

ABSOLUTE MONOPOLY. That Is the Cry of the Merchants of the City.

Shall the railroad commission be abolished? This is the question of the most vital importance to the State that is now being considered by the Legislature. A widespread opinion exists that in this respect the State is in a worse position than it was in 1880.

That the present commission has failed to perform its duties, exercise its powers in behalf of the people, or do anything of importance that it should do, is so self-evident that it needs no proof.

But the remedy proposed by the present Commission, and the substitution of others who may or may not prove more competent and more inclined to perform their duties is a matter of much smaller importance than the proposition of the abolition of the commission entirely by constitutional amendment and return the duty of fixing rates and fares to the Legislature.

After an experience of twelve years with a Railroad Commission, which has done nothing to break up the railroad monopolies and protect the just rights of the shippers has been found to be a failure and the board is not only a useless thing, but actually a shield to the corporations.

The Assembly by a two-thirds radical change in the government of railroad corporations and the marked reductions which would follow the change make the measure one of very general interest.

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San Francisco's Cinderella Who is She?

"What will it be for the disembodied soul to approach God in that first five minutes after death?" "I remember my own speechless awe on visiting for the first time the face of West-land, the angelic soul, the idea of the feeling of the soul on drawing near to the first gaze may be approximated from that which the soul of the departed soul.

"Then, again, as to the great judgment after death, there is a picture in a Brussels gallery of that fine scene which appears to me to be the most beautiful in the world. The preacher's text was from the I Corinthians, xlii: "Now I see through a glass darkly, but then face to face."

He announced that he would endeavor to commence next Sunday evening with the subject, "Faces in the Dark," the course to continue through Lent.

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POWER OF THE AIR. Energy in the Atmosphere of Foot-Tons. Amounts to Billions of Foot-Tons.

The magnitude of the store of aerial energy upon which mankind may draw, so long as the race exists upon this earth, is beyond the reach of the imagination to our feeble minds. The power of computation of the mathematician.

Taking the quantities roughly and in "round numbers," the atmosphere weighs about a ton to every square foot of the earth's surface. It is estimated that there are 6,000,000,000,000,000 tons on the total of 50,000,000,000,000 square miles.

It is estimated that the motion of this inconceivable mass, at velocities varying all the way from the gentlest zephyr to a hurricane and cyclone, results in an energy of 10,000,000,000,000,000 foot-tons of energy.

If all developed at this rate for the performance of work, useful or destructive, it would amount to more than 2,000,000,000,000,000 horse-power.

If the disturbance reaches the exterior of the earth's atmosphere, including the earth's embolus 10,000,000,000,000,000 horse-power, or millions of times as much as the highest estimates make the probable steam power of the world.

Assuming the moderate velocity of 16.7 miles per hour, the energy of the air in the globe, its energy per mile is one-thirty-sixth of that just computed, and 5,000,000,000,000,000 foot-tons of energy would represent about 50,000,000,000,000 foot-tons of energy and not far from 50,000,000,000,000 horse-power.

This is certainly more than 50,000 times as much power as have all the engines in the world combined.

California has a population of 4,000,000,000 horse-power, and every square mile, could 100 feet of its superincumbent atmosphere be developed, would result in 40,000,000,000 horse-power, which is not far from the aggregate of the existing steam-power of the world.

The Florida coast has a floating fleet, which may be estimated at 100,000,000 horse-power, and the best fishing happens to be.

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COMING MINNESOTA. A Chat With One of Her Fruit-Dealers.

What He Says of California's Trade in the Northwest Jim Hill's Plans.

J. S. Robertson of St. Paul, a member of Presley & Co., a fruit firm of that city, was seen at the Palace last evening.

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MISCELLANEOUS. ROCKING ==

As comfortable as a cradle—all the ease and luxury of a swinging hammock in a well-built rocking chair. Have you one? The old folks love them and need them too, the young enjoy them—don't you?

There is really no limit to the kinds of rockers we offer you to choose from. Rockers of high price and most excellent quality, rockers of low price and most excellent quality for the price.

Plain rockers and fancy rockers, in all kinds of woods and with all kinds of coverings, some decorated and embellished with fringes, carving and other additions. Some plain—all comfortable. In fact in Rockers we claim first choice of all the Rockers that money can buy. Above \$9.00.

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