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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

A Bird's Eye View of the Country Between Los Angeles and San Francisco—Tremendous Crops—The Metropolis in the Dumps—A Crowl One no Longer Sees—Anglo-Americans in the Golden Gate.

DEAR HERALD: Having reached the conclusion that a paseo of a few days would be a good thing, and knowing how wot San Francisco is to be breezy and anything but semi-tropical in July, it occurred to the undersigned that a cooler place for a slight vacation could not be discovered than the city itself. The way the schedule is arranged, the passenger from Los Angeles gets fairly across the desert, is refreshed by a comfortable meal at the Mojave hotel of that old Angeleno, E. H. Boyd, before "dewy eve" has settled into uncompromising night. Milton's phrase, I take it, is unique in its application to the Mojave desert. Yet, all things taken together, it was by no means very warm, although dew is a visitation to the cañon family of that arid plain never able to be thankful for. The route taken by the railway deprives the traveler of that weird and parti-colored view of the desert which was indescribably fascinating in the old stage days. It is much to be regretted that the line of the Southern Pacific Railway—in fact, of none of our railways except the Santa Monica branch—is calculated to give the stranger a thorough impression of either the beauties or the possibilities of Los Angeles county. He who makes a trip to Yuma sees absolutely nothing of the wealth or exquisite cultivation of the Mission San Gabriel. He who goes down to Santa Ana is in equal ignorance of the beauty and fertility of the Los Nietos valley, Anaheim, Gospel Swamp, Orange, Westminster and other sections not surpassed in their line on the continent. It is hardly necessary to say that travel now is at a very low ebb. There were only, all told, about a dozen occupants of the sleeper, inclusive of your correspondent. For six weeks past this story has been daily told.

A FAT LAND.

The first blushes of the sun found us traversing the richest grain section on the American continent. As far as the eye could reach, on both sides of the track, the fields were golden with grain, either in process of being reaped or threshed, or yellow from the countless millions of stalks from which the grain had been cut by the header. The spectacle would have astonished a Pennsylvania or New York farmer, with his fifty or one hundred more farm economically put in diversified crops, and who is content to go out with a reaper and mow his grain himself, with the assistance of a hired man or two during the busiest part of the season. Everywhere were four horse teams, four being employed to head the wheat and four to haul the wagon which accompanies the header and receives the grain. Everywhere could be seen immense stacks on those portions of the fields which had been treated by the header, and near these stacks would be a movable engine, busily threshing out the wheat. As near as I could count them in my rapid flight, one of these stacks would generally yield a couple of hundred sacks of wheat. In every corner of the immense Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, teams are at work, either completing the harvest or hauling it to points of shipment. The only break in a landscape such as I have described was when an occasional straggling and rustic town, or a town neat and pretentious, like Merced, came into view, or when a thick growth of live oaks and cotton-woods, across the yellow plain, marked the progress of some river, like the Tuolumne. I can well believe the statement of the late Isaac Friedlander's last grain circular, that the present wheat and barley crop is the largest ever raised in California. When marketed, and the proceeds passed to the credit of our farmers, the pall of hard times ought to be pretty effectually broken.

THE GRUMBING ROLE.

On the principle that it is darkest just before day, San Francisco should become very prosperous shortly. We are disposed to grumble a little in Los Angeles occasionally, but the refrain of hard times which one encounters here is something absolutely appalling. A large city always looks busy to a visitor from a small one, but I am informed, on all hands, that the times are sadly out of joint. Judging from the general tenor of the conversation, Flood & O'Brien are the causes of the collapse in real estate value. Those gentlemen, in their time, have put their foot down on many a promising "deal," but whether they have proved

themselves public benefactors by so doing it is not for "a looker on in Vienna" to say. One thing is certain, they have made untold millions—far more than the Ralston junta; but, unlike that reckless but public spirited syndicate, they have shown themselves to be most solicitous to hold on to what they have made. No flourishing branches of manufactures, no stimulated public enterprises, have owed their inspiration to the intellect and liberality of this fabulously rich firm. The money which San Franciscans desired to see go into supporting "deals" on a gigantic scale, and into beautifying their city, is supposed to have gone largely into United States four per cent. bonds and perhaps into foreign securities.

DECADENCE OF THE STOCK MARKET.

In no way has the change which has come over the spirit of the dream of San Francisco registered itself more plainly than in the diminished crowds which now hang around the stock-brokers. Who that has seen the frenzied throngs that were wont to storm California street will ever forget the spectacle? The pitiful few who now divide themselves between Pine and California streets and the alley leading between them would not make a patch on the smallest of those old time gatherings. The dabbler in stocks for the most part is limp and dispirited. He has resigned his belief that there's millions in it, and he is engaged in a devious quest after eleemosynary "two bit" pieces. This is literally true of thousands of persons who once entertained dreams of wealth achieved in a day.

