

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

An Exciting Afternoon at the State Fair Races.

How a Police Court Judge Disposed of a Disagreeable Case—Practical Joke on a Bridgroom.

There came near being a riot at the Park on afternoon during the fair. Jack Biddleman, the lively fireman, who captured a secession flag from Major Gillis one evening in front of the St. George Hotel, was at the races. He had been imbibing rather freely, and while pretty drunk pulled the Confederate emblem from his inside pocket and began to explain to a crowd how he captured it.

Political feeling was at boiling heat in those days, and the sight of the little flag drew a big crowd around Biddleman. Each new crowd that came up would ask what was the cause of the excitement, and someone would reply, "That man has a rebel flag."

Then someone would shout, "Hang him!" "Throw him over the fence!" and so on, until the thousands present became greatly excited. Only the few who were close to the flag understood the situation, while those on the outskirts of the crowd grew frantic in their efforts to get at him and tear the flag from his hands.

Old Colonel Giff, the Kentucky turkman, who was himself a rabid fire-eater, was in the report, and when he heard that somebody had been waving a rebel flag he loudly denounced the act, and in his usual emphatic manner, embellished with a variety of oaths, declared that the fellow ought to be mobbed.

The crowd surged about beneath the stand for some time, and finally was drawn, but before anyone was seriously hurt Biddleman escaped through the Co. corner of Third and J streets, closed its doors on the 25th of September, 1861. D. H. Quinn was one of the sufferers who had deposited there.

A good joke was played on a newly-wedded young man at Marysville. They were married in an adjoining county and left at once for Marysville, where a reception was given them.

A merry evening was enjoyed, and when it became time to disperse some of the waggishly-inclined young people got the bride to consent to having a trick played on the groom. They fixed up a dummy bride with the aid of pillows and the real bride's choicest undergarments and placed it in the bed, the bride herself hiding with friends in an adjoining room.

In due time the impatient groom was notified that he might retire. He was a bashful young fellow, and extinguished his candle as soon as he got into the room and had taken a hasty glance at what he supposed to be his bride with her face timidly turned toward the wall.

In about five minutes a demoniac yell startled the guests in the hotel, and a partially unclad figure rushed out of the bridal chamber and went down the stairs for a jump. While some of the men grasped the figure and another rushed him into the bathroom below, a committee of both sexes inspected the room and its contents. They found the dummy bearing the imprint of a tight squeeze around the waist, which squeeze seemed to have had the demoralizing effect upon the groom referred to.

As soon as he could be quieted down the joke was explained to him, but he did not take kindly to it and wanted to fight. He finally yielded to the bride's appeal and retired to his room.

About that time Thomas J. Thebe and Mary A. Hunter were married at Yankee Jim's, Placer County, and it is barely possible they can tell something of what the occurrence, if they are yet living.

A report gained currency that David S. Terry, Dan Showalter and a few other leading lights of the secession Democracy had gathered in the San Joaquin Valley and were contemplating sending several hundred desperate men armed overland to join the Southern troops.

It turned out that the report was premature, although a little later a body of men did leave by way of Arizona for the southern cause.

Judge Terry was one of those who in 1850 fell under the ban of the San Francisco Vigilance Committee, and for some time it was widely reported that he had been banished from the State. The Executive Committee held a meeting to consider the matter. The vote had been stated as sixteen in favor of banishment and thirteen for unconditional release, and when it was submitted to the members there were 127 present, of which eighty favored release, and he was accordingly allowed to go.

The following evening a reception was given to Judge Terry on his arrival in Sacramento, and there was a grand old-fashioned howl by the Southern element of the Democratic party, who stood by Terry.

Cohn of San Francisco. He had made a mistake in the house.

There was a great frolic at Warm Springs, Siskiyou Valley, Contra Costa County, one day in September, between Samlign, a Spaniard, and an American known as "Long John." Thousands of persons were present, including a couple of hundred women, and some 500 changed hands on the result. The distance was 125 yards, the native winning easily.

About this time the duel between Wm. Gouverneur Morris and Tom Shannon, editor of the Visalia Delta, was fought. It resulted in Shannon being wounded in the chest. Morris afterwards became United States Marshal, and Shannon Collector of the Port of San Francisco. The former is dead, but the latter still lives.

One day during the State Fair Tom Rooney undertook to ride 210 miles over the Yolo Park course in ten hours. After riding 152 miles he discovered that he had too much whiskey and did not enough horse and outfit. He had made twenty-one miles an hour up to that time.

Mud Springs, El Dorado County, should never be referred to in a slighting manner, for in 1861 Mud Springs sent a company of volunteers to help save the Union. They were sixty men, and in the company, which was commanded by Captain W. S. Lofland.

On the morning of the 29th of September the old Forrest Theater, on J street, between Second and Third, was destroyed by fire. It was erected in 1855 by J. Cook & Co., at a cost of \$70,000, and was first opened January 8th the following year.

During the State Fair of 1861 there were wholesale arrests of gamblers made by the police, and games were prohibited. The law then was probably more perfect laws than now, or something else.

