

PROUD OF HIS SON

Senator Hearst Guided His Boy

Father and Son Worked Together For Democracy, and the Sturdy California Pioneer Found Great Delight in the Latter's Industry and Achievements.

"I'm feeling very lonely," said Senator Jones of Nevada in the Hoffman House, New York, the other day. "Nearly all the old timers are gone now—the men who stood out from the crowd in the west—and it took a pretty good man to do that."

It certainly did, for the early comers to California and Nevada were not an ordinary lot. In brains, body and vigor they rose far above the average of humanity, or they would not have forced their way to the frontier. And to rise above this young and energetic and daring population argued the possession of very exceptional qualities.

That is why the "Pacific coast millionaire" has always been an interest-



WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST.

ing figure in the east, where men are regimented and classified and conventionalized until they cease to possess or shrink from showing individuality.

Senator Jones spoke of the friends whom death has removed, especially of his once colleague in the senate, George Hearst, and of John W. Mackay.

These two and Jones himself were the three very rich Californians most liked, because most characteristic of their day. All made their money in the mines, and all were humanized instead of hardened by wealth.

The California pioneer was personified by Senator Hearst in perfection. He began at the bottom, with empty pockets, a pair of willing hands, a pluck that nothing could discourage and a resolution to succeed that compelled success. When millions came to him he remained the same man his fellow miners in the gulches knew—clear headed, shrewd, direct, good humored and warm hearted. The management of vast and complex interests was as easy to him as the handling of the rocker at Long Tom, but he did not seem to recognize that this talent differentiated him from his comrades of the mines.

"Why should money change a man?" he would say in conversational intimacy, "except to make him bigger and better by enabling him to be his best self? If you're poor you have to do what you can, and somebody else gives you orders, but if you're rich you're free to be what you like."

And this particular millionaire liked to be a democratic American. That is what distinguished the successful Californians for the most part—their democracy. Assumption of superiority, pretension to being different in kind from those around them, arrogance, aloofness—these traits were forbidden by their knowledge of life and sense of humor.

Senator Hearst confessed that he was made humble by his good fortune. "I was nearly a middle aged man," he related, "when I started from California over the mountains with a party for the new Washoe mines. The day was hot, the grade steep, and I fell behind. I got off my horse and sat down in the shade, flicking the dust in the road with my switch and wondering if I'd better go on to the Comstock or turn back. I'd left a little mill behind—nothing much, but there was a living in it. If I went ahead to this untried field the chances were I'd go broke and have to begin all over again. But I started after the boys, just as much for company's sake as anything else, and inside a year I'd made my first million."

"Now, why did that happen to me especially? It could just as well have happened to anybody else."

"Put on airs because you've struck it rich? Oh, I've seen too many good men go down who deserved to succeed, and too many bad fellows get on who ought to have gone down, to be puffed up by my own good fortune. I'm just thankful. Those early days tried men out. To be of a distinguished family 'back in the states' counted

for nothing. Neither did education unless it could be applied. What a man was in himself, not what he had, not who his relatives were, was the test. Ability and character were everything."

In his old age leisure came to Senator Hearst, and he interested himself in public affairs. He gave to the Pacific coast its first Democratic newspaper—the first Democratic newspaper that received special dispatches from the east—and so emancipated the news from the editing of the Associated Press, which, on its political side, was conducted in the interest of the Republican party exclusively. Of this newspaper, the San Francisco Examiner, he made a gift to his son, William Randolph Hearst, when the latter left Harvard, and from that beginning the system of Hearst newspapers, embracing the continent, has grown. Father and son worked together for the Democracy. The boy's achievements in journalism were the delight of the senator. He was proud of his son and fond of him as not many fathers are. Their intimacy was close and loving.

The son comes honestly by his Democracy. Most men inherit their politics as a sort of unthinking party habit, but Senator Hearst's Democracy was a matter of living ideas and sentiments, which he transmitted by example and instruction. He believed in the people—not that they had any magical way of being always right, but because he had seen no set of men who were so much wiser and better than the majority that they should be commissioned to rule.

"The people," the old senator would say, "can make fools of themselves sometimes, but they've got no monopoly on that weakness. If they don't know what's best for them, they're a good deal more likely to than others whose interest it is to work them."

What he stood for, by instinct and conviction, the newspapers of his son, whom he admired as much as he loved, stand for—government of the people by themselves, to the end that we may have in this republic equality of rights and no privileged class.

IN INTEREST OF PRODUCERS.

Hearst Bill to Prevent Railroad Discrimination in Favor of Trusts.

Representative William Randolph Hearst has introduced an interstate commerce bill in congress which designs to prevent unjust discrimination by transportation companies in favor of trusts and against producers of farm products and manufactured articles. This bill is of the greatest importance to the farmers of the country in that it will limit the exactions placed upon producers by traffic combinations.

The bill provides for the creation of an "interstate commerce court," which will have jurisdiction over all questions affecting interstate commerce and give effect to orders of the interstate commerce commission. Under its provisions the interstate commerce commission will, after investigation, have authority to fix rates in lieu of unjust and unreasonable rates established by transportation companies.

One of the important features of the Hearst act is a provision which will effectively prevent discrimination in the allotment of freight cars to shippers. The withholding of cars from points and shippers not in favor with the railroad managers and the granting of adequate service to the Standard Oil, the coal and the steel trusts have been one of the constant and efficient methods of unfair discrimination. The Hearst bill will stop this.



HIS "TAKING" WAY.

Trusts Fear Hearst.
The trusts and the so called business interests of the country are afraid of Roosevelt because they do not know what he may do. They are afraid of Hearst because they know what he will do; hence they are moving heaven and earth to induce the Democrats to nominate some man on whose favor they may surely rely. This is the situation in a nutshell.—Tyler (Tex.) Democrat.

