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THE CALL SPEAKS FOR ALL.

Prepare to honor the memory of Washington.

The Balfe-Moore memorial should be the next ornament for the Park.

Now is the time to make up your mind what you will abstain from during Lent.

Fitzsimmons and Maher might as well leave the thing to arbitration and go home.

Old issues go and new issues come, but the need of street improvement stays with us.

Why not turn the cathode ray on local Democracy and see where the bone of contention lies?

What sort of politics is it that starts a Whitney boom in New Orleans while New York is cold?

Democracy has quit hunting for a good Presidential candidate and is grabbing at every stick in sight.

Some Arizona mining camps are talking of making a mail service of carrier-pigeons and getting news on the fly.

Huntington says he was worth a million before he began railroading, and now the devil wears a modest blush.

In the dispatches of General Washington there is no trace of a lie, but general Washington dispatches are different.

The postponed prize-fight is nuts for the saloon men in El Paso and it makes no difference to them if it is a chestnut.

Under Morgan's examination Mr. Huntington has had to carry on the stand about all the traffic will bear and it makes him sweat.

Great Britain is so willing to arbitrate with us that it seems very strange she was never willing to arbitrate with Venezuela.

"If you will throw off one-half the debt, Uncle Sam," says Mr. Huntington, "I will be equally generous and throw off the other."

In the rejoicing of the National holiday tomorrow let us not forget to be glad that the Senate can take a day off from its arduous work.

Judge Advocate General Harrington is showing himself at present as a very poor judge of what he ought to advocate as a general proposition.

It is reported that "The United Garment Makers" of Chicago have struck and it is well known the divided skirt makers made a big strike long ago.

France is considering whether it is worth while to provide a Government with two houses when the only use of one is to block the way of the other.

If Nansen is unable to bring at least a portion of the north pole home with him he would better stay where he is and let rumor take its course.

Democracy will have to make its National platform very wide and very long if it is expected to cover all the deficiencies of the administration.

It is not often that Kentucky has a chance to elect a Republican Senator, and it is natural, therefore, that she should make the most of it and prolong the joy.

United effort carried the mineral land bill through the House and the same kind of push and pull should be given to the bill for the re-establishment of hydraulic mining.

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HARRINGTON'S POSITION.

It may be merely a coincidence that General John T. Harrington of Colusa, Judge Advocate General on the military staff of the Governor of California, has gone to visit his old friends in Kentucky just at the time when the presence of Mr. Harrington's friends are needed to fight the proposed act repealing the charter of the Southern Pacific Company, and that General Harrington has seen fit to say some very unsubstantial and uncomplimentary things concerning those Californians over whom Mr. Harrington's sway does not extend, but if so the coincidence is unfortunate. It is a little early for the glories of nature to have taken on their spring charms in Kentucky. There the trees, unlike those in California, have not begun to unfold their leaves, the roses have not yet come into gorgeous bloom as they have here, the days are still more or less raw, and the State as a whole is not nearly so pleasant as California at this time of the year.

It is another coincidence that although Governor Budd disclaims the guardianship of what he is pleased to term General Harrington's conscience (the inference from this being that the General speaks from his conscience), the gentleman from Colusa expresses Mr. Harrington's views in exactly the language which Mr. Harrington employs when he is angry. General Harrington is reported by a Frankfort newspaper (which by another interesting coincidence, is serving Mr. Harrington's interests in Kentucky) as saying that the repeal proposition "does not meet with the approval of the people of California," and adds that "outside of a few sensational newspapers and Mayor Suro of San Francisco the proposition has few adherents." The General, however, and the conscience is not in the Governor's keeping, may sincerely believe all this, but if he does the question arises, Is he competent to hold an office under the State of California and should he place the State in the attitude which he has given it? It seems unkind to call the gentleman a colonel, as many people do, when he is really a general, for that difference may mean something outside of California.

In a strictly private capacity General Harrington might have been ignored for any expression of opinion in advocacy of Mr. Harrington's cause, but as a member of the military staff of the Governor of California such contemptuous treatment would be unkind. Doubtless General Harrington has not been blind to the addition which his weight would receive from being able to call himself a general and a member of the military staff of the Governor of California while misrepresenting the people of this State in Kentucky.

