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THE PIONEER PAPER.

STORY OF THE FIRST NEWSPAPER ISSUED IN CALIFORNIA.

How Old Philadelphian Was the Mainspring of Its Early Life—Rigging Up a Plant Under Great Difficulties—A Member of the Original Staff Honored In Monterey.

The only living member of the original staff of the first newspaper ever printed in California resides about five miles from the city of Monterey, in the Carmel valley. His name is Swan, and every one calls him "Pioneer" Swan, partly to please him and partly because he deserves the title. Few men are interesting at 86, but "Pioneer" is still bright and clear in his memory and not at all without ambition. If you ask him he will tell you, with evident relish, about some highly interesting incidents of his reportorial days.

The small beginnings of this first newspaper in California are quite curious as related by Swan. The original press was imported from Spain by Jose Figueroa, the sixth governor of California under Mexican rule. Figueroa, whose term of office expired in 1835, imported the press with the intention of printing his official reports. His gubernatorial career, however, was brief and stormy, and he never found time to collect his materials, much less print his reports, so the machine was consigned to a storeroom in the old cuartel, which was the Mexican soldiers' barracks in Monterey. There it lay, together with a keg of ink, covered with rubbish and undisturbed, until 1846.

This was the year when Colton became alcalde, and with the characteristic American restlessness commenced to stir things up in the sleepy old town. The first thing that he did was to commence an investigation of all the government property. Among this property was the cuartel, and here he found the old press. Being a man of literary tastes and some experience, he decided to start a newspaper and utilize his discovery. First, he selected a partner, Robert Semple, and then began a search for the requisite materials. There were ink and press, but the ingenuity of the pair was taxed to restore the rules and leads, which had become separated from the press and lost during its years of idleness.

In Colton's diary there is a description of the paper. Under the date of Aug. 15, 1846, he writes: "Today the first newspaper ever published in California made its appearance. The honor, if such it may be, of writing the prospectus falls to me. It is to be issued every Saturday and is published by Semple & Colton.

"Little did I think when I relinquished the editorship of The North American, in Philadelphia, that my next feat in this line would be off here in California.

"My partner, Semple, is an emigrant from Kentucky, who stands 6 feet 8 inches in his stockings. He wears a buckskin dress, a foxskin cap, is true with his rifle, ready with his pen and quick at the type case.

"He created the materials of our office out of a chaos of a small concern which Jose Figueroa intended to use in printing official reports.

"The press is old enough to be preserved as a curiosity. The mice had burrowed in the balls, there were no rules nor leads, and the types were rusty and all in pi. It was only by scouring that the letters could be made to show their faces. With a jackknife we cut a piece of tin into leads and rules. Luckily we found with the press part of a keg of ink, and now came the main scratch for paper. None could be found, except what is used to envelop the tobacco used by the natives. A coaster which was lying in the bay had a small amount on board, which we procured. The sheets were a trifle larger than foolscap. A crowd was waiting when the first sheet was thrown from the press. There was a good deal of excitement. Never was a bank run upon harder, not, however, by people with paper to get specie, but just the reverse."

The paper was first printed half in English and half in Spanish to accommodate the Monterey public. Another difficulty the original proprietors had to overcome in setting the type for the English portion of the paper was the lack of the letter "W," as the Spanish type did not contain it. A "W" was constructed by using two "V's." In May, 1847, the paper was moved to San Francisco, where it was published for many years under the name of The Alta California.

Since ending his newspaper career "Pioneer" Swan has been a rancher in a small way in Carmel valley. He has few visitors, although his location is somewhat remote, and he is very deaf. His quarterly visits to Monterey he is invariably the recipient of considerable attention, and his rusty old hat, with its staring inscription of "Pioneer, 1848," makes him known to easterners who, but for this, would see nothing in him except a healthy looking old man. —San Francisco Call.

Embarrassing.

