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ANOTHER MONEY SQUALL BLOWN OVER. ONE of the most encouraging features of the current activity in trade is the ease and readiness with which the money market rights itself after a period of stringency.

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ACCORDING to reports from Topeka the whistles in every town in Kansas screamed on receipt of the news of the arrival of Funston and his men from the Philippines. In any other State than Kansas this could have been prevented by a judicious wetting of the whistles.

DEWEY'S tour of the country will be incomplete without a trip to San Francisco, and the duty of our city officials will be neglected if they do not insist upon his coming.

THE British Government has given Buller a "free hand" in South Africa, but perhaps it won't be so very free after Oom Paul gets a grip on it.

MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

FROM the large attendance at the Republican rally on Saturday evening, and from the earnest spirit displayed by the audience, good auguries can be drawn of the outcome of the municipal contest. It is now clear the Republican party has a ticket which the taxpayers generally will gladly support.

THE signs of the time are indeed encouraging. The business men of the community have begun to take an interest in politics and to feel the responsibility that rests upon them. Evidences of this awakened civic patriotism are to be seen everywhere, and, as the Hon. Horace Davis pointed out in his address, it is made strikingly manifest in the remarkable registration, which equals that of a Presidential election.

Many things have combined to bring about this desirable state of things. In the first place the brightening future of the city has roused the energies of business men to profit by the opportunities that are now before them, next the long desire for municipal improvements has begun to prompt men to earnest action, the defeat of the bosses in the Republican party under the new primary election law has been encouraging, and finally the possibilities of municipal development and improvement under the new charter have stimulated all classes of citizens to strive energetically to procure for the city a good administration in every department.

THE salient feature of the new charter is the power vested in the Mayor. In summarizing those powers on Saturday evening Mr. Davis put them in this terse way: "The Board of Supervisors is made the legislative power, and it has charge of the raising of all money to carry on the city government. The expenditure of this money is placed almost wholly in the hands of seven boards appointed by the Mayor. These boards are the Board of Public Works, the Board of Education, the Board of Police Commissioners, the Board of Fire Commissioners, the Civil Service Commission, the Board of Health and the Park Commission. You will see, therefore, the large discretion and the power left to the Mayor. It requires a man of business judgment and wide experience and knowledge of men, and, above all, an honest and fearless man. Especially is this so during the first year, when the Mayor will have the appointing of all the members of all the boards named."

Will it be safe for the people of San Francisco to vest those powers in the hands of a man of large personal ambition in politics, who desires "to use the mayoralty as a stepping-stone to higher office?"

THE Republican ticket, from the distinguished gentleman who heads it to the last name upon it, is made up of men whom the people can trust. They represent the progressive and at the same time the conservative element of the community. They stand for improvements and also for economy. It was no self-constituted committee ruled by bosses that nominated them. They have no affiliations which will hamper them in the right fulfillment of their duties. That much was certainly well understood by the representative audience that gathered to cheer the ticket on Saturday evening, and therefore Republicans, independents, taxpayers and the workmen of the community have good reason to be satisfied with the outlook.

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MINERS' CONVENTION. PUBLIC interest in mining men and mining matters aroused by the visit of the representatives of the American Institute of Mining Engineers will not diminish with their departure, for already the time for the meeting of the annual convention of the California Miners' Association is so near that it engages no little of popular attention and discussion. The convention this year will be something more than a State gathering. Delegates are expected from all the surrounding States and Territories, and the meeting will be virtually a representation of the mining industries of the whole of the vast region known as the Greater West.

RARELY if ever have the gold miners of the State met under circumstances more promising to their industry than those that now prevail. The commerce and industry of the world have counted largely upon the continued output of gold from the Transvaal. It has been confidently estimated that the yield of the mines in that country would during the coming year add \$100,000,000 worth of gold to the money of the world. That hope is now blighted; the Transvaal supply is shut off. At present all signs point to the conclusion that no considerable quantity of gold will be forthcoming from anywhere in South Africa for at least a year to come, and probably for two years. That means, of course, the world must look elsewhere for its additional gold supply and that mining investors will be quick to turn to every field that promises good returns.

