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## SAN FRANCISCO MORALS.

IF ANY there are who have been inclined to doubt the reports of moral reform worked out in San Francisco they will find in recent news from the Golden Gate that their fears have been groundless and their doubt founded on the sand.

For, at a recent meeting of the San Francisco library board, a gift of \$750,000 from Andrew Carnegie has been rejected because it was declared by some of the trustees to be tainted money.

This, the cap sheaf of the uplift, according to some, was not achieved without travail for even in rejuvenated San Francisco there are those whose material sense has not been quickened to the point of rejecting bad money when a chance to do good with it is presented.

As a result of the divergence of view, a difference which has been the incentive to endless debate in almost every community in the land, for eleven years San Francisco has been toying with the temptation to accept this three-quarters of a million which would plant a library on almost every block, constant founts of inspiration to good citizenship.

Former Mayor Edward Robeson Taylor, Thomas E. Hayden, Andrew Gallagher and others of the library trustees were responsible for the outcome. Carnegie's half billion fortune belongs to the people from whom it was wrongfully extracted through laws granting privileges, said they, and when confronted with the suggestion that if it belongs to the people, the people should reacquire it in the form of libraries, since that is the easiest way, they responded that if Carnegie would admit he was restoring conscience money and not making a gift, they would take it; otherwise never.

Of course Carnegie probably will not know he saved this particular \$750,000 so, and the chief interest in the scorn of 'Frisco for the canny Scot lies in its assurance to any who may have hesitated about attending the Panama Exposition on account of the Barbary coast and other attractions of like terror, that visitors hereafter will be in the keeping of keen moral sense, and embraced by an atmosphere of perfect rectitude.

WITH THE  
TOAST AND TEA

## IMPROVING ON NATURE

Perhaps you've never stopped to think how handy it would be if every woman had three arms, instead of two, for then, you see, she wouldn't have to miss a stroke of work, because the maiden fair would have a needed extra hand to poke away at her back hair.

Two-headed politicians would at banquets make a life-sized hit 'twould solve a knotty problem and there's not the slightest doubt of it.

The time at banquets is so short it's hard to make the job complete, but then one head could make the speeches while the other one could eat.

If folks who walk could just have wings 'twould make this life worth while. They wouldn't have to cross the street in nervous, shaky, halting style.

They'd have to dodge about no more and they could thank their lucky stars. That they had found a way at last to fool the scorching touring car.

## PRIZE RIDDLE TODAY:

If Coos Bay was first settled in 1851 when did the Battle Rock Massacre?

Don't fight windmills. It's no use.

Straining your voice will not make it clearer.

Goodness and stupidity are often synonymous.

The ace-side is everything to a man blind in one eye.

The world does not owe you a living—it was here first.

C. E. Nicholson says: "Butter is for consumption, but it will not cure a cough."

Frank Sacchi, who is something of a milk man, says: "It sours the milk of humankindness to nurse wrath."

QUESTION FOR THE DAY:  
How did those flies get into the house?

May seems to be the open season for all kinds of foolish remarks on the railway situation.

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TO AID GOOD  
ROAD CAMPAIGN

Marshfield Chamber of Commerce Will Assist In Movement for Better Roads.

Saturday will be Good Roads Day in Oregon and Coos Bay will participate in the campaign to be inaugurated then to secure better highways. Petitions urging special legislation to hasten the building of better roads will be circulated and the matter will be made a special order of business at a meeting of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Sec. C. C. Chapman of the Oregon Development League has sent a number of petitions here to be circulated and has followed up the earlier correspondence with telegrams urging vigorous action. W. S. Bobble of the Portland Chamber of Commerce is also aiding in the campaign. In a telegram received today, he asks if the road from Roseburg to Coos Bay is now suitable for travel by automobiles.

Gov. West's Proclamation. Good roads are essential to the growth and prosperity of our state. Bad roads will retard our advancing by keeping without our borders a class of citizens who would otherwise come to join with us in the development of our rural districts.

Good roads question is fairly before the people, and it is important that the numerous bills which are to be presented to them at the next election be again brought to their attention, that they may be given further study and consideration in order that a false start in road construction may be avoided.

Therefore by virtue of authority in me vested, I, Oswald West, Governor, do hereby set apart and proclaim Saturday, May 11, 1912, to be Good Roads Day. And I urge upon the people that they do, upon that day, pause in their employment to give careful thought to the question of good road construction. And I earnestly recommend that the voters of the state, on that date, study and discuss the different road bills which are now before them for action.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of Oregon to be hereunto fixed at the capitol, this fourth day of May, 1912.

OSWALD WEST, Governor.

## QUAKES IN MEXICO

More Than a Dozen Tremors Terrorize the Inhabitants.  
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

GUADALAJARA, Mex., May 8 (delayed in transit).—More than a dozen earthquakes were felt here last night and today. No injury to persons is reported. Thousands passed the night out of doors. There are unconfirmed rumors of fatalities at Tepic.

## YOUNG IS COMMANDER

Confederate Veterans Honor Kentucky at Reunion.  
(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

MACON, Ga., May 9.—General Bennett H. Young of Louisville, Ky., commander of the Army of the Tennessee, was elected commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans today.

## RUSH NEW LINE.

Southern Pacific to Get Busy in Malheur County.  
That between 200 and 300 men will be put on the construction work of the Oregon Eastern railroad in the Malheur canyon west of this city, within the next month is the reliable information coming to the Enterprise just as this issue went to press today says the Vale Enterprise.

