

SANTA ROSA REVELRY.

Queen Flora and Her Merry Subjects Take Possession.

CROWNED WITH ROSES.

The Regal Wand Surrendered to the Fair Ruler by Mayor Woodward.

OPENS THE FLOWER SHOW.

Carnival Guests View a Scene of Dazzling Brilliance at the Floral Pavilion.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., May 8.—Santa Rosa's carnival queen came to her by night, out of that undiscovered country where dwell the queens of merry-making.

She holds the keys of the city now, and the carnival of flowers is in full swing. Mayor Woodward formally capitulated immediately upon her arrival, and the people have acclaimed the fair ruler with every sign of great rejoicing.

The ceremony at the Athenaeum to-night was simple and pretty and wholly in accord with the spirit of the floral carnival, there being nothing of the grotesque in connection with it.

The Athenaeum was dressed in flowers from end to end, the stage and proscenium boxes being framed in white roses and callas—nothing but white—while in the center of the stage stood the throne, reached by three steps made of varicolored roses. The Greek chair, or throne proper, which stood awaiting her majesty, was also decorated with roses.

The theater was besieged before the opening of the doors, and shortly thereafter every seat, both in gallery and auditorium, was occupied. The outer aisles were filled, and as the crowd threatened to invade the center aisle, through which the Queen was to make her entrance, the doors were closed.

Shortly after 7 o'clock a cannon gave notice that the Queen had arrived in the city, and its booming salute continued amid the clamorous ringing of bells and the tooting of whistles all over the city.

Hon. A. G. Burnett addressed the multitude, explaining why the everyday Government should be required to step aside for a brief interval there and then.

It is a sign—these carnivals that have become so much the fashion up and down the great State in these late years—that California has entered upon a new life. She is no longer wrapped up in sordid selfishness, he said, but has discovered that there is something to be done for the better side of men, the uplifting of her people, the cultivation of the beautiful and the encouragement of fraternal good feeling.

As the speaker closed, a pretty little incident occurred. A little baby, that just knew how to walk, strayed from its mother, who doubtless stood in the wings, and toddled to the foot of the throne at the center of the stage, and as the great audience broke into applause, it picked a rose and toddled leisurely back again.

Now the bugle at the outer gates announces that the Queen is at hand. The center aisle is cleared of the few who had crowded into it.

The audience is perfectly still in its expectancy. The fanfare of trumpets grows louder in its approach. The Princess of Santa Rosa comes slowly upon the stage, with her two little pages carrying a knee pillow to the throne.

Down the aisle come a troop of little children, dressed in white—boys and girls, two by two, carrying flowers. They march down to the white steps that lead to the stage and then separate, the girls stepping to one side of the aisle and the boys to the other, leaving an open way between them.

The Princess of Santa Rosa steps down from the stage and walks half way up this avenue and then awaits the Queen.

She comes not in gaudy splendor, but in white purity; she is the White Rose herself. With her are four maids of honor. They are pink roses. Her two pages are also dressed in pink court costume—all pink save the three-cornered hats in gray.

The beautiful young Queen takes the extended hand of the Princess and is led with her courtly following down the aisle and up the white steps of the stage. At the same instant a battery of incandescent lamps, which have been concealed in the mass of vines and flowers and festoons of tricolor bunting that form a background and canopy to the throne, flash into life, adding much to the beauty of the setting.

The Queen takes her seat and the Princess places upon her brow a crown of white roses. There is no talking by any one—only the music of the band to accompany this pretty ceremony. Some children advance up the stage and, couple by couple, bow low before the Queen, then take their places again for the flower dance. It is a very pretty performance, the children going through its several figures without prompting. The Carnival Choral Society sings the California mountain song and the laughing chorists, and

then Mayor Woodward formally welcomes the Queen and hands to her the magic wand of Flora's realm—a golden rod with three white roses swinging from it by a satin ribbon—with the words:

"Most Gracious Queen: Your people have assembled on this festive occasion in homage to the Queen of the Roses, and now that you have taken possession of their hearts it is their wish that at this joyous time you will also take complete control of this beautiful city, which has been prepared for your reception by willing hands and loyal subjects.

"While it is my duty as the executive of city to administer the affairs of your kingdom at all other times, it is with pleasure that I now relinquish unto your Majesty the golden wand that opens the magic door to the 'City of Roses.' In delivering it into your keeping, it is with the request that you shall command us, that we may be obedient to your pleasure."

