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THE SUMMER MONTHS. Are you going to the country on a vacation? If so, it is no trouble for us to forward THE CALL to your address.

THE WHITNEY BOOM WAS ONLY A FLEETING SHOW. The Whitney boom was only a fleeting show.

Next week Santa Cruz will have the floor. Money is the most successful flying machine in the world.

The best way to get on with the hot spell is to take a day off. Civilization is very largely a matter of street improvement.

The man who has a crick in his neck ought never to feel dry. Old saws, even though rusty, still cut more sharply than new.

Even a dollar in the bush is better than two in the hand of a silurian. A divided Democracy promises a Republican redemption even for Kentucky.

It is somewhat surprising that the Washenaw got safely round the Horn with such a name. It is only the good investment of the immediate nickel that assures the coming of the ultimate dollar.

The man who wants to take things as they come is liable to be headed off by the fellow who meets them half way. Senator Brice may be right in saying "patronage is a curse," but he seems willing to have it come home to roost.

While the Fourth of July orator will be soaring on his Pegasus the children will be placidly riding donkeys in the park. Railway and steamship companies will never enjoy their highest ambition until they are made official censors of the press.

As everything that we do is intended to advance our happiness, a man's wisdom is measured by the means which he employs. The old weather-beaten hulk of Democracy must either be put in a drydock for repairs or allowed to join McGinty in the soak.

Nearly every Eastern newspaper that comes to hand in these days contains a paragraph announcing that the weather is hot stuff. The Japanese are not displaying conspicuous wisdom by inviting the troubles which have overtaken the Chinese in the United States.

While there may be no goodness except that which is cherished for its own sake, we still draw a good deal of comfort from the other kind. It is considerable of Japan to keep at home 50,000 of the 100,000 Japanese who want to come to this country and take the places of white laborers.

The line of battle on the money question in 1896 may be drawn on a very different ground from that occupied by the skirmishers this year. The only gesture appropriate to Altfeld's remarks on Cleveland at the Springfield convention would have been a vigorous stamp with both feet.

It is within the limits of possibility that Chicago erected that Confederate monument in order to draw the Southern trade away from New York. The devil may be the father of evil, but if fear of him were taken out of the lives of men there would be a good deal more wickedness than there is.

Secretary Morton has gravely commended the sculptor who made his bust by saying: "He has made the head so my hat fits it as well as it does me." If Santa Cruz can arrange to make a permanent affair of the lake which it has made for the water carnival it will be adding to its splendid attractions.

The new Secretary of State can at least give us the satisfaction of learning whether he can be a better friend of the corporations as Secretary than as Attorney-General. If the New York Sun is correct in saying the Democratic party is most dangerous to its opponents when most silent, the Republican party will have an easy walkover in '96.

Fast life in France evidently does not find favor with the Government, for that body goes along so slowly the Criminal Statutes of 1892 have only just been published. There are men of repute who assert that in less than sixty days the Conservative party will be in power in England and will use its influence to promote a return to bimetalism.

Asa Bushnell, whom the Ohio Republicans have nominated for Governor, is a New Yorker, and he is not a bad New Yorker like the Mr. Brice whom the Ohio Democrats elected to the Senate. The Chicago Times-Herald proudly claims that Chicago has been a "pioneer in reform methods, material, economic, social, moral and patriotic," but strangely overlooks the pioneer work done by the city in the land business.

It is now asserted that Don Dickinson, as well as Whitney, had been offered the position of Secretary of State by Cleveland before the offer was made to Gresham, and it is probable both declined it lest the office should handicap their Presidential aspirations. The epidemic in the military hospital at Vitre, France, which was attributed to use of American canned meats, and of which we heard so much a few weeks ago, has been found on investigation to be due to defective drainage, but hundreds of European journals which printed the story about our meats will pass the report on the drainage as an occurrence too ordinary to deserve mention.

AN EXTRAORDINARY WRECK.

The charges made by the disinterested survivors of the Colima wreck may be grouped as follows:

1. The vessel carried a heavy deckload of green lumber, which not only rendered her topheavy but which, by offering increased resistance to the hurricane, added to the difficulty of keeping the ship's head to the sea.

2. The fatal listing of the vessel after she fell away and lay rolling in the trough indicates that the freight had shifted, that therefore it had not been properly stowed, and that the listing was aided by the deckload.

