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**THE CALL SPEAKS FOR ALL.**

Politics is everywhere.

Sacramento feels as big as Washington.

Clearance sales keep the money moving.

Republican harmony is the watchword.

There will be good legislation this session.

Give us a Senator who will illustrate young California.

The lull in trade will soon make way for the spring revival.

Speaker Coombs can be counted on for business and economy.

The people expect this to be the Legislature of a thousand good works.

The East is wrestling with blizzards while we are talking of festivals.

The legislators will not take snap judgment in the choice for a Senator.

The funding-bill fight opens in Congress this week, but the end is a long way off.

Not much is expected of this session of Congress, but it may be a surprise party.

Pushball is one of the novelties of the season which will find plenty of people to push it along.

Truckee is getting her ice palace ready, and the fun will soon be moving on the toboggan slide.

Mayor Phelan's address was good, and now let us hope he can get the Supervisors to help him live up to it.

Cleveland is getting ready to move out and McKinley to move in, and both movements are pleasing to the people.

California should be represented in the United States Senate by a man who can speak for her interests and speak convincingly.

The Republicans of the Legislature should elect to the Senate a man who can harmonize all factions and unite the party.

It is announced that McKinley will not make up his Cabinet until March 1, so there will be a good deal of time yet to continue the guessing contest.

General Weyler has once more returned to Havana, and, as he will not explain why he did so, it is probable he only desired to take a little exercise for his health.

The man whom the leaders of all factions of the Republican party support for the Senate is the man who should be elected by the Republicans of the Legislature.

The triumph of the moderate Republicans and the defeat of the Radicals in the French elections is another evidence of the conservatism of the age. The agitator is listened to when he talks, but he gains no votes.

From the eagerness with which the Examiner is taking part in the Senatorial contest among Republicans it would seem to have a desire to become a Republican organ, but the chances are it is only another fake.

The Merchants' Association promises to direct its attention to further street improvement, and the promise is the more welcome because the accomplishments of the association in the past give a guarantee of the future.

Wild weather has been raging from Kansas to Minnesota. In some places there have been floods, in others cyclones, and in others snowstorms that have damaged property and impeded travel. And still there are people of a fair degree of intelligence who live in that country when they might come to California.

It is reported from New York that a nine-year-old son of Mike Donovan of that city is desirous of making a match for a finish fight with the son of Bob Fitzsimmons, and while the challenge seems somewhat premature both the babies may be full grown men before the preliminary talk is over, if such things continue as at present.

New Orleans has been visited with a kind of weather which gave the sky an appearance as if the earth were on fire, and Chicago has had the sort of weather which made the earth look as if the sky were an ocean of water. It seems to be only on this side of the mountains that both earth and sky look lovely and natural all the time.

Stephen Crane, the novelist who was on board the ill-fated Commodore, has a good subject for a romance ready made to his hands. It seems the ship was scuttled by traitors on board, thus affording the contrast of villainy with heroism, and the romancer will have to invent only a love story and one or two fights in order to make a sea yarn worth spinning.

The San Francisco *Vindicator* issued a handsome new-year number last Saturday which reflects the highest credit on the editors. The edition was well written and well illustrated, and, being printed on a fine quality of paper, presented a very attractive appearance. As the *Vindicator* is the recognized organ of the colored people of California, the whole of that race may take a just pride in the success it has attained and in the degree of enterprise shown by its managers.

OUR NEXT SENATOR.

The election of a United States Senator is the most important duty which the State Legislature during the first fortnight of its session will be called upon to perform. This duty will devolve upon the Republicans, whose aggregate of seventy-four members constitutes the majority of both houses of the Legislature. The next Senator, therefore, will be a Republican. Who shall it be?

It is high time that the great State of California should give serious consideration to the subject of its Senators and should approach their selection with a proper degree of pride. In the earlier history of the Republic it is recorded that many have declined nomination for the Presidency, esteeming their seat in the United States Senate to be the more exalted office. The older commonwealths have set California an apt example in the quality of men whom they select as Senators, and proudly point to the statesmen whose illustrious careers in the Senate have reflected glory upon their respective States. Why may not California make an epoch in its history by choosing from among its sons a Senator who, in the possession of those qualities which the office peculiarly requires, shall be worthy to take an equal place among the orators and the statesmen of whom her sister commonwealths are so justly proud? While Iowa sends an Allison, Ohio a Foraker, Nebraska a Thurston, Massachusetts a Lodge and New York a Choate, why may not California furnish to the United States Senate a man who in character, in ambition and in ability is worthy to be their peer?

