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GOLD LURED MANY TO DEATH

Path to California in the "Days of '49" Literally Strewn With Bones of Unfortunates.

"The days of '49, the days of gold, the days of '49," marked the most picturesque gold rush in history. On the heels of Marshall's discovery, following Sutter's lead, excitement became intense and gold in California was the ruling topic everywhere. By January, 1849, 50 vessels carrying 8,000 passengers sailed from various ports for San Francisco and 70 more were ready. During the year 549 vessels entered port carrying 35,000 passengers and 42,000 immigrants arrived overland.

In a few months the population of San Francisco climbed from 2,000 to 14,000 and that year the first Pacific mail steamer passed through the Golden Gate. Four hundred sailing vessels were abandoned in the harbor while their owners and crews joined in the mad rush to the gold fields. Labor jumped to \$10 a day and was scarce at that figure.

Between the spring of that year and the autumn of 1850, it is estimated that about a million people—men, women and children—left the Eastern states bound for the new Eldorado. But of this vast army thousands died of hunger and thirst amid the burning alkali deserts of New Mexico and Arizona; thousands more lost their way and perished miserably in the gloomy canyons and intricate fastnesses of the Rocky mountains, multitudes fell victims to the tomahawk and scalping knife of the Apaches, the raids of the Sioux and the opposition of the Mormon elders, who, resenting the intrusion of the gold seekers, sought to stem the tide by force.

REALLY WAS PIRATE CHANTY

"Fifteen Men On the Dead Man's Chest" Did Not Come From the Fertilizer Brain of Stevenson.

It will be news to most persons that part at least of the sea-song in "Treasure Island" is authentic, and certainly was sung by the pirates and buccanniers in the Caribbean in the late Seventeenth and Eighteenth centuries.

Dead Man's Chest is an island in the Virgins which has now lost its identity in the new name "Dead Chest Island." Here the pirates were in the habit of repairing to curfew their ships and stretch their legs, and naturally it was an ideal occasion for songs which would have strong piratical and local flavor.

Curiously enough, there is a little church on the Chilean coast which is obviously built of ship timbers, and recently an enthusiast waiting for a coasting steamer bethought him that if the building came from a ship the bell probably did as well. A climb among the rafters did not reveal the name of the ship, as he hoped, but, sure enough, round the edge of the bell were the words, "Fifteen men on the dead man's chest." All that the priest could tell him was that the church bell came from a ship that was wrecked in 1722, which was just the time that the West Indies were getting rather hot for the pirates, and many were being driven into the Pacific.

It is an interesting sidelight on the strange nooks and corners from which Stevenson ("R. L. S.") collected the material for his books.

Counterfeit Currency.

The distinguishing characteristic between real and counterfeit paper money is in the quality of the paper used. Every bank in the country has its own special paper, and each bank has its secret distinguishing mark on every bill issued. It is very difficult for the counterfeiters to obtain exactly the same kind of paper—and more difficult still to incorporate in it the secret mark, and, although they may issue notes of a similarity that will deceive the public, these notes very seldom pass the scrutiny of the experienced bank official. There are other characteristics in the counterfeit note, such as bad printing and coloring and awkwardness in the insertion of new figures when the notes are raised, but these are more easily detected, as are also clumsiness in the execution of the forged signatures.

New Mexico Wonder.

One of the natural wonders of New Mexico is the Alamogordo, or Tularosa, desert. It is a sandy plain, measuring from 100 to 125 miles from north to south and from 35 to 50 miles from east to west, and it represents, in the opinion of many authorities, the upper surface of a gigantic block of the earth's crust that sank after the deposition of the Cretaceous strata. It is surrounded by an elevated border, and on the east, especially, the cliffs rise sheer to a height of 1,000 feet. The curious organ mountains are on its southern border. Within the plain, where floods of lava once swelled up, are vast deposits of gypsum, which forms as white as snow, which the wind drives into vast drifts. The vegetation is peculiar and highly interesting to botanists.

Neglected Resources.

Hindu sages held that no one using his child's resources need be bereft of happiness. Yet Moody said that "the adventures of the mind are beyond all comparison more enthralling than the adventures of the senses." Conrad Marlow saw "always chasing some notion or other round and round his head just for the fun of the thing." —Boston Transcript.

CANNED GOODS ARE RICH IN VITAMINES

Government Recognizes Value of Such Products — Put Up in Their Prime. Food Elements Are Saved.

National canned foods week begins next Saturday and retailers all over the country who are featuring canned products are endeavoring to demonstrate to the consumers the real value of the countless foods that are "put up" for convenience of American housewives.

Canned foods supply the vitamins as abundantly as the same foods cooked in the ordinary way. This is an assurance given to the housewife in connection with National Canned Foods Week, March 2-10. It is based upon a bulletin prepared by Dr. E. F. Kohman, of the research laboratory of the National Canners' association.

"The vitamin content is the greatest when foods are at the proper stage of maturity for consumption, and decreases when the foods are held for a period of time," Dr. Kohman reports. "The fact that canned foods are prepared in their prime and must be in this condition for canning is in favor of the canned product."

Canned tomatoes are said to be among the richest sources of all vitamins in any product. On the strength of their content of the anti-scorbutic vitamin, canned tomatoes have been recommended by physicians to supplement pasteurized milk in infant feeding. Special use was also made of canned tomatoes in army rations because of the vitamins in them. Canned tomatoes have been stored for three years and still found to be apparently as rich as ever in vitamins.