Thus is the reign of the Floral Queen inaugurated, and a programme of music follows for her entertainment and that of her subjects, who have gathered to meet her.

It began with the orchestra playing a jubilee, and was followed by a waltz song by De Borris (written expressly for the carnival), Mrs. D. B. Gale, violin solo, Herbert Vanderhoof; vocal solo and duet, "El Trovatore"; Mrs. de Fitch Grant and Mr. Kinslow; "Carnovale"; Rossini Carnival Choral Society.

It was nearly 10 o'clock and a great many who had been unable to get into the theater, and others who had not made the attempt, were waiting at the pavilion in the park, a half mile away, where the flower show was to be opened by the Queen herself. The line of march was taken up again and the Queen was soon seated in another bower of ferns and flowers, surrounded by her attendants. The great crowd applauded and the show was duly opened. The crowd circled about, passing before and paying their respects to their fair ruler.

The Queen is all that has been written of her, as to beauty and grace. She holds her scepter right royally. She was dressed, as were all her attendants, to carry out the floral idea. Her dress was of white satin, covered with white tulle, with long court train and fluffy sleeves. Her maids of honor, Miss Adelaide Stites of Geyserville, Miss Lulu O'Connor of Healdsburg, Miss Helen Markel of Cloverdale and Miss Genevieve Brown of Petaluma, were dressed in pink satin and tulle. The pages to the Queen, Cecil Riley and Wilmer Thompson, were dressed in pink also. Miss George Stewart, the Princess of Santa Rosa, was dressed in white, while her two little four-year-old pages, John Wood and Earl Burris, were dressed in the color of the poppy.

The Queen's levee at the flower show continued until nearly midnight. The ceremonies here, as at the Athenaeum, were under the direction of Judge John Tyler Campbell.

The flower carnival has thus auspiciously begun. To-morrow is to be the great day—the day of the parade and battle of flowers, the bicycle drill, concert, etc.

The city is already thronged with visitors, but the overflow will be here with the early trains in the morning. The reception committee, however, will doubtless be equal to the emergency.

It is composed of the following energetic citizens: Mrs. W. A. Finley (chairman), Mrs. A. C. McMeans, Mrs. Parthenia Rue, Mrs. Mayor Woodward, Misses Elliott, Chase and McMahon, Mrs. Walter Byington, Mrs. McG. Martin and Mrs. Knick, Judge J. Tyler Campbell, Mr. McDonald Jr., Dr. Porter, James C. Sims, R. A. Thompson, A. B. Lemon and E. D. Sweetzer.

The decorations of the streets and business houses are extremely elaborate and tasty. The Courthouse is a mass of blue, yellow and gold. The street from the Donahue railroad depot, leading up

through the center of the city, is lined with decorations, while overhead, upon wires stretched across, are myriads of Japanese lanterns. These are all lighted each evening.

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THE QUEEN OF THE SANTA ROSA PAGEANT ON HER THRONE SURROUNDED BY HER MAIDS OF HONOR.

[The drawing was made in Santa Rosa last night by J. Kahler, chief of the art department of the "Call," and was reproduced by photo-telegraph by an artist in the office of the "Call."]

half hour in the day a different committee is in session, and every evening the executive committee meets and the different chairman report progress.

The idea of a general carnival originated with a charitable organization—the United Aid Society—which has given rose fairs in the preceding springs. But the idea spread like wildfire, and it has passed into other hands. Yesterday the United Aid Society met and by unanimous vote waived their rights and pledged themselves to the common cause. Notification of this resolution was sent to President Smith.

Dr. Doyle's offer to write an original libretto, entitled "The Masque of Cleopatra," was accepted to-day. George Hastings will probably write the music. This will be one of the most delightful parts of the varied programme.

Drummers, agents, musicians and decorators are coming to town soliciting orders and positions, and the general manager is kept busy answering their applications. The plan of inviting all the prominent citizens of the State is being attended to daily. The answer to telegrams of invitation are pouring in. Replies of acceptance to-day have been received from Major-General William H. Dimond and staff, Colonel R. H. Warfield and Colonel W. D. Sanborn.

