

QUEEN MARSHA WELCH  
Will Rule Big Carnival

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Sacramento Valley Enthusiasts Will Make Merry in Second Annual Fete

Miss Martha Welch Is Chosen Queen of Sacramento River Carnival

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

COLUSA, May 25.—The waters of the Sacramento river, which heretofore have followed their own ingenious devices, save where they would be diverted by the irrigationist or burdened by the hydraulic miner, are about to pass under a more benevolent influence and pay their feudal tribute to a new crowned ruler, Martha, queen of Colusa and empress of the Sacramento river, who is to rule over the second annual river carnival.

The festival, which Queen Martha has been joyfully selected by the loyal people of Colusa to hold sway over them and over the sweeping river as it bends between its outposts of cottonwood in the face of the town. Her coronation is set for Saturday in the courthouse.

All of Colusa is now joyously preparing for the festival, and the very cottonwoods along the river are magically glowing with electric light bulbs which unobtrusively will blossom into incandescent flowers Friday night, in anticipation of the event of Saturday.

Chairman Oscar Robinson of the general carnival committee announced at the committee meeting today that every prospect promised a successful carnival.

QUEEN HASTENS PREPARATIONS  
With her two maids of honor, Miss Marie Boedefeld and Miss Leah Kidd, Queen Martha (one Miss Martha Welch before her elevation) is now hastening her preparations for majesty. To be queen of such a beautiful stream as the Sacramento river and ruler of such a happy place as Colusa is a great responsibility and involves serious problems which may only be adjusted by the court mistress of the wardrobe. The queen and her maids of honor disappeared early this morning as completely as if they had been whisked away on a magic carpet, and when they return it is understood they will appear in radiant raiment.

The festival spirit of Colusa can not wait until the epoch of Saturday morning when the queen will be crowned. So on Friday the merry making will begin with the shows of a carnival company.

Never was there a queen of history crowned that the fair event did not attract to the community its troupes of players. That practice has been regular from the day of Queen Sheeba that of Queen Martha. There is no way the uncrowned lady who grows robust on a diet of gila monsters. She eats 'em alive and the most perfect lady in the world from the standpoint of symmetry and grace. And the queen, Queen Martha will be in accord with all precedents.

WILL RULE FOUR DAYS  
From Friday until Monday the street fair will amuse.

The rule of the queen Martha are Saturday, Sunday and Monday. But the Colusa river carnival is not to be all frolic. Monday will be the most important day in the year 1910 for the Sacramento valley. On that day the Sacramento valley development association meets at Colusa. On that day the big and active men of this section will meet and consider the needs of the valley and the best methods of placing its needs in the hands of strangers in order that they may be attracted to the Sacramento valley and induced to settle here. President Diggs of the Sacramento valley development association, Judge John F. Shields of Sacramento, Judge John W. Ellison of Red Bluff, and J. W. Ross, chief engineer of the Sacramento valley irrigation company of Willows, Colusa has been selected as the place of meeting in honor of the memory of the late Will S. Green, founder of the Colusa town, but by means of one bank the Sacramento valley development association.

MEETING MARKS MILESTONE  
Concerning the meeting Secretary O. H. Miller of the association says: The meeting will mark a very important milestone in the progress and development of the Sacramento valley. From it we shall get the program and plans for future work along new and unexplored lines. Besides the reunion meeting in the past there will be a conference of the representatives of the chambers of commerce, boards of trade, superior citizens of the entire valley, for the purpose of devising new ways of getting together. The people of Colusa and the adjacent sections will realize the increasing wealth of their community and the possibilities of this section of the county. They have determined that the county's virtue shall be known and that its value shall be compared with other sections. They have devised the Colusa river carnival, with the trappings and drama of royalty and the excitement of a street fair, to bring to this locality thousands of strangers. They will do this by catching a new stride. Once the county was a great wheat field and furnished breadstuffs to the world. The automatic dexterity of the combined harvester still is to be seen from the car windows. But wheat is no longer the staple. Grain is yet an important product of the valley and the machinery necessary to make it give rich returns to the farmer. But the new idea in Colusa county is irrigation.

