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MEMORIAL DAY. To-day the mind of the old soldier more especially will be crowded with recollections of events in the long ago. As he forms in line and marches away, bearing floral tributes to the memory of comrades who now sleep the sleep that knows no waking...

And who shall say that those whose graves we strew with flowers to-day do not know it? Are they in dreamless slumber and do not know of flowers, of life, of love? Who shall say they were, but are not? Rather should we say that they are in joyous expectation of this day's tribute of affectionate remembrance, for will they not fetch flowers—flowers gathered by their own hands in the Father's garden of paradise—and twine them about us?

Who shall say that when the old soldier winds their way to the Silent City to-day there will not be another, an invisible procession, marching with them to the tune of the same life and drum? "If a man die, shall he live again?" Yes, there is a natural body that falls as the tree falls, and there is a spiritual body which death sets free in distinct individuality.

It must be so—Pilate, thou reasonest well! Else whence this pleasing hope, this fond desire, This longing after immortality? Or whence this secret dread, an inward horror, Of the dark, ungodly death, that shrinks the soul back on herself, and starts a dizziness of dread?

A NATIONAL CALAMITY. It is very evident that President Cleveland is not in touch with public sentiment. His reason for vetoing the river and harbor bill shows that. When the executive head of the Government resorts to subterfuges to find a way to excuse himself for refusing to conform his acts to the will of the people, the people cannot help feeling humiliated.

It was known of old and said that the law is condemned when the wicked escape punishment. Money is not too cold to show the warmth of our sympathy for the stricken people of the East. After the past week of disasters Congress ought to adjourn next week and give us a complete rest.

It is time to remember that every community is responsible for the crimes it hesitates to punish. When the weather bureau turns loose a cyclone the charity bureau must get ready to open up for business. Let us not wait for St. Louis to ask aid. Let us offer it with the zeal of generous hearts and ready hands.

A grateful Republic mourns her noble dead, but proudly honors the immortality of their accomplished work. In the observance of the solemn memorial services of the day every citizen should show a patriot's duty.

Do not forget in the hurry of the day to leave orders for THE SUNDAY CALL, so as to have good reading for to-morrow. The civil business of our courts can well afford to wait until the criminal cases have been brought to trial and adjudicated.

After this there is no city in the Mississippi Valley that will feel safe when it sees a funnel-shaped cloud in the distance. A system of law well enough to be suspended on verbal technicalities can never be strong enough to hang dangerous criminals. It is but a mean and niggard loyalty that decorates the graves of the dead but would refuse an honorable pension to the living veteran.

Fail not in any way to do full honor to the memory of the heroic dead who fought the war that freed the slave and kept the Union whole. Every child in the land should be taught the meaning of the celebration of this day and its noble lessons deeply impressed upon the heart. It does seem as if the cyclone might have crossed the Mississippi River without taking the bridge if it had not been actuated by pure cupidness.

After the crimes and disasters of the week the consideration of Memorial day comes as a relief to the mind almost as sacred as a benediction. The Buckley primaries were as quiet as if the lambs had been muzzled with their own tails and led to the polls with their own wool pulled over their eyes.

The cyclones of this country are setting to be more destructive than the wars of other lands, and unfortunately there is no prospect of getting rid of them by arbitration. From the racket worked by the elements for a little while on Thursday night it seems there is a possibility that this also may become an electrical storm center for a change.

Among many men of many minds there will be many ways of celebrating the day, but no American will be unmindful of its significance or its value as a National observance. Death is rapidly summoning the members of the Grand Army, and we should hasten to show them all the love and loyalty of a grateful people while they are yet alive. In remembering the noble dead of the Grand Army let us not forget the living. Every veteran of the war for the Union deserves the honor of all citizens of the Republic.

laid a line of action which should end in crushing the rebellion at one blow. He waited until, as he supposed, the bulk of the insurgent army had concentrated in the west, when he threw thousands of his troops into the work of constructing a line of earthworks across the island to ren the insurgents in the narrow compass of Western Cuba. He worked his soldiers day and night on his "trocha," and no doubt felt happy at the delay of the rebels in ending their raid and starting back to the sparsely settled eastern territory.

