



On April 18, the people of San Francisco celebrated the anniversary of the great earthquake by appropriate religious services and commemorative exercises.

The Nebraska railroad commission has issued an order abolishing free passes on all street railroads.

Mr. Bryan addressed the Connecticut legislature April 18.

The governor of Michigan signed the two-cent passenger fare bill, which becomes effective in September. It applies to all lower peninsula roads earning more than \$1,200 per mile on passenger trains. Upper peninsula roads are reduced from 4 cents to 3 cents, and lower peninsula roads under the \$1,200 limit can charge 3 cents.

Grand Master Van Dyke of the Ancient Order of United Workmen in Nebraska, is dead.

The assembly of the New York legislature passed, with but one dissenting vote, the bill providing for a flat rate of two cents a mile on all railroads in the state.

Regis H. Post has been inaugurated governor of Porto Rico. Post is the fourth civil governor of the island since 1900. He succeeds Beckman Winthrop, who will become assistant secretary of the treasury at Washington.

Governor Hagerman of New Mexico has resigned and Capt. Geo. Curry has been appointed by the president to succeed him. Capt. Curry was a rough rider. Hagerman's resignation was requested.

The interstate commerce commission has found the Union Pacific Railroad company guilty of granting rebates to the Peavy Elevator company.

The fifth son of the Emperor of Germany, Prince Oscar, nineteen years old, will enter Harvard college next fall.

Mr. Bryan was the guest of the Brooklyn democracy on the evening of April 16. Referring to this dinner an Associated Press dispatch says:

Besides Mr. Bryan the speakers included E. M. Shepard of New York, George Fred Williams of Massachusetts, former Governor Tyler of Virginia, Colonel John W. Tomlinson of Alabama, Governor Warfield of Maryland, August M. Thomas, the playwright, and Congressman Ollie James of Kentucky. Other guests were J. H. Blount of Georgia, formerly United States judge of the Philippines; Chas. F. Murphy, leader of Tammany, and Lewis Nixon, one of the democratic leaders in New York.

In extending the welcome to the guests, Mr. Shepard paid a tribute to Mr. Bryan, whom he welcomed with the words, "Brooklyn democracy declares its strong and loyal hope that Mr. Bryan would lead the party in 1908." Cheers followed Mr. Shepard's announcement.

Mr. Williams of Massachusetts discussed government ownership of railroads.

Former Governor Tyler of Virginia, in the course of a humorous speech, declared that a revolution new and powerful, is pulsating in the nation's bosom.

"New issues, or rather the enforcement of old ones," said Mr. Tyler,

"are stirring the people to the stern realities in a greater degree than they have been stirred for fifty years or more, and all this is fruit of seed sown in 1898 and 1900 and kept alive ever since the eloquence of W. J. Bryan, a grandson of Virginia, and encouraged by it in voice and mandate, and who will probably be nominated for the presidency." Mr. Tyler went on to say that the people of the south are practically united for Bryan, and that the mention of his name is as potent in flashing a magic spell of enthusiasm as it was in 1898. He believed that millions of American voters would never forsake the banner of Mr. Bryan.

A message from the southern democracy was delivered by Representative James of Kentucky, who added a word in behalf of the old democratic faith. "We would guard with vigilance and courage," he said, "state rights and local self-government, but the southern democracy believes the democratic party stands as a great divide between monopolistic greed on the one hand and socialistic ruin on the other."

Mr. James hailed Mr. Bryan as one of the pioneers of the democratic party, and added: "The southern democracy is tonight gathered about W. J. Bryan and from the blooming flowers of Florida to the waving blue grass of Kentucky the democracy of all Dixie proclaims that it wants Bryan to lead in the next great fight. The south says of Bryan, 'For twelve long years we have stood all kinds of weather, but in all those years Bryan never broke his vow and we would not change for a new leader, even if we could.'"

This southern sentiment was warmly applauded.

Governor Warfield of Maryland delivered still another message from the south. He said the democrats of that section continued to support Bryan and that the south was for Bryan for the presidency.

