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IS IT THE SAME HERE?

The San Francisco Chronicle, speaking of the Ruef case, says it may as well be understood that that city is governed by its criminal elements. Exception is made in the case of a majority of the judges. The objection is raised by the defenders of the suspected officers, that the prosecution is but the outcome of political enmity. To this the Chronicle replies: "That there is a desire among decent citizens to rescue the city government from the clutches of those who now control it is true, but it can hardly be called 'mere politics' to get thieves out of office. The tactics of the boodlers are to evade trial until the public has forgotten the evidence so far as it has been disclosed, and to call the continued efforts of the prosecution to bring them before a jury 'political persecution.'"

In the case of Ruef it is charged that he took large sums of money from French restaurants, for licenses—money to which he was in no wise entitled and which therefore, was simply blackmail. Some of the keepers of those places have stated under oath that they were made to believe that, unless they paid the money to the Mayor, they would not obtain a license. Upon their testimony he was indicted.

In regard to Schmitz, the Chronicle says that it will probably be proved that "the police commissioners were puppets; they granted or held up licenses as directed by Schmitz; the applications of the French restaurants were among those held up; efforts of the applicants produced no result; in the end on a certain date the money was paid to Ruef. Immediately thereafter the licenses were granted by express direction of Schmitz. If the rules of evidence permit, it will also be proved that Schmitz has rapidly grown wealthy, with no known means of accumulation except his salary, which is less than the obvious cost of his living."

San Francisco is unfortunate in the choice of some of its public officers. We presume it will be difficult to convict the accused men, even if they are guilty. Experts in that kind of work, speaking of crooks generally, always know how to cover up their tracks. Besides, they usually know too much about the misdeeds of the party leaders responsible for them. Their knowledge insures them protection. The leaders do not dare to sacrifice them. The only remedy, when it is proved that a city government is turned over to scoundrels, is to overthrow the party responsible for that crime against the majority of the people, and elect honest men for all offices.

GALVESTON GOVERNMENT.

A contributor to the Portland Oregonian asks, in all seriousness, why it would not be a good idea to abolish the legislature of the state and let the people elect a commission "a la Galveston" said commission to serve for four years and frame the laws of the state as required by the people.

This would be carrying the so-called Galveston idea from municipal government to state government. But, if that logic is to be followed out, it is necessary to take the next step too, and turn the entire Federal government over to commissioners. We presume that every argument that can be urged for the application of the Galveston plan to the municipal administration can also be advanced in favor of a similar reform in the management of state and federal affairs.

Strange to say, there seems to be a strong impression among people that something is radically wrong with the plan upon which American government is constructed, and that some far-reaching change is needed for the cure of many ills. But the fact is that the American plan of government is all right. It is the best ever given to man, so far. The trouble is with the people who do not exercise the sovereign rights which are theirs, but permit plotters and conspirators to get the best of them, in spite of the power that is vested in the hands of the citizens. Reform is needed, but it is reform of hearts rather than of statutes. With honesty and intelligent regard for the welfare of the public prevailing in primaries, conventions, and other assemblies, where the fate of the communities is decided, there would be no necessity of tearing down and reconstruction of the government from the foundations. The government plan is all right. The citizens need reforming.

The story is told about some men trying to construct a bridge. They built and built, but always with the result that the structure fell as soon as the supports were taken down. Experts drew new plans according to all the rules of science, but with the same result. Finally, a practical mason was consulted. He looked at the bricks, instead of the drawings of the architect. And it took him but a moment to find out that the fault was in the material used, and not in the plans. And this is often the case when public affairs go wrong. It is in the material and not the construction. There is no reason why an honest and competent city council cannot do its duty as well and satisfactorily as could a commission. On the other hand, incompetent and dishonest commissioners, the tools of politicians, would spoil the best Galveston plan ever conceived.

"IS BAD FOR SALT LAKE."

"Salt Lake is getting some bad advertising in the Eastern papers as a result of the charges made against Chief of Police Sheets," said A. J. Byron last evening. Mr. Byron has just returned from a two months' visit to Chicago and to Louisville, the latter place being his old home.

