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THE NEW YORK CAMPAIGN.

It has been a languid political campaign in all the States except New York, where a really important issue is at stake. It is not an issue there of principles and platforms, but of personality. Hughes and Hearst are their own platforms. In that sense the speech of Secretary Root on Thursday night throws a flood of light on the situation. Root spoke with the authority of President Roosevelt, and expressly stated that what he had to say was a message from the Chief Executive of the nation to the voters of New York State. The indictment of Hearst is stated briefly in these passages:

In President Roosevelt's first message to Congress, in speaking of the assassin of McKinley, he spoke of him as inflamed by the "reckless utterances of those who, on the stump and in the public press, appeal to the dark and evil spirits of greed, envy and sullen hatred. The wind is sown by the men who preach such doctrines, and they cannot escape the responsibility of the whirlwind that is reaped. This applies alike to the deliberate demagogue, to the exploiter of sensationalism and to the crude and foolish visionary who, for whatever reason, apologizes for crime or excites aimless discontent."

I say by the President's authority that in penning these words, with the horror of President McKinley's murder fresh before him, he had Mr. Hearst specifically in his mind. And I say, by his authority, that what he thought of Mr. Hearst then he thinks of Mr. Hearst now. How stands Mr. Hearst's record as to political purity? Why, he comes to us covered all over with the mark of Tammany and Tammany's leader, Murphy, whom he himself has denounced as a scoundrel and a thief; he comes to us not answering to the call of the people of the State, not as the highest candidate of the Democratic party of the State, but named by his own procurement, through as shameful a deal with the boss of Tammany as ever disgraced the political history of the State. Can hypocrisy go further than the willing beneficiary of Tammany Hall preaching political purity?

It is a dreadful indictment, but who shall say that Mr. Root does not prove his case up to the hilt? Indeed, the facts are known in California as well as in New York, and this is a time for plain speaking by men who stand in high places.

Secretary Root does not minimize the evils that have grown out of the insolence and greed of corporations. These evils explain Hearst. He asserts private ownership of them in the way of political capital. But, as a matter of fact, Charles E. Hughes, the Republican candidate, has done more than any man in New York State to expose and check the dishonesty of corporations. He did it without bragging, but the force of his personality and record was so strong that the Republican bosses found themselves compelled to nominate him much against their will.

CONCERNING GLEESON'S DRAGOONS.

THE CALL fails to see any good reason why Abe Ruef should be provided with a bodyguard at the expense of the city. A short time ago we were informed by the Chief of Police that the prevalence of crime in San Francisco was due in great measure to the inadequate force under his orders, and that plea was accepted as true as far as numbers were concerned. On that basis it is reasonable to ask why the police authorities can spare Ruef's convenience two plain clothes men, reinforced by a squadron of infantry and cavalry already recognized as a municipal institution under the name of "Gleeson's Dragoons." It would seem that the permanent diversion for private purposes of more than forty men might make a big hole in the available force.

Ruef is in no sort of personal danger from anything outside of legal process. If he were in such danger he would be entitled to no more municipal consideration than any other private citizen. The employment of a large force to overawe, intimidate and insult peaceable citizens is indecent. The spectacle presented by this large force, representing the power and dignity of San Francisco, openly taking orders from a man accused of receiving bribes and of the sale of municipal privileges, is disgraceful to the city authorities. It is an expression of sympathy and comfort for a man who is moving heaven and earth to delay and defeat the effort to bring him to justice. It is an open confession that the municipal administration takes its orders from a boodler.

Ruef presides at the weekly secret caucuses of the Board of Supervisors. It is believed that he pays some of them regular salaries. At any rate, they take their orders from him implicitly. We see the police force at his command. Its members acknowledge and salute him as their superior officer. He is given an escort of infantry and cavalry like some European monarch.

Ruef is a wealthy man. He boasts of his large earnings. If he thinks he needs a bodyguard, let him hire his own gun fighters. The employment of forty policemen for his personal protection at a time when every man is needed for regular duty is a monstrous injury to the rights of citizens and taxpayers. Worse than that, it is a distinct avowal by the administration of sympathy and complicity with crime.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Mexicans envy our opportunity to worry about suitable occupation for an ex-President.

At Ladew's blue ribbon dinner in New York covers were laid for forty-two. Two ponies and forty asses.

The sincerity of his purpose rings loud in Congressman Grosvenor's announcement that it is the duty of an American to accept any public office.

The Pottsville (Pa.) man who fell 400 feet down a mine shaft and came out uninjured seems physically qualified for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

PARTISANSHIP has no lawful part to play in the selection of Tuesday next of four Judges of the Superior Court and three Justices of the First District Court of Appeals. The shameless manipulations of Rogue Ruef have eliminated partisanship. Right thinking men of the rank and file of the three prominent parties are not merely free but are in duty bound to scratch those names.

