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THE CALL SPEAKS FOR ALL.

The cry of the people: "Kill the funding bill."

Foreclosure is the law; funding is a dodge.

The war rumors in Europe sound more and more like a roar.

There were lots of fools in the world yesterday and just about as many to-day.

California counts on all her delegates to fight the monopoly from start to finish.

The protest of the people against the funding bill grows louder as the final fight draws nearer.

According to the official showing Uncle Sam's National banks are rich enough to buy us all a farm.

The best we can do for our Minneapolis visitors is to give them a lot of sunshine to take home with them.

Free coinage and protection are distinct issues, of course, but they have sufficient affinity to mix well.

The bond issues must be investigated. The syndicate got the money and the people must have the facts.

To the German sugar-growers the Cuban war is a providential dispensation, and they are praying for a continuance.

This is not a yellow-dog year, for the very sufficing reason that there are no such animals in the Republican ranks.

The Interstate Commerce Commission always has its hands full, but seems to lack sufficient power to handle all it catches.

For all refunding schemes each house of Congress should resolve itself into a slaughter-house and get ready for work.

Rain, hail, sleet, snow, thunder, lightning and wind is the kind of weather Minneapolis gets when the Mayor is away.

As Weyer demands more troops from Spain, the Cubans will soon be calling for a census to show the increase of population.

As Max O'Reil has announced his retirement from the lecture stage we may expect him next year on his first farewell tour.

New Hampshire Republicans declare for a Presidential candidate who will be "a platform in himself," and so say we all of us.

The European situation is made more interesting by the fact that France has begun to talk of peace and get her navy ready.

Having stirred up wars in Abyssinia, the Sudan and Matabeleland, Europe still insists she is keeping the peace and civilizing Africa.

It is not certain yet whether the British are really enforcing vigorous foreign policy or only going through a series of spasms.

In abstaining from coming forward as Presidential candidates Democratic leaders have the good excuse that no one has called for them.

The recent statement that the blizzards in the East were over was slightly misleading. It should have been that they were over the whole country.

The City of Paris, like the St. Paul, has escaped from the mud flats unjustured, and it seems it doesn't hurt any kind of a ship to run over New Jersey.

In their present situation the Democrats are exactly in the mood of the farmer who upset his apple cart and had no language to do justice to the occasion.

As the treasury deficit for March is less than that of the previous months of the fiscal year, we may expect to see the Democrats trying to figure it out as a surplus.

There are signs that Hoke Smith intends to set up as a humorist, for in his debate with ex-Speaker Crisp he said he was in favor of silver but opposed to coining it.

Even if there were nothing wrong in the bond deals there is certainly something wrong in trying to conceal the means by which such important public business was carried out.

President Kruger is willing that British residents in the Transvaal should be recruited to make war against the Matabeles. Anything goes with him that gets the British to go.

The French Ministry has assured the Chamber of Deputies that France and Russia are co-operating in regard to Egypt, and perhaps we shall hear the buzzsaw running before long.

A London paper says the Democrats may win this year if they are wisely led, and the saying is true enough provided a sufficient emphasis is put on the if to do justice to the subject.

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It is said the action of the Turkish Governor at Bitlis, in arresting two American missionaries, was intended only to test the American pulse. It is scarcely necessary to say that he found it at a fighting heat.

ENFORCE THE LAW.

It is reported from Washington that Eastern people are asking what policy Californians favor in regard to the settlement of the debts of the Pacific roads.

There is no reason why the people of California should undertake to formulate any policy different from that pursued up to this time.

Any refunding measure whether for a hundred years or forty years, whether for 2 per cent or 3 per cent, would involve many things of evil import to California.

The policy of the people of California is the fulfillment of the law as it stands. Not long ago a single message from the President was shown to be that with sufficient to enforce the Monroe doctrine against the antagonism of England in the face of an unwilling world.

THE TARIFF REVIEWED.

One of the ablest, fairest and most searching inquiries into the tariff question that has yet been made has been written by T. B. Walker of Minneapolis.

"A nation dependent upon agriculture only may possess a large population and produce a superabundant food supply, but will always be loaded with foreign debt and subject to panic and hard times."

"Where manufactures, commerce and mining are abundantly encouraged and protected the nation may, with a limited ability to compete in agriculture, stand in the front rank."

