

HERE IS A BRIEF FOR CENT THAT NO COURT OF JUSTICE COULD IGNORE

What a wonderful lot of adherents the penny has in this state! One could hardly believe it without a glance through the hundreds of letters received in The Call's big penny contest.

These letters take all shapes, styles and methods of presenting arguments. One of the most unusual is printed in full below. It was written by M. Welland, 423 Mills building, and is striking in its originality. Read it. Then sit down and write a letter yourself if you haven't yet entered the contest.

This is the novel letter from Lawyer Welland:

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PUBLIC OPINION, CITY AND COUNTY OF SQUARE DEALING, STATE OF RECIPROCIETY.

IN RE
ONE CENT, alias A PENNY
(A coin),
In Transitu.
ACTION NO. 1
DEPT. 100

PETITION—OUT OF BANK, IN STORES, OFFICES, POCKET BOOKS AND IN GENERAL.
To the Honorable Court, via Live Wire in News, Enterprise and Mechanical Excellence (L. C.) The Call.

GREETING:

YOUR PETITIONER respectfully alleges:
First: That it is a coin, and was duly coined, of silver, in the Seventh Century, and still exists, under and by virtue of the Law of Equitable Exchange, being 95 per cent copper, containing carbonates of Russian malachite and azurite—legal tender value—25 cents.

Second: That all indentments of your petitioner published in said Live Wire heretofore, and up to the day next preceding close of Contest, should be admitted as conclusive evidence that the claims herein contained are satisfied; that said indentments constitute an encyclopedic treasury of important facts, having rare educational value, and should be preserved of record. Particular reference is hereby made to:
CALL issues of December 15-19, pp. 5, column 1, respectively.

Third: Divine authorization regarding Equitable Tender for "value received" is found in:
Luke viii.

WHEREFORE, YOUR PETITIONER prays that this Honorable Court proceed to hear and determine, adjudge and declare said Coin a valid, component part of the Monetary System of aforesaid City, County and State, in accordance with the Law of Public Need in this case made and provided.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
HIS (X) MARK.
(PENNY)

Whose:
Common Sense,
HIS (X) MARK.
(PENNY).

(JURAT.) (Verification.)

A study of economics shows the importance of the penny. It bears down on the "high cost of living" by equalizing percentages of profits on commodities, induces thrift in children and grownups and causes countless industries resulting large capital to flourish. The most conspicuous of these is the penny newspaper.

MRS. CHARLES LA BRONTE,
254 Castro street.

If you place an empty bucket under a leaky dripping water faucet, you are surprised how quickly it fills. The same experiment applies to the penny. Place every penny you get in a cup or jar and it will be only a matter of weeks before they will amount to dollars. By this you will find that it takes pennies to make the dollars. That is one form of thrift to make the dollars.

DANIEL BRYANT,
1016 Wood street, Oakland.

A poor, worthy but disheartened man, without a cent in the world and having a sick wife and three small children to support, was unable to find work. He was slowly walking the streets of San Francisco, thinking seriously of ending the lives of the whole family, when he accidentally found a penny. He picked it up and thought, "Of what advantage is that penny to me?" Then it came to him that a penny would buy The Call. He eagerly rushed to the nearest place where one could be purchased. During the pages to the "Hills Wagon" column, he explained one that he believed he could fill and accordingly answered it. He got a job, which enabled him to relieve the sufferings of himself and family.

AGNES WILLIAMS,
912a Alabama street.

"Save your pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves" applies just as much to the workman as it does to the financier, who formed the nucleus of their fortunes by first saving the pennies.

In demonstration of the power of accumulation of pennies, this old story will serve the purpose admirably.
"In Wall street, New York, one day a beggar woman saw a dirty Green coming along and decided to learn what the thrifty millionaire was 'good for,' to use

the parlance of the beggar gentry. Accosting her with a pitiful air, she said: "Can you give me a poor relation on a little bit of money?"

"Yes, I can," answered the beggar, "and I can give it to you."

"Well, you prove it and I'll help you," answered the now perplexed Mrs. Green.

"Well," continued the faithful beggar, "Wagon's Adam and Eve the first people on earth."

"Yes," admitted the queen of Wall street.

"Well, all we come from her, as she was the first woman, so that makes me a sister to you," triumphantly declared the poor creature.