The first passenger car over the I-street horse railway started on the 18th of September, 1861, and was in fact the first passenger car in the city. It ran out to Twentieth street, and thence to Agricultural Park.

The bank of Thomas S. Fiske & Co., corner of Third and J streets, closed its doors on the 25th of September, 1861. D. H. Quinn was one of the sufferers who had deposited there.

A Sacramento man received a letter from a friend in the South, which concluded with the words: "I am as long as goddennighty gives us breath."

NOT REGULARLY IN IT. Charles Henry Admits That He Begged, But Denies Being a Vagrant.

There were but two cases on the Police Court yesterday. Charles Henry, charged with vagrancy, could not deny the accusation that he had tried to beg money of a man, but he declared that that was not his regular business, and that he would be glad to get steady employment at any kind of honorable work. Judge Croesus was in his case under advisement until to-day.

The case of N. G. Wilcomb, charged with petit larceny, went over until Monday.

New Incorporations. The following articles of incorporation were filed in the Secretary of State's office yesterday:

Los Angeles and Utah Mining and Improvement Company. Capital stock, \$3,000,000. Directors—Thomas Taylor, T. B. Burnett, W. H. Workman, William H. Wierup, J. S. Mills, C. C. Mulholland and P. H. Gibbon.

Himmick & Lull of San Francisco. Capital stock, \$50,000. Directors—C. P. Lull, W. Himmick, D. W. Loring, J. O. Lull and G. McMenzie.

Jefferson Gold Quartz Mining Company of Marysville. Capital stock, \$100,000. Directors—J. Johnson, C. E. Brown, C. E. Sivezy, A. M. Nash and S. C. King.

National Opera-class Company of California. Capital stock, \$100,000. Directors—C. P. Pomeroy, J. J. McEade, Charles Gore, E. E. Johnson and W. O. Ludovic.

Trimbler Orchard Company of San Jose. Capital stock, \$100,000. Directors—Mary J. Trimbler, Sallie Trimbler Bowen, Magdalen Trimbler, Lattie Trimbler, John H. Trimbler, E. C. Reed, A. K. Whitton and N. Bowen.

ON THE CARS.

Justice Henry Branches Out With Some More Stories.

Terrible Experience on a Desert—A Wild and Woolly Coroner's Jury Verdict.

Justice of the Peace Henry has another new inventory of stories, which he is diligently distributing among his most intimate friends.

The Record-Union's car reporter was one of the Judge's victims. "I just received a letter from an old-time friend of mine," began the Judge. "He's living up in Washington now, and is doing a thriving business. I haven't heard from him in years. Now, this fellow has had more experiences—romantic and blood-curdling—than you know more than anybody I ever heard of. Why, let me tell you about one of them. Something like twenty years ago he was traveling through a sort of desert in Nevada. It was an unusually dry year, and the few watering places that were on the desert were dried up. A trip across the desert that year was deemed hazardous, but my friend's business was urgent and he determined to make the trip anyhow. Well, as he afterwards told me, it was the most dreadful experience a man ever had, and he had, and he lost his life. His canteen was soon empty and then he began to suffer from thirst. His condition became worse as he traversed each mile, and he staggered into a little cabin, in which lived a man and his wife, who eked out an existence by cutting, drying and tanning them for cures. His tongue was swollen to twice its natural size, and his throat felt as if a red-hot iron had been thrust into it. He gasped, and when he caught sight of the rattlesnake tamer. The man shook his head sadly and replied that there was not a drop of water in the room, for the water was not to be had. The poor fellow realized that his end had come, and falling upon the bed, was about to give up the ghost when—no—yes—bless you, his life was saved!"

"Water? Why man alive! I discovered a spring in the distance! Ha! Ha! Ha! That's one you won't take a cigar please."

The reporter had scarcely recovered from the effects of the spring story, when the Judge assailed him again. "I noticed that you newspaper folks are always ready and anxious to publish stories of matters that happened way back in early days," he said. "Well, I just happened to think of an incident that just happened here in Sacramento back in the sixties that will probably interest you. John Keopsober was found dead with his head in a water tank. It was feared that all was not well, the Coroner took charge of the remains and held an inquest. After hearing all the testimony, the jury found that the effect that the deceased had died from the effects of hard drink."

"Now this was deemed a remarkable verdict by Keopsober's acquaintances, as he had never touched liquor of any kind, and in fact was a temperance crank of the most violent order. He hated anyone who would take a drink of liquor, and believed that saloon-keepers were all first lieutenants of the devil. Naturally the verdict caused a sensation among his acquaintances, as he was a well-known fact that he never touched liquor of any kind, and in fact was a temperance crank of the most violent order. He hated anyone who would take a drink of liquor, and believed that saloon-keepers were all first lieutenants of the devil. Naturally the verdict caused a sensation among his acquaintances, as he was a well-known fact that he never touched liquor of any kind, and in fact was a temperance crank of the most violent order. He hated anyone who would take a drink of liquor, and believed that saloon-keepers were all first lieutenants of the devil. 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