CARNIVAL A RIVER ONE  
That is where the people turn to the river again. So it is to be a river carnival. Saturday, Sunday and Monday the river will be bright with lights. The trees on either bank of the broad current will glow with incandescent blossoms. On Saturday night the young people from all over the county will dance on a barge moored at the foot of Fifth street. On Monday both afternoon and evening the river will be alive with excitement. In the afternoon there will be thrilling boat races for carmen and water boats and in the evening there will be an illuminated parade on the water and prizes will be offered for the best decorated boats. There will be another dance on the barge, which will accommodate more than a hundred couples, and fireworks on the water. For weeks the people of Colusa have been planning for their carnival.

Last evening Miss Martha Welch was selected as queen, winning in a close contest over Miss Layde Cartmell and Miss Hazel Weber. The selection of Miss Welch was accompanied by popular approval by Colusians, who are willing to pledge their fealty to Queen Martha. The new queen immediately announced that Miss Mary Boedefeld and Miss Leah Kidd would be her maids of honor. These young women are equally popular with the queen, and the three ladies of the court will be received with loyal enthusiasm Saturday when the crown is placed upon Queen Martha's head.

Today decorators were busy in the streets of Colusa putting up the blue and gold carnival colors and spanning the thoroughfares with colored lights. Market, Fourth, Fifth and other streets will be bright with the colors of incandescents on the nights of the carnival.

CUPS OFFERED FOR RACES  
William Cook and A. H. Pope have been industrious, supervising the building of the grandstand overlooking the river. Seating accommodations for 700 have been provided in the Colusa warehouse and a stand has been constructed over the river in which will be seated the queen and her court as she watches the aquatic sports. The barge Wisconsin, 225 feet by 44 feet, has been converted into a dancing float. Special boats are coming up from Sacramento.

One steamer has been chartered to bring up a party of 100, which will eat and sleep on the craft. The racing course for the boats has been laid out along the town levee. For the mile races the start will be at Colusa warehouse and the boats will start at the turn and run below the drawbridge, turn again and run back to the start. The regatta will be conducted by the Sacramento and Washington boat clubs.

The original program provided for six races, including the rowboat race, but the race for boats under 10 miles an hour was added, making eight events now on the schedule for the regatta, which will be held in this city Monday. The races, which will be run for 14 silver cups as trophies for first and second prizes, are as follows, with some of the boats which have already entered:

1. Under 10 miles—No entries.  
2. Rowboat race—Fox, Charles Wablander and Gene Palm; Owl, Dr. C. Todd and Ed. Day; Zip, Ed. Johnson and Bob Shorrock; Wasp, Bert Robertson and James Barnes; Nix, J. W. Morshead and Felix Nelson; Imp, Arthur Delano and Bruce McDonough.

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5. Single cylinder class—Pawm, Arthur and John; John and Hugh Mauldin; Emily, O. Eberhardt.  
6. Under 10 miles—No entries.  
7. Rowboat race—Fox, Charles Wablander and Gene Palm; Owl, Dr. C. Todd and Ed. Day; Zip, Ed. Johnson and Bob Shorrock; Wasp, Bert Robertson and James Barnes; Nix, J. W. Morshead and Felix Nelson; Imp, Arthur Delano and Bruce McDonough.

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HOEFLER RESENTS  
CHARGE OF FRAUD

Attorney Files Answer to Ferdinand and Mary Albertz, Who Allege Conspiracy

The accusations made by Ferdinand and Mary Albertz that Attorney L. M. Hoefler had taken from them control of the Moulton Hill vineyard company by fraud and conspiracy were denied by Hoefler in an answer to their complaint in intervention filed yesterday. Hoefler is traveling in Europe, but his answer was prepared by his law firm, Bishop, Hoefler, Cook & Harwood, and the facts in the document were sworn to by Finlay Cook.

