

THE RED CROSS MOVEMENT.

OUTLINE OF THE HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY.

Comfort Fund—The Distinction—Sacramento Organizing—Why All Should Help.

In three or four different sections of the city the idea was taken up last week of inaugurating a movement to aid the Red Cross society, a branch of the National organization having just been successfully formed in San Francisco.

Of course all the movers in this city will come together and what ever is done will be done in a harmonious and harmonious manner. The Red Cross purpose is devoid of selfishness and wholly in the interest of common humanity.

The meeting called for half-past 2 this afternoon at Pythian Castle Hall will result in this unity of action. In San Francisco the branch society has at its head men and women, clergymen and priests of all denominations, doctors, humanitarians, literary men, artists, publishers and artists, indeed, all manners and kinds of reputable people, religion, creed, belief or non-belief being pushed aside in the interest of humanitarianism.

Just how the matter started here we do not know, but it blossomed out recently in several quarters at once. Prominent singers are moving in it, prominent publicists are taking steps that way, and many good Sacramento women are at the same time in the proposition.

Manager Clifton of the Orpheum, hearing of the matter, came forward with the free tender of his house to help on, any afternoon that may be settled upon.

All the agencies will be massed at the city, and then the real work will begin.

There is not, however, on all sides clear understanding as to what Red Cross work is, how it is promoted, and in what way it is best aided.

The "Record-Union" therefore, below gives a brief sketch of the history of the Red Cross society in the world, one protected by the compacts of all civilized nations, and that moves upon a plane far above war, and stands on a level with the greatest humanity, mercy and loving kindness.

Prior to making that sketch, however, we desire to refer to still another and wholly independent movement, one that should not be dropped but pushed on rapidly, since the Red Cross work goes on all the time, while the "Comfort Fund" ought to be raised before the troops sail for the Philippines.

In several of the cities of California have been made up for companies enlisted from such communities called "Comfort Funds." The money is given to the company board of officers to be used in getting for the men those little comforts and necessities in health, which the most of us cannot get at the hospital supplies, nor are disbursed by the Red Cross which deals with the sick and wounded.

Some good women of Sacramento started this comfort fund last week, but one of the chief movers was called away from the city and then the matter lagged.

It is to be hoped that two comfort funds, for Company E and the Battery, will be made up at once. Other towns should not be permitted to outdo Sacramento in this respect.

There should be at least \$250 raised for each of the two companies. The money will be kept in reserve and in part used to get extra underwear, extra personal supplies, etc., which the men cannot have from official stores nor from their own purses since they receive but \$13 a month and all of them have left all they had before enlisting, because to help their wives and children and those dependent upon them, and to close up their debts and business affairs.

The comfort fund in a company is a wonderfully good thing and is a great power in keeping the soldier's spirit up.

And now as to the Red Cross, what it is, what it does, and how it can be best aided. In a broad sense it is for the care of the sick, immediate attention to the wounded, and the relief of those who in battle fall and need nursing and best of care thereafter, such as the army nurses and doctors cannot give.

The best way to aid the Red Cross is to supply it with money, as it knows what it wants best, and can always buy to better advantage than any one else.

For many years attempts were made to bring about agreements between the nations to mitigate the horrors of war. The earliest effort was an attempt to establish certain rules regarding the wounded, the sick and the non-combatants caught between the teeth of war.

But the primitive efforts all failed. In 1863 a conference of jurists was held at Geneva to plan an agreement for the nations regarding such humane work as common mercy suggested, and that was the first step really taken in Europe, though it failed. But in our civil war the spirit of the Red Cross Society in fact it had its birth.

In 1864 a second conference was held and articles were signed by the representatives of thirteen great States of Europe, for the amelioration of the conditions of the wounded in battle. These articles were very explicit and detailed. Some of the nations on that account refused to sign them, claiming that too much was imposed upon the victorious army, but in 1868 nine Powers had agreed and the neutralized workers in mercy, to carry out the compact, were designated by a red cross on a white field shown on a flag over hospitals, worn on the sleeve, and displayed on ambulances.

On this basis Red Cross Societies began to form in all the great countries of the world, but nowhere were they more aided and encouraged than in the United States and England. In the year 1868 their work has been something wonderful, and has won the plaudits of all peoples, even some semi-barbarous tribes asking to be included in the work.

