

GOLDEN JUBILEE FESTIVITIES.

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Among the exhibits is a perfect miniature of the North Bloomfield mine, the largest hydraulic mine in the world, which was in operation to-night. Two converging streams shot out from the hydraulic giants in front and poured their torrents into the head of the bed-rock ditch eighty-five feet distant. This water falls into a tank prepared to receive it below, and was pumped up again to continue the operation.

Another equally interesting exhibit is the tunnel, with its representation of underground quartz and iron mining. The spectators walk for a certain distance in an underground tunnel, then suddenly come to a rise. A few steps more lead to the winze. The miners have started to sink on the vein, but finding water after fifteen feet, have stopped. A bucketful of quartz hangs suspended over the shaft. The passage leads through many winding passages, lined with quartz, glittering and mysterious with mica dust. Finally an elevator drops down 600 feet into the bowels of the earth to the underground station. An electric pump which drains the mine and the compressed air drill are in actual operation.

Other interesting features of the mining display are the apparatus for grinding quartz, to be worked by a man and the quartz mill, in which different metals will be floating to show the difference between their specific gravity and that of mercury. All sorts of mining machinery are represented, and the different counties have remarkable exhibits of their own. There are three notable bells in the mining fair, the jubilee bell which rang when President McKinley touched the electric button at 11 o'clock (Washington time), and set the fair in operation; the vigilante bell, which was used in 1856 by the Vigilance Committee at Fort Cunny; and a bell of the Mission Dolores, covered with adobe and bearing the date—Monterey, Anno Domini 1792.

WASHINGTON OPENS THE FAIR.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—In the presence of the entire California Congressional delegation, Justice McKenna of the Supreme Court and Mrs. Leland Stanford at 11 o'clock to-night touched a telegraph key at the White House, and opened the California Golden Jubilee Fair at San Francisco. Following are messages exchanged:

"Executive Mansion, Washington, Jan. 29, 1898.

"T. J. Parsons, Chairman Executive Committee, California Golden Jubilee, San Francisco: I deeply appreciate the cordiality of the invitation extended to me and embodied in so beautiful and valuable a souvenir.

"The event which the people of California are now celebrating marked a mighty epoch in the history of their State and of the country. Their splendid record for patriotism and public enterprise is a bright augury of the future, and I am glad to send greetings and best wishes upon this memorable occasion.

"May every blessing come to your great State, and may the memory of your noble pioneers be suitably honored at your golden jubilee.

"WILLIAM MCKINLEY."

"San Francisco, Jan. 29, 1898.

"To the President: The people of San Francisco, rejoicing at the jubilee, thank you for your interest in their welfare and for your felicitations on this happy occasion.

"JAMES D. PHELAN, Mayor."

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"To the President: We thank you in the name of the people of California for your participation in our golden jubilee. (Signed) J. J. Jewett, President Pioneers' Association; J. H. Neff, President Miners' Association; T. J. Parsons, Chairman Executive Committee."

CHILDREN'S DAY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—To-day was children's day of the jubilee at Golden Gate Park. The little people were given a royal time, the donkeys, goats, merry-go-round and other attractions which delight the hearts of the little ones were well used, and sometimes over as well, were full for the day. Candy, pop corn, fruit and all sorts of other good things were furnished to the merry picnickers. Plenty of straw and large, comfortable wagons were afforded to give the young people a jolly ride.

The Parade Committee donated no less than \$1,000 to this day's festivities alone, and were rewarded by seeing many thousands of children made thoroughly happy for the day. The competitive drill, the anti-scalping children of the public, private and parochial schools, was entered into with zest, each school putting forward its best efforts in order to secure the handsome silk banner to be awarded to the one which Colonel George C. Edwards of the University of California should judge the best performed. The Calaveras Miners' band played all day for the pleasure of the festive children. A number of the floats were strewn about the play ground to give more of a fairy-land illusion to the children's day.

The Wild West show gave a third performance this afternoon. Several new features were added. The flower

CHARLES WALTER WILLEY.

Wealthy Young San Franciscan Found Dead in Bed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Charles Walter Willey, who recently was declared by the Probate Court heir to his father's estate, valued at \$125,000, was found dead in bed this morning at 1145 Mission street, having been caused by deadly illuminating gas. Whether Willey committed suicide or death was caused by accident may never be known, but the coroner is of the opinion that Willey met his death through accident.

He was the only son of the capitalist, James P. Willey, and, though given the benefit of a good education, he early developed a desire to lead a wild life. In 1892, when still a minor, he promised to reform if his father would consent to his marriage, and the young man led to the altar Georgia Steele, a well known actress. The couple took up their residence with Willey, Sr., at 1201 Taylor street, and for a short time young Willey was the pink of propriety.