Honesty, decency and good citizenship are arrayed against Ruefism and the prostitution and pollution of the founts of justice for which Ruefism stands. To intrench himself more securely, to permit his complete and unhampered looting of San Francisco, Ruef has essayed as a culminating triumph to make the judiciary his. With the amazing effrontery that has characterized most of his plundering of stricken San Francisco, and taking somewhat into account the possible vengeance of an aroused people, Ruef purposes to bind and gag the decent public, that he may loot it without the perfunctory precaution of a mask.

The instrumentalities through which Ruef purposes to accomplish this acme of huggery are Edmund P. Mogan, Charles T. Conlan, Ruefing candidates for the Superior bench, and Carroll Cook, Ruefing candidate for Presiding Justice of the District Court of Appeals. Ruef compelled the nomination of Conlan and Mogan by the Republican, Democrat and Union Labor conventions, as he compelled the nomination of Cook by the Republican convention. If Conlan is elected, by custom amounting to a rule of the Superior Court he will be chosen presiding judge to succeed Presiding Judge Graham. The presiding judge draws and impanels grand juries. San Francisco has ample present proof that Ruef likes not grand juries save of his own making. Ruef has everything to fear, nothing to gain, by the election of an honest man to that place. Conlan is in no way disqualified according to the Ruef standard of fitness. Eliminate his subservient fear of his master, Ruef, and Conlan himself would scarcely lay claim to that "push" badge of reprobation, honesty. There is a case so plain that even Conlan would find little difficulty in arriving at the facts. He is equally blameless of a knowledge of the law or of the judicial temperament. He could and he would, as presiding judge, obey the mandates of his creator and master. With Conlan as presiding judge, Ruef could and would snap his fingers in disdain of the aroused public sentiment, that now causes him to shudder in chill fear.

Conlan's running mate, Edmund P. Mogan, equally bad judge of the police court, equally subservient to the master gangster, is wanted on the Superior bench, not to make complaisant grand juries, but primarily, with Conlan, to defeat Judge William P. Lawlor, a decent man and honest and capable judge. Save as a matter of mere expediency, honest and capable men have no place in the esteem of the gangster. Such judges as William P. Lawlor hold forth unpleasant promise of stripes and bars for municipal buccaneers.

But with only two absolute tools on the Superior bench, and they but dull, if sturdy, instruments, it would be possible for a Ruefing to come front the Court of Appeals. To guard against possible annoyance from that source Ruef purposes to elevate Carroll Cook, judicial panderer, protector of unspeakable brothels, liberator of criminals, to the presiding seat on that bench.

With Judge Lawlor off the bench, Conlan to organize his grand juries, Mogan to free such of his journeyman thugs as might run foul of the Superior Court, and finally Carroll Cook, clever and subservient, to guard against the mistakes of his more than mediocre creatures on the Superior bench, Ruef could enter into the enjoyment of his harvest. The complete prostitution of San Francisco to Ruefism would be accomplished.

Defeat of this monstrous scheme of municipal debauchery lies in the ballot of the decent voter. It is a duty the decent, liberty-loving voters of San Francisco, whatever their partisan affiliations, owe their city and their families, to cast their ballots for the re-election of the incumbent Judges of the Superior Court, William P. Lawlor, James V. Coffey, John A. Hosmer, Thomas F. Graham, and for Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeals, Judge James A. Cooper. They are three Democrats and two Republicans. But that is beside the question. Because it was necessary to the consummation of his plans, some of them are damned with the indorsement of Ruef. All have the indorsement of the active agents of decency. In their election lie the safety, honor and prosperity of San Francisco. They have proved their fitness and the most convincing proof of that fitness lies in the fact that Ruef loves them not.

State Press Applauds Efforts to Land Looters in Prison.

THE movement to prosecute the San Francisco grafters and corruptionists is a popular one that has universal approval. It is a response to a demand from the best elements of San Francisco's population and every well-wisher of San Francisco, every Californian who has the good name of the State at heart and every good citizen everywhere who hopes that it may be successful. When such a man as Rudolph Spreckels pledges money enough to cover the expense of collecting evidence, others will follow the example and aid the prosecution until every guilty man is landed behind penitentiary walls. The popular cry of graft against public officials of San Francisco does it almost as much damage as did the great fire and is retarding its recovery as much as any other agency. When public officers are under the suspicion of sharing the profits of plunder or protecting plunderers, people will not go there to live or invest their means there. That is one reason why men having great interests in San Francisco are backing the movement with their money and lending it moral support.—Stockton Independent.

of the decent citizens have determined and the good work goes on. Sufficient funds have been raised, the best legal talent secured and men have been put to work gathering information which it is hoped will result in landing in prison those who have profited, to the extent of hundreds of thousands, from every deal, great or small, with which they have had anything to do in recent years. Attorney Heney and Secret Service Agent Burns may rest assured that the people of the entire State are anxiously awaiting the outcome of their efforts and praying that they may be successful in landing the ring-leaders of these grafters behind prison bars for good long terms.—Berkeley Reporter.