Really the idea of a Red Cross Society originated with Henry Durrant of Switzerland, who visited the battlefield of Solferino in 1859 and noted that with all the army nurses, surgeons and non-combatants could do, the wounded were left for days in many cases without relief.

In 1862 he published a description of what he had seen on battlefields where he had been a volunteer nurse, and urged the formation of societies to give immediate relief to the wounded.

Out of this suggestion the movement grew that gave us the Red Cross Society, by which all hospitals and hospital appliances are neutralized in war. So much is the Red Cross esteemed that the Queen of England has instituted the order of "The Royal Red Cross" which she confers on any woman of any nation specially designated by their country as distinguished in Red Cross work and maintenance.

In every country the Red Cross is a distinct Society from that in any other country, but they have a fraternity that is common, regardless of race or tongue, and occasionally they meet in international councils. They have not confined their work to relief in land battles, but have broadened it to action on sea and have taken in naval warfare also.

As experience, organization and equipment seemed to nominate them as fittest, these societies have in times of great disaster, famine, accident, conflagration, pestilence, etc., come to the front and distributed relief to the starving, nursed the injured, sheltered the homeless, etc. It will be recalled that Miss Barton, the national head of the Red Cross in this country, and her glorious corps of workers were on hand within a few hours after the Johnstown flood, were first in the field at the earthquake disaster in Charleston; were working in yellow fever districts often, and by request of the United States Government took charge mainly of the work of feeding and succoring the unhappy concentrated soldiers in Cuba, and kept up that work there until war closed the ports of the island. It is notable also that while the Red Cross of America was laboring to mitigate the suffering of the unfortunates in Cuba, the Red Cross of Spain was also engaged in the same God blessed work.

The international Red Cross agreement between all the societies was secured in 1869, and from that date the organization extended its offices in times of peace as well as war. The central body was then erected and permanently established at Geneva, where it has its seat to this day. Under it all National Red Cross Societies exist, and under them State and local societies. One of these is the organization just completed in San Francisco.

The history of the treaties, conventions and compacts of the nations regarding Red Cross work is too long to be referred to here more than to say that it is one of the noblest and whitest annals of the world's record. It is the one thing upon which all are agreed. It is the level upon which all humanity meets. It is the mercy platform against which no State dares today to raise a hand.

The Red Cross in this year has taken a new step. It has fitted out two steamers, the first, known as the Solace, is already at sea. These boats accompany our fleets. They hang upon the outside of the fleet, and when it is over they plunge forward with all speed to remove the wounded to the hospital ships for treatment. To do this they have boat ambulances specially fitted to facilitate the work. They have trained nurses, skilled surgeons, first-class cooks to prepare delicate food, supplies of food and medicines, surgical instruments and appliances of all kinds—in fact each ship is fitted out as completely as is a good hospital.

All churches of all shades approve the Red Cross. All armies and navies outside of battle, and when it is over, will fight to defend its integrity. Governments never call it to account, but freely pledge themselves to hold it free from harm in war and peace.

At first the United States did not join in the conferences to formulate forms to mitigate the horrors of war. But we came in a little later, and today no nation holds the Red Cross in greater esteem, or does more to encourage it.

We signed the compact with the other nations in 1864, whereupon the National Society duly incorporated and President Garfield appointed a trained army nurse, Miss Clara Barton, as its head, a position she has held from that day to this, and to the work of which she has devoted her life and best energies.

Through the hands of the American Red Cross Society tens of millions of dollars have passed and not a single cent has stumbled on the road, nor has failure to account faithfully for every nickel ever been recorded. The society depends wholly upon voluntary subscription for its support. Anyone can become a member of it, but only those specially fitted by health, strength, skill, merciful disposition and profound love for humanity are chosen to execute its offices.

This is the society Sacramento is to be asked to assist that it may send nurses, surgeons, supplies, and all else that the nations on that account refused to sign them, claiming that too much was imposed upon the victorious army, but in 1868 nine Powers had agreed and the neutralized workers in mercy, to carry out the compact, were designated by a red cross on a white field shown on a flag over hospitals, worn on the sleeve, and displayed on ambulances.

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PLEA FOR BATTERY C'S MEN.

THEY ARE IN NEED OF MANY LITTLE COMFORTS.

Letter From a Volunteer's Mother—Captain Cooke and the Flag Presentation.

