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THE CALL SPEAKS FOR ALL.

THE SUMMER MONTHS. Are you going to the country on a vacation? If so, it is no trouble for us to forward THE CALL to your address.

Chinese cigars are not only unwholesome to the smoker but give to anybody in the vicinity a perfect right to protest.

America does not approach the task of "feeding the world" with any latent misgiving lest the contract be too great.

The Klondike tourist hanged by his fellow-travelers may have had a last comforting thought that he was going to miss a hard winter.

The day that passes now without the revelation of at least one plot to murder royalty certainly falls below the high standard of the times.

In refusing to marry a man diplomatically chosen for her Holland's little Queen shows that she is of good enough stuff to be an American girl.

Up-to-date it is to be noted that the hands jingling most of the coin derived from the rise in wheat are not hands caulked by contact with the plow.

An organ-grinder arrested recently had \$935, the proceeds of one incomplete day, which shows that certain industries have escaped the blight of hard times.

If everybody who claims to have seen a balloon hovering over widely diverse parts of the Arctic is correct, a Klondiker could not well shoot into the air without bringing down an aeronaut.

What has become of the cheering rumor that Gomez was about to lay his hand on Weyler's collar and jerk that ruffianly monster out of the palace window? But anyhow the rumor was soothing while it lasted.

In a commendable effort to keep pace with California cities several Eastern municipalities have forbidden the copious exportation to deluge his environment. It is pleasing to observe a good pattern thus being followed.

There is no particular harm in discovering Murderer Dunham once in awhile, not even to Dunham himself who has acquired an almost Hearst-like facility for not being present when he would add interest to the occasion.

John Bull is said to be grabbing the outskirts of Hawaii, and there is no doubt that he would consult a selfish interest by letting go without delay. In the game of grab on Pacific waters the United States Government is umpire.

To advance the welfare of California, to promote the development of her industries and the prosperity of her people is the chief object of THE CALL, and whoever co-operates in these things may not be working for THE CALL, but is certainly working with it.

Ohio Populists are to be congratulated upon having named Coxey as their candidate for Governor. Coxey is entirely accustomed to being licked, and there are few people whom the country at large could behold getting licked with such entire equanimity, an emotion in this instance little short of satisfaction.

The tendency to make a heroine of the young woman across the bay who deliberately committed murder is already manifest. Yet there is nothing really brave in shooting a man who has been given no warning, and has not been guilty of a capital offense. The young woman should be shut up and hysterical reporters, he and she, should be shut up also.

One of the murderers now in San Quentin and hopeful of having a disagreeable sentence to hanging commuted to imprisonment for life seems not unduly sanguine. His was a double killing, more than ordinarily brutal. According to the mercy extended to the assassin with only one victim to his credit the assassin who has achieved two can reasonably expect a clemency little less than tender.

The sea captain who says he passed close to a collapsed balloon, but did not stop to investigate, probably thought it easier to tell a lie of this easy style and not bother with details. Many sea captains from time to time are said to observe marine serpents of imposing magnitude, yet when they get to describing the color of scales, the length of neck and the blazing beacons that serve as eyes, it is their habit to get sadly mixed. The captain with the balloon yarn was merely cautious.

There is something in the war rumor's tenacity strangely suggestive of the many lives werewith the cat is blessed. Only a few days ago this country was preparing to fight Japan, and with peaceful intervals while the rumor-makers are contriving other surprises continues to do so. Spain also is booked for a judicious thrashing by Uncle Sam, and now necessity has arisen not only for twisting the lion's tail but yanking it out by the roots and using it as a bait to beat the animal. At the same time it is known the United States Government will not go to war with anybody, the absence of occasion being probably the reason and a tolerably good one.

THE COMMERCIAL SITUATION.

The condition of trade throughout the country is well shown by the volume of exports and imports. The exports from the United States during the month of July amounted to \$71,412,000, and for the first seven months of the year to \$561,176,000.

The present advance in wheat, which is the sharpest for a number of years, is rapidly changing conditions all over the country. It could not have come at a better time, for the farmer is getting the full benefit of it.

