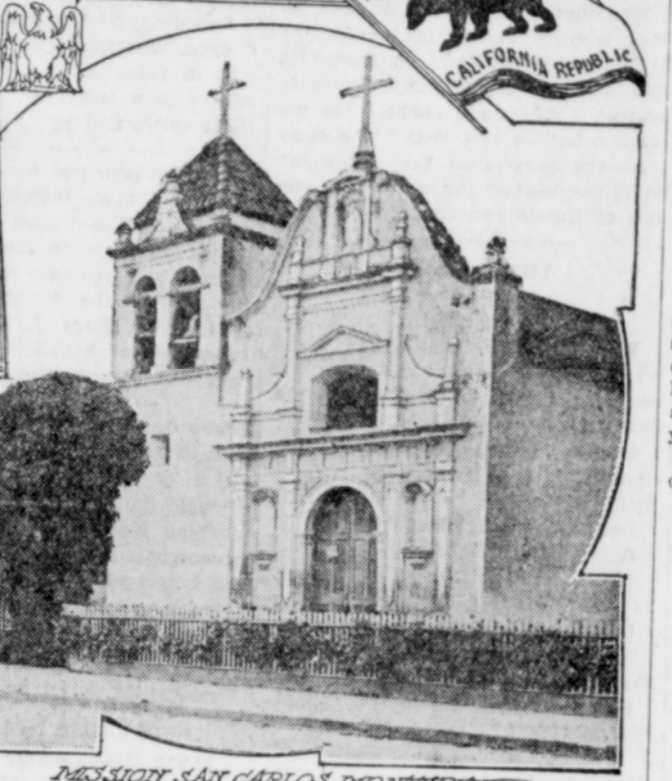


California Celebrates Her Statehood



September 9 Is 75th Anniversary of Her Admission to Union

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CALIFORNIA this year is celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of her admission to the Union. Admission day is September 9, but with characteristic exuberance many cities are throwing in fiestas and pageants of their own for good measure.

Merely a local affair? Hardly. California may rightly assume that the United States—and pretty much all the rest of the world—is directly or indirectly interested in her celebration. For all the peoples of the civilized world contributed to the gold rush of 1848-50 that made the Golden State almost overnight.

The Forty-niners, you see, rushed California into the Union away ahead of her geographical turn.

This upsetting of the geographical sequence by the admission of California as the twenty-eighth state introduced new factors which hastened the development of the Indian country. Out of the demand for communication between the Mississippi and the Pacific came the Overland Mail of the Fifties, the Pony express of 1860, the St. Louis-San Francisco telegraph line of 1861 and the driving of the gold and silver railroad spikes in 1869 at Ogden—each a story in itself.

Moreover the "ifs" of history have a fascination all their own and California furnishes several which will long interest historians: If the Monroe Doctrine of 1823 had not notified the Russians that further extension of their Pacific coast activities would be regarded as the "manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States"—

If the raising of the "California Republic" flag by Americans June 14, 1846, had not been followed three weeks later at Monterey by the annexation of California to the United States—

If Admiral Seymour's British fleet had arrived at Monterey before Commodore Sloat of the American navy had taken possession, instead of just after—

If gold had been discovered in California during the Mexican war, instead of just after the region had become ours by conquest and treaty—

Then, too, the rise and fall of the California missions is of interest alike to historical student, economist and religionist. Results began the establishment of the missions of Lower California. With their expulsion in 1767, the Dominicans were given the work, while the Franciscans were called upon to begin on upper California. Father Junipero Serra, padre presidente, had founded nine missions along the Camino Real from San Diego to San Francisco when he died in 1784. They prospered.

When Mexico secularized the missions of California in 1824 there were 21, with a force of 30,000 Indian neophytes. The padres had about \$10,000 cattle, sheep, horses and mules. Their annual grain crop was 245,000 bushels; their annual income from sales from herds was \$350,000. The result of secularization was this: "A few years sufficed to strip the establishments of everything of value and leave the Indians, who were in contemplation of law the beneficiaries of secularization, a shivering crowd of naked and, so to speak, homeless wanderers."

Again! California has such a bag of tricks for visitors from ordinary spots. It has, for example, assorted climates at all seasons for all comers. It's just as easy on a summer day to stand on a snowbank on the slopes of Mount Whitney (14,502) and catch steelhead trout in an ice-cold lake as it is to cook eggs in the sun in Death valley (-276). And at San Diego not even a native son can tell by the thermometer whether it's Christmas or the Fourth of July. Then there is Mount Lassen, the only active volcano, and the big trees and redwoods, the oldest and biggest living things on earth, and so on.

California's very name suggests the romance of her early days—and her historical beginnings are very old. Cortez, conqueror of Mexico, gave the name to Baja (Lower) California when he made his settlement at La Paz in 1534-5. California is the name of a fictional island, inhabited by Amazons under Queen Calafia and rich in gold, diamonds and pearls, in an old Spanish romance, "Las Sergas de Esplandian," by Garcia Ordenez de Montalvo (1510).

In Alta (Upper) California, Cabrillo national monument marks the spot first sighted by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in June of 1542. He was a Portuguese navigator flying the golden castles of Castile and the red lions of Leon. So the flag of Spain was the first to float over the coast.

