

GALA DAY AT GOLDEN GATE

Mrs. De Young's Hand Sets the Machinery of the Show in Motion.

MIDWINTER'S WONDERS ARE OPENED WIDE

Great Columbian Show at Chicago. Reproduced in Miniature in the Capital of the Pacific Coast, Midway Plaisance, Columbian Guards and All.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—At 12:30 this afternoon Mrs. M. H. De Young touched the electric button and by that act the California Midwinter International exposition was given life.

California's dream had become a reality, and the great multitude of people assembled there tonight in a joyous shout that drowned even the booming of artillery and screaming of steam whistles. The day was one to make people glad they lived in California. Not a cloud was in the blue sky, and the sun's warm rays streamed down, making the air as balmy as day in June. It was no January thaw, but common, ordinary winter weather, such as California is accustomed to. Orders were a burden and wraps of all kinds were left at home. To the thousands of eastern visitors the weather was the choicest exhibit at the fair, and not even the great Columbian exposition could in their eyes show anything to compare with this wonderful winter's day. From early morning until late at night crowds of people rode to the fair grounds, and it seemed as if the current of this season of humanity would never turn the other way.

Lost in the Grounds.

Once inside the grounds the crowds did not seem so very large, as the people soon scattered over the great tract. They were there to see the sights, not to listen to speeches, and probably not one-tenth of the visitors today went near the place where the formal ceremonies were conducted. Notwithstanding this fact, the grand stand was a scene of people, and thousands of people in the open space in front and paid respectful attention to the music and speeches. The grand stand was a mass of brilliant colors. A thousand flags fluttered in the breeze and several hundred school children, dressed in red, white and blue, waved the national emblem and sang patriotic songs.

Legal Holiday in the State.

Governor Markham had declared January 27 a legal holiday throughout the state and all the banks and business houses closed and everybody was free to go out to the fair grounds. Thousands of people were here from all parts of the coast, and the grounds were crowded with strangers. The buildings were profusely decorated with flags and bunting and everybody was in gala attire. Most of the streets of San Francisco were closed to traffic, and the police were on duty in regular array and their entire rolling stock was inadequate to accommodate the people who flocked out to the park to witness the triumphal opening of their pet project. Shortly after 10 a. m. the parade, under command of General Thompson, started for the fair grounds, and the procession were four regiments of National guards, regular army troops from Presidio Governor Markham and staff, the militia, civic societies and many of the concessional features to be seen at the fair.

Golden Gate avenue, the main drive to the park, was thronged with spectators, and the procession reached the fair grounds and assembled on the reception grounds, where a huge grand stand had been erected near Festival hall.

Order of Opening Exercises.

The order of the exercises was as follows: Recitation of all nations, by the Midwinter fair band. Introductory address by the president of the fair, James J. ... Prayer by Bishop Nichols. Grand chorus, American, sung by Midwinter fair band. Address by Governor Markham. ... Address by Director General M. H. De Young, declaring the exposition open. ... Music by an Australian band and chorus of national airs.

Governor Markham in his speech welcomed the people to the fair, and he addressed to the strangers from other sections of the country the freedom of the entire state. The governor explained that although California was the first state to give an appropriate money for an exhibition at the World's fair in Chicago, and although her exhibit there was wonderful and complete, yet many Californians who visited the Columbian exposition were forcibly impressed with the fact that it was utterly impossible to transport California exhibits to the Columbian exposition. ... True California Sana.

Rescued in Mid-Ocean.

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HAULING UNCLE SAM'S MAIL

Enormous Sum Paid the Railroads Every Year for Doing It.

HOW COMPENSATION IS DETERMINED

Government System of Weighing—Think Not Desired by Railway Companies Just Now—Amounts Paid Different Lines—Mail Car Rental.

Nearly all of the railroads that carry the mail in the western country have united in a request to the Postoffice department for a reweighing of the mail carried over their routes to be deferred until another year. At the beginning of each quadrennium all of the railroad mail is weighed by the government, and upon the result of this test depends the compensation to be paid the railroads for the four years to come. For the purpose of convenience in weighing, the railroads are divided into four districts and one of these districts is weighed each year. Last year the mail of the Atlantic division was weighed and this year it is the turn of the Pacific division.

