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THE PROBLEM OF THE CAMPS.

ENERAL 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; 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. Dr. Devine, too, says that this condition exists, which is confession that the relief that has been administered has not been

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. Opportunities to seek work slipped by and they soon found themselves carried along by the easy, time-consuming routine of the camps. Incentive for work was gone by this time; pauperism had taken a

But there is no good reason why the disease should be allowed to become chronic, although there must be a scissoring of red tape given short shift. Those who could become self-supporting are no longer properly to be classed as refugees. There is no good reason why they should remain objects of charity. They are merely frauds ranking with blind beggars who can see with both eves. They should be treated accordingly. But to make an ironclad rule shutting off all relief on a given date, as it is proposed to do, would work hardship upon many worthy persons who are not yet recovered from the disaster.

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 [7] one extreme this has tended to fill the camps with able-bodied is an institution that neither California nor any other State paupers; at the other, it would work hardship on the truly described. When the relief commission undertakes a study of inserving. When the relief commission undertakes a study of inserving when the refugees may be helped back into the payment of points and children well provided for. He was platted is an institution that neither California nor any other State is an institution that neither California nor any other State buried in the family vall, which we are informed, is an institution that neither California nor any other State buried in the family vall, which we are informed, is an institution that neither California nor any other State buried in the family vall, which we are informed, is an institution that neither California nor any other State buried in the family vall, which we are informed, is an institution that neither California nor any other State buried in the family vall, which we are informed, is an institution that neither California nor any other State buried in the family vall, which we are informed, is an institution that neither California or any other State buried in the family vall, which we are informed, it was platted and children well provided for. He was buried in the family vall, which we are informed, it was platted and children well provided for. He was buried in the family vall, which we are informed, it was platted buried in the family vall, which we are informed, it was platted and children well provided for. He was buried in the family vall, which we are informed, it was platted and children well provided for. He was buried in the family vall, which we are informed, in the state of the longs to the latter. The town site was named of the longs to the latter of the body removed to another part of the United States and do not vote does not exempt you from the payment of the United States and do not vote does not exempt you from the payment of the body removed into the ranks of the productive and the self-supporting, whence the fire drove them, the problem of the camps will be close to

POOR PAY FOR GOVERNMENT SERVANTS.

HARLES GILBERT, the oldest carrier of the Berkeley postoffice, 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. The advantages outlined, Lucas will receive a less pleasant welcome here than all on the side of the trade. Other Berkeley carriers are follow-bear all on the side of the trade. Other Berkeley carriers are follow-bear gave him.

Secretary Taft announces that he will remain in politics. A Here is illustration of the fact that the increase in the pay seat in the places of the mighty, even though it be only on the lid, as now would consent to marry him. He died suddenly in a option to every successive bill appropriation of a serious compliant from which he was suffering while he was on a tour in the south of France with the places of the mighty, even though it be only on the lid, May, 1822, providing for its repair. are all on the side of the trade. Other Berkeley carriers are following Gilbert's example and similar reports come from other Government departments where low-salaried men are employed.

of Government employes has not kept pace with the increase of is not to be yielded up to the first person who applies. 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 meither certain nor secure. This was largely true of all trades. But ten years have brought marked increase in the compensation of the wage-earner in civil life, while the wage of the Government employe has remained practically unchanged. In the meantime the cost of living has advanced, which leaves the Government employe, whose compensation is less than \$100 a month, barely enough to meet his expenses. The best of them are accepting positions in private life, as Carrier Gilbert has done, leaving the less energetic and the less able to drill along on the old salary.

This is true not of the postoffice department alone, but of all departments. Ten years ago recruiting officers had no difficulty in fact there is an unusual amount of club on Clay street which was de- of the possibilities of establishing more California Club at the residence Mrs. winter at the houses of the different getting desirable men for the army; now they rake the highways season of the year. It has been the cusand byways for recruits who would have been rejected a decade ago. tom of the clubs to disband each sum-Army pay does not attract men who can get from three to ten times a mer for several weeks, while so many til the exact state of the financial af- Board of Supervisors and find where closed, but the California Club relief soldier's pay elsewhere. Good teachers were easily secured during women were out of town, beginning fairs of the club, which are largely dethe days following the panic; now it is difficult to get any teachers work again in early September. Such pendent on the action of the insurance ty are to be located. A committee at all. Men and women with the necessary talent to make good and fire times, however, for the women teachers can be equally successful in other occupations, where better have met, changed the order of their etc., will also enter into consideration. Professor Wickson of the State Uniosity in turning over her entire house

The tendency in fixing salaries for public servants seems to have been, literary or social, and have regular club life again on September a school of forestry. be to make them disproportionately heavy at the top and pitifully light at the bottom. Without adding to the income of these elegated in relief work of one type or another, doing an endless number of which has not yet been determined. light at the bottom. Without adding to the income of those already good deeds in such an unostentatious The work of three departments of the car lines on Van Nes avenue. adequately compensated, it would seem that readjusment of the way that the credit due them has hardwages of the workers at the bottom is not only just but necessary.

