

REAR ADMIRAL SKERRETT GONE

Passing of the Boldest Navigator in the Navy.

This Skillful Navy Officer First Gained Notoriety in the Capture of Slavers.

Well Known at This Port by Reason of His Having Commanded the Pacific Station.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—Rear-Admiral Joseph S. Skerrett, U. S. N., retired, died at his residence in this city at midnight last night.

VALLEJO, CAL., Jan. 1.—William H. Skerrett, chief clerk of the commandant at the Mare Island Navy-yard, received today the sad intelligence of the death of his brother, Rear-Admiral Joseph S. Skerrett, U. S. N., on the retired list, which occurred at Washington at 12 o'clock last night from paralysis.

Joseph S. Skerrett, who became Rear-Admiral Skerrett by the retirement of John Irwin, had the reputation of being the best navigator in the navy. He was



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born in Chillicothe, Ohio, January 13, 1833, and when he was six months old the choice offered to him by the Congressman from his district of going either to Annapolis or West Point. He chose Annapolis and in 1854 was graduated at the head of his class.

Service on the slave coast in wartime did not satisfy Lieutenant Skerrett, although he rose to be first lieutenant and executive of the ship, for he wanted to be in the thick of the fighting at home.

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He was hurt by this treatment and tendered his resignation, but Secretary Welles gave him the notice of withdrawing his resignation and he chose the former alternative.

He started on a surveying trip in 1872, which consumed three years and yielded valuable results. While on this voyage he arrived at Hawaii just in time to be of great service to the American interests, Kalakaua having just been elected king, the old royal family being extinct and the opponents of Kalakaua having started a rebellion, which was quelled before any damage had been done to life or property by the presence and influence of Captain Skerrett and Captain Belknap and their forces.

One of his latest and most important duties had also to do with Hawaii. In December, 1892, he was sent to command the Pacific station at Honolulu and his experiences there are still fresh in the public mind. In November, 1894, he was sent to command the Asiatic station, where he remained until he retired the following January.

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC WOOL. There is Now a Larger Amount on Hand Than Last Year.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 1.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin, whose figures are accepted as the standard by the National Association of Wool Manufacturers and by the United States Government, will

say to-morrow: The total sales of foreign and domestic wool in Boston in 1896 were 159,302,901 pounds, against 240,453,383 pounds in 1895.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—The meeting of the Representative members of the California Congressional delegation to-day to further consider the question of agreeing upon a resident of their State to be recommended to President-elect McKinley for appointment to his Cabinet was adjourned until Monday, as Senator Perkins and Representatives Johnson and

Mr. Johnson feared that other candidates might come forward and the contest become so bitter as to lose the State the honor sought. The delegation would not urge the appointment of Mr. Davis to any particular position, he said, but would prefer the Department of the Interior.

MEANS A POWERFUL TRUST. Nearly Every Oatmeal and Cereal Mill in the Country to Enter a Combine.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 2.—A morning paper says: Nearly every oatmeal and cereal mill in the United States has just entered into an agreement that amounts to a powerful trust to regulate the output and prices of oatmeal, rolled oats and other breakfast cereals.

The new trust that threatens to drive out of existence the smaller mills of the country so as to make a big advance in prices as soon as the conditions of trade will allow is called the Cereal Millers' Association. Ten days ago the representatives of the mills in the trust held a meeting in this city and another meeting will probably be held here by January 12, when it is likely that if the trade outlook has improved by that time there will be a big advance in prices.

The general manager of the association is George W. Brown of Sioux City, Robert Stuart, secretary of the American Cereal Company, said yesterday of the combine: "The Cereal Millers' Association, or whatever it is called, held a meeting in this city ten days ago, and most of the cereal mills, I understand, were represented."

ORDERED TO THE VESUVIUS. Officers Who Will Be on the New Dynamite Cruiser.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 1.—Lieutenant-Commandant J. F. Pillsbury has been detached from the War College and ordered to assume command of the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius. Lieutenant Quinn has been detached from the Navy Hydrographic Office, Norfolk, and Ensign W. K. Harrison from the office of Naval Intelligence and ordered to report for duty on the cruiser.

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CAPTURE OF A BURGLAR. Chief Arnold of Dallas Says He Is a Notorious Criminal.

DALLAS, TEXAS, Jan. 1.—A burglar giving the name of Charles Wilson and residence Butte, Mont., was captured here yesterday by a posse of men headed by Chief Arnold, a wholesale druggist. Chief of Police Arnold says the capture is the most important made by his force in years.

