

# The Picturesque Story of Tennessee-California Traveling Republic

Today Marks Anniversary of Start from Kansas City of the Most Unique Expedition That Ever Set Sail Upon the American Plains.

(By the Associated Press.)

Kansas City, Mo., April 19.—This date, sixty-five years ago saw the departure from what is now Kansas City in one of the most grotesque and oddly formed expeditions which ever set sail upon the American plains—the Tennessee-California traveling republic, a peculiar experiment in altruism having its origin at Memphis, Tennessee. Late in January 1849, gold was discovered near Sacramento, California, and the news spread to every part of the civilized world. Throughout the eastern and southern states thousands were fired with an almost insane desire to reach the new Eldorado, but between the farthest outpost and the Pacific coast stretched over 1200 miles of practically uncharted, Indian-infested mountain and plain. It was to overcome these obstacles that the traveling republic was formed.

Studying the problem of quickly reaching California, Captain Joseph S. Watkins, a Virginian, who had served in the legislature of that state, conceived the idea of forming a complete government, with executive, judiciary, legislative and military branches, whereby all who desired to become citizens thereof, up to a certain limit, might be assured of safe passage to the fabled gold fields.

Announcing his plan, Watkins found little trouble in securing volunteer subjects and during December, 1848, a meeting was held at Memphis to organize a provisional government. About seventy-five volunteers from various parts of the south attended and took oath of allegiance, each pledging himself to contribute \$1,000 to cash to the treasury and to abide by the rule of the majority in every particular until the republic should be formally and legally disbanded in California. The citizenship was later increased to the full limit, 100.

An elaborate constitution, covering every possible contingency, was drawn up and adopted. At the election which followed Captain Watkins was elected president, the other officers being vice-president, three judges, court of appeals judges, members of legislature and many minor functionaries, ranging down to sheriff and constable. The army was organized with a full quota of officers and privates.

Strictly according to law the Tennessee-California Traveling Republic left Memphis on the first day of March 1849, and proceeded by a specially chartered steamer up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to the starting point at Independence near here. All went well during this portion of the journey. The legislature held sessions at intervals and passed such laws as seemed necessary, while the courts tried and punished any casual offenders among the citizenship.

Arriving at the end of the steamer journey it was found that the advance agents had about completed purchase of equipment and supplies and that the actual start for the gold fields might soon be made. The caravan, as outlined, consisted of twenty wagons, each drawn by two ox teams, together with many extra cattle and saddle horses for the president and leading officers. The store of supplies was large and expensive. Early in April all arrangements had been completed and on the fifteenth the Tennessee-California Traveling Republic set forth upon its voyage across the plains.

Early in its history the legislature of the Traveling Republic had passed a law exempting all persons holding official positions, whether by election or appointment, from camp duty and guard duty. In the enthusiasm of the start, little attention was paid to this law, but before fifty miles of the plains had been traversed its practical workings became a source of irritation to the populace. Rabid legislators, judges and all sorts of petty legislators insisted upon the privileges attached to their positions. They rode while others walked, rested in camp while others worked and slept while others stood guard. Murmurings were soon heard, the privileged class was openly reviled and before many days had elapsed mutiny and rebellion were rife in the Traveling Republic.

The class enjoying exemptions pointed to the constitution and refused concessions. Acts of insubordination were promptly punished by the lower court and when cases were appealed to the supreme court, that august body upheld the right of those holding official positions to ride and rest and sleep.

This, this amazing aggregation drifted along for days and weeks, far up the Platte, sighting and skirting Pike's peak and entering upon the mountain passes which led to the great basin. Probably nothing so ridiculous in the way of an expedition ever had existence in the United States. The humor of the thing helped to keep it alive.

Soon after passing Fort Laramie, however, affairs came to a crisis. President Watkins, although an aris-

toerat by birth, recognized the justice of the complaints of the common citizens and sought to have the obnoxious special-privilege law repealed. This, the legislature refused to do. The common people, thereupon, held a convention and adopted a formal ordinance of secession, thus disrupting the republic and leaving the office holders with their offices, but minus anyone to govern.

Following this open rupture, a compromise was received whereby the property of the republic was apportioned among the members, or the various small groups which had been formed, and the expedition scattered, each group for itself.