"Hearty deliberated a second or so, staid into her purse drew forth a penny and handed it to the woman.

"Here, my good sister," she said, "take you as kindly today as I have, tomorrow you, too, will be a millionaire."

MRS. E. H. RICHVILLE,
1717 Myrtle street, Oakland.

Many will need money in two years from now for entrance fees for themselves and families to the Panama Pacific exposition. They will want to entertain friends from the east and foreign countries.

How can poor people do this? By saving pennies. Trade where pennies are used.

When the grocer says you must pay him 15 cents for a 13 cent can of tomatoes, and another grocer.

Let us figure on this. Save three pennies a day for 20 days of a month and

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Write a letter of 250 words, giving your views on the advantages of the penny. Use only one side of the paper.

Awards will be made as follows:

- For the best letter.....\$50 in pennies
- For the second best letter.....\$20 in pennies
- For the third best letter.....\$15 in pennies
- For the fourth best letter.....\$10 in pennies
- For the fifth best letter.....\$5 in pennies

Address your contribution to Penny Contest Editor, The Call.

four for 10 days and in one month you have accumulated 300 pennies. One dollar is worth for two years at 4 per cent will amount to \$25. Save \$3 a month or 10 cents a day and at the end of two years you would save \$720. Ten dollars a month at the same rate would amount to \$2400.

EMMA G. CLOCK,
Morse Hotel, Berkeley.

It is an evident fact that the American people, especially westerners, are extravagantly inclined. The time is fast approaching for "the awakening." What the American people need is help on them the full value of the dollar.

R. E. DRADY,
719A Tennessee street.

Necessities of life too numerous to mention are dealt in by the cent's worth. The use of the cent in change is most

convenient as well as legal. The standard is set by necessity or accommodation, the gratuity of change as well as by law. Experience has shown that its free use is a stimulus to business as well as a necessity to many people, especially children.

Hotel Atlanta. FRANKLIN.

The enormous value of the penny can only be comprehended by a careful study of the tables of compound interest.

Even the small change of payment of one, two or three pennies for the use of a little dollar the large banking interests and vast properties of insurance companies are built.

The difference between the loss or gain of just one penny on the dollar for a few years can make or break the richest loan concerns in the United States.

F. D. BRELSFORD,
230 Pacific building.

ORDERED TO SUE FRISCO DIRECTORS

Receiver Directed to Bring Restitution Suit Against Officials

By Associated Press.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—James W. Lusk, a receiver for the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, today was directed by Circuit Judge Sanborn to bring restitution suit against certain directors and former directors.

Search Continued for Business Man's Body

Search for the body of Stephen Asbill, a member of the firm of Asbill & Hardin, with offices in the First National bank building, who was drowned in a slough on his ranch near Corning yesterday, was continued today under the direction of Robert Hardin, his partner, and W. B. Wagon of the Marine Cooks and Stewards' union, whose body was found at 9 o'clock last night by William Ritchie, a motorman, at Manzanita.

Faith Puts Hope in His Knife; Shows No Charity

Charles Faith put his hope in a knife as a peace restorer and showed no charity. Therefore he is held on two charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

Beachey Loops Loop Five Times Over Fair

Looping the loop five times 3,000 feet above the bay off the exposition grounds, Lincoln Beachey, the daring San Francisco birdman yesterday gave new thrills to 12,000 spectators who had questioned the possibility of the feat being done in a stiff breeze. His flying was the sensation of the day, and was the main event to the curtain raisers which were staged in the air by Silas Christofferson, H. W. Blakely and Roy Francis.

The way Beachey loops his loops looks simple enough; it is very much as if a gigantic seagull turned somersaults in the air.

Five times in that one great drop from the height of 3,000 feet, Beachey headed his plane downward ever more and more perpendicular until the machine gently turned over, recovered its equilibrium, and then shot downward again for the next loop.

Slashes Girl's Clothes And Cuts Her With Razor

John Raffaele stepped up to Ruth Davis at Kearny and Pacific streets early today and slashed her clothes to ribbons with a razor, while a crowd looked on. Screaming, the girl fled, with Raffaele at her heels. She fell with a bad wound in her arm. Her assailant was subdued after a 10-minute fight at the central police station, his victim going to the harbor emergency hospital.