THE Alaskan gold fields present a doubtful source of supply. Up to this time nothing has been done there but placer mining, and it is questionable whether quartz mining could be profitably undertaken. It is to California, therefore, the attention of more conservative and prudent investors will turn. It is known that the mineral resources of this State and those of its neighbors have hardly been thoroughly prospected, much less developed. If mining should be undertaken here with anything like the degree of energy and the affluence of capital that have been expended in working the deep mines of South Africa the results would be surprising even to many of our own miners.

IT is therefore at a period when the mines of California are exceptionally interesting to all the world that the convention of the mining men of the coast is to meet. That they will understand the advantages given them by the war in the Transvaal is not to be doubted, and we may expect of them such action as will tend to profit by the opportunities afforded.

IT is to be added that this is a good time to renew the movement started some time ago for the creation of a department of mines and mining in the National Government under the direction of an officer of Cabinet rank. There is a demand in the larger commercial cities for a department of commerce with a Cabinet officer at the head of it. There will probably be also a movement to create a department for the new colonies with a Secretary at the head of its administration. All these movements for the increase of the

Cabinet will tend to incline Congress to a favorable consideration of the desire of the mining men for a proper supervision of their vast industry. In brief, every promise of the time is good, and the convention will have all it can do to attend to the opportunities before it.

POLITICAL BANNERS.

NOW that the municipal campaign is on in earnest and the various candidates are resorting to all manner of means to keep their names before the public, the people will appreciate the full value of the resolution introduced by Supervisor Holland forbidding the stretching of banners across our thoroughfares for the purpose of displaying the names of the political aspirants of any party.

A display of banners designed for decorative purposes and having in the brightness of their coloring a glow of beauty is an attraction pleasing to the eye, and the public sees with no little pleasure the flags and banners which have been put as adornments along the streets in honor of the jubilee of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. It would, however, be a grievous offense to every intelligent and artistic citizen to see interspersed with those flags great stretches of canvas sprawled across the street and marked in scare-horse letters "Vote for Von Gimms de Muggens, the Mugwump candidate of the people for Pound-keeper."

THE practice of such advertising in the past has been overdone. It is time to put a stop to it altogether, and the resolution finds public sentiment already formed in its favor. There is no reason why the thoroughfares of the city should be made hideous at every election by that style of political advertising. There are abundant means by which candidates can keep their names before the voters without defacing the streets. Supervisor Holland has taken a step in the right direction. His resolution marks a genuine and much needed reform. The suppression of what has been a public nuisance in the past will receive commendation on all sides.

HOME STUDY CIRCLE.

WITH this issue begins the series of home studies The Call has arranged to publish for the entertainment and instruction of its readers. The opening article by Professor Albert S. Cook of Yale on "How to Study Shakespeare" will be found in another column, and a second Shakespearean study will be published on Thursday from the pen of Professor Parrot of Princeton. Thereafter similar articles dealing with many of the more interesting of Shakespeare's works will appear in The Call regularly every Monday and Thursday during the fall and winter until the course is completed.

THE other courses, as has been announced, include studies of the World's Great Artists, to be published every Tuesday; Desk Studies for Girls and Shop and Trade Studies for Boys, on Wednesdays; Great American Statesmen on Fridays, and Home Science and Household Economy on Saturdays. Each of these courses will be carried on by men and women who rank as established authorities on the subjects with which they deal, and every article of the series will be from the pen of a competent expert.

WARM words of approval have been given by the programme of study by the foremost educators of the State, and now that the publication of the series has begun the reading public will be able to judge for themselves of the merit of the undertaking. We commend the article of this morning particularly to the attention of our readers, in order that they may start the series with the first paper and learn at the outset how to study Shakespeare and what to look for in his works.

IT must be borne in mind that while the papers will prove interesting even to the casual and indifferent reader, their full value will be obtained only by those who read them with care and studious attention. They are contributed by men and women to whom education is a life work and have been written with an earnest purpose. Those who are best acquainted with Shakespeare in a general way can learn something in addition to what they already know by reading what a critic of such eminence as Professor Cook has to say about the proper study of the great master's treatment of the problems of life.

