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THE CALL SPEAKS FOR ALL: Well done, Cuba!

The patriots are marching on.

The news will stir the Senators up.

Now we know why Weyler returned to Havana.

Talk of economy in the Legislature begins to sound like a roar.

McKinley is getting his Cabinet work down to the finishing touches.

It is high time the march of improvement started up Fourth street.

The Cubans have taken the war into their own hands, and may take Havana also.

Pasadena and Los Angeles are now advertising themselves as tobogganing resorts.

It profited Spain nothing to kill Maceo and make way for Gomez to come to the front.

It is a pity we cannot kill cinch bugs by a process of whitewashing.

There is a chance now that even Cleveland may have a new light and recognize something.

The Park Commission is willing to meet the Grand Jury any day and explain everything.

Every State in the Union is in doubt whether to trust to the Legislature for economy or to pray for it.

General Weyler's campaign seems to have been just sufficiently aggressive to make the Cubans red hot.

The Code Commission itself has furnished the Legislature with enough food for thought and study for sixty days.

Let us celebrate the defeat of the funding bill, but let us not forget that the war is not yet at an end, and another battle is in sight.

The temptations "to take her" will be as great with this Legislature as with any of its predecessors, but let us hope it will resist them.

Huntington is now in favor of a Government commission to settle the Pacific roads debts. Anything to postpone foreclosure suits him.

In the Republican Legislative caucus in New York Mr. Choate had seven votes, and the world now knows that there are some mugwumps still living.

People who wish the Legislature to be economical should begin by urging their representatives to be economical in asking for appropriations for their own counties.

We did not need a bureau of highways to tell us that bad roads cost more than good ones, but all the same it is just as well to have the truth repeated in an official form.

Democrats and Populists will denounce the Republican majority in the Legislature and charge them with extravagance as a matter of course. What else are their tongues for?

If California is to have an arch of fruits and flowers over Pennsylvania avenue on inauguration day it will have to be erected by voluntary contributions. The Legislature is not indulging in that kind of State pride this year.

The return of Thomas C. Platt to the Senate from New York will be dramatic in everything except the essential feature of a drama. The foes who triumphed over him in the old days are gone, and he returns to the arena to take up the old fight and enjoy a sweet revenge.

The supporter of Joseph H. Choate in the Republican caucus at Albany who declared his name was familiar as a household word throughout the Union, and then voted for him as Joseph E. Choate, was most undeserably laughed at. His candidate is familiarly known as Joe Choate.

The bill of Senator Andrews making it a misdemeanor to advertise lotteries or the results of drawings should find strong support from all parts of the State. These swindling schemes can never be suppressed so long as they are permitted to advertise and delude the people into the belief that they really pay prizes.

As a result of enforced idleness among the prisoners of Kings County penitentiary in New York there have been twenty-two attempts at suicide and three attempts at murder within nine days, and yet in the New York clubs there are plenty of fellows who are idle for months without getting restless. The trouble seems to be with the convicts that the idleness is forced on them. It is compulsion that grinds.

If our Scottish fellow-citizens seriously undertake the work of raising the necessary funds to erect a worthy monument to Burns they will not lack for assistance from the people generally. Burns is something more than the poet of Scotland—he is the poet of humanity—and all who value manhood more than rank and title will aid in raising a monument to him who sang the great song, "The rank is the guinea stamp, the man's the man for a' that."

McKINLEY'S CABINET.

The announcement by Senator Sherman that he had been offered and has accepted the office of Secretary of State in the Cabinet of President McKinley settles the point of greatest difficulty which has been experienced in making up the new administration.

It cannot be denied that the elevation of Senator Sherman to the office of Secretary of State is something of an experiment. The Senator has long been eminent in finance, but has no established reputation in foreign affairs.

It is certain that as Secretary of State Mr. Sherman cannot measure up to the standard of James G. Blaine, who was such a brilliant diplomat over the last Republican administration. It is equally certain, however, that he will give far more satisfaction to the people than the Democratic Secretaries who preceded and followed Mr. Blaine.