Startling fact, wonderful admission! And made by the Salt Lake Tribune—made unconsciously and unintentionally—but made nevertheless; and singularly enough it never printed truer words. They appeared under the caption, "Is Bad For Salt Lake," which was supplemented with a further headline display to the effect that the "Sheets Case Is a Poor Advertisement For Zion." Precisely. That is what this paper has said from the beginning. That is what the decent and law-loving people of the community all think. More than that. This is a further view they all entertain: That if the Sheets case is a bad advertisement for Zion, so is Sheets. They are both cut from the same bolt of cloth which is of a material unfitted for and a quality undesired by the public. The fabric of which they are composed is of the shoddy kind, and small wonder that an advertisement of them in the east hurts Salt Lake's reputation. The keen and observant Mr. Byron is further quoted as saying:

"The Eastern papers have been printing in big headlines the stories of the alleged corruption in the Salt Lake police department, and it makes a Salt Laker, who is away from home, hot when he reads them. I was sought after by newspaper reporters in both Chicago and Louisville about the case, and I tried to explain to them that nobody in Salt Lake attaches any particular importance to the charges against Chief Sheets except the Mormon Church and its allies, who are trying to destroy him and the 'American' party. What one might say, however, counts for nothing against the wide publicity given all over the East to the charges against the Chief. This thing is doing Salt Lake no good, but, on the contrary, is doing it much harm."

How frank the gentleman is about his effort to make eastern people believe the slander that the "Mormon" Church is in any way interested in the whole malodorous business! His statement is like that other falsehood that the Organ gave credence to immediately after the expose of the big robbery, which was to the effect that the "Hierarch" had conspired with Scotland Yard detectives and had brought the unsuspecting McWhirter Brothers to Utah for the discomfiture and ruination of the "American" party. Genuine sorrow should be felt for Mr. Byron in his grief that the tide cannot be stemmed against Sheets in the east; so wide is the publicity against him. Is it possible that the famous organization of Utah slanderers are beginning to get a dose of their own medicine with this difference, that what they are accused of is true, while that which was imputed to men more honorable, was a tissue of revengeful falsehoods? May they grow sick from its administration and gulp with each succeeding swallow. In the end they may be benefited.

FLETCHERISM.

What is Fletcherism? That is the name given to a theory on eating, which has been demonstrated by one Horace Fletcher. This gentleman was refused as a bad risk, by a life insurance company, because of the condition of his digestive organs. Then he turned over a new leaf, if that is a defensible expression for a change in the manner of taking nourishment, with the result that now he enjoys the best of health. Anyone suffering from indigestion and kindred ailments should know what Fletcherism is.

Mr. Fletcher simply acquired the habit of chewing his food until it was thoroughly ground up and well mixed with the saliva. By this practice he soon discovered that the more time he gave to this process, the less food he needed. It is claimed that by this simple remedy his digestion was re-established, and from a chronic invalid he was converted into a man of perfect health. He has since been examined and his system of eating investigated by eminent physiologists. It is claimed that their investigations prove that we have been deceived in the past as to the amount of food, and especially of proteids, required to maintain the body.

Our age demands that everything go with a rush, and the taking of nourishment forms no exceptions to the general rule. Fletcherism says, stop long enough over your meals to give nature what she needs for keeping the body in repair. Your business will lose a few minutes of your time at each meal, but nature will add years to your life, to make up for that. So do not hurry away from the table, merely to reach your grave the sooner. Stay a little while, and live, if life is dear to you.

HERE IS PRESUMPTION.

"That speech of Apostle Smoot at Provo reads like that funny novel that was the composite result of a half-score of authors—each one writing a chapter without knowing what his collaborators wrote. Evidently the composers of the apostle's address had not consulted with one another on the subject. . . . The concluding paragraphs read like the effort of a private secretary."

