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Editor News:

As the rugged, green-tinted coastline came into view one of the sailors asked why the queer name. Well, they were discovered or chartered by a geographical society of Boston. Hence the name, Society Islands. The island we visited was called Tahiti and the town, Papeet.

Tahiti is one mass of shaded tints of green, from beach to mountain top, diversified by valleys, ridges, cascades, and glens.

Scarcely had we approached the coral formation at the edge of the island, our guns boomed out a salute in honor of the French governor of those islands. Then the thing which captured our attention as we swung into the harbor, was the small island of Mottoo-Otoo.

From this vantage point an American "movie" man was seen taking pictures of us. This seemed to be dangerous, or at least very uncomfortable, for at times the sea seemed almost to cover him.

As we moored the ship within a stone's throw of the heart of Papeet, we were surprised to see all vessels and public houses dressed in "full parade" in honor of the ship's arrival, for it had been proclaimed a holiday by the governor of these far-away islands.

Hundreds of natives had brought forth their flags and dressed in their best attire lined the docks that they might give a rousing welcome to us.

We had heard so much of Tahiti, its cannibals, its well formed and beautiful women and men that we were most anxious to "make a liberty." But, alas! Altho' the island still retains the natural beauty we read of, the natives have changed. No longer do the women wear the "Tampa" bedecked with shells and beads and flowers. No longer do they practice their head-hunting and dances, for with the march of civilization all of this means nothing to today's Societian. Today the native dresses as any stylish lady would. In fact, among the better classes the most modern Parisian styles may be seen.

At the time of our Independence these natives were ruled by chiefs called "Arii" and were distinguished by their girdle of bright feathers. Next there was a head chief over all others, called "Moro-ura." He wore a girdle of yellow feathers.

In 1842 France became proterate over these islands and in 1880 she annexed them. At this time she established a government and the thief's rule came to an end.

The native cares nothing for the government of any kind and less about work or advancing himself. In fact, all he cares for is his "three squares" composed of wild fruit which grows abundantly in these islands.

Missionaries found the natives in 1797 worshipping idols of all sorts. Their heathenish practices were carried to the most violent extremes. They had a system of child murder beyond all description. Christianity has, on the whole, been a great blessing to the native. Once more, under its teachings the islands have a larger birth than death rate. Inter-marriage with the English and French is bringing forth a much sturdier race than heretofore.

These islands' business is controlled entirely by Chinese and Japs. It is on the route between San Francisco and Australian ports. Hundreds of schooners bring in merchandise and carry away copra (from coconuts) vanilla, pearls and pearlshells and fruits. There are no poor institutions here as every family is allowed their breadfruit tree by law, also coconut.

We of the South Dakota can voice our sentiments with those who have gone before, Tahiti is the "Garden of Eden of the Pacific and our only regret is that we cannot place it nearer the U. S. coast that we might visit it more often.

We say farewell to you, Tahiti, not because we are tired of you, as there is not a man of us who would not tarry upon your beautiful shores, hear more of your beautiful customs and history, but we are from the West, going East, and must proceed to Samoa. Of this beautiful volcanic har-



GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING

Enthusiastic backers of General Pershing in Nebraska and Missouri, his home states, started a movement several weeks ago to draft him for the republican nomination for president, and the campaign is rapidly sweeping the entire country. General Pershing is being boosted not because of his military record but because of his excellent record as a statesman, diplomat and business-executive in organizing and directing the great army of the A. E. F. The Washington, (D. C.) Post, says: "The name of General Pershing will be presented to the republican national convention and from now on he will be a factor to be reckoned with. This information comes not from Nebraska Pershing headquarters which have been opened in Chicago and Lincoln, nor from the circle of the general's friends and supporters in the army, but from high up republican quarters right here in Washington." Mark W. Woods of Lincoln, who is directing the campaign activity at present, announces that Chicago and New York headquarters will be opened soon and their directors named. Shrewd politicians are already conceding to General Pershing Nebraska, Missouri, Wyoming and other Middle Western states.

bor, Pago-Pago, I shall write in next letter.

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NEW GARAGE AT PIKEVILLE

Pikeville, Jan. 24.—Blackburn & McReynolds have nearly completed their new garage at this place. It is of brick with cement floor, brand new machinery and a lighting and heating system. It will also be a sales' center for the county for automobiles of standard makes.

It will soon be 'tater planting time in Tennessee.

