

HE LIKES SACRAMENTO.

President Huntington's Admiration for His Old Home.

He Would Rather Live Here Than Elsewhere—Some Promised Improvements.

President C. P. Huntington of the Southern Pacific Company arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, on his return from a trip up the west side of the Sacramento River as far as Marysville, whither he went to examine the recently-constructed branch between that city and Knights Landing. He was accompanied by General Manager A. N. Towne, ex-United States Senator Fair, Division Superintendent J. B. Wright of this city, W. G. Curtis, Engineer William Hood and N. D. Rideout.

Mayor Comstock and a delegation of citizens, composed of Trustees McLaughlin, H. Weinstock, Senator Dray, C. A. Lachs, E. K. Alsip and C. E. Adams, called upon Mr. Huntington in his private car for the purpose of directing his attention to the matter of having China Slough reclaimed.

After the members of the committee had been introduced to Mr. Huntington—several of whom, however, were known to him personally—Major Weinstock, at the request of the Mayor, explained the chief object of the committee's visit. He said the slough, in its past and present condition, has been and still is a menace to the health of the city, as well as an eyesore to the public, and was believed that it was only necessary to have the attention of the railroad officials called to the matter, and that they would realize the necessity of filling the basin and making a valuable property out of that which is now useless.

Mr. Huntington listened attentively to what Major Weinstock had to say, and then replied: "Well, gentlemen, I think I understand the subject. I am sure that the slough and its surroundings, for you know, I lived here in Sacramento some fifteen years ago. It is desirous that the basin be filled, but the cost would be very great, and the railroad company has had no money to spare except for needed improvements. I never keep any money. True, we take in a great deal, but it is paid right out again for rolling stock, track-building, machine shops, wages of employees, and for everything else. It seems as if we couldn't get much ahead. I have been a borrower of money for nearly fifty years, but I am pleased to be able to say that our company is borrowing less today than at any time during its existence, and I have strong hopes of its soon being practically out of debt."

"I have not been to the coast for some time," continued Mr. Huntington, "to spend any time in Sacramento, as I had hoped to do. And then the Governor has not been feeling very well, besides being busily engaged in preparing for his reception of President Harrison, and the consequence is we have not been to the coast for some time and wish to the consideration of this and other matters."

"This is to Sacramento a matter of considerable importance," Mr. Huntington, remarked Major Weinstock. "Yes, I am aware of that," replied Mr. Huntington, "and for that reason I feel an interest in it. It is not necessary to remember that our company operates many thousands of miles of railroad, and that almost every place of any size along the routes wants something done for it. However, I like Sacramento, and wish to see the city prosper. And I say to you, gentlemen, that there is no place in all this country where I would rather live than right here in Sacramento. You have more pleasant days the year round than are enjoyed by the people of any other part of the country."

"Why," continued Mr. Huntington, "a pleasant smile spreading over his face, when I lived here I thought there was no place and no climate so nice. In the early springtime I used to get a loose-fitting suit of thin blue flannel, and I can remember how comfortable it felt through the summer days. There was always a soft bit of breeze here in the afternoon—just the edge, as it were, of the ocean winds that are so cold in San Francisco. If I didn't have to work so hard when I came out to the coast, I would spend just about seven-eighths of my time here in Sacramento. But, you know, I have to do so many things to look after, that almost before I know it my time is up, and I have to speed back to the coast again."

"And now, as regards the filling of the slough, I am in favor of having it done, some work will be required in the way of surveys, and I will have to see that made as to the number of cubic yards of earth required, and all that, and if we find that the expense comes within reason I have no doubt the work will be done."

"Yes," remarked Mr. Alsip, "and see what valuable property a south basin will have after the slough has been filled."

Mr. Huntington's eyes twinkled knowingly as he replied: "Oh, as to the business side of the matter, I don't know much in it and buy all the land we need for far less money than it would cost to fill the slough."