The other markets, while not as excited as wheat, are generally in first-class condition. The whole range of farm products is selling considerably higher than some time ago.

There is no reason why this prosperity should not continue indefinitely. And it probably will, as long as the Republican party remains in power. To dethrone that party would be to invoke a National calamity.

About the only industry of importance that is not participating in the present revival is silver mining. This is in a bad way at the moment. With silver at 52 cents per ounce there is no money in taking it out of the ground.

The most observing men of the country predicted a commercial revival in the fall; but it came sooner than expected, and was much more pronounced.

A MAN OF THE PEOPLE.

That the masses of the American people love President McKinley as no other man in this broad land is loved is a long-established truth, which the abundant testimony furnished in the cities, towns and hamlets of the East to-day serves only to embellish and illuminate.

His tour of New York State has been a triumphal march. There was patriotic jubilee in the summer resorts of the Adirondacks, where he sought rest from the exciting duties of his high office.

The workingmen, who for three years knew the suffering and the heartache that enforced idleness inflicted, rallied to do him honor. They marched from the factories, where the hum of industry is heard once more, thanks to the return of confidence and the beneficent influence of the policy of protection, and cheered themselves hoarse for the grand champion of their best interests, who has demonstrated that his countrymen were right when they hailed him as the "advance agent of prosperity."

From Plattsburgh all the way to Troy the warm enthusiasm was manifest, and the welcome voices of the gathered myriads in the latter city denoted the roar of the artillery salutes. In Troy the Society of the Army of the Potomac was holding reunion. No need to say that all the old boys in blue have a big place in their hearts for the man who won their plaudits by his bravery in the ranks of war before he claimed their admiration and blessings for his devotion to their country's cause as a statesman in the halls of the Nation.

President McKinley is distinctively a man of the people. He likes to mingle among the toilers of the land and grasp the good strong hand of honest labor. Men from the foundries and the stove works of Troy greeted him with words of affection. The factory girls, with their bright and smiling faces, spoke joyfully to him and received gallant compliments as the chief magistrate passed through their ranks.

Were the President to visit any section of the country his welcome would be as general and sincere as it is throughout the Empire State. He has been the Moses who has led people out of the desert of hard times into the land of milk and honey.

THE USUAL RESULT.

A curious illustration of the effect of advertising in advancing business, even when the advertisement is seemingly adverse to the trade noted, has just come to light.

It will be remembered that a short time ago the dispatches from London announced that a lady of high social position had been burned to death as a result of the explosion of a petroleum hair wash. In giving the details of the accident the local papers published the name of the dangerous dressing, and it now appears from the evidence given at the inquest that these publications so far from diminishing the sale of the article actually increased it. The hair-dressers who sold the stuff to the unfortunate lady are reported as having testified that since the sensation caused by the catastrophe their business had been greatly augmented.

In this particular case no doubt the social distinction of the victim had much to do with the unexpected effect of the publicity given to the wash she used. The average woman who read the story jumped to the conclusion that it was the mode in society to use that form of hair-dressing, and straightway it had for her an attraction too strong to be resisted. She was willing to run the risk of explosion for the sake of adding to her toilet table the hair wash used in the circle where fashion reigns supreme and everything is *fin de siecle*.

Allowing much for this tendency in society to follow the fashion, no matter how dangerous or foolish, there remains in the incident enough to show that the mere fact of the notoriety given to the wash by the extensive publication of its name and uses, added to the sale of it, notwithstanding its dangers were made known at the same time. The ladies had heard of it and they were bound to try it. The thing was new and they must have it.

It seems impossible to warn the general crowd against anything. Denounce a vile book and straightway the masses are eager to borrow or buy it. Give a dog a bad name and if he is not foolish enough to hang himself he will be the favorite at the next bench show. Whenever any man or thing has been advertised it has been helped to popularity so far as the unreflecting are concerned. It is only the intelligent who can profit by criticism and find an advantage for themselves in a publication which warns them of dogs that are vicious, books that are vile and hair washes that are liable to explode.

PHENOMENA OF THE EARTH'S MAGNETISM REPRODUCED.