RIVERS AND HARBORS.

While public sentiment is unquestionably in favor of economy in Congress, there is a clear and well-defined distinction drawn between economy and penury. The revenues of the Government, under a properly adjusted system, should be ample, as they have been heretofore, to not only meet current expenses, but to provide a fund for necessary internal improvements, and to such a purpose the present Congress should devote time and consideration. That California in this regard has been neglected is a self-evident proposition. Our two great rivers, the Sacramento and San Joaquin, from this or that cause, have been allowed to silt up, our harbors have been neglected, Oakland Creek has had only puny and ineffective appropriations, and even the harbor of San Francisco, as Professor Davidson has shown, has been left subject to risks and perils which no other nation in the world would tolerate for a moment.

It is time for a radical change, especially in so far as California is concerned. We ask nothing but justice, but that we should ask, and even demand, in a way that cannot be ignored. We are fully and painfully conscious of the fact that certain other States, which have obtained all they need have had interest in the subject of rivers and harbors, but all the other States which seem to be acting them at the present time, they will be able to convince delegations from other States that right is right, and that it will be to their interest to aid California in securing her fair share of the money which the people of the United States contribute to purposes of internal improvement.

"I DON'T REMEMBER."

History does repeat itself. In the celebrated trial of Queen Caroline the principal witness for the prosecution, forced to the wall by the searching and relentless examination of Brougham, was forced to take refuge behind an expression which ever since has been a synonym for the exposition of perjury and tergiversation, "non mi ricordo," the exact equivalent of "I do not remember."

Just now there is in Washington an investigation proceeding in which Collis P. Huntington, much against his will, has found it necessary to go upon the stand as a witness under oath and to submit himself to cross-examination at the hands of Senator Morgan of Alabama, a fine lawyer, a man of unquestioned ability and a publicist of high rank. Being asked a series of questions, which he did not want to answer, the president of the Southern Pacific Company falls back upon the historic "non mi ricordo." He cannot remember anything about the Contract and Finance Company, whether he was a stockholder, what became of its books and accounts, whether he ever received any dividends from it or how it was finally disposed of. His mind on that subject is a perfect blank.

But what utter folly and sheer hypocrisy such a pretense is. For Collis P. Huntington—a man whose great business and executive ability no one has ever doubted—stood up under oath and professes utter forgetfulness of the transactions which made for himself and his associates, at the expense of the people of California, the enormous fortunes they possess in an exhibition of mingled mendacity and insolence such as has never been seen since the trial of Queen Caroline. Mr. Huntington will go down to history as a witness with the ignorant but venal Italian witness whom Brougham crucified, and a fitting epitaph for each should be the historic "Non mi ricordo."

THE PHOENIX CARNIVAL.

The second annual midwinter fiesta of Arizona has opened at Phoenix with a brilliant display, and the indications are that the affair will be far more successful than the first. It is a curious reflection that this strange corner of the United States, having peculiarities and attractions unlike those of California, which themselves are unique when compared with the other States of the Union, was the home of a splendid civilization, existing possibly long before the discovery of America. Taken in connection with New Mexico, which likely flourished contemporaneously with it, it was part of an empire as glorious in its way as Egypt under the Pharaohs. Whatever were the causes that obliterated

AROUND THE CORRIDORS.

Jimmie Swinnerton, the caricaturist who draws little bears and big salaries, had a strange experience in Fresno, where he went with the Olympic minstrels to give a burlesque exhibition, last week. Incidentally it is well to state that Jimmie has several facts, the most pronounced of which is a longing for loud haberdashery and the stage.

When he strikes a live town like Fresno it looks as though the advance agent for a five-legged circus was on hand to plaster the dead walls with posters and subsidize the press with passes for the entire staff. After the performance Jimmie adorned himself with his plug hat and one of his best arranged vests and sallied forth to mingle with the people. About midnight he got separated from his companions, and while attempting to find his way back to the hotel he suddenly ran across an Italian laborer who had wandered up to Fresno and found himself busted. He greeted the caricaturist with: "Pleasa, I lika de nick. Please lenda me de nick."