The amount to be paid the railroads of the Atlantic division by the government for carrying the mail was increased something like \$1,500,000 by last year's reweighing. If the same test is applied to the Pacific division this year it is not believed that the amount to be paid will be less than this. This is partly because the western roads do not have so great an amount of mail to carry at any time and also because the hard times have materially reduced the business of the Postoffice department.

It is on the latter account that the railroads are anxious to postpone the reweighing for another year. They argue that on the 1st of January the general office at Washington would not give a fair estimate of the business, and that during the succeeding four years they would only receive a partial compensation for their services. Superintendent Lindsey of St. Louis was in Omaha the other day and said that with one exception all the railroads in his territory were in favor of postponing the weighing. They preferred to carry the mail at the present rate of compensation until the next reweighing. The exception was the Rock Island road, which has recently materially increased its mileage by lines into the Cherokee country and to Denver, and would undoubtedly profit by a reweighing.

Aim of Postoffice Department.

It is the aim of the Postoffice department to weigh the mail at a time when the totals will give a fair estimate of the mail carried by the various roads. It is done in the summer, when business is comparatively light, and is not believed to be a just method of weighing the mail. The government would suffer by a weighing in winter, when the holiday trade swells the mails to much more than their normal capacity. The weighing is done in the summer, when business is comparatively light, and is not believed to be a just method of weighing the mail.

Butt of Wood.

The structures which constitute the fair buildings proper, with the exception of the Fine Arts buildings, are constructed of wood. The main structure used as a park museum when the fair closes. The chief object of attraction to eastern visitors will probably be the Grand Court, the early days of the fair. It is 300 feet wide and 1,000 feet long. It is arranged in terraces and is a mass of tropical plants, flowers and green lawns. In the center of the court is a large fountain, and the water is illuminated at night by electric light, and from the top of which can be had a view of the surrounding grounds. The fair is a mass of tropical plants, flowers and green lawns. In the center of the court is a large fountain, and the water is illuminated at night by electric light, and from the top of which can be had a view of the surrounding grounds.

Some Special Site Shows.

Santa Barbara has a large amphitheater, and the fair grounds are a mass of tropical plants, flowers and green lawns. In the center of the court is a large fountain, and the water is illuminated at night by electric light, and from the top of which can be had a view of the surrounding grounds. The fair is a mass of tropical plants, flowers and green lawns. In the center of the court is a large fountain, and the water is illuminated at night by electric light, and from the top of which can be had a view of the surrounding grounds.

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CANT IMPEACH CARPENTER

County Commissioners Believe They Are Without Authority in the Matter.

"VOTERS MUST TAKE THEIR MEDICINE"

Mrs. Bennett's Bill for Matron's Services at County Jail Rejected—Road Improvement Bonds Awarded—Brandes Submits Affidavits.

When the county commissioners convened yesterday afternoon, they were confronted with a request from the city council, in the shape of a resolution, asking them to join hands and secure the removal of Assessor Carpenter, the man who was elected last fall to hold the property of the Fourth ward. The resolution from the council went so far as to say that the assessor was incompetent and dishonest in his practice of assessing the property. Notwithstanding the fact that the assessor is an official of the city officials wanted the commissioners to undertake the job.

FATHER'S WILL.

For Many Weeks He Waited His Son's Coming—He Came at Last a Corpse. Colorado, Jan. 27.—The New York Central, whom some idle rumors connected with the Cronin murder case at Wilmet near this city, has been found, and one more case of mysterious disappearance has been solved. The weary search of a father through weeks has ended, and he has recovered the remains of his son, lying unidentified in the morgue. This morning a mail gentleman was taking the possibility of the case and asked to be allowed to examine the effects taken from the body which was washed up by the waves of Lake Michigan a week ago. Among the papers recently placed before Denver, the man, who was looking over the papers, seized it and read it through at a glance. "It is my son," he said, "I know the receipt."

The man was J. H. Gable, a well known business man of Denver. Since the World's fair, he has been searching for his son, who disappeared from his home some time ago. Every avenue has been explored, hospitals, jails and morgues, but to no avail, until this morning, when the body was found. The man, who was looking over the papers, seized it and read it through at a glance. "It is my son," he said, "I know the receipt."

Brandes' Marriage for Office.

