

CALIFORNIA'S FIFTY YEARS

Jubilee Marks an Epoch in the History of the State.

DEVELOPMENT OF A HALF CENTURY

Effect of Marshall's Discovery on the Growth of the United States—Western Industries Past and Present—Future of the West.

California's jubilee commemorates an event of surpassing interest and importance and marks an epoch in California history. The story of what California was in a social, political and industrial sense when Marshall's discovery of gold at Coloma occurred and of what it now is in its varied aspects, after the passage of a half century, says the San Francisco Chronicle, is graphically told in the pages of the Chronicle today.

Neither Marshall nor his associates understood, even at the moment, the significance of the discovery of gold in the tailrace of Sutter's mill at Coloma, or suspected the influence which that event was destined to exert upon the destinies of the full developments which would result from it.

WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES.

With the experience of fifty years spread out before it, the present generation realizes the wonderful opportunities which the men of 1848 had within their grasp. And yet, perhaps the more we shall write the story of California's jubilee will note the great opportunities which the celebrants of the jubilee had, to their own disadvantage and the disadvantage of their progeny. However that may be, the fact now stands emphatically displayed that the number of inhabitants which California possessed in 1848 has grown to a population of nearly one and one-half millions; that the small pueblos and villages of that time have been translated into great cities; that the little hamlets of Yerba Buena, San Francisco, and San Jose have grown into the greatest commercial cities of the world, and now possess a population of nearly 400,000; that the plains and hill slopes which were devoted to the grazing of cattle and sheep were surrendered to the great herds of antelope and other wild game that roamed over them at all, have since become one of the greatest sources of wealth in the world, having been brought under the influence of the plow and made to yield abundance of the more precious fruits of the soil; that the tall stacks of grain manufactured great cities and the busy machinery great the car in industries where the feet of the white man, at least had not yet entered; that the industry which Marshall accidentally started and which was for a long time supposed to be employed with only an ephemeral existence at best, has become permanent as the rocks in which the great quantities of gold that the few parties of gold found by Marshall have since been the means of adding in round numbers, \$1,000,000,000 to the wealth of the world; that the precious soil and rock of the mineral belt in which he excavated the tailrace.

MODERN GOLD MINING.

This accidental discovery of gold at Coloma has, however, resulted in much more than the development of the territory in which it occurred. It was the beginning of the modern history of gold mining and of the search for the precious metal the world over, which has since been conducted with an eagerness unparalleled in history since, at least, the days of Solomon and which the experience of the successful year has impressed on the success of the gold-bearing belt in California were sought for in every part of the world. And now the "elens" have been discovered the prospectors have struck his pick and begun his search of the foundations of the earth in that locality. It was the beginning of the modern history of gold mining and of the search for the precious metal the world over, which has since been conducted with an eagerness unparalleled in history since, at least, the days of Solomon and which the experience of the successful year has impressed on the success of the gold-bearing belt in California were sought for in every part of the world. And now the "elens" have been discovered the prospectors have struck his pick and begun his search of the foundations of the earth in that locality.

CALIFORNIA METHODS.

It may be said also with truth that all the modern methods and appliances used in mining for gold have developed from the Coloma discovery. The simple appliances of pick, shovel and pan—the modest implements which every prospector of gold carried with him in 1848—are the implements used by the pioneer gold seekers of California. They were soon supplemented by the cradle or rocker, and when it was found that the gold was in the sand in their croppings mortar and pestle were added to the gold mining outfit. On machinery the modern gold miners are based. The gigantic quartz mills which are daily crushing thousands of tons of

auriferous rock under the mighty strokes of the stamps in their batteries are merely an enlarged version of the mortar and pestle with which the pioneer quartz miner of California ground to powder a few pounds of rich quartz per day. The hydraulic machinery now used to separate the gold from the dress with which it is associated, whether it be represented in the pulp of the quartz mill or in the gravel released by the pick in a hydraulic mine, are the direct development of the prospector's gold pan and the rocker. The principle represented in those simple appliances, the governing principle in the more modern introduction in the battery of the quartz mill and produced by the rhythmic arrangement of the heavier stamps with their operation and in the construction of the great and gold-bearing sulphur and the finer grains of free gold which may have escaped from the batteries as well as in all appliances for gold saving used in placer operations. Every development made in the form of these mechanical appliances for gold saving has grown out of the new conditions created by the necessity for handling larger masses of gold-bearing material. There is no exaggeration in the statement that nearly all the more important features of gold mining with the industry of gold mining were created and developed in California. It is true that the principle involved in hydraulic mining and in sluicing was apparently understood by the ancients, as shown in old prints, but it remained for California miners to give to the principle its fullest development. The hydraulic mining originally started in California for the reduction of gold-bearing rock have filled the mineral belt of the western part of this continent with mills and mining machinery and there are still found in the world today, not excepting from the statement the Ural mountains and the Siberian ranges, where the Russians have employed the same exclusive system, that California gold miners and California gold mining methods are not to be found.

