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THE PROBLEM OF THE CAMPS.

GENERAL GREELY has learned the important lesson in the distribution of relief that injudicious giving pauperizes. He states that he is tired of conducting a Federal pauper-house; that the camps are filled with idle men and women who are able to work, who could get work if they would, but who prefer to continue on indefinitely in enjoyment of the idle life of the camps.

The relief fund was not provided to give extended vacations to the lazy and the shiftless, but to tide the victims of the fire over the great crisis. Thousands went into the camps with but one thought in mind—to get out of them with all speed. Once there, however, they found themselves tangled up with red tape to a degree that made it necessary for them to put in the bulk of their time conforming to innumerable regulations.

But there is no good reason why the disease should be allowed to become chronic, although there must be a scissoring of red tape and a scattering of the pet theories that stand in the way of reform. Men and women able to work but unwilling should be given short shift. Those who could become self-supporting are no longer properly to be classed as refugees.

The big mistake in the administration of the relief fund has been that hard-and-fast rules have been made to fit all cases. At one extreme this has tended to fill the camps with able-bodied paupers; at the other, it would work hardship on the truly deserving.

POOR PAY FOR GOVERNMENT SERVANTS.

CHARLES GILBERT, the oldest carrier of the Berkeley post-office, has resigned his job and gone to work at the carpenter's bench. As carrier he received \$70 or \$75 a month; as carpenter he will earn \$4.50 or \$5 a day.

Here is illustration of the fact that the increase in the pay of Government employes has not kept pace with the increase of compensation of those in private employ. Ten years ago nobody would have thought of laying down the mail sack for the saw, for few carpenters were then averaging \$70 a month, and their employment was neither certain nor secure.

This is true not of the postoffice department alone, but of all departments. Ten years ago recruiting officers had no difficulty in getting desirable men for the army; now they rake the highways and byways for recruits who would have been rejected a decade ago.

The tendency in fixing salaries for public servants seems to be to make them disproportionately heavy at the top and pitifully light at the bottom. Without adding to the income of those already adequately compensated, it would seem that readjustment of the wages of the workers at the bottom is not only just but necessary.

THE BANKERS JOIN THE POLICY-HOLDERS' LEAGUE.

THE San Francisco Clearing-House Association has joined with the Policy-Holders' Protective League, organized effectively to represent the policy-holders' side of the insurance situation, and will give the league its co-operation and support in securing equitable settlements with the insurance companies.

The action of the Clearing-House Association goes far toward making the plan of the policy-holders feasible. The bankers of the country are thoroughly organized, and are at the same time largely interested in insurance; in fact, their loans depend largely on in-

POLITICS MAKES STRANGE BEDFELLOWS.



—NEWARK EVENING NEWS.

insurance for protection. Powerful as the insurance companies are, the banks are in a position to make or break them by refusing to lend money on property protected by their policies.

Fair dealing is all that the people of San Francisco want of the insurance companies, and that is all that the Policy-Holders' Protective League has organized to secure. As active agents in promoting the purposes of the league, the bankers will be in a position to know which companies deal fairly with the insured and which companies do not.

WHY THAT RELIEF FUND WHISKY?

IT develops that of the funds provided by Congress for the relief of San Francisco, \$40,000 was expended for whisky. Fifty barrels were purchased, shipped across the continent and are now stored in the basement of the Moulter School.

Of the first sum of \$1,000,000 voted by Congress for the relief of San Francisco, \$700,000 was expended by the order of the Secretary of War in the purchase of tents, blankets and other necessities, the \$40,000 worth of whisky among them.

YOU NEED NOT COME HERE, LUCAS.

DISPATCH from Denver states that Almazon Lucas, an alleged religious fanatic, is coming to California to establish a "Limitless Life Society," which, we are informed, is an institution that neither California nor any other State can afford to harbor.

The people of California are indeed tolerant. Here a man is free to worship in his own way, at his own time or to worship not at all; there is no persecution in California because of religious prejudice. But the people of California are moral as well as tolerant, and the Lucas society smacks too loudly of immorality to be acceptable in this State.

Secretary Taft announces that he will remain in politics. A seat in the places of the mighty, even though it be only on the lid, is not to be yielded up to the first person who applies.