The historian records that many weeks later, at beginning of winter, almost at the base of the Sierra Nevada mountains, a solitary, greasy-bearded, unwashed individual was encountered on the trail by one of the many parties pushing on to the gold fields. At first the man was thought to be a Mexican brigand, but he soon introduced himself, in courteous and cultured language, as Captain Watkins, late president of the Tennessee-California Traveling Republic. Dejected by the last of his once one hundred loyal subjects, the captain was under the necessity of asking aid of travelers along the way.

## EXPOSITION HEAD AND MANAGERS MEET HERE

### Gov. McDonald Expected to Attend Session Wednesday; Colonel Twichell Appeals for County Appropriation.

There is to be a meeting of the New Mexico managers of the San Diego fair in this city Wednesday afternoon. D. C. Collier, president of the exposition, and Governor W. C. McDonald are expected to attend. Mr. Collier is expected to arrive in this city tonight from Santa Fe.

Ralph E. Twichell, chairman of the New Mexico board of commissioners on the San Diego fair, has asked President George A. Kaseman to call a meeting of the Commercial club at which he will speak on the opportunity that Bernalillo county will have to make an impressive showing at the exposition. Colonel Twichell is anxious for Bernalillo to present an exhibit properly befitting the richest and most progressive county in the state in the New Mexico building at the fair.

Colonel Twichell wishes the Commercial club, as the most important commercial organization in the county, to send a committee before the county commissioners to ask for an appropriation of a site which, in the judgment of the board, the county should have and the character of the exhibit demands.

In a letter on the subject to Mr. Kaseman, Colonel Twichell says: "We have already begun our work in the matter of the Bernalillo county exhibit, preparing lectures, stereopticon colored lantern slides, etc., but the extent of this exhibit will necessarily be somewhat curtailed unless the county itself gives sufficient aid in the making of a proper and distinctive pictorial display of its resources and attractions."

"The extent of the Bernalillo county and city of Albuquerque exhibit, in the pictures and in the lectures to be given, will depend entirely upon the amount of money your board of county commissioners is willing to appropriate for the purpose. The state funds are so limited that we can expect to use only a very small amount in featuring any one city or subject."

## HURLEY WILL HAVE A BROOM FACTORY

Hurley, N. M., April 19.—J. V. Hunter, of Alamogordo, will install a broom factory in Hurley as soon as the machinery arrives. The factory will be located in the new building just west of the Hurley theater. Mr. Hunter is an experienced man, having recently disposed of a large business at Alamogordo. He will use a modern system of manufacturing brooms from what is commonly called soapwood, which makes a very superior article.

Human hair grows at the rate of .003 of an inch a day.

Hicks made of furnace slag, according to German makers, increase in strength with age.

## SANTA FE TO HELP IN HIGHWAY WORK ALONG ITS LINES

### Co-Operation and Benefit of Advice of Railroad's Engineers and Experience Offered by President Ripley.

In a letter to The Herald today from the publicity department of the Santa Fe railroad at Topeka, J. F. Farrell, publicity agent for the railroad, makes an announcement of interest and great importance to every community along its lines, especially to those in New Mexico and Arizona.

The Santa Fe is going to use its engineers and its experience in aiding the communities tributary to it in building highways, bridges, sewers, etc., in a word, in general public improvement involving need for engineering and construction experience. The announcement follows: "The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway company, according to an announcement from the office of President E. P. Ripley, will through its division superintendents, give local public officials in Santa Fe territory the benefit of its knowledge and experience in matters pertaining to the construction of buildings, highways, bridges, sewers and other work of that character, when invited to do so. There will be no charge for the service."

President Ripley takes the position that the Santa Fe, being a heavy taxpayer in every city and township traversed by its lines is interested in all public improvements to the extent of having the best work done with the funds available. Many townships and small cities in which public improvements are contemplated are not in a position to engage for their needs the high priced engineering talent found on the market. To these localities the Santa Fe suggests co-operation, and will upon request to superintendents, furnish information from competent engineers and architects regarding the work in hand. The new policy is effective at once.