Then his old habits once again controlled him, and the wife of the young man filed suit for divorce on the ground of his intemperance. The marriage tie was dissolved in November, 1893, and Mrs. Willey awarded \$50 per month as alimony. Willey's father died in February of the same year, and disinherited his only child, the bulk of the estate being left in trust for charitable institutions and distant relatives.

Illicit Distilleries. OAKLAND, Jan. 29.—United States Revenue officials have taken charge of Mrs. George True's vineyard, near Livermore, and she has been ordered to stop the manufacture of the revenue officials at San Francisco and explain charges of illicit distilling that will be made against her. This is the first of a series of raids that will be made in Livermore Valley, to detect, if possible, unlawful brandy makers, whose operations, the revenue officers say, have for years been on an extensive scale.

The Monitor Monadnock.

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 29.—The monitor Monadnock crossed the bar at 12:50 p. m., bound for Magdalena Bay for target practice, and forty minutes later Captain Clark of the Monitor received a telegram from the Department at Washington ordering him to intercept the Monadnock and bring her back to port. It was then too late to do this, so Captain Clark reluctantly decided to send the order to Ensenada, and the Monadnock sailed on her way, confident in there. No cause is given for the orders from Washington.

Fast Fight at Angeles Camp.

ANGELES CAMP, Jan. 29.—Tom Carkeek of Stockton defeated Charles Slater of City in a fifteen-round fight here to-night, which was the fastest contest ever seen in the mountains. Carkeek was given the decision on his work from the sixth to the ninth round, inclusive, when he attempted to end the fight, but Slater took the punishment and succeeded in knocking his opponent down in the fifteenth round. Carkeek drew first blood in the fourth round.

Will Not Want for Bed and Food.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—Some two weeks ago James Connors, a man out of his head, was coupling with a jewelry store window and gave as his reason when arrested that he wanted a bed and something to eat. To-day Judge Smith sentenced him to two years in Folsom Penitentiary. He pleaded guilty to having burglariously entered the store, though he made no attempt to steal anything.

Murderer Arthur.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—In accordance with the expressed desire of Murderer Arthur that his trial be speedily brought, he was arraigned in Department One of the Superior Court to-day, and the time of his pleading set for Wednesday next. The charge is murder in the first degree. The murderer expresses a supreme indifference as to his fate, his only wish being an early discharge.

Stabbing Affray.

SANTA CRUZ, Jan. 29.—As a dance was breaking up at the Churchhill hotel at daybreak this morning, Stephen Tejada and John Churchill, son of the host, quarreled. Tejada left the house, and Frank Alvino, following him, with an apparent provocation, stabbed Tejada six times in the head, also slashing his clothing to pieces. Tejada's wounds may not prove fatal.

Convention of Turn-Verreins.

OAKLAND, Jan. 29.—The annual convention of the Turn-Verreins of the North Pacific district will be held at Germania Hall to-morrow. The organizations entitled to seat delegates are San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Vorwaerts, Eintracht, San Jose, Mission, Marysville, Napa, Stockton and Santa Cruz.

Jury Failed to Agree.

SALINAS, Jan. 29.—The jury failed to agree in the trial of ex-Tax Collector Westlake, charged with embezzlement. The specific charge was the misappropriation of \$300 in the license department during last June. The jury, after seventeen hours of deliberation, stood eight for acquittal and four for conviction.

An Arizonan Commits Suicide.

KINGMAN (ARIZ), Jan. 29.—Andrew Shroupe blew his brains out with a pistol this morning in Kingman. He was an old-timer in Arizona, having been a resident of Mohave County twenty-two years. He is a brother of the miner who dropped dead in Pres. two weeks ago.

Glove Fight at Grass Valley.

GRASS VALLEY (CAL), Jan. 29.—In three rounds to-night before the Grass Valley Athletic Club, Dan Murphy of Salt Lake, knocked out Jack McCausland of Brown's Valley. Murphy rushed the fight from the start, and in the third round knocked McCausland down four times.

Mail for the Klondike Region.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—Superintendent Flint of the mail service has completed arrangements by which the Alice Blanchard, which sails for Alaska on February 10th, will carry mail for the Klondike region. The steamer will touch at San Francisco and Seattle.

Fatal Runaway Accident.

CHICO, Jan. 29.—In a runaway accident to-night George Gettels, an old resident of Nord, was thrown from his buggy, breaking his neck, and dying instantly.

Pioneer Hotelkeeper Dead.

NILES, Jan. 29.—Antonio Lee, a pioneer hotel proprietor of Alvarado, died to-day.

