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THE CALL SPEAKS FOR ALL.

Remember Christmas charities.

The ultimatum fluttered all Europe.

Armenia as well as Venezuela deserves attention.

The House acted promptly, but the Senate will weigh and consider.

There is no deficit in the funds for supporting the Monroe doctrine.

Every child in San Francisco should have something of the Christmas joy.

Before Salisbury gets his wind again he will have had time to get a second thought.

If you cannot attend to the wants of the poor yourself you can help those who do.

Senator Pugh's platform, "war and free coinage," sounds short, but it reaches a long way.

There is a straight road to war in view now, but before long it will turn to a squirrel track and run up a tree.

It seems to be the fashion this year for every Government to give its foreign relations an ultimatum for a Christmas gift.

Let us hope it will not become necessary before the excitement is over to appoint a committee to hold Cleveland's head for him.

Western Europe may be dubious over the President's message, but to Russia it will seem like a Thanksgiving proclamation.

There is something rather striking in the fact that at this juncture the chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Relations is named Hitt.

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Judging from the results of all experiments with horseless vehicles in this country, the vehicles are all right, but the roadways are complete failures.

Early in January Governor McKinley will be a private citizen but with a boom on his hands altogether too big for him to carry into anything like retirement.

On the wave of public sentiment created by the war flurry the whole navy will be borne upward and onward and there will be that much profit out of it anyhow.

Venezuela and Turkey are a long way apart, but it is possible the complications of the one may have much effect in straightening out the affairs of the other.

European diplomats continue to assert the Monroe doctrine is not a part of international law, but none of them have yet tackled the proposition that it is a fact.

Cleveland's message was good, but if he expects to draw attention from the industrial depression and deficit at home by raising a war scare abroad, he will find himself badly mistaken.

It is reasonably certain that if the Cleveland administration had shown more firmness in dealing with the Venezuelan matter at the outset it would never have been necessary to talk of war now.

Governor Budd in commending Cleveland's course, expressed "a determination to vigorously support his grand stand," but the Examiner made it "grand-stand play." The mistake was natural enough in getting a message through a telephone.

The California Blue Book, or State Roster, for 1895, which has just been issued, is a handsome specimen of typography and book-binding, reflecting considerable credit on the State Printing Office. It forms an octavo volume of 416 pages, is well illustrated, and, in addition to the official roster, contains a comprehensive summary of the political history of the State.

The Christmas number of the News Letter has just been issued. With its handsomely illuminated covers, its 112 pages of choice reading matter and illustrations and the superb paper and mechanical work, which contribute to its excellence, it represents the highest achievement in its line. Among the special features are stories by Euella Green, Green Harton, Charles P. Newton, Howard V. Sutherland, Arthur McEwen, David Nesfield, Henry Bielzow and W. A. Lawson, poems by Louis A. Robertson, Ella M. Sexton, De Mass Bowers and Daniel O'Connell, and a charming song (with music) by Ashton P. Stevens. Artists of local fame furnish the pictures and leading business men and capitalists discuss matters of weight. This is an excellent publication to send East.

AN UNAVOIDABLE CONFLICT.

Sir Charles Dilke, one of the shrewdest and most outspoken of English statesmen, has laid his finger on the sore which has been produced by constant friction between England and the United States.

While he does not think that the pending controversy will lead to war, for the reason that both countries, in order to avert such a catastrophe, will mutually make such concessions as will preserve peace for the present, the radical differences of their fiscal policies will serve to widen the gulf which separates them.

It is an irreconcilable conflict. Every element of England's policy is antagonistic to the American spirit. England seeks always to extend its empire by oppression, and America is the protector of the helpless and oppressed.

It is a fact that the Chinese of the Pacific Coast have been lately growing exceedingly insolent under the relaxation of the antagonism for them which grew out of the Kearney movement in California.

Until we receive the full text of the ruling made by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the case of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company against the Southern Pacific it will be impossible to say whether or not it is far reaching.

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Yet all the changes of the year Above you in the skies appear— The daily marvel of the dawn, Storm-cloud and bright shining clear.

Yours are the sunset and the dew, And many a wandering wind that blew By wind and mountain over-sea, Whispers his secrets sweet to you.

To you with each returning spring The crows their dumpy courtship bring, And the little starlings come and go Among your boughs on resting wing.

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FROM WESTERN SANCTUARY. New Whatcom (Wash.) Revue. There are a great many persons on this earth and, if all the lands were divided up equally, each would have 22 2/3 acres.

FROM DUCK-HUNTING TO LION-HUNTING. Fresno Republican. If Grover got the inspiration for his latest message while duck-hunting it would be a mighty good idea for him to put in all the rest of his term in that same pursuit.