Anything may be expected of the Dreyfus case, the most extraordinary happening to grow out of it being a duel in which one of the principals was actually wounded.

NICHOLS WELCOMES CALL'S SUGGESTION

EDITOR Call—Sir: Your excellent editorial on "Better License Laws" in the issue of The Call of even date is both suggestive and timely, although I do not think you have given due importance to the very effective tab kept by the Auditor on all license affairs.

Notes and Queries

MUST PAY THE TAX—Allen, City. The fact that you are not a citizen of the United States and do not vote does not exempt you from the payment of poll or road tax in the State of California.

THE CUMBERLAND ROAD—A. S. City. The Cumberland or National road was originally projected from Cumberland, Md., to the Ohio River, but ultimately carried as far as Illinois.

Supervisors Should Provide Funds for Polytechnic High

By Walter N. Bush.

THE School Board at its meeting of June 28, in view of the fact that the Polytechnic High School, corner of Bush and Stockton streets, was entirely destroyed by fire, requested the Board of Supervisors to set aside \$15,000 out of the school construction account of the public building fund for the purchase of the equipment of this school.

About a year ago the city purchased a lot for the new Polytechnic High School in the vicinity of the Affiliated Colleges. It is the intention of the School Board, in case the Board of Supervisors appropriates the \$15,000 for equipment, to erect on the school lot a temporary structure in which said equipment may be installed.

In view of the fact that this equipment is a permanent investment; that it affords boys and girls a training in artisanship that will render them efficient workers in the task of rebuilding the city; that while we have three literary or culture high schools the Polytechnic is the only high school that fits its students for industrial life, and that without this equipment not only a large number of those attending the school but of those planning to take up vocational training will be seriously crippled in their preparation for their life work, the Supervisors should take immediate and affirmative action upon the request of the Board of Education.

Industrial training as a part of our public school system has long passed the experimental stage. If it increases the efficiency of the boy and the girl in normal times, how much more valuable does it become when they are surrounded by the opportunities of to-



WALTER N. BUSH, PRINCIPAL OF THE POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL.

day? It behooves the city fathers to do all in their power to foster and promote that line of training that will help boys and girls to help themselves.

QUEER LEGAL FIGHT FOR FRENCHMAN'S CORPSE.

From a Staff Correspondent.

PARIS, July 5.—Jaded Parisians have found something to interest and amuse them in a keen legal fight which is now going on for the possession of a corpse between the children of a wealthy druggist by his first wife and his young and pretty widow.

That the druggist was devoted to his second wife is shown not only by the generous provision he made for her in his will, but by the fact, according to the story told by his other heirs, that he lived with her for a year and a half before the divorce court set her free to marry him.

affection, he maintains, she should be made the custodian of his remains. The counsel on the other side says that such touching proof of widely devotion affords no evidence that the young and pretty widow will not some day console herself with another husband, and that husband, if he survives her, would, he contends, strenuously object to having her buried alongside of his predecessor.

Town Bought a Name. "Pittsburg, Kans. I believe is the only town in the United States which paid for its name," said Louis La Bude, of Kansas City. "It was platted and named in 1876 by Colonel Brown. The town site was named after Pittsburg, Pa., because of the large amount of coal just being developed in its vicinity. Whenever application was made to the Postoffice Department for the approval of the name Colonel Brown struck a snag. There was a Pittsburg already in Kansas, and the best that could be done was to name the new town New Pittsburg. This is continued until 1880, when the Pittsburg Coal Company began to make efforts to have the name changed. A suggestion was made to the residents of the older Pittsburg to change the name of their town, but to no avail.

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News of the Women's Clubs

—By Mary Ashe Miller.

SAN FRANCISCO clubwomen have by no means lost interest in their various organizations since the calamity, and in fact there is an unusual amount of activity in club life displayed for this season of the year. It has been the custom of the clubs to disband each summer for several weeks, while so many women were out of town, beginning work again in early September.

Now there are coming times of even more serious business, and affairs of greater importance in the histories of the clubs. Where to settle for the winter, whether the insurance on buildings or furniture will be paid and the attempts to pick up the loose ends of matters left in chaos by the destruction of records and books, are the questions that are going to be considered during the hours of meetings.