THE BANKERS JOIN THE POLICY-HOLDERS' LEAGUE.

HE San Francisco Clearing-House Association has joined with greater importance in the histories of At Work on Building. the Policy-Holders' Protective League, organized effectively the clubs. Where to settle for the winto represent the policy-holders' side of the insurance situation, ter, whether the insurance on bulldand will give the league its co-operation and support in securing equitable settlements with the insurance companies. The associa- matters left in chaos by the destruction has elected two trustees to the league directorate, which is to tion of records and books, are the quesbe increased from eleven to twenty-five members. The remaining tions that are going to be considered additional trustees will be elected by organizations of wholesalers, retailers, real estate men and the various organized departments of California Club Plans. banking. This puts practically the entire effective business force of the city back of the movement.

The action of the Clearing-House Association goes far toward ing today at the home of the president, making the plan of the policy-holders feasible. The bankers of the the matter of rebuilding will be considcountry are thoroughly organized, and are at the same time largely ered. There are many opinions as to the Eastern cities. interested in insurance; in fact, their loans depend largely on in- what course should be pursued, and The Outdoor Art League held a meet- but it is hoped by the members of the ident the Monday before the earth- according to their reports.

POLITICS MAKES STRANGE BEDFELLOWS.



NEWARK EVENING NEWS.

surance 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. The bankers in their own interests want honest insurance; they want insurance that the camps are filled with idle men and women who that can be collected; they stand for fair dealing between the insurers

> 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. Their influence will be a powerful factor in bringing about just settlements.

WHY THAT RELIEF FUND WHISKY?

T 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 Moulder School. Those responsible for the purchase and the shipment knew, no doubt, that the San Francisco saloons were out of business, but this is scarcely sufficient reason for sane men regarding the purchase of \$40,000 worth of whisky out of the relief funds necessary.

Of the first sum of \$1,000,000 voted by Congress for the relief and a scattering of the pet theories that stand in the way of of San Francisco, \$700,000 was expended by the order of the Secreform. Men and women able to work but unwilling should be retary of War in the purchase of tents, blankets and other necessaries, the \$40,000 worth of whisky among them. From the nature of the item in question, the opinion will obtain that the local relief committee could have made better use of the money had the experts, who hastened to spend it lest it be wasted, forwarded it to San Francisco as was originally supposed and hoped would be done.

YOU NEED NOT COME HERE, LUCAS.

DISPATCH from Denver states that Almazon Lucas, an alleged religious fanatic, is coming to California to estab- Notes and Queries lish a "Limitless Life Society," which, we are informed,

The people of California are indeed tolerant. Here a man is fornia. 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. When he arrives in California Lucas will find the line sharply drawn and the distinction rigidly insisted upon. In fact, if the "Limitless Life Society" is what it has been by

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.

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NICHOLS WELCOMES CALL'S SUGGESTION

DITOR 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.

The system of "checks and balances" by one department on the other commends itself to every wise student of municipal affairs. There is no wiser provision in the charter than the one which placed the collection of licenses in the hands of the Tax Collector. An equally wise provision—one which in principle at lenst should be extended to all licenses—is the one which governs the issuance of same to liquor and junk dealers. The Police Commission—crs grant the permits and the Tax Collector issues licenses and collects for same, thus introducing that system of checks and balances so fundamentally recognized in the constitution of the United States. If either the Tax Collector or police both granted permits and also collected saloon licenses the opportunities for corruption would be almost unlimited. Similar provisions should safeguard the issuance of all licenses. Personally I would gladly welcome any legislation that would accomplish such a result. No provision would be too stringent to govern the conduct of my office. Yours respectfully, ent to govern the conduct of my office. Yours respectfully, J. F. NICHOLS,

Tax Collector. San Francisco, July 14, 1906.

by the President, for the purpose of before the divorce court set her free laying out the road. There was much to marry him. He died suddenly in a Sixty bills in all appropriating money extension. The total priated was \$6,821,246.

Supervisors Should Provide Funds for Polytechnic High

By Walter N. Bush. HE 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. It consists of carpenter tools, wood turning lathes, engine lathes, blacksmith forges, drawing tables, sewing and dressmaking outfits, and will be transferred to the new buildings when

In view of the fact that this equipment is a permanent investment; that it affords boys and girls a training n 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 WALTER N. BUSH. PRINCIPAL POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL. the experimental stage. If it increases the efficiency of the boy and the girl day? It behooves the city fathers to



in normal times, how much more valu- do all in their power to foster and proable does it become when they are sur- mote that line of training that will rounded by the opportunities of to- help boys and girls to help themselves.

FOR FRENCHMAN'S CORPSE.

ARIS, 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. The druggist amassed a fortune of over and children well provided for. He was the remains of their defunct sire and

That the druggist was devoted to his second wife is shown not only by the generous provision he made for her in motor car of a serious complaint from which he was suffering while he was on a tour in the south of France with her. When he breathed his last they the way would consent to receive

QUEER LEGAL FIGHT affection, he maintains, she should be made the custodian of his remains. The counsel on the other side says that such touching proof of wifely devotion af-fords no evidence that the young and pretty widow will not some day console 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. He draws a touching picture of the loneliness of the deceased patent medicine proprietor, left to molder in a solitary and neglected grave, and eloquently protests against a decision being given which would expose him to such a fate.