A Sacramento lady, who has a son in Captain Cooke's Battery C, in camp at Black Point, San Francisco, writes as follows to a friend in the "Record-Union" office, suggesting that steps be taken to provide Sacramento's first company of volunteers with some of the little comforts of life of which they have been deprived by leaving their homes. Her letter speaks for itself:

San Francisco, May 15th. Dear Friend: I am going to make a suggestion to you in a friendly way, hoping you will give my thought in your own way. My boy is now at the Presidio. I can look after him, personally, but there are many others who have really been cold since coming here. I was out on Friday, and the boys were blue with cold. One asked me if I could get him a comforter, and I said I would send home for one.

Sacramento will never let their own suffer. They may not need blankets so much now, as I read they are sending some out daily, but they do need some comforts which it is our duty, while we have that privilege, to get for them. The boys say that most any old blanket would do good. They are not complaining, but they say they would like canned meats, corn, tomatoes, condensed milk and butter. Oh, for butter!

I know you are a good worker, and our boys are all the world to us. I have a son in your 18-year-old boy to go, because we would not want him to be a coward, he said. I am not one of those brave mothers who can part with them all for glory without feeling sad. But I could work for them now, all of them. I cannot do it alone, I hope others have thought of this before, but I would like to say that as I know you will when fully awake to the situation. I don't want you to mention my name at all, but do all you can and I will be grateful.

Of course it would be useless of me to suggest to you, as you know the way to get about all these things.

BATTERY C'S FLAG. Captain Cooke writes as follows concerning the spirit of his men and the presentation this week of the battalion colors to his command, the gift of the people of Sacramento:

General T. W. Sheehan, Sacramento—Esteemed Sir: Your favor of May 14th at hand. In reply would say that you and all Sacramento people may rest assured that the honor of the Stars and Stripes, also that of our beloved city, will be upheld by the boys to our utmost ability, and our sincerest wish is to give a chance at the front. We are very grateful to you for the interest which you have shown toward us.

I will telegraph Mayor Land when the presentation of colors will take place. Again thanking you, I remain, yours very sincerely, JOHN COOKE, Capt. Battery C.

THE NEXT STATE FAIR.

It Will Open on the 5th of September and Run Two Weeks.

The State Board of Agriculture met yesterday for the purpose of considering reports of the various committees. The report of the Premium List Committee was the most important, inasmuch as it contained a revision of the entire premium list for 1898, making such changes as were deemed advisable. The principal change was to have expert single judges in all classes where practical, and the Secretary was directed to correspond with several experts of the various classes of live stock.

The State Fair will be held from September 5th to 17th inclusive. The admission rate to the Pavilion was reduced to 25 cents. This change was made at the earnest solicitation of many exhibitors, and considering the conditions of the season, the board deemed it prudent to make the change. The admission to the Park will be 50 cents, as heretofore.

After considering other matters of minor importance, the board adjourned to call of the Chair.

PETTY THEIEVRY.

Tools Stolen, but Recovered—A Wagon Flundered. On Sunday night thieves entered the basement of Fred C. Yoerl's residence on L street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth, and stole therefrom a complete set of carpenter's tools belonging to C. J. Eitell, a carpenter, who was employed by Mr. Yoerl.

Officers Maley and Fisher yesterday recovered all of the stolen tools, which having been disposed of in small lots at several second-hand stores. While a good description of the thief is had, he has not yet been apprehended.

Philip G. Riehl, the Postmaster and merchant of Freeport, was in the city yesterday. He bought a pair of trousers at Weinstein, Lubin & Co.'s store and placed his purchase in his wagon which was tied in front.

A half hour later, when he returned, the package was missing. He reported the theft to Captain of Police Ash, who a short time afterward recovered the trousers from a second-hand store on Second street. The thief had sold the trousers for \$1. He is still at liberty.

LOYAL ELKS.

They Promise to Aid Volunteers' Families if Necessary.

The committee appointed by the local lodge of Elks to draft a preamble and resolutions respecting the members of the order who have joined the volunteer army yesterday completed its labors. The preamble and resolutions are as follows: "Whereas, Our order being distinctly American and our fundamental principles brotherly love and fidelity to our country's flag and its defenders; and "Whereas, Some of our brothers, members of this, the Sacramento Lodge of Elks, No. 328, prompted by their patriotism and love of country, have volunteered with their fellow-townsmen in the military service of their country; therefore be it

"Resolved, That this lodge of Elks will be ever mindful of their interests, and should misfortune come to any of them or to their families during their term of enlistment, that we pledge ourselves to extend every assistance that lies within our power, to the best of our financial, to relieve their suffering or distress.