It must be borne in mind that while the Secretary of State is conventionally regarded as the head of the Cabinet, and is sometimes spoken of as the "American Premier," he is officially no higher than the other Cabinet officers, and the importance of his position is determined by the importance of the issues which arise for him to deal with.

The most important place in the new Cabinet will be that of Secretary of the Treasury. With so many and such important economic and monetary questions to be solved during the next four years, the head of the Treasury Department will be in the storm center of American politics and the most conspicuous figure in the Cabinet.

THE PARK COMMISSION.

It is to be hoped the controversy raised over certain expenditures by the Park Commission will be brought to a speedy conclusion by an open and public investigation of the accounts of the commission.

PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PEOPLE.

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FARM LIFE OFTEN PREFERABLE.

German town (Pa.) Telegraph. The statement was made in one of the daily papers recently that, according to the testimony of real estate dealers in the interior of the State, there is a very decided increase in the demand for farms, and that this demand comes largely from those who moved into cities years ago. If this be true, it is an encouraging item of news.

SENATOR PLATT.

The return of Thomas C. Platt to the United States Senate will be another illustration of the way the "whirligig of time brings about its revenges." In this case, however, the revenge will be but a barren accomplishment. The contests in which Mr. Platt engaged when last in the Senate are over, and his foes of those days, like his colleague, Conkling, have gone beyond the reach of his whip or defeat. Mr. Platt will find himself in office confronted by

AROUND THE CORRIDORS.

John P. Wilson, who wrote the fascinating song, "Dat New Bully," and whose play of "Little Robinson Crusoe" has been generally discussed, is busy with one or two fetching productions which will probably be published during the next few months.

Mr. Wilson has devoted a great deal of attention to song-writing and has many interesting and novel ideas regarding songs that should catch on with the public. He is the author of the song "Crappy Sam," successfully sung by May Irwin, and he is now writing a new burlesque on "The Prisoner of Zenda" for the Concordia Club at the Palace yesterday.

"In the composition of a popular song but one question is to be considered: What will the public take? The author's one aim is to find as satisfactory an answer as possible to this query and write accordingly. But, alas! no man has yet been wise enough to prophesy

Mr. Choate, who poses as the Republican rival of Mr. Platt, is in many respects the very opposite of the kind of man that New York elects to office. He is a cultured scholar, an able lawyer, an eloquent orator and an honorable citizen, but he has never made a study of politics, never assisted in organizing his party and never exhibited any great desire for its success.

In the recent campaign, for example, when Republicanism was everywhere earnest and active to win the victory, Mr. Choate did not even make a speech. He seemed to be utterly indifferent to the result and certainly contributed nothing to the victory.

Such a man would hardly have made a good Senator even had he been elected. The man who takes no interest in politics in private station is hardly likely to take much when in office and the country loses very little when he is left to follow his pursuits that are most congenial to him.

The people have no reason to regret the return of Mr. Platt to the Senate, notwithstanding he has been so often denounced as a "boss." He is a man who understands parties and politics, and the policies and principles of government. He will be a strong man in the Senate, and the Nation, his State and the Republican party will be benefited by his services.

"THE SUNDAY CALL."

THE SUNDAY CALL will be an attractive number, filled with excellent reading matter that will afford interest, instruction, entertainment and amusement.

The discovery of a new metal that defies the laws of gravity furnishes the important subject of one article, which shows how a resident of the Pacific Slope came to learn the secret of aerial flight. Many facts new to the scientific world are laid down and discussed in a manner that proves the writer to be well fortified with knowledge of the matter in hand.

An invention which will create much commotion as well as comment is the gunpowder bicycle, a full description of which appears to-morrow. In the remarkable motor of this machine, the explosion of gunpowder is used to drive the wheels forward, and it is said that experiments have proved the scheme practicable. One load of explosives will draw a bicycle 100 miles.

The new hotel railway is treated of at length in an article that everybody who travels or stays at the big caravansaries will read with pleasure not unmixed with astonishment. They will be led to wonder what human ingenuity will next contribute to lessen the necessity for exertion on the part of favored mortals.