"Pittsburg, Kans., I believe is the only town in the United States which for the approval of the name Colonel Brown struck a snag. There was a best that could be done was to name the new town New Pittsburg. Thus is continued until 1830, when the Pittsburg Coal Company began to make efforts to have the name changed. suggestion was made to the residents of the older Pittsburg to change the name of their town, but to no avail.

"It was ascertained that money might be a persuasive agent. A fund of \$150 was raised by the New Pitts-burg people and forwarded to the post-master of the older Pittsburg. That had its desired effect. The name of the town was changed to Tipton, and thus it has been known ever since. At the time the prefix 'New' was dropped from the newer town."-Milwaukee Sentinel.

distance supporting the grewsome burden in her arms. This is adduced by her counsel as proof that, despite their disparity in years, she was ardently attached to him. As a reward for such California glace a uits and choice candies. Full stock. Townsend's residence and factory, 1220 Valencia st., and the Emporium. Post st. and Van Ness avalored to him. As a reward for such

'News of the Women's Clubs

—By Mary Ashe Miller.

is not the case in these earthquake companies, be settled.

Now there are coming times of even

The board of directors of the Califor-

nia Club will hold an important meet-

AN FRANCISCO clubwomen have the discussion will be thorough and ing on Thursday afternon at the home club that Mrs. J. D. Sibley will accept quake, has been especially interested in by no means lost interest the ideas of every member of the board of Miss Hittell, on Turk street, at the chair, which has already been of this work. in their various organizations will be heard. William Knowles, the which a number of important matters fered her. since the calamity, and in architect who built the home of the were taken up. There was much talk activity in club life displayed for this streyed by fire, will be present at the parks south of Market street and Mrs. A. W. Scott, 305 Buchanan street, which The cost of building materials, labor,

A committee of the department of 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

meeting and will be consulted, but no Lovell White and other members were was under the general relief committee former procedure, whatsoever it might The club members will begin their versity the cost of establishing there for the relief station, which was lo-

ly been granted by the general pub- of which Mrs. A. Schloss is the chair- the study of the problem of municipal man; social science, Mrs. S. S. Palmer, water systems. The committee that chairman, and the Outdor Art League, is to arrange for expert speakers on more serious business, and affairs of over which Mrs. Lovell White presides. this subject consists of Mrs. Martel, Mrs. Luther Wagner and Mrs. T. H. Palache. The next meeting of the league will be held at the residence of social science, consisting of Mrs. S. S. Mrs. Palache, 1373 Page street, on Thursday, July 26.

Educational Work.

be presented to the city administra- California Club, which deals more ber of women in this club who are of certain members. Many members of tion in the near fature. It is desired with the literary work, has not yet very clever with their needles and this club are out of the city, some that a law should be made to cover the reorganized since the fire, as it is felt every one has worked with an industry merely for the summer months and regulations as to air space, light and that there has been less time and need that is remarkable. These clothes others for at least a year. The prosanitary regulations in all dwellings of for it than for the others. The chair- have thus far been turned over as ceeds from the rental of the clubworking people, not only private resi- man of that department, Mrs. John rapidly as completed to the local Red house are to go toward the indebteddences but apartment and tenement Russ, has given up her office, as the Cross Society, but as this has now ness still existing from the original Mrs. J. W. Orr, 2420 Gough street, when houses as well, along the lines of such fire has caused great changes in her ceased all relief work garments will be cost of building, so there is no finanregulations in the model tenements in own affairs and she has left the city. given in to the general relief supply. cial difficulty. All of the clubs in the There is at present no one in her place, Mrs. E. B. Young, who was elected pres-

workers will reorganize and carry on was also appointed to ascertain from the work on different lines. There President Benjamin Ide Wheeler and are many praises of Mrs. Scott's genercated there for a number of weeks, a number of excellent paintings, sev-

Sorosis Sewing Bee.

club who have remained in the city, the furniture will be paid. and every Monday a "sewing bee" is Century Club Recess. held at the home of Mrs. Wenzelburger at 2960 Steiner street. There is quite tirely during the summer, the handsome a large attendance, thirty or forty clubhouse on Sutter and Franklin members each week, and a vast deal streets being rented to the State Suhas been accomplished in the way of preme Court. This winter the club will The department of education of the making garments. There are a num- hold customary meetings at the homes

The relief bureau, established by the clubs contemplate doing, meet this members, but it is expected that the regular work of the club will be taken up early in September. tractive little cottage on California club for so long-nearly nine yearsand 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 plano and eral being by Charles Rollo Peters, Maren Froelich, Mrs. Alice B. Chittenden, Mrs. Susan Sroufe Loosley and The Sorosis Club, which was more other well known artists. All of the purely social in nature than most of club records were destroyed as well, the other clubs in the city, did not absolutely nothing being saved from cease meeting, but has formed a Red the flames. There is still a question Cross section of those members of the as to whether the insurance money on