There is every reason to believe that the directors of the Harriman system will not even wait until July 1st when the general budget is to be given out, but that rush orders will be given out sooner for this section for the completion of the new trans-Oregon line in time for the 1915 San Francisco exposition.

MRS. H. BLATT arrived here today from Lead, S. D., to visit at the home of her father-in-law, J. A. Blatt, in South Marshfield.

## BEAT REDUCTION PLAN

Efforts to Abolish Mints and Assay Offices Defeated.  
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The attempt of abolishing the mints at San Francisco, New Orleans, Carson and the assay offices at Boise, Deadwood, Helena, Seattle and Salt Lake was defeated in the House today by a vote of 92 to 61.

## ABOLISH COMMERCE COURT

House Votes to do Away With Body by Vote of 120 to 149  
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The House by a vote of 120 to 149 voted to abolish the United States Court of Commerce, many republicans voting with the democrats. The cases now pending before the court under the abolition provision connected with the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill will be transferred to the various federal district courts having competent jurisdiction.

The boys will sing "Booby" from the stage tonight at the Royal. It's a funny one.

COAST LEAGUE  
BALL SCORES

Portland Shut Out By Sacramento Yesterday—'Frisco Loses Again.

STANDING OF TEAMS			
	W.	L.	P.C.
Oakland	23	10	.697
Vernon	18	13	.581
Los Angeles	17	16	.515
San Francisco	15	17	.469
Sacramento	16	17	.489
Portland	9	19	.321

PORTLAND, May 9.—Portland was shut out at Sacramento yesterday and San Francisco suffered a like fate at the hands of Los Angeles. The games yesterday resulted as follows:

At Los Angeles	R	H	E
Oakland	5	13	1
Vernon	4	6	2
At Sacramento	R	H	E
Sacramento	1	4	1
Portland	0	7	1
At San Francisco	R	H	E
San Francisco	0	2	1
Los Angeles	1	6	1

BIG DEAL AT ROSEBURG.  
ROSEBURG, Ore., May 9.—Rumors in circulation in Roseburg for several days past are that Al Welch is negotiating for the purchase of the Roseburg water and light system from Kendall brothers, who bought the property a few years ago. The local offices of Kendall brothers have not been advised of the consummation of any deal, if one has been made, but it is not denied that negotiations may be in progress. Welch is prominent in the northwest as a promoter of municipal power plants and electric railways.

## SOUTHERNERS OPPOSE IT

Confederate Veterans Not to Aid Gettysburg Semi-Centennial.  
(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

MACON, Ga., May 8.—The committee on resolutions of the United Confederate Veterans' reunion here today advised the organization to decline the invitation of the Grand Army of the Republic for the veterans of the south to participate in the semi-centennial of the Battle of Gettysburg next year.

## THE RAILROAD SITUATION

The Roseburg News says: From the correspondence that we published in reference to the railroad from here to Coos Bay it would appear that the promoters themselves have no backing. Railroads are sometimes built this way, but they always cost the community about two or three times what they are really worth. There is no doubt that a railroad from Roseburg to the coast would be beneficial to this city and the country which it would traverse. We feel satisfied that a road will be built within the next two or three years. Certainly one will be built and in operation before the opening of the Panama Exposition. But it cannot be built on bonus money.

Bonus money represents but a small portion of the cost. No company of promoters can build successfully a road on a small percentage of the pledged bonuses put up by the communities through which the road will run. The estimated cost of the road from Roseburg to the coast is something over \$2,000,000.00. At the very outside not more than 25 per cent of this amount will be pledged in advance as a bonus. Ten per cent of this in cash amounts to \$250,000.00. This would start a survey and perhaps do a little actual construction work. The original promoters would then have to either raise more money through the sale of stock or issue bonds. In case stock were sold locally or otherwise the probabilities are that the original stockholders would lose all they put in it. The history of roads built on this plan has been that the roads go into the hands of a receiver either before the road is completed or shortly after. Unless these persons who bought it purchased it purely through their public spirit they would not realize on their investment. In the case of a bond issue it is improbable that any capitalists would accept or purchase sufficient bonds to build the entire road. This would not be good business.

With the rapid development of the country between here and the coast the day of a railroad is more certain. The road is needed now. But in matters of this kind where it takes large sums of money to handle them, capital moves slowly. The necessity for the road must not only be great, but the returns on the capital invested must be certain.

This condition may be said to be here. The investment would pay. But capital has not either been satisfied of it or other propositions are more attractive at this time.

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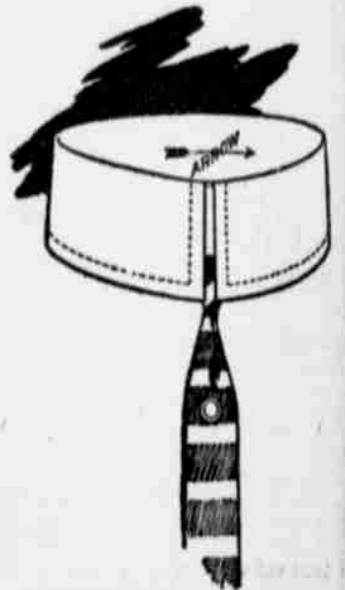
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