Mr. Adams suggested that the city might aid in the work and stand a portion of the expense. "No," replied Mr. Huntington, "if it was any other place than Sacramento, where our road first took its start, I might consent to that, but I am in favor of having this large basin reclaimed, and having our company do it at its own expense. That is because we like Sacramento, and wish to see her prosper. Why, gentlemen, it would surprise you to know the enormous amount of money that we have buried here beneath our shops and tracks in reclaiming this locality. It was not until a business proposition in the first place to locate our works in this spot, I believe we could have gone east of Tehachas and purchased a thousand acres of land for less money than has been buried here."

"I did not," he added, "at first favor the location of our shops in this spot. I looked at the matter as a business proposition, but my associates took another view of it, and I gratefully submitted; and now I am glad to see that chiefly for the reason that our improvements here stand as a bulwark between the city and all danger from floods in this direction."

Turning to General Manager Towne, Mr. Huntington said: "I suppose there is little doubt, Mr. Towne, but that we shall need more room here soon?" "We shall," replied the latter, "indeed, we need more now."

"Well, gentlemen," said Mr. Huntington, "you may rest assured that we will give the matter our early attention, very least, we can have a portion of the basin filled at first, and I presume it will make no difference to the people of Sacramento which portion we fill first."

"No," replied one of the committee members, "but how would it do to have it all filled at once, even if it did not all go higher for a time?" "What would be the object of that?" inquired Mr. Huntington.

"Well, it would be the sanitary condition," was the reply. "I think," said Mr. Huntington, "you are mistaken on that point. The sanitary condition would not be greatly improved with the water so near the surface. No, it would be better to fill it clear up as we go, but it could not be used for building purposes right away, as the ground would have to settle. I shall leave the matter to Mr. Towne, to have the surveys and estimates of cost made at an early day."

"And," said Mr. Towne, "I will forward the figures promptly to Mr. Huntington, at New York, with any suggestions that you may have in the matter, for his consideration."

Something was said about Sutterville, and Mr. Huntington was reminded of a little incident that occurred shortly after the disastrous fire in 1852. A friend of his, named Simmonds, was one of those

who at that time lost heart in the city and went and bought a lot in Sutterville, believing that a new city would grow up there.

"He came to my office," said Mr. Huntington, "and asked my opinion about the matter. I knew he had bought a lot, and didn't care to discourage him, although I knew he had made a mistake. As he was going out of the front door of the store, my office was away back at the rear end—I called out to him and he came back. 'Simmonds,' said I, 'when you buy your lot, be sure you get a good big one.' 'What for?' he asked. 'So you can keep a cow!' I replied."

"He went home and told his wife what I had said, and asked her what she thought I meant. Now, Mrs. Simmonds was a great deal brighter than her husband, and she saw through the thing at once. 'Why,' said she, 'Mr. Huntington means that you are a blamed fool! And you see I was right—the Sutterville boom didn't amount to much.'"

"But," said Mr. Alsip, "I think the people made a mistake?" "How so?" asked Mr. Huntington. "Because, if they had removed to Sutterville at that time, they would have 75,000 inhabitants to-day."

"Don't you believe anything of the kind?" said the man of many millions, who had never made a business mistake in his long and active life. "Sacramento is right where it ought to be. I thought so in 1849, when I first landed here, I thought so ten years afterward, and I think so now. It would have cost an immense sum of money to have filled in the great marsh between the Sutterville highlands and the river."

"Yes," said Mr. Alsip, "but the money that it has cost to raise our streets and buildings would have done that." "That reminds me," said Mr. Huntington, "laughingly, 'of the remark once made by an impetuous chap, that if he could buy his universe for a quarter, it wouldn't do him any good, for he didn't know where he could get the quarter—the people didn't have the money in those days to pay for such a stupendous good thing."

"At this juncture a belated member of the committee entered the car, and after a hearty greeting by Mr. Huntington, the citizen congratulated him on his apparent good health.

