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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Showers.
Washington—Showers; cooler in east portion.

CALIFORNIA TO TRY IT

A direct primary law is a law whose greatest merit is that, if properly drawn, it puts an end to very grave abuses. In itself it is not a convenient, economical or satisfactory way of making nominations to public office. In its worst form as applied to a few leading officers, it is better than a convention of trading politicians controlled by the bosses. For that reason the "Chronicle" has favored it from the time it was first seriously proposed in this State, which was some years ago at one of the earlier meetings of the Commonwealth Club. It did not, however, originate with that very respectable body but, so far as this state is concerned, with certain innovators, mostly located in Los Angeles, which was the headquarters of the Direct Primary League of California, which had been faithfully circulating literature and argument on the subject some time before it was presented to the Commonwealth Club, which was some time in the latter part of 1905 or the early part of 1906—before the fire and the records were burned. It was taken up by the club again in November, 1906, the number of the club's transactions dealing with the subject being dated January, 1907. The "Chronicle" has favored a direct primary law for this state since it was first brought into discussion in this city, and was the first important paper in the State to do so. This bit of history is given for the benefit of the various journals which are squabbling with each other for the glory of first proposing a direct primary law. None of them are entitled to that credit. Neither is the "Chronicle." It is one of the things which the people of the State have done themselves.

While the "Chronicle" has steadily favored the direct primary law, it has not been inclined to throw its about it, for the administration of the best possible direct primary law will have serious difficulties, and we have the impression that the present law is a pretty bad one. The direct nomination of the multitude of local elected officials in this and other large cities will be a farce. It is quite likely to get us a worse lot of Supervisors than any convention—except a Ruel convention—would dare to name. We hope it will not. The "Chronicle" will do its best to prevent it. But nobody need be surprised to see it. The "compromise" about the Senatorship vote is absurd. Some of the features of the law are probably unconstitutional. Others will probably be found unworkable to any good purpose. But we have a direct primary law which it is not likely will ever be replaced. At the elections of this and next year it will have a good trial, and two years from now the people will be able to change what they find amiss.—S. F. Chronicle.

And now comes the Philadelphia Record, a stanch free-trade paper, with a trenchant denunciation of free iron ore which it declares would be

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QUADRUPLE MURDER

Mystery Stirs the Entire Section of New England.

BOSTON, Mass., March 27.—Not since Jane Toppin was convicted more than a decade ago of the wholesale poisoning of her friends and relatives has this section of New England been so stirred over a poison mystery as it has been this week by the development in the case of Mrs. Mary Kelleher, the Somerville woman who has been indicted on the charge of murdering four members of her family. As in the case of the Toppin woman Mrs. Kelleher is alleged to have killed her victims by administering arsenic in their food.

The persons alleged to have been killed by Mrs. Kelleher are: Annie T. Kelleher, aged 31, a sister of Mrs. Kelleher's husband, who died March 1, 1906; Mary Kelleher, 3 years old, daughter of Mrs. Kelleher, who died Nov. 12, 1906; William Kelleher, 10 years old, son of Mrs. Kelleher, who died Jan. 14, 1908 and Katherine M. Kelleher, 12 years old, eldest child of Mrs. Kelleher, who died July 23, 1908.

The case of Mrs. Kelleher first came under public notice last December when she was arrested on a charge of setting fire to the house of Prof. A. J. Lowell of Harvard, by whom she was employed as a domestic.

The bodies of the four persons who are alleged to have been victims of poison were buried in an Arlington cemetery, and remained there until after suspicion was aroused by Dr. M. W. White of Somerville, who called the attention of the police to the successive deaths in the Kelleher household. An investigation was ordered and the bodies were disinterred. Traces of arsenic are said to have been found in all of the bodies. The police also found that life insurance had been paid to Mrs. Kelleher after the death of each member of the family.

It is understood that the case of the State is based on the claim that Mrs. Kelleher was the person who had exclusive opportunity to administer the poison, and that she was the only person to benefit in a pecuniary sense from the death of those who died. It is the claim of the police that during the brief illness of each one Mrs. Kelleher employed no nurse and had only occasional assistance from friends and neighbors.

