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A PRACTICAL INDORSEMENT

The coast to coast highway movement has attracted the active co-operation of the commercial interests of the country...

Measured in money terms, this contribution means a gift of about \$6,000,000 to the highway construction fund.

That in itself is a big thing, but the contribution has a larger significance than that which can be expressed in dollars and cents.

The people of California have long since come to a realization of the commercial worth of comprehensive good roads systems.

They have shown their appreciation by authorizing an \$18,000,000 state bond issue and a plan which involves the expenditure of many additional millions by the municipalities of the state on one great good roads scheme.

They will welcome the contribution of the cement manufacturers quite as heartily for the educational influence it will have on the people of eastern and Mississippi valley states as for the assurance of success it lends to the coast to coast highway movement.

ONE COURT'S WORK

There is one court in the United States which has rendered more than 560 decisions since 1887, all bearing on the liberal, progressive and radical legislation during that period; and, strange as it will appear to the layman, it has upheld the so called "social justice" legislation in all except three cases...

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cedure, and general political rights like the Massachusetts absentee estate act and the negro segregation laws of Louisiana, Georgia and Kentucky.

In summing up Mr. Warren shows that out of more than 560 state statutes or other forms of state action adjudicated upon under the "due process" and "equal protection" clauses of the constitution during the last quarter of a century the supreme court has upheld more than 530, has held invalid only three relating to "social justice" and only 34 relating to private rights of property.

It will thus be seen that the supreme court has upheld practically 90 per cent of the state legislation that has been brought before it, including very much of what the reactionaries call "freak and fad" legislation.

The boat was passing Yerba Buena Island when the hats collided. The rudder on the sober hat fouled the tip of the giddy bonnet's feather.

The young man who was with the girl of the ruddered hat jumped to the rescue. He disengaged the hats and was about as handy for the task he had tackled as a baseball bat would be for use as a toothpick.

"It's only wire," snapped one of the women. "Please hurry," said the other. Then he did get rattled. The more he struggled to disengage the tangle, the angrier the two women became.

Beginning next September with Cabrillo day at San Diego and ending with the festivals of Oregon and Washington in the following August, a program of festival celebrations covering a whole year has been provided for the Pacific coast.

Nine months of the year festivals are to take place in California, according to the program of the California celebrations committee, which has made public its tentative plan.

This includes not only Cabrillo day at San Diego, but the Portola here, with its associated plays at the Greek theater, Mount Tamalpais, San Jose and El Carmel; the mission play, the land show and fiesta of flowers at Los Angeles, the Pasadena rose tournament and international polo, and the golf, polo and tennis tournaments at Pasadena, Santa Barbara, Coronado and Del Monte; the orange and rose festivals at San Bernardino and Redlands, Pasadena's May festival and Santa Monica's road races.

Other cities of the state will be invited to contribute festivities to fill up the time between the main events of the larger cities. It is more than likely that the opportunity to become a link in the chain of a festival year will appeal to the enterprising communities of this state that the result will be that the tourist will find something doing every day of the nine months of the year, which will be imperial California's share of the attractions to be offered to the world to visit the playground of the Pacific.

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FERRY TALES

By LINDSAY CAMPBELL

THERE was a collision on the bay the other afternoon, an account of which did not get into the papers. There will be no government investigation, for, although it happened on the bay, hats, not steamboats, were involved.

The call for help was heeded, but before the aid arrived there was a snap and a rip and the hats were clear. The liberated women made a rush for the water cabin and the ruddered hat, two later, in front of a mirror. They didn't see each other until each had made a hurried survey of her hat, and when their eyes did meet did they laugh? They did not.

They are telling this story on Herma Stindt. The man who told me about it swore to its accuracy and offered to prove it by any competent work on natural history.

It seems that the feed mill in the management of which Mr. Stindt participates has been overrun by rats. Stindt is quoted as saying that some of them were nearly a yard long. Traps, the rats learned to avoid, and the cats were afraid to tackle them.

It seemed like a pretty good arrangement until it was discovered that the rats, shut off from their supply of grain, had switched to the address of the mill, and were holding midnight banquets on the belting that coupled the machinery with the power.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—"Dick" Austin put on his kidding clothes the other morning and started out on a jestful day. By way of identification, he had a sign on his lapel that read "Dick Austin, representative from the Knoxville, Tenn. district, president of the Looters' club."

On the morning in question, Austin caroled into the office of the secretary of the treasury, and whom did he find there but the very man who had been lost a sea or strayed from home years and years ago.

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STATESMEN REAL AND NEAR

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"How Becoming!"



Harry M. ...