Charles Brandes presented an affidavit to prove that he was a resident of East Omaha precinct. This document went with the other papers in the case. Brandes asked for a license to marry, and at that time there was filed a protest, setting forth the fact that he was not, nor had he ever been, a resident of the precinct.

Encourage Home Industry.

Congressman Meiklejohn's Defense of Nebraska Interests. Washington, Jan. 27.—Special to THE BEE.—Representative Meiklejohn has had 5,000 copies of the speech he made in the house the other day against the Wilson tariff bill printed in official form and will send them to his constituents for perusal. A number of republican representatives from other states have ordered printed copies of Meiklejohn's speech for circulation in their districts, as it contains much valuable data and fact bearing directly upon the tariff question.

Democracy Cannot Agree on the Mayor's Appointments.

The democratic caucus in this city has gone to pieces, and thus far there are no prospects of a reorganization being effected. Several of the democrats say that they will not go into another caucus, but on the contrary will allow the various appointments to come up and in the caucus on their merit, rather than in the caucus on their merit. The caucus on their merit, rather than in the caucus on their merit.

How Scales Were Reduced.

In July, 1876, congress reduced the previous rate by 10 per cent and in June, 1878, a still further reduction of 5 per cent was made. The latter legislation brings the rate to its present basis. The highest rate paid is drawn by the Pennsylvania Central railroad, which gets \$5.10 per mile for hauling the mail from New York to Philadelphia. The distance over which the mail on that route has to be carried is a fraction over ninety miles. There are 252 mail trains every week on that route, and before the reweighing last year the route received \$37,495 for this service. Under the new appropriation this has been increased to \$28,000. The usual rate is 42 cents per mile, but the mail is weighed every day for at least sixty days before the average is computed.

Not to Agree for the Present.

An adjourned meeting of the Nebraska Humane society was held at the Commercial club rooms Thursday afternoon for the purpose of further considering the advisability of employing an agent for the society. It was decided that in consideration of the distress now existing among the poor of the city, the matter of employing an agent be deferred until May 1 next. The agent of the meeting was that every effort should be made toward relieving human suffering just this winter.

Eviction of Murderer.

Ed. Patrick, who shot and killed John M., was found this morning dead under his bed, with his hands and feet bound and every evidence of having been strangled.

THEY DREW ON THEMSELVES

Scheme by Which Lumbermen of Texas Swindle Many Banks.

J. N. Bemis and Son are Indicted

Grand Jury at Kansas City Finds True Bills Against a Pair of Shrewd Works from the Lone Star State.

Kansas City, Jan. 27.—The grand jury now in session has for several days been investigating a deliberate scheme to defraud the National Bank of Commerce out of \$50,000, and it is known that two individuals have been returned and that captures for the arrest of the offenders are in the hands of Marshal Stewart. The fraud, which has caught the banks in several communities in the United States, was brought to light by the Kansas City rainmakers. Its extent, as far as traced, is between \$50,000 and \$200,000, but all the details not yet ascertained.

The parties charged with the swindle are J. H. Bemis and one of his sons, both of the lumber firm of J. H. Bemis & Co. of Jefferson, Tex. Banks in Connecticut, Missouri, Tennessee, Kansas, Nebraska and Illinois are known to have been defrauded, and the full extent of the fraud is not yet fully known. In Kansas City the National Bank of Commerce was caught for \$50,000. The manner in which the swindle was perpetrated was not a complicated one. The Jefferson City firm drew "accommodation" drafts on other business concerns which Bemis controlled, but which it was not known by the banks. In other words, Bemis & Sons drew on themselves. The drafts were drawn in thirty, sixty and ninety days respectively. The firm on which the draft was drawn would accept it. The draft was drawn up so as to make the amount in dollars and cents for the purpose of giving it the appearance of a draft drawn for the sale or purchase of lumber in the ordinary course of business, and not for an accommodation draft, which is made simply when one person with good credit desires to endorse for another for accommodation, and which is almost certain to be for an amount in round numbers. These drafts were issued several months ago, when the firms had good credit but were really in falling circumstances. The next step was to go to the bank under false representations and get the drafts cashed.

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Concoming WEEK MONDAY NIGHT, JAN. 29. FANNY HILL'S. -BIG- BURLESQUE COMPANY. Matinee Wednesday and Saturday.

Give 10c to Charity.

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