The new gold fields near Randsburg are given ample space, showing the marvelous riches of the great desert mines of Southern California. Randsburg is a city of magical growth and the most accurate information obtained on the spot by a special Call representative is given in the Sunday issue. Just now everybody is inquiring of the Bureau of Geology for the unalloyed facts about the town and its gold diggings will be generally received with gratification.

All the usual departments are well filled and THE SUNDAY CALL will fully sustain its reputation as the best family newspaper and magazine on the Pacific Coast.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Improvements Needed on That Important Thoroughfare of the City.

To the Editor of the San Francisco Call—Sir: It being true that "THE CALL speaks for all" the merchants and business people all along Fourth street would ever their everlasting gratitude to THE CALL if it would appropriate a small space of its valuable columns in setting forth to the public the present disgraceful and perilous condition of this street, more particularly that portion between Market and Mission, the cobblestones and loose rocks, the unevenness of the grade caused by the raising of the grade in laying the trolley-car track rendering it dangerous for teams and buggies to pass over the same without accident.

The attention of the authorities has been repeatedly called to this matter by the citizens and taxpayers, but in vain. Smash-ups and break-downs are of almost daily occurrence and the public safety is thereby imperiled. The fact is that the money of the City is lavishly expended on streets and avenues in the outskirts of the City where there is scarcely a business or trade, while here, in the very heart of the City, a street that is constantly thronged with travel is suffered to remain in a condition the most dangerous to the health and safety of the citizens.

Not only are the interests of the citizens on this street involved in the putting in of new streets, but the public generally are equally interested. We hope through THE CALL to be able to attract the attention of the authorities to the necessity of moving in this matter.

A SWIFT.

OCCULT TEMPLE OPPOSED.

Countess Wachtmeister Says Mme. Blavatsky Was Strongly Opposed to It.

To the Editor of the San Francisco Call—Sir: In your issue of the 30th of December you published a most interesting article on the growth of theosophy. Among other items it was stated that the Countess Wachtmeister proposed to establish an occult temple.

As the daily companion and student of Mme. Blavatsky during the last six years of her life I can give the public some very interesting information in regard to Mme. Blavatsky's opinion of an "occult temple."

In the early days when a group of new well-known men and women were the daily pupils of our great teacher, we asked H. P. B. if we should get the money together and build such a temple. Her answer was clear and positive. She said: "By no means. If such a temple is built it will begin with ceremonial magic and end in black magic."

Whatever temple may be built for occult practices by people calling themselves theosophists, the Countess Wachtmeister, the most important of our great teacher, could not write her name with it.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 2, 1897.

CRACK CRUISERS FOR JAPAN.

Boston Globe. It is a high compliment which the Mikado's empire pays to American ingenuity and skill in awarding to Americans the contract for the construction of two new "gun-to-date" steel cruisers at a cost of about \$3,000,000.

Another ship which has been successful from a monetary standpoint is labeled My Mother Was a Lady.

It tells the story of a girl who came to the city to seek her brother, and obtained a situation as a waitress. Fancy the idea of laying the scene of a sentimental ballad in a hushery!

In the first verse the heroine with the lady-like manner is rudely rebuffed by the drummer who is attending a table, and the "joker" asks her to marry him in the third. Talk about a rapid age, it's all settled in five minutes and in the most puerile verse ever perpetrated.

Both of these songs were introduced, and to that fact must be attributed the success of their success. For it would be doing an injustice to the intelligence of the American public to say they were accepted on their merits.

"The popularizer" exhausts all the tricks of his trade to make a song "go." The "boy in the galley" scheme is one of them, though now hackneyed by overuse. Having the song illustrated by means of a reception view is another. A favorite method of gaining that essential thing, the sympathy of the audience, is the "spiel" before the rendition of the song.

This consists of a little story of "how the song came to be written," which in nine cases out of ten is the purest fiction. Nevertheless these fairy tales are accepted by the majority and lend a glamour of reality to the song, without which it would be wholly hollow and artificial.

"Such is the story in brief of the popular song from inception to presentation, with most of the woe left out, and now the fancy of the public must determine whether it stands or falls.