Henry Wilde, the president of the Manchester (England) Philosophical Society, is the inventor of a most interesting apparatus, which reproduces the principal phenomena of the earth's magnetism with wonderful accuracy, says the London Graphic.

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This remarkable work of a British scientist had never been seen in operation on the Continent. Consequently M. Berthelot, the illustrious perpetual secretary, invited Mr. Wilde to cross the channel and place his instrument before the French Academy of Sciences.

This was done recently, and the magnetism was tested in the Conservatory of Arts. In the morning a public demonstration was given in the electrical department, and in the evening it was inspected by the academic committee, composed of M. Colonel Laussedat, director of the Conservatory of Arts; M. Mortier, the director of French official meteorology, and M. Violle, the professor of physics to the Conservatory of Arts.

Edwin Scott Marble, the veteran actor and dramatist, who has been a pronounced free-thinker and follower of Robert G. Ingersoll, has been converted and became a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Chauncey Dewey is obliged to sign his name to 100,000 separate bonds which have just been issued. Allowing \$500 as the average for a day, it will take him about eight months to get through the whole lot.

It has been often stated that the grave of Jenny Lind, the "Swedish Nightingale," has been neglected and not even marked by a slab. This is not true. A handsome cross marks her last resting-place on Malvern Hills.

A monument has been raised in South Carolina over the grave of Lucinda Horn, who went all through the Civil War with her husband. It is said that this is the only battle monument on any woman's grave except that of Joan of Arc.

Taplow Court, Mr. Grenfell's house, near Maidenhead, is the residence of the King of Siam during his stay in England. It is a stately Tudor mansion of red brick, with cut-iron ornaments, and commands a splendid view of Windsor Castle and the great park.

When Queen Victoria visited the Dublin exhibition in 1849 with her two eldest children, an Irish farmer came near the royal carriage in one of the parks and said: "May it please your Majesty, call the next one Patrick." In the following year was born the Duke of Connaught, who was christened Arthur William Patrick Albert.

WITH YOUR COFFEE.

A person who judges solely by the baseball standard can't be made to see how it was that Turkey won when Greece made all the runs—Philadelphia Times.

Jeems—The rustle of a skirt is the most attractive sound to a man's ears. Deems—Of course—there's always a woman in it—Town Topics.

"My dear fellow, I'm between the devil and the deep sea." "I suppose that means that you're in low water"—Pick-Me-Up.

Cora—College men seem very much inclined to take life easy. Dora—Yes; even when they graduate they do it by degrees—Brooklyn Life.

"Well, Bobby, have you had a pleasant day?" "Yes; me and Jack took our three pups 'n' went over 'r play 'th Billie Perkins' four cats."—Detroit Free Press.

"You can hardly blame Fannie for marrying you for money when you haven't a cent of your own." "Yes; but if only one of us had done it it wouldn't be so bad. We were both fooled."—Life.

"That Clambake country—" "Klondike, auntie." "Klondike is a desperately dirty place." "What makes you think so, auntie?" "Why, everybody who gets there goes right to washin'."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Chamberlain," said the British Premier, "the Americans are breaking down all the traditions." "What now?" queries Monocle Joe. "This fellow Sherman has written a diplomatic note in that as clear and as plain as King's whiskers."—Philadelphia North American.

HANNIBAL HAMLIN'S HUMOR. Living Church. There is a large cologne of good stories about Hannibal Hamlin in Maine, and this is one of them: In his earlier days, at a certain caucus in Hampden, the only attendees were himself and a citizen of very large stature. Mr. Hamlin had some resolutions to pass which began by representing that they were presented to a "large and respectable" gathering of two of us. "You keep still, the other man, we can't pass that, for it ain't true! It ain't a large and respectable gathering, it's only two of us." "You keep still, brother," commanded the wily Hamlin. "It's all right, for you are large and I am right. My name is Hannibal Hamlin. So the resolutions were passed without further demur.

BRYAN'S SONG.

Chicago Inter Ocean. As Bryan is whirled through wheat fields and hears the music of the thrashers and sees the whole land waking up to new life and activity, as he remembers his prophecies of calamity he can sing, "One by one