Swinnerton looked at him a moment and evolved the happy idea of having some fun with the fellow. "What can you do, my good man, for that sum of my money?" "Nota vera much. I cana de San Francis de hunta worka. I staya de dime museum fiva weeka. I gotta some tattoo. Look?"

He opened his shirt front and displayed a net work of tri-colored characters tattooed into the skin. A new idea entered Jimmie's head and he, grabbing the hungry man by the arm, took him to a restaurant, where the stranger was given plenty to eat. "Now come with me," said Jimmie, "and I will see that you get plenty of money with which to return to San Francisco." In a few moments Swinnerton burst into the sitting-room of the hotel where his friends had assembled and there, just before retiring, Jimmie waved his hand in a commanding way and asked for silence.

THE FRENCH CRISIS.

Bourgeois, the French Premier, makes no secret of his opinion that the time has arrived to leave the Senate and to appeal to public opinion against it. Should his majority in the Chamber of Deputies fall away, he will come forward to head a radical agitation against the Senate, and will appeal to the people on what he calls the security of the wage-earners' investments.

The present Premier is understood to be a man of strict integrity, but he is only of mediocre ability and has an ineradicable taste for phrasemaking. The question of the Government of France is something deeper and wider than the security of wage-earners' investments. It involves the great question which is under discussion, directly or indirectly, in every civilized nation of the world at the present day—the relation of the people through the governing body to the great transportation agencies which play so important a part in the end-of-the-century economics. In France the railroad scandal is, primarily, the cause of the present crisis, and it is the demand of the radicals to go to the bottom of it and fix the responsibility for bribery and corruption exactly where it belongs.

This may probably cost President Faure his position, not because he is charged with or suspected of complicity, but because in a general deluge there will be no distinction or discrimination. If the radicals find themselves strong enough they will be satisfied with nothing less than a clean sweep and the absolute control of the Government. It is strange that the French people, after a long experience of a republican form of government, cannot see the inherent weakness which lies in adhering to a responsible ministry. Adapted as it may be to a monarchy, where there is perpetual succession in the titular head of the realm, it is manifestly unsuited to a representative government with an elective ruler that it seems almost incredible that the French, with their acumen, their knowledge of politics and their research into existing conditions, should not have put their finger on the weak spot in the constitution of the republic. Boulanger was a great deal of an adventurer, but he did have the sagacity to suggest the assimilation of the constitution of France to that of the United States, and until that has been done Cabinet crises in France may and will arise at any time, and upon the flimsiest of pretexis.

PERSONAL.

J. Grover, a Colusa merchant, is at the Grand. Surgeon C. P. Bagg, U. S. N., is registered at the Palace. J. C. Flickinger, the San Jose fruitman, is at the Palace. Frank H. Buck and wife of Vacaville are at the Palace. Ben Buckingham, the Ukiah merchant, is at the Grand. W. J. Decker, editor of the Madera Tribune, was at the Lick yesterday. Attorney A. L. Levinsky of Stockton registered at the Grand yesterday. W. F. Ellis, a leading grocer of Marysville, is at the Palace with his wife. Thomas Clark of Placerville and his mining interests is a guest at the Grand. Attorney W. J. Hunsacker of Los Angeles is in the city and staying at the Palace. Charles Moore of Los Angeles, law partner of Senator White, registered at the Palace yesterday. C. J. Sharon of the Yellow Jacket mine came down from Virginia City yesterday and registered at the Palace.

CALIFORNIANS IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Among recent arrivals are: E. Abraham, Hoffman; G. F. Panoacci, E. Tozman and wife, Astor; W. Hale, Westminster; E. Saunders, Grand; J. D. Hammond, Windsor; E. F. Murphy, J. C. Stegried, Broadway Central. Farmers Should Co-Operate. Lodi Sentinel. It is a fact that farmers and fruit-growers trust too much to their individual efforts for success. They are willing in most instances to forego assured profits for the sake of independent action. In the business world this feeling is not prominent. There is a readiness to combine in movements which will benefit all, directly or indirectly, which unfortunately, is too often lacking in the country.