Hoefler states that when his connection with the corporation began, in 1907, the Moulton Hill vineyard company owned \$62,500. At the request at the intervenors, Hoefler paid the California wine association \$3,000 in their behalf, and their stock was thereupon transferred to him. He denies that the stock was simply pledged as security, as Albertz and his wife asserted, but that it became his absolute property.

Albertz was declared a bankrupt by the United States district court. Hoefler says it is his intention to give the intervenors a share of the corporation when he has been reimbursed for advances. He says that he is willing to return all the stock upon their paying him a sum of money much smaller than the corporation owes him, in beauty, owing to the condition of the wine market since 1907, Hoefler says he has been compelled, in order to save the property, to make additional advances to the corporation until it now owes him more than \$30,000.

Albertz was appointed by Hoefler to take charge of the vineyard and winery in Sonoma county, but the lawyer says Albertz managed the company so inefficiently that he was obliged to discharge him. As to the charge that Hoefler placed four of his clerks in the position of directors of the company, and that they were his tools and dummies, the lawyer denies that any of the directors, with the exception of Leo Mund, were employed by him. He denies collusion with the directors, and states that Albertz and his wife have no interest whatever in the suit. He denies that Hoefler permitted the destruction of property worth \$24,000 in any denied.

BROWNING FACES JURY  
ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Defendant Shot Woman With Whom He Had Quarrel

Arthur Browning, who shot and killed Mrs. Ruth McLaughlin January 8, 1910, was placed on trial in Judge Dunne's court yesterday on a charge of murder. The original program provided for six races, including the rowboat race, but the race for boats under 10 miles an hour was added, making eight events now on the schedule for the regatta, which will be held in this city Monday.

According to the case for the prosecution, as outlined yesterday by Assistant District Attorney Maxwell McNutt, Browning left the woman at the corner, rushed into a nearby store, grabbed a pistol and cartridges, loaded the weapon, rejoined Mrs. McLaughlin and then turned the weapon on himself and fired a shot into his stomach.

Mrs. McLaughlin was wounded in the head, the right lung and the arm. Browning took place at the corner of the shooting, and was arrested a few minutes later.

ELLA MORGAN ESTATE  
VALUED AT \$500,000

Husband's Sister Left Income of \$50 a Month

The will of Mrs. Ella W. Morgan, widow of William E. Morgan, founder of the California casket company, was filed for probate yesterday. It disposes of an estate said to be worth approximately \$500,000.

The only other bequest is one of \$50 a month to Mrs. Mary Cannon of Franklin, Mass., during her life. Mrs. Cannon is a sister of William P. Morgan.

SECOND SUIT FOR \$50,000 IS BEGUN  
Raymond Woods to Press Case Against Street Railway

The second trial of the suit of Raymond Woods, a drug clerk, for the recovery of \$50,000 damages from the United Railroads for the loss of his left foot was begun before a jury in Judge Hunt's court yesterday. The first trial ended with the jury standing eight to four in favor of the plaintiff.

Raymond's foot was crushed in a car collision in 1907. The defense of the street corporation is that the tracks on the block of Castro street between Fifteenth and Fourteenth streets, either by strikers or mischievous boys.

DAMAGES IN THE sum of \$1,000 were awarded Mrs. Milla Rice, formerly Miss Milla Jensen, by Judge Hunt yesterday against Peterson, Nelson & Co. as compensation for injuries sustained through being knocked down by a horse and buggy in market street. Her right leg was broken and her health permanently impaired by the accident, the court found. Judge Hunt, who tried the case without a jury, decided that the buggy was being driven by the employee of the defendant corporation in a reckless manner.

WINDSOR PREPARES FOR BIG MAY FETE  
School Children Drilled for the Celebration

WINDSOR, May 25.—The Windsor public school children are being drilled for a May fete to be given Friday, and the whole countryside is anticipating a very pleasant affair.