There are many little embarrassments encountered by the professional stroller for which there seems to be no law, either of compensation or amelioration. For instance, take the meeting of the same person over and over again on an afternoon's travels. First time you are overjoyed at the encounter and find plenty to talk about. Fifteen minutes later you meet again, and the interview is a trifle less spicy. Still later you grasp hands for the third time and don't know what in "Sam Hill" to talk about. The next time you meet you bow coldly and pass on, but the last time of all you dash down a side street as though trying to elude the hand of Providence. —Chicago Herald.

In China the rolling of tea leaves is done by hand, but in India and Ceylon European planters prefer to employ machinery for the purpose.

CHARACTER IN THE INSANE.

Deeply Interesting Study, Though at Times Attended With Sadness.

If it is deeply interesting to study character among the insane, it is also at times both saddening and humiliating. We often look with indulgence upon what we call harmless vanity or a natural love of admiration in a rather frivolous girl, but look at the same girl when by some accident or misfortune the mental balance is overthrown. Now she believes and does not hesitate to say that she is perfectly beautiful, has an exquisite figure, is in every way charming and attractive and that every man who sees her immediately falls violently in love with her. It is only an absurdly exaggerated sense of self importance that produces the very common delusion that the patient is a king or a queen, even a deity.

Again a natural humility and a tendency to self depreciation are frequently exaggerated by disease into the delusion that the patient is an object of dislike and contempt to every one, that he has committed some crime, and that consequently he is beyond redemption and is regarded with horror by all around him. If he is of a religious turn of mind, he believes himself to be eternally lost and sinks into a state of chronic melancholy and apathy. On the other hand, a natural self reliance, no longer controlled by common sense, expands into a belief that the patient has done and can do feats beyond the power of any mortal man. —Hospital.

Courtship in Burma.

Mr. Mortimer Menpes, in traveling in the east in search of subjects, came upon a curious form of courtship. Sketching one day in Burma, he noticed a man a little distance off glaring fiercely straight ahead of him at some object he could not see from his position. The man sat with the same fixed glare the whole of the afternoon and was at it again the next morning. Mr. Menpes had the curiosity to ask an English visitor what it meant. The reply was, "Oh, he is in love." And it was explained that this was their method of courtship. The object of the man's attentive glare was a girl in a neighboring bazaar. When a man falls in love, he has to seat himself at a certain distance from his adored one and waits for her to do the rest. If she looks in his direction once or twice on the first or second day, he is wildly encouraged, and if on the third day she nods at him and smiles it is time to go to the parents with reference to the marriage settlements.

Brought Her Repartee Along.

Just as the door of the city clerk's office was due to be closed for the day two young ladies called and stated that they were looking for a marriage license.

"This is not the place," explained the sober faced clerk. "The clerk of the court issues them at the courthouse, but you are too late to get down there before he goes home."

"Isn't that provoking?" remarked one of the maidens, with a pout equally provoking. "They told us that this was the place to get licenses."

"It is—dog licenses," the facetious clerk answered.

"The license is for me, not you, sir," answered the girl, and a deep hush fell over the city seal.—Minneapolis Journal.

A Famous Widow.

One of the most famous widows of antiquity was Agrippina, the widow of Germanicus. During the lifetime of her husband she attended him in all his campaigns and shared his dangers. Suspecting that her husband had been poisoned, she had his presumed murderer assassinated and was herself soon after treated with such indignity by Tiberius that she was driven to despair and starved herself to death.

The Native Hawaiian.

The native Hawaiian is a gentleman of leisure. Life to him is a perpetual holiday, and, as a native of paradise, why should he fret about the dull cares of this world? Nature has spread a bounteous feast for him, and, like Adam of old, he has only to pluck the fruit which grows without toil, eat and breathe.

The national food of the native is poi, fish and pork. Poi is made from taro root, a water plant, boiled and beaten to a pulp of the consistency of gruel and allowed to slightly ferment, when it is very nutritious. The native's table is a mat spread upon the floor or ground, on which lies poi. Roast pig and fish are placed in separate calabashes. Squatted or sitting crosslegged about this sumptuous feast, the Kanakas proceed to regale themselves, scorning the use of knives and forks. Their dessert is the papaya, oranges, bananas, breadfruit, strawberries and other fruit of the tropics. —Cooley's Magazine.

