

CHILDREN AT THE PARK.

Thousands of Young Ones Thronged the City's Great Playground.

NOISY AND HAPPY GATHERING.

They Rode the Donkeys, Drove the Goats and Ate Vast Quantities of Luncheon.

Golden Gate Park belonged to the children yesterday.

They took possession early, and their faces showed that they all enjoyed the Christmas day so.

The management of the festival was in the hands of George F. Murphy, who leases the playground.

Special tickets were printed for the occasion. There were 5000 donkey-ride tickets and 10,000 merry-go-round tickets.

Tickets were not required for the swings and they were going all the time.

There was a Punch and Judy show. The park band was also on hand.

Out on the baseball grounds was a babel that gave an unfading indication of the good time several hundred boys were having.

The merry-go-round was the great center of attraction. Two policemen took tickets at the gate.

Each horse carried from three to six passengers. The swings were all in motion and the entire ride was made to an accompaniment of cheers that drowned the music of the steam-organ completely.

Before the merry-go-round endured such a strain. It bore up nobly till nearly 4 o'clock.

The first lunch was served shortly after noon. The two big rooms of the pavilion had been fitted to accommodate 400 people.

It seemed as if the holder of each ticket wanted to get into the dining-room first. When the doors opened there was such a crush that it became next to impossible to take up tickets, and many slipped in without surrendering their precious pass-boards.

One little girl proudly told a waitress that she had had seven lunches. She was not to be blamed, for the lunches looked very tempting, and it was intended that all should have all they wished.

At each place a sandwich, a big apple, a half-pound box of candy, two cookies, a glass of milk and a stick of candied popcorn.

This was not enough, though. The milk and candy gave out about 3 o'clock and more had to be ordered.

"I want you to say that this is the best behaved crowd of schoolchildren we have ever handled," said Mrs. Murphy.

There was perfect order on the grounds, and the little boys saw that the doors had been closed.

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Thousands of Soldiers Have Died In Trying to Conquer Them.

THE DEADLY INTERIOR FEVERS.

Agent Macmillan of the Great Nippon-Yusen Line on Japan's Recent Struggles.

A. Macmillan, general agent of the great Nippon-Yusen Kaisha, otherwise the Japan Mail Steamship Company, is at the Palace, en route to England.

Yusen is one of the largest steamship companies in the world, owning over seventy passenger vessels, leasing as many more, and having routes of over 2,000,000 miles.

Mr. Macmillan's headquarters are at Tokio, where he has resided for seventeen years. His company is the outgrowth of many other companies. It has lines to Manila, Vladivostok, Tientsin, Shanghai and also to Calcutta via Hongkong.

It also has a local China line from Vladivostok to Hongkong, calling at intermediate points. The steamers have something over 200,000 gross tonnage.

Many steamers of this line were taken by Japan in the war with China and pressed into the service. While battles were raging on land these steamers, hastily armored and equipped with guns and other munitions, were engaged in connection with cruisers and battle-ships in bombarding various ports.

Mr. Macmillan says his company is gradually getting these steamers back now, and in a few months more probably all will be returned. According to the charter Japan could, during war, take these steamers at any time, and she therefore availed herself of the privilege.

"Everything has now pretty well settled down in the Orient," said Mr. Macmillan, "and I anticipate no more trouble. So far as war is concerned between Russia and Japan I think it in the highest degree improbable."

"The last trouble of a war character has ended with Formosa, which at last has been brought into a pretty fair state of subjection. The treaty ceding Formosa, you know, was signed in May, but the followers of the Black Flag in Formosa would not give in, so Japan had to send a lot of troops there.

"These latter days of the campaign reveal that many of them have died. The climate of a part of Formosa is very bad. It is hot and feverish. The natives themselves could stand it, but the Japanese troops, unacclimated as they were, died rapidly. They continued to die till the losses were very heavy."

"Besides this, the Black Flag followers were hard to subdue. They fought wickedly and in any and every conceivable way to win."

"Of course, when the Japanese could get at them in the open they soon mastered them, but it was not always they could thus be brought into combat. They preferred to stay behind trees and rocks and lead the soldiers into ambushes."

"However, now substantial peace has been reached, and I think there will be no more trouble."

"As to the Nippon-Yusen Company, all the stock is held by Japanese. They would not permit a foreigner to own anything in it. In reference to myself, I am going to England on a pleasure trip."

Several Japanese are with Mr. Macmillan, among them one who is manager of one of the branch steamship lines. Mr. Macmillan says business is brightening in Japan and in the Orient generally. He will leave for New York and London to-day.

ALLEN ASKED PROTECTION

The Lie Passed in Justice of the Peace Kerrigan's Court.

Louis Heilberg Objects Strongly to Statements Made in an Argument.

An exciting scene took place in Justice Kerrigan's court yesterday in which the bench, bar and a witness participated.

The case of Mrs. Agnes Trampersine vs. Louis Heilberg, in which the fair plaintiff asks for \$250 damages for being run down by the defendant's wagon while out riding on her bicycle, was on trial.

