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THE CALL SPEAKS FOR ALL.

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As the case goes now Assessor Siebe is the man who smiles.

Morgan talks of war with Spain as earnestly as if there might be gain in it.

The noise of the Buckleyites denouncing Buckley adds another humor to the situation.

About the only thing a Grand Jury does with any vigor is to dodge its opportunities.

Silver is rising in the market as well as in politics, in Europe as well as in America.

If the Pacific Coast delegates at St. Louis are united the Pacific Coast can have a representative in the next Cabinet.

It is now charged that the Sultan subsidizes murder in Armenia with such regularity as if it were a state industry.

Democracy may promise free silver, but the people will remember that Democracy promised a tariff that would yield a revenue.

The Senate has got the filled cheese bill out of the way at last and now we may reasonably expect either business or an adjournment.

Most of the City officials are so predatory that on a question of their character the people would hardly make any other response than "rats."

The Democratic party will not die in its boots on election day, for the plain reason that it will be licked out of them before the election takes place.

There is a prospect that when the crowd arrives at the St. Louis convention it will find the hotels have adopted cyclone prices and are trying for a clean sweep.

To-morrow being the day of rest you will need good reading to amuse your leisure and the best way to get it is to leave orders to-day for THE SUNDAY CALL.

It is said by New England Democrats that the strength of the Russell boom is its spontaneity, and it may be added that its weakness is its inability to spontaneous combustion.

Congress has passed a bill providing a sum to pay off the last claims of the Columbian Exposition, but that doesn't close up the show. The distribution of medals is still to come.

Some say the tariff is the main issue of the campaign, and some assign that place to the money question, but all agree that the deficit and the bonds are not going to be forgotten.

The Junta stands for gold and the silver Democrats of the City are for Buckley, so the rural Democrats being against Buckley and against gold will have to stay in the woods when the convention meets.

According to the English papers they are not the Czar and Czarina, but the Tsar and Tsaritsa, and we may as well adopt the spelling, as it seems more like what we might expect of a people who call Moscow Moskov.

This year will certainly see the breaking up of the old alignment of parties. Men who think alike will vote alike, and there will be no more talk about protection Democrats or Republicans who are inclined to free trade.

Articles of established reputation can always be had if you insist on having them and there is no reason why any intelligent customer should allow himself to be imposed on by the substitution of another article of unknown value alleged to be just as good.

As it is reported from Washington that there is something of a scandal involved in the selection of a design for the proposed monument to Sherman, the natural inference is it is to be a case of high art. That is always regarded as scandalous in this country.

Attention has been called to the fact that this is the centennial of the Democratic party, it having made its first Presidential contest in 1796, when it undertook to elect Jefferson as the successor of Washington. It was beaten then by John Adams, and now in its decrepit old age it can be beaten by almost anybody.

There is a probability that the old rule of Democratic conventions requiring a two-thirds vote to nominate candidates will be broken through this year as a matter of necessity. Neither the silver nor the gold wing of the party will have two-thirds of the delegates, and as a compromise seems impossible there must be either a split in the convention or a nomination by a simple majority vote.

The fact that the Liberals have gained two seats in Parliament will occasion but little interest outside of England itself. Since the retirement of Gladstone British Liberalism means nothing in which the world takes the slightest interest or has the least concern. It is hardly more than a waste-basket of odds and ends which the great man left behind him when he went out of office.

JUDGE WALLACE AGAIN.

The testimony given by Judge Wallace in the Siebe perjury case before Judge Campbell on Thursday was about the strangest that ever emanated from any man holding anything like his official position. It was a source of new amazement to those who have believed that Judges should be faithful in the performance of their duties and impartial in the administration of the law.

When questioned as to the money he had in bank at the time assessment rolls for various years were made out, the Judge made the strange declaration that he did not know. According to his statement his bank account was not balanced for years at a time and he never knew whether he had money in the bank or not. It seems never to have occurred to him that the law requires him to find out what he has when he makes his returns to the Assessor. By returning no money on hand he virtually declared that he had none.

In regard to his refusal to permit an appraiser to enter his house and estimate the value of his furniture, Judge Wallace declared the case before Judge Campbell to be a sham, inasmuch as it was not directed against Siebe at all, as pretended, but was designed as a persecution of himself. On the claim that the case is of that nature he asserted he intends to stand on his rights as a citizen, and it was on these rights he based the defense of his refusal to permit the expert to make the appraisal.

The claim which Judge Wallace thus makes before Judge Campbell is one he would not permit in his own court. The charge against Siebe before Wallace is as much a sham as the one against him before Campbell. How would it fare with a witness before Judge Wallace who should declare the prosecution of Siebe to be only the scheme of a politician to perjure the Market-street Railway Company? How would it fare with a witness who, on such a claim, should assert his intention to stand on his rights as a citizen? An answer can be found in the way Secretary Willcutt has been treated.