"Perhaps in time to come the criticism of the general public will grow more acute and a ballad will be accepted strictly on its artistic merits, but to-day, as before remarked, when author and composer have put forth

their best efforts the rest must be left to providence and the "popularizer."

THE SHIP OF STATE.

Say, fellows, can't ye feel it? She's a-bilin' now for us.

Ye kin tell it by her merriment 'n' the tremble of her beam.

The merriment is all ready 'n' she'll never go away.

With a brand new crew 'n' cap'n fur to get 'er underway.

The future is before us and beyond the misty blue.

There's fortune for the many; disappointment for the few.

With every voice a-cheerin' we'll set out to conquer fate.

When William pulls the throttle valve 'n' starts the ship of state.

We've run right close to breakers, 'n' she'd sort o' pick 'n' steer.

Thil' merriment that mebbe she was gettin' past without.

But, without 'n' blamin' no one, nor a-takin' no one's part.

We're kind o' glad she's restin' fur to get a better Mer's to the preparation for the comm' festive day.

When the flags are all a-awavin' 'n' the bands begin to play.

Arrivin' will len' a han' to keep 'er true 'n' straight.

When William pulls the throttle valve 'n' starts the ship of state.

—Washington Star.

CALIFORNIANS IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 15.—At the Windsor, W. McDonald; Grand Union, W. McCullin; Amsterdam, A. W. Porter. Mrs. Ellery C. Sargent and Miss Elizabeth Sargent left the Windsor to sail on the Werra for Alexandria, Egypt.

CALIFORNIANS IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—Hon. John P. Irish is at the Hotel Johnson, having come on here from Indianapolis, where he attended the monetary conference. L. G. Howard of Los Angeles is at the National Hotel.

NEWSPAPER PLEASANTY.

Bacon—My partner and myself want a wooden partition across the store.

Builder—Well, I guess if you put your heads together you can accomplish it.—Yonkers Statesman.

Miss Oldgirl—I am very proud of my descent. One of my ancestors came over in the Mayflower.

Mr. de Brown—Was it your father or your mother?—New York Tribune.

In Paradise—Eve—That new spirit I heard some one call him Cholty.

Adam—Dear me! Who'd ever take him for one of the family?—Puck.

"When I am rich," he said haughtily, "I will not neglect you with the opportunity you have missed."

"When you are rich," she answered, calmly, "I trust you will offer to pay for the broken leg of a spindle-limbed gilt chair."

\$32,000,000 already, and heaven only knows how much more it is to cost. Yet the Capital at Washington, one of the noblest public buildings in the world, has a vast architectural pile, and the size of the Albany building, one upon which money has been lavished without stint and on whose every column is a monument that excites the wonder of artists and architects and critics, has cost only \$17,000,000, including the repairs and alterations of three-quarters of a century.

PERSONAL.

A. J. Binney of Marysville is at the Lick. J. P. Brady of Seattle got here yesterday. R. N. Tucker of Mount Hamilton is in the City.

Dr. C. E. Stone of Marysville is a late arrival here. Dr. D. M. Livingston of San Jose is at the Russ.

Dr. F. L. Spada of San Jose is at the Commercial. W. A. Perkins, a druggist of Virginia City, is in town.

S. L. Mack, a business man of Hueeno, is at the California. J. E. Chapin, owner of a general store at Madera, is in town.

J. D. Browne, a mining man of Randsburg, arrived here yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McGill of Vallejo are staying in the Commodore.

Charles F. Earles and T. G. Erskine of Sonoma are at the Grand. J. B. Turner of the United States steamer Perry is at the California.

S. A. Riggs, a livestock-raiser of Salem, Or. is a late arrival at the Russ. B. W. Barnes of Grand Fork, N. D., is a late arrival at the Commodore.

P. A. Falkenberg, a business man of Portland, is among recent arrivals. E. F. Bernhard, owner of a large store at Fresno, is here on a business trip.

Dr. R. S. Gardner Jr. and J. T. English of New Haven, Conn., are at the Palace. Mrs. S. M. Buck, wife of ex-Superior Judge Buck of Eureka, is registered at the Lick.