Since her confinement in jail Mrs. Kelleher has been under observation for the purpose of determining her mental capacity. Before the inquiry into the supposed homicides was started two physicians were appointed to study Mrs. Kelleher. They have had a number of interviews with her, but she has baffled them by her dexterous wit.

Reports of the activity of the police in the investigation of the deaths of her children came to Mrs. Kelleher's ears about two months ago. The prisoner is said to have become very nervous and excited. The physicians who had been observing her noted so serious a nervous weakening that they advised the sheriff to give her employment in the sewing room. If she were not employed the doctors said a collapse was inevitable. But despite repeated questioning the woman had made no admissions as to the deaths of her children.

ANOTHER AIRSHIP

BOSTON, March 29.—George A. Metcalf a retired inventor of Molden, Mass., has invented a new style of airship which he calls "The Flying Automobile." It is said that the machine can do stunts in the air like a bird, going either up or down, backward or forward.

ECZEMA CURABLE? PROVEN!

Attorney at Moline, Ill., Convinced by Oil of Wintergreen Compound.

There is nothing that will convince a lawyer except evidence. Now, here is some rather startling evidence of a simple home cure for eczema which convinced one lawyer, F. C. Enriken, attorney at Moline, Ill. He tells how oil of wintergreen compound mixed with thymol and glycerine, as in D. D. D. Prescription, cured him in 30 days after 32 years of suffering.

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STATE LAWS TO HELP CONTROL OPIUM

NEW YORK MAN THINKS THE FEDERAL STATUTES NOT ENOUGH.

NEW YORK, March 29.—While prominent druggists look with approval upon the regulation of the Treasury Department enforcing the recent act of Congress prohibiting the importation of opium or opium mixtures except for medical purposes, Clarence O. Bigelow, chairman of the State Board of Pharmacy is of the opinion that the federal act will not be effective unless it is supplemented by state laws.

Under the present law in this state, he said, the only regulation is that the druggist shall record the name of the person to whom he sells drugs containing more than two grains of morphine to the ounce and that he label the package, "Poison." No prescription, he says, is required. "Cocaine," he said, "cannot be sold except on prescription and violation of the law is a felony."

"I believe the morphine habit is growing but not as fast as the population. Most of the people who use the drug use it in the form of morphine tablets which are dissolved in water and injected hypodermically. They used to drink laudanum, but morphine has replaced it because it is more portable and effective."

NEED GUARDIANS

Idea to Conserve the Earning of Laborers in City.

CHICAGO, March 29.—Permanent headquarters for casual laborers with someone to take care of their earnings and give them money as necessity requires, is the solution of the unemployed suggested by J. Eads How. It is pointed out that the laborers from lumber and railroad construction camps bring hundreds of thousands of dollars into the city each year, but that the money is spent in a few days and destitution follows.

"The unemployed problem and the temperance problem must be solved at the same time," says Mr. How.

"We are making good progress in our organization work and have found employment for many of our members. We intend having a large meeting in New York in the first week of May when we shall bring conditions to the notice of the National Government in the hope that something will be done in the way of starting public works."

It Saved His Leg. "All thought I'd lose my leg," writes J. A. Swenson, Watertown, Wis., "Ten years of eczema, that 15 doctors could not cure, had at last laid me up. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it sound and well." Infallible for Skin Eruptions, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Boils, Fever Sores, Burns, Scalds, Cuts and Piles. 25c at Chas. Rogers & Son, druggists.

WOULD BUY STATUE

WASHINGTON, March 29.—It is planned in a bill recently introduced by Representative McCall of Massachusetts to buy the statue "America" by Cyrus Cobb, to be placed in the capitol or the Congressional library, building in this city. No appropriation is named in the bill.

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WASHINGTON, March 29.—The forestry service is preparing to distribute 100,000 basket willow cuttings from its experimental farm at Arlington, Va. The government has been conducting experiments with several grades of willow to determine the best stock and its value under different soil and climate conditions, with the idea of promoting the industry. Most of the willow used in this country in the manufacture of baskets is imported from Europe at a high price but it has been proved that the best grades can be profitably raised in this country. Consequently, farmers are applying their attention more and more to its culture each year. Only four varieties are being distributed.

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