## ANNUAL MEET WILL BE CHIEF TOPIC AT SESSION

### Local Highway Boosters Will Consider Convention to Be Held Here in May at Club Tonight.

Tonight at the regular monthly meeting of the Albuquerque good roads local the principal topic of conversation will be the annual meeting of the state roads association, which is scheduled to take place here in May. The exact date of the affair is a matter of some uncertainty as the local leaders want the convention held off until such time as the Amarillo boosters and roadmen from various points in eastern New Mexico can be brought here to attend. The probability of their coming will depend upon the success of their efforts in their own territory. It is thought, but on account of various conflicting matters in Amarillo, this cannot be held until late in the month. Postponement of the annual session will consequently be a matter of some importance and the local will take it up tonight, probably placing itself on record with the state executive committee as favoring a later meeting.

Another matter to be discussed is the depreciation of the river on the west approach to the Barajas bridge, which for a time yesterday threatened to cut off all communication with the west side of the river except by way of Alameda. These depreciations, it was thought this morning, had now been checked and the damage repaired, at least temporarily, through strenuous efforts on the part of the county road board.

## Are Colds Catching?

It is claimed that most colds are catching as measles and that one should avoid the association of anyone who has a cold. Never permit anyone who has a cold to kiss your child. Avoid crowded cars and poorly ventilated sleeping rooms. When you take a cold, get rid of it as quickly as possible. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy used as directed will enable you to throw it off quickly and permanently. That preparation always cures and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all druggists.

## DUKE CITY BOY IS TOO PATRIOTIC TO LEAVE NAVY NOW

The crisis in the Mexican situation has changed the plans of Bernard Shandon Rodey, Jr., of this city who has just finished a year in the electrical school of the United States navy at Mare Island, California. Having finished his course, he was about to purchase his release and enter college, but now, he writes in a letter home, he won't take any such action. He feels it would be out of the question to consider leaving the service while war was impending.

His patriotism is at white heat, and he is anxious to get to the front in the event of hostilities. It is probable that he will go to Mexico. He is presently attached to the United States steamer Albert.

## BOATRIGHT TAKES THE OFFICE OF MAYOR TONIGHT

### Announces that Several of His Appointments Will Be Placed Before Council for Confirmation; Names Withheld.

## SELLERS TO REVIEW HIS WORK IN THE OFFICE

### New Mayor Will Read a Message Outlining His Policies and What He Hopes to Accomplish in Office.

D. H. Boatright will become mayor of Albuquerque shortly after 5 o'clock tonight. The new mayor will take office after Mayor Sellers leaves the council to order and has read to the councilmen a brief, but complete report of the administration of the city during the past two years. This report will cover finances, the city's income and for what purposes it has been expended, municipal improvement and results accomplished, of a permanent nature.

Mayor Boatright will read a message to the council in which he will outline his policies and the things which he hopes to accomplish during the next two years. He will make five or six of the appointments resting with the mayor, according to his plans at noon today.

"We want, above everything else, harmony and unity in the city government," said Mr. Boatright to The Evening Herald this morning, "and I believe we are going to have these things. I can see no reason why we should not and from the conversations which I have had with members of the city council I have every reason to believe that we are going to be able to work together in all things for the best interests of the city. That is my greatest wish."

"I shall read a brief statement to the council tonight in which I will outline briefly what we hope may be accomplished during the next two years and in which I will give an outline of what might be called my policy. I shall also make several of the appointments with which the mayor's office is charged. Who these appointments will be I would rather not say in advance of the meeting. There is no desire for any mystery about them, but we have said nothing as yet for publication thus far and I would prefer to maintain that rule, permitting city business to come out at regular sessions of the city council where it becomes official."

Although urged to give some indications of his probable appointees, the new mayor pleasantly but firmly declined to violate the rule which he has made that city business shall come before the council before going to the public. Mayor Boatright thinks this due to the council.

It may be said with reasonable certainty that John W. Wilson will be appointed city attorney. This appointment probably will be made tonight. The mayor's appointment of a city marshal also will be placed before the council tonight. There are a number of men who have been considered for the post and Mayor Boatright would not say this morning that he had determined definitely not to reappoint Chief of Police McMillin. Others mentioned are George J. Thomas, A. C. Hurlbess of the sheriff's office, Ed Hanson of the assessor's office, C. E. Hinder, a former policeman, and one or two others. Of these, Thomas, who is a special officer on the Santa Fe, is considered likely to be the mayor's selection.