"Yes," said Mr. Huntington, "my health is very good, but you see I don't have time to get sick. Why, I have averaged twelve hours of labor a day since I came out here this time. It isn't work that kills of men so fast, but their sins and their attendant evils. When a man begins to think he is getting old, and that he has worked long enough, and concludes to quit in order that he may enjoy life—then it is that sickness and death overtake him. I haven't got ready to do that yet."

After some more conversation of a pleasant sort the committee withdrew with renewed assurance from Mr. Huntington of the deep interest he felt in Sacramento, her people and her prosperity, and of his earnest desire to promote her welfare in any way that lay in his power.

The members of the Citizens' Committee were highly pleased with the result of their interview with Mr. Huntington, and feel confident that he will do all and even more than he has promised. He was in the best of spirits, and laughed at the suggestion of one of the committee, that Sacramento had done very well, considering that the business she had had to contend against. "Pshaw!" he said, "those obstacles don't amount to anything—they have been no worse than other communities have had to contend with—Sacramento is all right."

Mr. Huntington and Mr. Towne then entered a carriage with Colonel Wright and accompanied the latter to his residence, as he was suffering from a very bad cold contracted during a trip through the snow-belt a few days since. After a short drive about the city they resumed their journey to San Francisco.

RIDING FOR LIFE.

The Fast Trip Made From Oakland by W. R. Knights.

Reference was made yesterday to the fact that W. R. Knights of this city made a very rapid trip from Oakland here on Tuesday, on being apprised by telegraph of the dangerous illness of his wife. Regarding thereto, the Oakland Enquirer says:

"Fifty-seven miles in an hour and four minutes! That is the speedy rail climbing that engineer Jesse Taylor effected on Tuesday, and it is one of the best runs ever made on the western division of the Southern Pacific Company.

That morning W. R. Knights, the well-known merchant, doing business in San Francisco and Sacramento, chartered a special engine to carry him to Sacramento. It was a case of sickness in his family, and as there was no train until the evening he decided on the only other way of getting there, which was on the box seat of a special engine.

Engineer Jesse Taylor was put in charge of engine 54, and started forth with his solitary passenger. The trip to Port Costa was uneventful and not particularly long, as the engine was delayed by several trains, but upon reaching the Benicia side Taylor opened the throttle of his engine and covered the whole ground, fifty-seven miles, in sixty-four minutes, making in several spurts more than a mile a minute.

Sacramento before has this run been equaled so short a time. Taylor was rewarded for his industriousness by a handsome gift.

LOOKS STORMY.

Rains in the Far North, and the Barometer still Falling.

The Signal Service reports in this city yesterday show a falling barometer, fresh southerly winds and a partly cloudy sky. The barometer readings at 5 A. M. and 5 P. M. were 29.59 and 29.52 inches.

A low barometer with heavy rainfall was recorded in Washington, Oregon and the extreme northern portion of California, the total amount precipitated during the thirty-six hours ending at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon was as follows: Olympia, 1.20 inches; Portland, 1.40 inches; Roseburg, .28 of an inch; Eureka, .53 of an inch, and nothing at Red Bluff, Sacramento or San Francisco.

The weather at Red Bluff at 5 P. M. was partly cloudy, with southerly winds blowing twelve miles per hour, while in this city at the same hour the same kind of weather prevailed, blowing with southerly winds traveling fifteen miles per hour. The highest and lowest temperature was 70° and 50°.

A MAGNIFICENT TRAIN.

Tourists Traveling in a Style that Forerunners of the East.

The fourth vestibule excursion train sent by the Pennsylvania Railroad to the Golden Gate arrived in this city yesterday. It was composed of one library and smoking-car, one dining-car, four sleepers and an observation-car, and had a full complement of excursionists.

The train is lighted by electricity, from a dynamo in the forward car, and is electrically heated throughout. The excursionists say they have had a delightful ride across the continent, and were delighted with the prospect of spending three weeks in California.

They will return via the Shasta route and the Northern Pacific line.

MID WORKS OF ART.

Brilliant Reception Last Evening at the Art Gallery.