What are the qualifications which the Legislature of California should require in every candidate for the Senate as essential to his selection? Character? That, of course; and character of that high quality which holds itself superior to sordid and selfish interests and free from those entanglements of business which have so often interfered with a Senator's impartial and unselfish service to the people of his State.

In addition to the first essential of character there should be ability of that nature which the office of Senator peculiarly requires. There should be learning in the broad sense of the term—a knowledge of the history of the ages, of the rise and fall of nations, of the structure of society, of the growth of human liberty, of the laws and institutions of peoples and states; an intimate acquaintance with the social and political movements of the present time, and lastly, an exact understanding of the resources, the rights, the needs and the demands of his own State.

As a complement to this learning there should be the faculty to make it potential, or, in other words, the power which lies in speech. The next Senator from California should be an orator; not merely a phrase-maker, nor an eloquentist repeating essays and set speeches, but a man of that kind of eloquence which attracts the minds, controls the reason and compels the will of other men; a man who can fully represent the State of California by speaking out grandly and bravely and convincingly for its rights as a State among States, and for its interests as a commonwealth among nations; who can voice the ambitions, the aims, the impulses, the moving spirit of its sons and daughters, and who can upon occasion take high grounds of honor and of principle upon issues of National importance and of world-wide influence. Such an orator California, in justice to herself, to her past, to her interests and to her genius, should place in the Senate as her most potent agent, and her Legislature cannot do their State a greater honor nor a more needed service than the present selection of such a Senator.

Again, the Senator who shall be chosen should have the united and unreserved support of the Republican party of California. He should be able to unify all factions; to put an end to all internal disruptions, discords and disputes. He should have deserved his party's loyalty by his own unswerving loyalty to it and by a long term of unselfish and distinguished service in all its times of need. His party leaders should be his sponsors, and the Legislature should require their indorsement as a prerequisite to his election. No man has the right to be Senator who has been arrogant enough to esteem himself above his party or selfish enough to sacrifice its interests or chances of success in preference to his own. The time has arrived in Republican politics when party wounds should be healed and party dissensions ended. The man who sufficiently possesses the faith, the friendship and the confidence of leaders and of factions to bring about this result should be our next Senator in order that there may be wielded that influence with the incoming administration at Washington which will secure for California the recognition which she so richly and fully deserves.

Lastly, the next Senator from California should possess the esteem and confidence of the people of the entire State without respect to party or pursuit or creed or class. They should know him to be a fearless friend of justice and champion of liberty; a fellow-laborer like the majority of themselves, who by reason of having worked his own way up to eminence is in sympathy with honest men in their every effort and aspiration for the general good. The Legislature has presented to it an opportunity to select a man who measures up to all of these requirements for our next Senator in the person of Samuel M. Shortridge of San Francisco. In character, in learning, in eloquence; in knowledge of the rights and needs of California; in ability to unify the Republican party through the confidence and support of its leaders; in the possession of the esteem and respect of the people of the entire State, Samuel M. Shortridge is the candidate before the Legislature whose claim to their favor is founded upon his eminent fitness for the place.

REPUBLICAN UNITY.