Miss Esther Packwood has been chosen May queen, and she will have as her maids the Misses Mabel Lehn, Bessie Shan and Lida Sullivan, while the first Mrs. W. C. Chisholm, assisted by Mrs. W. C. Chisholm. A grand ball will close the fete in the evening.

AUTOMOBILE STOLEN FROM THE ROADSIDE  
Occupants Were Out of Gasoline and Left Machine

SANTA ROSA, May 25.—L. Langley of the Consolidated vehicle company, of San Francisco, Santa Rosa and Healdsburg, has lost an auto. Last night while Mr. and Mrs. Langley were returning from a trip they ran out of gasoline and left the machine in the roadside. When Langley returned with a fresh supply of gasoline this morning the machine was missing.

The machine is a single seater two cylinder Areolo, carrying number 11,875. The ever changing panorama of scenery is one of the chief attractions along the line of the Ocean Shore railway. Excursion rates every day. Leave daily, 8 a. m., 9:30 a. m., 3 p., 5:40 p.; also 10:30 a. Sundays.

CHEEK PASSER ARRESTED—San Bernardino, May 25.—Jesse L. Jones, charged with having cashed bad checks for thousands of dollars in Vandalla, Ill., was arrested today at San Dimas.

WILL DECLARED TO BE FORGERY  
G. D. Graybill Says Mysterious Susannah Moore Testament Is Fraudulent

Following close upon the filing of the mysterious will of Susannah Moore and the revelation of the strange facts surrounding it comes the statement of George D. Graybill, a contractor residing at 1442 Lombard street, seeming to confirm the suspicion that the series of anonymous letters, the will and the supposed illegitimate daughter are a part of a hoax. Graybill claims that he was well acquainted with the aged miser and says that she was well educated, and that in his opinion the will is a fraud.

Graybill claims to have known the woman also and corroborates her husband's statement. Although Susannah Moore may not have been as illiterate as the supposed will and accompanying statement would seem to indicate, her authentic signature, which was brought to light yesterday, is little better than the one signed to the papers.

Nothing further has been received by the public administrator from the mysterious Mary C. Davies of Lemhi county, Idaho. Contrary to the statement she made through her illiterate agents, it has been found that there is a competent lawyer in Salmon City, where she lives, even though the town is in the heights of the Rockies and 50 miles distant from the nearest railroad. Mrs. Davies, in her efforts to establish her claim to the \$70,000 estate, said she was unable to get legal aid.

Just how many claimants will come forward for the estate is not known. The estate comes up for final distribution in Judge Graham's court May 31. It has been satisfactorily proved that there are two nieces, a first cousin and a nephew of the decedent whose claims are good.

BANK MERGER CAUSES CHANGES IN OFFICERS  
C. K. McIntosh Will Be Vice President of New Company

When the Bank of California concludes the merger with the San Francisco national bank C. K. McIntosh, vice president of the San Francisco national, and F. W. Wolfe, cashier, will become vice president and assistant cashier, respectively, of the Bank of California.

James K. Wilson, president of the San Francisco national, and Charles L. Davis, assistant cashier, will become vice president and assistant cashier, respectively, of the Wells Fargo-Nevada national bank. The terms of the merger have not yet been settled and will not be until July 7, for which time and purpose a special meeting of the directors of both banks has been called.

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FIRST FREE HOME SEEKERS' EXCURSION EVER RUN OUT OF SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco Call to Send Train of Bona Fide Land Seekers to Modesto June 9

MOST PROGRESSIVE STEP EVER TAKEN BY A NEWSPAPER

Direct Result of The Call's Individual Promotion for Development of Central Farming Valleys of State

The first free home seekers' excursion ever operated out of San Francisco will be run to Modesto under the auspices of The San Francisco Call on Thursday, June 9.

This will be one of the most progressive steps ever taken by a San Francisco newspaper in the development of the country lands tributary to San Francisco. There is every reason to believe that this excursion will be followed by similar ones into other good farming sections under the auspices of The Call.