MAY PROVE A TEST OF DEVOTION. The price of marriage licenses has gone up, all on account of the new fee bill. This is a cruel dig at confiding humanity, but it will have its uses in testing the devotion of impetuous lovers who sigh for wedded bliss.

LATEST WEST OF ARIZONA. Tucson (Ariz.) Citizen. Arizona's latest news is that the immigration are both turning in. The development of her exhausted resources on a corresponding scale will place her in the front rank of tatchood. Husband her food

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COLORED SCHOOLS.—J. B. City. There was a time in the history of San Francisco when there was a school exclusively for colored children. James Denman in his history of the public schools of San Francisco says:

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ALLEGED TO BE HUMOROUS.

"I hear Smith has quit sowing his wild oats." "Yes?" "Yes. His attention was called to the strong arguments in favor of rotation of crops."—Detroit Tribune.

Waiter (to guest who is absorbed in the menu)—What do you wish to eat, please? The Absent-minded Professor—I haven't time to talk now. Ask me after dinner.—Fleegende Blaetter.

Sunday-school Teacher—Can any little boy tell me what man attained the greatest age in the world (holding up his hand)—I can. Teacher—Well, who? Bobby—Santa Claus.—Harper's Round Table.

"Does your wife know anything about finance?" "Doesn't she?" "Is she sound on the silver question?" "Sound as a burglar. Sleeps with the spoons under her head every night."—Detroit Free Press.

WRITE Roberts, 220 Sutter st., about card plates for Christmas gifts. Holt's School for Boys. Burlingame. Term begins January 7.

SPECIAL information daily to manufacturers, business houses and public men by the Press Clipping Bureau (Allen's), 510 Montgomery. He—Do you know, I always feel like a fool in a full-dress suit? She—What a pity you can't hide your feelings a little.—Truth.

RHEUMATISM is caused by lactic acid in the blood. It appears as lameness in the back or stiffness in the arms and limbs. Neutralize the lactic acid by purifying the blood by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

CHICAGO LIMITED. VIA SANTA FE ROUTE. A new train throughout begins October 29. Pullman's finest sleeping-cars, vestibule reclining chair cars and dining-cars. Los Angeles to Chicago, via Kansas City, without change. Annex cars on sharp connection for Denver and St. Louis. Twenty-seven hours quicker than the quickest competing train. The Santa Fe has been put in fine physical condition and is now the best transcontinental railway.

"Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" Has been used over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, always cures Wind Colic, regulates the bowels and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. For sale by Druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. 25c a bottle.

CORONADO—Atmosphere is perfectly dry, soft and mild, and is entirely free from the miasma common further north. Round-trip tickets, by steamship, including fifteen days' board at the Hotel del Coronado, \$60; longer stay \$20 per day. Apply A New Montgomery st., San Francisco.

NOTHING better for Christmas than good books. A whole store full to be closed out for what they bring. Auction in evening, 747 Market street.

NEW TO-DAY. Open evenings until Christmas. Meet your friends here and spend a pleasant hour or so; get their advice about presents.

Look at this rocking-chair; doesn't it represent the acme of comfort? One of the things which we think is a suitable Christmas gift for a man; first-rate for a smoking-chair. Same style without rockers.

Meals-in-bed-table for invalids. Base goes under the bed, the table part above—right in front of the sick one; put the goodies on top and there you have it—real comfort at last.

Can you imagine a more generous and acceptable gift for the "shut-ins"? Oak or Birch, \$8. Mahogany, \$9.

Some people (not invalids) like breakfast in bed—good for them too!

It isn't every day that you can buy a richly grained and highly polished solid mahogany parlor-desk (like picture) for \$16 50—oak at that price are common enough. Christmas is coming! Carpets. Rugs. Mattings.

CALIFORNIA FURNITURE COMPANY (N. P. Cole & Co.) 117-123 Geary Street.



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this it will open a new region, where land is very cheap, and where large quantities of oats, wheat, barley and other grain, besides wool & d fruit, may be grown.

"It will also greatly benefit the grain-growers of the San Joaquin Valley by giving them a ready place to load their products for foreign markets."

"I look for the old and pretty town of Monterey to have a very rapid growth when this road is completed. The place is a natural paradise, and will eventually fulfill the most sanguine expectations of those who from the earliest times reposed confidence in it."

Colonel Jones has many acquaintances here, who used to know him when he was so conspicuous in the affairs of Kansas City. Unfortunately, the colonel a few years ago met with an ailment of the eyes, which came near robbing him of his sight. He is so active, though, that few of the many who know him only by sight are aware that he has had any misfortune of this kind.

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Ex-Railway Commissioner William Beckman of Sacramento is in the City.

John Poundstone, a general-goods dealer of Grimes, is here on a business trip.

Benjamin C. Chapin, a wealthy resident of Boston, is among recent arrivals here.

