

SHRIMERS VISIT SACRAMENTO, San Francisco Pilgrims Reach a Fertile Oasis.

GIVEN ROYAL WELCOME.

Feted and Feasted in the Temple Found at Their Journey's End.

NOVIATIES CROSS THE SANDS

Thirty Reach the Golden Mecca and Quaff at the Fountain of Zem-Zem.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., March 14.—The caravan of Islam Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, arrived in this city from San Francisco shortly after 6 o'clock this evening, and was greeted by the local members of the tribe, who, in company with the Second Infantry band, had marched out upon the desert to meet the incomers. Over sixty local wearers of the fez were in line, and the incoming caravan was escorted to the Golden Eagle Hotel for dinner, after which all adjourned to the Temple. There, thirty novitiates, in fear and trembling, awaited their coming to begin the journey across the desert, whose glowing sands they were to tread with unsandaled feet, and whose lofty pyramids they vainly would climb on bended knees in the hope that they might be allowed to quaff deep draughts of the fizing waters of the fountain of Zem-Zem.

The caravan was under the immediate direction of illustrious Potentate Charles L. Patton, who presided wisely by the imperial potentate of America, Charles L. Field and upward of a hundred pilgrims accompanied the long train of salt-laden camels to the green and glowing oasis of Sacramento. What happened to these fearless yet trembling pilgrims is only known to themselves and those who, in former years, have likewise been bound with ropes and led blindfolded and bare-foot across the red-hot sands.

After their perilous journey those who had not fallen by the wayside had their wounds dressed and oil poured over their blistered feet and were led beneath the tall palm trees of the banquet hall and had their shattered nerves soothed with copious refreshments. Then they were regaled with sun-dried dates, while strains of dreamy music filled the air.

The costume of the shriners was full dress suits with red fezes, embellished in front with the silver emblem of the order—the scimitar and claws. The novitiates dressed at will.

The San Francisco camel-drivers included the following Arabs: C. S. Benedict, V. D. D-bosa, M. I. Kingman, C. I. Murphy, F. M. Cartan, J. G. Mondso, J. G. Thompson, J. C. Brown, S. D. Mayer, W. Maxwell, J. T. Bromley, S. D. Mayer, W. C. Campbell, J. T. Baston, I. Stanton, George Thompson, G. R. Armstrong, M. G. Strong, J. Z. Davis, H. D. Rowe, Charles L. Field, A. W. Baldwin, C. L. Patten, J. P. Frazer, W. R. Parnell, Antone Craig, B. Horn, S. D. Tent, R. B. Moore, H. J. Burns, E. de Kay Townsend, G. M. Perrine, J. H. Grey, J. Westphal, O. J. Huested, L. E. Phillips, E. E. Drake, S. Plummer, W. U. Boient, G. Ames, William McCormack, C. H. Twombly, A. W. Lancaster, J. G. Wall, John Harkst, J. W. Lucas, T. Mullar, J. C. Crockett, J. H. Smith, T. L. McLaughlin, T. Tominson, T. Kyle, G. Hobe, C. M. Smith, F. W. Williams, A. S. de Greayer, H. W. Brown, Paul Boester, C. H. Bassett, Thomas Flint, J. M. Curtis, H. Britton, W. G. Brown, Harry Grey, William Clough, E. C. Hughes, M. A. Wheaton, George S. Dow, Dr. C. W. Wicker, George Hass, F. W. Titus, M. Johnson, W. Briggs, A. Bro-made, George D. Graham, M. Jones, J. S. Long, G. H. Dwyer, J. H. Culver, Dr. C. G. Kenyon, A. Kendall, R. J. Van Voor-hies, L. A. Spitzer, L. C. Kerr, Charles Bliss and Thomas Morton.

TEARS IN A PORTLAND COURT. A Murderer Breaks Down When His Doom is Pronounced.

PORTLAND, OR., March 14.—Judge Stephens this morning sentenced to life imprisonment Theodore J. Luebeck, who last month stabbed William Solomon, a family friend, to death. When asked if he had any reason to give why sentence should not be passed, the murderer could hardly keep on his feet, so nervous was he, and the tears streamed down his cheeks. His wife and children were present, and they joined in the weeping spell, which affected every one witnessing the scene. Luebeck began to speak, mumbling more to himself than to any one else, but his remarks were incoherent. Those persons near the man heard him uttering something about his wife and Solomon. When he heard his doom pronounced he cried out in a most audible tone: "I can't stand that; I'd rather go to the gallows and be done with it."