ANGELENOS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

I encountered quite a number of townsmen in the city to-day. I found A. B. Chapman, Esq., in busy quest of the train, after a stay of a week or so here. The Messrs. Charles R. Johnson and J. M. Griffith are also trying the effects of the zephyrs of the Golden Gate. Mr. George H. Kimball, whose genial face has so often smiled responsive on the Los Angeles Riata (if ours is not a city of canals and bridges it is at least one of zanjias and water causeways) is now an employee of the Spring Valley Water Company, and looking as happy and affable as ever. I have no doubt I shall discover many more before the day is over. "See Naples and die" was said of old. See San Francisco—or rather endure San Francisco weather for a week—and you will be forever after content to take short commons in Los Angeles, with the climate thrown in. J. D. L.

Division of the State.

The HERALD has been foremost in endeavoring to crystallize the wide-spread opinion which prevails in Southern California in favor of the erection of a new and homogeneous commonwealth in this section of the State. We have shown that territorially South California would be a symmetrical, compact and good-sized State; that it would be evenly divided in politics; that it would not cost more (if as much) to run a separate State government than it does to bear our own proportion of a political system which seems to be only beneficial to the center of the State; that we could make ourselves felt in the councils of the nation as a State, whereas now we are without voice and without influence at Washington; that we would relieve ourselves of the distressing position in which we are now placed in being merely a tail to the great kite of San Francisco; that we would give ourselves an individuality abroad, and make our section a reputation as a State which it can never achieve as a mere appendage to the present center of power on this coast; that instead of being swallowed up and obliterated by the rest of the State we should become a distinctive unit in the political system of the Pacific coast, and be enabled to further our peculiar and distinctive interests instead of seeing them set aside and overshadowed by the interests of the more populous, wealthy and powerful portion of our present State. We have frequently set forth these and other reasons for separation, and there is a very decided unanimity of sentiment in favor of it among our largest as well as smallest tax-payers. It has seemed to us that an event is about to take place when it would be proper and perhaps practical to set the ball of State division in motion. The representation of Southern California in the Constitutional Convention will show by its disparity to the population it represents how unjustly this part of the State has been treated. That disparity will stand as a powerful argument against a further continuance of connection with a State which could treat it so unjustly. The delegates from Southern California might take the first step toward dissolution by insisting on a general clause in the Constitution providing for a division of the State under certain conditions. What these conditions should be the delegates will determine; but we believe that the only material one should be that when a certain extent of contiguous territory possesses a given population, it may, on the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the people residing in said territory, set

itself up as a separate and distinct commonwealth. California has territory enough to make three fine States. North California, Central California and South California would form three very symmetrical commonwealths, and will, necessarily, in the nature of things, become distinct and independent States. It is only a question of time when separation will come, and we submit that it is the duty of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention to provide a way in that instrument by which State division can be legally effected. We call particularly on the members of the Convention from this part of the State to prepare a provision to this effect, as it is probable that South California will be the first section to move practically in the matter.

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS.

(Special to the Herald by the Western Union Telegraph Company.)

Pacific Coast News.

Money Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—Legal tenders, 99 1/2 bid, 99 1/2 asked; Mexican dollars, 97 bid, 97 1/2 asked; half dollars, 97 1/2 bid, 98 asked.

Attended My Murderer.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—About half past nine o'clock this morning a shoemaker named J. Shultz attempted to kill his wife at their house on Mission street, near Third. He had some words with his wife, picked up a hatchet and struck her over the head. Shultz fled into the street and in justification of his deed informed his neighbors that his wife had been trying to kill him for some time past and that two years ago she attempted to poison him, which he frustrated by discovering the drug before he swallowed it. His neighbors state that Shultz has been drinking heavily lately and is probably suffering from an attack of delirium tremens. No arrests. The wound is not dangerous.

Suit Against Registrar Expired.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—In the Twelfth District Court this morning John Fitzgerald sued Louis Kaplan for \$5000 damages. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant carelessly, knowingly and negligently struck and erased the number and street of plaintiff's residence from the precinct register and substituted another and fictitious number and street, not situated in said precinct or ward; that at the election for delegates to the Constitutional Convention plaintiff voted and his vote, by the Inspector of Election refused to allow him to vote. Plaintiff alleges that he was damaged in the sum of \$5000, for which he asks judgment.

The Curlew Murder Trial.

SAN BUENA VENTURA, July 26.—The horizon of the present Curlew, which looked clear this forenoon, was suddenly obscured after recess. The prosecution having, as the matter now stands, knocked the bottom out of Curlew's statement, that Ferral spent the fatal night with him at Phil cabin and Akers having testified to meeting the prisoner near the rendezvous on that night, the Court held that such evidence tended to connect Curlew with the crime and to that extent corroborated Jones. Hence it was held that the latter's evidence as to a conspiracy was sustained. This leaves Curlew's case to rest upon its merits. Satisfied with this the prosecution rested the defense called Jules Swanson, Horton and Carmichael. Nothing new was elicited from either. As there are a great number of witnesses summoned the case will not probably close to-morrow night, if the witnesses are forthcoming and used.