SCHOOL BOARD SCANDALS.

SUFFICIENT evidence of fraudulent transactions on the part of certain members of the School Board has been made public by The Call to justify the belief that if the Grand Jury do its full duty without fear or favor the people may have the satisfaction of seeing some of the plunderers and spoilers of the school funds indicted, prosecuted and punished.

IT is hardly worth while to go over again the disgraceful record of jobbery and corruption The Call has from time to time disclosed. Enough was published yesterday to make it evident that the Grand Jury must act vigorously in the matter or rest itself under suspicion of neglect of duty, or worse.

THERE is no department of local administration in which fraud works a greater wrong to the community than in that of the public schools. When the money paid by the people for the education of their children is wasted either by robbery or by extravagance, then it follows of necessity that school buildings are neglected, needed repairs are not made, the rooms are overcrowded or badly ventilated, danger of disease threatens the children who gather there, the teaching force suffers from lack of salaries, the proper equipments of the schools are not supplied, and in many other ways evils are inflicted upon a very large proportion of the community.

THE late Grand Jury declared in its final report that a moral certainty existed of fraud in the former School Board, but that it could obtain no legal evidence sufficient to convict the presumably guilty parties. It is to be hoped the present jury will have better success. Where wrongdoing has been carried on to the extent The Call has exposed, there must be some way of bringing to light proofs of it that will bring about conviction in the courts. The people therefore look to the Grand Jury with expectation, and something must be done.

ADMIRAL Dewey appears to have valued more the spontaneous outburst of welcome he received in Boston than all the grand parades and ceremonies that were prepared for him in New York. In the course of his speech at Boston he said: "The ovation which was given me last night I believe has never been equaled in the lifetime of any of us. At any event, I never saw the equal of it." The admiral should now come to San Francisco and see how easy we can beat Boston.

NOW let all independent voters and good citizens of every party stand in with the Republicans and start the new era in the municipality with an administration to be proud of.

IF the Grand Jury fail to take a fall out of the School Board a whole lot of people will be asking the reason why.

STATE MINERS' CONVENTION. SOME OF ITS BIG PROBLEMS.

THE biggest and most important State convention in the history of the California Miners' Association will open in San Francisco on the 23d inst., a week from to-day, and for several days will be the chief thing of interest in the coast mining field. Secretary E. H. Benjamin's voluminous correspondence concerning it indicates that there will be several hundred delegates present.

THE sixteen local associations, including that of Southern California, have nearly all held conventions and elected their quota of delegates during the past two weeks, and at these conventions special interest in the industry and in the convention has been shown. The delegates are leading and active mining men, and the convention will be representative of the best intellect and character in the California mining field. The convention will declare the wants and policies of the State's great mining population, united for the general good of the industry, and its declarations and demands will have a prestige before Legislature and public opinion that few voluntary associations can command.

THIS convention will have a wider scope than any of its predecessors, and the success of the executive committee in securing the co-operation of other Pacific Coast States in making it representative of the entire Western mining field will give it an importance equal to that of the Trans-Mississippi congresses. The Governors of Colorado, New Mexico, Idaho and Washington had last week reported the approval of the State Legislatures, and the other Western Governors will undoubtedly respond in time. Each executive was asked to name representative men who would really attend the convention, and it is hoped that there will be a large number of delegates from each of the States west of the Rockies.

THE old union copper mine at Copperopolis, which was once the chief copper mine of the State but which has been idle since 1883, is to be really pumped out at last. The pumps were started to work last week, and Copperopolis, which for the many years worked to its full capacity it would employ several hundred men and put life into the region again. The mine is being pumped out by the Boston owners who are pumping out the mine to sell it or to work it. G. McMillan, Ross, recently in charge of the work of unwatering the Comstock mines, is superintendent. The slow work of unwatering will be conducted slowly, because the water, which is strongly impregnated with copper, will be leached in vats, in which the copper will be precipitated on scrap iron and tin, producing copper cement in the usual way.