"This Nation, with its incomparable advantages, can lead all others in wealth, power, independence and continuous prosperity, if its labor and capital are sufficiently encouraged and protected."

"The United States we find an exactly opposite condition of things. While the necessary policy of England in extending her commerce requires low wages, America has unlimited resources sufficient for the people and capable of producing high wages if they are intelligently fostered and a wholly unnecessary competition with the industrial conditions of Europe prevented."

Discontent, with resulting strikes, appears among the laboring classes only when times are hard and poverty pinches. Such movements as these are a natural and inevitable protest against a tendency to fall into the poverty, hopelessness and helplessness so conspicuous among the laborers of Europe.

THE GROWING DEFICIT.

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From that tax there would have been little to spare as the customs duties under the Wilson tariff had been cut down to suit the policy of parsimony which Democrats call economy.

The man mainly responsible for this blunder of the Democratic party is Secretary Carlisle. He has been their evil counselor at every step in the famous policy they have pursued on this subject.

It is not wholly bad for the country that this silly policy of bluster and folly has been pursued. It is just as well that the people should see the results of the Democratic tariff worked out to the full.

FARMING IN CITIES.

The New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor has been inspired by the remarkable success of Mayor Pingree of Detroit, the originator of the plan for farming vacant lots in cities.

The lessons already learned are these: 1. A large number of the destitute are willing to work if they have the opportunity.

As much of the future greatness of California will come from a more thorough development of its agricultural resources, the subject has a peculiar interest for the cities of this State.

"The poor, hard-working people see that upon a little patch of half an acre they can produce enough to half support themselves, and it sets them to thinking. They reason thus, 'If I can almost live on half an acre I could make a comfortable living on a few acres,' and they begin to figure on getting into the country."

CURRENT HUMOR.

She fell. Love of Henry turned her head. Her head was turned to enable her to see the other girl's finery, and she did not observe the coal scuttle somebody had left upon the sidewalk.—Detroit Tribune.

"His liver," the doctor said, "is the image of his father's, but he gets his lungs from his mother's folks."—Detroit Tribune.

Shakespeare—If I had it all to do again I'd try my hand at comic opera. Ben Jonson—Don't get a big head, William. You had a great run of luck as it was, but you were never out out to write topical songs.—Puck.

He—Oh, dear! I wish I could get hold of some good biscuits like mother used to bake for me. She—And I wish I could get some good clothes like father used to buy for me.—Indianapolis Journal.

"Blykins is doing some good dialect work." "Blykins? I didn't know he wrote. I thought he was an artist." "So he is, but he is making a specialty of dialect work—he draws posters."—Washington Times.

PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PEOPLE.

Elinathan Corrington Gavitt, who died the other day in Toledo, Ohio, at the age of 88 years, was a noted pioneer of Methodism in Ohio, and the author of "Crumbs From My Saddle-bag," a book that had a wide popularity some years ago.

William E. Gladstone recently remarked that he was proud of the fact that he had never been addicted to tobacco, wine or any other stimulant. He acknowledged, however, that he had, under stress of work, sometimes tempted to give nature an artificial aid.

"Senator Cannon of Utah," says the Washington Times, "is by all odds the handsomest man in the Upper House. That is not all. He is one of the youngest men in that body and one of its cleverest and ablest debaters. Modesty is one of his chief characteristics."

Mme. Modjeska is an admirer of a London fog, and the first time it happened to her she ordered her carriage and went for a drive in the park, that she might have the pleasure of seeing the weird effect of people and vehicles emerging from the mist which enshrouded them.

AROUND THE CORRIDORS.

Andrew Young, chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Storey County, Nevada, and Acting Mayor of Virginia City, is at the Russ. Since the famous camp of the Comstock lode incorporated no Mayor has been elected, and the duties requisite in such cases have devolved on the chairman of the Supervisors.

Mr. Young is one of the best-known men in that part of the country. He has lived for thirty-seven years at Virginia and worked, as he expresses it, "for fifteen years underground," for he is a practical miner and knows all the ins and outs of a miner's life.

He believes that the troubles of Tangerman with the miners will soon be adjusted by the officials here of the Hale & Norcross mine coming to understand that Tangerman is not the right man under the circumstances for superintendent.