The home seekers will depart by special train over the Southern Pacific railway. The tickets will be free. They will be issued by the excursion manager at the ground floor office of The Call, Third and Market streets. The excursion is limited to 125 bona fide home seekers. The excursion department of The Call is prepared to furnish full and complete information and literature to all who call.

Home seekers will be permitted to return on regular trains during the time limit of the excursion, thus enabling them to spend a number of days in the vicinity, fully satisfying themselves of the soil and water advantages of Modesto irrigation district. The tickets are good to return any time within 10 days.

The home seekers will be met at the depot in Modesto by the businessmen of the community. Eighty automobiles will be in readiness to conduct them over the district. The first day's program includes an automobile ride of 63 miles, making a complete circle around Modesto, showing the developed and undeveloped sections of the entire district. Luncheon will be served at one of the handsome clubhouses of the Ladies Improvement club, adjoining the Bangs ranch. This ranch is noted for the beauty of its surroundings and its high state of cultivation.

Modesto is one of the leading interior cities of the state. It is popularly known as the "Parlor City" of the San Joaquin valley. It has over 50 blocks of bituminized pavement, smooth and level as a parlor floor. It has excellent public buildings, large department stores, banks, libraries and every modern institution known to this age of progress. Being a new city, it is probably the most modern in its class. A new grammar school recently completed is without question the finest and most sanitary school building in the west. It covers three sides of a square, has light and air on both sides in every room and has every room on the ground floor. It is fitted with desks and chairs of the latest school design, has sanitary drinking fountains, and is altogether the most perfect building ever designed for school purposes in the state. It cost \$40,000.

The progress of the Modesto district is the more remarkable when it is considered that practically all of its development has come within the past four years. Many farmers live in the city or its suburbs, attending to their ranch duties by means of that great modern conveyance, the automobile. Probably no other city of its size in the state boasts so many of these vehicles, giving the streets a metropolitan appearance unusual in cities of 6,000 population.

As a progressive farming country the Modesto district easily takes precedence over all other sections of the

fertile San Joaquin valley. It was the first to forever secure its water under the Wright irrigation law. It adopted its advertising the famous slogan, "Where the Land Owns the Water." This is literally true of the Modesto district. The owner of the land himself does not own the water. It is in no manner a separate entity. It belongs to the land for all eternity and never can be alienated, separated or divorced from it. This is an asset, for all time, contributing to the increasing value of lands in the Modesto district. It is all the more valuable when the vastness of its water supply is considered. They built a dam diverting the flow of the Tuolumne river, at La Grange, 34 miles above the city of Modesto. This cost them \$550,000. Then they laid out their distributing system, contemplating the eventual irrigation of fully 330,000 acres of land. They now boast the largest water supply, the largest power and the most extensive irrigating system in the entire state. It naturally follows that they have cheap water, because nature furnishes it in a continuous torrent from the eternal snows of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The initial cost of the dam and the canals is the only cost of the water, which, it is claimed, is the cheapest per acre in the west.

The soil at Modesto appeals to every home seeker. For intensive or diversified farming it has no superior. For alfalfa and dairying industries it has the records to prove its supremacy. Around it are many wealthy farmers, grown independent in a few short years on its bountiful harvests. Some of the finest livestock in the state comes from there. Fruit and walnuts thrive. Oranges and lemons are successfully grown in the foothill sections. The San Joaquin valley at that point is nearly 60 miles wide and level as the horizon almost as far as the eye can see.

The San Francisco Call is glad to be enabled to take this active step in the development of so rich a country. This excursion is one direct result of the labor it has taken upon itself in calling the attention of the home seekers of the world to the great central farming valleys of California.

As previously mentioned, free tickets and full information regarding The Call's free home seekers' excursion to Modesto June 9 may be had by calling upon the Excursion Manager at the business office of The Call, corner Third and Market streets. Remember that the excursion is limited to 125 persons.

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