There is a rumor which the mayor declined to confirm or deny that Mr. Boatright will not reappoint James N. Gladding as city engineer and that his appointment will go to A. D. Ogle. The two or three men closest to the new mayor would not confirm or deny this rumor but it is given credit, although the appointment may not be made tonight. The fire chief and city physician also are said to remain in doubt and may or may not be presented to the council tonight.

## COUNCIL MAY DECLINE TO CONFIRM SOME APPOINTMENTS

Members of the city council today were extremely reticent as to what their course would be in regard to certain tentative selections of the mayor. These have reference especially to Chief of Police McMillin and City Engineer Gladding. Both these officials have made such efficient records that it is believed any attempt to change them by the new mayor, should he have it in mind to do so, will meet with opposition from a majority of councilmen and a refusal to confirm.

Councilmen John L. Clark, George H. Thomas, Dr. J. A. Reidy and Thomas Lawson will step out of their offices tonight.

## Time of Their Lives

"You missed the most enjoyable affair of the season—Mrs. Wombat's party."

"I do not play bridge."

"You don't understand. Her husband failed in business, and she held his position. Her friends had such a good time seeing over her things."

Nearly a million women in the United States are either farmers or farm laborers.

## TELLS OF WONDERS OF SODA DAM IN THE JEMEZ

### Mrs. Anna Wilds Strumquist Doing Full Share to Advertise New Mexico in April Magazines.

Mrs. Anna Wilds Strumquist of Albuquerque, well known newspaper writer, is doing her full share for the advertising of New Mexico in the April magazines. In the April number of "Motorcycle Illustrated" devoted as its name implies to the trials of motorcycleists, Mrs. Strumquist has a most interesting story, telling of a journey from Albuquerque to Santa Fe on motorcycles, and entitled "Hunting a Mete" and in the current number of Popular Science Mrs. Strumquist has a very interesting short article about the famous sulphur dam on the Jemez river just above Jemez springs. The latter article carries a photograph of the dam taken by John Strumquist, with City Clerk Tom Hughes perched with his customary grace on the highest point in the assembled scenery.

## MORE SUMMONSES IN LAND CASE ARE SERVED

### Another Hearing in the Fight for the Control of Northwestern Company Will Be Held June 1.

Summonses have been served for another hearing in the proceedings brought by the group of directors headed by former Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield, in the fight for control of the Northwestern Colonization & Improvement company of Chihuahua, Mexico. The Garfield group, with which District Attorney Manuel U. Vigil is associated, is trying to bring about quo warranto proceedings against the Heller group, with which A. A. Tenke of Deming is associated.

Recently a demurrer interposed by counsel for the Deming group was overruled, and the defendants cited by the Garfield group in the original action are required to show cause why the attorney general should not bring quo warranto proceedings. The pending action was brought with the consent of the attorney general. The hearing is to be held before Judge H. F. Reynolds June 1. In quo warranto proceedings the action is in effect to try title to office. If the plaintiffs in the present proceedings win their fight, the other group of directors will be declared from claiming any right to the use of the company name, for the issuance of stock or for any other purpose.

District Attorney Vigil's firm, Vigil & Jamison, are among the counsel for the Garfield group. Mr. Vigil is resident agent of the company in the city under the authority of the Garfield directors. Former Secretary Garfield will probably be in the city to take part in the coming hearing. He was at the hearing of the demurrer.

## SUFFRAGE LEAGUE TO COMPLETE ITS ORGANIZATION

A meeting of the Albuquerque Woman's Suffrage league will be held at the Woman's club Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at which time a constitution and by-laws will be adopted for the local organization, which is a part of the national suffrage league. All women interested in the movement are urged to attend this meeting and enroll their names on the charter roll, which is to be forwarded to Washington immediately after the meeting.

Officers also will be elected at the meeting Thursday afternoon. Members of the league said today that while a meeting of the league probably would be held on May 2nd, "Suffrage Day," no demonstration in force would be attempted.

## GRAY HAIR BECOMES DARK, THICK, GLOSSY

### Try Grandmother's Old Favorite Recipe of Sage Tea and Sulphur.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome.

Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Weyth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy." You will get a large bottle for about 30 cents. Everybody uses this old, famous recipe, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You simply dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy and you look years younger.

