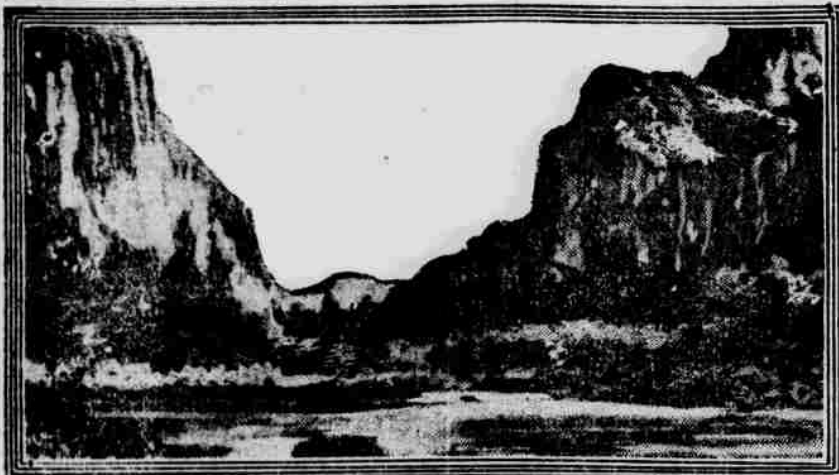


GRANDEUR OF YOSEMITE VALLEY



YOSEMITE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

NUMEROUS are the descriptions that have been published of the Yosemite Valley, but none is complete, nor will pen ever express in adequate manner the beauties, the charms, the grandeur of so marvelous a place, of which one might well say that it is a terrestrial paradise.

The Yosemite Valley is situated in the heart of the Sierra Nevada, almost in the middle of the state of California, and between the eastern and western foothills of the mountains, the distance between them being a little more than 120 kilometers.

The word Yosemite is an English corruption of the Indian expression "Ajomital" (Big Gray Bear), which, it is supposed was the nickname of an Indian chief, and is the name applied to a tribe that lived in the region stretching eastward from the valley to the plains. However, the word was not the name which the Indians gave the valley, for they called it "Awahni," which is equivalent to the Spanish word "cañon."

Formerly the valley was inaccessible for almost half the year, because the snows in that region fall with so much abundance that they completely obstruct passage over the highway.

At present a railway line goes to El Portal, which is distant only some twenty kilometers from the valley, this distance being covered by stage coach over a magnificent highway constructed by the federal government, under whose control is the valley. Thus then have been eliminated the obstacles which formerly made the trip so disagreeable, and that beautiful point can be visited at any period of the year. The railroad goes from Merced to El Portal, the distance between the two points being 12 kilometers, more or less. It traverses the picturesque valley of the Merced river, and crosses it at various points. On reaching the foothills of the mountains the railway follows the course of the river, which at times is at a very great depth below the road and at others almost on a level with it. The line from El Portal to the Yosemite is traveled, as has already been said, by means of a stage coach, and is very comfortable as well as picturesque.

On the way to the valley, still at some distance, there are presented to the sight of the spectators huge rocks and mountains of the most capricious forms; one is like an elephant, farther on another has the aspect of a camel; still another has the form of a castle; and from all these stand out sharply those called "El Capitan," "The Sentinel," "The Cathedral Spires" and "The Three Brothers."

As the road ascends the grandeur and beauty of the landscape are enhanced; look whatever way one will he sees foaming rivulets falling from high rocks; old and mysterious pines sigh to the measure of the music of the waters; here and there are seen mountains, gigantic rocks and precipices, the contemplation of which inspires admiration mingled with awe.

While the mountains constitute the element of grandeur in the landscape, the streams of water give it the touch of beauty; nothing more picturesque can be conceived than the torrent, the pools, the falls of the Merced. In some places it flows sweetly below leafy trees, in others it rests in rapid pools, that it may precipitate itself afterward with vertiginous rapidity in cascades like mantles of foam and drift of diamonds. At many points enormous rocks obstruct the course of the river, fragments of the tall rocks that lie on either side of it, surrounding them or leaping over them, the water follows its indefatigable way.

