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THE SUMMER MONTHS. Are you going to the country on a vacation?

It may be an off year, but politics stay with us.

Money is a very accomplished thing, for it can talk both ways.

The Twin Peaks are still yawning for the extension of Market street.

As a parliamentary leader Rosebery was not much of a huckleberry.

Consumption of home-made goods prevents consumption of home capital.

There should be no criticism of the bloomer girl as long as she is our girl.

To-day the Kentucky Democrats get into the ring for a fake or a knockout.

It is time to begin your preparations for the celebration of the glorious Fourth.

Rosebery's failure has only tended to lift Gladstone a league nearer the stars.

You will taste of the fruits of prosperity if you eat of the fruits of home industry.

When the practice of purchasing lottery tickets has become a habit it amounts to a disease.

Panuncote does not regret his trip on the St. Louis, but he is sorry he put his foot in it.

Judging by the swing on them, it appears that to some people the world is a hammock.

The proposed reformation of the British House of Lords will now take a back seat for awhile.

If Salisbury dissolves Parliament, England may have to join us in a campaign or the silver question.

Rosebery's premiership was just about as useful and important as the success of his horse at the Derby.

The difference between living and existing is fully appreciated by those who go camping in the summer.

Kaiser William's reference to his grandfather as William the Great was a strong hint to German historians.

Since the great Republican victories of last year even the Democrats are able to see better prospects ahead.

People who buy lottery tickets never have any money to contribute to charity or to undertakings for the public good.

There is many a hard-working, wearied girl in the City who might find a pleasant outing picking fruit during the summer.

The producers of the State should bear in mind all summer the importance of making a good display at the coming State Fair.

The electric carnival which Sacramento is preparing to give will be literally the most brilliant spectacle ever witnessed in California.

The sun gives in California the most valuable proof of the good arising from freedom and generosity in the exercise of beneficent powers.

Every trainload of fresh fruit sent over the mountains from California is an invitation to settlement here and a threat to the fruit industry of the East.

Having taken hold of Korea, Japan regards it somewhat in the light which the monkey found hovering over the lighted cigar stump which it picked up.

One advantage of the British system of government is that it dissolves a crisis as soon as it occurs, and does not permit it to drag along like four years of Clevelandism.

Until Californians develop as eager a tooth for their own fruit and wine as the Eastern people have cultivated there is still wide room for the developing of our market.

Along with our grand celebration of the National holiday there should be enough reserve patriotism among the people to prompt every one to stand by the home factory.

It appears that Chicago has an annual festival known as "wash day," on which a charitable society gives all the poor children of the city a free bath and a clean suit of clothes.

About the only pleasant memory connected with the old City Hall is that of the fact that the Salvation Army daily fed 5000 hungry persons there during the hard times two years ago.

According to a Berlin critic the German reporters at Kiel had a more imperial time than the Emperor himself, and not only went through the canal but got half seas over before they came back.

It is a happy arrangement that causes so many San Franciscans to leave for the mountains in summer and so make room for the dwellers of the hot plains to come and enjoy a deliciously cool climate.

In view of the wide divergence of opinion it might be well for the Legislature to pass a law deciding whether the horizontal profile of Mount Tamalpais should be called the Sleeping Beauty or the Old Woman.

There are said to be some persons so good that the name which Mount Diablo bears prevents their ascent of the mountain and beholding from its summit a view which Professor Whitney declared was the grandest in the world.

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THE TAX LEVY.

Auditor Broderick has prepared and submitted his official estimate and recommendation as to the rate of the tax levy for the present fiscal year.

The Board of Supervisors must presently pass upon the estimates of Auditor Broderick and either adopt or increase his suggested rate.

This observation suggests the second business principle which should be observed by the board in its fixation of the rate.

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General Schofield has declared that our military reservation, known as the Presidio (a Spanish word, meaning a fortified place, from the Latin presidium, which means "president" and its allied words), is not only the most attractive military post in the country, but that when the improvements now under way are completed it will be also the best fortified.

However, that is a trifling matter. The interest which the Government has recently taken in strengthening the defenses of the post is more important.

One of the most interesting features of the Presidio is the beauty of the flower-gardens. The residence of every officer is a bower of gorgeous blooms, and they present a refreshing contrast to the desolate aspect of the City gardens.