President and Mrs. Smith and Manager Tidball went to San Francisco to-day to

those published in the CALL yesterday, are the following:

San Francisco—Al Bouvier, J. J. Gottlob, W. J. Y. Schenck, Thomas C. Cole, George Schoenwald, W. H. Mills, H. R. Judah, S. F. Thorn, Steuart Menzies, T. R. Bannerman, J. C. Flood, H. Kohler, Major Thomas Cluff, F. Maskey, W. W. Foote, H. S. Foote, D. W. Hitchcock, C. Crane, George J. F. Sheehan, A. Roos, Colonel C. L. Taylor, F. McMullen, Captain Currier, Charles Josselyn, General Walsh, T. K. Stetler, Sam Muller, Colonel Charles S. Sonntag, Colonel Thomas F. Barry, Colonel O'Connor, William Lewis, Lieutenant Stable, Lieutenant Brooks, Crittenden Thornton and Colonel Litchfield.

Fresno—General Muller, W. Hodgkin, Judge Nourse, Colonel William Forsyth and W. W. Phillips.

Stockton—Colonel Numan and Colonel E. Lehe.

Sacramento—F. D. Ryan. San Jose—James W. Rea, W. A. Bowden and H. A. Piester.

Los Angeles—J. T. Goffey.

An effort is to be made to have a cruiser in the harbor during the carnival. The American Concert Company will probably give concerts, the musical director having been here last night to make arrangements.

A. P. Hotaling has given two rooms in his block for press headquarters.

arrest and securing assistance at a neighboring hotel placed the prisoners in jail.

After being put in jail they sawed two bars off and tried to escape. The Sheriff's office was notified at 6 A. M. and Deputy Sheriff's Mansfield and Butts brought them to the Redwood City jail. They gave the names of Edward Mahon and Daniel Howard. One of them is supposed to be an old offender. They will have their examination to-morrow.

TULARE COUNTY'S CHARITY. Money Appropriated to Buy Clothing for Chris Egan's Children.

VISALIA, CAL., May 8.—Through the efforts of Rev. Father Farrelly, the Board of Supervisors allowed the sum of \$75 with which to buy clothing and transportation for the youngest five children of Chris Evans. They will be sent to charitable institutions near San Francisco. Mrs. Evans is in straitened circumstances. Miss Eva is now in San Francisco.

VANCOUVER'S POLICE "LEXOW." Sensational Testimony Given by Two Officers on the Witness-Stand.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 8.—The police investigation which has been dragging along for the past fortnight is now becoming interesting. So far only the evidence of the chief, sergeant and ex-jailer has

been taken, but to-day the present jailer, Officer Grady, was on the stand.

Grady stated that he had arrested sailors of warships and received rewards for the same, which he pocketed, though the police rules state that the same should be paid into the city.

Thomas Andrews, who served as a special officer for some time, testified that the chief and sergeant had asked him to share with them the reward he obtained for arresting drunken Indians. He also swore that gambling was being carried on openly in Chinatown. His evidence caused a sensation, as the chief and previous witnesses all swore that there was scarcely any gambling now in the city.

Cherries Shipped From Placer County. AUBURN, CAL., May 8.—Great preparations are being made here for the reunion of old Placerites on Saturday. Over one hundred pioneers from San Francisco are expected.

REDFORD CITY ROBBERY. Two Men Who Looted a Slaughter-House Captured in South San Francisco.

REDFORD CITY, CAL., May 8.—Conover & Fry's slaughter-house at Redwood City was entered by burglars and robbed last night of eighteen hides, thirty pelts and sixty-one cans of tallow. The robbers got as far as South San Francisco, when they were overtaken by a constable at 3 A. M. He saw a covered wagon and wanted to know if the occupants had a license. They replied in the negative and started to drive on. The constable stopped them to see what they had on the wagon. Underneath the canvas he found a masked man. He got into the wagon and placed the driver and his masked companion under

made up by the National Fruit Association, assisted by the Penryn Fruit Company, the Loomis Fruit Company and the Auburn Fruit Company.

SPOKANE DELEGATES NAMED. The City to Be Represented at the Salt Lake Convention.

SPOKANE, WASH., May 8.—When Governor McGraw was here last week he stated in an interview that he had declined to appoint delegates to the silver convention, to be held at Salt Lake on the 15th inst.

Advocates of free coinage thereupon called a mass-meeting for to-night, to take steps to secure representation. It was attended by 500 citizens. Patrick Henry Winston, Mayor Belt, B. C. Kingsbury and Attorney-General Jones were selected as delegates to represent this city at the convention. It is said like steps will be taken by silver advocates at Seattle and Tacoma.