It was midnight before Mr. Bryan began his address. When he arose to speak he was accorded a tremendous ovation. For several minutes the members of the club stood on their feet and cheered while the band played "Hail to the Chief."

Mr. Bryan said his sole desire was that the democratic party should enter the next campaign with the strongest democratic strength it could find, in order to bring out a triumphant vote. It was not necessary for him, he thought, to be a candidate for any office, as there was joy enough for him in private life, provided he could get his ideas into operation.

The United States supreme court has sustained the fine of \$1,000 levied by the Colorado state supreme court against Thomas M. Patterson, former United States senator.

At a dinner given in London, Alfred Deakin, premier of Australia, predicted that during the next one hundred years there would be war for the supremacy of the Pacific with Germany and Japan taking part.

London cablegrams say that the famine in Russia is as serious as that in China, and that twenty million Russian people are near to starvation.

BOOKS RECEIVED

India and Her People. By Swami Abhedananda. Published by the Vedanta Society, New York.

Lectures and Life of Lyman H. Johnson. A series of lectures on the Church of the Bible and Its Apostasy.

Published by O. D. Hill, Kendall, W. Va.

God's Acre. By Rev. James Burrell, LL. D. Tiffany Studios, New York. Morgan Shepard Co., Parker Bldg., 225 Fourth ave., New York.

The Annunciation of The Eden Age. By S. O. McClung. Williams, Ind.

Social Economy, on the Economics of Social Production. By Cornele B. Adams. The Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kan. 50 cents.

Wilshire Editorials. By Gaylord Wilshire. Published by the Wilshire Book Co., 200 William St., N. Y. Price, \$1.

Government Regulation of Railway Rates. A Study of the Experience of the United States, Germany, France, Austria-Hungary, Russia and Australia. By Hugo Richard Meyer, Asst. Prof. of Political Economy in University of Chicago. The Macmillan Company, New York.

First Report of the Welcome Research Laboratories at the Gordon Memorial College, Khartoum. By the Director, Andrew Balfour, M. D., B. Sc., M. R. C. P. Edin., D. P. H. Camb. Department of Education, Sudan Government, Khartoum.

A Sentiment in Verse for Every Day in the Year. Ethical Year Book, No. 2. Compiled by Walter L. Sheldon. 120 pages. Half cloth, 50 cents. S. Burns Weston, 1415 Locust St., Philadelphia.

From East Prussia to the Golden Gate. By Frank Lecouvreur. Letters and diary of the California pioneer,

edited in memory of her noble husband. By Mrs. Josephine Rosana Lecouvreur. Translated and compiled by Julius C. Behnke, professor of modern languages, Occidental College, Los Angeles, Cal. Angelina Book Concern, New York and Los Angeles, Cal.

Faith and the Faith. By T. T. Eaton, D. D., LL. D. Baptist Book Concern, Louisville, Ky.

McDonald of Oregon. A Tale of Two Shores. By Eva Emery Dye. A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago; \$1.50.

Divine Healing Under the Lens. By A. Berean. Charles C. Cook, 150 Nassau St., New York. Price, 50 cents.

Fishing and Shooting Sketches. A Guide Book to the Spirit of True Sportsmanship. By Grover Cleveland. The Outing Publishing Co., New York. Price, \$1.25 net.

The Dangers of Municipal Ownership. By Robert P. Porter, director of Eleventh U. S. Census, author of "Commerce and Industry of Japan," "Industrial Cuba," etc. The Century Co., New York. Price, \$1.80 net.

Samuel Allerton on Systematic Farming. A Short Treatise on Present Farming Conditions and How to Improve Them. Rand, McNally & Co.

Newer Ideas of Peace. By Jane Addams, Hull House, Chicago. Author of "Democracy and Social Ethics," etc. The Macmillan company, New York. Price, \$1.25 net.

The Distribution of the Produce. By James C. Smith. Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co., Paternoster House, Charing Cross Road, London, England.

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