Raffaele lives at the La France hotel and the girl at the New Commercial.

U. S. EXPORTERS INVADERS AFRICA

Statistics Show Americans Outrank Foreign Countries in Goods Shipped

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The success that has marked the efforts of American manufacturers to establish markets for their exports in the union of South Africa, long considered to be exclusive provinces for foreign traders, completely refutes the assertion that foreign competition is driving Americans from the field of export trade, according to a statement made public today by the department of commerce.

The rapid strides of American exporters into the field of foreign trade has caused a note of warning to be sounded throughout the United Kingdom against American aggressiveness in South Africa, the department asserts. Statistics are cited by the department showing that for the first time in more than five years the United States in 1912 outranked all other foreign countries in imports into South Africa.

COOK KILLED BY TRAIN

A train on the Northwestern Pacific killed Frank Hudson, a member of the Marine Cooks and Stewards' union, whose body was found at 9 o'clock last night by William Ritchie, a motorman, at Manzanita.

WEATHER FORECAST

For San Francisco—Fair and cooler tonight; fair Saturday; heavy frost Saturday morning; light northwest wind.

POLICE CORDON QUELLS RIOTERS

Los Angeles Plaza District Surrounded and All Persons Searched for Weapons

By Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—The historic plaza district in the older section of Los Angeles, scene of a Christmas riot among unemployed which resulted in the death of one and the injury of more than a dozen, was surrounded by a cordon of police early today. All who attempted to pass were searched for weapons. City detectives hunted through the Mexican quarter for information concerning the reported death of two more during the riot.

The police raided every restaurant, saloon, pool hall and lodging house in the vicinity of the plaza, taking into custody all on whom weapons of any sort could be found, or who showed signs of having participated in the riot.

The police visited the rendezvous of the I. W. W., where they said they found short lead pipes, clubs and other weapons, which they confiscated.

Cross League Cadets To Entertain Prisoners

Members of Company L, League of the Cross Cadets, will present a theatrical performance at the county jail Sunday afternoon for the benefit of the prisoners.

Read the Want Ads Call-Post. It pays.

Frazer Succeeds Root As Head of W. O. W.

By Associated Press.

OMAHA, Dec. 26.—W. A. Frazer of Dallas, Texas, sovereign adviser of the order, will automatically succeed J. Cullen Root, sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World, who is dead at Hendersonville, N. C. The board of advisers will hold a meeting tomorrow to give official sanction to Frazer's succession. The regular successor to the sovereign commander will be elected at the convention of the sovereign camp in San Francisco in 1915. The office carries a salary of \$20,000 a year.

EVERY DAY'S CHRISTMAS DAY

When You Buy the CHERRY Way

"Fellows," said Ted to a group at the club, "you are probably all broke after Christmas, so let me slip you a tip on clothes. If you need a suit or overcoat, go to CHERRY'S. A good many of you have never heard of this store, because they do not come out with a lot of advertising, and that is one reason why they can afford to sell \$35 and \$40 suits for half the price. The best advertisement that they have is a large number of well-dressed and satisfied customers. I feel that I am as nattily dressed as any man in this circle, and I know that I have not paid nearly as much as any of you. In fact, I have not paid for this suit, because CHERRY'S Credit Plan allows a fellow all the time that he wants to pay up."

They went out in a body to the Market street store and found suits and overcoats that were the very top notch of fashion on display.

CHERRY'S have two stores in San Francisco—at 1009 Market street and 2400 Mission street. Both of these carry men's as well as women's clothes. CHERRY'S Oakland stores are at 528 13th street for men and 515 13th street for women. In Los Angeles the store is at 626 South Broadway.—Advertisement.

Beautiful Calendars to Send Away

No other holiday gift is of such general use and so acceptable. Our line is very attractive, embracing a large collection of famous California Views, handsomely mounted and boxed ready for mailing.

Pictures of Merit, framed and in sheet.
Let us do your Picture Framing—largest stock of mouldings—Best work at a fair price.

Leather Goods
There is no finer stock of Ladies' Leather Hand Bags anywhere—Music Rolls, Travelling Toilet Sets—Men's Pocketbooks, Bill-books and Card Cases—Initials in gold free.

Parisian Ivory Toilet Sets—Celanese Palating Supplies—Photo Albums—Photo Frames—Fountain Pens.

