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THE CALL SPEAKS FOR ALL.

It takes an earthquake to shake up Philadelphia, but it has been done.

While we wait for the Nicaragua canal we can profit by the Tehuantepec railway.

Sacramento was never more inviting than at present and the invitation is for all.

Home-seekers who are wise had better initiate the earthquake and shake the East.

New openings to prosperity are always appearing to men who have the enterprise to get into them.

The talk of the vigorous foreign policy goes bravely on, and in the meantime Walker stays in prison.

It is truly a capital city where you can see the Native Sons and the fair of the State at the same time.

As long as the struggle for gold continues among the nations the remonetization of silver will be a live issue.

Now that Commissioner Stanton has explained, Commissioner Clark will be accorded a hearing if he has anything to say.

The bull-fight as a popular amusement shows a tendency to expand; about the time it was suppressed in Colorado it broke out in France.

Some people go to the Mechanics' Fair many times and some never go there at all, and which are the wise and which are the foolish it is scarcely necessary to say.

It is not exactly creditable to the United States that the best transportation facilities between the Atlantic and Pacific Coast should be due wholly to the enterprise of Mexico.

The report from Palo Alto that the freshman class "is large and good-looking" is pleasing as far as it goes, but not wholly satisfactory. Good looks don't go far in a football rush.

The proposition to put fourth-class postmasters on the civil service roll will no doubt be pleasing to the officials who are in, but Cleveland ought to wait until he hears from the fellows who are out.

By his energy in constructing the Tehuantepec railway President Diaz has benefited not Mexico alone but the whole continent, and takes rank among those who may be called Pan-American statesmen.

The enthusiasm for improvement which blossomed in the spring is showing the fruit of practical work in many parts of the State, but nowhere more completely than in the construction of the Valley Railroad.

Even those people who have the least faith in Eugene Debs will hope he was prophesying truly when he said: "The strike last summer was the climax of railway disturbances and this country will never see another one like it."

According to the Baltimore Sun the issue in Maryland is whether there is to be a Democratic party in that State or only a Gorman party, leading a contemptible existence for the private emolument of Mr. Gorman and its members.

As the Defender has been fitted with a hollow steel boom like that the Valkyrie brought over, each boat is now fairly worthy of the other's steel; but the question remains whether the Valkyrie will show herself worthy of the Defender's aluminum.

According to the latest reports of the new acetylene gas, a ton of the raw material makes 11,000 cubic feet at a cost of \$20, and five cubic feet per hour gives as much light as 240 candles. If this estimate is correct it is evident the old-fashioned gas must go to the cook stove, if it does not have to go out altogether.

Chief Charley, who insists on living at Healdsburg and refuses to go back to Round Valley reservation, because, as he says, "Too much work; too much hot; no fish; no circus; no wine; no fun," may be a bad Indian, but he has lots of human nature in him and shows a cultured appreciation of Healdsburg as a carnival town.

This time it is in Michigan that the National Guard has to be called out to protect the mining industry. A little while ago it was Illinois and not long before that calls for a similar purpose were made on the guard in Virginia, Tennessee and Colorado. It seems in fact as if mining in this country were rapidly becoming a matter of military maneuvers.

The report that the people of Germany are delighted with the official ode written in celebration of the victory of Sedan emphasizes one of the differences between that country and ours. Over here we have not sufficient poetic faculty to get a good ode to celebrate any occasion, and on the other hand we have too much appreciation of true poetry to be pleased with what we do get.

The New York Sun says: "Campbell of Ohio stands upon a platform as broad as the continent, as strong as the Nation's faith in its might and destiny and as beautiful as a sunrise over the mountains."

We do not deny that Campbell may be standing somewhere on a platform of that size, but we call Mr. Dana's attention to the fact that his candidate is too small to be visible on from any point of the horizon.

THE SIDE OF THE PEOPLE.

The Railroad Commission will meet again this morning and take up the useless task of investigating grain rates from the railroad point of view.

Has the thought ever occurred to any member of the Railroad Commission, as he sits and listens to the endless array of arguments and figures presented by the railroad officials, that the side of the people is entirely unrepresented in this inquiry?

From this condition of things what other result is to be expected than that which would follow in an ordinary cause at law in which the witnesses for the people were absent, the Prosecuting Attorney did not appear, and the only evidence before the court was that presented by the witnesses and counsel for the defense?