New Doctor Reopened.

San Leandro Press. Clevealand's first bond hit struck in the people's throat, and he had to sugar-coat the next dose before he could make it go down. The next time he tries it will throw his physic to the dogs and get a new doctor.

No Reason in That.

Sonora Union Democrat. There is reason in all things, but the proposition to give the Southern Pacific Railroad 100 years to pay its debts makes one doubt that general proposition.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR.

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Wool—I sent a quarter yesterday to a man who advertised to tell me how to turn a hand-spring. Van Pelt—Well? Wool—Told me to get off a cable-car backward.—New York World.

First Clerk—Does your gov'nor ever tell you fellows funny stories? Second Clerk—No, but we have to laugh just the same.—Amusing Journal.

Susy—Say, auntie dear, you're an old maid, aren't you? Aunt Emma (hesitatingly)—Certainly, Susy; but it is not nice of you to ask such a question. Susy—Now, don't be vexed, auntie; I know it isn't your fault.—Herald-Laufroschen.

THE QUEEN OF THE HOUSEHOLD.

She rules with subtle art and skill Excellent sustenance far. Her health her changeful humors still Above her shining curls of gold No diamonds she wears; But yet her beauty bright Solace to the heart of man; Nor yet that queen, Troy's babe and blight, Could ever once compare.

She owns no castle and no lands, Her little da'ghter she has, And 'er dear an' o'er her commands As hers were so ordered; My little da'ghter, aged but four, Three years, reigns royally, Her point and frown and laughter o'er Her mother and o'er me.

Get Rid of the Surplus. One does not need a long memory to recall the campaign when Mr. Cleveland was urging as a reason for the placing of his party in power that the country was in distress because of taxation too heavy. Whatever shortcoming may be charged against the party in power through the influence of this plea, it cannot be truthfully denied that it has kept its pledge to extirpate the surplus. It has, indeed, gone further. It has not only kept its pledge, but has increased our National debt by \$25,000,000—an amount equal to one-tenth of the indebtedness incurred in the four years' civil war. And, somehow, the burden of taxation on the individual citizen seems to be increased, rather than diminished, in spite of predictions to the contrary. It is, we suspect, every hard-headed fact as these, known to everybody, that furnish the ex-



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In a few moments Swinnerton burst into the sitting-room of the hotel where his friends had assembled and there, just before retiring, Jimmie waved his hand in a commanding way and asked for silence. "Gentlemen," he began, "we have all suffered in this great world more or less and the needy should not be neglected because they are unfortunate. I have here with me one of the greatest specimens of the tattooer's art ever exhibited to the American people. Sir, take off your shirt," he said, turning to his companion. The dime museum feature removed, he showed him a net work of tri-colored characters tattooed into the skin. "This man, gentlemen," he resumed, "is well known to me. I met him five years ago at the Central Park gardens, New York, and I am familiar with his history. In few words he was cast up as a shipwrecked sailor on the Fiji Islands and was put into the hands of the chief's tattooers, who worked on him one hundred and twenty-eight days, during which time he suffered the most excruciating pain, and was finally released and wandered around the island for three weeks in a delirious condition. One afternoon he sighted a sail in the distance, and with the aid of a small rag he managed to attract attention, with the result that he was taken off and brought to America. Come up, gentlemen, examine the marvel, and see for yourselves. We will now pass the hat and give him what he most needs. During the intermission the orchestra will play Sweet Aida, Ben Bolt."

In a few seconds the boys had filled Jimmie's hat with small change, and as he handed the proceeds to the delighted Italian he said: "Did I give it to them about right?" "Yas," responded the fellow, "I pay for dat tattoo fifta dollar in Chigag six year ago." Jimmie pulled down his vest.

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planation of the overwhelming trend of public sentiment toward Republican policies.

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PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PEOPLE.