The trocha was completed some weeks ago, but no rebels have tried to break through, and now General Weyler is awakening to the fact he has fallen into a trap which the rebel generals set for him with so much adroitness, and that he did everything as nearly according to their programme as they could themselves have done it for him. The cunning, far-seeing and brilliant generalship of the rebels will be better appreciated when it is said that they knew if they invaded the west and made it appear that they were in no hurry to return to their strongholds in the east, Weyler would be almost sure to "hem them in" by the "trocha" act, and he did just as it was hoped he would do.

The trocha was finished and manned some weeks ago, and just as the rebel general counted upon, the throwing up and overturning the earth at this season of the year has caused to appear disease microbes by the million. The hot and rainy season has opened and already the Spanish troops in the trocha are beginning to suffer from smallpox, yellow fever and malarious fevers. In another month, or perhaps less, the trocha is likely to be little better than a long hospital for disease, disease-breeding germs and emaciated soldiers that were shipped over from the healthy garrisons of Spain to the swampy region of Cuba. Meanwhile the rebels wait in patience for Weyler's "trocha" to complete its share of the work of exhausting Spain's supply of soldiers.

THE SUNDAY CALL. In to-morrow's issue of THE CALL the world will be informed of the most important discovery in the field of biology during the last fifteen years. This discovery will have a direct bearing upon the theories of Huxley, Haldenbain, Darwin and others, and will undoubtedly revolutionize modern scientific thought and methods of research. THE CALL has secured the exclusive publication of this discovery, in which not only scientists but the reading and thinking public will be deeply interested.

Aside from this remarkable news, there will be a host of novelties and of good literature and art for all classes of readers, as will be readily appreciated by referring to the partial list of features in another column. With scarcely an exception the Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore dailies threaten to utterly destroy the party or parties, meaning the two great parties, whose platform declares the renovation of silver. A little while ago these same dailies were willing that silver should be restored to its old place of redemption money after the commercial nations had fully agreed to it and fixed the ratio of difference which should obtain between the weight of a gold and a silver dollar, but now they appear to be opposed to an international conference or any other step in the direction of the coinage of silver except as token money.

It is not to be supposed that these great newspapers reflect the sentiment of anywhere near the majority of the people of the Eastern States, but no doubt they do express the thought of the bond-dealers and the money-brokers, and it is easy enough to see why the gold standardists would use their influence with the press to prevent any action in the country's volume of money of redemption, but it is not so easy to see how the newspapers could advocate the gold standard on principle.

The more correct the country's volume of money is the easier it is for money-lenders to control it, and hence to fix the per cent charges for its use. The most obtuse mind in the land understands how an inadequate quantity of circulating money could be "cornered" easier than an abundance could, and he knows that if the loanable money of the community were cornered the corner would have it in its power to charge borrowers what it liked. Not a few of the fortunes of Wall-street magnates were made by cornering the money market and putting interest rates so high, and making it so difficult to obtain loans at any rate of interest or discount that collateral security and mortgage property had to be forfeited, which very naturally operated to enable the money sharks to "cancel" the debt by taking the security. Many is the man who has been forced to surrender his property because the corner would not let him have money to protect himself.

The re-coinage of silver would, as can readily be seen, increase the volume of money beyond the ability of money speculators to control, and then their occupation would be gone, but the public would be well supplied with money and borrowers could always get it at reasonable rates. There is reason, therefore, for this stubborn fight against an adequate volume of money to transact the business of the country. It would break up the business of cornering the money market, which would mean a great deal to a good many money-lending sharks. It is a mistake to suppose that the war upon silver is because it is silver, for it is nothing of the kind. The coinage scheme is to reduce the volume of redemption money down to where money-gamblers can control it. This the dailies of the Eastern States know very well. The question is, then, Why are they on the side of the enemies of the people? Why are they standing in with Wall street in its effort to tie the hands of the people? Perhaps they can tell why.

THE FACT that a bill to pay the Southern Pacific Company more than \$1,500,000 for transportation passed the Senate without protest, notwithstanding the company owns the Nation many millions of dollars which it has not paid and is not trying to pay, shows that while California is nominally represented in that body, the force and vigor of the sentiment of her people are not represented by any means. The Senate has voted to pay what the Government owes the Southern Pacific for transportation, but it has not voted to make the company pay what it owes the Government. There is a good opportunity here for Senator Perkins and Senator White to rise and explain.

The central feature of the Nation's observance of this holiday will be at the tomb of Grant, which is becoming more and more the recognized monument of the Grand Army as well as of its great leader. The one evidence of wisdom among Democratic leaders this year is that they never prophesy about anything.

