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MAKING MONEY WITH BOTH HANDS

THE November balance of trade in favor of this country breaks records, and the figures supply evidence that the stringency precipitated by certain speculative bankers in New York, San Francisco and other financial centers must be short lived.

Taking government figures which were corrected up to last Saturday night, it will be seen that our exports for last month reached the enormous sum of \$204,444,860. This is, in round numbers, \$24,000,000 more than the exports for the month of October and it is nearly \$5,000,000 greater than the largest monthly export in the previous history of the country.

These gains have been enormous for the farmers. The exports of breadstuffs for November were \$24,736,636, or almost \$10,000,000 more than for the same month last year.

The record for exports in 1907 will far exceed that of any previous year, and the figures explain the comparative ease with which this country has been able to wring gold from Europe in the past two months.

SUCCESS OF CLEARING HOUSE CERTIFICATES

THE emergency currency known as clearing house certificates, which may be said to have originated in San Francisco, as a medium of exchange in small denominations has proved an eminent success as a means of tiding over the stringency which in large part is due to hoarding.

PUNISHING LA FOLLETTE

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE is not popular with his colleagues. He has not hesitated to say that some of them are rascals, which might have been overlooked had he spoken only in general terms; but when he proceeded to mention names and supply specifications he committed the unpardonable sin.

William E. Dargie Rents His Literary
Hired Help to Water Corporation

Chapter VII of the Plunderer's Record



Dargie of the Oakland Tribune

The worst thing that ever happened to Oakland and Alameda county was William E. Dargie.

If Dargie had never controlled a newspaper Oakland and Alameda county might have endured him indefinitely; he would have been a rascal without means to make rascality effective or profitable—a burglar without tools.

The Call has carefully and painstakingly investigated the public record of Dargie. Today it continues the publication of that record. This publication will be kept up from time to time until Dargie and his Tribune are generally known for what they really are—the man as the advocate and associate in villainy and in profit of the political and civic corrupters of Alameda county, and his newspaper as the organ of graft and the tool and weapon of public plunderers.

Price of Favorable Public Opinion as Molded by the
Tribune Molders Is Charged to "Office Operation"

William E. Dargie has no literary ability in himself, but he has a keen sense of the literary faculty in others. Falstaff, by his own description, was not only witty in himself, but the cause of wit in other men.

Hires those who itch to write. The "Knave" is, in truth, one of the literary hacks that eke a precarious existence around the newspaper offices of San Francisco.

Baker is sometimes regarded as what is called a "forceful writer." He can use language, on occasion, almost unfit for publication; and this near invective commends him highly to Dargie, whose own vocabulary is practically limited to blasphemy of the Redeemer and a phrase that in Arizona must be uttered "with a smile."

BAKER AS PRESS AGENT. As no man can live by bread alone Dargie's editor can not live on a Dargie salary solely. Consequently Baker frequently goes afield in search of additional provender.

BAD YEAR FOR DARGIE. The hiatus in the Baker wage and the slump in the Dargie raffle were probably due to the absence or merely desultory presence of Frank J. Moffitt as the guide, philosopher and friend of the corporation.

of telling the truth and is neither a respecter of persons nor even of personages.

CALHOUN AS A SCARECROW

THE Los Angeles News and the San Bernardino Sun are conducting a debate concerning the relative wickedness of the bribe giver and the bribe taker apropos of the San Francisco prosecutions.

For every bribe taker who is sent "over the road" there will be a dozen such eager to step into his official shoes, anxious to try their pot luck; and the grafting game will go on unceasingly, just so long as the bribe giver remains unmolested.

The dispute over the questions, Which spoke first? and Who was the tempter? will always remain unsettled and are, besides, wholly irrelevant. They plead the baby act. When we consider the personality of Patrick Calhoun the excuse that he was lured to his ruin by Ruef sounds funny.

.NOTE AND COMMENT

Knowland and Perkins saved their faces—but they didn't save Thomas. An inspector of steamships inspected a leaky gas stove on Tuesday, using a lighted match to further his investigations, and was pretty badly singed.

High Freight Rates Keep California Magnesite
Out of the Eastern Markets

ALL the magnesite produced in the United States comes from California, but the quantity is not large, since the consumption is limited on the Pacific coast, and the native product cannot compete at points of greatest consumption east of the Missouri river with that imported from Greece and Austria.

Smart Set

NOW that the squadron has returned the service folk at Mare Island are busy with plans for one of the largest balls yet given by the army and navy on this coast.

Mrs. Francis Carolan, who has been ill for several weeks with a severe attack of tonsillitis in her Burlington home, is now convalescent and came up to town last week for three days of shopping, during which time she was the guest of friends.

San Jose people are going to make quite a society event of the Adele Verne concert next week and a score of parties, small and large, have been already made up for the occasion.

Norman Brander, whose brother, Arthur Brander, is well known in club and social circles here, is in San Francisco, having come up from Tahiti, where he has made his home for some time.

The Misses Morrison, who have been guests at the Fairmont for several weeks, returned to their home in San Jose in time for the holidays.

Miss Edith Greely, the daughter of General and Mrs. Greely of Vancouver, came down to the Benicia arsenal with Miss Laura Benet a few weeks ago, and has since been a guest in the hospitable home of her mother.

San Francisco society people will be glad to hear that Dr. and Mrs. Paolo de Vecchi and their daughter, Miss Marguerite, are planning a visit to San Francisco in early summer.

Answers to Queries

PAYMASTER'S CLERK—Subscriber, City. A paymaster's clerk of the United States navy is appointed by the paymaster who needs his services.

CIVIC FEDERATION—A. C. G. City. The civic federation, which for some time past has met in the Hamilton square Baptist church, is not the first of its kind that was started in this city.

RIGHT TO VOTE—M. A. B., city. The different states regulate the right to vote in some of the states an alien who has declared his intention to become an American citizen is permitted to vote just the same as a native born citizen.

DISCHARGE PAPERS—J. B. Goldfield, Nev. An old soldier who has lost his discharge papers can obtain a duplicate from the war department.

Beet Sugar Industry. The beet sugar situation this year is far from satisfactory, and both the farmers and the sugar manufacturers have good grounds for uneasiness.

Ship Building in Germany. Consul General Richard Guenther of Frankfurt furnishes the following statistics concerning the increase in shipbuilding in Germany.

Beet Sugar Industry. The beet crop is decidedly short, and the percentage of sugar, which it was hoped would be a large one, is an average proves to be much below the average heretofore obtained.

Ship Building in Germany. The number of vessels built in the empire in 1906 was 760, of 238,151 registered tons, against 646 of 310,771 registered tons in 1905.