In June of 1579 a strange ship flying the red cross of St. George swooped down on the coast of Alta California and captured Spaniards, galleons and treasure galore. It was the Golden Hind on her way round the world under that great sea captain, Sir Francis Drake—part gentleman adventurer and part pirate. Drake landed north of San Francisco, took possession in the name of England and named the region New Albion.

The Russians, blundering down through Behring strait in 1728, prosecuted their fortified posts as far south as San Francisco bay and had the Spanish Californians terrorized. The Monroe Doctrine put an end to their

dreams of an empire on the American Pacific, including Hawaii, and incidentally gave us Alaska by purchase in 1867.

The red and yellow of Spain came down in 1821, when Mexico won her independence. Thereafter the Mexican flag floated in nominal sovereignty over Alta California for 25 years.

June 14, 1846, a company of 33 Americans took possession of Sonoma, made prisoners of Gen. Mariano G. Vallejo and his small garrison, hauled down the Mexican flag, proclaimed the Republic of California and ran up a unique flag especially made for the occasion from five yards of unbleached cotton cloth and a can of red paint. The "Bear flag" waved proudly over the Republic of California for just 24 days. The Mexican war had been on since May 13, though nobody in California knew it. When the news reached Commodore John D. Sloat, in command of American naval forces in the Pacific, he sailed into Monterey, took possession of the port and on July 7 raised the Stars and Stripes and proclaimed the annexation of California to the United States. Admiral Seymour arrived with a British fleet a few days later—just too late.

The "California war," set going by the hoisting of the "Bear flag," came to an end with the signing of the "Cahuenga capitulation" of January 13, 1847. The next year saw the end of the Mexican war. A momentous day for California was February 2, 1848. On that day was signed the treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, which made California safely ours by conquest and purchase. And on that day James W. Marshall picked up a nugget of gold in the raceway of the new sawmill at Coloma in the Sacramento valley. Just built by Capt. John A. Sutter, of Sutter's Fort and New Helvetia fame.

At the close of the Mexican regime there was the miserable presidio and pueblo of Yerba Buena at the entrance to San Francisco bay, with 200 inhabitants. By the winter of 1848-50 this miserable village had become the city of San Francisco, with 50,000 people in canvas tents, tin houses and wooden cabins, scattered all the way from the beach to Telegraph hill—and as many more on the way via the Horn, the isthmus and the overland trail.

So that is what the discovery of gold at Sutter's mill did for California. And why California's gold, lying almost in plain sight, should have escaped the Spaniard—the most indefatigable gold-hunter the world ever saw—is a mystery—unless one believes in the guiding hand of Divine Providence in the progress of the one nation of earth dedicated to liberty, equality of rights and the pursuit of happiness.

black, with a diagonal band, on which the colors are reversed; the second and third quarters consist of a quarter field of red and white, charged with a Greek cross, its arms terminating in trefoils, with the colors transposed, red being on the white ground and white on the red, and all being represented as on the escutcheon of the present seal of Maryland.

The beaver, though looked on as an embodiment of industry, sleeps ten hours a day.

LIFE'S LITTLE JESTS



PERHAPS
A German cook who loved to sleep in the morning warned the scolding mistress of her intention to leave for America.
"Over there," she said, "the sun rises much later, and when it is already midday here it barely begins to dawn in America! I shall be able to sleep a couple of hours longer."—London Answers.

Impossibility
"The minister suggests," remarked the flapper's mother mildly, "that you girls give as much time to religion each day as you do to primping and pleasure."
"How absurd!" exclaimed the flapper scornfully. "Surely a man of his education should know that there aren't 48 hours in a day."—American Legion Weekly.

'S a Fact
"The last speaker," said the chairman of the Health Congress, "is a striking example of the efficacy of the doctrines he so eloquently advocates. Hale and hearty at eighty years of age, he could tire out many a man younger than himself."
A voice from the audience: "He did."—Tit-Bits.

A NEW VERSION



Editor—You can't get by with that joke. That's an old Pat and Mike joke.
Jokesmith—But don't you see how I've improved it? I've changed the names from Pat and Mike to Martin Luther and Oliver Cromwell.

Sympathetic
I'm fond of my dentist.
He's never a grouch;
And when he has hurt me
He always says, "Ouch."

His Choice
He had married a very small woman, and was being chaffed about it at the club.
"Now look here, you fellows," he said, "it's all very well laughing about this, but I always base my conduct on certain definite principles. One of them is: given a choice of evils, always choose the lesser."—Tit-Bits.

Always Obliging
"What did you say when Jack threatened to kiss you?"
"I told him I'd like to see him try."
"And then?"
"Well, Jack always tries to do what I like."

Why Not?
Landlord—You've been living in the house only a month and it's a total wreck.
Tenant—Then you ought to reduce the rent this month.

A MYSTERY



"Goodness, what kind of a bird laid those funny green eggs!"
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Though many an argument profound
The human mind pursues,
Most everybody gets around
To talking IOU's.

Impatient
Customer—Not done yet? And you advertise, "Shoes repaired while you wait."
Repairman—That's right; only you haven't waited more than four days.