3. The discovery that the ship's head could not be held to the sea was sufficient reason for taking all possible precautions for saving life. Instead of this, the passengers who tried to save themselves by securing life-preservers were prevented by the officers and crew, who beat them back into the vessel. This seems to have been done even when the ship was in the very act of foundering, while she was shipping an overwhelming load of water, and was listed at a pitch which left no possible ground for hope. This is the most extraordinary circumstance in the whole case.

4. The steamer San Juan, which arrived on the scene the following day, does not seem to have exercised due diligence in hunting for survivors. Indeed, had it not been for the commendable spirit of a sea captain who was a passenger on the San Juan, and who himself manned the rescue boats and was refused the privilege of pursuing the work, it is not likely so many would have been picked up.

Fuller investigation may modify the present aspect of the case. There are some unpleasant features, however, that nothing can change. One of these was the arbitrary and inadequate information given out in the first instance and its apparent zeal to suppress the news which the survivors could give. After picking up the survivors Captain Pitts of the San Juan proceeded to Manzanillo, where his ship lay out in the harbor for three hours. No one on the vessel was permitted to leave an account of the affair, and Captain Pitts took the extraordinary course of sending a telegram in cipher to the San Francisco office of the company. Even a statement in plain English could hardly have been expected to pass through the hands of Spanish operators without being crippled, while to send it in cipher was the most amazing of all absurdities. Of course it arrived here almost unintelligible. In that form the manager refused to give it to the public, and so hundreds of hearts torn with anxiety had to wait. Everybody would have been glad to see the dispatch however badly mangled it was.

Another unpleasant feature was the deckload of lumber. This is a crime committed constantly on our coastwise vessels. It is all the more reprehensible and dangerous from the fact that on these runs the ordinary sea is always abeam and rolling is inevitable. Loading lumber in the hold is much more troublesome and expensive than placing on the deck, and as a deck incumbrance it deprives the passengers of the space and freedom to which they are entitled.

Such frightful disasters as this will sooner or later cause such amendments of the American maritime laws as will show more regard for life and property. America needs a man who will do as much for her sailors as did Samuel Pilsom for those of Great Britain. Experience has shown that the matter of ocean transportation should be made the subject of careful and humane legislation.

THE KENTUCKY CONTEST.

According to the reports from the Kentucky Republican Convention, the delegates were called upon to vote offener in nominating candidates than all delegates to previous Republican conventions in that State have voted in this generation. There was a contest for every office. More than a hundred candidates appeared for the various positions, and the contest was the friends of each that the balloting were frequently interrupted by confusion in the hall. There were no signs of discord or party divisions, however. The platform was adopted unanimously, and every nominee will receive the cordial support of his late opponents.

There is no mistaking the significance of these facts. Hitherto Republican conventions in Kentucky have been only perfunctory gatherings. No one cared much about any nomination such a convention could give, for it was well known that it would be little more than an empty honor. Here and there some Republican might obtain a victory at the polls, but where this occurred it was generally recognized as being a personal rather than a party triumph. As a consequence no great ardor was shown in the Republican State conventions. The delegates met, adopted a platform, named a hope for the sake of keeping the party together, and adjourned without any thought of making a vigorous campaign or any hope of electing the ticket if they did.

All this has now been changed. Two years of uncontrolled Democratic ascendancy in the Nation has not only disgusted independent voters but has hopelessly divided the Democratic party itself. In Kentucky there are two sharply defined and widely divided Democratic factions, one led by Senator Blackburn demanding the free coinage of silver, the other by Secretary Carlisle insisting upon the maintenance of the gold standard. Thus in that State, as in every other, the Democrats, urged on by extremists among their leaders, have gone to extremes, leaving the safe, conservative middle-ground, and the Republican party has been driven to the front in connection with the affairs, taken in connection with the popular discontent with the mismanagement of National affairs by the Democratic administration, has given the Republicans hopes of victory, and it must be conceded these hopes are not ill founded.

If Kentucky should go Republican this year the effect upon National politics would be very great and far-reaching. It would be sure to lead to important consequences in 1896, and might possibly prove the forerunner of an entirely new arrangement of political parties. The Republican victories in the South last year were regarded as abnormal and few people expected them to have permanent results. A State victory, however, in Kentucky this year would be regarded more seriously. It would afford a proof that Democracy has gone to pieces in the very stronghold of its power and would lead the Republicans to make in 1896 a vigorous effort to shatter it altogether, leaving the political battles of the future to be fought out by the conservative elements of the country under the name of Republicans and the extremists under the banner of Populism.