How Spiders Work.

Mr. H. H. Dixon has been studying the locomotion of insects and spiders by means of instantaneous photographs. He finds that the limbs move together in diagonals. In insects the first and third legs on one side move with the second on the other, the antennæ moving with the first leg on the same side. In the case of spiders, which have eight legs, the first and third on one side move with the second and fourth on the other.—Nature.

Diplomacy.

Wiggles—Whose picture is it on the $10 silver certificate? Garfield, isn't it?

Waggles—No; Hendricks.

Wiggles—I'm pretty sure it's Garfield.

Waggles—It's Hendricks, I tell you, and I've got a bill right here in my pocket that will prove it. Do you see that? (Shows bill.)

Wiggles—That settles it. I don't know how I came to be so sure that it was Garfield. (Fifteen minutes later.) By the way, old man, lend me $10, will you?—Boston Courier.

Notice of Suit.

In the district court, county of Eddy.

The Territory of New Mexico, plaintiff.
vs.
South West Investment Company, defendant.

Notice is hereby given that the said plaintiff, The Territory of New Mexico, has instituted a suit against the said defendant, South West Investment Company in the district court of the fifth judicial district of the territory of New Mexico, within and for the county of Eddy.

That the objects of the said suit is the recovery of a judgment in favor of the said plaintiff, The Territory of New Mexico, against the said defendant for the sum of five hundred and sixty-six and 12-100 dollars, together with interest on the sum of five hundred and sixty-six and 12-100 dollars thereof from the first day of July, A. D. 1897, until paid; all said interest being payable at the rate of 25 per centum per annum; all of which said sum and interest it is alleged by the plaintiff is due to it by reason of taxes lawfully levied during the year A. D. 1896, on certain personal and real property situated in the said county of Eddy and assessed as the property of the said defendant during the year A. D. 1896.

Said plaintiff, The Territory of New Mexico, claims a lien and asks to have the same declared in its favor in said suit against the following described real estate in and for the taxes levied against the same in the amounts with interest as stated in the complaint filed in the said suit, viz:

On the SW¼ of the SW¼, and the SE¼ of the SW¼, the NE¼ of the SW¼, the SE¼ of the NW¼, the W½ of the SE quarter, the SE quarter of the SE quarter, the NE quarter of the SE quarter, the S½ of the NE quarter, of section 31, in township 21, south, of range 27 E; and on the W half of the SW quarter, of section number 3, in township 21, S of range 27 E and the improvements thereon situated the sum of $178.84.

On the NW quarter of the NW quarter, of section 30, in township 21 S, of range number 27 E, the sum of $10 30.

On the NW quarter of the SW quarter, of section six, in township 22 S, of range 27 E, the sum of $30.59.

On the E half of the SW quarter, of section 11, in the said last named township and range, the sum of $11.68.

On the NW quarter of the SW quarter, of section 7, in said last named township and range, the sum of $8.56.

On the E. half of the s. w. quarter, of section No. 25, in township 21 s., of range 26 e.; the s. e. quarter of the n. e. quarter, the s. w. quarter of the n. e. quarter, the s. e. quarter and the n. w. quarter of the s. w. quarter of said last named section, township and range; and on the s. e. quarter of the n. e. quarter, and the n. e. quarter of the s. e. quarter, of section 26, in township 21 s., of range No. 26 e., the sum of $26 74.

On lots numbered 13 and 14 in block numbered 9 of the original townsite of the town of Eddy, the sum of $5 00.

On lots numbered 1, 3 and 5, in block numbered 12 of the original townsite to the town of Eddy and the improvements thereon situated, the sum of $14 26.

On lots numbered 20 and 22, in block No. 6, in the original townsite to the town of Eddy, the sum of $7 50.

On lots numbered 2, 4 and 6, in block number 8, of the original townsite to the town of Eddy and the improvements thereon situated, the sum of $22.01.