MUCH USELESS TALK.

As might have been expected it is intelligent wheelmen and not physicians and other theorists who are saying the most sensible of the things which are now going about concerning the pastime of bicycling.

The intelligent wheelman understands the subject better than any other person. He knows that so far as nervous fat is concerned it is not so great in wheeling as in walking, and he is not to be frightened with elaborate disquisitions on complications of the inner edges of the cartilages separating the vertebrae and the creation thereby of a rigid medium for the transmission of concussion to the cerebellum.

He knows that the jar is no worse than that given by a buggy, and he is fully aware of the fact that the splendid athletes who startle the world with achievements of speed on the wheel bend low on the machine and are perfect specimens of physical manhood.

It is all a matter of carrying the exercise to an extreme. That is the beginning and end of the whole question. The very fact of the keen enjoyment which cycling affords, the health and strength which it imparts, is the strongest possible evidence of its value and the explanation of its excessive indulgence.

Wisdom will come with experience, and experience with time. It is the good, not the harm, which wheeling produces that gives it its great charm.

In any light the efforts of California to be loyal to herself are the best evidence of her desire to be loyal to the race and the country, and to that end everything that we may do to develop our resources and encourage our industries is wise, humane, and altogether commendable.

A COOL DECLARATION.

While the Government is to be commended for the promptness with which it put a stop to a filibustering expedition which was fitting out in New Jersey to aid the Cuban rebellion, there is evidently more work of a slightly different kind to be done.

The number of members of the new Parliament who have the same Christian name and surname is unprecedented. There are three John Wilsons, two George Joschims (Goschens), two William Abrahams, two Robert Wallaces in the House of Commons.

The function of the press was properly discharged with the securing and publication of this news. It is now the duty of the Government to prosecute the search for the foundations upon which it rests and punish the movers. The officers of this country are generally addicted to the magnificent habit of ignoring discoveries of criminal practices by the press, apparently taking such newspaper interference as a gross impertinence and an intrusion upon official rights, privileges and prerogatives.

Perhaps the administration at Washington will be moved by such considerations in this case, but if it should, and the remarks of these Cuban patriots should turn out not to be idle brag, then Spain at last may find some reasonable excuse for demanding an accounting with us.

The report that the people of the provinces in France are opposed to the proposed Exposition in 1900, on the ground that such great works draw workingmen away from the smaller towns and disturb industry for years, augurs ill for the success of the enterprise. France will need to exert all her forces to surpass the Chicago Exposition, and if her people become divided on the subject she is foredoomed to failure.

The report that Parliament will be called upon at an early date to provide for the construction of a railway from Lake Victoria to some point on the East African coast is of interest to us as the undertaking of the work by the British Government will save Mr. Huntington from further expenditures in that direction, and there will be no longer any need of skinning California.

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Eastern people who think that San Francisco is too far off for a National convention should just try it once.

AN ABSURD POSITION.

The San Jose Mercury reads the Chicago Tribune a stern lecture for assailing the California policy of encouraging the consumption of home manufactures in preference to those of other States and countries, and for declaring that this is a boycott of Eastern manufactures and invitation to the adoption of retaliatory measures in the East against the products of California.

"It seems not to have occurred to these people," exclaims the Tribune, "that if they succeed in putting an embargo on everything from the East they may unwittingly overreach themselves by including in the embargo Eastern capital and Eastern immigration, both of which are much desired by dwellers on the Pacific Slope."

"It is difficult," says the Mercury, "to comprehend how the Tribune could have so grossly misinterpreted the aims of the Manufacturers' and Producers' Association of California."

"The Railroad Commission is there, it is true, but the prevailing opinion among its members is that it is sitting as a judicial body. If this be true, then it cannot represent the side of the people, and it is evident that it does not do so."

From this condition of things what other result is to be expected than that which would follow in an ordinary cause at law in which the witnesses for the people were absent, the Prosecuting Attorney did not appear, and the only evidence before the court was that presented by the witnesses and counsel for the defense?

Those who have seen a handsome painting or witnessed a superb play want their friends to have the same pleasure. This principle runs all through life, and is one of the redeeming traits of human nature. It is an easily demonstrable fact that with the exception of the railroad companies and some colony founders the Californians who work most assiduously to induce immigration are those who could derive no financial benefit from the result.