AROUND THE CORRIDORS. W. B. Coombs, who owns a large general merchandising store and mill at Little River, in the Mendocino redwoods, where eelminion and brown bear, deer and lynx abound to a greater or less extent, is at the Russ. Almost the whole of Mr. Coombs' life has been spent among those lofty redwoods. Little River is two miles south of Mendocino City, and is right on the coast. The two docks there are often scenes of great activity, especially when there is a stiff demand for lumber and oak tanbark, for there is a liberal supply of both to be had there.

"The demand for lumber is not great enough now, however," said Mr. Coombs. "The combination has been made, but there is not enough general butting to keep the mills going." "Both redwood and pine lumber is produced at Little River, for we have immense forests of these two kinds of timber. I suppose no finer lumber can be had anywhere than it is to be had there.

"In regard to tanbark, the price has fallen from what it was last year. It was formerly worth \$15 and \$15.50 a cord, delivered in San Francisco. I sold what I had at the latter figure. The oak tanbark of Mendocino County and the upper coast of California is probably the finest in the world for tanning purposes. Last year for a time the bark went high. Leather was high, and it looked as though there was going to be a stiff demand for such tanbark as this. Some of the tanners led in a stock for a year. We were the situation changed somewhat, and there is not the demand for the bark there was formerly. It is worth but \$14, delivered in San Francisco, which is as low as it has been for several years.

It is hard to tell whether the price of such fine tanbark will be kept down, but I think it will be better in a year at least, and we may have some improvement yet this year. It is the same way probably in regard to lumber, at least to some extent. I would like to see both advance, for it would mean a great deal of activity on the coast of Mendocino County." Mr. Coombs is in the City on a business trip.

BARCAROLLE (A. D. 1950). Beneath the world, in a tremulous haze, Dreads on like a vision of memory days. Afar from the bustle of mart and of mill, We steer for the stars that are radiant and still. Or we drift in the zephyrs that tranquilly flow, Where the birds are the only companions we know. And their notes are the music of heaven. Us and meadows so green. Us and meadows so green. We're afloat on our flying-machine. The vapors that crowd where the yellow moon gleams. Are lifted and carried into castles of dreams. The silence which reigns to make perfect the night. Fields alone to the bliss of the morning light. As we buoyantly rise, let the storms come and go; Their thunders shall disintegrate rattle below. Us and meadows so green. We shall ride all serene. We're afloat on our flying-machine. —Washington Star.

PERSONAL. T. W. Sargent of Salinas is at the Russ. Judge J. H. Craddock of Marysville is here. Henry Heller of Mount Pulaski is at the Palace. Dr. L. L. Young of the United States navy is in the City. Frank Coombs of Napa, ex-minister to Japan, is in the City. C. G. Du Bois, a wealthy New Yorker, is at the Cosmopolitan. I. Church and wife, of Lakeport, are staying at the Cosmopolitan. A. E. Ripley, a merchant of Seattle, is a guest at the Cosmopolitan Hotel. Max Hebellin, a mining man of Globe, Ariz., arrived here yesterday. J. P. Pattee, a member of Amador, is at the Russ, accompanied by his wife. Admiral William Evashtinoff of Russia was among the arrivals here yesterday. Jefferson Thompson, a merchant of Petaluma, is among the arrivals at the Russ. Leslie McKenzie of Denver is a recent arrival here and is registered at the Grand. Edwin Harvey, a prominent resident of Los Angeles, is registered at the Cosmopolitan Hotel. Thomas R. More, the capitalist of Santa Barbara, who is interested in Santa Rosa Island, is in town. W. H. Workman Jr., son of ex-Mayor Workman of Los Angeles, and Miss Workman are at the California. Commander J. E. Craig of the United States ship Concord is down from the Vallejo yards and is at the Palace. L. P. Moulton, the grain farmer of Colusa County and prominent Populist, is among the arrivals here. He is in the City on a business trip. Ex-Governor H. B. Willy of Idaho, who owns gold properties near Blue Canyon, which he has been working for several years, is among the arrivals at the Russ. Carmen Ortega, a rich mining man of Hermosillo, Mexico, is among the arrivals here. Mr. Ortega is the owner of a large amount of valuable mining property as well as agricultural lands. He says that in Mexico attention is now being turned toward the United States for mining machinery of all kinds. He thinks it ought to be supplying his country with all these appliances. Hitherto England has been selling nearly all the machinery.

