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THE OREGON PROTEST.

THE most remarkable thing that has ever occurred in the same connection is the Oregon protest against the appointment of Judge McKenna to the Supreme Bench. Whether it is State prejudice or local envy, or an outbreak of that unfortunate spirit of personal jealousy and detraction which has so long been the curse of this coast and has kept it out of its proper place of influence in the Government, it is reprehensible and indecent to a degree.

ONE-MAN POWER.

ONE point in the letter addressed by Thomas V. Cator to the voters of this city, published in THE CALL yesterday, merits more than ordinary consideration. He says the charter which the conspirators employed to discredit all charters by the "associated villainies" are endeavoring to force upon the people is in substance that which was defeated at the last election. He might also have added that it is the same charter which was defeated at two other elections. That is, it is an organic act framed upon the theory that the remedy for all municipal evil is the substitution of one-man rule for a careful and conservative distribution of political power.

MARCH OUT OF EGYPT.

WITH the revival of industry and the coincident opening of the Alaskan trade has come a crisis in the commercial and manufacturing fortunes of San Francisco. In the new movements of business and in the exploiting and development of the great valley of the Yukon, there are rich profits to be gained by energy and enterprise. These splendid chances, however, are not going to remain open indefinitely. The city that is to make itself the outfitting point and metropolis of the new trade must take possession of it this spring.

CITY EXTENSION IN SAN JOSE.

A SPECIAL committee of the San Jose Common Council has reported adversely to the projected movement for the annexation of some of the more populous suburbs of the city, on the ground, as stated in the report: "It is certainly inconsistent on our part to invite neighboring localities to become a part of the government of which we are ashamed, and which is declared to be extravagant and far from being competent."

THE WOES OF MR. AND MRS. WALTER NGONG FONG.

I sing a celestial song (Bring a song) Of the woeing of Mister Ngong Fong. (Bring the song) And the love of a maid of a paler shade, Whose regard for Ngong was so strong (Au-giong!) That she sigh'd to become Mrs. Fong.

This is the first verse. There are three others, in which the groceryman's poet describes the wedding and honeymoon of the Fongs. "It was done just to advertise their tea," said Mrs. Fong. "They didn't care whether our feelings were hurt or not."

AMONG THE FEATURES OF TO-MORROW'S CALL

WILL BE A NEW STORY BY BRET HARTE "Uncle Jim and Uncle Billy," a typical Western tale. The Passing of the Sealing Industry. Last of the Old Bailey. An Article by Ray Frank. Conclusion of Rose-Soley's Island Story. Complete History of the Dreyfus Case. With the "Lion of Plevna."

FLASHES OF FUN. NOTES ABOUT NOTABLES. "Comes up to-night," wrote an Atchison girl to a young man this morning. "I am going to have an evening."

HERE'S A NOVEL IDEA FOR AMERICANS.



A tricycle cab is one of the latest features of the streets of Berlin. It is called the Heydt cycle, so named after the inventor, and a company has been organized in the German capital city which now has 500 of these tricycle cabs in use, according to the New York Herald.

PERSONAL.

A. C. Blair, a Los Angeles commercial man, is at the Baldwin. H. T. Fairbanks, a banker of Petaluma, is at the Lick, with Mrs. Fairbanks.

CALIFORNIANS IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—At the Great Northern—Edwin W. Marks, San Francisco; Victoria A. Adelsdorfer, San Francisco; Auditorium Annex—J. Fred Schlingman, San Francisco; Palmer—A. D. Sharon and wife, San Francisco, on the way home after an extended trip abroad.

CALIFORNIANS IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Three Californian representatives in Congress are here: Mr. Loud, wife and daughter are at the Everett; Dr. Vries is at his residence on H street and Castle is at the Varnum.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

POSTAL CARDS.—City. Postal cards have been in use more than a quarter of a century. The idea of using such originated with Dr. Emanuel Herrman, a professor of national economy in the Imperial Academy of Vienna.

THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS.

Fairtime American. The big guns roar a chorus to the song sung by the hunters, hurrying musket balls; Verse after verse, unmusical and long, Like a volcano's snarl, burning rain.

AGAINST ANNEXATION.

CHICO, CAL., Dec. 2, 1897. Editor Call.—Dear Sir: I see by the Examiner and Bulletin that two-thirds of the people of California favor annexation of the Hawaiian Islands.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

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