W. W. Allen represented the plaintiff, and in his argument said that Heilberg had perjured himself while on the stand. The defendant's attorney objected to such a statement, but his protestations availed him nothing, and the flood of denunciation went on. When the case had been fully presented the court gave a verdict for the defendant, who, in exuberance of spirits over his victory, called Attorney Allen a liar.

"You are in the presence of the court," said Mr. Allen; "perhaps you would not dare to say that outside."

"I am going outside now," answered Heilberg; "and I repeat that you lied when you said I perjured myself on the stand."

To make his word good Heilberg started for the door. The attorney did not see fit to follow him, but instead called upon the court for protection from such language. He asked that Heilberg be called back and punished for contempt.

"Did you call this man a liar?" said the court, when the erstwhile defendant had been brought back by his attorney.

Heilberg said something which might have been either assent or denial, but he was not satisfied and asked that he might be taken outside now.

Heilberg departed with a relieved look on his face, while the attorney lingered to talk to his client before leaving for his office.

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They also had a Christmas-tree dressed as only the Germans adorn their holiday evergreens. There were also speeches and music, and a general merry-making.

At the dinner Fritz Rosenbaum, the president of the board of directors, made a feeling speech, in which he wished his hearers many more merry Christmases, and Dr. Paulsen, editor of the Staats-Kalender, spoke in a happy vein.

During the evening a beautiful gold-headed cane was produced. It was a present from the regular Democratic Central Committee, as it exists since Mr. Watkins tried to adjourn it and since Chris Buckley got hold of a majority in it, held its last meeting in B'nai B'rith hall last night.

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This contest has much significance in connection with the factional split in the party. The president appoints the club committees, including those on resolutions, and the control of the club and its policy largely depend on to-night's election. This means much to either faction both in practical advantage and in prestige.

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Resignations Do Not Ruffle the Feathers of the Wise Old Bird.

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Union League Club's Regular Ticket. A Big Storm Brewing Over the Election.

The Owl of Bohemia should be in fine feather to-morrow night. Elaborate preparations have been made for the Christmas jinks, and the promise of a good time and peace on earth to all the guild is almost sure of fulfillment.

For the first time in the history of the club Sir Henry Heyman will conduct the Christmas music. He has figured as the director of music on many occasions, but has never wielded the baton at the Christmas assembly.

Frank Coffin, accompanied by orchestra and chorus, will sing "Noel," and Tom Rickard, similarly sustained, will sing "Nazareth." The programme embraces a bohemian song composed by Stephen W. Leach, and a lullaby by J. H. Rosewald. A tribute of respect is thus to be paid to the memory of two eminent musicians and members that recently passed away.

The Christmas high jinks, according to custom, is sired by the president, but this time the president, Horace G. Platt, has been called away to a family reunion on the other side of the continent, and the honor of presiding is bestowed on Uncle George T. Bromley.

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An old member of the club who is not on the board of directors, but who is close to Mr. Harrison, said:

"Mr. Harrison, I think, would like to be president of the club, and many members feel inclined to support him for the presidency, but I fancy that he suspects that the present board has organized to prevent his advancement. Again, he has heard that his resignation on New York would compel New Yorkers to shun the Bohemian Club during their visits to this City should he be the president. No New Yorker, it is said, could enter the club during a Harrison administration without sacrificing his self-esteem."

When it is considered that some New Yorkers in sacrificing this would have little else to surrender the force of the suggestion is not ignored.

It is the general feeling among members that what the club most needs is repose. It has figured in the press more than members like, and if perfect peace and tranquility can be maintained at the expense of a few resignations their resignation is a virtue. Five hundred men belong to the organization, and many who have achieved eminence in art, literature, music and the drama have seen it from time to time to withdraw. Some of their fellowships while others do not. Simply expressed in paraphrase: "Some may come and some may go, but the club goes on forever."

E. W. Townsend of the New York Sun, an old-time member of the club, arrived Christmas eve, and brought tidings that Harry M. Gillig and William T. Barton would get here early in January. Mr. Gillig always remembers the club in his travels. Some of the beautiful yet ornate ornaments in the house are gifts of Mr. Gillig.

Henry Irving sent this message the day before Christmas, December 24, 1895.

Green Harrison, Bohemian Club, San Francisco: Merry Christmas. All good wishes. Happy Christmas to all friends.

Another message of good cheer as follows has been received:

The Bohemian Club, San Francisco: Merry Christmas. Good health and prosperity to all Bohemians.

The little breezes in the Bohemian Club are as zephyrs to the storm that is brewing in the Union League. The regular ticket for the board of directors has been posted, and is sired with the deepest veneration. The names are Sam of the Backus, George H. Pippy, William H. Dimond, John C. Currier, Frank A. Vail, Robert A. Friedrich, Charles G. Clinch, Harry N. Gray, Dan T. Cole, Reed Jones, John W. Wright.

The National Guard coloring on the regular ticket is not quite undimmed. It may mean General W. H. Dimond for president in preference to General Robert W. Friedrich, or it