Death of a Journal Clerk. ONEONTA, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Edward M. Johnson, journal clerk of the Assembly of the State of New York, died of Bright's disease after four months' illness at his home in Oneonta, N. Y.

Conrad Fined the Assailant. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 1.—Miss Emma Betts, aged 40 years, was shot and killed in the third story of the house at 1212 North Fourth street to-day. The police were not informed of the tragedy until an hour and a half after the woman was dead, and they have been unable to learn with any certainty who did the shooting.

Spook Preceptor Killed Near Hope. SPOKANE, WASH., Jan. 1.—J. W. Propator, the noted Indian scout, known all over the Pacific Northwest as "Deer on the Trail," was killed near Hope, Idaho, today, by a landslide. He had resided in this section over thirty years.

GENERAL W. H. L. BARNES' Christmas sermon delivered at the Bohemian Club High Lights in the New Year's Eve.

PASADENA'S NEW YEAR'S CARNIVAL

Gay With Floral Beauty, a Pageant Threads Her Streets.

Merry Thousands Gather to View the Passing Column and Applaud.

Under Sunny Skies the Southland People Engage in Holiday Festivities.

PASADENA, CAL., Jan. 1.—Pasadena celebrated her eighth annual rose tournament to-day under sunny skies, this being the eighth consecutive New Year's day which has been fair for the event. The air was crisp and clear. The business-houses along the line of parade were lavishly decorated with streamers and pennants of yellow and blue bunting—tournament colors—and the fronts of many buildings were covered with pepper

The Pasadena City band came next in full uniform, followed by the American Club in uniform of white duck, yellow braid and decorations of yellow marguerites. Each carried a flag with marguerites on the end of the staff. There were eighty men in line. This organization was awarded first prize for the best company entry. It was followed by the Knights of Pythias in full uniform, with floral decorations of geraniums, who received the second prize.

The fourth and last division followed, with Colonel L. P. Hanson as marshal, mounted on a fine sorrel. His decorations were white daisies and ferns. In this division there were twenty entries, all elaborately decorated. The most noteworthy was that of Hotel Green, a six-in-hand English drag drawn by bays. The coach was covered with pink and white carnations, the wheels being almost a solid mass of flowers. The harness and reins were wrapped in pink satin, and white satin saddle-cloths, with the monogram "H. G." in pink, covered each horse.

The Spaulding coach, six-in-hand, was similar in design. It was garbed in pink and white, and carried a pair of white horses and on the vehicle rode nine young ladies in pink and white gowns and white hats, with parasols trimmed with pink roses and white carnations. This coach received the second prize.

The Throop Polytechnic entry was a six-in-hand drawn by bays. Its colors were red and white, and it carried a pair of red geraniums. The harness of the horse was covered with red. Twelve young ladies garbed in white, with white parasols, rode on the vehicle. This coach was awarded first prize for the best coach entry.

The most elaborate four-in-hand was one owned by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and drawn by bays. The body of the carriage was completely hidden by masses of pink and white carnations. This received first prize for four-in-hands.

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce rig, decorated with yellow marguerites and yellow and white plumes, took second prize. The Painter Company, in yellow and smilax, was third. There were a great number of entries in this class, all beautifully decorated with floral decorations, the principal flowers being pink roses, geraniums, fuchsias and daisies.

The equestrian division followed, with Dr. F. F. Rowland on a fine black horse, and Mrs. L. L. Darymple and Mrs. J. M. Schaffer on the first and second ladies' prizes respectively, and J. M. Schaffer and Roy Peck the men's prizes. Miss Darymple, on the same horse, won the same prize with a red horse and a black steed decorated with scarlet geraniums.

The Seventh Regiment band followed this division and preceded the Valley Hunt Club entries. These included twenty elegant turnouts of different varieties. Each of these victorias, drags, carts, surreys, and coaches, was lavishly decorated. That of E. F. Hurlbut, a victoria covered with red carnations and smilax, and drawn by two bays, of spiteful red and black, and decorated in red point color; a surrey owned by William Stanton and made beautiful with marguerites, and a spier drawn by two black tandem horses, owned by Horace M. Dobbins and decorated with yellow daisies, were the most noteworthy. For the finest club entry the Valley Hunt was awarded first prize.