He was at once removed from the courtroom, and his moans were heard until the heavy iron county-jail door beneath the courtroom prevented his voice being heard on the outside.

EXHUMED AT FORT TOWNSEND. Bodies of United States Soldiers to Be Interred at Benicia.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., March 14.—Instructions have been received here to prepare for transfer to the army barracks at Benicia the remains of twenty-nine United States soldiers interred in the reserve known as Fort Townsend, across the bay from here. The bodies will be exhumed and sent first to Vancouver and then to Benicia, where they will be permanently interred. The instructions are looked upon as a forerunner of early preparations to make ready for the six companies of light artillery which are to occupy the important position, as a result of the recent endorsement of that site by the army board of officers sent out to select the most suitable location on Puget Sound.

DROWNED AT BENICIA. Ex-Second Mate Taylor of the Ship Dirigo Meets Death.

BENICIA, CAL., March 14.—On the arrival of the steamer Monticello last evening one of the passengers was noticed by the officers to go across the wharf and fall overboard. Every exertion was made to save him, but as the tide runs very swiftly at the place where he fell the body was not recovered until over an hour afterward.

The coroner held an inquest Friday, when it was learned that the name of the

deceased was Bartlett A. Taylor, and that he had an honorable discharge as second mate of the ship Dirigo, that arrived in San Francisco on the 29th of February. Apparent cause of death was the darkness his death was due to an accident.

ROSSLAND DISASTER.

Four Miners Killed and Several Injured by an Explosion at the Center Star Mine.

SPOKANE, WASH., March 14.—A special from Rossland, B. C., to-night, says: A terrible explosion occurred here this afternoon. A magazine at the Center Star mine containing several hundred pounds of dynamite blew up, entombing six miners. Mike Shanahan died while being taken to the hospital. A man named Collins was badly injured and was removed to the hospital. Joseph Dolan was taken out dead and W. Brook is fatally injured. It is reported two more are dead at the mine.

PUGET SOUND EJECTMENTS.

Hundreds of Settlers Ordered to Leave Government Reserves.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., March 14.—The War Department is now beginning the enforcement of an order which will cause considerable hardship in many places along the shores of Puget Sound, and an effort will be made to have the enforcement again postponed as it was last year. This is a general order to remove all trespassers from Government reservations on Puget Sound.

Hundreds of fishermen and small ranchers are squatted on Government reserves in this vicinity, and last June an order came to have them removed. It was shown that it would be a great hardship on the squatters to enforce the order, and it was suspended. To-day Lieutenant E. W. Clark arrived from Vancouver with peremptory instructions to enforce the order of ejection, and it is said no opportunity will be given for a remonstrance on the part of the squatters and their friends. Hundreds of fishermen will be forced to tear down their shanties and seek new locations, and they are bitterly complaining of the Government's action. It is supposed Congressional action against const defenses is responsible for the order.

BID FOR EUREKA'S TRADE

San Francisco and Portland Representatives Appear at a Banquet.

Lower Rates From Humboldt County to the East Are Pledged by This City.

EUREKA, CAL., March 14.—The fifth annual banquet of the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce was held last night. Unusual interest attached to this affair because of the Eureka-Portland trade discussion. One hundred and fifty couples were present. Ex-Mayor Kinsey of the Eureka Bank acted as toastmaster.

J. N. Gillett, who responded to the toast, "Our Guests," expressed the unanimous opinion of the Chamber regarding the Portland trade question. He said that despite the fact that our sympathy was with San Francisco our prosperity was toward the north. After welcoming Martin Wallace, the representative of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Gillett said he believed that soon after Eureka had secured a connection with Eastern trade centers by a line of her own, and owing to Eureka's westward position the distance from the coast to the Orient would be much shortened.

Martin Wallace of Portland affirmed that Portland had taken the matter in hand in earnest and would immediately put on a better and larger boat, which would make Eureka its terminus. Although terminal rates could not be guaranteed to start with they would surely come. He assured the chamber that nothing that San Francisco could do would induce the Oregon Navigation Company to pull off the steamer.