Oil and Water Color Outfits, Trunks, Suit Cases, Travelling Bags.

We save \$3,000 a month in rent by being one block off Market st., on Mission between 3d and 4th. It keeps down the prices.

Sanborn, Vail & Co.
755-765 MISSION, Bet. 3d and 4th.

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Read the Want Ads Call-Post. It pays.

Marabou Capes and Stoles \$2.98 | Hemstitched Chiffon Veils 59c

Just 50 in this special lot, which we will close out at \$2.98. Choice of natural, black, black with white, natural with white or Ostrich and Marabou combined. This is without doubt the best proposition we have made in Marabous this season.



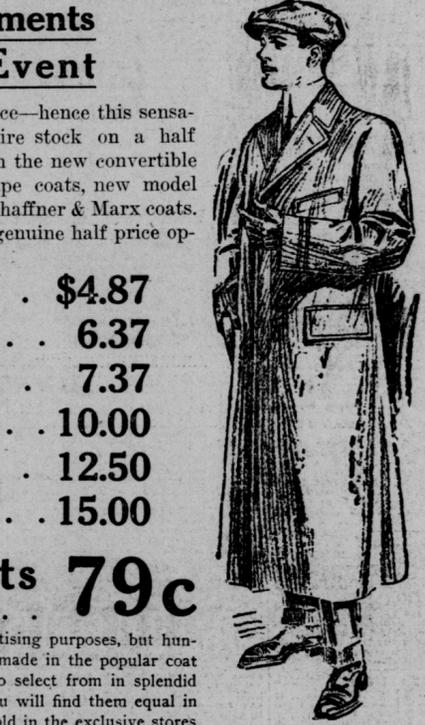
25 dozen of them—actual 75c veils. They are 2 yards long, 1 yard wide, and hemstitched. The assortment includes all of the popular shades.
Silk Scarfs 29c
Odds and ends in 2 yard hemstitched scarfs—some tinselled, others in silk Mull. All of the popular colors are represented.

Actual Half-Price Sale Men's Overcoats

The Season's Best Garments in a Sensational Event

We propose to reduce our stock of overcoats at once—hence this sensational cut price announcement. We offer you our entire stock on a half price basis. The assortment includes long coats with the new convertible or shawl collars, whole or half lined. Also long drape coats, new model Raglans, a few samples and a fair assortment of Hart Shaffner & Marx coats. The men of San Francisco should appreciate this genuine half price opportunity. Note the prices:

- Regular \$9.75 Coats Reduced to . . . \$4.87
- Regular \$12.75 Coats Reduced to . . . 6.37
- Regular \$14.75 Coats Reduced to . . . 7.37
- Regular \$20.00 Coats Reduced to . . . 10.00
- Regular \$25.00 Coats Reduced to . . . 12.50
- Regular \$30.00 Coats Reduced to . . . 15.00



Silk Lisle Hose

For Men 17c

3 pairs for 50c. Slightly imperfect 25c silk lisle hose, in black only. The imperfections amount to very little—only a drop stitch here and there. A stitch or two will make them as good as new.

Seconds of "Lambsdown" Underwear

For Men 59c

The genuine Lambsdown fleeced lined underwear—a Universal staple. Our regular price on these seconds is 69c. Saturday we make a reduction of 10c a garment and offer you a complete size assortment in both shirts and drawers. Remember, this is genuine Lambsdown.

Knit Combination Suits

For Children \$2.75

Our \$3.45 and \$4.00 lines of knit combination suits. Three pieces—sweater, leggings and toque, in tan, white and gray. Choice of plain or fancy weaves.

Children's Sweater Coats 39c

Sizes 22, 24 and 26, in plain or fancy weave sweater coats—gray, red, white and various combinations of colors.

Girls' White French Dresses 50c

Former selling prices ranged up to \$1.50. They are slightly soiled, hence this reduction. Many styles to select from.



Men's Shirts 79c

A Bargain Feature . . .

Not a few of them for advertising purposes, but hundreds in all sizes. They are all made in the popular coat style, scores of choice patterns to select from in splendid quality Madras and Percale. You will find them equal in every way to many \$1.00 shirts sold in the exclusive stores of San Francisco. We carry a big line at this price at all times. If you want to economize in a substantial way, buy these shirts.