To the Republican party the people of California have entrusted the management of their political affairs. At the opportunities of the time for advancing the welfare of the State by legislative action are in the hands of the Republican majority in the Legislature. Upon those representatives of the party rests the responsibility of satisfying the trust and the hold of the people by popular favor be strengthened and confirmed. In considering the best means of advancing the welfare of the State by party government the Republicans of the Legislature cannot fail to see that it is of prime importance to put an end to those factions within the party which disturbed it during the past campaign and to re-establish in the ranks and among the leaders that harmony which is essential to the best and most vigorous action. Every step taken by the Republicans of the Legislature should tend to party unity and harmony. The counsel and advice of the leaders of all sections of the party should be listened to and due deference given to those who are manifestly seeking to lay past differences and to arrange for a leadership which will truly and fully represent the policies and aspirations of California Republicanism. If the guidance of such men is followed the future of the Republican party in this State will be secure, and California hereafter will be counted as surely in the Republican column as her great sister States, Pennsylvania and Ohio. In the nature of things the first step in the direction of restored party harmony must be taken in the election of a United States Senator. That issue arises first and must be settled first. Republicans should give their votes to that candidate who has been most loyal to the party organization at all times, who has labored most earnestly for the success of its regular tickets, whose influence has tended most to harmony and whose election would be most likely to give satisfaction to the rank and file of the party in all sections of the State. If any Republican member of the Legislature is in doubt as to which candidate best fulfills these conditions he will have his doubts removed by even the most casual study of the situation at Sacramento. He will find that the leaders of the sections of the party most divided during the campaign are now unitedly working for the election of Samuel M. Shortridge. These men have united in support of Mr. Shortridge because they know that his election will not only assure California an able, eloquent, patriotic and influential representative in the Senate, but that it would put an end to party dissensions at home and unite all loyal Republicans under that new leadership which is necessary to the new era in our political history.

The fact that the leaders of opposing factions who a short time ago could seemingly agree upon nothing are now working in harmony for Mr. Shortridge is a convincing evidence that he has the power and influence to bring men into agreement with one another upon those high platforms of party and public policy which are above personal rivalries and antagonisms. Men of all sections of the State who recognize in him a man whom they are glad to support for the high honor to which he aspires, and

Republicans of the Legislature cannot fail to note the significance of the fact. It is well known to every student of our politics that the favor shown to Mr. Shortridge by the leaders of all divisions of the Republican party is not undeserved. He has been faithful to Republican traditions and Republican discipline in season and out of season. He has served the party as a whole and not to promote factions. He has been at all times a true representative of its patriotism and an advocate of its principles. He is known to every leader of the party in this State and to many of the rank and file in every county. All who know him trust him. In his candidacy all factions cease. Opposing leaders lay aside their differences and rally to his support. He stands as the candidate of those who seek to make a united Republican party, and therefore with justice asks the vote of every loyal Republican in the Legislature.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

The session of Congress which opens this morning has the possibility of becoming the most important short session in our annals for many years past. It has before it the important duty of taking steps to determine the grave constitutional question whether the recognition of an independent state is the prerogative of the President or a part of the duty of Congress. It has to settle the Pacific roads question and it has an opportunity to pass the Nicaragua canal bill. These constitute the salient opportunities of the session, but there are, of course, many other measures hardly less important which will come before Congress before it concludes its labors. The possibilities of action are, therefore, great, but at the same time the constitution of the Senate is such as to render it doubtful whether there will be the best opportunities before it the work of this session will be materially different from that of other short sessions which have preceded it. The question of most interest to California is, of course, that of the settlement of the debts of the Pacific roads. The funding bill is to be taken up on Thursday by the House and according to the arranged programme the vote will be taken on Monday. This allows but small opportunity for debates and none for dilatory tactics. The issue is, therefore, already virtually made up, and so far as the fight in the House is concerned we can do no more than already have been done to defeat the bill and assure the relief of the people of California from the cinch of the monopoly.

While the advocates of the bill have been loud in their boasts that it would easily pass the House it is by no means certain that they feel as sanguine as they talk. A minority of the committee having charge of the subject has reported a bill favoring the foreclosure of the Government claim on the road, and at the present outlook there is as much probability of the passage of the minority bill as of that of the majority. Even if the fight is lost to the people in the House there is still a chance before the Senate, and the debate in that body will be long enough to allow the voice of California to be heard before the vote is taken. The Cuban question is one which affects this country hardly less than Cuba itself. The controversy which has now arisen brings up for final solution the issue whether the President has the right to exercise an almost exclusive con-

rol of our dealings with foreign nations. It is to be hoped this question will be determined before Mr. Cleveland goes out of office, for as President McKinley, when he enters upon his administration, will undoubtedly act in accordance with the views of Congress there would be no issue raised by which the question could be settled. Congress therefore should act promptly on the recognition of Cuba, in order to put to test the claim which Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Olney make of the right of the President to ignore the action of Congress on such matters whenever he sees fit to do so.

THE ICE CARNIVAL.

