

OLD SETTLERS HOLD MEETING

Pioneers of Puget Sound Convene

At Port Townsend and Regale Each Other With Reminiscences.

Port Townsend, Wash., Feb. 21.—One of the largest audiences ever assembled in Port Townsend gathered in Masonic temple tonight as participants in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the landing here of the first white families to settle north of the town of Steilacoom. Representative pioneers were here from different parts of the Sound, the president and secretary of the State Pioneer Association being included. The program, while quite a long one, was thoroughly enjoyed on account of the numerous contributions to the early history of the territory, made by the different speakers. Judge Kuhn welcomed the audience on behalf of the old settlers, the native sons and native daughters of Washington, and reverted to the different conditions in Port Townsend and on Puget sound at the present time, as compared with the conditions of fifty years ago when the schooner Mary Taylor brought the first white families to this section and landed them in a wilderness and among savages. Frank W. Hastings, one of the survivors of the Mary Talbot's first trip here, was selected as chairman of the evening, and "The Old Settlers," the popular topical song of early days, was sung with great effect by a handful of the first settlers here, led by B. S. Pettygrove. Maj. Quincy A. Brooks, who was stationed here as a customs officer when the schooner Mary Talbot landed, February 21, 1852, made an effective talk about the work of some of the early pioneers with whom he came in contact, both personally and officially. He mentioned especially the names of Isaac I. Stevens, for whom he acted as private secretary when Stevens was governor, and Edward J. Allen, who constructed the first trail across the Cascades north of the Columbia river. He thought these men should be honored for all time for their important work in carrying a way for the present civilization of this state. Maj. Brooks spoke also of the work of the Monticello convention, of which he was a member. Mr. L. T. Shelton, one of the survivors of the first arrivals on the Mary Talbot, gave a graphic account of early days and experiences in including settlement here. Allen Weir gave an interesting talk on early days in Clallam and Jefferson counties, and told of many notable things that had been accomplished in early days, in the face of great obstacles. Mr. Weir quoted Daniel Webster's famous prophecy about the worthlessness of the Pacific coast country, and told of that statesman's advice to congress to get rid of it, drawing a comparison between that and the self-sacrificing work of such men as Isaac I. Stevens and Whitman in behalf of the preserving of this part of the United States. A letter was read from L. D. W. Shelton, giving something of a detailed account of the first trip of the schooner Mary Talbot from Portland to Puget sound. An original poem was also read, written by Frank W. Harned, on the subject, "To the Port Townsend Pioneers." D. B. Ward and Edgar Bryan, president and secretary, respectively, of the State Pioneers' Association, each made a few remarks on the history of pioneer settlements in these parts. Dr. N. D. Hill, a pioneer of 1852, told some interesting stories relating to experiences with the Indians of early days, and of the treachery of the "noble red man." He also gave a graphic description of the murder of Col. Eby, whose head was cut off by the Indians, the act causing a reign of terror among the white settlers here and on Whidby Island. James Delgado followed with an account of the methods of transportation on Puget sound in early days, and also gave a graphic and interesting account of the manner in which the courts were conducted in the 50s. "You got the same justice in those days in an old barn," he said, "as you do nowadays at your fine court-houses and cushioned seats." The exercises closed by the audience singing "America" while standing. A banquet followed, and the old settlers

were seated around the festal board till an early hour in the morning.

To Reform Filipinos.

Washington, Feb. 20.—One American woman can contribute more to the reformation of the Filipinos than any company of American men, soldier or civilian, according to a personal letter received by Major-General H. C. Corbin, adjutant-general of the army, from Brigadier-General J. F. Bell, commanding the department of Northern Luzon. General Bella says that he is a strong believer in permitting the wives of American officers on duty in the Philippines to join their husbands, declaring that the women exert a most potent influence in our political purposes with regard to the islands. General Bell says that in his old volunteer regiment, the Thirty-sixth infantry, there were 12 young women, wives of officers. He encouraged them to go with their husbands to the towns the latter were commanding and the people soon became so devoted to them that when the time came to depart for the United States the natives, irrespective of age or sex, wept like children. General Bell says that the American women exert their influence through the Filipino women, the latter having more influence on public opinion than the men of the islands.

LOCAL NOTES.

Miss Annie Jones of Chechaco Hill has been visiting the last week with Mrs. Jack McDonald of Third avenue north.

Attorney J. B. Pattullo is on the river and is expected to arrive in two or three days. He has traveled abroad extensively since leaving Dawson last summer.

Mrs. James Daugherty is expected to arrive in a few days, having been called to the bedside of her husband, "Nigger Jim," who has been very ill but who is now improving.