Misprint
The reporter was interviewing a railroad man's heir.
"Did you grandfather really make that statement about the publicity asked the newspaper man."
"No, I don't think so. It was a misprint, most likely. The old man probably said, 'The Public Be Jammed.'"

His Only Chance
Fred—Why was Adam made first?
Dad—To give him a chance to say a word or two, I suppose.

Kipling Is England's Most Popular Author

Rudyard Kipling has been adjudged England's most popular author, in a competition held recently to determine her favorite authors. And the prizes were not books, but automobiles—eight of them. The prize winners were those entrants who placed the authors in the order established by their numerical appearance in the lists of all competitors. The old favorites who have held their own since the beginning of the century were well represented. The order of favorites as decided by the contest was: Rudyard Kipling, Thomas Hardy, Hall Caine, Conan Doyle, H. G. Wells, Rider Haggard, Arnold Bennett, Ethel M. Dell, Joseph Conrad, W. J. Locke, G. K. Chesterton, Ian Hay.

Mining Men in Alaska Make Use of Airplane

It is becoming a common occurrence for mining men to use the airplane for trips between mining camps in the interior of Alaska and also in northwestern Canada. Norman L. Wimmeler, placer mining engineer of the United States Bureau of mines, recently flew from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Eagle, an airline distance of about two hundred miles, in less than three hours, says Compressed Air Magazine.
Two modern airships now make regular trips out of Fairbanks—thus bringing that center within a few hours' travel of Toivana, Kantishna, Salaha, Circle City and other mining districts on the Yukon.

That Altered the Case

Husband (impatiently)—Is it possible, my dear, that you cannot keep those children quiet for a moment?
Wife (soothingly)—Now, John, don't be harsh with the poor little things; it is natural for them to be full of spirit, and they're doing the best they can.
Husband—Well, if I could have a moment's peace, I would sit down and write that check you've been bothering me for.
Wife (sternly)—Children, go upstairs at once! And if I hear another word from you tonight I'll punish you severely.

Shoes for Bird Dogs

As part of the equipment of bird hunters using dogs, an eastern sportsman recommends wool-lined, sole-leather boots be laced upon the four feet of the dog. "This saves many nasty briar cuts, stubble bruises and sheds sand burrs. The dog soon becomes quite willing that they should be placed upon his feet, for he realizes after his first hunt that his feet are not tender and cut up as is usual when hunting rough and weed-laden country," says this gunner.

Target Skill in Vain

Miss Catherine Murdock, treasurer of a theater in Kansas City, practiced shooting for months so that she might cope with thugs and highwaymen who are always expected at the theater box office. One day as she was taking \$1,200 to the bank she was waylaid, and gave up the day's receipts without making an effort to shoot, explaining later that she couldn't kill a man for \$1,200, and that to have shot would have meant death, as her aim had become remarkably true.

The Way of Authors

George Doran, the publisher, cracked a joke about authors at a farewell dinner that was given him in New York on the occasion of his departure for Europe.
"Authors," he said, "never think about money, and, every blessed book they write, they expect a royalty big enough to keep them from thinking about money for the rest of their born days."

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Rain No Inducement

From a summer camp ad: "Mineral spring water and health in every breeze." The health part is all right, but we don't fancy those breezes with water in 'em, mineral or otherwise.—Boston Transcript.

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Exchange of Courtesies

The president of a small bank in the West, while in New York, received an invitation to visit Otto Kahn's Long Island estate and play golf over his private 18-hole course.
"That's mighty nice of Mr. Kahn," said the Westerner appreciatively. "Any time he's out my way I'll be glad to place my croquet ground at his disposal."—Boston Transcript.

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Hen Has Rooster Plumes
Dr. Harry Beal Torrey, lecturing at the summer classes of the University of California, told the students that he had been able to grow rooster feathers on a hen and clothe a rooster in feminine gart. The change was brought about by administering capsules containing thyroxin, he explained. Doctor Torrey has devoted some years to the study of the thyroid and pituitary glands and by controlling the effects of the glands he has been able to change the pigment of the feathers, and by injecting hormones into the blood could make a chicken's white feathers barred with black.

Neat Slogan
Some bright westerner has twisted a phrase into a slogan so pat that it has been adopted by an Oklahoma farmers' organization. The slogan is one we commend to gardeners everywhere: "Weed 'em and reap."—Boston Transcript.

The profligate rake is never able to hoe his own row.

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New Afghan Coinage

The government of Afghanistan has introduced a new system of coinage which has for its unit the amania, a silver coin worth approximately the same as the Kabul rupee (about 16 cents). The name of the new coin is derived from Amanullah, the name of the present ameer of Afghanistan. In addition to the amania there will be coined half-amanias pieces and nickel coins of smaller denominations. Ac-

ording to press reports the required silver has been purchased in India through a German firm and the nickel through an Italian firm. The manufacturing stamps have been imported from Europe.

Maryland's Flag a Copy

The state flag of Maryland represents the escutcheon of the paternal coat of arms of Lord Baltimore. The first and fourth quarters consist of six vertical bars, alternately gold and