If a man is sentenced to fifty years in prison for holding up a man and robbing him of \$175, what punishment will be meted out to those men in San Francisco who are charged with robbing the people of thousands; who have placed the lives of the people in continual jeopardy by maintaining incompetent departments of the city administration, if Deputy District Attorney Heney finds that they are guilty as charged and successfully prosecutes them? Judging from the punishment of the ordinary holdups, what sentence will serve as commensurate punishment and adequate warning for this class of holdups of municipalities?—Grass Valley Union.

In the Joke World

"Have you heard that the earth quakes are now leaving the American continent for Europe? There have been shocks felt in England already. Yes, ever since the discovery of Jesse, things have been upset."—Figaro.

Inquisitive—If, as you say, you know this man to be a rake, why did you invite him to your house. Henpeck—Heaven, man! I never dreamed he would elope with my daughter. I thought he would carry off my wife.—La Rire.

Tess—I don't see why you call her spiteful. I thought she was paying you a compliment. Henpeck—You don't know her. Tess—Why, didn't she tell you you were looking quite yourself again? Jess—She said quite my "old self" with the accent on the adjective.—Philadelphia Press.

There are many lively suspicions circling around the two-story head of the absent Mayor of San Francisco.—Columbia Sun.

District Attorney Langdon of San Francisco has declared that he intends to stir things up in that city, now suffering a reign of crime. He may be pointed out as Assistant District Attorney of San Francisco. J. Heney, the well known prosecutor for the Government in the land fraud cases. It will be remembered that Mr. Heney once on a time asserted in a speech delivered in San Francisco that if he were given the opportunity he could place Abe Ruef behind the bars. He now has that opportunity, and if Mr. Ruef has been guilty of crimes against the public since that time, Heney has charged it is to be hoped that Mr. Heney will make good his word.—Tulare Register.

The whole State will rejoice that at last District Attorney Langdon has broken away from his wild goose political chase long enough to start a movement for the prosecution of the men who are humiliating San Francisco in the eyes of the world by their unconscionable and dishonorable misgovernment. In the hands of Francis J. Heney the cause of the law-abiding citizen will not languish. He has announced for so long a time and so loudly that he will prosecute every evil-doer of high degree in the land fraud prosecutions. He should have the moral support of the whole State in cleansing San Francisco of the official cancer which is preying upon its vitals.—Pasadena Star.

It begins to look as though the grafters who have been grafting on San Francisco for so long a time are about to receive their reward, but a different kind from that which they have been receiving in the past. Some

Nogales Needs an American Bank.

VICE CONSUL A. W. BRICKWOOD of Nogales reports an excellent opportunity for the investment of capital in the consular district of which Nogales is the leading city. He writes:

"It would seem that among all the vast mining interests controlled by American enterprise in this district the advantages to be derived from banking transactions conducted by Americans and fortified by American capital could not fail to enlist the attention of astute financiers. At present there are two American institutions of the kind, and they are of a private nature, both located at Cananea. The only bank of established commercial character in this district is a branch of the Banco de Sonora, in Nogales, the parent being at Hermosillo, Sonora.

"When it is considered that nearly half of the importing mercantile firms (excluding Chinese merchants) within this consular district are American, that the only two prominent manufacturing establishments are American also, while but four mining companies among the 150 are foreign corporations, the remaining 144 being American enterprises. It does seem as if the field should look inviting to American financiers. There is much complaint among American business firms in this district of the hardships they encounter in matters of loans and exchange. Instead of generous treatment and reasonable rates of interest a most exacting policy in regard to security is pursued, while the interest rates are almost ruinous. Twelve per cent is the minimum rate for loans, with hardly any limitations, the prevailing rates above the minimum being 15 and 18 per cent, or even more. An institution established by Americans and conducted upon conservative banking principles, ready to make loans at non-prohibitive interest rates and affording exchange in the same spirit, would easily have the preference of depositors and would soon control the banking transactions of Americans engaged in mining, commercial and all other pursuits in this consular district."

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Frank French Not a Fit Man for the State Senate.

OF all the disgraceful things that an utterly unscrupulous political boss could perpetrate upon a political party, the nomination of Frank French by Abe Ruef for the Senatorship from San Francisco is a little the worst ever. French was indicted and tried for bribery during the last session of the Legislature. He was not convicted, as were two of his pals, the verdict of the jury being, in effect, "not guilty, but don't do it again." Were we in his district, we would vote for almost anybody before we would vote for him. Should the venal element of San Francisco elect him the next Senate should refuse to seat him.—Redlands Citigraph.