People of Truckee are busily engaged in preparing for the ice carnival which is soon to open in that city. The weather has been propitious for the work and furnished all the material of ice and snow which is needed for the construction of the palace and the arrangements of the toboggan slides. The prospects are that the festival this winter will far exceed that of the previous year and that Truckee will begin our midwinter fetes with a genuine triumph. The day for the opening of the festival has not been fixed, as it is designed to postpone it until everything is in complete readiness for the reception of visitors. At the rate at which the work is progressing, however, it is the hope of the managers to be able to inaugurate the festival before the close of this week. If this hope should be realized it will be a true New Year's celebration and will find the people ready to enjoy it with all the brightness and animation which mark the public mind at the beginning of a new year. When the ice carnival closes at Truckee and, perhaps, even before it has ceased to attract visitors and afford joyous frolics of tobogganing, skating, sleigh-riding and all the gayeties which the winter King offers to his votaries there will be opened in other parts of the State citrus fairs or rose festivals which will employ the energies of amusement-seekers and give them a new variety of entertainment to delight their faculties. We are, in fact, at the beginning of our season of festivals. In this we afford a striking contrast to the East, where the people are now snowbound, shivering in their homes and thinking of almost anything else than out-door gayeties and amusements. These features of California winter life will sooner or later be widely noted in the East and will be among our greatest attractions to tourists. No other State in the Union can entertain its visitors with its ice palaces or floral pavilions at their choice, and no other, therefore, is so attractive to pleasure-seekers of all kinds.

John A. McHenry of Sacramento, who is engaged in different mining enterprises, is in the city for a few days. He is accompanied by his wife and family. Mr. McHenry is a native of Ohio and is a member of the Phoenix, Ariz., arrived in the city last Friday, and is stopping at the Cosmopolitan. Police Judge Campbell has gone to Sacramento for a few days, and in his absence Justice of the Peace Groezinger will take his place. P. N. Blunt, 87 years old, a pioneer and a deacon of the First Baptist Church for many years, is seriously ill at his home, 714 Larkin street. David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford University, who has been in the East for some time past, was among yesterday's arrivals at the Grand. J. M. Dyer, a miner and coffee-grower, who has for several years been in Honduras, is a recent arrival here. He is at the Grand and is accompanied by his wife. W. R. Frisk, the well-known newspaper editor and owner of Grass Valley, is among the recent arrivals in the city. He is to leave for Sacramento in a day or two.

MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

"I'd laugh at the snow  
When the chill winds blow,  
An' I'd turn up my eye  
To the folks who come a-prowlin',  
Ter shoo I don't care fer their scowlin',  
De-fiance I'd cast  
At the teeth of the blast,  
An' I'd joke 'bout the oak in the cellar,  
An' the way the shingles  
When the mercury sinks,  
Ef I was the other feller.  
It's easy enough  
When a fella's out of a rough,  
Ter ter ter to trade along 'em;  
But it's different some  
When the credit is gone,  
An' lodge in the mill's o'er yer family.  
When the fire's gettin' dim  
An' the credit is gone,  
I don't say in tones m'd an' meller,  
Ef I'd all the good,  
Ef I'd likely I would,  
Ef I was the other feller."  
—Washington Star.

PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PEOPLE.

Harry A. Garfield, son of the late President, is being hooped for Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio. Herbert L. Mathews of Kansas City, Mo., who died recently, was regarded as one of the greatest authorities on old books in the West. Kaiser Wilhelm is extending his idea of artistic collaboration. He is now said to be at work on a historical drama, which a young poet of Wiesbaden will put into German verse for him. While Du Maurier's estate was larger than that of any other artist on French, it amounted to less than that of any other artist on English. Most of it was the result of "Tribby" and advance payments on "The Martian." With his wealth came death. The late Miss Mildred Beresford Hope gave evidence of her love for dogs by leaving a "pocket" containing the hair of her dog "Gipsy" with her bequest of \$100 to her brother-in-law, who kept the dog's grave green. Miss Hope was a niece of the Marquis of Salisbury. Catherine Cushmanberry died lately at Chillicothe, Ohio, at the age of 116 years. It might be difficult to be assured of her age, but records in Virginia show her sale in 1792, at the same time as her husband, in 1829 her sons, and she died her freedom and took her to Chillicothe. Queen Victoria's coronation ring is never out of her sight and is worn by her every evening. It is a band of gold containing a cross in rubies, surrounded by white brilliants. A coronation ring is supposed to symbolize the wedding of the sovereign with the nation. The Marquis Arconat-Visconti has presented to the Comedie Francaise a curious drawing by the pen of George Sand, who believed herself to be an artist. The drawing is a portrait of Thiron, the comedian. At the same time a caricature received for the favor of the Comedie very interesting portrait of Mile. Nathalie at the age of 18 years, by E. Deveria.