Dr. George Rodney Eden, Bishop of Dover, is the youngest prelate in the Church of England. He is 43 years of age.

J. Scott Harrison, the Democratic brother of the ex-President, has been elected a member of the Kansas City School Board.

Ebriidge A. Towie, who died in Charlestown a few days ago, had been a conductor on the Boston and Maine Railroad nearly fifty years.

The state of Lord Elgin's health, it is said, makes it probable that he will resign the office of Viceroy of India in the course of a few weeks.

The only bust of General Robert E. Lee that was taken from life was made by Frederick Volk, sculptor, at about the time of the battle of Chancellorsville.

Pillsbury, the chess-player, eats one small plate of meat every day, drinks nothing but milk, smokes rarely, sleeps eight to twelve hours daily and rides a bicycle.

Sir Mackenzie Powell, Premier of Canada, began life as a printer, devil worked on the trade for a year or two, bought a newspaper with savings and so got into politics.

General Weyler, the new captain-general of Cuba, is said to have sprung from that peculiar race, the German-Irish, being descended from one of the Old Heilan families of Ulster.

Mrs. Ezekiel Webster of Nashua, N. H., died a few days ago. She was a sister-in-law of Daniel Webster, and survived her husband sixty-seven years and her brother-in-law forty-four.

Early widowhood appears to be the sad destiny of many members of the Berkeley royal family. The Queen herself was wedded at 42, the Empress Frederick at 48, the Princess Beatrice at 39.

A centenarian, who died recently in London, had smoked steadily since he was 15 years old. He began smoking, that is, the year before Napoleon's return from Moscow, and kept it up till after Jameson surrendered at Krugersdorp.

Frederick Price, who used to be the center rush in the football team in the University of Georgia, is now fighting in the Cuban insurgent army. He gets \$24 a week, and he says the work is not so hot exciting and dangerous as football.

S. R. Crockett has been telling how hard up he was when he was a student in Edinburgh. He lodged with a friend over a great coal station and he used to go out in the evening and pick up the coals which the carts had dropped in the streets.

The news that Mrs. Hetty Green has contracted the habit of dressing well has had a decided effect upon her mail. She is in receipt of circulars from dressmakers, milliners, shoe merchants and other tradesmen, who had long ago reached the conclusion that the richest woman in America was not a target for their shafts.

The Rev. Alois Kaiser, cantor of the Oheb Shalom Temple of Baltimore, has been requested to write the music of the Twenty-first Psalm to be sung by a large mixed choir in the Reform Hebrew Congregation of Oakland, May 12 next, at special religious services to be held there in honor of the coronation of Czar Nicholas II, which is to take place that day in Moscow.

Joao de Deus, who recently died at Lisbon, was the most celebrated of modern Portuguese poets. He was born in 1830 and studied law at the University of Coimbra. He devoted himself to poetry and was hailed as a second Camoens. His published works are few in number, but his poems are remarkable for originality of thought and purity of style and treatment.

Mary Anderson was once urged to take to the operatic stage by no less an artist than M. Brignoli. He overheard her singing by chance in an Irish ball in a hotel in Toronto, Canada, and, seeking an introduction, told her that her voice, with a year's training in Milan, would win her success in grand opera. The great actress told him that she was satisfied with her life as it was.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

TWO LANGUAGES.—C. S., City. It is asserted that the English language contains more words than the German language.

FROM ELBA.—D. C., Sallinas, Cal. The vessel that carried Napoleon away from Elba on the 25th of February, 1815, was the sloop-of-war, 26 guns, Inconstant.

LAGUNITAS CREEK.—W. D., City. This being the close season no one is legally permitted to catch trout in Lagunitas Creek, Marin County, but there are some who, despite the law, do catch fish, but if arrested the penalty would be severe.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—S., City. The House of Commons at this time consists of 670 members, 461 for England, 34 for Wales, 72 for Scotland and 103 for Ireland. The complexion is: Conservatives 340, Liberal-Unionists 71, Liberal-Liberals 177, Nationalists 71, Parallells 11.

THE ERIE CAN