Shades of the journalistic charlatans, but here is presumption for you! The mentally and morally gymnastic editor of the Knockers' Organ insinuating, with his knowledge of writing speeches for others, that the address of Senator Smoot was not his own; that it betrayed signs of being the product of the mind of a private secretary, assisted by numberless collaborators. This ebullition, this deliberate falsehood and slander at the hands of a man whose employer, when in the United States Senate, was surrounded by "more private secretaries than President Roosevelt himself," and who engaged them not only to write what he could not, but who paid them for thinking what he was unable to; who delivered "the famous effort of his life," notoriously known to be the work of hirelings, who were given a free reign in their defamation of Utah in that same tirade; who "startled" the world by his addition to geographical knowledge in his discovery of the "Island of Alaska;" whose lack of education and refinement have made him the laughing stock of thousands—this man's paper attempting to have it appear that Senator Smoot is compelled to do likewise. Surely this is a spectacle for the imps and their cohorts to make merry over!

There is no necessity for Senator Smoot to hire men to contrive, think or act for him. He is amply able to defend himself either by word of mouth or by his pen if needs be. When he speaks his sentences are his own; when he writes he neither copies, commits nor plagarizes. When he spoke at Provo the other day, his address, though spontaneous and extemporaneous was an interesting and able effort and in no wise the "rhetorical misfit," the Organ would make believe. It was a showing its owner could not make if his very life depended on it. His editors are aware of that fact and so is he. When it comes to the criticism of unoriginal literary or oratorical effort it had better remain discreetly silent.

After all, Old Sol is Utah's favorite sun.

There will never be pure milk until distilled water is used.

Buying railroads is simply routine work for Mr. Harriman.

Mayor Schmitz appears to be persona grata at the White House.

At times Mr. Jerome's tongue is quite as sharp as a serpent's tooth.

The railroads propose to make the two-cent a mile service look like thirty cents.

General Booth is more willing to accept tainted money than the people are to offer it.

There is room enough in the State for both the State University and the Agricultural College.

It begins to look as though the school furniture trust would have to take a back seat.

So long as the Wall street panics do not become epidemic the country cares very little about them.

Mr. Harriman says that the people hate a successful man. Where is the evidence that they hate Mr. Roosevelt, a fairly successful man?

It is an impossibility to determine who is the most beautiful woman in Salt Lake, there are so many, and all as beautiful as beautiful can be.

If Thaw was mad when he killed Stanford White, the testimony of James C. Smith shows that there was much method in his madness.

Professor Edward A. Ross, the University of Wisconsin sociologist, favors small families. Small favors thankfully received, larger ones in proportion.

"The country will watch with increasing interest the advance of the popular movement to compel the President to overcome his judgment and scruples," says the New Haven Register.

The President says that we have much to learn from the Japanese. He is right. They build armored cruisers in less than two years after the keel is laid down, while it takes American ship builders nearly four years to do the same thing. We should learn how the Japs do it.

The Sage foundation established by Mrs. Russell Sage is a noble gift and is unique in its object. It ranks the lady with Carnegie and Rockefeller as a philanthropist. Somehow or other when a woman does a great charity it seems more gracious and noble than when done by a man. And so it is with Mrs. Sage's.

NO PANGS IN STARVING.

Dillon Wallace in Outing.

Novelists write a lot of nonsense about the pangs of hunger and the extreme suffering that accompanies starvation. It is all poppycock. Any healthy person, with a normal appetite, after missing two or three meals is as hungry as he ever gets. After awhile there is a sense of weakness that grows on one, and this increases with three days. Then there comes a desire for a great deal of sleep, a sort of lassitude that is not unpleasant, and this desire becomes more pronounced as the weakness grows. The end is always in sleep. There is no keeping awake until the hour of death.

WATER-CURE SYSTEM.

Cincinnati Inquirer.

A modern system of hydrotherapy, or the water cure system for insanity, will be installed by Director Copin in the Philadelphia Hospital for the Insane. It is asserted that in many cases of chronic insanity a marked improvement, and often a cure, is wrought. "Just as the Turkish bath seems to absorb from the system the poison of liquor, so the water treatment seems to absorb the elements which, directly or indirectly, cause insanity," says Dr. Coplin. "I have heard of cases where patients who had to be strapped hands and feet when they were first placed in the bath, were so much improved after an hour or two that their violence disappeared."

STILL TALKING WAR.

Sacramento Bee.