WHITWELL HOSIERY MILL IN OPERATION

Much-Desired Industry Began Work Monday Morning.

Whitwell, Jan. 26.—The Whitwell branch mill of the Aycock Hosiery Mills opened for business this morning with an experienced force composed of specially trained employees who have been working at the So. Pittsburg plant, but who reside at Whitwell. A much larger force will be put on until several hundred women and girls are employed. A magnificent new building has been erected and new machinery installed. Mr. G. Sherman, of Sequatchie, is second largest stockholder in the company, and its vice-president. The hosiery business is booming now, and the increased output resulting from the Whitwell mill just put in operation will bring largely increased profits to the company.

Moving Coal Bin.

Dunlap, Jan. 23.—To avoid tearing down their large coal bin at the washer at Dunlap mines, the Chattanooga Iron & Coal Corporation is moving it in sections. Two sections have been moved successfully and their section is being moved. The company is making many improvements to the plant under the direction of C. O. Dietz, their engineer, which will mean increased and better coal production when the mines resume operation. Two new engines will be used in hauling coal from the Brush Creek mines of the company.

Byron Hudson, of Marion county, was here this week, visiting Judge J. H. Heard and family and others.—Dunlap Tribune.

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FOUND DEAD IN BED

R. T. McGhee, Popular Railroadman, Passes Away Suddenly.

South Pittsburg, Jan. 27.—R. T. McGhee, a popular N. C. & St. L. R'y conductor, residing here, was found dead in bed yesterday morning at the home of a friend at Bridgeport, Ala., with whom he had stopped. He was apparently in the best of health the night before. He was popularly known as "Rosie", and for thirty years was conductor for the railroad, making run from So. Pittsburg to Bridgeport on the train known as the "Short Dog." He was about 55 years old, and leaves a wife and daughter.

Contemplating Race.

Elsewhere we publish a statement for S. L. Rogers regarding his candidacy for a third term as trustee. Under the existing ratio of dollar value, a third term would not be amiss, for it now takes three to make one. Leonard Rogers has made a most excellent trustee. We doubt if anyone could be more careful and accurate in his work, neater, or more accommodating than he has been. We find a large number of voters speaking well for Rogers for re-election, many of them recipients of favors from him which he was not bound to perform in carrying out the affairs of his office. And there is no doubt he is a thorough republican in principles, working steadily for the best interests of his country.

Dunlap to Have Ball Team.

Dunlap, Jan. 23.—Dunlap fans are rooting for a new ball park the coming season. This town has some splendid ball material and the fans want it to shine in a new ball park.

Married.

Dunlap, Jan. 23.—Victor Johnson and Mrs. Martha Mabry were married at this place, Jan. 18, Rev. O. C. Wright performing the ceremony.

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INCENDIARIES AT VICTORIA

Repair Shop of A. B. Hamilton Burned After Tools Are Stolen.

Victoria, Jan. 24.—The repair shop of A. B. Hamilton at this place was burned last week by incendiaries, who also robbed the shop of small tools before setting fire to it. It is believed to have been done by members of the gang of robbers stealing automobile tires around Chattanooga who are thought to have been operating in the valley, as a number of thefts have been reported. On the night of the fire parties in a strange automobile were noticed by Henry Jones, living two miles south of here, near his barn. On his approach they made off. On same night an automobile stood for some time near scene of the fire. Mr. Hamilton's family was awakened by the blaze of the flames from the burning shop, and when they reached there the roof had fallen in. Over a thousand dollars' worth of tools were destroyed or missing, including a late model drill press. An automobile was also destroyed. It is believed tools with which to force the door of the shop were taken from the barn of Mr. Jones, as he has missed several since then, including a pair of blacksmith nippers.

WM. CARSON.

Whitwell, Tenn., Jan. 27.—Wm. Carson died at his home Richard City, Monday afternoon, Jan. 26, of acute hemorrhage of the bowels. He is survived by a wife and two sons, father and mother and several brothers and sisters. He was a member of Rosewood Chapter, Modern W. O. W., and a member of C. P. Church. Funeral was conducted at the home by the pastor of his church after which he was laid to rest in the Beene cemetery. He was 38 years old.

"He is gone but not forgotten,
Never will his memory fade,
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger,
O'er the grave where he was laid,
Oh we loved him, yes we loved him,
But the Savior loved him more,
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