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AMENDING CHARTER.
The question of amending the city charter is an open one from a legal standpoint. Our present charter was created by the legislature in 1874, and was amended in 1876, since which time there has been no change in it except as where affected by the operation of general laws, such as the Voting (poll) act. Our peculiar status is owing to the fact that our charter is what is termed special legislation, and under the present state constitution all special legislation is positively prohibited. This, however, does not affect those cities incorporated under special acts, but all cities incorporated since the adoption of the new constitution have become so under general enactment. As we understand the matter, however, the legislature can wipe out all city governments specially chartered, but the question as to whether it can amend those special charters is an open one. The consensus of legal opinion in the affirmative but the Supreme Court has never passed upon this point, although the charters of several cities have been materially amended, particularly those of Chico and San Jose.

So it will be seen that in case our charter should be amended by extending the tax limit from 75 cents on each one hundred dollars to \$1, it may involve the city in litigation and financial embarrassment, provided the tax levy of any subsequent year should be raised above the present limit of 75 cents.

A NEW TAX AT AUSTRALIA.
The colonies of Australia are making the same approach to the simple principle of any people whose affairs are wisely commended upon. The colony of Victoria has under consideration a bill to put a tax of one penny but every pound sterling of the "improved value of land." In cases where improved land is reclaimed the owner and the mortgagee are assessed in proportion to their respective interests. The holdings of aboriginals for the term of three years and no longer, subject to a 20 cent. increase in taxation. The proposition divides income into two classes, income derived from property and incomes from labor. The income derived from property is subject to twice the rate fixed for incomes from work. The lowest income tax is three pence per pound sterling on incomes over £200. The rate increases as the income increases until an income of £200 is reached, after which there is no increase penalty for the term of a large income.

INDUSTRIAL.
If the present Legislature fails to abolish the Railroad Commission, it will fall in one of no moment to the people, says the San Luis Obispo News. As a Railroad Commission in its broad sense, a body and board of persons, of those organic corporations, it has been from its organization a most gratifying success; but as an agent of the people or a conservative of any sense of the public interest, it has equally and disgracefully failed. A useless commission is had enough, but an absolutely mischievous one should not be tolerated for a day longer.

Controversy a Reference.
The Horticultural Commissioners of San Bernardino county are quarreling all fruit stock brought in from points outside of California. The immediate cause of their action is the discovery of a dangerous fungus disease affecting deciduous stock grown in Oregon and Washington.

LOS ANGELES, 100, has prepared a new Charter giving the Mayor more power. The San Francisco Charter makes the Mayor a political boss, and all the Examiner is of the opinion that it does not confer sufficient authority upon him.—San Jose Mercury.

The Grand Court of California, Ancient Order of Foresters of America, will convene in San Jose May 7th. It

is estimated that 3000 people from all sections of the State will be in attendance.

Found at Last.
It is well known to the medical profession that diseased blood is at the foundation of most diseases; as to what causes the poisoned blood, they are entirely at sea. Consumption or emaciation has been supposed not to exist in those who have a regular daily movement from the bowels. It has been discovered that this is a very great mistake; that irrespective of every 100 persons, and particularly those of sedentary pursuits and residents of cities who have plenty of time to devote to business and labor, and almost no time to devote to the consideration of what they should eat and drink are convalescent; that there is a failure adequate to expel the refuse product of digestion; that this condition is less in those who do not, but that it is a consequence all the same, differing only in degree. It has been discovered that the process of this food matter in the system, and its absorption into the circulation, is the fruitful source of blood poisoning. Once having matured to a stage perceptible. To remove all disorders from the system of the afflicted, opens the operation of the body, Frank is the long felt want. This is a preparation made from prunes, figs and other California fruits, combined with the medical properties of herbs known to be the most beneficial to the human system.

Frank is not for the grippe or sick, it is harmless and pleasant to take, and its effect is best known to those for the Athletes, liver, stomach and bowels. Price 50 cents per bottle. P. P. Krough, N.Y.

FINANCIAL A RECENT DECISION.
A Santa Cruz dispatch of the 7th inst. says: The case of the People vs. J. M. Graves, on appeal from the Justice's Court, was argued this afternoon. Graves was accused on a charge of violating the city ordinance which requires peddlers to pay a license. He represented a Philadelphia firm and was seeking orders for clothing. Graves was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$25. The clothing firm represented and instructed an attorney to fight the case and carry it to the United States Supreme Court if necessary. Their attorneys, Gray & Co., with which to begin the fight. The attorney for the firm had the advantage of a 50 cent increase on the representation of the attorney because in violation of the provisions of the ordinance, by attacking the constitutionality of the ordinance.

Wife Killed by Her.
Captain James Oliver of the clipper Lexington, which arrived here yesterday, tells this story: "While the Lexington was in the harbor, the Prince of Wales was the guest of the last voyage of the Lexington. The captain of the Prince of Wales told me that it would be interesting for him to visit the Lexington and see what an old time American clipper ship looked like. Captain Oliver was notified that the Prince would like to come aboard. The captain's son, hearing of this, declared that he would couple the prince to tip his hat to him. When the party came aboard, the boy appeared on deck wearing the American flag. The prince, noticing the national colors, raised his hat, and the others in the party followed suit, to the great delight of the captain's son, who, in this way, made good his boast."—Philadelphia Record.