James Simpson, the lumberman and general contractor of Humboldt Bay, is at the Lick. Ex-District Attorney James F. Farrar of Yreka is among the arrivals from the north.

Deputy Sheriff Earl H. Daggett of Tulare County is among yesterday's arrivals here. E. Williams and J. Martin of Sydney are among the recent arrivals at the Commodore.

D. E. Knight, the pioneer lawyer, banker and woolen-mill owner, of Marysville, is at the Lick. John J. Jones, a mining and business man of Prescott, Ariz., is among the arrivals at the Palace.

C. O. Bannister, a well-known mining man of Salt Lake, is on a visit here and is at the Palace. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Price of the Nat Goodwin company arrived here on the Monowal yesterday.

C. S. Wright, president of the Wilder Steamship Company, Hawaiian Islands, is at the Occidental. E. S. Van Kuren, city passenger agent at Portland of the Union Pacific Railroad, was in town yesterday.

E. K. Kilbourne, who has been prominent in the business affairs of Seattle for some time past, is in the City. Mrs. Sisson, proprietor of the old mountain hotel known as Sissons, in Shasta County, arrived here yesterday.

Colonel Sidney P. Sladden of Chicago is at the Occidental, accompanied by Mrs. Sladden. They arrived on the Monowal. J. Wenger of Crescent City, where he owns a large sawmill and is an extensive manufacturer of lumber, is at the Russ.

Brad Barnor of England, who is interested in mining property in El Dorado and Tuolumne counties, is at the Grand. J. A. Mathison, who is in business at Anaconda, Washington, a town on Fidsajo Island, was among yesterday's arrivals.

Philip Turner Simpson, proprietor of the Hotel Cecil, New York, and the Ocean House at Long Branch, is among the arrivals at the Occidental. W. I. Webster, chief wharfman at Juneau, Alaska, and an old resident there, is among the arrivals at the Commercial. He is here for a few weeks' stay.

John E. Elwood, traffic agent of the Pasadena and Los Angeles Electric Railway, the Pasadena and Pacific Railway and the Mount Lowe Railway, is at the Occidental. George Fairbairn, a miner who has for some years been in the Kootenai country and who owns several claims there, is in the City. He speaks highly of the Kootenai and says the mineral output there is rapidly increasing.

Rev. George W. Chalfant, F. H. Chalfant and family and Miss Charlotte E. Hawes, mission, who have been visiting Eastern relatives in Boston, are here on their way to the Orient, and are at the Grand. They are to sail on the Olympic to-day.

Edward Holland, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, is interested in a new freight transportation enterprise in Alaska, to carry freight from Dyre to Lake Lindeman, a distance of twenty-eight miles. The rate which it is proposed to charge is \$100 a ton. In making this trip a very high mountain is crossed, and in one place 2600 feet of wire cable is used.

L. R. Whitcomb, the well-known newspaper man of the staff of the Chronicle, has been confined to his home for the past two weeks because of a serious case of appendicitis. He has been attended by the best medical skill, but though a surgical operation would have to be performed in order to save his life. Dr. J. W. Keeney, Dr. L. L. Robinson and another physician held a consultation and decided on other measures temporarily. Luckily, they were attended with good results; at least it appears so now, for Mr. Whitcomb is getting along much better. A great many of his friends have called in to see him and inquire about him during his illness. Mr. Whitcomb thinks he will probably be able to be out in about two weeks more.

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So thoroughly related is the nervous system to disease that some physicians prescribe Hypophosphites alone in the early stages of Consumption. Scott's Emulsion is Cod-liver Oil, emulsified, with the Hypophosphites, happily blended. The result of its use is greater strength and activity of the brain, the spinal cord and the nerves.

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SMITH'S CASH STORE.

up! If the enemy were to fire on you when you are struggling along like that they wouldn't kill a single man of you. Close up!" —London Tit-Bits.

Gilroy—Understand that Judge Marriamore is breaking up housekeeping.

Godman—That can't be; he's very busy these days deciding whether to cash.

Gilroy—Well, isn't that what I said?—Roxbury Gazette.