"Resolved, That all members of this lodge who have enlisted in the military

or naval service of the United States shall be relieved of all financial obligations pertaining to this order during the term of such enlistment."

Weather Reports.

The Weather Bureau reports show the highest and lowest temperatures yesterday to have been 61 and 49 degrees, with gentle to fresh southerly winds and cloudy weather prevailing. The barometrical readings at 5 a. m. and 5 p. m. yesterday were 29.95 and 30.10 inches, respectively.

The highest and lowest temperatures one year ago yesterday were 68 and 51 degrees, and one year ago to-day 74 and 56 degrees, with 0.30 inches of rain. The average temperature was 55 and the normal 61 degrees, showing yesterday to have been 6 degrees cooler than usual for the 16th day of May.

The rainfall yesterday was 0.14 of an inch, making 1.14 inches for the storm and 10.01 inches for the season, as against 17.28 inches to an equal date last year.

Vagrants Ordered Out.

George Williams and E. Brown yesterday pleaded guilty to charges of vagrancy and were given six hours in which to leave town. Frank Dawson, also charged with vagrancy, was committed to the Sheriff for thirty days. It was recommended that he be sent before the County Lunacy Examiners with a view to placing him in an asylum.

Monument to the Maine Victims.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Black has forwarded to all County and City Superintendents in the State blank lists for subscriptions for the proposed national monument to be erected in memory of the sailors who went down with the Maine, and has requested that they be distributed among the several schools of each county.

Supervisors' State Convention.

This week the Supervisors of the various counties are to hold a convention at Napa for the purpose of conferring on matters that affect all counties. The Supervisors of this county, except Chairman Morrison, who is up north, have gone to attend the convention, accompanied by Clerk Hamilton.

The Countess on Deck.

Laura Steinmiller, commonly known as "The Countess," was arrested last evening and will, it is understood, be tried for vagrancy. She was arrested while screaming like an Apache, and it took three officers and the patrol wagon to land her in jail.

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MARRIED.

ELLIOTT-CARR—On May 15th, at 10 a. m., at the residence of the bride's parents, near Elk Grove, the Rev. Adolph Heibel officiated at the wedding of Elliott Carr, of Sacramento, to Miss Carrie E. Carr of Elk Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott will reside at 1119 Fourth street, Sacramento.

DIED.

STARTSMAN—In this city, May 15th, Emeline Startsmann, mother of Mrs. E. S. Smith, C. A. Startsmann and P. S. Knorr, a native of Ohio, aged 76 years, 9 months and 11 days.

GUSTAFSON—In this city, May 15th, Carolina Gustafson, mother of Mrs. Jacob Hilder and Mrs. F. A. Johnson, a native of Sweden, aged 56 years and 4 months.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Wednesday), at 2 p. m., from mortuary parlors of W. F. Gormley, 915 street, opposite Plaza, Interment City Cemetery.

SCHOLEFIELD—Near this city, May 15th, James Charles and Rhodes Scholefield of this city, Edward and Newton Scholefield, sons of Mrs. J. C. Scholefield of Alaska, Mrs. Matthew Williams of Placer and Mrs. Charles France of Enterprise, a native of England, aged 69 years.

Funeral will take place to-morrow (Wednesday), at 12 m., from mortuary parlors of W. F. Gormley, 915 J street, opposite Plaza, Interment Bellevue Cemetery.

LAMB—In this city, May 15th, George W., the youngest son of M. J. and Frances J. Lamb, a native of Sacramento, aged 2 months and 24 days.

RODEGRITS—In this city, May 15th, Harland N., son of August and Catharine Rodegrits, brother of Christian Rodegrits, grandson of Catharine and George Herget, a native of Sacramento, aged 8 years, 7 months and 17 days.

Funeral notice hereafter. JOHNSON—In this city, May 15th, Norman K., son of Howard K. and Minnie Johnson, a native of Sacramento, aged 6 years, 5 months and 9 days.

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All-Linen Huck Towels, 35x18; regular price 20c each; sale price, 12c. All-Linen Extra Heavy Huck Towels, 38x20; regular price 22 1/2c; sale price, 16c. 50 dozen Bleached and Brown Turkish Towels, extra large size; former prices 40c and 45c each; sale price, 25c.

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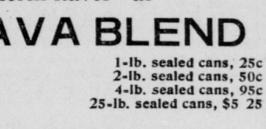
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