D. K. B. Sellers, resident agent of Wellman, Peck & Co. of San Francisco, declared that Eureka's emancipation had come from the south, and read the following dispatch: Traffic Association of California to the Chamber of Commerce of Eureka: The Central and Union Pacific railroad companies have agreed with us to make, from Eureka to the Missouri River and Chicago, the same rate per 100 pounds on shingles (carloads) as from Puget Sound to the same destination, and these railroads will pay charges from Eureka to San Francisco, provided that the charge is not more than \$1.50 per ton weight on board cars from San Francisco to the North Fork and the Alice Blanchard or the Empire will take at that rate. W. B. CURTIS.

H. H. Bubne, a ship-chandler, spoke on the Traffic Association, and said that he, as a representative merchant, preferred to take the hand that first proffered help and trust to Portland.

ARRAIGNED AT PETALUMA.

Del Kirby, the Youthful River Pirate, Held for Trial.

PETALUMA, CAL., March 14.—The examination of the youthful river pirate, Del Kirby, for robbing Colonel Fairbanks' clubhouse, took place here yesterday. He was held for trial and sent to jail in default of \$2000 bonds.

DEATH OF A FRESNO PIONEER.

Frank W. Berry Passes Away at His Home in Fresno.

FRESNO, CAL., March 14.—Frank W. Berry, a California pioneer, and brother of Futton G. Berry of this city, died here last Thursday. He was 73 years of age and had been in ill health for some time past. The deceased was for a long time a prominent business man of San Francisco, but later came to this city, which he continued to make his home. He came West from the State of Maine. The funeral was held at the residence of his son, Charles Berry, to-day.

SANTA BARBARA'S GUESTS.

Arrangements for the Reception of the Hotelmen's Association.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., March 14.—G. W. Lynch and A. B. Kiecke, Los Angeles hotelmen, are here making arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the National Hotelmen's Mutual Benefit Association, which will come here for the week of the flower festival. The association will travel in three Pullman trains, sleeping and eating in the coaches. Governor Budd and General Dimont will accompany the party, which will be further increased by the Mayors of all the leading towns in Southern California.

A Death at Petaluma.

PETALUMA, CAL., March 14.—Frank Lawler, who for four years has been studying law with Samuel Shortridge of San Francisco, died here yesterday of the home of relative from a long consumption. He was a son of D. Lawler, late police officer of San Francisco. The remains will be interred in San Francisco, in the family plot.

QUALITY IN PICTURES.

Jules Mersfelder Paints Some Strong Impressions of Nature.

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opportunity of conveying his dreams to impressions of nature—a delightful occupation which Mr. Mersfelder declares has influenced his brush and inspired him to creditable efforts.

"A Foggy Morning in the Oaks" is one of the large paintings. At first glance it resembles Keith's, but a second look discloses the different technique and treatment of color. It is painted in a gray key and represents an opening among gnarled and massive trees, with the cold, foggy atmosphere dominating everything. The color scheme is in gray-greens deepening from the misty light to dun shadows, which throw the oaks out in strong relief. In all, though inclined to be impressionistic, it is a strong picture.

Another characteristic painting with "quality" as its chief motive is "The Restless Sea"—a large canvas portraying the ocean in angry mood. The artist is happy enough in his idea of color of ocean waves, and strong in his light effects, and besides the murky, stormy distance and overhanging sky are really impressive.

The most striking picture is "Evening in the Forest." There is in it something of an earlier style of treatment, attractive in a way and unconventional, and the subject offering vast possibilities in the effect of sunlight bursting through an open space has been conscientiously studied. A flood of evening sunshine touches the trees and reveals some of the colors of autumn foliage. This is the center of attraction for the eye, and it is treated with a luminous brush. Behind are the shadows, blue and dark, and over all an air of mystery.

TO RELIEVE DIFFICULTIES.

Brosius Has a Bill Relating to the Monetary Situation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—Representative Brosius of Pennsylvania has prepared "a bill to relieve the difficulties in the monetary situation." First, it authorizes the National bank to issue circulation to the par value of its bonds; secondly, it reduces the taxation of National bank circulation to one-fourth of 1 per cent; third, it authorizes the organization of National banks with a capital stock of \$25,000 in towns of not more than 3000 inhabitants; fourth, it utilizes the \$125,000,000 of silver bullion now lying idle in the vaults of the Treasury by uniting it with an equal amount of gold which is now in the Treasury, making a combined gold and silver reserve redemption fund of \$250,000,000, which shall be set apart by the Secretary of the Treasury and kept separate and apart to redeem outstanding legal-tender notes and treasury notes as they shall be presented for redemption.