FUTURE OF THE WEST.

The event at Coloma in 1848 has also directly instrumental in the development of every other industry now present in the state, and many of the works originally dedicated exclusively for mining uses are now being employed in other directions. Reservoirs, ditches and drains created for hydraulic mining are being turned to account as sources for the manufacture of cheap electric power and light, which not only facilitate and cheapen the operations of the miner and add to his comfort and profit, but they enter into other fields of useful activity. The great artificial reservoirs of the plains, after the water contained in them has performed its functions as a servant to miner and manufacturer, into a fruitful reservoir increasing the health and comfort of those now occupying it and preparing for a larger and perhaps more thrifty population to come.

THE AMONG DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED.

The among developments which have occurred in California since Varadani's discovery of gold are, however, trifling compared with those which may reasonably be expected to occur in the next half century. Gold mining in its permanent form is only in its infancy. There are only about 20,000 miners engaged in the industry now in all its forms. But the gold-bearing belt contains room enough for 500,000 or more without any one feeling his neighbor. Then, again, other fields of useful activity are being developed. The state at large contains not over 1,500,000 inhabitants, and yet it is an empire which can easily support a population of 3,000,000 of people in comfort. These are estimates based solely on the natural resources of the state which are present in the year of the jubilee of its gold discovery. The possibilities for the support of a dense population, growing out of the commerce which it will naturally control, can scarcely be estimated. When the century of gold discovery shall have celebrated the developments which in its later half may greatly overshadow those which mark its jubilee.

HAS A SECESSION OF FUSION.

Democratic Leader Says the Party Will Go It Alone This Year. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 29. (Special.)—Sylvan Winter of Chamberlain, a member of the executive committee of the state democratic party, announced in a speech here and an ardent supporter of Bryan in 1896, declared in a newspaper interview that there will be no fusion this year in South Dakota. "You can put it right down," said Mr. Winter, "that there will be three tickets in the field in South Dakota and did not mean there will be a democratic ticket. Last year I was ready to join with the populists in order to carry the state, but my experience has made me unalterably opposed to fusion. I have talked with many of the party leaders in the state, and so far as I know there is not a single member who favors this matter. We are going to rehabilitate the democratic party this year. The rank and file of the party is quite as much disgusted with the fusion policy as the rank and file of the party in the rest of the state. The fusion policy is the one which will prevail hereafter with the democrats. We feel that only so can we build up a party in this state. We have been in the fusion years have been worse than last to the party."

OPPOSITION TO NEW POSTMASTER.

Former Official Takes Letters to a Neighboring Town. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 29. (Special.)—A. G. Holgenbauer, ex-postmaster at Cannon, S. D., has been arrested for an old violation of the postal laws. When the new postmaster, Mr. Booth, was appointed Holgenbauer took the change somewhat in the line of a personal affront. He refused to take down the street "postoffice" which was above the door in which the postoffice was located when he was postmaster; and many patrons continued to bring letters to his place. These letters he took and mailed at Hunt, S. D., thus defrauding Postmaster Booth of his office. The letters which he naturally collected in his office, he handed to members of his family and relatives, and then mailed the letters at Hunt, S. D. Holgenbauer's partner, who caused the arrest, says that there is often manifested a disposition to boycott new appointees out of spite, and that all such violations of the postal laws will be prosecuted to the fullest extent.

Hope to Secure Moody.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 29. (Special.)—Dr. D. B. Scott, pastor of the First Congregational church here, is corresponding with Dwight L. Moody in the hope of securing the great evangelist for a series of revival meetings in Sioux Falls. Dr. Scott says that the meetings will probably be arranged. If Moody comes, the meetings will be held in the Ware theater, which with the large stage will seat 1,700 people.

Some Suspicious Conduct.

Mrs. Paley, 413 South Nineteenth street, reported last night what she regarded as the suspicious conduct of two men in her neighborhood. She says that on last Thursday afternoon she saw the men drive to a point opposite her house, where they seemed to be engaged in some kind of a business. She saw them enter a house, which appeared large enough for one man and just at dusk one of the men turned and taking a coffee-like brew from the man, she saw him drive off in the night. She reported the matter to the police.

Dr. Seymour's Lecture.

