

# A GRANDEUR OF FAMED YOSEMITE VALLEY IN THE HEART OF THE PRESIDENT WITH DELIGHT

## WATER'S WEALTH IN CALIFORNIA

### What California Deserts May Hold in Store for Miners.

### Gold Bearing Districts of This State Report Activity.

Many questions are asked concerning the values in nitrate that might be realized from the deserts of California if the predictions are fulfilled that the niter deposits in this State are found to equal those in Chile. An official publication just out gives the leading facts relating to Chile. Last year the output of nitrates, as reported by the Nitrate Association, amounted to 2,982,975,900 pounds, which was 146,121,900 pounds more than the total production for 1901.

### Pitches His Camp Just as Darkness Descends on the Grove.

WAWONA, May 15.—A perfect day greeted President Roosevelt, when, after an uneventful night ride from San Francisco, his special train pulled into Raymond at 7:30 o'clock this morning. A large crowd had gathered at the depot to welcome the distinguished visitor and after a short speech to the people he rode away in one of the new stages of the Yosemite and Turpin Company amid the cheers of the population of Raymond, en route to the Mariposa Big Trees. The stage was in charge of Bright Gillespie, one of the most competent drivers of the line. Gillespie has driven here for the last ten years and is noted for his good humor and anecdotes.

### SOLD FOR MILLIONS.

The latest financial transactions concerning Pacific Coast mines of very recent date are reported to have taken place in Alaska. A bond is reported as having been taken on 100 copper claims owned by New York parties in Copper River Valley above Victor, together with other Copper River properties, for \$12,000,000. The Gladough mine on Latouch Island, in Prince William Sound, is reported as having been sold for \$1,000,000. A letter to the Mining and Geologic Survey from Nome, dated March 1, contains the following statements:

Mining operations around Nome are progressing, many dumps being taken out for the purpose of washing. The water is pumped into the creek and the pay seems to be uniform all along the beach line. Another richer strike has been found farther inland and near the foothills. What effect the wet winter and heavy snowfall will have on the opening of the summer season remains to be seen. The past winter's snowfall has been the heaviest in the last four years, reaching four feet on a level. The ground is, however, not frozen to much depth owing to the early snow in the fall, which protected the ground. Considerable interest is being shown in the Solomon River country, where rich diggings are reported. The industries of Shovel Creek are prospering. At the Big Birch quartz mine owned by J. D. Lane, development is progressing and the shaft is about 110 feet from the surface. The mine is being free gold. A number of other quartz mines are being developed.

According to the Redding Searchlight, the Bakakia Consolidated Copper Company is planning to have one of the great copper mining and smelting industries of the country. It has filed upon rights that are reported to be competent to supply 500 inches of water and has contracted for electrical power from the Northern California Power Company. The Searchlight says:

To meet the fresh demand upon its capacity made by the Bakakia Consolidated Copper Company the Northern California Power Company will immediately begin work upon its largest power plant, the North Fork of the Cow Creek, about five miles from Whitmore. The preparatory work includes the construction of a short canal, the laying of the pipe line or penstock. Active work was originally begun last fall, but was discontinued in the winter months. The Northern California Power Company is also extending its supply lines in this country. As a result of the surveying of the route, H. Noble and Manager Johnson to Kennet a local surveyor, E. Johnson, is at work surveying the route for a transmission line from the company's substation at the mine where the power is generated. The mine is supplied with power for both its mine and smelter, to the Bakakia mine, on Squaw Lake, near Kennet, a distance of about twelve miles.

