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THE CALL SPEAKS FOR ALL.

Congress will be lively this week.

It is now Carlisle's turn to explain.

It is nothing unusual for the fire department to find things as hot as blazes.

By the time next Christmas reaches us we may have motorcycles for novelties.

The country is now called on to decide whether Grover or his game is the deader duck.

About everything the Grand Jury draws out of the grabbag is a good gift for the people.

Bear in mind the Oakland exhibit of home products offers everybody a good show this week.

If Cleveland wishes Congress to stand with him he has only to stand up for the Monroe doctrine.

The election of the Kurds in Armenia begins to smell to this country worse than a bad case of Limburger.

Whatever may be the outcome of the European concert in Turkey there is very little harmony in the rehearsal.

As long as this weather continues out of doors it will matter little what the Government has in its bureau.

Bayard's foolish speech is a good illustration of the folly of trying to make a diplomatist out of a garrulous old Senator.

It is significant that no convention of church people has ever thought it worth while to try the prayer test on Huntington.

There is nothing in Cleveland's gamebag half so interesting to Washington as the committee lists in Tom Reed's side pocket.

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In saying "THE CALL is making wonderful strides as a newspaper and will soon be boasting of its circulation" the *Marysville Appeal* overlooks the fact that we never boast. More correct is the statement of the *Richmond Banner*: "THE CALL doesn't weary its readers with circulation rot, but simply saws wood while subscriptions roll in."

An interesting question of international law is raised by the contention of Captain Wiborg of the Danish steamer *Horsa*, that the deck of his vessel when his country's flag flew at the peak in American ports was Danish soil; but the captain's view is radically wrong, as inside the three-mile limit the flag of the United States is supreme, and the laws of other nations become wholly inoperative.

An elderly man in Sonoma found a woman who guaranteeing herself to be "moral and worthy" agreed in consideration of certain property to marry him and "live with him for the remainder of their joint lives." The man decided the property to the woman, but after living with him two years she eloped. The courts have decided that she has not violated the contract, is "moral and worthy" and has a right to the land. The moral of the story certainly sticks out far enough to hit the eye of every man who thinks of making a matrimonial contract with a woman.

A movement has been started by Rear Admiral Meade to procure the erection at Washington of a statue to Paul Jones, the first hero of the American navy, and out of the interest in the subject thus awakened has come the publication of a letter from Jones to Robert Morris, in which he says: "It was my fortune, as senior first lieutenant, to hoist the flag of America the first time it was displayed." That our flag was first raised over the ocean by the hand of so victorious a sea captain is a notable fact and a picture of the hero in the act would make a noble historical painting.

AN ADDED ARGUMENT.

The final agreement between the Pacific Mail and the Panama Railway means a strengthening of the Southern Pacific Company's monopoly and augments the argument for opposing any measure for the funding of the railroad debt.

We have heard nothing lately of the steamship line which the merchants of New Orleans began to establish some months ago between that city and San Francisco for the purpose principally of carrying our wines to New Orleans at reasonable rates for transportation.

It is interesting to note that the French of Louisiana are large consumers of light wines, and had found the products of California perfectly suited to them, they desired to secure them in large quantities.

Already a movement to this end is on foot. It is hoped that only the strongest citizens will be authorized to represent the interests of the State in the matter. It might be well to confine the selection to two classes—merchants and producers—as they are the ones directly oppressed by existing conditions.

THE LABOR FEDERATION.

The election of Samuel Gompers as president of the American Federation of Labor is taken to mean only that a distinctive labor party is not desired by the majority of the delegates at the National convention.

Still, the situation is significant in many ways. The socialistic element in the convention was aggressive, outspoken and strong, and there is evidence that socialism has made great headway in the ranks of labor since the last annual convention.

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SAN FRANCISCO SHIPPING.

In accordance with suggestions made in the annual report of Eugene T. Chamberlain, Commissioner of Navigation, Senator Frye has introduced a series of bills for the purpose of repealing certain maritime statutes which, in the change of things, have either become obsolete or remain as hindrances to navigation.

Among the benefits to be expected from the consideration of the proposed improvements will be the renewal of interest in our commerce and in the advantages of San Francisco as a shipping port. The bills themselves provide no far-reaching legislation, but the debate upon them will probably bring about a more radical reform in the end than is at present aimed at.

We must not, however, depend wholly upon the National Government to make up San Francisco all that it should be as a commercial city. Some of the hindrances to our shipping are the results of unwise local legislation, and now that the Federal statutes are to be revised, it is a good time to have our own laws reviewed.

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OAKLAND'S EXPOSITION.

The exposition of Alameda County products will be formally opened at Oakland at 1 o'clock this afternoon. As the first of a series of such expositions which held generally throughout the State this one has a special value apart from its intrinsic merits.

The Oakland affair is a salient departure from the time-honored idea of the county fair, an institution dating back to the earlier days of England's history and brought to this country hundreds of years ago. That archaic conception is still cherished in California in the form of district agricultural fairs, supported largely by State aid, but lately fallen somewhat into unpopularity.

The Shasta *Courier* calls attention to the fact that as long ago as 1850 it advocated the opening of the Sacramento River to navigation as far as Middle Creek, and it shows these important facts: First, without any improvement of the stream a steamer did once ascend to Latonia, near Anderson.

The Sacramento *Bee* takes a hopeful view of the situation presented by the discharge of 500 or more workmen from the railroad shops. Its reasons are these: "The coming season promises to be a busy one for Sacramento County. The indications are that the electric road to Orange Vale will be completed prior to September 1, 1896, and rapid work with a large force of men will have to be done in order to have the road in operation at that contract time.

COAST EXCHANGES.

The Stockton *Independent*, referring to a recent publication in the *Mariposa Miner*, published at Coulterville, draws attention to an interesting circumstance. The Horseshoe Bend vineyard is on ground which some years ago was supposed to have been rendered worthless by placer mining.

According to the San Jose *News* there are people in Santa Clara County as well as in San Francisco who are deeply interested in the suggestion to establish a free market in this city. "No one," it says, "can more thoroughly understand the importance of the scheme than our fruit-growers and market gardeners."

The *Independent* calls attention to the interesting fact that although the Horseshoe Bend vineyard is too remote from a railroad to find profit in shipping its produce, the revival of mining in the Coulterville region has created a local demand which goes away with the necessity for seeking a distant market, and which brings a profit to the grower.

The *Hayward Journal* calls attention to a strange condition of affairs in the driving town of Hayward. "The lack of suitable property for housekeepers to rent in Hayward is liable to keep the town back very materially unless something is done by our property-owners.

The *Dunsmuir News* makes an announcement of a startling character. It is that a syndicate composed principally of English capitalists has secured the title to large tracts of land in the Klamath Basin of Southern Oregon and Northeastern California, much of which is covered by the Klamath lakes, and that the syndicate is preparing to empty the lakes by blasting out the Klamath River, which flows southwesterly through Northern California to the Pacific Ocean.

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All we can say is: Furniture does not cost as much as you think; it spreads Christmas all over many years; the whole family enjoys it; and most people would appreciate it more than any other gift.

Here's a picture—just for a hint: Low rocking chair; for women to sit in while sewing, and the like. Comfortable. You are welcome to do all the looking you want to without the slightest intent to buy.

Onyx tables are not so fashionable as they used to be; so \$7 or more is the price instead of \$20 or more. Who cares about fashion? Christmas is coming, mother wants a beautiful table, and here it is. \$7 (not like picture) or more.

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