Last Thursday evening Dr. W. I. Seymour delivered a lecture before the Tourist club of the Young Women's Christian association which was listened to by a large audience. He took for his topic "Yellow Fever in National Park." Dr. Seymour says: "Yellow fever is a disease which is now spreading and his lecture was made up of experiences which he encountered in his travels. He said that the disease was now spreading and his lecture was made up of experiences which he encountered in his travels. He said that the disease was now spreading and his lecture was made up of experiences which he encountered in his travels."

The \$2,000 Fund.

The following particulars of this benevolent fund will interest the generous donor and the general public: Over 300 applications received. Several applicants are old hands at the fund. Many of the applicants have been found and relieved. Sixty victims investigated kindly and fully. No case shall be overlooked but it takes time. Applicants should write exact address very plainly. Particulars need not be given in letters, only name and residence. Address postoffice box 10, Omaha.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Ordinance Governing Fire and Police Forces Passed at Special Session.

SIX TO THREE IN FAVOR OF THE MEASURE

Stout Votes with Buckley and Lobek in Opposition—Refunding Bonds for Floating Indebtedness Practically Decided On.

The city council held two sessions yesterday afternoon. One was a special meeting at which the ordinance providing for the appointment of the members of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was passed. This occupied about five minutes. There was no discussion and the roll call was: Years—Bechel, Burmeister, Karr, Mercer, Mount, President Lobek, Six—3. The other meeting was informal and executive. The council adjourned in the committee room at 2 o'clock and with the exception of the brief recess while the special meeting was in progress it was locked up for four hours. It is understood that the council decided to issue refunding bonds to take up the outstanding warrants and to use the balances of uncollected taxes now included in the fund balances as shown by the books of the comptroller. It was argued that unless this was done, it would be impossible to run the city with a levy that would be satisfactory to the taxpayers.

OMAHA'S ASSESSED VALUATION.

Listed at a Little Over Thirty-Three Millions for Purposes of Taxation. Tax Commissioner Sackett has completed the tabulation of the work of the Board of Equalization on the municipal tax list for 1898. The final assessment shows a reduction of a little less than \$7,000,000, as compared with the return of the Board of Equalization, and a reduction of over \$3,000,000, as compared with the initial assessment. The bulk of the reduction is in city lots, while the only increase is in the assessment of railroads and telegraph lines, which are being closely accounted for by the agreement with Missouri Pacific Railroad company, by which the Belt Line was placed on the city tax list.

Assessed Board of Equalization.

Table showing the assessed valuation for 1898, as compared with the return of the Board of Equalization, and the initial assessment.

Meeting of the Park Board.

At the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners yesterday afternoon the proposal of George Mills to donate eighty-two lots in Deer Park for the use of the proposed Central boulevard was received and referred. The board is in favor of the proposition, provided that the Central boulevard property previously donated strictly for the purpose of widening the boulevard and the lot set aside for it is accepted, there will be about \$2,000.

South Omaha News.

The investigation into the charges filed by David McCourt against Policemen Mulvahy, Montague and Sheehan occupied the entire afternoon yesterday and the room was filled with spectators and witnesses. McCourt was represented by attorneys Patrick and Lambert, while J. J. Brown looked after the interests of the policemen. There was a disposition at the start to exclude the attorneys, as the members of the committee are of the opinion that they were capable of asking all the questions, but it was finally agreed to allow the lawyers to remain, provided they attended strictly to the facts and did not undertake to delay matters by the asking of immaterial questions.

Some Features at Churches.

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Out-of-Town Ministers Who Will Occupy Local Pulpits Today.

At 11 o'clock in the morning at 3:30 o'clock at Trinity cathedral this afternoon at Trinity cathedral will be held a public meeting of all the Episcopal churches in the city, and at 5 p. m. he will preach at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon on Twenty-first and Paul streets. Bishop Talbot is accounted one of the most eloquent of pulpits orators.

Rev. Howard H. Russell of Columbus, O., one of the most eloquent of Methodists, will preach this morning on the Sunday question, with special reference to the closing of the gates of the exposition on Sunday. "The Sunday Question from the Present Point of View" is the topic. Dr. Russell will be the first to speak, in addition to the opening of the exposition gates on Sunday as on other days.

Rev. Joseph N. Boyd of Columbus, O., will preach this morning at the First Presbyterian church.

The Realty Market.

INSTRUMENTS filed for record Saturday, January 29: WARRANTY DEEDS. L. E. Math and bus to A. H. Tower, 100 1/2 block 4, lots 15 and 16, block 4, \$1,000. J. W. Smith and A. H. Tower, 100 1/2 block 4, lots 15 and 16, block 4, \$1,000.

Prof. Little Entertains Music.

