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MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1896. THE CALL SPEAKS FOR ALL.

June is with us and now the cry is "on to St. Louis."

It will not be long now before we know who is to be next President.

One by one the prediction bureaus are being silently slid out of sight.

To the British go the free trade tariff is a swill trough and he is in it with both feet.

One of the most completely wrecked and lost things of the season is the Carlisle boom.

Is it possible we are to have this McDag and Nabit combination inflicted on us all summer?

The summer that begins to-day will be a glorious one for patriotism, protection and prosperity.

The passing show in Europe will now shift from Moscow to Budapest and the scene will be brighter.

The secret of the veto may lie in the fact there was no appropriation for Buzard's Bay in the harbor bill.

Gold bug Democrats in the East are now announcing that there is such a thing as a divine right of bolting.

The treasury reserve is rapidly sinking to the danger limit, and Wall street begins to feel its appetite revive.

The defect in the criminal procedure of our law is that it allows too much license to the proceedings of criminals.

Is there any Democrat in sight in any part of the country showing a desire to cut bait for Cleveland this summer?

The Italians and the Abyssinians haven't made peace yet, but neither side shows any desire to do the other thing.

Another agitation is getting a move on to strike Congress at the next session. Indian Territory wishes to be a State.

It is time for Republican clubs to begin making preparations in earnest for the grand rally of the ratification meetings.

The tramping to death of so many persons at the czar's banquet to the people will go on record as the crowning horror.

It is the popular chorus of protection, prosperity and patriotism that is going to make life in this country one grand, sweet song.

Already those who are willing to bet on the result of the first ballot at St. Louis are beginning to content themselves with prophesying.

It would be a neat and popular move if the Market Street Company would drop the transfer nuisance without waiting for the law to force them.

At the present time neither faction of the Democratic party is denouncing bolters for the simple reason that neither is quite certain it will not be a bolter itself.

Pattison of Pennsylvania says he will not be a candidate on a free silver platform and it is more than even betting that he will not be a candidate on any platform.

Congress should not only pass the river and harbor bill over Cleveland's head, but make the passage feel to him something like that of a club with a bunch of knots on the head of it.

St. Louis need hardly trouble herself to put a roof on the convention hall. If she will put the material somewhere in the vicinity the first California orator that comes along will raise it.

The electric fans which were expected to be so beneficial in cooling the heated Easterners during the summer months are said to have the defect of overdoing the thing. Nearly everybody who sits in the draught of one catches a cold.

The Democrats will hold their State Convention at the same time the Republican National Convention meets, with the idea, doubtless, that they will be overshadowed and thus enabled to get in some shady work without being noticed.

There are rumors that Cleveland will drop a bombshell message on the Cuban question just in time for the report to make a noise in the Chicago convention, and then an effort will be made to carry the administration programme through before the smoke clears away.

The Philadelphia Record notes with pride that the Nurses' Training School of that city has attracted a student all the way from California, thus showing that the very presence of one of our girls is sufficient to cast a luster on a school, even when situated in so secluded a locality as the one in question.

The Sonoma festival in celebration of the raising of the bear flag will be one of the bright incidents of California life during the month of June, and pleasure-seekers who arrange to attend it can count on a delightful holiday, as well as chance to take part in the observance of a patriotic ceremony.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

From a very small beginning Mr. Carnegie has accumulated a fortune which he counts by the tens of millions. It was his right to do that; besides, the public admires a man who makes a great success in any laudable enterprise, and, generally speaking, his advice is worth listening to when he does not depart too far from the field in which he achieved success.

Hence when Mr. Carnegie says that "the dollar of the Republic should mean a dollar in gold, worth its face in all parts of the world," he shows very distinctly that he knows a good deal more about converting iron ore into finished product and gathering in the accruing profits in dollars than he knows about what it is that makes dollars money.

Why Mr. Carnegie is so interested in having our dollar "worth its face in any part of the world" is clear enough. From 95 to 97 per cent of the entire trade and traffic of this country is with our own people. It is easy enough, too, to understand why England should adhere to the gold standard. She exchanges finished products for dollars all over the world, and if dollars that are at a premium come to her at par she secures an additional profit, besides the advantage which she secures from paying for raw material in money that commands a premium.

Mr. Carnegie knows that so long as the gold standard can be maintained there will be a scarcity of money and that the debtors will have to pay them in dollars that rule at a premium. But here in the United States, where our commerce with the outside world is only from 3 to 5 per cent of our total business transactions, it is really of no consequence whether Europe, Asia and Africa like our monetary system or not. The point for us to consider is, Shall our volume of circulating money be equal to the requirements of producer and consumer, with it always at par, or shall we hold it far enough below a sufficiency to keep it above par? If it were kept above par the great middle class, which is all of 80 per cent of the population, would have to pay the premiums thus decreasing the commodity purchasing power of their labor.

Mr. Carnegie belongs to a class of producers who are to the industrial world what the money-lender is to the financial world. The people are obliged to have the products of industries that are owned by the Carnegie class. The money-lender wants a premium on his money, and a high rate of interest for its use. The Carnegies want pay for their commodities in money that commands a premium because of its scarcity, so that they will have double profits on their products.

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One should be alarmed over the cry of the bondocrats that "bankruptcy" and "repudiation" would swoop down upon the country the moment it is decided not to issue more Government bonds. It is a Wall street cry, and the public. The Morgan-Rothschild syndicate is hungrier for another block of bonds, and, knowing how determined the public is in its opposition to needlessly increasing the National debt, the cry is raised that it is more bonds or bankruptcy and National degradation. The quickest and easiest way to squelch Wall street would be to enact Senator Butler's bill into a law to prohibit the issuance of Government bonds, or any other kind of interest-bearing obligations without first being authorized by Congress.

To be sure, Secretary Carlisle could stop the outflow of gold by paying the Government's obligations, except interest on bonds, which are payable by contract in gold; but as he refuses to do that, and insists that in selling bonds for gold he is obeying the resumption act, there appears to be no way to prevent another issue of bonds early in the coming fall, and still another about the first of the new year unless Congress shall provide against it. The way that Wall street and Europe are taking gold from the treasury the reserve will be below the required sum by the middle of this month. In fact, that is expected, and preliminary negotiations are already under way. It is said, to market another block of bonds before autumn if the raids on the treasury are kept up as they have been the last two months. The country appears to be in the hands of Wall street instead of an administration at Washington. But the cry of "bankruptcy" and "repudiation" is nonsense in any event.

It is amusing to listen to the appeal of the old whorl-horses of the Democracy to stop the internal strife that are raging in the party lest the party's chances to carry the country next fall be destroyed. The faith of these sincere but blind old timers is sublime. If they could only see how the land lies they would know that their party has not a single chance to carry anything but the condemnation of the people. This does not mean that the Chicago convention will not be a picturesque affair, for it will be all that, and it will attract the attention of the whole country. Those who have not been watching the storm center of the Democratic party moving in the direction of Chicago can have no idea how terrible and destructive the

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