THE Miners' Association of Nevada County has elected the following officers: Fred Zeitler, president; George Malnath, vice president; W. J. English, secretary; B. E. Snell, treasurer. Executive committee—R. C. Fairth, C. Brand, George Fletcher, D. S. Marwick, J. S. McBride, C. T. Worthley, C. D. Eastin, O. K. Cloudman, John Fay, L. L. Myers, H. C. Schroeder. According to the report of the secretary and treasurer, the collections for the year were \$383.55. There had been paid to the State for the year \$100.00. The Salmon River section during the coming year promises to be more extensively carried on than any previous year. We have a good winter in the way of snow and rain, says the Yreka Journal. At present, owing to the last dry winter, water is very scarce and several quartz mines, as well as placer claims, have been shut down in working. All along the Sacramento valley, from Nothing Creek, Methodist Creek, Coffee Creek and other districts adjacent to the Trinity river, there is a serious shortage of water for getting gold in immense quantities.

THE mining industry in California is becoming quite extensive, and with thorough development may produce a large amount of gold and other minerals on the coast. This locality abounds in immense ledges of quartz containing gold, silver and copper, and is situated on the coast of the State. The mining industry, this fact is apparent throughout the State. The output of quartz mining will be largely increased in 1899 over any previous year since the beginning of quartz mining—Calaveras Citizen.

THE convention will assemble amid new life and boom in the mining field and will reflect that revival and boom and good will. The election of officers promises to

AROUND THE CORRIDORS.

A. C. Maude, a capitalist of Bakersfield, is at the Grand.

P. C. Drescher of the Sacramento Bee is at the California.

W. I. Smart, a mine owner of Placerville, is at the Lick.

P. Reichling, a wealthy mining man of Jackson, is a guest at the Grand.

L. R. Stuart, a leading business man of Los Angeles, is a guest at the Grand.

W. A. Sanders, an Alaskan capitalist, is at the Palace, accompanied by his wife.

S. C. Joergery, a German globe-trotter, was among the arrivals yesterday at the Palace.

Levi Chase, one of the foremost merchants of San Diego, is a guest at the Occidental.

T. W. Patterson, a Fresno fruit man, is at the Lick, where he arrived yesterday morning.

Dr. B. Taylor, U. S. A., who arrived yesterday on the Gaelic from Manila, is staying at the Occidental.

Mr. W. H. Stinson, prominent society people of Los Angeles, are among the recent arrivals at the Palace.

Keizo Sano and T. Ikedo, two Japanese merchants, arrived yesterday on the Gaelic and registered at the Palace.

put considerable ginger into the proceedings. The oil boom is still booming. There is special activity in the San Francisco oil field, which has some thousands of oil stock players now and which is becoming the chief center of operations, both legitimate and otherwise. The opening of the call board of the Oil Exchange will stimulate investments in oil stocks for a time, and will afford some guarantee of safety to investors by eliminating companies which have for assets only paper and scrub.

The Colinga field is still the only producing one of importance north of Tehuacan 4500 barrels a day, or as much as the Los Angeles field ever produced. The daily output of oil from the Colinga field is given at 1000 barrels. Many new companies are being formed and buying up land in Fresno, Kings and Kern counties, and several are driving prospect wells, or preparing to do so. The total output of oil from nearly all the companies the early stage of prospecting and of expectations has not been passed. The oil boom is still booming. There is special activity in the San Francisco oil field, which has some thousands of oil stock players now and which is becoming the chief center of operations, both legitimate and otherwise. The opening of the call board of the Oil Exchange will stimulate investments in oil stocks for a time, and will afford some guarantee of safety to investors by eliminating companies which have for assets only paper and scrub.

The French Mediterranean squadron recently had some target firing with large and medium-caliber guns. The vessels were under steam and fired at ranges varying from 220 to 1000 yards. No report has yet been made public of the speed at which the ships moved, nor of the character of the target, but the records of individual ships is as follows:

Table with columns: NAME OF SHIP, Rounds, Hits, Per Ct. Hits, Time. Rows include Casard, Friant, Du Chateau, Linois, Taureguberry, Gallier, Trehouart, Chanzy, Martini, Massena, Jemmapes.