The pupils at the East and North institutions were entertained last night by Prof. Little, who gave them a chalk talk. He drew pictures on a blackboard and then explained to an assistant, who interpreted the remarks into the sign language. The entertainment was enjoyed by the pupils in going the first of the kind that has ever been given in this city. In addition to those who attended the school, many of the nuns of the city were present.

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business could not be attended to as well outside the exchange as in it. Rooms in present building are charged for at so much per square foot. A small house for large offices and two or more rooms, it is to be expected that the rent will be more than for a small inside room. The rents are expected to be about 100 cents per room, according to space and location. The complaints seem to come from some of the smaller dealers so far none of the very desirable firms appear to be interested in the talk of removal.

Anderson is Acquitted. SOUTH OMAHA, Jan. 29.—To the Editor of the Bee: In the Bee of January 15 there appeared an article under the head of "Charges Against a Dairyman," in which it was stated that Sanitary Inspector Carroll of South Omaha stated to the city attorney that he had found a man, named Anderson, who had sold the carcasses of two cows in Omaha. In justice to my business and myself, I want to state through the columns of your paper that I was arrested upon said charges and tried in the police court in the city of Omaha and the evidence showed that I simply sold the hides of the two cows to a butcher who also took some of the carcasses, saying that he wanted to use the same for my business and he gave me the two hides and nothing for the meat. Judge Gordon, after hearing the evidence, declared me not guilty, but was sentenced to complete exoneration from the charge of technically or intentionally violating the law that had been entered upon this statement printed. OLE ANDERSON.

New Gas Ordinance Coming.

It was reported last night that the judiciary committee of the council and the applicants for the new gas franchise had reached an understanding and that the proposed amendment to the ordinance requiring the qualification of the city engineer by a certified check for \$5,000 guaranteeing that the plant would be in operation within two years had been withdrawn. In the place of the amendment, another will be substituted protecting the rights of the city fully as much as the deposit of a large sum of money. It is also stated that the attention of the judiciary committee was called to the injustice of such an amendment that there was an objection to substituting a deposit of \$5,000 for the money will, it is expected, be reported on by the committee at the council meeting Monday night and read for the third time, after which a vote will be taken.

Magic City Gossip.

Dr. Davis, of Omaha, has gone to New York to attend to matters of business. Samuel Roberts of Reels, La., spent yesterday here attending to business matters. The Musical club will meet with Miss Honey, Twenty-fourth and J streets, Monday evening. At the morning services at the First Presbyterian church today the annual offering for aged ministers will be collected. Elder H. J. Kendall will conduct the Christian Endeavor conservation services at the First Presbyterian church this evening. Special evangelistic services will commence at 8 o'clock at the First Baptist church, 304 Wheeler will preach on "Right Beginnings." All of the delegates who went to the Live Stock Growers' convention at Denver have returned and report having had a good time.

Master Harry Gardner, assisted by his sister, Edie, entertained a couple of dozen of his friends at their home, Twenty-fifth and J streets, Saturday evening.

The remains of Mrs. Ada Wainwright were forwarded to Chicago yesterday afternoon.

Panle Prevails for a Time, but is Quicker by Officers and Crew—Last Man Comes Away a Few Minutes Before Ship Goes Down.

ST. FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Further particulars have been received of the wreck of the Pacific Coast Steamship company's steamer Corona on a reef at the southeast point of Lewis Island, forty-eight miles north of Victoria, B. C., and opposite the mouth of the Skeena river, on Sunday, January 23. The Corona sailed from Seattle with 247 passengers for Tacoma, Toiyas and Skagway on Thursday, January 27. It carried a cargo of 700 tons, together with ten horses and thirty-eight dogs. This was to have been its final Alaskan trip and the ship was to return to the San Francisco and San Diego run and be replaced by the Queen. At 5:25 o'clock on Sunday morning, when 480 miles from Victoria, in what is known as Arthur Passage, the steamer suddenly passed upon the reef. The first shock was followed by several lesser ones as the vessel was pounding with its ends on the rocks. Most of the passengers were up and about in the cabin at the time of the wreck. A tremendous confusion ensued, caused by the rocking of the vessel when the engines were working to get off the rocks. The ship finally settled down and the officers and crew succeeded in calming the panicked passengers, and Captain Pierce ordered the boats lowered and the pumps to be worked. As soon as it was ascertained that the vessel was taking water, Captain Pierce ordered the women and children into the life boats, and the first boat to be lowered was that of the Second Officer Marshall, put off for the nearest land, Lewis Island. Seven boats were lowered and the passengers were landed on two trips without accident. The band baggage and that in the forward hold were then transferred and the dogs and horses saved. Mattresses and blankets from the cabin were thrown ashore and also landed for the accommodation of the shipwrecked passengers.

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