CALIFORNIANS IN NEW YORK. NEW YORK, N. Y., May 29.—At the Imperial—G. E. Dow, Continental—Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Jones, A. C. Schmeffner, Hotel Albert—G. A. Marquis, Grand Union—T. P. Uren, Murray Hill—Bishop D. H. Goodsell, Union-square—C. Bonestell, St. Denis—C. S. Greene, Netherlands—W. N. Cowles, Holland—Mrs. H. L. Hill, Sailed per steamship Fulton for Genoa via Gibraltar and Naples—Borden Rosario Curro, Dr. and Mrs. Isaac Jones, Dr. V. Serravallo, Sailed per steamship Aller for Bremen via Southampton—J. E. Seuchez, who was with this were of the lining silk. The revers of white satin were attached to the white blouse and were not worn with the one of chiffon. Blue moiré, with white taffeta vest, revers and cuffs covered with rows of narrow gold braid had white pearl buttons, with a rim of filigree gold set on below the revers. A waist of narrow yellow tulle was set on, gaily trimmed with rows of white or ivory, a short blue and green belt of taffetas was worn with this.

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W. B. Coombs, Who Has Spent Nearly All His Life in the Heart of the Redwoods [Sketched from life by a "Call" artist.]

PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PEOPLE.

The Emperor of Austria, Francis Joseph I, will be 66 years old in August next, and he has sat on his throne for forty-eight years. Dr. Hamish McCann has a Scotch opera to the Marquis of Lorne's libretto in his portfolio, and it is reported that he likewise proposes to write another opera to a book by Mr. Joseph Bennett.

The Duke of Sutherland is to preside over the thirtieth anniversary of Dr. Barnardo's Homes at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on June 24, when the Prince and Princess of Wales hope to be present. Two cynical traditions about women—one that she is stingy and the other that she cannot keep a secret—have been dispelled by the action of Mrs. Brickerhoff, who gave \$100,000 to Barnard College and kept it a secret.

Herr Joseph Strobach, the new Mayor of Vienna, is an editor of school books in a small way, and a rather an amateur. In the speech in which Herr Strobach accepted his election he declared that he owed his election solely to the fact that the Emperor would not sanction the election of Dr. Luger, whom he must consider as the real Mayor. M. Theodore Dubois, whose appointment as successor to Ambrose Thomas at the Paris Conservatoire is announced, is a former pupil and professor of the great musical school of France. He is 59, and his works, though not reaching the celebrity of other French composers, are marked by great character, chiefly of the religious and stately mold.

Amos J. Cummings has obtained the sobriquet of the "warm and summer" orator in Congress. Mr. Cummings, when making an argument on the floor of the House, has but one gesture with which to emphasize his remarks. This consists in raising his right hand, doubling his fist and propelling it with great force against the palm of his other hand. M. Theodore Dubois, whose appointment as successor to Ambrose Thomas at the Paris Conservatoire is announced, is a former pupil and professor of the great musical school of France. He is 59, and his works, though not reaching the celebrity of other French composers, are marked by great character, chiefly of the religious and stately mold.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

SEMMER—J. H. Napa, Cal. The sentence, "summer is arrived," is no more grammatically correct than "Mrs. William Smith is arrived." PREHISTORIC—G. V. City. The prehistoric time of a nation ended the moment that there was a recorded history of that particular nation. FORTÉ COCHENS—K. S. Los Angeles, Cal. There are three significant facts for the Prehistoric term porte cochere, namely: Courtyard, carriage-way and gateway. POTRERO—H. W. City. Potrero is Spanish and is applied to an individual who makes a specialty of curing ruptures. It is also applied to a farm for raising cattle and to a pasture.

DESERTION—N. B. San Jose, Cal. Desertion disfranchises an individual who has deserted from the United States army. Once a deserter always a deserter, unless pardoned. TO LOS ANGELES—J. D. City. The time by rail from San Francisco to Los Angeles is twenty-two hours and the fare is from twelve to fifteen dollars. By steamer the fare is from nine to twelve dollars and fifty cents. FARMS—H. W. City. No one can tell why so many farmers are forced to mortgage their farms, further than that they are forced to do so because they are unable to meet their obligations. There is, no doubt, a special reason in each case.

A SEQUENCE—Subscriber, Gridley, Butte County, Cal. In the game of cribbage if a player has 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462