In his own court Judge Wallace gives every aid he can to the politician who is conducting the prosecution which has for its aim an unrevealed object which is its difficult to believe to be to the public interest. There are fines and imprisonment for contempt of court dealt out to witnesses who do not respond to the questions of the prosecution before Judge Wallace. His attitude on the bench is very different from his attitude on the witness-stand. He is one of the Judges to whom it makes all the difference in the world whose ox is gored. This is why good citizens who desire to respect the courts read the evidence with amazement and in doubt whether his conduct as a Judge is not even worse than his conduct in regard to his returns to the Assessor.

CONTESTING DELEGATIONS.

The Chicago Democratic Convention is almost sure to be a repetition of the Charleston convention in 1890. There probably would have been no very serious split at Charleston had there not been so many contesting delegations. Douglas had a large following, and because Buchanan an administration man was making war upon him his friends were all the more determined to stand by the "Little Giant." The consequence was that there were enough contesting delegates to do a great deal of mischief, which they did, and thus made Mr. Lincoln's election certain. The combined vote of Douglas and Breckinridge was larger than the vote that gave the Presidency to the Republican candidate. The administration left no stone unturned to cripple Douglas and strengthen Breckinridge, but although the administration candidate received fewer votes than did Douglas the election of either was made impossible.

At the Chicago convention there will be enough delegates for two conventions, and as the party is so badly split on the leading question of the times it does not appear how two conventions can be avoided. The factions are too widely separated on that question to hope for unity. Fortunately, or unfortunately, the ultra single gold-standard faction charge the other side with being little less than idiots when it comes to knowing anything about financial problems, and the silver faction retort by charging the goldites with having sold out the party to New York and London bondocrats. But it is an ill wind that blows nobody good, and the more bitter the Democratic faction fight, the better it will be for the country.

DEMOCRATIC STUPIDITY.

Perhaps they know what they are doing, but it was bad policy and worse politics for the Democratic side of the Senate to obstruct progress on the immigration bill. The only reason that can be given for such an act of stupidity is that by opposing the bill the Democratic party thinks it would make friends of the foreign element of the country, but it so happens that many of the strongest advocates of the measure are foreign-born citizens. The burden of the bill is to exclude adults who cannot read or write in their own language, and this proposition has met with the approval of nearly all foreigners who have identified themselves with this country.

But Democrats appear to be running wild these days. Their hand is against everything and everybody that is calculated to lift the country out of the mire and clay into which it has been dragged by Democratic recklessness. As to the pending immigration bill it could not be twisted into a reflection upon our foreign-born citizens. It is for their protection quite as much if not more than for those

AROUND THE CORRIDORS.

"Those old river beds about Forest Hill," said Anthony Clark, the veteran gold-digger of that region, yesterday at the Lick, as he roused himself from a quiet nap, "are about the most interesting things that can be studied. I own the Big Channel placer property there, as well as other hydraulic mines, but this is the principal one.

SILVER COINAGE IN EUROPE.

There is quite an active European demand for American silver. It comes from France and Spain chiefly for coinage purposes, and the prices that are being obtained are a shade higher than London quotations. It appears that the increasing demands of France and Spain more especially for a larger volume of circulating money medium is the cause of the heavy buying of silver bullion in this country. It is said that quite a number of our smelters are sold ahead several months, and that there is only a small quantity of bullion now on the market in this country.

It must be borne in mind that this demand is not to meet the requirements of the arts and sciences, but for coinage purposes, and that, too, because it is needed to give those countries a necessary addition to their circulating money. If, then, France and Spain can go ahead and coin American silver into money independent of the other nations of Europe, why cannot we? It is true, however distasteful the fact may be to the advocates of the gold standard, that the common people, those who make wealth increases possible, are everywhere demanding the unlimited use of silver as a money metal, and no doubt France and Spain are simply obeying public sentiment in throwing their mints open to silver.

But coining silver in France and Spain does not help us in this country only in so far as the moral effect goes, but it should stimulate us to more determined effort than ever to oblige our Government to resume the coinage of the white metal. Our trade, traffic and commerce is suffering from a monetary stringency, and arbitrarily so, for silver is arbitrarily and inexcusably withheld from its natural, proper and legitimate place in the avenues of our business life.

"THE SUNDAY CALL"

To-morrow's issue of THE CALL will, perhaps, be all the more interesting to the general reader because there will not be another wonderful scientific discovery to chronicle at great length. There will be the same number of pages, however, and all of them will be filled with the choicest and most attractive of reading matter.