On lot number 7 in block 15 in the original townsite of the town of Eddy and the improvements thereon situated, the sum of $6.15.

On lots numbered 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in block numbered 3, in La Huerta suburban addition to the town of Eddy; and on the south part of lots numbered 1 and 2 in block numbered 2 in the La Huerta suburban addition to the town of Eddy and the improvements thereon situated, the sum of $72 82.

On lot numbered 7 in block numbered 8 of the La Huerta suburban addition to the town of Eddy; on lot numbered 1 in block 12, and on lot 3 in block 19, in the La Huerta suburban addition to the town of Eddy, the sum of $11.96.

On lots numbered 5, 7, 9, 11, in block numbered 1; on lots numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of block numbered 2; on lots 10 and 12 in block 8; and on lot 11, block 10, in the La Huerta suburban addition to the town of Eddy the sum of $13.65.

On all of blocks lettered A, B and C; on block lettered D, except lot numbered 11; on lots number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13 and 14 in block lettered E; and on lots 6, 8, 12 and 14 in block F, in the Rio Vista suburban addition to the town of Eddy, the sum of $44.88.

On divers and sundry pieces and parcels of personal property the sum of $30.75: all of said property being on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1896, the property of said defendant.

And said plaintiff asks to have said real estate sold to satisfy any lien established in said suit against same.

And the said defendant, South West Investment Company, is hereby notified to enter its appearance in said suit on or before the 6th day of December, A. D. 1897, or judgment by default will be rendered against you, the said defendant, in said suit.

The plaintiffs attorney in said suit is John Franklin and the latter's post office and business address is Eddy, New Mexico.

In witness whereof I, the clerk of the above styled suit, have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court this the 30th day of September, A. D. 1897.

Wm. Driscoll,
Clerk of said district court.
By H. B. Hamilton, jr., deputy.

Notice of Suit.

In the district court, county of Eddy.

The Territory of New Mexico, plaintiff.
vs.
The Upper Pecos Land Company, defendant.

Notice is hereby given that the said plaintiff, The Territory of New Mexico, has instituted a suit against the said defendant, The Upper Pecos Land Company, in the district court of the fifth judicial district of the territory of New Mexico, within and for the county of Eddy.

That the objects of the said suit is the recovery of a judgment in favor of the said plaintiff, The Territory of New Mexico, against the said defendant, The Upper Pecos Land Company, for the sum of one hundred and nine and 90-100 dollars, together with interest on the sum of fifty-four and 85-100 dollars thereof from the first day of January, A. D. 1897, until paid; with interest on the sum of fifty-four and 85-100 dollars thereof from the first day of July, A. D. 1897, until paid; all said interest being payable at the rate of 25 per centum per annum; all of which said sum and interest it is alleged by the plaintiff is due to it by reason of taxes lawfully levied during the year A. D. 1896, on certain real property situated in the said county of Eddy and assessed as the property of the said defendant during the said year A. D. 1896.

Said plaintiff, The Territory of New Mexico, claims a lien and asks to have the same declared in its favor in said suit against the following described real estate in and for the taxes levied against the same in the amounts with interest as stated in the complaint filed in the said suit, viz:

On the n w ¼ of the n w ¼ and s ½ of n w ¼, the s w ¼ and the n ½ of se ¼, the s w ¼ of the s e ¼, and the n ½ of s e ¼ of the s e ¼, section 1, in township 22 s, of range 27 east; the e ½ of the s e ¼, the s w ¼ of the s e ¼, section 2, township 22 s, of range 27 east; the s e ¼ of section 11, the n e ¼ of section 11, in township 22 s, of range 27 east; the n ½ of the n w ¼, the s w ¼ of section 12, in township 22 s, of range 27 east; the s w ¼ and s w ¼, of section 13, township 22 s, of range 27 east; the n e ¼ of section 14, township 22 s, of range 27 east; n ½ of n e ¼ of s w ¼, the s e ¼ of s w ¼, the s ½ of n w ¼ of the s w ¼ the n ¼ of s w ¼ of s w ¼, of section 6, township 22 s, of range 28 east; the w ½ of the n w ¼, and the s w ¼ of section 15, in township 22 s, of range 28 east; the s w ¼ of the n e ¼, the w ½ of s e ¼, of section 22, in township 22 s, of range 28 east; the e ½ of the n s ¼, of section 10, the n w ¼ of section 11, the s w ¼ of n w ¼, section 25, the w ½ of s w ¼, section 36, all in township 23 s, of range 28 east; the s ½ of s e ¼, of section 26, township 23 s, of range 28 east.

