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THE CALL SPEAKS FOR ALL.

Of course the flying squadron will come our way—everything is doing that way.

No one expects bloodshed, but everybody sees that diplomats are playing with edged tools.

If Spain ever tries to put Cuba on the bargain counter she will find that we have a string on it.

They may talk of war in Europe but our Presidential campaign will be the hottest fight of the year.

It may take a good many ultimatums to make a declaration of war, but they will do it after a while.

If Olney's foreign policy develops no vigor it will not be for any lack of opportunity for exercise.

In these days the weather bureau report is a good enough mystery story to practice guessing on.

It will be a fruitful as well as a festive year, and next fall we shall be as full of prunes as of politics.

With complications in Armenia, Transvaal, Cuba and Venezuela any nation can find trouble that wishes it.

All European potentates are talking except the Czar, and yet he is the only one in a position to talk business.

This country will have a gay and altogether lovely time if ever Tom Reed gets to be president of the Senate.

In the anti-funding bill convention California put her finger on the right button, and Congress must do the rest.

It begins to look as if a proposal to buy Cuba may be one of the surprise parties that Cleveland has in store for us.

Democracy may succeed in carrying Clevelandism, but it will not be able to carry a single State while doing it.

The rains are worth to California more than Cleveland's bonds will tax out of us, but no thanks are due to Cleveland.

Don't fail to visit the exhibit of the Guild of Arts and Crafts. There is pleasure in it for every person of artistic tastes.

Grover's foreign policy is interesting enough, but what the people wish to learn is the inside history of his bond deals.

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The Kaiser made a brave display in celebrating the anniversary of the birth of the German empire, but he took care not to say anything to ruffle France this time.

The two salient points of the financial question are the decrease in the revenues and the increase in the National debt, and the free-traders are responsible for both.

It is hardly likely that any European nation after spending so much money to make a fine army would go to war to muss the regiments up and spoil the uniforms.

China and Japan furnished the circus for the world last year, but this year they can sit at home comfortably and watch the ructions in America, Africa and Europe.

If Huntington had exercised the skill in trying to pay his debts that he has used in evading them he would not in his old age be forced to work so hard in an effort to get them refunded.

Now that Dr. Carlos Martyn of Chicago has told us that in his city San Francisco has a bad name we trust he will stay with us long enough to learn what sort of a name Chicago has here.

THE PRIMARY ELECTION LAW.

The Supreme Court of California sat in banc yesterday and heard arguments upon the question of the validity of the primary election law which was enacted by the last Legislature.

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There has been no classification of counties for all purposes since the new constitution was adopted, but only special and several more diversified classification in the several county government acts for the purpose of regulating the compensation of county officers.

There is still another reason for this interest and for a broad consideration and speedy decision of the case. It is conceded that the expense of conducting primary elections under the law would be very great.

The City and County of San Francisco is in any view of the case a city and county of the first class, and as the most important single subdivision of the State is most materially concerned in the fate of this statute.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

On the 13th of February a meeting will be held in this City by representatives of cycling associations, driving associations, boulevard and improvement clubs and all others interested in securing better streets for San Francisco.

San Francisco will be the last county in the State to be visited by the Highways Bureau, whose members by the end of next month will have completed their inspection of roads in all the counties and their meetings to arouse popular interest in the subject.

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"Curious as it may seem, the Mexicans prefer Wagner's operas to all others. There can be no question that they are naturally a very musical people. The day after an opera is presented you will hear its representative. We are over town by everybody. It is a good field for a good company, but they have such a disagreeable way of showing their disapproval and making it uncomfortable for a disliked company that I would not advise any one to take a poor troupe down."

The Tavyary Opera Company will appear here this spring.