GOVERNMENT ARMOR PLANT.

Bids for Its Construction Opened by Secretary Long.

Sixty-Nine Proposals, Covering Every Phase of the Advertisement.

The Huntington, West Virginia, Chamber of Commerce, Offers to Build a Complete Plant, According to the Specifications of the Board, for \$3,325,905, Including Site, Buildings and Plant.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—In accordance with the advertisement issued by the Navy Department recently, proposals were opened in the office of Secretary Long to-day for the construction of a Government armor plant, for the sale to the Government of sites suitable for such a plant, and for the machinery and buildings necessary if the Government decides to make its own armor.

There were sixty-nine bids which covered every phase of the advertisement. Many of the proposals were merely offers to donate sites to the Government, conditional upon the location of the plant, and a number of others were for the supply of machinery. There were only two bids to furnish a complete plant, and only one of these named a figure. The two companies now engaged in the manufacture of armor for the navy did not submit proposals.

The Huntington, W. Va., Chamber of Commerce offered to follow the specifications of the board and build a complete plant for \$3,325,905, including site, buildings and plant.

Another offer to supply a complete plant was made by the John P. Holland Company of New York, but no figure was named, the company simply offering to do this for a sum of money and within a period less than estimated by the board in its report. The bid was accompanied by the expression of an opinion that "armor should be included in the construction contracts of all vessels, by which policy Congress and the country would understand the full cost of ships and their protection, while the price of armor would be reduced and its quality improved."

Another proposal that commanded some attention was the bid of the Rearick Engineering Company of Columbus, Ohio. This was a very complicated proposal to supply each of the numerous buildings, furnaces, etc., required, as well as 150 acres of land, at sums specified in each particular case. A special point of interest about the bid was an accompanying offer from the Chamber of Commerce of Columbus to donate \$500,000 to the Government if the plant were located in that city.

Offers of sites for a plant gratis, or for a nominal sum of money, came from Muskegon, Mich.; Youngstown, Ohio; the Winthrop Harbor and Dock Company of Chicago; Sheffield, Tenn.; Waukegan, Ill.; Peoria, Ill.; Marquette, Mich.; and Anniston, Ala. A Marinette, Wis., man offered to donate a site free if the Government would build a \$100,000 dock into the lake. Offers came from one man in Hampton, Va., to sell some land and machinery for about \$100,000, and from a Philadelphia man to supply some land and a testing machine for \$4,100. Some of the big Western tool concerns offer to supply machinery needed for the plant. A Marion County, Ind., corporation offered to donate forty acres of land and fifty wells of natural gas, etc., required.

It will take some time to schedule all of these bids, but as soon as they can be arranged they will be sent to Congress by Secretary Long for the information of that body, in case it desires to embark the Government in the manufacture of armor.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

He Yesterday Celebrated the Anniversary of His Birth.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—President McKinley celebrated his first birthday in the White House to-day. The Chief Executive of the nation is 55 years of age. Telegrams of congratulation poured into the executive mansion all the morning, and probably the only sorrowful recollections of the day were occasioned by the fact that he could no longer, as he had done for many years past, spend the afternoon and dine with his venerable mother.

The Bureau of Labor Makes Public a Letter on the Situation.

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Small Early Morning Blaze.

The burning of a shed on Seventeenth street between K and W was the cause of the fire alarm at 2 o'clock this morning. The loss was trifling.

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FINISH OF BICYCLE RACE.

Elkes Leads Waller at the Close by Two Yards.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 29.—The finish of the big seventy-two hour bicycle race was exciting, and was a desperate effort between the two leaders, Waller and Elkes, to carry off the big end of the purse. Elkes won by two yards, having gone 1,322 miles, six laps and sixty yards.

Five minutes before the finish all of the other riders left the track, giving the two high men a clear way to fight for the honor and money. Elkes was in the lead, with Waller lapping his wheel. A lively pace was set at once. Many times Waller put on all of his power to pass his young opponent. At each time Elkes' reserve force proved the better, and amid the wildest kind of enthusiasm he kept the lead to the end.

The final score was: Elkes, 1,322.6, 69 yards; Waller, 1,320.6, 53 yards; Schinnerer, 1,314.8; Hall, 1,311.8; Walters, 1,309.11; Dench, 1,129; Cannon, 1,115.2; Ruckell, 1,110; Henshaw, 878.

The race is said by experts to have been one of the best of its kind on record, and barring the rather small attendance during the week, was a success in every way. The record made by Waller last year, 1,221 miles and 3 laps, was passed by five of the riders at 6:18 p. m. The crowd in attendance to-night completely filled the large hall.

THE COLD WAVE EAST.