And said plaintiff asks to have said real estate sold to satisfy any lien established in said suit against same.

And the said defendant, The Upper Pecos Land Company, is hereby notified to enter its appearance in said suit on or before the 6th day of December, A. D. 1897, or judgment by default will be rendered against it, the said defendant, in said suit.

The plaintiffs attorney in said suit is John Franklin and the latter's post office and business address is Eddy, New Mexico.

In witness whereof I, the clerk of the above styled suit, have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court this the 30th day of September, A. D. 1897.

Wm. Driscoll,
Clerk of said district court.
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Notice of Suit.

In the district court, county of Eddy.

The Territory of New Mexico, plaintiff.
vs.
The Middle Pecos Land company, defendant.

Notice is hereby given that the plaintiff, The Territory of New Mexico, has instituted a suit against the said defendant, The Middle Pecos Land company, in the district court of the fifth judicial district of the Territory of New Mexico within and for the county of Eddy.

That the objects of said suit is the recovery of a judgment in favor of the said plaintiff, The Territory of New Mexico, against the said defendant The Middle Pecos Land company for the sum of two hundred and seventy-four and 25-100 dollars, together with interest on the sum of one hundred and thirty-seven and 12-100 dollars thereof from the first day of January, A. D. 1897, until paid, with interest on the sum of one hundred and thirty-seven and 12-100 dollars thereof from the first day of July, A. D. 1897 until paid; all of said interest being payable at the rate of 25 per centum per annum; all of which said sum and interest it is alleged by the plaintiff is due to it by reason of taxes lawfully levied during the year 1896, on certain real property situated in the said county of Eddy and assessed as the property of the said defendant during the said year 1896.

Said plaintiff, the Territory of New Mexico, claims a lien and asks to have the same declared in its favor in said suit against the following described real estate in and for the taxes levied against the same in the amounts, with interest as stated in the complaint filed in the said suit, viz:

On all of section 21 and west half of section 22 s half of section 23 in township 23 s of range 28 e s half of n e quarter, s e quarter of n w quarter n e quarter of s w quarter s half of s w quarter and s e quarter of section 35 in township 24 s of range 28 e, w half of section 2, s w quarter of section 3, all of section 5, s half of n e quarter, n w quarter, n half of s e quarter, s w quarter of s e quarter, all of section 10 in township 25 s of range 28 east.

The south half of s e quarter and s half of s w quarter of section 13, s half of s e quarter and s half of s w quarter of section 14, s half of n e quarter of n e quarter, n half of n e quarter, e half of southeast quarter of northwest quarter e half of e half of s w quarter and s e quarter of section 19, n half of n e quarter, n w quarter, w half of n e quarter of s w quarter, s e quarter of s w quarter, w half of s w quarter section 20, n half of section 21 n half of n e quarter, n e quarter of n w quarter of section 22, n half of section 23 in township 24 s of range 28 east.

And said plaintiff asks to have said real estate sold to satisfy any lien established in said suit against same.

And the said defendant, The Middle Pecos Land company is hereby notified to enter its appearance in said suit on or before the 6th day of December, A. D. 1897, or judgment by default will be rendered against it, the said defendant in said suit.

The plaintiff's attorney in said suit is John Franklin and the latter's post office and business address is Eddy, New Mexico.

In witness whereof I, the clerk of the above styled suit, have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court this the 30th day of September, A. D. 1897.

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