There followed seven floats entered by the Conservatory of Music. O. Stewart Taylor, the director, was awarded first prize. His float was decorated in Spanish-Mexican style, its colors being red, green and yellow. Pains and geraniums were used. The float was partially covered with bunting, and was decorated with a tier of seats accommodating sixty sitters and guitar and mandolin players. The men wore Mexican costumes, the ladies black and yellow gowns and Spanish mantillas. The latter carried fans and during their progress through the streets sang Mexican national airs, playing guitar and mandolin accompaniment. They were accompanied by six outriders in Mexican costumes. This float received first prize. On the Columbia School float, seats were arranged in tiers and occupied by children in variegated costumes arranged to form a rainbow. This took second prize. The high school float depicted a scene from "Evangeline." The Wilson School's entry represented war and peace, and the Garfield supplied the Old Woman in a Shoe, with other nursery characters scattered about. The floral decorations on all of the floats were most beautiful. Evangeline was awarded third prize.

There were tandem, pair-horse and single-horse entries. In the pair-horse class, A. B. Post won first prize, B. O. Kendall second and the Painter trap third. Each of these entries was elaborate in floral decorations.

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The Fire Department was out in full force, its engines and hose carts decorated with calls, roses and smilax. The line of march covered nearly ten miles. The judges' stand was placed in Orange Grove avenue, and the pageant passed twice before it for awards. The avenue was lined with spectators and the grand stands erected along the line of march for their accommodation were crowded. Lemonade, fruit and sandwiches were distributed to all visitors, and the occasion was a gala one in Pasadena's history. A band concert was given in each of the parks during the afternoon.

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Two notable private parties were given. Major Mrs. Frank McLaughlin and Miss Agnes McLaughlin entertained a large party of friends at their home, Golden Gate Villa, with a series of living pictures. The guests also were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hamilton, Mrs. Ada F. Eardson, Al Ingalsbe, S. N. Paulson, Con Edman and Mrs. Mary E. Ely. The guests also enjoyed one of Major McLaughlin's famous terrapin suppers.

Miss Agnes Hill, daughter of F. A. Hill, was the invitation party at Hotel de Capitoia, which was enjoyed by a number of society young people, including the members of the Friday Night Club.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO DISASTER. Exploding Powder Wrecks a Dwelling and Fatally Mangles One of Its Occupants.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CAL., Jan. 1.—People residing in all portions of San Luis Obispo were startled by a terrific explosion at 7:30 o'clock this evening. It occurred at a house just north of the main part of the city. John Gillotte and a relative had been hunting, and on their return, placed their shotguns in the kitchen of Gillotte's house, near the stove. The heat from the stove caused one of the guns to explode, the concussion causing the explosion of about ten pounds of powder in a can in a closet near by. The right side of Gillotte's face was crushed, his hand badly mangled, his left arm broken, and sight destroyed in one eye. He is conscious, but his physician says it is doubtful if he recovers from the shock and injuries.

The kitchen roof was blown off and the sitting-room adjoining the kitchen was completely wrecked, portions of the wall being blown in. The explosion completely destroyed the furniture broken. The house was an adobe, otherwise it is probable the entire building would have been demolished.

TRAGEDY AT SALT LAKE. Captain Neidenhofen, a Butte Politician, Commits Suicide by Plunging From a Roof.

SALT LAKE, UTAH, Jan. 1.—Captain H. A. Neidenhofen, a prominent citizen and politician of Butte, Mont., committed suicide here to-day. He and his wife were staying at the Vey Hotel. While in a dejected condition he climbed by the fire-escape to the roof of the hotel and sat for some time before he was observed. The eaves with his legs dangling over. Some one called to him to come down. "What date is it?" asked Neidenhofen. "New Year's day," was the reply, whereupon Neidenhofen let go all hold and fell to the pavement, striking on his head, breaking his neck and fracturing his skull.

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PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1.—Two masked men walked into Charles Sullivan's saloon at Albina to-night and held up the cashier, the bartender and proprietor, Sullivan. While one of the men covered the loungers with a revolver, the other compelled Sullivan and his assistant to hand over the cash. Sullivan believed it was New Year's joke, and told them to shoot, and walked out the rear way. His assistant was knocked senseless. The robbers emptied the cash drawer of \$30 and then walked out. They have not been apprehended.

The Monadnock at Santa Cruz. SANTA CRUZ, CAL., Jan. 1.—The monitor Monadnock cast anchor in the bay off Fisherman's wharf at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. It left San Francisco at 9 this morning. The monitor ran into a school of whales between Pigeon Point and Third. Each of these entries was elaborate in floral decorations.

The parade included a bicycle division, first prize being awarded Mr. and Mrs. Palmater for a tandem decorated with white roses and smilax. The riders wore white duck suits.

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