There are no two sights alike; and the journey is for the eyes of the traveler a succession of delight after delight, such is the variety of the landscape.

Finally a presentiment tells the traveler that he is near the valley. A little later there presents itself to his eye "The Bridal Veil," one of the finest waterfalls of the valley; farther on, at the right, stands out the rock "El Capitan," which majestically ascends to the height of 1,000 meters, and on the left rise elegantly to an elevation of 800 meters "The Cathedral Spires," these two rocks forming what might appropriately be called the southern door of the valley. Once in it are discovered the countless marvels which it shuts in, such as "Washington's Column," a rock on the left of 700 meters' altitude, which shoots its twilight shadow across the Half Dome, whose height is 1,500 feet above the level of the Merced. "The Sentinel" is perhaps the greatest and

most picturesque rock of the valley, and whose point, in form of an obelisk, reaches a height of more than 1,000 meters. At its left the falls of the same name, which are active only during the summer, feeding from the melting snow, and such is the strength and volume of the water rushing down that at the foot of the rock has been hollowed out a deep ravine. Then, there are the fall of Lillouette, which waves gently like a ribbon in the air; the Nevada Falls, one of the most beautiful, whose current rushes down with tremendous noise; the lovely Vernal Falls, which, in the midst of a landscape supremely enchanting, seem a broad sheet of silver, and many other imposing rocks that appear like gigantic sculptures modeled by the Titans of mythology.

It is difficult to say which is the best period of the year in which to see the valley, since in each season it possesses its own peculiar attractions. In summer, naturally, the vegetation is in all its vigor, the cataracts are innumerable. But in the winter the valley assumes an aspect supremely imposing, which leaves in the mind of the traveler an imperishable impression.

INDIAN CHIEF'S NOVEL GIFT

Maiden Cannot Be Found to Claim "Beaver Foot"—Mail Clerk Anticipate Bad Luck.

Somewhere in South Dakota lives a mighty chief, copper-skinned as are the braves he has led through the wars of a lifetime. Somewhere in Minnesota lives a daughter of a fairer race, a pale-faced maiden, whom the post office clerks are trying to find, and thus far they have been unsuccessful, for the hand of the mighty warrior is not skilled in the art of the white man's pen.

Chief High Eagle of the Sioux had trapped a beaver, and, remembering some kind word or a smile bestowed upon him in the past, he had made from the flat paw of the animal a purse heavily beaded, with his totem worked into the tough hide of the foot. Wrapping it carefully in coarse brown paper, he scrawled the name upon the outside and mailed it, and that is why the inquiry department of the St. Paul post office had an unusual find to record in the mail sacks.

Not that they were surprised, for anything may turn up in the inquiry department, but they are grieved because the big chief made his return address legible. A beaver's foot, as is well known, has got it all over that of the rabbit for genuine good luck, and yet it must be sent away. Sending away an amulet is worse than killing a black cat.

"We have had enough luck, anyway," said one of the clerks. "We are thankful if we can tell the names of the articles which come in."

Policemen and Whiskers.

While a Chicago policeman was escorting a woman to a patrol wagon the other day she suddenly turned upon him and fastened her fingers in his whiskers. When other policemen succeeded in rescuing him from the perilous position into which she had forced him against the side of the patrol wagon the woman held two handfuls of whiskers and the officer bore a striking resemblance to a partially picked chicken. It is not surprising that, instead of accompanying the prisoner to the station, the policeman hurried to a barber shop, and unless he wears them for the purpose of hiding a weak chin or protecting a sensitive throat we may suppose that he will give up his whiskers, at least until such time as he may retire on a pension. Whiskers may be all right if their wearer is able to choose his environment, but policemen should try to get along without them.—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Vindicated Post.

"The duchess always loses at bridge. She never gets a good heart hand."
"Yes," answers Mrs. Flimgill, "she says being a duchess doesn't compensate her for her ill luck, and that the post knew what he was talking about when he said: 'Kind hearts are more than coronets.'"—Washington Star.

A Curious Fact.