Queries Answered

This department will answer questions of general interest, but will not give advice on law, medicine, investments, problems, business concerns, individuals, nor value of coins. Correspondents' names are not printed, but all communications should bear the name and address of the writer. Questions are answered in the order of their receipt as rapidly as space permits.

FIDDLE—Mrs. G. City. "To hang up one's fiddle" is an American proverb, which, like many other proverbs, can not be traced. Judge Thomas C. Halliburton in one of his narratives describes of "San Sirok, the Yankee clock maker," makes him say: "When a man loses his temper, and ain't cool, he might as well hang up his fiddle," meaning that he might as well give up. There is in "Davy's Sermons": "If a man at 42 is not in a fair way to get his share of the world's spoils, he might as well hang up his fiddle and be content to dig his way through life as best he may."

JAPANESE—H. L. Berkeley. Japanese are held to be ineligible to citizenship in the United States on the ground that they belong to the Mongolian race, and those of that race are by law prohibited the right of naturalization.

AERIAL STRENGTH—J. C. Hallmoon Bay. There are no "latest statistics showing the army and navy aerial strength" of the 33 countries you name in your letter of inquiry.

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BIG GUNS—W. K. City. The cost of one shot fired from "a maximum high caliber gun of the United States navy" is said to be from \$500 to \$500.

NICKELS—Mrs. L. City. The new nickel is of the same composition as the old—75 per cent copper and 25 per cent nickel.

COWBOYS—W. T. B. O. City. The pay of cowboys in Oklahoma and in Arizona ranges from \$15 to \$50 per month.

FISHES—A Reader, City. It is correct to say "fishes," as that is the plural of fish.

SHEAR NONSENSE

A WEIGHY SUBJECT

RESPECT

DISCOUNTED

SOMETHING TO BREAK

NEWS FROM THE HOTELS

Dr. C. W. Cochran of Los Angeles is at the Palace. S. P. Elias, a merchant of Modesto, is staying at the Sutter. L. H. Morrison, a fruit grower of San Luis, is at the Court.

G. B. Little, a rancher of Fresno, is staying at the St. Francis. Charles Kimball, a fruiter of Boston, is registered at the Palace. W. H. Hook and James Phelps, ranch owners of San Jose, are at the Manx. George A. Alexander, real estate operator of Los Angeles, is at the Bellevue.

William L. Morris, cashier of a bank in Stockton, is staying at the Union Square. A. Fleharty, editor and publisher of a newspaper in Newman, is at the Argonaut. W. C. Wilkins, one of the owners of the Mother Love mine, is at the St. Francis.

Leutenant John W. Churchill of the United States army is among the guests at the Bellevue. C. W. Danaher, owner of large timber tracts in Oregon and Washington, is registered at the St. Francis.

Noah Van Cleef, retired banker and capitalist of Chicago, is at the Bellevue, accompanied by Mrs. Van Cleef. Dr. Ralph Matherall of Hanford and Mrs. Matherall will leave the Stewart today for a two months' trip to New York.

A. J. Zabela and his mother, Mrs. P. Zabela, owners of thousands of acres of land in the Santa Clara valley, have taken apartments at the Stewart.

Thomas Cunningham, manager of a refining plant in St. Louis, who is here in connection with matters pertaining to the Illinois site at the Panama-Pacific International exposition, is registered at the St. Francis.

TOLD AND RETOLD

THE MOSQUITO IN A NEW LIGHT

HOW SHE GOT IT

WHAT HE THOUGHT

THE PROPER CONCLUSION

TAKING MAMMA AT HER WORD

LETTING WELL ENOUGH ALONE

NO FOOLISHNESS WANTED

ABE MARTIN



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THE STATE PRESS

LODI PREACHES FOR FATHER

HOW TEXAS BEAT ANDY

OLD HICKORY BRAND WILL WIN

PROFESSOR TAIT'S LECTURES

PLENTY OF ROOM

HE'S GOOD IN EITHER PLACE

BRAZIL'S RETALIATION

THE COUNTRY OF THE BIRDS

Ernest Harold Baynes has established a "bird town" up in New Hampshire. It is said that he has made the whole population of Meriden, on Lake Winnepesaukee, "bird crazy." Even the dullest farmers are interested in bird protection and bird nurture. The birds have found it out. They are fat and tame in Meriden—and they certainly sing to beat the band.

And that is what all America is going to be, some time—a regular bird country. Never was the love of birds so strong in any other land as it is in ours. And it is growing. There is a bird club of boys and girls in every village. The ear of the rising generation distinguishes between the notes of the song sparrow and those of the field sparrow. It listens understandingly to the noonday homing of the vireo. It notes the difference in the pretty markings of the various thrushes. Feeling and seeing these things, the rising generation takes an interest in all the native birds, and becomes the protector of every useful species.