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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1909

E. H. Harriman, the greatest railroad magnate ever known, died yesterday at 3:15 p. m. News of his death was withheld from the stock exchange until the market closed.

The North Pole is ours, and according to Dr. Cook has been for over a year, while Perry says he discovered it this year. Well, so be it. It is all right so long as Uncle Sam can lay claim to it. Let Perry and Cook divide the honors. Now that we have it what shall we do with it? What's the matter of chartering some of those fast flying air ships and open a summer resort up there. Ought to be plenty cool enough during the vacation season.

We are in receipt of a communication from the secretary of the Sonoma Valley Woman's Club, which we publish in another column, calling attention to the "Old Mission." This is a subject that raises the ire of all and one that our governor thought unworthy of consideration—at least unworthy of a few thousand dollars. At the time when the matter was brought forcibly before him he was so kind and considerate as to veto the bill, claiming the state too poor to appropriate \$2500 for the preservation of this noted landmark. Well, so be it, but Mr. Governor received a back eye in this action and one that will remain for some time. We are more than pleased to learn that the Woman's Club has seen fit to take up the stupendous task of raising funds to preserve this building and can safely state that when they under take a proposition it goes forth with vim and vigor and is always carried through to the desired goal.

Cook, Peary, and the Pole

The Associate Press at New York received the following dispatches yesterday:

"Indian Harbor, Labrador, by wireless, via Cape Ray, Sept. 7th.

"I have mailed the Stars and Stripes to the North Pole. This is authoritative and correct. Cook's story should not be taken too seriously. The two Eskimos who accompanied him say he went no distance north and not out of sight of land." Other members of the tribe corroborate their story.

COMD. ROBERT E. PEARY."

The text of Commander Peary's message to his wife was made public yesterday, as follows:

"Delayed by gale. Don't worry about Cook. Eskimos say Cook never left sight of land. Tribe confirms. Meet me at Sydney. BERT."

Copenhagen, Sept. 8.—Daugaard Jensen, in pector of Danish North Greenland, told a representative of the Associate Press today that he was perfectly convinced of the truth of Dr. Cook's narrative. Jensen first heard that Dr. Cook had attained the Pole from Eskimos; he then met Dr. Cook, who confirmed the story.

Copenhagen, Sept. 8.—When the United Press correspondent showed Cook Peary's statement questioning his veracity, he reflected a moment and replied, "I won't demean myself by answering Peary's charges until the accusation is made on scientific data." He refused to say more, although plainly angered.

Copenhagen, Sept. 8.—Sverdrup said: "Peary's charges are either malicious falsehoods or inexcusable ignorance. Evidently he saw the whorp Esquimaux. But I prefer to take Rasmussen's word that all Eskimos knew that Cook reached the pole."

The Races Yesterday

Admission Day dawned bright and clear yesterday in Old Sonoma, and the morning trains, busses and private rigs brought scores of gaily dressed and ribbon bedecked throngs to our city to witness the scheduled events of the Sonoma Driving Club. Mike Cummings' famous band was in evidence and filled the atmosphere with melodious (?) music.

In the forepart of the day men hurried here and there performing the many duties allotted to them in preparation for the days races, while others congregated at the Union Stables and talked horse, picking out the probable winners, each sure of his guess, and were the old-time bookmakers present they would have had their hands full covering the bets of the enthusiastic admirers of the fleet horses.

Speculation ran high during the morning hours and each owner felt confident his horse would walk off with the stakes, and at the conclusion of the races these same owners realized their sorrow that the little town of Sonoma was more alive than they thought and its racing men perfectly able to hold their own at a race meet.

In brief we name the winners:
Road race—Black Joe, H. Atkin son, owner; time, 2:39.

Trot or pace—Free for all—Kitty D., A. Hoffman, owner; time 2:18.
Thoroughbred race—half mile dash—Two Step, F. McGovern, owner.

Trot or Pace—2:30 class—Satmour, Dunlap, owner; time 2:20 1/4.

Trot or pace—2:30 class—Mike D., M. C. Cummings, owner; time, 2:20.

Quarter mile dash—McGinty, H. Danz, owner; time, .25.

One-eighth mile saddle horse race—Babe, G. Millerick, owner.

The most closely contested race being won by Kitty D.

In the race won by Satmour in the 2:30 class, the driver of Marion saw that he was outclassed in the second heat by Satmour and when the horses were going nearly neck and neck around the course, threw his whip across Satmour's face, endeavoring to check his pace, failing in this he tried to lock wheels with the other sulky and succeeded in making Satmour lose the heat. The judges, however, saw the foul and declared the heat off. Satmour won easily in the next two heats.

In the Thoroughbred race Bellevue fell, throwing its rider to the ground. Both horse and rider were bruised considerably but not seriously injured.

The whole program was a good one and showed the Sonoma Driving Club masters of the rules and regulations of racing.

In the evening the club gave a ball and supper in Union Hall and about fifty couple were present and had a good time. The hall was decorated in ferns and looked very neat and tasty. The day through out was a successful one financially and otherwise and all will look forward to these races in the future.

St. Helena Chosen

A payment of more than forty thousand dollars has been made by the Advents on a ranch of two thousand acres, which they have agreed to purchase near St. Helena.

