

When Grant was Poor.

General W. H. L. Barnes, one of the leaders of the San Francisco bar, at a recent meeting of the California Commandery of the Military Order of the Royal Legion, told a story about General Grant which is said never before to have been printed. It was told years ago to General Barnes by Captain Richard L. Ogden, once a clerk in the office of the United States quartermaster at San Francisco, and General Barnes recently copied it from Captain Ogden's diary, viz:

When Grant resigned his commission as captain, at the age of 32, being then in Oregon, he went to San Francisco on his way home, and presented to Captain Ogden a certificate for per diem service on a court martial, amounting to \$40. The certificate was incorrectly drawn, and Grant, with a look of despair, asked Captain Ogden's permission to sleep on the lounge in the latter's office, saying he had not a cent to his name. He slept on the rickety office lounge, and Ogden agreed to cash the certificate personally and to send it back to Oregon for correction. Grant had expected to buy a passage for himself to New York in the steerage, but Ogden went with him to the Pacific Mail Steamship office and procured for him a cabin passage pass, or what was the nearest to it the steamship company could give. For Grant had to pay his railroad fare across the isthmus. This however, left him \$15, and Grant was very grateful.

The diary quotes him as saying to Captain Ogden: "This is a great luxury, and what I did not expect and I am indebted to you for it. The prospect of ever being able to reciprocate is certainly remote, but strange things happen in this world and there is no knowing."

The Columbian Mine.

Mr. E. M. Hand has just finished an exhaustive examination of the Columbian mine in the Virtue district. This mine is controlled by Mr. W. G. Press, of Chicago, who is a wealthy banker. It is not a stock company and will not be turned into one. Mr. Hand sampled the shaft every four feet to the bottom 200 feet, and found that the vein averaged over \$15 to the ton in gold and averaged over 3 1/2 feet in width, while the west drift, which is in 75 feet showed the same average in value and width of vein at the 175-foot level.

A steam hoist is to be placed upon the property at once and development pushed with all possible speed. A ten stamp mill will be erected upon the property in the spring.

Mr. Martin Tullgrew, formerly of the Homestake mine in the Black Hills, is the superintendent of the Columbian, and his ability in this direction gives confidence that the property will be scientifically managed.—Baker Democrat

Daring Piece Of Work.

Portland Or., Jan. 29.—The north-bound overland train, which left San Francisco Wednesday, due

here this morning, was held up two miles west of Roseburg this morning.

As soon as possible Fireman Hendricks slipped out of the engine, ran to Roseburg and gave the alarm. Arming himself, he started back to the scene of trouble.

At Shady Point Engineer Norris saw a man at the sidetrack waving a flag. He slowed up for the signal, and as he brought the train to a stop a man armed with two revolvers came over the tender and covered him.

At the same time another armed man, the one who had flagged, appeared at the side of the cab and, presenting a revolver, ordered the engineer not to attempt to move the train but come down at once and go with them to the express car. The fireman in the meantime had got down on the other side.

The two robbers and the engineer then went into the express car, where the robbers ordered the express messenger to open the door. The messenger refused to do so. The robbers then uncoupled the express car. Meantime the express messenger seized the opportunity to step out of the car.

The robbers returned to the express car and with a heavy charge of dynamite blew the door open. Entering the car they attacked two small safes, which they succeeded in opening. The mail car was also visited by the robbers and registered letters taken. The explosion set fire to the express car. The train crew worked like Trojans but were unable to save it.

The passengers were considerably shaken up and frightened, but no one injured.

With an expense of less than \$5 Alva Adams, elected as a democrat was inaugurated governor of Colorado a few days ago. He walked to the capitol where the oath of office was administered by a supreme court justice without fuss or feathers. His inaugural address was short and to the point, the governor giving the impression in its delivery that performance was better than promises. In the course of his speech he said: "The East and West need each other, but the West, especially Colorado, with all its diversified resources, can stand alone with less loss than any other section. Around our state might be circled by Jefferson's sea of flame or John Adam's wall of brass, yet we could grow, prosper and be happy; but we want no seclusion; we have a sincere and ardent welcome for all the world."

Gage Is The Man.

Canton, O., Jan. 28.—At 8:30 o'clock this evening Lyman J. Gage, president of the First National bank of Chicago, emerged from the dining room of the McKinley home to fill an appointment with the Associated Press and special correspondents to tell them the result of his conference with Major McKinley.

"Mr. McKinley offered me the treasury portfolio. I told him I would accept the high honor and fill the position to the best of my ability."

Mr. Gage said there was no ground for the publication that he was a gold democrat during the campaign, and that his only affiliation with the democratic party was

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