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## TEMPERANCE PEOPLE Likely to Lose the Fight at Sacramento



SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—Four temperance friends who drafted an expensive and well managed propaganda from a big sale of officers in the Phoenix building have been having their own troubles since the passage of the local option bill in the Assembly. But if they are destined to disappointment in the Senate.

From the news I get from Sacramento there are at least twenty votes against local option in the upper house, twenty out of a total of forty. As it takes twenty-nine affirmative votes to carry a bill, that doesn't look very good for the prohibition cause.

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## For a New Labor Commissioner

In a few days the Legislature will have passed the bill under which Governor Johnson can oust the recently appointed Labor Commissioner, Theodore County Jr. of Santa Clara county. Then what?

Grant was comparatively unknown when he was named by Governor Gillett in the last hours of that gentleman's term of office. It seems he is a great friend of Louis Brand, the San Jose politician and lawyer, and Grant got Jeanne Mackenzie to make way for him in order to pay political obligations. Apparently Grant doesn't get much, for he will be out of office before next week is over unless he can get the Senate to hold him on.

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Then the Suffragettes Fleed

A lady who has been visiting the capital tells me a story on the suffragettes. It seems there is at the Hotel Sacramento a magnificent hallway overlooking the main lobby where the men congregate. This is the favorite perch of the suffragettes, where they can see and be seen.

They are very active women, those suffragettes, and law-abiding but not quiet. In fact, they are just the women to excite a response among unscrupulous men. Recently they were at the hotel where a set of different hotel rooming, domestic, etc. Some of these women are in the habit of the representatives of the movement to the suffragettes, with some of these cases they have an extremely interesting. So they closed their eyes and means in a plan to capture that but could not do so.

At last an individual in them. Some evening Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, wife of the San Mateo Assessor, Myman, Mrs. Anderson, the young wife of the Circuit Judge, and Mrs. William Schmitt, whose husband is in the House of Representatives from San Francisco, suddenly appeared on the scene and set down.

Then each attended and proceeded to work upon the distressed condition, the broad, delicate necklines, and the beautiful, the suffragettes were all in a row at this exhibition of femininity.

Fighting for North's Place

While the demonstration of a public nature is being made, there is a slight fight on the north side for the appointment to succeed Harry H. North as immigration commissioner at this port. North was appointed about one month ago, during an interval of few days of which he was at the head and which negotiations were being conducted under orders of National Immigration Commissioner Keele, the secretary of inquiry being under the supervision of his superior who is now acting as commissioner in the place of North.

It is said that the situation is such as to have attracted the special attention of Secretary of Commerce and United States. The place is classed as a Senatorial appointment, the choice resting with Senators Perkins and Flint, subject to approval and ratification by the President, with whom the appointment technically rests.

On the suspension of North, Inspector Stewart was chosen to conduct the office pending the conclusion of the investigation. Stewart is said to be the first choice of Keele to regularly succeed North as immigration commissioner. There seems to be a question here as to the policy of selecting the man who conducted the investigation of the office to take the place of the man he investigated.

There have been and are other candidates, including John W. Ward of Oakland, former Sheriff McKenna of Santa and John W. Rogers of this city. The friends of Walter V. Stafford, the retiring president of the State Harbor Commission, in this city have urged him to get into the contest. Billy Maguire, former Assemblyman from Kings county and now interested in oil, is held by some to have a lead in the scramble for the place. The mails and wires have been used freely and the candidates have been bring-

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ing all influences at their command to bear in Washington, D. C.

About two weeks ago it looked as though the appointment of Maguire was to be put over without delay, but something happened and no selection has yet been announced. Senator Perkins seemingly does not concede that there is any vacancy. He has been making quite a battle for his friend North, and at his request leading citizens here have telegraphed and mailed endorsements of North to President Taft and others in Washington, D. C.

In letters to friends of the candidates here Senator Perkins has always included the proviso, "in the event of there being a vacancy." He has also written that in this "event" both Flint and he are committed to a number of a recent Legislature who has been highly endorsed by his associates. This description applies to Maguire, but still the battle is being waged and may not be brought to a conclusion during the present session of Congress.

Should this be the case, Works will have become the United States Senator from the south and still further contribute to the complication, possibly to an extent that will cause the President to act independently of the Senators in making the selection of a candidate to succeed North.