There are many novelties in the regular Sunday departments and a host of bright features handsomely and artistically illustrated. "The Sutter-street Mirage" and "Things That Happen in the City" will be far from dull reading. There will be a page of weird narratives about occult arts and magic, perhaps the most striking of which will be told in the language of Tautridella, the great English necromancer and student of Bulwer Lytton. There are some further studies of the California snake, by those who have met him, and quite a novel pictorial and letter-press description of Maisons d'Ore in different parts of the world. THE SUNDAY CALL will, in truth, be filled with good things for all kinds of readers, the titles of which are far too numerous to mention now.

A KENTUCKY ORATOR.

A new thinker, a rapturous orator, an economist more luminous than light, has arisen in Kentucky. His tongue is tipped with silver. His deep eyes are as two full moons. On his lips the dulcetest details have the beauty of roses. He makes political economy more interesting than Stevenson and more melodious than Swinburne. He can read a table of figures with a voice so moving that passing birds twitter and die at his feet, and sheep for the unwarmed wool and huddle and bleat around him. He is the hope of the "silver Democrats" of Mercer County. He is the scourge of Wall street and the goldbugs. Allow us to introduce the Hon. Hex Lung—New York Sun.

ALONG THE SKIRMISH LINE.

The Democrats are in for a Donnybrook Fair at Chicago sure. Wherever a leading Democrat's head is in sight there will be another leading Democrat ready to hit it.—New York Record.

The trouble with the sound-money Democrats is that they stand off and talk about the justice of their cause, while the free-silverites pitch in and elect the delegates.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Here is a ticket that ought to suit the "boys." It is Boies and Dubois.—St. Joseph (Mo.) Herald.

These would be dull days in the United States Senate but for the efforts of David B. Hill to defend his dear friend, Mr. Cleveland.—Cleveland Leader.

President Cleveland is one of the hardest men to move in the country, both physically and mentally.—Bridgeport (Conn.) Post.

There will be no further experiments with free trade in this country until a generation arises that doesn't remember any of the results of that last previous experiment.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Dr. Lappoin, physician to the Pope, says: "If nothing unforeseen happens the holy father's constitution is so sound that he may well attain his one hundredth year."

Princess Yourievski, the morganatic widow of the Czar Alexander II, has bought several acres of land at Nice, near the Boulevard de Cimie, and intends to build a large villa there.

Adolphe D'Ennery, the French playwright, has tried in vain to keep secret the fact that he and his wife have resolved to bequeath 2,000,000 francs to the French Actors' Benevolent Fund.

There will be a huge bill for the English taxpayers to defray in connection with the Duke and Duchess of Connaught's visit to Moscow. All the arrangements were made on a scale of

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Ferry—Miss Morton told me that she thought you were quite a humorist. Hargreaves—Really, I—

Ferry—At least I guess that was what she meant when she said you were such a funny little man.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A certain professor, on being asked what he knew upon a particular subject, replied: "Nothing; I have not even lectured upon it, sir."—Trib-Bits.

Nanny Goat—What do you think of this new movement in art?

Willie Goat (masticating a poster girl)—Well, it diversifies our menu, anyhow.—Philadelphia North American.

Distressed Young Mother (traveling with a crying infant)—Dear me! I don't know what to do with this baby.

Kind and Thoughtful Bachelor (in the next seat)—Shall I open the window for you, madam?—Church Progress.

Parson (to youngster fishing on Sunday)—My boy, I'm surprised to find you here.

Youngster (innocently)—Do you know any other place where they bite better?—Up to Date.

Mrs. Yeast—I wish I could think of something to keep my husband home nights.

Mrs. Crimsonbeak—Get him a bicycle.

Mrs. Yeast—That would take him out more than ever.

Mrs. Crimsonbeak—Oh, no, it wouldn't.

PERSONAL.

F. R. Jack of San Luis Obispo is at the Grand. G. D. Mulvihill of London is among the recent arrivals here.

Lieutenant Kendrick of the United States navy is at the Occidental.

G. M. Francis, owner of the Napa Daily Register, arrived here yesterday.

Walter D. Tupper, ex-District Attorney of Fresno County, is at the Lick.

D. A. Knight, the banker of Marysville, is on a visit here and is at the Palace.

H. A. Robertson and wife of Stockton are guests at the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

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NEW YORK, N. Y., June 5.—At the Astor, E. Brown; Imperial, G. E. Don; Gilsey, Mrs. S. Ross; Continental, Mrs. Pennocock, Miss A. Reynolds; Grand Union, S. F. Young; St. James, J. Whitehill. Sailed per steamer Stuttgart for Bremen, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Leuschner. Sailed per steamship Ems for Genoa, via Gibraltar, Pio Fortina.

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