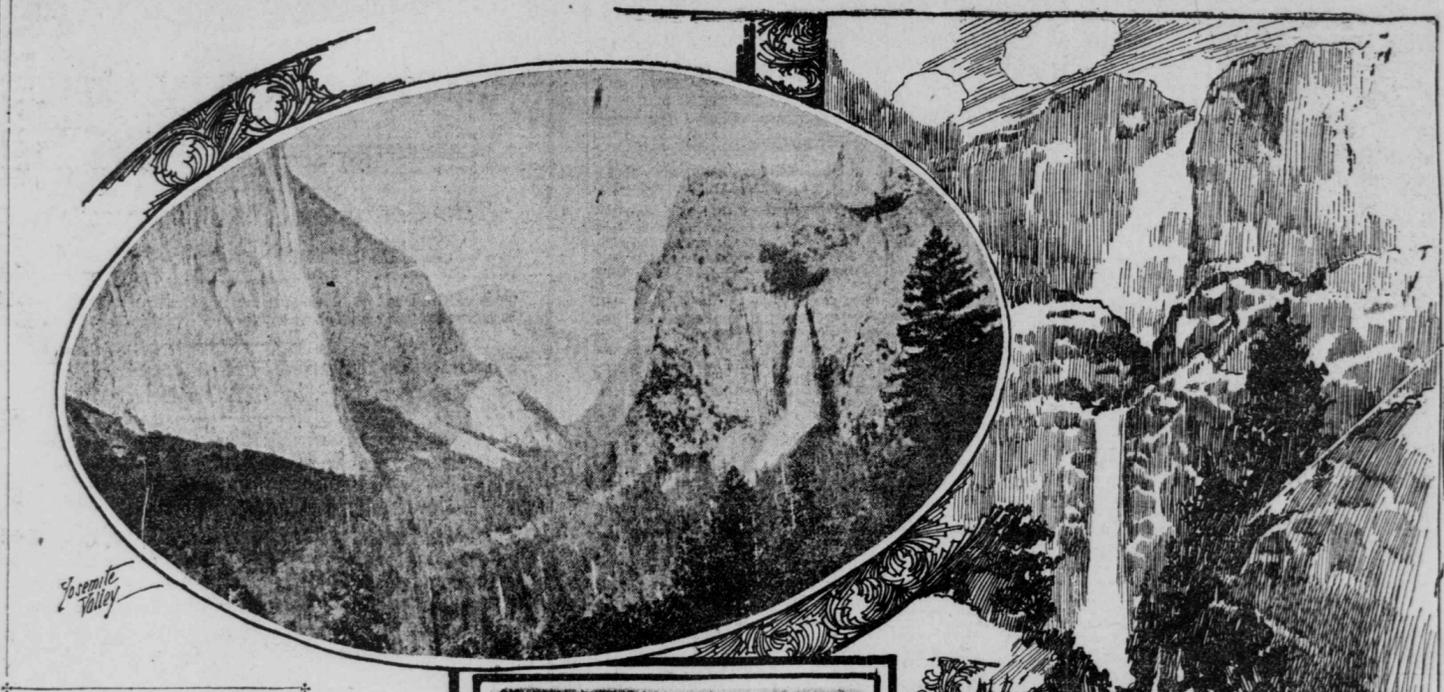
### IN CALAVERAS COUNTY.

There is considerable activity among the mine claims in the Spring Valley, Calaveras County, so the Calaveras Prospect reports. The Prospect says:

This is largely due to the extensive improvements on the Royal mine at Hudson, where 150 tons of ore have been raised. The mine is now being worked by the Royal mine. Mines have been opened and 150 tons of ore have been raised. The mine is now being worked by the Royal mine. Mines have been opened and 150 tons of ore have been raised. The mine is now being worked by the Royal mine.

### BULLY HILL BOOMS.

There is renewed activity at Bully Hill, in Shasta County. The Redding Free Press describes the situation as follows:



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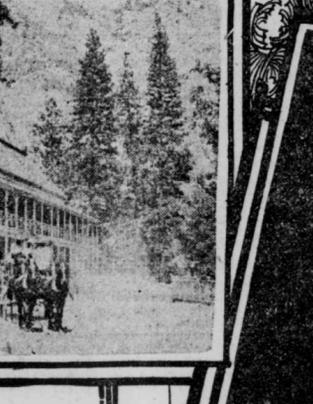
### PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S STATE TOUR

Four days in Yosemite Valley and Big Tree region.

MONDAY, MAY 18.  
Leave Raymond... 6:00 p. m.

TUESDAY, MAY 19.  
Arrive Reno, Nev... 7:30 a. m.  
(Via Virginia and Truckee R. R.)  
Leave Reno... 7:40 a. m.  
Arrive Carson... 8:55 a. m.  
Leave Carson... 9:55 a. m.  
Arrive Reno... 11:10 a. m.  
Leave Reno... 12:10 p. m.  
(Via Southern Pacific.)  
Arrive Sacramento... 6:45 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20.  
Leave Sacramento... 12:30 a. m.  
Arrive Redding... 8:30 a. m.  
Leave Redding... 8:40 a. m.  
Arrive Sisson... 1:15 p. m.  
Leave Sisson... 1:20 p. m.  
Arrive Ashland, Or... 7:00 p. m.



### NATURE'S BEAUTY SPOT WHERE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WILL SEEK REST AND QUIET BEFORE CONTINUING HIS TRIUMPHAL TOUR ACROSS THE CONTINENT, AND DISTINGUISHED NATURALIST WHO WILL ACT AS HIS GUIDE THROUGH THE FAR-FAMED BIG TREE COUNTRY.