At Work on Building.

A committee of the department of social science, consisting of Mrs. S. S. Palmer, Mrs. J. W. Orr, Mrs. E. L. Baldwin, Dr. Dorothea Moore and Mrs. Aaron Schloss, is at work on some recommendations as to building laws, to be presented to the city administration in the near future.

California Club Plans.

The board of directors of the California Club will hold an important meeting today at the home of the president, Mrs. J. W. Orr, 2420 Gough street, when the matter of rebuilding will be considered. There are many opinions as to what course should be pursued, and

the discussion will be thorough and the ideas of every member of the board will be heard. William Knowles, the architect who built the home of the club on Clay street which was destroyed by fire, will be present at the meeting and will be consulted, but no definite conclusion can be reached until the exact state of the financial affairs of the club, which are largely dependent on the action of the insurance companies, be settled.

The cost of building materials, labor, etc., will also enter into consideration. The club members will begin their regular club life again on September 1 in rented rooms, the location of which has not yet been determined. The work of three departments of the club are going on busily; that of civics, of which Mrs. A. Schloss is the chairman; social science, Mrs. S. S. Palmer, chairman, and the Outdoor Art League, over which Mrs. Lovell White presides.

A petition will be sent to the Supervisors requesting them not to permit car lines on Van Ness avenue. The league has decided as well to take up the study of the problem of municipal water systems. The committee that is to arrange for expert speakers on this subject consists of Mrs. Martel, Mrs. Luther Wagner and Mrs. T. H. Palache.

The department of education of the California Club, which deals more with the literary work, has not yet reorganized since the fire, as it is felt that there has been less time and need for it than for the others.

The Outdoor Art League held a meeting on Thursday afternoon at the home of Miss Hittell, on Turk street, at which a number of important matters were taken up. There was much talk of the possibilities of establishing more parks south of Market street and Mrs. Lovell White and other members were appointed a committee to interview the Board of Supervisors and find where certain proposed parks for that locality are to be located.

club that Mrs. J. D. Sibley will accept the chair, which has already been offered her. The relief bureau, established by the California Club at the residence Mrs. A. W. Scott, 205 Buchanan street, which was under the general relief committee and the Red Cross Society, has been closed, but the California Club relief work is by no means at an end, as the workers will reorganize and carry on the work on different lines. There are many praises of Mrs. Scott's generosity in turning over her entire house for the relief station, which was located there for a number of weeks, and gave aid to hundreds of people.

Sorosis Sewing Bee.

The Sorosis Club, which was more purely social in nature than most of the other clubs in the city, did not cease meeting, but has formed a Red Cross section of those members of the club who have remained in the city, and every Monday a "sewing bee" is held at the home of Mrs. Wenzelburger at 2960 Steiner street. There is quite a large attendance, thirty or forty members each week, and a vast deal has been accomplished in the way of making garments. There are a number of women in this club who are very clever with their needles and every one has worked with an industry that is remarkable.

There is at present no one in her place, but it is hoped by the members of the

club that Mrs. J. D. Sibley will accept the chair, which has already been offered her.

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quake, has been especially interested in this work.

The Sorosis Club will, as many other clubs contemplate doing, meet this winter at the homes of the different members, but it is expected that the regular work of the club will be taken up early in September. The attractive little cottage on California street, which was the home of the club for so long—nearly nine years—and which was of course burned, was not the property of the organization, but there was a considerable loss in the way of furniture, a fine piano and a number of excellent paintings, several being by Charles Rollo Peters, Maren Froelich, Mrs. Alice B. Chittenden, Mrs. Susan Sroufe Loozley and other well known artists. All of the club records were destroyed as well, absolutely nothing being saved from the flames. There is still a question as to whether the insurance money on the furniture will be paid.

Century Club Recess.

The Century Club has disbanded entirely during the summer, the handsome clubhouse on Sutter and Franklin streets being rented to the State Supreme Court. This winter the club will hold customary meetings at the homes of certain members. Many members of this club are out of the city, some merely for the summer months and others for at least a year. The proceeds from the rental of the clubhouse are to go toward the indebtedness still existing from the original cost of building, so there is no financial difficulty. All of the clubs in the city are free from financial stringency, according to their reports.