PRESUMPTUOUS PITTSBURG.

In the good old State of Pennsylvania there is a city wholly unknown to fame called Pittsburg. The people who live there aspire to have the name and the fame increased by winning for it the title of Greater Pittsburg. For some time past persons who have been willing to lend

attentive ears to the noises heard through the coal smoke that obscures the locality have told us of voices clamoring there for outside recognition. Lately these voices have become articulate and are now as distinct to be understood, and now it is reported that Greater Pittsburg desires the next Republican National Convention and has raised \$100,000 to obtain it.

It will be seen that the aspirations of this enterprising coal pit are very ambitious indeed. Greater Pittsburg hopes to plume herself for a flight high enough and far enough to enable her to disport in the ambient air as a rival of San Francisco. What inducements she can offer to the convention are not known, or at least have not been stated. Coal is indeed a useful thing in some ways, but heat will not be needed in June, and it is a very poor political convention that cannot furnish its own gas.

We have not heard that the hotel accommodations of the place are equal to the needs of a great National gathering and that the climate is warm, good, cool, statesmanlike work in the summer time. Neither have there been suggestions that it would be an education to the delegates to go there. In short it seems the convention is to be invited to the place solely for the purpose of advertising it and getting the people of the country to recognize that there is something of a city underneath the smoke.

Far be it from us to speak flippantly of any enterprise or to hoodoo a people who are trying to boom their town. The Pittsburg fellows, however, are just a little bit overdoing it. They are liable to strain themselves severely if no one gives them a word of caution. Old Philadelphia ought to speak a motherly warning to this lusty community, which in its efforts to be "the place" threatens to burst itself into nothingness as straws in a bundle out of shape. We speak in all consideration, for we desire neither of these things to happen. As for the next Republican National Convention, it will come to San Francisco, where the climate is elysian, the hotel accommodations ample, the City large enough for the needs of such a gathering and where the trip would be an education to the delegates. Greater Pittsburg had better use her \$100,000 to perfect a smoke-consumer.

THE PACKING OF FRUIT.

The Visalia Times publishes a warning to a Tulare fruit-grower by a leading merchant of London. "The first and chief fault," writes this merchant in discussing the packing of dried fruit in California, "is the persistent habit of marring good fruit with bad or indifferent fruit in the same box—a layer or two of fine quality and then more or less bad quality—which spoils the whole box and the whole business. The second disastrous fault is bad packing, by which the best fruit is seriously diminished in value."

In showing the impossibility of imposing on English dealers by the fraudulent practice of covering poor layers with good, he explains that when a lot of packages is received from ten to twenty out of every hundred are selected at random and are cut down through the middle and the actual quality of the fruit thus ascertained. From this the quality of the whole lot is determined. The writer adds: "If those growers only realized the folly of trying to play pranks in the way I have mentioned I think they would drop it as our English merchants drop the trade—on the old principle that 'a burnt child dreads the fire.'" He also thinks this cheering information: "I can give 1000 tons as well as 100 tons could be placed if only buyers could feel sure and certain of uniform, good and perfect quality and careful packing."

While it is clear that every grower who resorts to fraud in packing is injuring the California fruit trade in England, it is equally clear that the appearance of fruit which is packed in a very important element of its sale. This does not apply so strongly to England as to the United States. That country quality is held above appearance, while an opposite rule obtains with us; but even in England good fruit attractively packed is more salable than good fruit rudely packed.

The first movement in artistic packing in California was taken at Riverside, where, besides a careful assorting of the oranges, they were wiped and then wrapped separately in tissue. The idea came from Sicily, where lemons for export are wrapped in tissue for reasons other than appearances. From plain tissue the Riverside growers advanced to fancy striped paper of a better quality. Then came the gaily small parcels of raisins packed at Fresno, and then equally attractive boxes of dried fruits in various parts of the State. The field for further advancement on these lines is unlimited.

The apple-growers of Washington State have been learning many valuable lessons of late. One is that a red apple may not be so good, and that a red apple wrapped in white tissue that softens the color of the fruit to a delicate pink will sell wherever offered and where the same apples not wrapped would be ignored.

In short, the appearance of the fruit, whether packed or not, is an important consideration with the purchaser. The Flame Tokay, though inferior to most of our other table grapes, sells more readily in the East because of its large size and beautiful color. For a similar reason it is more profitable to produce a small apple than a large one. None of these considerations, however, should be permitted to affect the honesty with which fruit is packed. The consumer who makes a second purchase of a label which he has found to cover a layer of fine fruit on top and a poor quality below is a species of idiot whom we cannot expect to exist in abundant numbers.