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## NAVY LEAGUE WILL ESTABLISH SECTIONS

### Planned to Extend National Organization into Every Town and Village in the United States.

New York, April 20.—Would you like to have established in your city a popular, patriotic and virtuous organization willing to assume responsibility in connection with the observance of Washington's birthday, the Fourth of July, Memorial day and other patriotic occasions?

The Navy League of the United States at its annual meeting held at the Waldorf this afternoon outlined the plan for the establishment of sections in the various towns and cities of the country to aid in the proper observance of patriotic days and celebrations and for the purpose of broad patriotic education.

The splendid work of the Navy League is not simply looking to the past, but has visions of the great future needs of the country and is willing and anxious to help fill the breach left by the passing away of the soldiers of the Civil war in both the north and the south.

"The league has a national organization, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., and has a splendid membership, but few local sections. It is now in a position to send organizers to cities where the young generation is willing to undertake a definite course of patriotic education along popular lines."

"It believes in the popular low-priced dinner, for the observance of patriotic events and for the consideration of national policies, of the reasons for maintaining a strong navy, the necessity of having a strong expeditionary force, and the maintenance of a strong navy."

This patriotic dinner should become an institution in every town and city. It should be held regularly every year. As suggested, it might be held in connection with the patriotic days like the Fourth of July, Washington's birthday and Memorial day. In many of the smaller cities, where it is not possible to hold a dinner, a picnic could serve such a dinner at a small profit, according to local conditions. Sections are urged at all times to sound the alarum of laying aside party prejudices and considering the great problem of national and international relationships. Local sections are advised to charge but \$2 a year as the annual membership fee, which in many cases can include both the annual dinner and the subscription to the monthly magazine, The Navy, which has a Navy League section.

"The province of the national headquarters in this connection would be more to give than to receive. In addition to organizing the sections, it would keep them supplied with literature and send speakers whenever possible to their meetings and dinners. It would not forget to endorse the claims of an efficient and adequate navy."

To this end, the league is asking for an endorsement. With its present modest income, received from thousands of patriotic groups all parts of the country, it is accomplishing a great work. To carry on this broad campaign of organization an income of \$25,000 a year is required and the organization needs an endorsement of at least \$200,000. The league believes that there is somewhere in the land a patriotic American who, if he stipulated the great opportunity of his service in the country, would gladly provide the necessary money so that the league can go forward along the new lines indicated.

The rapid growth of vegetation in polar regions, despite the brief summers, is attributed to the strength of the electric currents in the atmosphere.

## IF KIDNEYS ACT BAD TAKE SALTS

### Says Backache Is Sign You Have Been Eating Too Much Meat.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat is an acid food which overloads the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and cloggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels; remove all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells, your stomach sour, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, etc., and often get sore water acids and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician or once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS SHOW A LOSS FROM BIG EASTER ATTENDANCE

Yesterday was not so good a day as Easter for the Sunday schools of Albuquerque in point of attendance. The weather was probably too fine, and besides Easter was a special occasion. However, it shows what may be done with a special effort each week. Total loss over one week ago, 168.

Report by schools:  
Presbyterian ..... 231  
First Methodist ..... 217  
Gold and Broadway Church of Christ ..... 147  
Lutheran ..... 142  
Episcopal ..... 135  
Central Avenue Methodist ..... 134  
Baptist ..... 103  
Congressional ..... 170  
Total ..... 1455  
Total Attendance on Easter Sunday ..... 1541

Her Usual Way.  
Mr. Flatts—You were talking in your sleep last night, dear.  
Mrs. Flatts—Oh, is that so? I didn't say much did I?  
Mr. Flatts—No, dear. I said you were talking—Yonkers Statesman.

## "TIZ" FOR ACHING, SORE, TIRED FEET

Good-bye sore feet, burning feet, swollen feet, sweaty feet, smelly feet, tired feet.  
Good-bye corns, calluses, bunions and raw spots. No more shoe tightness, no more limping with pain or drawing up your countenance in agony. "TIZ" is magical. "TIZ" is medical. "TIZ" draws out all the poisonous excretions which puff up the feet. Use "TIZ" and forget your foot misery. Ah! how comfortable your feet feel. Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now at any drugstore or department store. Don't suffer. Have good feet, glad feet. Feet that never swell, never hurt, never get tired. A year's foot comfort guaranteed or money refunded.



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