CAPTAIN MUNGER'S CASE.

Lieutenant Ross' Charges Regarded as Presumptuous and Impertinent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—The Call correspondent made inquiry at the Treasury Department to-day concerning the case of Captain Munger, formerly in command of the revenue cutter Corwin, against whom charges of impropriety and misconduct were preferred by Lieutenant Ross. There is no doubt that Captain Hooper (in command of the Pacific Coast revenue cutter fleet) and who sympathizes with Captain Munger) has considerable influence at the Treasury Department; but aside from this the Treasury Department officials are provoked at Lieutenant Ross for presuming to criticize the action of Captain Hooper and the department in assigning Munger to special service at Seattle after the charges had been preferred against him.

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Massachusetts greeted fraternally the new Golden West.

Short speeches were made by all the guests and a right good feeling pervaded the table round.

Mr. Kingman's shoe establishment in Brockton is an extensive one, supplied with the newest mechanical appliances, and turns out large quantities of manufactured goods. His visit to this State is partly for recreation, but with a practical view of business.

A Small Fire.

At 12:15 o'clock last evening an alarm was sounded from box 35 for a fire in the battery room of the Western Union Telegraph Company on Pine and Montgomery streets. The fire was caused by electric wires becoming crossed. The damage was slight, but the telegraph operators had to suspend their work until the wires could be repaired.

Burglary in a Grocery.

Luke Lawrence, alias Luke Battles, was arrested early yesterday morning by Policemen Edwards and Kaskell and booked at the North

City meeting of the Republican State Central Committee for the Fifth Congressional District.

It was the initial formal meeting of the committee, and all its members—William L. Topitz, C. S. Laumelster, A. L. Stetson and John E. Richards, of San Francisco, W. B. Lawrence of San Mateo, James W. Rea and William Moir of Santa Clara County—were present.

The meeting was called to order by P. Alexander Bergerot, chairman of the Redwood City meeting. He stated the general purposes for which the committee had been called into existence and directed their attention particularly to the Redwood City resolution which recommended that the method and supervision of selecting district delegates to the State and district conventions be left in the hands of the various county committees.

The committee proceeded to effect its organization then, and James W. Rea was selected as chairman and John E. Richards as secretary. Then followed a general and informal discussion of the powers of the committee and the manner in which these powers should be exercised by the committee as a whole and by its individual members.

During this discussion, which lasted for some time and covered the ground pretty thoroughly, the prevailing consensus of opinion was that the details of the selection of delegates should be relegated to the local organizations of the party.

It was finally decided that in order to give the members of the committee an opportunity in which to consult the wishes of the constituents of their various localities, an adjournment should be taken until Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, and such action was duly taken.

IROQUOIS CLUBS.

A Proposition Adopted to Organize Branch Clubs in the Various Counties.

At the meeting of the State Council of the board of sachems of Iroquois Clubs at the California Hotel yesterday morning, Grand Sachem Raleigh Barcar in the chair, the proposition of organizing clubs throughout the State was discussed. About twenty-five members were present.

Colonel A. Kinney and M. C. Marsh of Los Angeles reported relative to the condition of things in that section of the State. It was stated by them that there was a very favorable outlook for thorough organization of the Democratic party in that county, and that the recent visit of Max Popper and Louis Metzger had been productive of much good.

Joseph Gorman of Sacramento reported that there were excellent prospects of a club consisting of 50 or 100 members being organized there.

W. M. Gibson of Stockton promised an organization there of 100 to 200 members. In this City the local organization was reported to be doing active and excellent work in behalf of the party.

After all these reports had been discussed and considered a motion was adopted to have the grand sachem appoint a committee of three to devise ways and means for the purpose of organizing Iroquois Clubs in the various counties.

Shook Hands With Cleveland.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—The President shook hands with 500 people in the East Room of the White House to-day, the largest crowd that has attended his public receptions since they were renewed