THE SUNDAY CALL.

For the readers of the Sunday CALL tomorrow we have prepared literary features of even more than usual interest. An article of historic value will be found in an account of Lincoln's dealing with a proposed negro insurrection in the South during the war. The account is written by James B. Gilmore, who had a personal knowledge of the affair and talked it over with Rosecrans, Garfield and Lincoln. The story shows how close the South was to a most fearful horror and how the merciful spirit of Lincoln saved the Southern people from a calamity greater than that which befell the woodchoppers of the slightest encouragement to an insurrection which would have put an end to the war by carrying ruin to every Southern home.

A lighter and gayer theme will be found pleasantly treated in "The Art of the Circus Rider," where a full account is given of the training and practice required to perfect a man or woman in that graceful and agile accomplishment. Equally interesting will be the description of the rich, wonderful and curious treasures of Windsor Castle, that old historic home of British sovereigns, which contains within its stately halls one of the noblest and most extensive collections in the world of all that is beautiful and valuable in the domain of art.

The series of "Idyls of the Field" will be continued by a delightful study of bird

life as exhibited in the care of the young. The papers of this series afford something more than the entertainment for a leisure hour. Beneath the veil of a style of exquisite daintiness there is the substance of much information concerning the animated nature of our suburban fields, and now that the coming season is at hand, and they may be studied along with outdoor observations by nearly every reader and found to be matters of both pleasure and profit.

It goes without saying that the Sunday CALL, in addition to the special articles mentioned, contains also a large and varied miscellany as well as all the news of the day, both at home and abroad, with an especial fullness of reports interesting to the Pacific Coast. The paper is for sale by all news-dealers in the city, but owing to the rush of Sunday readers it is not always easy to obtain the CALL in that way. The best plan is to leave orders to-day and you will then be sure of all the news and good reading for your day of rest.

PERSONAL.

F. M. McPike of Napa is at the Baldwin. J. Fred Cox, a capitalist of Sacramento, is in town. C. C. Holly, a horseman of Vallejo, is at the Grand. Judge Louis Gottschalk of Los Angeles is at the Grand. H. H. Pitcher, a banker of Livermore, is at the Occidental. J. L. Murphy of Riverside is a guest at the Occidental. Dr. A. F. Berryhill of the navy is at the Occidental. Senator J. C. Holloway of Sonoma is staying at the Russ. W. E. Gerber of Sacramento registered at the Grand yesterday. D. E. Knight, a capitalist of Marysville, is situated at the Lick. Richard J. Gird, a capitalist and land-owner of Chico, is at the Occidental. George E. Fawcett, a real-estate dealer of Gonzales, is registered at the Occidental. A. C. Hillman, manager of the Biggs ranch at Davis, is visiting in this city. William Harney, Sheriff of Yuba County, registered at the Russ yesterday. Colonel J. C. Doolittle came down from his mines in Placer County yesterday. J. L. Levisky, an attorney of Stockton, was one of yesterday's arrivals at the Grand. C. W. Knowles, proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel of Portland, Or., is here on a visit. C. J. Sharon, nephew of the late Senator Sharon, arrived from the Comstock yesterday. Mrs. Charles M. Shortridge and Mrs. M. E. Singleton will spend Carnival week at Santa Cruz. Professor J. M. Schaeberle, one of the observers at the Lick Observatory, arrived at the Grand yesterday. J. A. Barham, member of Congress from the First District, came down from his home in Santa Rosa yesterday. C. R. Mason, manager of the Byron Hot Springs, is seriously ill at the Palace, where he has been confined to his rooms for several days. Miss Bell, supervisor of drawing in the public schools, will leave for San Francisco tomorrow. She will attend the convention of the National Educational Association at Denver after her return. Rabbi M. S. Levy will leave on the evening of the 17th for Europe on a visit to his mother, and will return to the city on August 1st. The formal dedication of this building will occur on June 12. Rev. Dr. J. Addison Henry, who is said to be the oldest Presbyterian minister in Philadelphia, will celebrate on June 23 the thirty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the ministry and of his pastorate of the Princeton Presbyterian Church. Readers of "Lorna Doone" will be glad to hear that Mr. Blackmore has written another story of the same time and place, using some of the same characters and incidents. It is called "Lorna Doone; or, a Record of Exmoor," and will be published in October. The statue of Abraham Lincoln, recently presented to Manchester, N. H., by the sculptor, John Rogers, has been set up in the city library. Lincoln is represented as studying a war map showing the country between Richmond and Washington. In the right hand is a sword, and in the left hand he holds a scroll. The recent sale at auction in Hamburg of the kingdom of Matapia is interesting. This royal domain, which lies in the South Sea, was knocked down to a Hamburg firm (it is a possession of the German Government) for only 12,000 marks, less than \$3000. The purchasers intend to establish plantations on it to pension off the King on a salary of 25 cents a day. In becoming the Princess Brancaccio-Mark was the daughter of a former New York belle herself to a family as ancient as any in Italy. The Massimo claim descent from the great Fabius Maximus of early Roman days, the originator of the "Fabian" policy of delay. There is an anecdote to the effect that Napoleon once asked a Massimo in a rough and skeptical way the story of his family origin. "I cannot prove it," answered the Roman noble, "but it is a tradition that has run in our family for more than 2000 years."