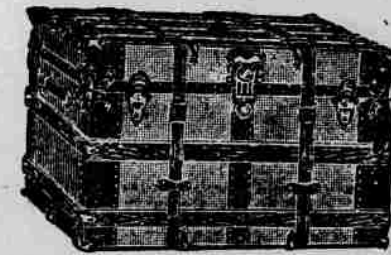
"I notice that the Chinese have discovered a new comet."
"Yes, but they don't speak of it as having a tail."
"Of course not. A Chinese comet has a cue."—St. Louis Star.



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TEXAS MAKES THAT CHARGE

Complains That Men Dependant on Irrigation Projects Have Been Imposed Upon—Denial of Butter Trust.

Washington.—Representative Smith told the house ways and means committee Monday that thousands of dollars in government "certificates of indebtedness," issued in connection with various irrigation projects, were being circulated in the west at 50 cents on the dollar. The paper represented ranchers' pay for work done on projects, and which they were allowed by the government to exchange for land when the irrigation projects were completed. As the projects have not been completed, the holders have been forced, he declared, to discount the paper in order to buy the necessities of life. Mr. Smith urged favorable action on the bill before the committee for the issuance of \$30,000,000 in government certificates of indebtedness to complete irrigation projects. Representative Morgan of Alabama and Kinkaid of Nebraska also argued for the bill.

Change in Telephone Rates.
The state railway commission has permitted the Camp Dewey Telephone company to increase rates at Creighton and Niobrara. The new rates become effective April 1. The price of individual phones has been increased from \$1.75 to \$2 a month, residence phones remain the same at \$1.25, and farm phones are to be increased from \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Getting Around a Strike.
St. Louis.—To forestall a strike of all union painters in this city, set for Tuesday, the master painters' association has discharged more than 1,500 men who refused to continue work at the old scale of 50 cents an hour. The painters are asking 55 cents an hour for an eight hour day, and conferences with the master painters have proved fruitless as the employers declare they will not accede to the demands.

Convicts Steal Shirts.
Nine convicts at the state penitentiary lost thirty days "good time" each during February for stealing shirts from the factory where they are employed under a contract between the state and the Platt Shirt company.

The convicts are named Tucker, Baxter, Story, Chivers, Miles, Covington, Prince, Rodgers and Hunter. They hid the shirts under their clothes before they left the work shop. The warden reports a total of 437 prisoners in the penitentiary. He received \$50.60 for the board of United States prisoners in February.

Prices Still Climbing.
Cleveland, O.—Hogs were quoted at \$11.05 per hundred pounds at the stock yards Monday, a record price here.
St. Joseph, Mo.—The top price for hogs at the South St. Joseph market Monday was \$10.65 per hundred, which is 10 cents higher than the record price made last week.

Inquiry Into Omaha Water.
Washington.—Responsive to a request from the governor of Nebraska, Mr. Hiles, assistant secretary of the treasury, has directed Passed Assistant Surgeon L. L. Lunsden, of the public health and marine hospital service, to proceed to Omaha to confer with the city authorities and make an investigation regarding the contamination of the water supply there and to advise as to the proper means for remedying existing conditions and preventing the further spread of typhoid.

Street Railway Bonds.
The Lincoln Traction company, having certified to the state railway commission that it cannot sell its proposed issue of \$253,269 of bonds for more than \$92 on the \$100, has been authorized by the commission to make the sale at less than par. The bonds are to pay for improvements. The commission has authorized the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway company to sell \$1,500,000 of bonds acquired by the purchase of the Superior Short Line and to issue \$73,000 of new bonds for construction in Wisconsin.

Ministers Oppose Sunday Baseball.
Fremont.—Simultaneously with the decision of Fremont baseball fans to enter the state league, Fremont's ministerial association has decided to invite Evangelist "Billy" Sunday to come to Fremont for a series of revival meetings. The chief reason for the ball league management insisting that Fremont is necessary to the state league organization is that Sunday games may be played here. The ministers are opposed to baseball on that account.

To Vote on Initiative.
Hastings.—The initiative and referendum will be presented for acceptance or rejection by the voters of Hastings at the annual spring election on April 5. A petition having signatures of persons of over 15 per cent of the total vote of the city has been filed with the city clerk, asking that the voters be given an opportunity to accept or reject the same.

