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*Enlists in the People's Cause*

*The Washington "Star" Takes Up the Cudgel Against the Funding Bill*

*Some Unpleasant Readings for Mr. Huntington in the Greatest of the Capital Papers*

*Editor Noyes Speaks Plainly*

*A Bright Outlook for the Freedom of the Pacific Coast from Railroad Rule*

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19—Washington is a babe that begins to take notice. "The Examiner's" crusade against the Funding bill has drawn its attention, and I now hear frequent words of good will and encouragement. In the press rooms at the Capitol the correspondents of the leading newspapers of the country have, in many instances, attested their sympathy with the right in the most unexpected way, and the terms which, if I should repeat them, would suffuse the maiden cheek of "The Examiner's" editor with a fine peach blow blush.

The "Evening Star" of this city is one of the great journals of the country. It is the leading paper here—the first, with no second in sight. Nobody, I suppose, ever suspected the "Star" of a base or sordid motive, or a dishonorable policy. Two days ago Mr. George H. Harris of the "Star" called on your representative, desiring information about the railroad's works and ways, and "The Examiner's" opposition to them. Your representative was at that time too busy to say much, but the next evening the "Star" had a column and a half on the subject which was not good reading for Mr. Huntington.

This morning I gladly availed myself of an opportunity to talk further of the matter, and the paper was kind enough to publish it all, with much of its own. Moreover, the editor and principal owner, Mr. Crosby S. Noyes, civilly signified a desire to see me at his residence, where he is confined by an attack of the grippe. I found him a most intelligent and agreeable gentleman, very well informed on Pacific Coast matters and full of pleasant recollections of San Francisco, which he has visited and wishes to visit again. He reads "The Examiner" and has observed with interest its efforts to defeat the iniquitous Funding bill. The nefarious work of Mr. Huntington's literary bureau has not escaped his attention.

With a civility which I wish I had words fittingly to acknowledge Mr. Noyes assured me of his sympathy with our cause, and said he should be pleased to accord our side a hearing, and gave me to understand that the people of the Pacific Coast could count on his assistance in their struggle with the great monopoly.

To understand how much this means—to realize the value, material and moral, of this friendly offer, one must have encountered, as for weeks your representative here has encountered, the apathy, the selfish caviling, the brutal ignorance that paralyze every effort to

secure justice ad fair play for Coast interests. With such an intellectual giant as Senator Morgan of Alabama doing battle for us in the Capitol, ad so powerful and honorable a journal as the "Star" standing up for us outside, it begins to look as if we should win.

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