Business Before Pleasure

John Farley, one of the few remaining of the old-time saloon proprietors and managers of San Francisco, and who is a manager at the City House, can always be counted upon to tell a good story. Farley has a vigor and snap to his way of talking, and in a life full of experience in California and Nevada and with a remarkable memory for what he hears, has acquired a splendid vocabulary without much general reading. The other evening while some lawyers were telling of the big damage cases they had won, Farley told a tale involving an attorney, a friend of his, who represented a steam railroad in a damage case brought by the parents of a little boy who had been mangled at a street crossing by a passing switch engine. One of the leading witnesses for the parents, the plaintiffs, was the keeper of a small store near the crossing where the child had been struck and killed. The attorney for the railroad, realizing he had a desperate case, tried to browbeat the stockkeeper and continue him. So he asked this witness all sorts of questions. The proprietor of the store told how he saw the accident, how the locomotive gave no warning of its approach and how a crowd had collected.

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Hale for Harbor Commissioner

Following the appointment of George M. Hill as Harbor Commissioner, it was expected that the appointment that Marshall Hale will be chosen to take the place of Stafford as president of that board, there has been a great rush of local insurgents for places on the city front. The indications are that Governor Johnson proposes to build up as strong a local machine as possible. He has made Fred G. Sabin, chairman of the county committee, president of the State Fish Commission, and is otherwise strengthening the patronage power of his San Francisco organization.

It was a long time before Marshall Hale could be induced to accept the Harbor Commissionership. It is even now said that Hale only agreed to take the appointment on the representation that by so doing he would hold the Governor out until after the session of the Legislature and other trying situations had been disposed of. It is also said to be a condition of Hale's acceptance that he find the duties of the office unobtrusive too much of his time, and become irksome, he will resign. Already there is talk of Hale as the candidate of the Johnson or insurgent organization for mayor of San Francisco, and he may be the choice of that organization at the next primary. The politicians do not look to Marshall Hale holding the office of Harbor Commissioner for a term of four years.

As the electors are showing a disposition to leave the recommendation of a municipal ticket to the exposition committee, as the mayor, supervisors and other principal officers selected at the next election will serve for four years and during the time of preparation for and the holding of the exposition.

Confidence in Real Estate

Confidence in real estate circles has been greatly restored by the action of Congress in choosing San Francisco as the exposition city. Already there is a better and more hopeful feeling. A great boom in outside or suburban residence properties is expected. Already there is an movement in downtown or business properties. Those who were holding back for the action of Congress are now closing leases for extended terms. The confidence and good feeling has widespread influence and all properties seem to have been affected by the renewed spirit of progress which permeates the city in all branches of commercial or financial affairs.

A particularly good feeling obtains in the downtown wholesale business section of the city. The merchants believe that there will be a general improvement all along the mercantile line and that San Francisco will resume its former business activities. If confidence and good feeling be regarded as essential factors for the improvement of affairs commercial San Francisco's business conditions are already in the ascending scale.

In the retail lines, especially those that go to the material points and pleasures of the citizens, an improvement in business is already noted. Confidence rather than distrust of the future conditions probably is the cause of this. Restaurant and saloonkeepers report a noticeable increase in daily receipts; their patrons seem inclined to expenditures because of their belief that this community is to enjoy great prosperity during the next four years. The public is dealing in San Francisco's future with the greatest confidence.

Hobo Is Active

The "Hobo" is at large in San Francisco. Not but the gentlemen of petty grant and abundant leisure is always here, but he is now present in larger numbers than usual, even at this season of the year, when the rains drive him to the centers of population, where

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police stations are more numerous and opportunities to gain shelter more frequent.

The post is particularly obnoxious this year and blocks of the city are infested with them, modestly demanding money in sums ranging from a nickel up.

Some of the union labor men get rid of the nuisance by inquiring the trade they follow, and when told demand that the beggar show his union card, which, of course the tramp is unable to do. He is then told that there is no aid for non-union men and sent on his way empty-handed.

So great is the pest that the chair-gang, an institution never popular in this city, has been suggested as a means of securing relief to the pedestrians who are so frequently waylaid by these tramps and beggars.