ESCAPE FROM DEATH

PLATTE RIVER CHANNEL TOO SWIFT FOR BOATMEN.

Fremont.—A. N. Phinney and Alex Bailey had a narrow escape from death by drowning in the swift south channel of the Platte river. The men were engaged in laying a cable line for the new ferry which is to be established for use pending the completion of the repairs on the bridge. They were half way across when their boat suddenly tipped over. Phinney caught the cable and hung there for a half hour in the cold water, while chunks of ice occasionally bumped him and threatened to knock him from his perilous position. Bailey was carried down stream in twenty feet of water. Once he sank and companions on the shore concluded he was lost. Luckily he was swept up on a sandbar some 300 yards down stream. Phinney in the meantime commenced crying loudly for help, shouting that he would be unable to hold on much longer and that he could not swim. Both men were rescued in a boat manned by telephone linemen who were stretching a new wire across the river for connection with Saunders county telephones.

Preparing for Summer Session.
Peru.—President Crabtree is putting forth every effort to make the summer session the largest in the history of the school. Circulars have been sent out all over the state to superintendents, teachers and high school graduates, outlining the work and calling attention to the summer school bulletin which is now in press. Many students have already applied for information, rooms are being engaged and everything points to a very successful session. Plans have been completed for commencement work, which will begin Wednesday, May 25, ending with commencement day, May 31.

McCook Students Strike.
McCook.—For some time the seniors of the McCook high school have been remonstrating against the "despotic rule" of the superintendent and principal and following the suspension of three of the class for no satisfactory reasons the whole class quit school. The majority of the class will complete the school year elsewhere.

Trappers Lost Money.
Lyons.—Walter Barker and Eddie Rseich, two young trappers of this place, met with dire disaster this week. The boys, who have made quite a snug sum of money trapping, gathered up their tent, traps, bed, best clothes and grub enough to last two weeks and went over on the Black-

bird creek seeking for more remunerative fur fields. But on returning one day to their tent, they found everything had been burned up, including their catch of furs worth twenty dollars. The high wind had scattered the fire from their camp stove, entailing a loss of all.

Coming Events in Lincoln.
March 14 and 15—Nebraska county option convention.
March 15, 16 and 17—South Platte laymen's missionary association convention.
March 16—Nebraska butter and egg dealers' association will meet.
March 17—Mass meeting of women in connection with the laymen's missionary convention at St. Paul's M. E. church.
March 22, 23, 24 and 25—Scottish Rite reunion.
March 29 and 30—Nebraska conservation and development congress.
March 30—Ceremonial session of the A. A. O. of the Mystic Shrine.
May 10, 11 and 12—Nebraska state medical association.
May 3, 4 and 5—Nebraska electrical association.
May 19, 20 and 21—Sons of Herman grand lodge.
May 23, 24 and 25—State press association.
June 14, 15 and 16—Nebraska postmasters' association.

High Mark for Bank Deposits.
Secretary Royce of the state banking board has completed a consolidated report showing the condition of state banks at the close of business February 12. It shows a total of \$77,931,762 on deposit, the largest amount in the history of Nebraska state banks. The number of banks reporting was 664; depositors, 229,288; average reserve, 30 per cent.
Compared with the report of November 16, 1909, the number of banks reporting has increased 2; loans and discounts increased \$1,210,000; deposits increased \$4,708,000. The average reserve has increased from 26 1/2 per cent to 30 per cent, being double the legal requirements at the date of this report.

Compared with the report of one year ago the following increases are found: Loans and discounts, \$8,074,000; deposits, \$5,000,000. The legal reserve has decreased 3 2/3 per cent. There has been an increase in the year of twenty-nine banks reporting.

Erect Historical Monument.
Kearney.—The Fort Kearney chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, have had placed at a point just south of the city a large Barre granite monument to mark the place where the old Oregon trail crossed Central avenue. The stone is red granite and is rough hewn with the exception of one side which bears the following inscription: "The first stone erected in Nebraska to mark the old Oregon trail, 1811-1869, dedicated by the Fort Kearney chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Kearney, Neb., February 14, 1910."