It is difficult to understand why the authorities of the post plant even forests of evergreen trees—eucalyptus, pine and cypress—in preference to deciduous trees, and why they go so extensively into the planting of the acacia, which is the most prolific of insect-breeds.

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A GERMAN MUDDLE.

The great festival at Kiel has gone into history; the fleets have dispersed, the splendors vanished, and nothing is left but a memory and a faction fight among the German journalists.

It appears they have over there a certain Herr von Koeller, who, being a Minister of the Interior, had charge of all the arrangements for the press during the festivals, both at Hamburg and Kiel.

From this distance it appears the reporters were not so base as their critics are trying to make them out.

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the business part is learned in the reports required from subordinate officers.

Instead of a real inspection every four or five years made by the commander and two or three staff officers, for which the exact condition of the troops and defenses is ascertained, we have reviews and dinners and receptions—not one, but generally two or three times a year.

But it is only the large posts where a big review can be had, a great crowd of spectators assembled, that are visited.

And so the Secretaries and the generals and their staffs will travel around in private cars, with little or no expense (in fact), taking their "sisters, cousins and aunts" with them, holding reviews at one or two large posts, so that they can draw mileage for their trip, and the public looks on, partly understanding, but making no complaint, because the people feel that it is not every country that with an army of only 25,000 men, can support a lieutenant-general, who, with his staff, costs them as much as the President, who never makes reviews although commander-in-chief.

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of 195. The railway service therefore continues to be one of the most dangerous occupations of men, for among that class of employees known as "trainmen" the report is that during the year of comparatively little business and no rush one out of every 156 was killed and one of every twelve was injured.

THE CIVIC FEDERATION AND THE LOTTERIES.

The Civic Federation has buckled on its armor, declared war against the lottery evil, and given notice that it will show no quarter to those engaged in the business; but it is not likely that it will score a monumental victory until it secures the election of honest Police Judges, the reorganization of the Police Department, and its members turn informers, and prosecute in person the violators of the law in the courts.

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PERSONAL.

Dr. J. I. Stephens of Petaluma is at the Grand. Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Munn of the army are at the Palace. Captain H. Roberts of Sacramento is staying at the Grand. L. W. Juillard, a leading citizen of Santa Rosa, is a guest at the Grand. James E. Enright, a flourmill-owner of Santa Clara, is a guest at the Grand. J. F. Millar of New York, the well-known oil man, is a guest at the California. C. P. Berry, a big rancher from Mountain View, and Mrs. Berry, are at the Grand. J. J. Smith, a mining man of Placerville, was one of yesterday's arrivals at the Grand. C. S. Fitch, a mine-owner and hotel proprietor of Sonora, registered yesterday at the Grand. W. H. Chestnutwood of the Stockton Business College came down yesterday and is staying at the Grand. John T. McCall, a well-known mining man, came down from Nevada City yesterday and registered at the Grand. W. H. Waugenour, member of the Assembly, came down from Woodland yesterday and is a guest at the California. Jesse D. Carr, a well-known capitalist and politician of Salinas, was one of yesterday's arrivals at the Occidental. Hon. J. A. Barham, member of Congress from the First District, came down from Santa Rosa yesterday and registered at the Occidental. C. C. Campbell, agent for the Standard Oil Company in California, and Mrs. Campbell came in on the steamer Coplic, and are staying at the California.

