that the coast cities have scored a remarkable advance, whose impetus is far from being exhausted.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S Outdoor Art league advocates the enactment of an ordinance forbidding the posting of any form of advertising on the highways, the fences thereof or on any kind of public property. The league is impressed with the wisdom of Richard Watson Gilder's saying that "One of these days the people of a commercial community will appreciate the fact that, to put it commercially, beauty is a valuable asset as well as a joy forever and that the advertisement fiend will not be permitted to go up and down the land destroying views, which means destroying values—values that belong to the entire population and that no individual has the right to ruin."

Getting somewhat ancient As I travel down the years; I have had whole worlds of laughter, With a little dab of tears Here and there to make a contrast With the shiny days of glee. And I want to say the women Always have looked good to me. I recall the days of hoopskirts And the old-time waterfalls That the women did their hair in— And I laughed about them all— All the fashions that they followed Were as funny as could be— But in spite of them, the women Always did look good to me. I have watched the changing fashions, Watched them go and watched them come; I have laughed at women's headgear; 'Peekaboos have struck me dumb; Sheath gowns, hobble skirts and tube gowns, All have roused their share of glee, But I want to say that women Always have looked good to me. —Chicago News.

What's Maude crying about? asked the father home from work. "She's crying over the play she saw at the matinee." "And what's Maymie crying about?" "She's crying because she couldn't go."—Washington Star.

Both Hit Hard The recent charge that Tammany and Wall street were hand in glove brought such vigorous denials from both sides that it is hard to tell which was the hardest hit.—Life.

Financial Knicker—Are you cutting down expenses? Mrs. Knicker—Yes; I am paying only half the bills.—Puck.

Squaring the Circle Upon my course thro' life I've found, I've seen it everywhere, That money makes the world go round, It doesn't make it square. —Life.

Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher

Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as wool, and sundry statesmen held her up hard by the village school.

MARY'S LAMB

beastly way that little maids with wool to sell can get but little pay. They rob consumers on the left, producers on the right; and little girls with little lambs are in a fearful plight. And when your lamb is nice and fat, and fit for butcher's stall, the meat-trust reaches forth its claws and takes it, bleat and all. The meat trust, backed by tariff laws that are the nation's shame, is on the trail of little lambs, and you should dodge its game. Go home, go home, dear little maid, and take your lamb along, and tell your pa to seek the polls and right a grievous wrong. If he will cast his vote for us, we'll guard your lovely sheep, and never more in all the world shall little maidens weep." Then Mary leaped upon her lamb and gave a mighty yell, and galloped to the booby hatch, and took a padded cell.



WALT MASON

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The Morning Chit-Chat

If the government ever feels that it would like a mother and daughter to act as spies in its secret service department I can recommend two women who are qualified for the position by a long course of home training.

I don't know that there is an examination for spies, but if there is the fine tooth comb inspection of the neighborhood which these two women carry on daily from their living room window certainly ought to make them able to pass with flying colors.

I made a call at their home the other day and this is a sample of the conversation. Please punctuate scantily with a few general remarks and liberally with seances at the window.

"Oh, mother, look out the window quick and see if you think that's a new coat Ruth Blakely has on or her old caracul trimmed up with lynx."

"Lucy, do you know who that man going by with Madge Holbrook is? Is he the one she went to the theater with Wednesday? No, that one was light haired. This must be another one. My dear, this is the fifth man we have seen that girl with since she got back from her vacation. I think it's positively scandalous. I don't see why her mother doesn't forbid her to make such a show of herself."

"There goes Mrs. Norton off to her 'new thought' lecture. Yes, she goes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and stays so late that her husband often has to get his own supper."

"If that isn't the Holbrooks' maid starting out all dressed up. It isn't her afternoon off, either. I don't see how Mrs. Holbrook can let her gad so. Why, she had two afternoons and two evenings last week. Mrs. Holbrook spoils her terribly."

"My dear, do you know who that girl is going down the other side of the street with the brown corduroy suit on? She came out of the Blakelys, I think. She is one I never saw before."

"Pause, while the two ladies stare the luckless stranger out of sight, taking in every detail of her costume. I am sure if you should call and ask them today they could tell you whether she wore button boots or faced, and just how much the plumes on her hat cost and whether her puffs were really her own or 'made in Germany.'"

"There's the doctor's automobile at Mrs. Rice's. My dear, that's the fifth time this week, and yet Mrs. Rice isn't sick abed. I always used to like her, but I certainly don't think this looks well. The doctor is such a fascinating man and Mr. Rice is away so much. Really, some one ought to warn him. You don't believe Mrs. Rice could do anything wrong? Oh, my dear, you haven't seen as much of the world as I have."

No, I haven't, thank goodness, and I trust I never shall. At least not the way she sees it. I happened to visit elsewhere in that neighborhood and I know how the people who live within eyeshot of that argus eyed window actually skulk out of their back doors sometimes to avoid its scrutiny.

I know how they even plan their goings and comings so that "Mrs. M. and Lucy won't see me and try to find out what I'm doing."

Not because they are doing anything wrong, but merely because they resent this perpetual spying.

I think these people are foolish. In allowing themselves to be disturbed by the two spy women's littleness of mind they place themselves almost on the same level.

I think they should good naturedly ignore the scrutiny instead of actually letting it influence their actions.

But as for the spy women themselves—well, I'm just sorry for them. Don't you think it must be terrible to have so few real interests, so few resources within yourselves that you are reduced to perpetually spying upon your neighbors for food for thought?

I do. Ruth Cameron

to Betsy Ross, whose preference for the star in vogue with the French, who helped the Americans in their struggle for independence, was equaled only by her aversion for the stellar emblem of the Britishers. This department has not been able to find any explanation for the continuance of the six pointed star on the coins to the present day.