Frank French, accused of accepting a bribe, is a candidate for the State Senate from San Francisco on the Republican ticket. Which leads the Sacramento Bee to observe that "because this man escaped the penitentiary is no reason why he should be indicted again upon the Legislature of California."—Los Angeles Express.

The nomination of Frank French by the Republicans of the Twentieth Senatorial District, San Francisco, for the upper branch of the Legislature is an affront to the decent people of the entire State. And while ordinarily residents of one district do not concern themselves with legislative nominations made in another, the shameful attempt to send this man back to the Senate from which he was expelled on charges of felony should bring indignant protest from all California, says the San Diego Union.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.

The nomination of Boodier French for State Senator among the ruins of San Francisco shows that nothing is too rotten for "Frisco. When the San Francisco vigilantes get ready to become busy they should devote their first attention to Abe Ruef, the fountain head from which spring all the city's troubles.—San Bernardino Index.

The contrast: Former Senator Emmons, a prisoner lecturing to other prisoners in the Sacramento County Jail, and former Senator Frank French, renominated for the Senate by Ruef Republicans in San Francisco.—San Diego Union.

It is a fact that ex-Senator Frank French, after being disgracefully expelled from the State Senate for bribery, has been renominated for the Senate by one of the burned districts in

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The Smart Set

AN interesting announcement is that made by J. W. Goad of Colusa of the engagement of his daughter, Miss Hattie Belle Goad, to Charles A. de St. Maurice, also of Colusa. Miss Goad, who is very charming and clever, has a host of friends here, having visited often in San Francisco, and there are many good wishes and congratulations for her and her fiancé. She is a cousin of Mrs. Osgood Hooker, Mrs. C. K. McIntosh and W. Frank Goad. Mr. de St. Maurice is a well-known resident of Colusa and is one of the popular men of the place. He has been for some years a close friend of the Goad family. The wedding will take place early in December.

Mrs. Frank Stringham (formerly Miss Juliet Garber), who has recently moved into the pretty new home erected for her on her father's place in Claremont, was the hostess at a very delightful luncheon last week. Among those present were: Mrs. Harry East, Miller, Mrs. Amy McKee, Mrs. Splers, Miss Katharine Splers, Mrs. John Galen Howard, Miss Marie Rose Deane and Miss Hilgard.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Eyre and their family, who have been at the old Eyre home at Fair Oaks since the fire, have returned to town and are at their home on Sacramento street for the winter.

Miss Elizabeth Livermore, who is at present at the Livermore home on Rusan Hill, will go down very shortly to Santa Barbara to join Mrs. Livermore, and they will spend most of the winter in the southern resort.

Miss Elizabeth Morrison, Miss Hannah du Bois and Miss Elizabeth Brice will leave today for New York, sailing hence very soon for Europe, where they will spend a year.

Great sympathy is being expressed for Mrs. Austin Washburn at the loss of her attractive home at Menlo, which was recently burned. The house was rented for a year, and the fire breaking out in the middle of the night, everything was a total loss, not even the furniture being saved. Mrs. Tubbs and her family are at present in Washington, D. C., where they are spending the winter months.

Mrs. Thomas Findley, who has recently returned from a stay of several months in the East, is visiting relatives in Grass Valley.

Miss Eleanor Terry, who is so well known and popular in San Francisco society, has spent the summer at Narragansett Pier, but during the past month has been visiting friends in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. She is now in Washington with her parents, Admiral Terry, U. S. N., retired, and Mrs. Terry, who have a house there for the winter.

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Answers to Queries.

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POLITICS OF GOVERNORS—G. W. Nevada City, California has had under American rule 21 individuals in the gubernatorial chair. Of these 2 were Independent Democrats, 1 American, 1 Union, 3 Republicans and 3 straight Democrats.

AMERICA OF PHILADELPHIA—J. L. Fravel, Wash. In a list of insurance companies, published October 1 of the current year, The American Company of Philadelphia is classed among those that are settling on the basis of 50 cents or less on the dollar.

WRANGLER LAND—Subscriber, Oakland, Cal. Wrangel Land, an island or tract of land in the Arctic Ocean north of the east extremity of the Asiatic coast, intersected by the meridian of 150 degrees east longitude, was discovered in 1857 by Captain Long of the United States navy. It was named after the Russian explorer, Baron von Wrangel (1794-1870), who sought to reach it.

Townsend's Cal. glass fruits and candies at Emporium, Post and Van Ness, and 1203 and 1229 Valencia street.