It will be remembered that the denomination has been seeking a suitable place for some time past in which to put up college buildings and conduct an agricultural school in addition. The big buildings at Healdsburg were closed last year pending the finding a new location.

At first it was agreed that the college would purchase the Cryst 1 place in Green Valley, and a suit has been pending over the failure to conclude the purchase. Then the Buena Vista Castle, and its grounds, at Sonoma was considered, but the deal was not consummated.

It is regretted that this institution is to leave Sonoma county.—Republican.

Count the Coin

Chairman Herbert W. Austin, of the Board of Supervisors, Assistant District Attorney George W. Hoyle and Auditor Charles A. Pool counted the funds in the hands of County Treasurer Glen E. Murdock Tuesday morning. This official count is made on the first of each month according to law. The amount found on hand in cash was \$337,527.09, which is forty-three cents in excess of the book balance shown to be in the hands of the treasurer.—Republican.

Repair the Old Mission

Editor Expositor:

Dear Sir:—Will you please call the attention of your readers to the condition of the "Old Mission"? The rains of next winter will certainly finish the ruin caused by the rains last spring. Something must be done to protect these remains until we can reach the governor at the next meeting of the legislature. Some of your readers will say: "We must undertake nothing until we get the sewer system." The sewer system we are going to have; if we have to import Dr. Blue to get it for us. That is the coming. We have the Old Mission but what— If it falls flat we shall have our regrets. And regrets do not pay.

Let us believe this is Los Angeles. The people there pull together when a good purpose is in view. Let us all do all we can to protect the old relic. It belongs to every one of us: Catholic, Protestant, Jew or Gentile, whether we live within the town or elsewhere in the state. It is state property—the only Old Mission that belongs to the people as a whole. Don't let us knock about the 10 cents we paid last year or the year before, but boost, boost, and while boosting GIVE.

Mr. Duhring was appointed by Governor Giffett to look after the good and welfare of our historic pile. A subscription list will be started and a mass meeting will be called soon for the purpose of creating sentiment looking to the permanent restoration of the Mission San Francisco de Solano located opposite the much talked of Bear Flag Pole in Sonoma. Respectfully,
ALICE WAGSON,
Secretary S. V. W. C.

Yankee Flies Fast Machine

Aldershot, England, Sept. 8.—During a dead calm at an early hour today, Captain F. S. Cody, the American aviator, who has been in the service of the British Army for several years, achieved what is believed to be the world's record for a cross country flight in an aeroplane.

Captain Cody remained in the air for one hour and three minutes, covering more than forty miles. His machine was under perfect control, and at times rose to an altitude of 400 feet. It traveled occasionally at the rate of 50 miles an hour. Cody had to land because his fuel gave out.

Furniture Contract Awarded

The Board of Supervisors on Friday morning awarded the contract for the furniture and desks of the new court house. The Rucker-Fuller Desk Co. of San Francisco secured the contract, and will enter at once upon the same.

The new furniture will be in every way worthy of the splendid new structure which the supervisors have caused to be built in which to transact the official business of this county. The building will be completed and ready for occupancy before the furniture is ready, but there will be only a slight delay in getting the furnishing into the new structure.

It is expected that the structure will be completed and all ready to turn over to the supervisors by November. The work in all lines is progressing satisfactorily at the present.

Lakeville Telephone Co.

The Lakeville Telephone company met Saturday and awarded the contract to W. D. Thomas to build the new telephone line in the Lakeville district. The line will be eleven miles long and will extend to the Della Maria ranch. Mr. Thomas will begin work at once as the subscribers are anxious to get telephones installed. The new system will be quite a convenience to the farmers out that way.—Courier.

Will Recite in Sonoma

Saturday evening, the 18th inst., Miss Amy Poppe, the talented elocutionist of Glen Ellen, will recite in Union Hall, Sonoma. Miss Poppe is a student of the Cummoek School of Expression of Los Angeles and will give recitations well worth the price of admission. Suitable music will intersperse the selections. Further details later.

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Will Run Electric Trains

By the 15th of this month, the Northwestern Pacific expects to have electric trains running over the Greenbrae cutoff. The power rail and block system have been installed and the road double tracked between San Rafael and the north approach of Greenbrae trestle.

Under the proposed schedule all the steam passenger trains will run between San Rafael and Sausalito without stop. Electric trains will handle all the suburban travel. During the heavy traffic of the day two sections will accommodate the crowd, one for San Rafael via the cutoff and the other for Fairfax and way stations.

Extra trains will run on Sundays over the cutoff to San Rafael. The suburbanites will have the present ferry service. Winter schedules will go into effect early in November.

More Plaza Funds

More funds are to be added to the rapidly growing plaza fund during the next few months by several societies. The first to present themselves to raise money for this cause will be the Volunteer Fire Department of this city, who, on October 9th, will give a dance in Union Hall for the expressed purpose of boosting along and swelling this fund. This will be the first dance given by the fire department in five years and there is no doubt that they will have a large attendance. Music will be furnished by the Paul Johnson orchestra. Admission 50c. Supper extra.

Card of Thanks

We, the undersigned, children of Mrs. Sarah E. Read, take this means of extending our heartfelt thanks to our friends and acquaintances for their sympathy and assistance in our late bereavement.

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