SUPPOSED TO BE HUMOROUS.

The small boy was playing cowboy, more to his own satisfaction than that of his nervous father. "I'm the Wild Wolf of Bitter Creek," he yelled. "And this is your night to howl," said the exasperated parent, appearing with a strap. And Willie howled.—Cincinnati Tribune.

Wife—John, you've been drinking. You show it. Husband—How? Wife—By trying hard not to.—Judge.

Wife—How is your husband to-day, Mrs. Toth? Mrs. Toth—Better, thank you. He is always better when he is sick than at any other time.—Detroit Free Press.

"A man died in a Turkish bath in New York yesterday," said the Mere Newsgetter. "Another sweat-shop outrage," commented the Sociologist.—Buffalo Express.

Harry—What makes Miss Fittenfelder so exclusive? Jerry—Oh, she's afraid of meeting somebody that knew her before she got her social position.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mr. Droppin—Is Mr. Baite in to-day? Mr. Baite's Partner—No, sir; he's down at the Ragleys.

Mr. Droppin—Ah! Catching fish? Mr. Baite's Partner—No, sir; fishing.—Boston Courier.

Useful Precaution.—A.—Why do you always read the woodchoppers for your letters? I see you don't keep a correspondent. B.—No; but I'm rather deficient in spelling.—Peterabend.

WHENEVER the Government wants the most trustworthy article and the best in quality it prefers the Royal, as this brand was found to be superior to all others in leavening power by the official chemical tests, made at the instance of the Government, in the Agricultural Department at Washington.

AROUND THE CORRIDORS.

S. M. Gardinier, a member of the Kansas Legislature, playwright and defender in court and press of playwrights' rights, finds in the sights and scenes of San Francisco much to think about. He saw the City "under the stars" at the residence of a friend, the first vice-president of the Union League Club. Speaking of woman suffrage in Kansas, Mr. Gardinier said: "In cities of the first, second and third class women have the right to vote. In the large towns or cities the right is not freely exercised, and in the small towns which comprise the third class, the ladies, as the saying goes, 'vote to a man.'" Regarding the general effect of the extended franchise Mr. Gardinier remarked that the cause of good suffrage in Topeka, a city of 40,000, we have prohibition. Now, it doesn't prohibit people from drinking liquor, because all who want it and can afford to buy it can get it any quantity desired from Kansas City, sixty miles distant, but since prohibition took effect the liquor element has disappeared from the streets. We do not claim in Topeka that we are the best governed municipality in the country, but compared with New York, Chicago and St. Louis we are white-robed angels."

W. C. Ralston, secretary of the Miners' Association, lately returned from a trip to the big drift gravel deposits in the upper divides of Placer County, where he went with a party to locate a lot of claims and to obtain evidence to be used in the fight of the Miners' Association to prevent the Southern Pacific people from grabbing up mineral lands under their grants. In the party were Bob Grayson, Will Graham, a mineral surveyor of Auburn, Jack McCall and Grey Eagle Bar, and George Hoffman of Red Piney Place. Mr. McCall, who has lately sold his Grey Eagle Bar mines to San Francisco capitalists, has hunted or prospected over all the mountains of Placer, and is said to be the only man who can name all the forks of the American River in that country. One day he was in the Middle Fork of the American River to prevent the Southern Pacific people from grabbing up mineral lands under their grants. 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