The present continued cold spell has caused a cessation in skating. A special quality of weather, not too cold nor too warm, is required for this sport.

From now on for a month, and possibly six weeks, the trail between Whitehorse and Dawson will be thronged with people, nearly all of whom will be coming this way.

IMPORTANT QUESTION

Bar Association Discussing It Today

An Effort to Be Made to Secure the Appointment of a Third Judge.

A meeting of the Bar Association is being held in the court-house this afternoon having for its object the discussion of the best ways and means of securing the appointment of a third territorial judge for the Yukon territory. What makes the appointment particularly desirable is the fact that were the bench of the territory to consist of three judges an appellate court could be established here which would do away with the necessity of carrying appeals to British Columbia as is now the case. Many of the barristers think, and Mr. Justice Dugas is of like opinion, that the territory should have four judges, three located here and one at Whitehorse. Under such an arrangement any three could sit on an appeal from any judgment rendered by the fourth, thus obviating the necessity of a judge sitting as a member of the appellate court and passing an opinion upon his own decision. Whitehorse is entitled to a judge by reason of the great cost of bringing litigants to this place, especially so in the winter time. The meeting today will probably result in a memorial being drawn up and wired to the minister of justice asking that the prayer of the petitioners be given an earnest consideration. The British Columbia bar it is expected will, naturally, object to the proposed change but their objections can have no plausible foundation and must arise wholly from selfish motives, as by the discontinuance of taking appeals there from the Yukon a great deal of highly remunerative business will be lost.

Two Stages Coming.

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Cream, cream, cream. Cream is king in Dawson today, and before the opening of navigation bids fair to become an absolute monarch. Cream has been on the rise for the past two months and now is hard to get at \$15 per case. To the purchaser at retail three cans are now given for a dollar where earlier in the season the same sum would purchase five cans of evaporated lacteal.

Various reasons are given for the jump in price among which may be cited the fact that the demand has been greater this winter than ever before. In the early fall cream, was cheap and everybody used it. Palates which previously had been content to put up with common, ordinary, condensed milk acquired an appetite for cream and that appetite must be satisfied. Consequently there has been an unexpected advance in the price.

Dealers say that the market is controlled by about three firms, whose combined stock will scarcely supply the market until the opening of navigation.

"Cream may advance as high as \$20" said one dealer today, "and then again it may not. It has already gone to a price which many people cannot afford to pay and hence they have taken to using milk. If further advances are made, the demand will continue to decrease and by reason of that fact the supply will not be exhausted until the opening of navigation. If consumption continues as heavy as it has been during the past three months the market would be cleaned out long before the arrival of the first boat."

Obituary

New York, Feb. 21.—Richard Maurice Bucke, superintendent of the London, Ontario, asylum, well-known as an insanity expert and as the lifelong friend and literary executor of Walt Whitman, the poet, is dead, says a special from London, Ontario. Death was caused by concussion of the brain, brought on by a fall on the ice.

New York, Feb. 21.—Henry Pierce, L.L. D., is dead at Ocala, Fla., says a dispatch from Rochester. He was well-known as a scientist and served for thirteen years as president of Rutgers female college, to which position he was elected at the age of 29 years. In 1887 he founded the industrial town of West Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Pierce was a descendant of Dr. Harvey, who is credited with discovering the circulation of the blood in the human system.

Vienna, Feb. 21.—The death is announced of Emil Holub, the African explorer.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 21.—Bishop A. Latane, of the Reformed Episcopal church, died tonight of pneumonia.

Stops the Litigation.

New York, Feb. 21.—Another attempt to throw the estate of A. T. Stewart into litigation has been stopped by Justice Scott, of the supreme court. It was in the form of an action brought against the estate,

which virtually was an action in ejectment, affecting all of the property left by Mr. Stewart.

Counsel for John Stewart, the plaintiff, made a motion for the appointment of a commission to take the testimony of a great many persons, at present living in Ireland, as to the alleged relationship of the plaintiff to the dead millionaire merchant. The court said that ordinarily such a motion would be granted, but that in the present case he was satisfied that the case appeared to be a speculative action, and had not been shown to differ from similar actions which had been dismissed.

"There should come a time," said the court, "when merely vexatious and harassing litigation will not be ordered by the court. It would seem, therefore, as to the estate of A. T. Stewart, that the time has come."

For Chicken Creek.

A gentleman whose name was not learned arrived last night from Chicken creek for the purpose of purchasing machinery with which to operate mining property on that creek, to which there has been considerable rush lately. The gentleman will start on the return trip Monday, sledding his machinery over the ice.