The Price of a Foreign.
The statement that "it is the intention of Lord Rosebery to resign as prime minister" may be taken at a very low valuation. In the first place, if he had formed any such intention, he would hardly be likely to make it public, because, in the second place, any such announcement would have a disastrous effect upon the market. It is rather trivial perhaps to talk about the "price of a foreign," but it is a fact that nearly every power created in recent times for political services has contributed at least \$10,000 to the funds of his party.—London Figure.

Controversy a Reference.
Mrs. Christiana Chast cannot retire into private life. Since the Empire after the law has been the most written about woman in London, and now—how to know—how to know to bring about the discovery of a dangerous fungus disease affecting deciduous stock grown in Oregon and Washington.

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THE LOST CLIFF HOUSE.
There was the famous Cliff House of the Old Resort Area in Every City.

San Francisco has lost one of her few architectural marvels, but those risk-ey walls were re-erected of the happy, generous, ever going spirit of the old Californian. It was a grand, magnificent city that had the Cliff for one of its chief attractions. It was a happy resort of exactly the same kind could win such a reputation now, but in the old days the Cliff House was as famous as the Yosemite, or at the end of which it was uncertain whether they or the homes gained the more celebrity from the association.

When distinguished strangers would take in the house of San Francisco, the place was given over in architectural admiration to its use. There were no buildings that would draw a second glance in any corner or European city. But the visitor to the Cliff House was not looking for magnificence. He was looking for a good time, and he got it and spent the hours of it abroad. The new Cliff House will be a more magnificent structure than the old, but it is not to be said that it will not be regarded as for so many great moments in every corner of the earth.—San Francisco Examiner.

Revised Office View To Be Made.
For the first time in 15 years the United States patent office finds itself this week, by its date with the work being done, that it is in such a condition that a new application filed today will be acted upon within 30 days, and an amendment filed today will receive attention within 100 days. One year and a half ago the more important and busiest branches of the office were more than ten months behind hand. One year ago 27 divisions were more than two months and seven more than three months behind hand. The office force has not been increased, and has the number of applications between 700 and 800 a week, and the number of amendments about 1,600.—Washington Post.

Surprised Fishers.
The bakers of Port Huron, Mich., have been surprised to find that the catch of fish in their nets is so small that they finally get out the price of 3 cent a pound of bread to 2 cents, and 1 cent a pound of flour. The result of which is that all the people of the town are questioning which of the bakers and bakers' bread, the result of which is that all the people are asking money at 2 cents a loaf, and there is no talk of going back to the old price.—New York Tribune.

The Coal Trade.
The Philadelphia market for coal is a very active one. The coal trade is a very important one, and the price of coal is a very important one. The coal trade is a very important one, and the price of coal is a very important one.

Original Home War.
"Was you ever in a war war, Uncle Jim?"
"Only one time, sah."
"Well, how was it?"
"It was the way, sah. I had de turkey gwine long on was due on quiet er sound, but somehow de dog get wind of it, er me on him had de dog roof fer 'em a mile, but we finally compromised it."
"And how was that?"
"Oh, I see give de dog de turkey on 'em 'er better!"—Atlanta Constitution.

The Cutthroats.
The phenomenon of a rare cutthroat (kilted) from deep water have been investigated by Justice. It comprises what the author calls a mirror and an apparatus for producing light. The mirror is carried by hand, and this, in turn, vibrates the phosphorescence in solution.—Philadelphia Record.

The U. S. Gov't Reports show Rapid Baking Powder superior to all others.
The crumery at Longport will be opened about the first of March.

Old Brewery Saloon!
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I have just added a full line of wine, 8 types and cigars to my stock of all the best quality. Call on me. Remember the name—the Old Brewery, Cambridge, Mass. H. S. SHERMAN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.
FOR CITY MARSHAL—
A. H. WILKE

Announces himself a candidate for the office of City Marshal of Salinas City at the election, March 11, 1895, and respectfully asks the support of the voters of Salinas City.

FOR CITY MARSHAL—
OET L. ABBOTT

Announces himself a candidate for the office of City Marshal of Salinas City at the forthcoming charter election, and respectfully asks the support of the voters.

FOR CITY MARSHAL—
WILLIS W. JOYCE

Respectfully announces himself as a candidate for the office of City Marshal of Salinas City at the forthcoming charter election, and respectfully asks the support of the voters.

FOR CITY MARSHAL—
JAMES G. EVANS

Present incumbent, respectfully announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Marshal, and respectfully asks the support of the voters of Salinas City at the election of March 11th day of March.

FOR CITY MARSHAL—
ROBERT M. CARTER

Respectfully announces that he is a candidate for the office of City Marshal, and respectfully asks the support of the voters of Salinas City at the election of March 11th day of March.

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