J. A. Seyward, a wealthy lumberman and owner of sailing schooners, Victoria, B. C., is in town.

A. B. Glascock, the well-known hotel man of Yosemite, is at the Occidental, accompanied by Mrs. Glascock.

Lieutenant Hardwell of the Royal navy, Scotland, and Captain F. V. Whitall of London are at the Occidental.

S. Humphreys of Christ Church, New Zealand, and A. H. J. Nixon of Sydney, were here among the arrivals by yesterday's steamer.

Henry E. Huntington and General Manager Kretschmitt of the Southern Pacific returned yesterday from a visit to Southern California.

CALIFORNIANS IN NEW YORK. NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Among recent arrivals are: K. Maddox, Mrs. C. M. Maddox, Holland; H. C. Dwight, Plaza; J. S. Eels, Westminster; W. S. Wallace, Grand.

PEOPLE WHOSE READING ABOUT. Speaker Reed now has a smooth face, but retains his stiff upper lip.

Colonel Arthur B. Hilton, head of the firm of Hilton, Hughes & Co., the big New York dry-goods concern, is having placed upon his life an insurance of over \$1,000,000.

Professor Dewar has exhibited at the Royal Institution, London, an apparatus that liquefies air in large quantities and at small expense. Dewar will be known to posterity as the man who gave to airy nothings a local habitation and a name.

King Oscar of Norway and Sweden recently appeared in a new role at the performance given by Stuart Cumberland in Stockholm. Mr. Cumberland does not know Swedish, and his interpreter failed to appear; so the King, who is an excellent linguist, offered his services, and explained things to the crowded audience with surprising ease and fluency.

The Pope's only recreation is an occasional game of chess. He is a remarkably good chess-player; in fact, it is only on rare occasions

that he is beaten at the game. There is one priest in Rome who is usually the Pope's adversary. This priest, Father Giella, has played chess with his Holiness for thirty-two years.

When the dramatized version of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's famous novel was put on the stage, forty-five years ago, the first impression of Uncle Tom was Samuel S. Sanford. He is a veteran minstrel man, now a resident of Philadelphia, and it is his ambition to celebrate the semi-centennial of that event, five years hence, by appearing as the leading actor in the play before a Philadelphia audience.

Frank R. Stockton is one of the most modest men in the field of literature. His great success in fiction has not given him the slightest touch of what is vulgarly called "the big head." He is a short, slender man, with brilliant eyes and an engaging smile. He has learned recently that the canal-boat that inspired the "Rudin" and "Grange" stories is still in existence and occupies its former moorings in the Harlem.

FRIENDLY RETURN CALLS. Uriah Herald. The San Francisco CALL surely has the interests of California at heart. While the edges of the late Republican National convention in that country are still smoldering, it urges support to any efforts which the Democrats may make to bring their National Convention to that city.

DUNSMUIR NEWS. Charles M. Shortridge is really making a great paper out of THE CALL. It is becoming very popular since it fell into his hands, and its matter is always considered reliable. Mr. Shortridge is taking quite an interest in politics, too, since he is located in San Francisco.

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MARYSVILLE APPEAL. At last after considerable work on the part of THE CALL, the San Francisco authorities are going to put a stop to the poolrooms throughout the City. There is evidently some hope for San Francisco yet. This change will cost a small amount of credit for the fight it has made.

OAKLAND FRUITER. The San Francisco CALL will not get machines for another two years. The 130 printers employed on that workingman's paper rejoice accordingly.

THE COMING CONVENTION. Evening Wisconsin. The selection of St. Louis as the place for the assembly of the next Republican National Convention is peculiarly judicious. Missouri is on the verge of becoming a Republican State. Her seventeen electoral votes may be of essential service in the good cause in 1896.

New York Evening Sun. New York hears St. Louis' cheers with an indolgent smile. The city is so used to indulgent citizens so much pleasure over so small a matter as a National convention. At the same time, if the Democratic National Committee is wise, it will appoint New York as the place for its own convention.

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POST-DISPATCH. Already the convention is beginning to bring visitors to St. Louis. Delegations from various States are securing quarters, and all are pleased.

PHILADELPHIA TIMES. Candidates at St. Louis may be numerous, but Harrison's engaging a big section of hotel shows he thinks there's also room for him.

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No wrong in national affairs ever goes unrequited. No such baseness as England has exhibited in the Trent case can escape retribution. A time will come—and in our day too—when we shall call England to account for the nature of the wrong which she played toward the United States and for the unspeakable cowardice she now exhibits in trying to drive us to the wall in the hour of our most trying extremity.

She should be the last power in the world to make us her foe, for she has not a friend in the world. Her action is not matter of expediency, but would not exit over the ruin of England, for there is not one she has not insulted, outraged or injured at some moment when they could not strike back.

Twice in our history we have fought with England, each time for causes which England now admits to have been just. We have done more fight in prospect, but it will be the last.

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