There are, Mr. Young states, between 400 and 500 members of the union in Virginia City, not to speak of Gold Hill. They have a large hall and also a library of some 4000 volumes. In the library are the current magazines and daily papers, so that in many respects the headquarters of the union is like a club.

"I never saw in all the time I have resided at Virginia," said Mr. Young, "such freedom from snow as during this winter. There is no snow whatever at Virginia. The day before I left it rained all day. The streets have been so clear for the winter that instead of five or six feet of snow, the customary thing, we have bicyclists going to and fro. Oftentimes you may look down the street and see as many as ten or fifteen persons on bicycles."

A REIGN OF TERROR.

There is horror too prolific in the jargon scientific which disturbs the mood pacific of the ordinary man. In these days of the lawless it is a bugaboo bewail that is hiding near to kill us if by any chance it can.

Not a single chance it misses; it is lurking in our bloods; it is even in the kisses. That deluge of a leap-year dream; in the air are microbes floating; in the water they are floating; beneath vigilance diving; To their world, malicious scheme.

Oh, ye philosphic sages, we were happy all these ages, while these animals outrageous more than ever, are now, we withstand their siege incessant, we run other risks unnumbered, but we are not dead with fear.—Washington Star.

A DUCK'S STRANGE FREAK.

One of the oldest ducks in San Francisco is named Tom, and he belongs to Charles Young, who lives in the Potrero, about two blocks back from the shores of the bay. Tom is nearly six years old and up to a few months ago was always dignified and as correct in his demeanor as the ordinary duck. About that time, however, he became possessed of a strange desire to accumulate all the old shoes on the water front.

Early every morning he starts out by himself and often goes to the water front, where he returns he is sure to carry an old shoe and store it away in the poultry-house. As soon as

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[From a sketch made by a "Call" artist.]

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Grand Duchess, is the "hit" of the whole performance.

Albert Kauders' opera, "Walther von der Vogelweide," which has already been played with success at the German Theater of Prague, has just met with an enthusiastic reception at the Imperial Opera of Vienna.

An enterprising Milanese editor, Carlo Alliprandi, has done his best to canonize Giuseppe Verdi. On Giuseppe's day (St. Joseph's Day) he published a special edition of his paper, La Farfalla, in honor of Giuseppe Verdi.

The San Carlos Theater, Lisbon, has just produced "Trene," the opera by the Portuguese composer, Alfredo Keil, which was played for the first time some years ago at the Royal Theater, Turin.

A new opera by the Czech composer, Zdenko Fibich, has been played with success at Prague. The subject is drawn from Byron's "Don Juan," and, like Amber's work, is entitled "Haydee." The second act and the ballet of the last act were especially applauded.

On St. Agnes' day a new solemn mass was produced at the cathedral of Catameo, Italy, which is spoken of in terms of the highest praise. The mass is by Domenico Cambria, a young maestro who has only just reached his eighteenth year.

To-day and on Friday the Paris Grand Opera will give what are known as its two "spiritual concerts." The chief feature this year will be Alfred Bruneau's new requiem.

A POPULAR SKIRT.

The skirt shown here is a modification of the Marie Antoinette skirt, which is so much worn at present at Paris. The front gore, over which the side gores are laid to form a pleat in semblance to a skirt laid over it, is usually made of a contrasting fabric.

A figured white crepe de chine, with the front of white plain satin and trimmed with close-set rows of yellow lace, is worn with a fichu of the same, the rest of the waist being of the figured goods.

The skirt is made of one fabric, the lapings sides may be fastened down with three large buttons on each side, set to reach half way down. The introduction of two fabrics is a step in the direction of a serious change in skirts which have been severely plain and without trimming for so long.



PANORAMA eggs very cheap. Townsend's. CHOCOLATE cream eggs, 2 for 5c. Townsend's. CANDY bacon and eggs, 10c. Townsend's.

Indications of Yearning. Fort Jones Reporter. Mr. Cleveland has given several indications of late of still hankering after the third-term nomination, as well as ducks.

EASTER cream candies, 25c lb. Townsend's. VEGETABLE colors only used at Townsend's. CALIFORNIA glace fruits, 50c lb. Townsend's.

LIBERAL discount on estate Easter eggs to Sunday-schools