European opinion strongly inclines to the idea that war between the United States and Japan is inevitable. It is argued that the Japanese are starving, need Hawaii and the Philippines, are reckless and desperate, and at present better prepared for war than the United States. But Japan is heavily in debt, owing to her war with Russia. And with the outbreak of hostilities with this country her credit would be hopelessly impaired. It is exceedingly unlikely that Japan could raise the money to enable her to carry on a long conflict with the United States. And whatever temporary advantages she might gain, it is quite certain that in the long run the United States would triumph, for our resources are infinitely superior, and the people of this nation would never submit to lasting defeat by Japan, even if it should require billions of dollars to bring the war to a successful termination.

TRIAL BY NEWSPAPER.

Law Notes.

There has been a good deal of condemnation of the attitude of the sensational press toward courts and judges engaged in the trial of notorious cases. Arthur Train, assistant district attorney of New York, in his recent volume, "The Prisoner at the Bar," declares that "it is no fiction to say that in many cases the actual trial is conducted in columns of yellow journals." In the notorious Thaw case in New York a part of the press is accused of seeking to influence the verdict in the case. How far the conduct of the newspapers has gone in undermining every vestige of the sense of propriety among a portion of our citizens is seen in a resolution introduced in the national House of Representatives by a member from Illinois. This outrageous and indecent resolution refers to the evidence in the Thaw case as revealing on the part of the man Thaw killed "a depth of moral depravity, degradation and degeneracy unequalled in all the annals of our criminal history. Would it be believed that a resolution of this character could be introduced in our highest lawmaking body while the case to which it refers was still pending, while the jury were hearing evidence day by day, and before they had arrived at the verdict which in any case would fail to affirm or disaffirm the charges against White? Whatever the character of White may have been, however low he may have sunk, the promulgation of such a resolution at such a time is indecent and inexcusable.

JUST FOR FUN.

A Mercantile Era.

Alack! How Cupid doth repine
With poets going into trade,
Nobody writes a valentine,
One simply buys 'em ready made.
—Washington Star.

Apprehensive.

Could I persuade the hand of Fate
To give me just what was my due,
I'd be a bit afraid to wait
For what was coming, wouldn't you?
—New York Press.

Now, Doesn't It!

It sounds beastly to say, "It rains cats and dogs."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Reminder.

Expert witnesses remind us,
That there's doubt concerning Cain;
Let no prejudices blind us—
He, too, may have been insane.
—Chicago Record-Herald.

Respectfully Referred.

"We, as a people, know absolutely nothing," says Thomas A. Edison. Respectfully referred to—Well, we won't mention any names because there are so many.—Buffalo News.

There You Are!

If you are cheerful under affliction you are called indifferent, and if you make a fuss over it you are called selfish, and there you are.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

A Tendency.

Of time there's sure a heap o' loss
With many bound to shirk,
'Cause everybody wants to boss
And no one wants to work!
—Washington Star.

Coldly Calculating.

"You should see what he writes to me!" said the sentimental girl.

"Yes," rejoined Miss Cayenne; "but the question is, will he snow as much enthusiasm in drawing a check for the grocer's bill as he does in composing a love letter?"—Washington Star.

Japanned English.

The last mail from Yokohama, Japan, brought a revised price list of the Union Laundry, of that place, and, while it shows that the war between Russia and Japan had increased the cost of one's washing at Yokohama, it also shows "English as she is writ" in the beautiful Japanese city.

Here is the notice served by the proprietor on his customers:

"Dear Sir: Heatherto we have been forwarded by your kindness of the washing cloth, but my we being compelled that the several articles are increasing day-by-day, the almost of the high prices are rice and the demanded articles of the our business are increased more than anything. Under these circumstances we are wished to you to increase our charges as appeared on the paper from Proximo, please acknowledge our proposal and oblige,

"We are, dear sir,
Yours truly,
"_____."

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Among the host of educated men who have attained eminence in this country the number of graduates from the lesser colleges is strikingly large. In the current issue of Leslie's Weekly Guy Morrison Walker undertakes the task of showing that the small colleges, with their limited equipment and facilities, are producing a greater percentage of successful men than are leading universities. Mr. Walker fortifies his position with surprising statistics and strong argument. The number makes a fine display of illustrations.—New York.

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