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TRY CONGRESS NEXT

What is called the "overnight change of attitude" of former Secretary Fisher in the matter of San Francisco's application for the Hetch Hetchy water permit is sharply criticized by the Livermore Herald...

TO SIFT THE BILLS

Approximately 4,000 bills are before the legislature for consideration. Many of these are duplicated measures; others are absurd propositions introduced by legislators for constituents "by request"...

THE FRIEDMANN SERUM

New York physicians are changing their opinion of Dr. Friedrich F. Friedmann, the German who has a reputed cure for tuberculosis. Granted that the visiting scientist was nervous and disturbed at his first demonstration...

BLUNDERS AT WHITTIER

In the musical show of the period there is always a laugh when the comedian looks at the demure ingenue and asks, "Can any girl be as innocent as you look?"

THEY'RE SAYING

John D. Rockefeller collected a dividend of \$9,907,680 the other day. It will come in handy to pay his first income tax assessment.—Philadelphia North American.

THE GOLD CURE

Propos of a young man who, filled by a beautiful debutante, was about to marry an elderly widow of great wealth, Charles Dana Gibson said the other day in New York: "Well, at any rate, there's one sure for love—the gold cure."

Why People Want to Be President

staggering sum will be needed to cover faulty engineering. The blame for the blunders rests largely on former State Engineer Ellery. He is out of office now, and it is easier to blame a man when he is out of office than when he is in.

THE WOMAN'S WAGE

A senate committee of the legislature of Illinois is investigating the subject of female labor in connection with a bill now pending to establish a minimum wage of \$12 a week for women.

FERRY TALES

UNLIKE the Ancient Mariner's story of the diving girl, this little tale is the very pink of propriety. In fact, propriety is its essence. It really ought to have happened in Los Angeles instead of Berkeley.

ABE MARTIN

Th' feller that's goin' 'th' dogs knows where his real friends are. Some fellers have greatness thrust upon 'em, an' others have long whiskers.



SHEAR NONSENSE

"Does your wife want the vote?" "No. She wants a larger town house, a villa on the seacoast and a new limousine car every six months. I'd be pleased most to death if she could fix her attention on a small matter like the vote."—Washington Star.

GOING ON AT A GREAT RATE

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A CONVERT

"What did you do then?" "I hit him in his alter ego." "Talk English. What do you mean by his alter ego?" "His other eye."

A LOVE STORY

Prof. Henri Bergson, at a dinner in New York talked of love with that gay and sparkling philosophy which has made him famous in Europe.

ANOTHER EVIL

Willis—I see a fellow in New York took out \$250,000 insurance on \$200 worth of goods. Gills—That's nothing. I know a lot of fellows who carry \$25,000 life insurance on a 30 cent life.—Puck.

EVERYWHERE

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NEWS FROM THE HOTELS

John Stone, a consulting electrical engineer of New England, who is registered at the St. Francis from Boston, is here at the instance of several prospective exhibitors at the exposition. Mr. Stone said: "I have been commissioned to come to San Francisco to look after the interests of several large companies in the east, who may exhibit at the exposition. I am not at liberty to reveal the identity of my clients just now. There is one thing that strikes me as being an imperative necessity here in San Francisco in the near future and that is a subway system to handle the immense amount of traffic this city will handle in a comparatively few years. Elevated railroads are not the success in crowded districts and they don't relieve the congestion as well as a subway does."

HIS ALTER EGO

The boarding school miss was allowed to walk down the street all by herself. In less than an hour she got into trouble. She had smashed a corner loafer in the face. She had to be escorted home.

ALL HANDS WENT UP

A Kansas preacher who thought that few people were free from the habit of lying, decided to put the matter to a test, while lecturing his congregation on the subject. He requested every one who felt that he was entirely free from the habit to raise his right hand. Every hand went up, and after scratching his head thoughtfully for a moment, the preacher remarked: "Well, it is much worse than I had thought."—New Orleans States.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES

SPEED—Subscriber, City. It has been calculated by an estimator of speed that a small speedometer on a schooner in that it is a moves at the rate of one-third of an inch a second when it is active and wants to get away from danger. Man swims between 5 and 6 feet per second in the course of ordinary swimming. At an ordinary gait man walks 17 feet per second and runs 27 feet in a second.

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TOLD AND RETOLD

LOUIS TIFFANY, at the Egyptian fete that he recently gave in his New York studio, was led by the magnificence of some of the Egyptian vestments of his guests to examine them.

ALWAYS MERRY AND BRIGHT

Stan V. Henkels, the famous Philadelphia author, is talking about the wonderful Haie autographs which he sold last month.