Churchill is slowly gaining strength though liable to another attack at any moment. As the District Judge is a member elect of the Constitutional Convention he is endeavoring to finish the trial at this term of the Court and will do so from present appearances, unless the illness of Churchill prevents his being arraigned.

A dispatch from the attorneys of the settlers at Washington was received to-day confirming the statement that the Secretary of the Interior had wholly rejected Moore's claims.

Latest Eastern News.

California Land Decisions.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The Secretary of the Interior has affirmed the decision of the Commissioner of the General Land Office in the case of Alex. Grant Dallas vs. E. W. White and others, in favor of the latter. The tract in town 16 north, range 16 west and town 16 north, range 17 west, Mendocino county, California, with two exceptions. The claim of D. N. Vickery is awarded to Dallas and Thomas Boyle is awarded the tract claimed by him.

The Secretary yesterday reversed the decision of the Commissioner of the General Land Office in the case of T. Wallace More vs. S. A. Guberson and others involving lands in the Sespe ranch, Santa Barbara county, California.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office to-day transmitted to the Surveyor General for delivery, the patent of the Rancho Cucua, or El Potosi, situated in San Diego county, California, and confirmed to Maria Juana de Los Angeles. The survey contains 2,174 25-100 acres.

The Potter Sub-Committee.

NEW ORLEANS, July 26th.—Major E. A. Burke read a letter from Stanley Matthews stating that he had just interviewed the President, who stated that it was his intention, as soon as the electoral college met, to notify Gen. Augur that the order was rescinded which required him to preserve the status quo and that he should only use the troops to preserve the peace. The President had authorized him (Matthews) to communicate this to Representative Ellis. Witness submitted also, a telegram from himself and Levy to Gov. Nichols saying they had such assurance from the President and a guarantee from Sherman, Dennison, Matthews and Foster, committed to writing, and copies exchanged, and assurances that the President is correctly represented by his friends. Next came a telegram from Nichols to Burke, of March 1st, saying: It is fully understood that there will be no election for Senator until the 10th. Also the following telegram: WASHINGTON, D. C., July 26, 1877. To F. T. Nichols, New Orleans, (confidential): Gen. Herman in conversation, said, tell Nichols for me, to go slow, explaining that Hayes would have great difficulties to overcome, but that your matter appeared to be working in the right direction. Gen. Herman said that Augur would not interfere with the execution of the process of the courts. (Signed) E. A. BURKE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4th, 1877.

To Gov. Nichols, New Orleans, (confidential): We have had an interview with President Hayes. He assures us that his policy will be conciliatory and requests that an opportunity be afforded him to remove the difficulty and prepare the way. He seems anxious and earnest in the proper direction. (Signed) R. R. GIBSON, E. A. BURKE.

Witness here recited the interview that transpired between Mr. Hewitt and himself immediately after the Democratic caucus, in which the Democratic party had agreed that the count should go on to a percentage terminal point.

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Turkish Consensus to Greece.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 26th.

The Porte has decided to give the Greeks the territory from Zagorova to Magrit. This includes Yoto and Pharsalia but not Treceira or Janina. Negotiations are proceeding.

Withdrawal of Russian Troops.

BEELIN, July 26th.—Russia desires to withdraw her troops in the neighborhood of Constantinople by sea and demands the previous withdrawal of the British fleet.

Garribaldi Favors Annexation.

ROME, July 26th.—Aboitive attempts to enroll volunteers have been made in Ravenna and Genoa. Garribaldi writes to the Capitola newspaper approving the annexation agitation, but deprecating the enrolment of volunteers, and denying that any such recruiting has been done in his name.

Gen. Sherman's Imaginary Horses.

(Washington special to Hartford Times.)

Gen. Sherman, in a recent interview, which has been rather extensively printed, endeavored to raise a sensation over what he calls the inconsistencies of the new army bill. He makes a point, that it does not provide horses for officers who are in command of artillery and cavalry, and that "the officers will have to go on foot, while the privates are on horseback." This is all the sheerserest kind of nonsense, and no one knows it better than Sherman himself. The new bill provides horses for every army officer in actual service who should have one. It does not, however, allow army officers who are detailed in this and other cities, on staff and other special duty, to draw feed for horses they do not have, and this is what Sherman is kicking about. Under the law he is obliged to about fifteen horses, and feed for the same. He never kept any horses while he resided in this city, and as he is traveling about in railroad cars over the country about all the time, he does not keep a horse in any other city. Consequently, he will not hereafter be allowed to draw pay for those fifteen horses which he only owned in imagination. His receipts from this source were about \$7.50 a day.

Near Salesville, Ohio, a fortnight ago, Mrs. McCormick gave birth to four boys and a girl, who are all "doing well," so far. Whether the mother is doing well in filling up Ohio at this rapid rate, is a matter of judgment.

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