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SUGAR IMPORTATIONS. The showing made before the Ways and Means Committee by the advocates of protection to the American sugar industry must have been thoroughly convincing to every one who is not so extreme a free-trader as to be willing to sacrifice any and all of our home industries rather than interfere with unrestricted competition.

AROUND THE CORRIDORS. Thomas H. Van Frank, the electrician, who did the varied and complicated electrical work in connection with the lighting of the Emporium Building, has returned here after several weeks in Southern California, where he went for his health. He is much improved and will again give his attention to his electrical business here.

CALIFORNIANS IN WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—D. S. Davis and J. D. Warrack of San Francisco are at the Shoreman; Henry D. Stahl of Los Angeles is at the National Hotel.

PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PEOPLE. A 14-month-old child of Reading, Pa., rejoices in the rather unique distinction of having four great-grandmothers living. Only one of these great-grandmothers wears spectacles, and all live within a short distance of each other.

VICTORIA'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY. With Queen Victoria's life spared until the 20th day of next June, the sixtieth anniversary of her accession to the British throne, England will undoubtedly witness the most gorgeous pageant, the most splendid celebration of national character and the most extraordinary popular demonstration ever seen within her borders since glory first perched upon the British standard in the field or on the sea, or mounted guard at the portals of her schools and of her workshops.

THE CALL SPEAKS FOR ALL. Hold your bills. Pay fast to the swear-off. Square away for hard work. The carnivals will begin before long. Sacramento is the center of attraction. By this time the reformers have all their axes ground. We shall never refer to this as the winter of our discontent. The good resolution will grow better the longer you stick to it.

MINING PROSPECTS. The outlook for a large increase in the mining industry in this State for the coming year is very encouraging. The books are not yet made up, but an accurate statement of the product of 1896 can be given, but the gold yield, which is the most prominent feature of California mining, will probably show an increase over that of 1896 of nearly two million dollars.

THE SUNDAY CALL. The first Sunday issue of THE CALL in the New Year will be a number in the different respects. Its contents will make a pleasing variety. There will be a collection of views of rare merit and interest from local artists, showing their respective skill in different lines of work.

ELECTRICIAN THOMAS H. VAN FRANK, Who has Returned Home After Several Weeks in the South. (Sketched from life by a "Call" artist.)



FIELD FOR FARMERS. SUPPLYING THE HOME DEMAND FOR BEET SUGAR. Philadelphia Times. The people of the United States consume upward of sixty pounds of sugar annually per capita, which at the rate of 5 cents per pound for the manufactured product costs the consumer approximately \$200,000,000 of this amount we produce less than 300,000 tons and import in the neighborhood of 2,000,000 tons.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS. PAPPA—W. M., San Diego, Cal. Papa, or Pappa, is a name with the exception of Australia, the largest island in the world, it is 1500 miles in length, with varying breadth from 200 to 400 miles. The area is 294,708 square miles. The area of British New Guinea is 85,460 square miles.

AMERICAN INDUSTRIES. American industries do not have to beg protection from a Republican Congress. It has only to point out what it needs and Congress will provide it. The Sultan does not observe our New Year, but all the same it would be wisdom on his part to wait in and reform just to show himself a good fellow.

EASTERN BANK FAILURES. The bank failures in the Lake States constitute the largest cloud on the financial and commercial horizon of the country. They have been serious enough to engage the attention of all parts of the Union, and in the States where they have occurred have occasioned a widespread distrust which it is not surprising to learn is proving almost as prejudicial as the failures themselves.

PERSONAL. A. EOSTON BABY. Baby's hair is red of thinking. On the whole, baby and the whole; Baby's precious eyes are blinking With innocent confidence.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE. OUR MONEY BARONS. The Bank Act Their Magna Charta. Congress Their Runaways. To the Editor of the San Francisco Call:—Believing that there are large numbers of men who can really think below the surface and who will do it if once joined out of the rut in which they go the rounds of their daily activity, I am encouraged to try to bring to you up their apathy and fix their attention on certain aspects of public affairs which elude their observation and leave them wholly absorbed in their own parasites, that they may not go on in blind unconsciousness of the subtle but well-nigh all-powerful influence at work about them which should be clearly understood and a seriously dealt with by every loyal citizen.

GLAD HE HAD MET THEM. A well-known Worcester correspondent tells a good story at his own expense. In his younger days he was tramping through the White Mountains with a companion, who was also a clergyman. One day they mounted the driver's seat of a stage coach. The driver was an interesting character, loaded with good stories. The three speedily became friendly, and it was with reluctance that they parted at the end of the journey. "I'm glad to hear met yet, fellows," said the driver, in farewell, "for see, I haven't a map, a map, a map, exceptin' ministers."

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