Taking a business view of the matter it is evident that only an exceedingly small fraction of the population could possibly derive any financial benefit from an increase of the population; but every one who would desire a dense population within comfortable bounds increases and enlarges the benefits of civilization, and with reference to California would lead to the development of natural resources which would greatly add to the sum of life's pleasures. To make the most of what we already have, to encourage the industries which we maintain, would make the State more attractive to immigrants and capitalists by giving them substantial proof of the excellencies of the extraordinary advantages which the State possesses.

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ABOUT THE CORRIDORS.

John Markley, the secretary of the State Board of Examiners, has been up looking at the ore beds in that county, and speaking of this year's crop of Mercuries. He said last evening at the Lick: "I understand that a large proportion of the hops in Sonoma will be picked at all on account of the low price that will prevail this season. You know that hops outside of California are often troubled with insects or disease. This year, it happens, there is a good crop all over and the prices are consequently much lower than usual, and will not many cases pay for the expense of picking, which is very expensive. The hop crop is generally good in this State, as there is little trouble from the hop louse or any diseases upon the prevalence of which in other hop districts the price of hops the world over depends to a large extent."

The railroads are already advertising excursion rates to Austin, Tex., for the coming festivities. The star features billed are a convention of the Christian Church at a State Fair, and the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight. T. H. Goodman, the general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, yesterday at lunch in the Lick House restaurant said of this: "I like the neat way which the Houston agent has taken in making his trip to the exhibition to avoid hurriedly and sensibilities of the church people and at the same time getting all the features of the great show on the bill. On their bills they say: 'Attractions—Christian Church Congress, Fitzsimmons-Corbett physical culture exhibition and Texas State Fair.'"

Dr. C. A. Hargbes of Stockton is staying at the Grand.

W. H. Clark of Los Angeles registered yesterday at the Grand.

Dr. L. S. Wilcox of Champaign, Ill., registered at the Grand yesterday.

T. S. Phelps of the navy was one of yesterday's arrivals at the Palace.

F. W. and S. C. Williams, mining men of Sonora, are guests at the Lick.

Superior Judge A. P. Cull of Sacramento was one of yesterday's arrivals at the Lick.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Upham returned from their place in Napa County yesterday to the Palace.

J. L. Robinette, one of the editors of the California Odd Fellow, Sacramento, was in the city yesterday.

Dr. Hans Wagner of Stralsund and Bernhard Dr. Hans Wagner were among yesterday's arrivals at the Palace.

Raphael Strauss will leave next week for Paris, France, where he will take up his residence permanently.

General T. W. Sheehan of the Record-Union came down from Sacramento yesterday and registered at the Grand.

J. S. Wilson of Oregon and R. C. Wilson of Arizona, both cattle men and sons of ex-Senator H. C. Wilson of Tehama, are at the Grand.

Colonel William P. Harrington, a banker of Colusa and a member of Governor Budd's staff, came down yesterday and put up at the Palace.

John Markley, secretary of the State Board of Examiners, came down from his ranch at Gebeville yesterday and registered at the Lick.

Superintendent Fillmore of the Southern Pacific returned yesterday from Los Angeles after a three days' visit to the southern part of the State.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 2.—Californians here today: San Francisco—Miss E. Sullivan, G. E. Pancoast, Everett W. Edwards, W. D. Knight, W. A. Davis, Hoffman; Mr. and Mrs. H. Pasot, G. Daly, Holland; A. R. Wells, Park-avenue; Mrs. N. Deane, Fifth-avenue. Sacramento—Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Voorhes, R. N. Van Voorhes, Hoffman.

PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Fort Ross.—L. A. M., Golden Gate, Alameda County, Cal. In 1807 there entered the bay of San Francisco the ship Juno from Sitka.

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OPINIONS OF EASTERN EDITORS.

A Majority Verdict. The recent trial and conviction of Colonel Romero in the City of Mexico for killing Verastegui in a duel has more than a passing interest for us because it illustrates a phase of the jury system to which we may be compelled to have recourse.

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SAN FRANCISCO.

[From the Hills.] 'Mid sedges tall this summer day I lie

And hear the waves fall softly on the sand. So pure the air, it seems with outstretch'd hand One'er might touch that will we call the sky.

From o'er the sea the wind with fretful sigh Breaks its way across the fertile land, And wakes the poppies from a golden band, And dances before