In view of the popular discussion of vitamins and what they actually are, their function as outlined by Dr. Kohman, to the canned food week participants is interesting:

"They supply the body with neither energy nor tissue-building substances. They may be likened to a spark plug. The energy produced in the spark plug does not aid in propelling the engine. Nor is the fuel of any account in running the engine so long as it remains in the form of gasoline. The spark plug, however, ignites it, producing a change whereby it does become useful as a source of energy. By some means, still unknown to us, the vitamins enable the body to utilize the energy-producing and tissue-building components of our foods, which would be useless to us without the vitamins. They play a part in addition to the role of the spark plug in that they have something to do with the construction of the engine; that is, they regulate the assimilation of the tissue-building portions of the diet."

It is said fruits and vegetables in their prime are richer in vitamins than those which are left to stand around for ripening purposes or are held over for later sale. Therefore, the interesting argument is advanced that canned foods which must necessarily be packed immediately after ripening, contain considerably more vitamins than the partially ripe fresh foods. For instance, it has been shown that ripe tomatoes are richer in Vitamin C than partially ripe tomatoes.

Dr. Kohman said in conclusion: "A consideration of all the recent experimental evidence convinces one that it is possible to select a diet, entirely of canned foods, which is complete and adequate for long continued nutrition; a diet in which all the known vitamins are represented in sufficient amounts, having such a variety of proteins that no amino acid will be sought, and supplying all the necessary mineral salts."

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Reported to be Quite Ill—L. B. Pierce, of the Southern Oregon Gas company, has been confined to his bed since Sunday with the flu. He will probably be several days before he will be able to resume his duties at the office.

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PROHIBITION IS NOT A FAILURE

Speaker With Flying Squadron Shows That Efforts to Suppress Liquor Trade Are Having Very Good Results.

The second day of work of the Flying Squadron Foundation brought some very great messages yesterday afternoon and evening. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Corbett, of Lansing, Mich., who gave up the work in one of the great Methodist churches in order to do this work, gave the address. Mr. Corbett is a speaker of power, and took up some of the claims of the wets, such as prohibition is a failure. He showed, too, that they were thoroughly organized to put forth their propaganda, and that they were getting many dry people to believe that prohibition is a failure. The wets also claim that it will deplete the treasury to fight law breakers. Mr. Corbett showed that last year \$4,000,000 was spent for prohibition enforcement, then gave the facts indicating that over \$5,000,000 had come back to the government in fines; that further the destruction of much liquor, confiscation of autos and other property made it cost the wets \$63,000,000. Instead of depleting the treasury, it is depleting the wets. When the wets were in power and running the country, the amount it cost the country was \$2,400,000. Then Mr. Corbett showed how the dry forces could accomplish their purpose.

One of the greatest addresses ever heard on the subject was that of last night when the noted lawyer, Mr. Woertendyke took up the matter of law enforcement. He has been linked up with this movement for years, and has studied it carefully from the law standpoint. Mr. Woertendyke gave the story of the work of the constitution, and showed that just a part of the constitution of itself did not work. It had to have the aid of law to make it effective. That the effort of the wets is to destroy the law so that the amendment will be dormant. That the danger today is the fact that people who are dry think we have the amendment and hence are safe. If the wets can make the amendment of non-effect by doing away with the Volstead act, they could then get back beer, light wines, the brewery and the saloon. This is the effort they are making. Their challenge is that by 1926 they will have a wet congress and senate, and that they will elect delegates to the conventions that will put in the light wine and beer plank, and will nominate men on the tickets for president who will be wet men. This is the challenge that the dries have to meet and will meet. But they must wake up to the fact that the fight is on.

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MOVIES

FRECKLES AT LIBERTY

An event bound to arouse unusual interest centers in the coming of another Wesley Barry attraction. This is "Freckles at Liberty," produced by Warner Brothers and scheduled to play at the Liberty theater beginning today.

The reason for this interest is that "Freckles" Wesley has won a large following by his bubbling personality on the screen and the good fun and clean comedy that go with his pictures, notably in "School Days" and "Rags to Riches," both Warner Brothers productions. His inimitable characterization of boys out for adventure and getting into mischief every minute of the day have gained him an enviable reputation.

FAIRBANKS AT MAJESTIC

After the completion of "Mr. Fix-It," Author and Director Allan Dwan started immediately on a well-earned vacation, during which time he wrote the latest Douglas Fairbanks scenario to follow, "Say, Young Fellow," which is to be displayed at the Majestic theater.

Mr. Dwan is proving himself to be one of the big directors in the profession, with "A Modern Musketeer" and "Mr. Fix-It" to his credit. He was accompanied on his vacation by Mrs. Ivan, known in professional circles as Pauline Hust. She is scheduled to return to the speaking stage next season in a new play now being written for her by a prominent author, who has had several successes in the past few years. The Fairbanks director is an enthusiastic golf player and he spent a great deal of his vacation on the links.

DRAMATIC SWANSON ROLE

Gloria Swanson has the most dramatic role of her screen career in "The Impossible Mrs. Bellew," her new picture at the Antlers theater tonight, wherein she is a devoted wife tricked into a divorce by a jealous husband and torn from her child whom she idolizes. Grief-stricken, she plunges into a mad whirl of gaiety, far more suited against than sinning, but real love ultimately brings her happiness.

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