SCOPE OF EXAMINER'S SENSE.

L'Italia, the Italian newspaper published in this city, resents in most vigorous style the insult to its people published by the Examiner in the Appeal Call. It appears to have invited the aid of Signor Marconi's most marvelous invention to report the international yacht race. To be little the enterprise of its rival the Examiner sneers at wireless telegraphy as a silly fad, and calls its inventor Signor Marconi. This is about the Examiner who is noted for its sneeringly for it made the Examiner possible.—The Wasp.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NO PREMIUM—J. R. Calaveras, Cal. There is no premium on a \$5 piece of 1853 gold. The only premium on gold is announced several times that there is no premium offered for \$5 pieces coined after 1834.

ISLAND—B. T., California. The island that presents itself to the view of a person standing at the northern end of a New England island looking S. E. by the bay in a northerly direction is Alcatraz and the one beyond is Angel Island.

MONTHS FOR MARRIAGES—C. F. A., City. It is usually supposed that May is the unpropitious month for marriages and this view is generally sustained by the fact that the month is the least favorite month; in Germany, April is the favorite; in Italy, February; France, August; Sweden, November, and in Russia, February.

HAWAIIAN VESSELS—L. L. Santa Cruz, Cal. Vessels flying the Hawaiian flag will come under the United States laws as soon as Congress makes provision therefor. The Hawaiian flag is the space to devote to the shipping laws of Hawaii. If you desire any particular information thereon this department will furnish it.

GRANT AND THE JEWS—J. M., Oakland, Cal. It was while U. S. Grant was at Holly Springs, Miss., in 1862, that he issued an order expelling from his department all Jews within twenty-four hours. The Jews as a class violating every regulation of trade established by the Treasury Department and also department orders. This was revoked three weeks later by orders from Washington.

GREASE SPOTS—B. T., City. There are a number of preparations to be obtained at drugstores that will "remove grease spots from a light tan jacket because of the fact that the department cannot advertise any of these preparations. If you wish to be sure that "the color" will not be affected or the texture injured," send the garment to a professional cleaner.

TWO SQUADRONS—F. O. B., City. At the time that the Asiatic squadron in Manila Bay commanded by Dewey destroyed the Spanish fleet it was made up of the following named vessels: Olympia, first class cruiser; Baltimore, second rate cruiser; Raleigh, second rate cruiser; Concord, third rate cruiser; Petrel, fourth rate; McCulloch, revenue cutter; Nahcun, collier; Zafiro, supply vessel. Sampson's squadron was made up of the New York, Iowa, Indiana, Oregon, Miantonomoh, Fern, Amphitrite, Puritan, Terror, Hancock, Marblehead, Montgomery, Bancroft, Dolphin, Detroit, Castine, Lancaster, Nashville, Helena, Vicksburg, Wilmington, Newport, Vesuvius, Machias, Flag, Augusta, Stiletto, Cushing, Porter, Rodgers, Winslow, Leyden and Sanabot.

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"Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" Has been used for fifty years by millions of mothers for their children who teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, cures the gums, allays pain, cures Wind Colic, regulates the bowels and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. For sale by druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, 25c a bottle.

HOTEL DEL CORONADO—Take advantage of the round-trip tickets. Now only \$60 by steamship, including fifteen days' board at hotel; longer stay, \$2.50 per day. Apply at 4 New Montgomery street, S. F., California.

According to Dr. Schjerning, there were only 500 cases of tuberculosis last year in a population of 1,000,000. The number of deaths from this disease in the army has been gradually decreasing from 42 per thousand in 1892 to 24 per thousand in 1897.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

When the Blood is pale, then your lips and cheeks are pale, your nerves weak, and your whole body greatly debilitated. The doctors say "You have anemia." There's just one thing you need—something to make the blood rich and red. Scott's Emulsion will certainly do this. It will make the most happy changes for you, and soon your old strength and activity will return.

Scott & Downe, Chemists, New York.