PRONUNCIATION—T. R. M., Cltr. What is the best course for a young man to pursue so as to be able to pronounce words properly, his early education having been neglected? Hire a private teacher.

LAWTON—When and where in the Philippines was General Lawton, U. S. A., shot and killed? At the head of his troops at San Mateo, December 19, 1899.

JOHN BROWN—J. F. G., Cltr. When was John Brown of Harper's ferry fame executed? December 2, 1859.

CONGRESSMAN ELECT WILLIAM D. STEPHENS, who was chosen mayor of Los Angeles at the time of the recall of Mayor Harper, is registered at the Palace.

MR. AND MRS. J. A. FITZGERALD of Gilroy and Charles Woodruff of Portland are among the recent arrivals at the Turpin.

SENATOR C. M. BELSHAW of Antioch is at the St. Francis with Mrs. Belshaw. They have taken apartments for the winter.

G. D. COX, a merchant of Fresno, and F. W. Anderson, a businessman of Chico, are among the recent arrivals at the Turpin.

GEORGE WINGFIELD, head of the Goldfield Consolidated mines, is at the St. Francis with Mrs. Wingfield.

GARRISON TURNER, a dealer in hardware and mining implements at Modesto, is at the Argonaut. JOHN W. ZOLLARS, a wholesale grocer of El Paso, is at the Union Square with Mrs. Zollars. Galt, is at the Stewart.

DORSEY B. SMITH, a steamshipman of Portland, is staying at the Palace with Mrs. Smith. JAMES P. GURIN, a vintner of Lytton Springs, is registered at the Union Square. LEE C. GATES, an attorney of Los Angeles, is among the recent arrivals at the Palace. H. W. LAKE, manager of the Hotel Vendome, is at the St. Francis. STATE SENATOR FRANK R. DEVLIN of Val-lejo is a guest at the Palace. B. BERNARD and wife and daughter, Colfax, Wash., are at the Stanford. HENRY F. BRIZARD, a mining engineer of Ar-cat, is at the St. Francis.

PERSONS IN THE NEWS

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ELECT A. J. WALLACE of Los Angeles is registered at the Palace. E. R. DICKINSON of the Globe express company is at the St. Francis, registered from Salt Lake. JAMES C. IRONS, a railroadman of Vancouver, is registered at the Palace. DR. AND MRS. FRED P. CLARK of Stockton are guests at the Stewart. E. J. LORD of Honolulu is among the recent arrivals at the St. Francis. CHESTER H. BOWLETT of Fresno is making the Palace his headquarters. J. S. VILAS, a farmer of Modesto, is at the Stewart with Mrs. Vilas. J. R. WALKER, a merchant of Salt Lake, is registered at the Palace. JAMES WHITAKER, a real estate operator of Galt, is at the Stewart. W. H. CAMERON, a merchant of Napa, is a guest at the Argonaut. F. A. HART, a lumberman of Aberdeen, is staying at the Fairmont. CAPTAIN T. H. KOCH, U. S. A., is registered at the Palace. JOHN G. CRUMP, merchant from Lakeport, is at the Turpin. F. R. WEYERS, businessman from Lodi, is at the Turpin. H. F. CABE, merchant from Minnesota, is at the Colonial.

Answers to Queries

BUCKSKIN—O. W. R., Edin. What is the method for preparing a deer's hide to convert it into buckskin? What is the method of treating a cow's hide so that it can be used for harness leather?

The Indian method for making buckskin is to soak the deer skin for four or five days in warm water, then take it on a round and well smoothed post five or six inches in diameter with the smooth end resting about breast high and the other end on the ground. With the back of a large knife the hair and outer skin are pushed off. After that the skin is placed in brain water, made from the brain of the deer mixed with water sufficient to cover the skin. It is left in this liquid in a warm place for five or six days, after which it is washed and rinsed and wrung as dry as possible. The skin must be rubbed and worked while it is drying. To prepare a cow's hide for the purpose named you would have to have the hide of a tanner and know all about tanning.

GADSDEN PURCHASE—P. O. H., Newark. Have made the "Gadsden purchase," but have not been able to discover much about it in standard histories. Why was it called by that name?

The territory known as the Gadsden purchase comprises a tract of land partly in New Mexico and partly in Arizona. It was purchased from Mexico by the United States in 1854 for \$10,000,000. Mexico ceding the land, with an agreement that it abandoned all claims for damages arising from Indian incursions between 1848 and 1853 and agreeing to the abrogation of the eleventh article of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. It embraces 45,335 square miles, is bounded on the north by the Gila river, on the east by the Rio Grande and on the west by the Colorado. It is called the Gadsden purchase by reason of the fact that the negotiations with Santa Ana were conducted by James Gadsden, then American minister to Mexico.

SOUL KISS—Subscriber, Cltr. What is a "soul kiss" and how did it originate? The soul kiss is said to be one that is pure, reverential and fervent. It is said to have had its origin from the following in "Locksley Hall," by Tennyson:

Many an evening by the waters did we watch the stately ships And our spirits rushed together at the touching of the lips.

FIVE AND SIX POINTS—A Reader, Cltr. How is it that the stars on the United States flag are five pointed and those on the United States coins are six pointed?

When the first United States coins were made those who cut the dies contained the six pointed stars which were on the British coins previously used in the colonies. The selection of the five pointed star for the flag, which was not specified by congress, is credited

Abe Martin



If a fellow screwed up his face when he asks for credit like he does when he's asked 't settle he wouldn't get it. Nobuddy but a lawyer ever waits fer both sides of a story.