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Editors Made Good

Frank Rowley, formerly news editor of the Examiner in this city, who resigned about a year ago to take the editorship of the Post Dispatch in St. Louis, one of Pulitzer's publications, has, I am told, bought a large interest in the Plain Dealer of Cleveland, a daily paper of large influence in Northern Ohio. Rowley came to San Francisco from Chicago when Stanton of the same city came here to be managing editor of the Examiner under Publisher Dent H. Robert. There also came here from Chicago about the same time, J. Lawrence Toole. All three made a distinct success with the Hearst paper. Stanton has in every way been a successful managing editor. Toole is now the dramatic critic after having served as city editor and night editor. Rowley liked the paper and the city, but having means of his own has sought in the Eastern field to invest his money to the best advantage.

The Fair Committee

Now that San Francisco has been officially recognized by the House of Representatives at Washington as the official site for holding in 1915 the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, and as the Senate and President will unquestionably ratify this action, it is both pertinent and interesting to mention the eleven men who constitute the executive committee which will have charge of the exposition, the great world will have ever seen. A. M. Foster is a member of this committee and is its treasurer. He is a millionaire several times over, self-made, able and possessed of the confidence of the community. The other members of the committee consist of Conner S. King, R. B. Hale, M. H. de Young, Frank L. Brown, Leon Sloss, Henry F. Fytmann, Alfred J. Eberig, William H. Crocker, James McNab and A. W. Scott, Jr., the latter being a Los Angeles man. All of these men rank high in ability and constitute a committee that is the equal of any that could be selected in this country for so great a purpose. Look at this exposition from another point. There are in San Francisco today 600 hotels, family hotels, apartment houses and lodging houses, as against 520 the day before the great fire. Many more will be built between now and the opening of the exposition. So this answer is an easy one about the city being able to provide for some thousands of visitors who will attend to cause the experience of Chicago during its great fair that 70 per cent of the paid admissions came from within a radius of 600 miles. St. Louis had a fairer experience, so did Buffalo and Seattle with their successful fairs. Within a radius of 150 miles of San

## After Dr. Reinhardt with a Sharp Stick

Trouble is brewing for Dr. George F. Reinhardt of the University of California and he is likely to be the subject of a resolution of censure. This is all because that good old law now that crops on every little while.

Dr. Reinhardt is a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners. He is, in fact, a very active member and in his activity has incurred the enmity of many practitioners who have been shut out of California by the examiners. They have it in for him.

Now they think they have the good factor on the hip, and they propose censure him instantly if they can manage to do so. Already they have their nominations of war gathered for the fight and the doctor will have to step lively or these motions will get him.

It seems there is a law that says that no member of the State Board of Medical Examiners shall be a teacher or professor of medicine in any school or college. Now Dr. Reinhardt's enemies have found this article in the California Code. They have shown that G. F. Reinhardt is a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners. The other entry is in the roster of the State University, and reads:

G. F. Reinhardt, Professor of Hygiene and University Physician.

These two entries were laid before Attorney General U. S. Webb this week, and he gave his opinion that under the law Dr. Reinhardt had no right to serve on the Board of Medical Examiners while holding the Professorship of Hygiene at the State University, so the doctor's opponents expect to make the tally from his back before long.

In any event, the terms of all the members of the Board of Medical Examiners expire on April 27th of this year and Governor Johnson will have an opportunity to clean them all out if he wants to.

## What About the Tax Commission?

Are we to continue our Tax Commission? And if so, who will be the Commissioners?

The term of the present Commission will soon expire. Its work practically closes with the adoption of the laws necessary to carry out Amendment No. 1 adopted at the last session. Senator John Curtiss and Professor Carl C. Plehn of the University of California are the Commissioners who have done the work up to now.

Well, some of the reformers have proposed the Governor against these men. Commissioner. The objection he found out, it is said, that he was the official chief head of the commission. At once he began to make things hard. He had Curtiss and Plehn on the jump in very short order. He asked questions very rapidly and is now in through all the proposed laws and amendments just as when he returns to Sacramento.

He has told some of the legislators that he has no very high opinion of Commissioner John S. whom he suspects of covetous relations with the Southern Pacific. So if we are going to have another Tax Commission, my guess is that the Commissioners will not