Regular \$2.50 Flannel Shirts \$1.85

A cut price for Saturday only. Splendid Flannel shirts, with auto collars, in gray, khaki and olive, sizes 14 to 17. Don't lose sight of the fact that these are our own regular \$2.50 shirts reduced to \$1.85 Saturday only.

SPECIAL! Two-Casp Lambskin Gloves 89c Pair

Good size assortment in tan, brown, white and black.

Big Purchase and Sale Girls' Coats

A short time ago we purchased a lot of 300 coats at most ridiculous prices, when you consider that they are all new and stylish and have never been in a store. They came from a manufacturer's representative who had instructions to sell them without regard to cost. The styles are all the very latest—principally Balkan and sport belted models. The materials include Corduroys, Persian Lamb, broadened Plush, all-wool mixed and stripe fabrics, etc.

- Many of them are fur trimmed. There are four bargain groups:
- \$5.00 Coats Marked . . . \$2.98
- \$6.50 Coats Marked . . . \$3.98
- \$8.00 Coats Marked . . . \$5.98
- \$12.50 Coats Marked . . . \$6.98

Although the quantity seems large we advise you to make your selection Saturday. The size assortment runs from ages 2 to 15.

Boys' \$4.95 and \$5.95 Overcoats Marked \$3.15

Here is a great opportunity for San Francisco mothers. These are regular \$4.95 and \$5.95 lines, sizes 8 to 16. The styles are new—some with belt in back, others plain box back. Choose from mixtures, stripe effects, etc., in Tweeds and Cassimeres. This reduced price will be in effect Saturday only.



Sailor and Russian Suits
Tweeds, blue serges and chevrots.
\$5.00 Grade.....\$3.65
\$7.50 Grade.....\$5.95

The Juvenile
130 GRANT AVE., Bet. Geary and Post.

\$1.00 Knit Ties
50 dozen all silk knit ties; regular 29c \$1.00 values.

Annual Year-End Sale

The Juvenile Annual "Year-End" Sale commenced this morning in order that mothers may bring the boys in before they go back to school. The Christmas rush has left our stock in such shape that only a thorough cleaning out of all odds and ends, broken lines and sizes and holiday novelties, will put the store in order for a fresh start in January. Considering the character of our merchandise, these reductions listed below are remarkable.

- Boys' \$5.00 Norfolk Suits, \$3.65
Broken Lines and Sizes; ages 6 to 17.
- Boys' \$8.50 and \$7.50 Suits, \$6.15
- BOYS' NORFOLK SUITS, values up to \$12.50 \$8.75
No Blue Serges or Chevrots at these prices.
- Young Men's Suits and O'Coats
\$18.00 Suits and O'coats.....\$14.75
\$22.50 Suits and O'coats.....\$19.75
\$30.00 Suits and O'coats.....\$23.75
No Blue Serges or Chevrots at these prices.
\$25.00 Raincoats (only 25 coats).....\$14.75
- 50 Double-Breasted Suits, ages 10 to 17 only; \$7.50 and \$6.50 values.....\$3.65
65 Stout Suits for boys 13 to 16; regular \$10 and \$8.50 values.....\$4.95
- Children's O'Coats
Formerly \$8.50 and \$7.50.....\$5.95
Formerly to \$12.50 O'coats.....\$8.75
\$25 Fur Trimmed Coats.....\$11.75
Ages 4 to 10.
- Boys' Overcoats
Ages 10 to 17.
\$7.50 O'coats, now.....\$5.95
\$10.00 O'coats, now.....\$7.95
\$12.50 O'coats, now.....\$9.75
Boys' Long Pants Suits.....\$9.75
Ages 14 to 18; Regular \$12.50 values.
- YOUNG MEN'S SHIRTS
—Sizes 13 1/2 to 15 1/2. Some slightly soiled from handling; \$2.50 and \$1.50 Shirts.....\$1.15
- YOUNG MEN'S UNDERWEAR—Old
\$1.50 garments.....95c
\$2.00 garments.....\$1.15
- Children's Plush and Velour Hats at About 1/2 Off
\$3.50 Hats.....\$1.90
\$5.00 Hats.....\$2.65
\$6.50 Hats.....\$3.45
\$8.00 Hats.....\$4.20
\$10.00 Hats.....\$5.00
Boys' Caps.....45c