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The Reptile's Bite Proved to Be Poisonous. Editor of the Call—SIR: I note the very life-like picture in the CALL of June 23 of Heloderma horridum, the Gila monster, and also the statement that the bite of the creature is not poisonous. Nature has not been kind to the Gila monster. She has not endowed it with beauty, nor yet with any such position in the field of usefulness as might enable it to base a claim for handsomeness upon even humble service. It is a shame to add to the burdens of the poor creature has to bear, but having no public health in view, I beg leave to call attention to the fact that the creature has been proven poisonous. The writer of the article in Sunday's CALL is in error in stating that the monster is generally regarded as poisonous. Scientists are not all generally inclined to contend that it is not, and while ugly enough to poison by sheer malignancy of appearance it has generally been considered harmless. The principal reason for regarding the Gila monster as innocent character is the fact that up to a very few years ago it was not known that any lizards are poisonous. Disgusting, hateful, shudder-promoting reptiles many of them are, but zoologists would promptly laugh to scorn the idea of their being poisonous. But, in addition to the testimony of many Mexicans and Indians that death has frequently followed the bite of a Gila monster, the creature has been by modern scientists successfully proven to be venomous. It is a dozen or fifteen years since John Lubbock secured one of these reptiles and presented it to the London Zoo. Tradition followed it from its home in Arizona, giving it a bad name, but the English naturalists were loath in their assertions to give the monster a name, and all along been inclined to contend that it is not, and while ugly enough to poison by sheer malignancy of appearance it has generally been considered harmless. The principal reason for regarding the Gila monster as innocent character is the fact that up to a very few years ago it was not known that any lizards are poisonous. Disgusting, hateful, shudder-promoting reptiles many of them are, but zoologists would promptly laugh to scorn the idea of their being poisonous. But, in addition to the testimony of many Mexicans and Indians that death has frequently followed the bite of a Gila monster, the creature has been by modern scientists successfully proven to be venomous. It is a dozen or fifteen years since John Lubbock secured one of these reptiles and presented it to the London Zoo. Tradition followed it from its home in Arizona, giving it a bad name, but the English naturalists were loath in their assertions to give the monster a name, and all along been inclined to contend that it is not, and while ugly enough to poison by sheer malignancy of appearance it has generally been considered harmless. The principal reason for regarding the Gila monster as innocent character is the fact that up to a very few years ago it was not known that any lizards are poisonous. Disgusting, hateful, shudder-promoting reptiles many of them are, but zoologists would promptly laugh to scorn the idea of their being poisonous.

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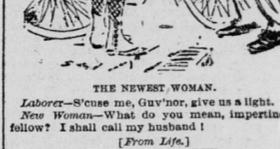
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Dr. William Thornton, who died in Boston recently, was widely known as a student of philosophy, and he was the author of several medical works of value. He had been a friend and coworker of the late Professor Kingston Clifton of England.

Miss Mary Carey Thomas has been nominated for one of the alumni trustees of Cornell University, to be elected in June. This is probably the first time in the history of any of the leading universities in this country that a woman has been named for trustee.

John F. Cook Jr., the only Afro-American resident of Bonnerport, Idaho, has been elected Mayor of that town. He is a druggist. His father was for a long time Tax Collector of the District of Columbia, and is now one of the most popular and wealthy men of his race at the National capital.



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The Reptile's Bite Proved to Be Poisonous. Editor of the Call—SIR: I note the very life-like picture in the CALL of June 23 of Heloderma horridum, the Gila monster, and also the statement that the bite of the creature is not poisonous. Nature has not been kind to the Gila monster. She has not endowed it with beauty, nor yet with any such position in the field of usefulness as might enable it to base a claim for handsomeness upon even humble service. It is a shame to add to the burdens of the poor creature has to bear, but having no public health in view, I beg leave to call attention to the fact that the creature has been proven poisonous. The writer of the article in Sunday's CALL is in error in stating that the monster is generally regarded as poisonous. Scientists are not all generally inclined to contend that it is not, and while ugly enough to poison by sheer malignancy of appearance it has generally been considered harmless. The principal reason for regarding the Gila monster as innocent character is the fact that up to a very few years ago it was not known that any lizards are poisonous. Disgusting, hateful, shudder-promoting reptiles many of them are, but zoologists would promptly laugh to scorn the idea of their being poisonous. But, in addition to the testimony of many Mexicans and Indians that death has frequently followed the bite of a Gila monster, the creature has been by modern scientists successfully proven to be venomous. It is a dozen or fifteen years since John Lubbock secured one of these reptiles and presented it to the London Zoo. Tradition followed it from its home in Arizona, giving it a bad name, but the English naturalists were loath in their assertions to give the monster a name, and all along been inclined to contend that it is not, and while ugly enough to poison by sheer malignancy of appearance it has generally been considered harmless. The principal reason for regarding the Gila monster as innocent character is the fact that up to a very few years ago it was not known that any lizards are poisonous. Disg