A PORTERVILLE SENSATION. Cashier Beebe of the Pioneer Bank Attempts to Kill Himself.

VISALIA, CAL., May 8.—E. W. Beebe attempted to commit suicide at Porterville, Monday night, by taking morphine. He was nearly dead when physicians reached his side, and his chances for recovery are slight. Beebe is cashier of the Pioneer Bank. The cause of his attempted suicide is unknown.

FOR A GREATER TULARE. An Improvement Association Organized by Leading Citizens.

Its Object Is to Beautify the Town and Advertise Its Varied Resources.

TULARE, CAL., May 8.—For the past few days there has been much talk among business men here as to the forming of an improvement association, which should have greater significance than mere name, and the movement crystallized into a meeting to-night for the purpose of organization. The promoters are among the younger and more enterprising citizens and they are thoroughly in earnest. To-night's meeting was not a perfunctory gathering to pass resolutions and indulge in speeches, but meant earnest work for the welfare of Tulare.

The meeting was held at the City Hall. W. P. Ratliff was elected president and M. C. Zumwalt secretary. The following prospectus was submitted as a basis of organization:

We, the undersigned, for the purpose of augmenting the business interests of the City of Tulare and vicinity, increasing its population and promoting its general prosperity and well-being, do hereby associate ourselves together and do mutually agree to labor for the accomplishment of the aforesaid purposes. In witness whereunto sign our names and pay a membership fee of \$1.

A committee of five was appointed on permanent organization as follows: J. W. Davis, A. G. Wishon, C. S. Nicewonger, D. J. F. Wood, M. C. Zumwalt. One of the duties of this committee is to select a name for the new organization. The next meeting will be held at the chairman's call, probably by the end of the week. Messrs. A. O. Erwin, A. P. Hall and V. W. Tyler were appointed a committee to solicit membership.

This association will act on the general plan of similar organizations recently formed in larger cities. One of the purposes of the association is to make Tulare

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THE PACIFIC SLOPE.

Many Posses Pursue the Mirabel Stage Robbers.

OSCAR SUTRO HELD UP.

Detained by the Highwaymen, but His Valuables Are Not Taken.

TWO ASTORIA MEN DROWNED.

"Kid" Thompson Convicted of the Roscoe Train Robbery.

NAPA, CAL., May 8.—Posses are scouring the country in pursuit of the highwaymen who robbed the stage near Mirabel yesterday. They do not believe the robbers had an opportunity to leave the vicinity and are confident of capturing them. It appears that the holdup took place on the border of Napa County and the officials of that county have joined in the search.

Oscar Sutro, a nephew of Mayor Sutro, passed through here on a southbound train to-night for San Francisco. He said the stage was held up in Napa County and that he was also stopped by the robbers only a few minutes after they finished the work on the stage passengers. He was riding a horse on the county road and met the two masked men, who ordered him to dismount. He quickly obeyed, but they did not take his valuables and soon let him go on.

Sutro afterward saw them as they passed his uncle's place, Arcadia, after they had taken their masks off. He says they were both very young-looking men. One, he noticed particularly, was smooth shaven and very much tanned from the sun. They were also seen by a negro who was working on the Sutro place, who saw them go out over the trail leading toward Bear Valley, in Lake County. That section is now the main point of interest to the searching parties.

The Sheriff of Lake County and Marshal Nash of Calistoga think they know who the parties are. Nash returned to Calistoga to-night, but will not give out any information. Sheriff McKee has left here to-night to join the search, his interest in the hunt having much increased when it appeared that the work was probably done in his own county.

DROWNED NEAR ASTORIA. Two Fishermen Caught in the Breakers at the Mouth of the Columbia.

ASTORIA, OR., May 8.—Fred Peterson and his boat-puller, both fishing for Kinney's cannery, were caught in the breakers off Peacock Spit, near the mouth of the river, this morning, and drowned. A heavy wave threw them both out of the boat at the same time, but the next breaker brought them back to it and they managed to clutch the side. They were seen to hang on for a minute, until another wave smashed the boat to pieces and threw them under the water. Neither of them rose, and though the lifeboat reached within 150 yards of where they disappeared its crew never caught sight of them again.

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MISS ROSE McMAHON, WHO REPRESENTED CERES IN THE FRUIT FLOAT. [From a photograph.]



MISS TUTTLE, WHO REPRESENTED SUNSHINE IN THE SANTA ROSA PAGEANT.