Sacramento Ladies Entertain the Members of the State Medical Society.

The ladies' reception to the visiting physicians was given at the city's E. B. Crocker Art Gallery last night. About 350 people were present. It was a full dress party in intent, but very many of the ladies and gentlemen did not appear in the conventional costume. But there were many very handsome dresses and rich toilets.

The Art Gallery never appeared to better advantage. The lower hall, or lecture-room, was converted into a veritable bower of evergreens with vines, potted plants and flowering shrubs, and there was, besides, drapery along the upper walls of bright hues, while the stage was packed with a mass of heavy foliage.

In the center of the hall was one long supply-table surrounded by forty lesser tables, each accommodating four persons. On each table was an elegant bouquet in the center of the snow white linen covering. Here during the evening refreshments were served, highly and plentiful, varied and choice. B. A. Johnson was caterer, but had a score of young ladies served the guests.

After some routine business in the School of Design hall, the dressing was entirely floral. The great casts of the school were placed in the four corners and fairly covered at the top with floral decorations worked upon narrow drapery about the pedestals. The niches were adorned with large bouquets and here and there were large vases of flowers, all decorated with floral wealth. No other ornamentation was attempted, and wisely, for the splendid finishings of the room and its artistic beauty were the chief objects of any attempt to drape or decorate the apartment. The inland floor had been repolished and brightened, and then waxed, and in addition to the floor effect, for this floor has been hidden since the School of Design has occupied the room.

The Library and Life-class room was converted into a card-room and retiring chamber. In the upper galleries electric lights were strung in sufficient number to brilliantly illuminate the halls. Not before in five years have the picture galleries been lighted. The Museum Association, who probably negotiate to have the are-lights left in place, that the gallery may, during the summer, be occasionally thrown open at night.

The orchestra, seated in pieces, under the direction of C. A. Neale, was located in the upper gallery near the central opening, so that the music was heard distinctly upon the main floor below, in the art room. Everywhere, committees and assistants, under direction of Dr. J. H. Parkinson, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the session of the Medical Society, were constant in extending aid to the Ladies' Committee of Management. Servants in cloak-room, and rest-rooms and ladies' dressing-rooms, rendered service to the guests, and in the main vestibule lemonade was served.

At half past eight Dr. W. R. Chunes, the retiring President, Dr. W. W. Lewis, cordial thanks were returned by the society, by a rising vote, for hospitable entertainment by the citizens of Sacramento.

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afternoon for San Francisco and the southern part of the State, to spend their honeymoon. Miss Martin, E. Law and John I. Johnson acted as bridesmaid and bridegroom, respectively. The newly-wedded couple will visit their friends on their return on the 9th of May.

A reception to Professor Anderson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was tendered last evening by E. C. Atkinson, Secretary of the Teachers of Sacramento, and welcomed by the teachers of Sacramento. There were present City Superintendent Hart, Professor Pond, of the High School, the Messrs. Johnson, of the Capital and School Grammar Schools, Miss Weeks, of the Sacramento Grammar School, Miss McCormack, of the High School, and Misses W. L. Willis and wife, Mrs. Tiffany, Wells Drury and others. An elegant collation was served and some good speeches made.

Arrivals at the Capital Hotel yesterday: B. Kirchner, San Francisco; E. Smith, Oakland; Dr. C. P. Woodward, H. S. Hogan, San Francisco; Fred. C. Miles, R. W. Agnew, Pany, Dr. C. C. Jones, Miss Frankie Jones, Grass Valley; R. E. Shaw, Nevada City; Dr. J. Clark and daughter, Miss M. A. Tierney, Woodland; George Hanson and wife, Paul M. Doyle, Truckee; A. C. Hawkins, Biggs; George W. Caples, Folsom; Mrs. B. Jones, Mrs. C. Hall, San Jose; E. Frank Stephens, George Town; G. B. Montgomery, Hollister; Reuben Clark, Williams; T. W. H. Shambaugh, Anderson; J. W. W. Snow, New York; N. W. Boyd, San Francisco; James Miller, J. R. Sneed, H. H. Fair, San Francisco; Frank Zak, Chicago; Fred. Homester, Placerville.