NEWSPAPER PLEASANTY.

"Don't you think there is a great deal of intellectual exercise in encores?" asked Mrs. Snags as he sat at the piano. "I can say that I do," replied Mr. Snags. "You find it so?" "You know that one has to remember what he says," Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph. Helen—Oh, yes; he always thought the world of me. Before we were married he used to say that I was the only girl he was tied to for life. Nellie—But he didn't. Helen—Of course not. He was so thoughtful, you know. He said that he did not care to do it, lest I should be unable to replace the loss.—London Household Words.

"I want to buy a make-up box," said the young married man. "Make-up box?" the confectioner echoed. "We don't keep theatrical supplies." "I mean a box of candy to take home to my wife. I promised to be home three hours ago."—Spare Moments.

Alice—Well, Maund, I hear you are engaged to Jack. Maund—Yes. Alice—Well, I congratulate you. He was about the nicest fella I ever had.—Newcastle (Eng.) Chronicle.

"Willie, why do you behave so to your little sister? You've been bossing her around all day." "We're only playing, ma," pleaded Jennie in her brother's behalf. "He's pa and I'm you."—Harper's Bazar.

Fuddy—There's that Miss Rixter over there. She's rather good-looking, but they say she is very cold to the men she meets. Duddy—But what could you expect from a young woman with a cool hundred thousand in her own right?—Boston Transcript.

Bobby—Is oxygen what the oxen breathe all day? Papa—Of course; and what everything else breathes. Bobby—And is nitrogen what every one breathes at night?—New York World.

"Keeping up your bicycle riding this cold weather?" "Nup. Just keeping up the payments; that is all."—Indianapolis Journal.

PERSONAL.

James Pray of Australia is here. Dan Brown Jr. of Petaluma is at the Lick. R. Kletting of Salt Lake City is at the Palace. H. L. Bushnell of Chicago is on a visit here. Thomas R. Minturn of Minturn is in the city. H. Halton of Modesto is a late arrival here. A. Hurlbut of Lincoln, Nebr., reached here yesterday. F. S. Wansinger of Tombstone is a recent arrival here. Judge S. K. Dougherty of Santa Rosa is at the Grand. Sheriff J. W. Cummings of Modoc County is in the city. W. M. Griffin, a business man of Merced, is at the Grand. A. T. Bliss, a business man of Portland, Or., is at the Lick. Robertson, a wealthy resident of New York, is at the Palace. J. T. Bogue, a well-to-do fruit-grower of Marysville, is in town. Lieutenant H. A. McCully of the United States navy is in the city. Lieutenant C. A. St. Bernard of the United States navy is in the city. Sidney Le Grange, a lumber dealer of Eureka, is at the Cosmopolitan. E. W. Runyon, the wealthy resident of Red Bluff, is here on a business trip. George Wentworth of Portland arrived here last evening and is at the Grand.

Philip Gibson, a wealthy mining operator of California, has been residing in the city. T. L. Savage, a resident of Newport, Wash., and his wife, are at the Occidental. Clay W. Taylor, the attorney of Redding, is among those registered at the Palace. W. E. Parsons, a business man of Butte, is in town. Mrs. Parsons accompanied him. Albert Benjamin, a tobacco merchant of Louisville, Ky., is at the Cosmopolitan. A. H. Hart of Cheney Brothers, New York, the prominent silk manufacturer, is at the Palace. C. W. Clough, a newspaper man of Chico, with his wife and family, are guests at the Cosmopolitan. Dr. Robert F. Gray has been appointed resident physician at St. Luke's Hospital, succeeding Dr. Robert B. Day.

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