"Hearst Against the Field."
William Randolph Hearst's candidacy for president has advanced so far that it's now a question between "Hearst and the field." What a shaking up Hearst has given a lot of old dry bones who jeered at the very suggestion of Hearst's name nine months ago!—Seattle Times.

War Proverb.
There is an old German proverb which says, "A war leaves three armies behind it—an army of widows, an army of cripples and an army of thieves."

Sharks Menace Fish Industry.
A species of shark, known as "dog-fish," has become so numerous along the shores of New England that the fish industry is seriously menaced.

BURNING KOREAN PALACE

Superstitious Populace Excited Over Fire—Loss \$3,000,000.

Seoul, April 16.—\$ p. m.—The emperor received in audience this evening the members of the diplomatic corps. The emperor had apparently recovered from the shock caused by the burning of the palace, and was calm, making inquiries as to the health of the legations, etc.

Many Koreans believe that the burning of the palace was of political significance in that it will force the emperor to return to the Kyong Bok palace in the outskirts of the city, where the queen was assassinated in 1896, and his suite fled to the Russian legation. The emperor, however, refuses to return, claiming that the palace is haunted by the murdered queen. He prefers to remain in the imperial library, in the Kiuziken, where he took refuge during the fire until the palace is rebuilt.

The electric plant which was totally destroyed together with thousands of dollars' worth of instruments and machinery, will be reinstalled. The heaps of smoldering ruins are being guarded by a cordon of vigilant soldiers. The superstitious populace is excited and depressed over the fire, regarding it as an evil portent.

The fire furnished a wonderful spectacle. The steep mountains about the city were lighted up as though it were day, hurrying crowds of frantic Koreans and Japanese troops arrived on the scene in double quick time. There was extreme fear for the American legation for a time. American marines formed a bucket brigade and United States Minister Allen took extreme precautions to prevent the flames reaching the legation.

All the Korean government records and accounts were here with much treasure.

The loss is estimated at \$3,000,000.

FREIGHT RATE WAR.

Agreement Reached Which Puts an End to Same.

New York, April 18.—An agreement has been reached which puts an end to the freight rate war on traffic from New York to St. Louis and Missouri river points.

Hereafter, the parties in interest will act in harmony in maintaining schedule. The agreement brought about through arbitration has been concluded between the Mallory steamship line, the Mobile and Ohio Railroad company and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad company. In brief, the arbitrators decided that rates from New York to St. Louis via Mobile shall be the same as via Virginia and South Atlantic ports. The trouble began several months ago when the lines doing business over the Mobile route reduced rates to a point considerably below those prevailing on the northern route.

Defalcation Cleared Up.

New York, April 18.—Reports of a defalcation by an employe of the Chemical National bank, one of the largest financial institutions here, have been cleared up by a statement from Cashier Francis Halpin. It is to the effect that a trusted man who disappeared ten days ago after having faithfully served the bank 22 years and in the investigation of his accounts discloses that they are out of proof to the extent of \$22,538. The missing man was a clerk in the check department.

IN BLIZZARD'S GRASP.

Heavy Snowfall Reported in the Adirondack Mountains.

Glen Falls, N. Y., April 18.—The whole Adirondack country today is in the grasp of a blizzard which, for severity, has not been equalled during the past winter.

From 10 to 15 inches of now fell during the night.

The country roads are blocked and traffic on steam and electric lines in this section is delayed.

Want New Trial.

Raleigh, N. C., April 18.—Attorney J. C. L. Harris, of Raleigh, has gone to Washington to apply to Associate Justice Harlan, of the United States supreme court, for a writ of error, in the case of Alfred Daniels, a negro, under death sentence for murdering the father of United States Senator Simmons. Harris bases his application upon the ground that there was discrimination against Daniels on account of his race, and that the commissioners of Jones county, where he was tried, had no names of negroes in the jury box.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Muscogee tax collector collects more money than books called for, thereby making state record.

Can grand juries act in absence of the judge? is the problem in Richmond county.

Conduct of university students in camp at Gainesville elicits much praise.

Battleship Texas now holds world's record for rapid and accurate gunnery.

After a day of quiet routine proceedings the senate was treated to a spirited speech by Mr. Bailey just before adjournment on the question of civil service. Mr. Bailey announced in plain terms that he had no sympathy with the "iridescent dream" of civil service.

Big Price For Pigs.

One of the growing stock farmers of this region is Mr. H. H. Whitworth and whose name is destined to be mixed up very intimately with the progress and development of the county.

He purchased the well-known Moore place and is growing on it breeds of fine stock that will make it famous in coming years.

We might cite as an example the fine two months and 22 day's old pigs that he sold at the Chambliss sale at auction and which brought the magnificent price of \$25 per pair.

This is a bigger price than is paid for those at the Vanderbilt farms at Baltimore after attaining the age of 5 months.

Marion is rapidly coming to the front.

Kings Daughters Concert.

At a called meeting of the Kings Daughters Friday morning in the annex of the Baptist church it was decided to give a benefit concert Tuesday night April 26, at the Armory. The proceeds will be given to Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Lindsay, whose furniture and clothing were destroyed in the Mause fire last Wednesday morning. Mrs. Lindsay is the organizer and president of the Kings Daughters and the benefit concert will be a mark of the esteem in which she is held. The program and other details will be announced later.

A portion of the proceeds will also be given to Mrs. Clara Burnside, who had a room at the Mause and was so unfortunate as to lose her furniture and a good many of her clothes.

Century Plant Blooming.

Mr. L. N. Green has a century plant on his place that is throwing out a stem and will soon be in full flower.

Sometimes the flowering stem on these plants are so straight, tall and stately that they are called "Cleopatra's Needle" and frequently reach a height of twenty feet.

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