DEPARTMENT ONE—Grant, Presiding. THURSDAY, April 23. E. Maddox vs. George Maddox, divorce—Continued till May. E. Oppenheim vs. E. Oppenheim, divorce—Continued till to-day. Laura Jones vs. Barrer—On trial.

BRIEF NOTES. The approach to the railroad track on Fourth and B streets is being widened and raised. Mrs. E. M. Hinckley will be in Sacramento to form classes in cookery on Monday next. The death is announced of W. H. Coker, an old citizen of the city, who had been ill for a long time. The Board of City Trustees decided yesterday to postpone the inspection of the work on the river levees until Tuesday next, at 1 P. M.

At the West Union School, on Friday evening last, a pleasant entertainment was given by the children, under the direction of the teacher, Miss Lena Janis. The bonnet social to be given at the rooms of the May of the Christian Association, 1011 Ninth street, this evening, promises to be a very pleasant affair. The Fire Commissioners have lately been engaged in visiting the engine and hook-and-ladder companies, with a view to determining the repairs that will be necessary to be made this summer.

Not the First Trout. A Washington youth claims to have caught the first trout ever taken from the Sacramento. The young gentleman is in error—not a few trout have been caught in the river, and it was only a few weeks ago that a handsome one-pounder of the Eastern "silver" species was caught by the sportsman McManus, just above the city. It was a beauty—a speckled one, at that.

Petitions in Probate. Isabella Wheadon has filed in the Superior Court a petition for letters of administration on the estate of Isabella Johnson, deceased. The estate is valued at \$2,500. The petition will be heard on the 28th of May. A petition has also been filed by E. B. Carroll, administrator of the estate of John H. Carroll, deceased, for the appointment of appraisers thereof.

Bell's Saturday Sale. On Saturday, at 10 A. M., at their salesroom, 519 and 514 J street, Bell & Co. will sell at auction several horses, buggies, harness, and a large and miscellaneous lot of household furniture. At the opening of the sale the Concord property on J street, between Fourth and Fifth will be sold.

Payable Without Interest. Attorney-General Hart rendered an opinion to Controller Colgan yesterday after some routine business, such as approving the minutes, etc., the other officers were declared installed. Dr. Shields then led the company in three cheers for the retiring President, Dr. Chunes, and, on motion of Dr. W. Lewis, cordial thanks were returned by the society, by a rising vote, for hospitable entertainment by the citizens of Sacramento.

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Changed Daily for Weinstock, Lubin & Co.

TAN LEATHER AND CANVAS SHOES.

The unusual excellence of our Canvas and Tan Leather Shoes brought us a large trade in past seasons, and we found it difficult to supply all demands. This year the shoes have been still further improved, and we have placed heavy orders, insuring the lowest prices for goods of like quality.

Our Canvas Shoes have a finished air, and are as shapely and perfect fitting as leather shoes. The canvas is a handsome tan color with trimmings to match of fine pebble goat. Ladies' Canvas Shoes, sizes 2 1/2 to 7. Price, \$1 75. Misses' Canvas Shoes, sizes 11 to 2. Price, \$1 50. Boys' or Girls' Canvas Shoes, sizes 2 to 10 1/2. Price, \$1 25. Men's Canvas Shoes. Price, \$1 65. Ladies' Tan Leather Tennis Shoes, with flexible rubber soles and spring heels, sizes 1 to 7. Price, \$2. Men's Tan Leather Shoes, with hook and lace fastening. Price, \$2 50 and \$3. Low-cut Oxfords. Price, \$2 50.

MAGIC POCKET SAFES, to hold \$5 in dimes. Price, 25 cents. THE "OUJA" (pronounced we-ja) PARLOR GAME has arrived. Price, \$1 35.

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