Monday morning and is due at Raymond Monday evening. He is dressed in khaki, with leggings, and wears a sombrero. Governor Pardee, Dr. Butler, John Muir and Secretary Loeb were in the Presidential party to-day.

Game is plentiful in the park now, especially bear and deer. Forest Ranger Leidig took firearms along, and it is expected that the President will enjoy some good shooting before he reaches the boundary line of the national park. Nothing will be heard or seen of the President or his companions until Sunday noon.



### Cut Off From Communication With the Outside World, the Nation's Chief Executive Will Try to Forget the Cares of Government.

clares that he is not in the assassination business.

**WITTMAN IS COMPLIMENTED.**

President Roosevelt congratulates Police Department on its efficiency. Chief of Police Wittman is well pleased with the conduct of his men during the festivities, and issued the following circular yesterday:

Office Chief of Police, Hall of Justice.

To the Company Commanders: I am greatly pleased to extend to you and your respective commands my most sincere thanks and congratulations on the prompt and efficient manner in which my general orders of the 11th instant relative to the policing of the parade and various events incident to the visit of the President of the United States were carried out. The thorough manner in which the orders were executed won the commendation of every one, including the President and Mr. Loeb, his secretary.

### SACRAMENTO'S WELCOME.

Citizens Will Present President With a Silver Loving Cup.

SACRAMENTO, May 15.—A hearty welcome awaits President Roosevelt at Sacramento. He will arrive at 6:45 on the evening of May 19 and leave six hours later. He has indicated his desire to retire to his car at 10 o'clock, however, and plans have been made accordingly.

### WARNS POLICE OF A PLOT.

Unknown Author Hints at Plan to Slay President.

OAKLAND, May 15.—In a rambling, incoherent letter, one "K. S." has written to Mayor Warren Olney of an alleged plot to assassinate President Roosevelt during his visit.

### Settling the Accounts.

The finance and auditing committee of the Presidential reception committee is hard at work settling the affairs of the celebration. The subscribers to the fund are paying up promptly. Secretary Robinson says that the deficiency will be very small and solely on account of the repudiators. The committee has the accounts well in hand and expects to conclude the work by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

### To Hold Examination.

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### Will Offer Varied Programme.

The first of the Antonia Dolores (Trell) concerts will take place here next Wednesday evening at the Alhambra Theatre, when this brilliant singer will present a programme embracing every class and style of song from the old Italian masters to the most modern composers of the present day. The Italian songs will include "Star Vichio," "Se Florindo" and "Per La Gloria." A group of ballads in English will follow, consisting of "May Dew," "The Tear" and "Oh, Tell Me, Nightingale." French composers are to be represented by a Russian song of Paladins and a serenade by Massenet. The operatic numbers will include the aria from Gounod's "Queen of Sheba."

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## NEW COUNTY LAW IN CONTROVERSY

### Fruitless Demand Made by Hawaiian Secretary on Cooper.

### Custody of Public Works Must Be Determined by Supreme Court.

HONOLULU, May 9.—Secretary of the Territory Carter, as secretary of the Board of Public Institutions, created under the new county law, has made a demand upon Superintendent of Public Works Cooper to turn over the public institutions and property which the act says shall be under the control of the new board. These include the wharves and harbors, penal and reformatory institutions, the judiciary and capitol buildings. Cooper refused to turn over anything, basing his refusal upon his opinion that the county act is invalid in that it conflicts with the organic act, especially in some of the provisions relating to his department.

### TO PLAY FOR BRITISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Amateurs to Appear in Jerome K. Jerome's "Sunset" and Farce by Grace Furniss.

An amateur theatrical performance is to be given next Tuesday evening, May 19, in aid of the British Benevolent Society of California. A programme of comediettas and vocal and instrumental music will be given, including Jerome K. Jerome's "Sunset"; the farce "A Box of Monkeys," by Grace L. Furniss; a violin solo by Miss Daisy Polk, and Miss Gertrude Wheeler has promised to contribute a vocal solo.

### LOTS IN PARNASSUS TRACT SELL AT GOOD PRICES

Brisk Bidding Makes Sale Interesting, Land Being Taken Eagerly by Purchasers.

The initial offering of lots in the Parnassus Heights tract was made Thursday at auction by Baldwin & Howell, at 25 Post street. Two lots were sold in subdivisions. From the start the bidding was brisk. The lots fronting on H street were sold at prices ranging from \$1500 to \$2150 for inside lots and the corner lots were sold at \$3000 to \$3500 each, the purchasers being C. M. Leopold, L. E. Gums, H. W. Tremier, Dr. L. A. Feague, J. A. Rutherford, C. R. Hansen, A. W. Lehrke and W. F. Pennington.

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