

## LOCAL EDITORIAL COLUMN.

## THE CASE OF HAAS.

The Haas-Heney tragedy in San Francisco has brought into strong relief one of the glaring defects in our judicial system. The lengths to which lawyers are permitted to badger a witness or a juror under examination touching his qualifications to sit on a case, have been a crying shame. While no one will attempt to even palliate the crime of Haas in shooting down Heney, to any extent whatever, still the consensus of opinion will concede that Haas had been harshly dealt with. He had committed a crime—embezzlement—some twenty years ago, for which he suffered the penalty imposed, and was restored to all his civil rights. He had changed his name, became a man of family, in fact his offending was lost in the lapse of years. It was probably unknown to his family. It was no fault or seeking of his that he was called as a juror in the previous Ruef trial. He was not disqualified from sitting on the case by reason of his former conviction. He had tried to earn an honest living since. And yet under the protection of the court, and in the sacred name of justice, this slip from the straight path, committed in the dim past, was cruelly paraded before the world, not only to the disgrace of the man under examination, but also of the members of his family. He says he at once became a social outcast. His opportunity to earn a living fell to zero. Life was turned to bitterness again. Frenzied by this reopening of the matter, and the taunts of his associates, he fired the happily not fatal shot at Heney, keeping another in reserve for himself which effectually put an end to his troubles. This is the picture that Haas drew just before his suicide of the treatment he had been subjected to, apparently under the sanction of the law, and certainly under the sanction of the court. He was doubtless a weak-minded man, a victim of emotional insanity when he committed the act. But the story furnishes a sad commentary upon the conduct of criminal trials as conducted in our courts. Why should the whole life of an individual under examination as a juror be raked over from boyhood up. And why should one false step be hurled at a man with seeming delight in the halls of justice. There is no justice in such methods. There is not even common humanity therein. There is certainly urgent need of a change in the law to stop the harrowing of a witness in this manner. If the past record of a man on examination is permitted, there ought to be a limit—say five years—beyond which the law should call a halt.

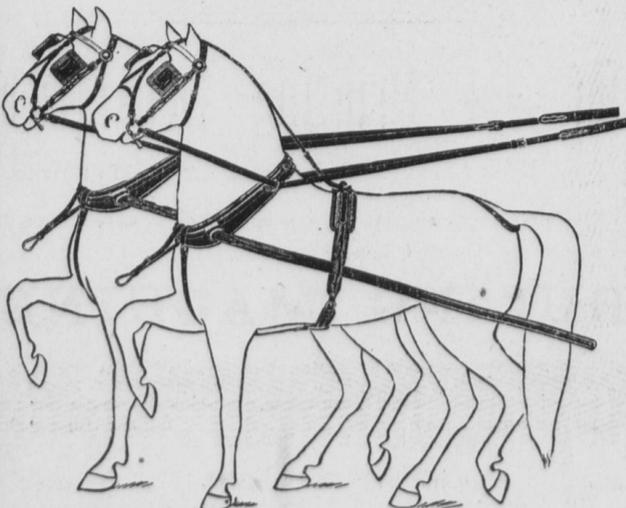
The constitutional amendment changing the system of taxation was defeated. It is proposed, however, to try it again, as those who have studied the matter thoroughly believe some method on the lines proposed would be a great improvement on the present system of raising revenue for the support of the government.

The San Francisco Seawall Act, also the India Basin Act were defeated by the heavy adverse vote cast in Los Angeles and the whole southern part of the state. Both propositions were for making improvements on the harbor front of San Francisco, and local jealousy on the part of the southern section came into play and defeated what were generally conceded the worthy measures.

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## Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

## WHEN HE LIVES.

The sweet vacation season  
When man from care is free  
To saunter back to nature  
And loaf or climb a tree,  
To scramble o'er the meadows  
Or clamber through the brakes  
And in secluded places  
To pause and sit on snakes.

Far from the hum of traffic,  
The city's noisy din,  
He sits in the surroundings  
And slowly takes them in.  
No need has he to worry  
Nor his engagements trim;  
There is no bill collector  
Who has a line on him.

The joy of being lazy,  
The fun of doing nil,  
The pleasure fine in loafing,  
All make with him a hit.  
He looks on work as something  
A sane man wouldn't do  
Unless he needed money  
And nothing had to chew.

Hurrah, then, for vacation,  
The only time when man  
Is living every minute  
On nature's home grown plan  
And there is only haunting  
This summons on his track,  
That he must soon cease living,  
Pack up and hurry back!

## They Believed It.

"A man should jealously guard the reputation of his word."

"That's so. I always think about that. This morning I went out of my way to get a reputation for truth telling."

"How did you work it?"  
"Promised three men all running for the same office that I would vote for them."

## Natural.



"I thought that you wanted that horse so very, very bad?"

"I did."  
"Well, what are you growling about now?"  
"I got it."

## Had Some Reason.

"There goes a man who thinks they can't run the business without him."  
"I have seen lots of egotists like that, but they usually discovered different after they were fired. What position does he hold—third assistant door-keeper or custodian of the penwipers?"  
"Not exactly. He is the proprietor."

## No Retaliation.

"New Jersey dog catcher bitten 3,000 times by dogs!"  
"Must be a meek and long suffering man."  
"Not necessarily."  
"Well, he didn't bite any of them back."

## Beat Out Some.

"Even laying brick is an art."  
"Is it?"  
"Yes; it is."  
"If you could see some things that are done in the name of art you would hesitate to speak so slightly of an honest calling."

## Sufficient Reason.

"He has invented an airship."  
"Will it fly?"  
"Of course it will."  
"Then why doesn't it?"  
"Because it is an airship."

## Truly.

"Ain't it awful, major?"  
"What?"  
"The slang some people use."

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