Will Not Affiliate.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 21.—The Populists of Kansas, in session here today decided late tonight that there would be no affiliation between the Populists and Democratic forces in Kansas this year. A strong faction, led by ex-Congressman Ridgely, favored absolute surrender to the Democrats, but there were enough of the old time Populists to defeat this plan.

The meeting was a lively fight throughout. Majority and minority reports were filed by the committee on resolutions on the subject of fusion. These were referred back to the committee and a night session ordered.

At the night session exactly the same reports were submitted, one favoring and one opposing affiliation with the Democrats. The fight was stubborn, and finally resulted in accepting the majority report. No plans for the future conduct of the party were made, other than that the party would run its own affairs without the assistance of Democrats.

Forge Divorce Papers.

La Porte, Ind., Feb. 21.—An investigation instituted here by a United States special agent tonight disclosed the fact that a decree of court, supposed to have been granted in 1879, divorcing W. J. Ashley, of Colorado, from Mary Ashley, of California, was a forgery. Ashley, a veteran, disappeared and his wife later on obtained a pension on supposed proofs of her husband's death. Subsequently the pension department located Ashley, living with another woman, to whom he claimed to be married, producing a decree of divorce from the La Porte county circuit court as proof. The pension of the widow was stopped and she protested, claiming to have no knowledge of the divorce. The department then began an investigation, which resulted in today's disclosures.

Opinion Received.

Clerk of the Court Macdonald, has recently received an important decision by mail from Mr. Justice Craig, which, however, can not be made public at present. It is in the case of Hartley vs. Watson appealed to the court of appeals from the judgment rendered by Gold Commissioner Senker. The opinion of Mr. Justice Craig will not be known until after it has been passed upon by Mr. Justice Dugas and the gold commissioner, the other members of the appellate court, who will either concur or dissent. They have intimated they will not take the matter up until the return of Mr. Justice Craig, who is expected some time this month.

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EDWARD, THE KING

Is En Route to Nice, France, Today.

He Will Spend Two Days in Paris With Loubet, President of the Republic.

Special to the Daily Nugget. London, March 8.—King Edward is today en route to Nice. He will spend two days in Paris with President Loubet.

Shanks a Bad Man.

Elko, Nev., Feb. 21.—Wm. Shanks, who was indicted by a grand jury at Cadiz, O., some time ago on the charge of grand larceny, and broke jail, was captured fifty miles west of here, near Palisade, Thursday, by Constable McCoy, and lodged in the Elko jail. Last night Shanks, with another prisoner, attempted to escape from the jail, but their plans were frustrated by a trusty, who informed the jailer. Shanks admits he is the man wanted in Ohio. Sheriff Garvin, of Cadiz, is now on his way here to take Shanks back to Ohio.

An Elaborate Dinner.

The dinner which is to be given to Manager Mizner of the N. C. Co., at the Zero Club this evening promises to be one of the most elaborate ever enjoyed in the city. Covers will be laid for some 30 or 40 and nothing is being left undone that will in any manner contribute to the success of the evening. The gentlemen will take their seats promptly at 7:30.

Duke to Give Reasons.

Darmstadt, Hesse, Feb. 21.—A caucus of party leaders in the second chamber of the Hessian diet has requested the Grand Duke of Hesse to communicate to them his reason for obtaining a divorce from the grand

duchess. The prime minister, Rothe, in a conciliatory statement intimated that the communication referred to would be made to the diet behind closed doors. The Duke of the Grand Duke and the Duchess of Hesse was pronounced December 22 last by the court at Darmstadt.

Many Overdue Vessels.

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—The overdue vessels posted at the wharves of the Exchange is steadily growing. The Red Rock, eighty-five days out from Fraser river for London, is quoted at 15 per cent. The British ship Los Angeles, for Portland, and due at 15 per cent, and the Earl of Glasgow, thirty-four days out from the same ports, is at the same figure. The French bark Les Abolons, thirty days out from Madagascar for Portland, is at 20 per cent, and the French bark Ernest Lemaire, thirty days out from Hobart, Tasmania, for Portland, is quoted at 20 per cent. The same figure obtains for the French bark Oliver de Clancy, thirty days out from Cayenas for Portland, and there is a rate of 15 per cent quoted on the Yosemite, seventy days out from Tacoma for California.

Bitten by a Dog.

Little Audry, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith was badly bitten by a dog about this afternoon. The child's leg was marked by the brute's teeth in less than seven different places. Sutherland rendered surgical aid to the little one is expected to be right in a few days.

Baby's Early Talk.

"Our baby seems to have a natural taste for the piano." "Indeed?" "Yes; he gnawed half of off one leg."—Motherhood.

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