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AT THE REUNION.

A Grand and Rich Country and a Hospitable People.

MARSHALL'S BAND IN THE LEAD.

Letter No. 2 from the Pacific Coast—The Points of Interest Visited Thus Far.

To the editor of the CAPITAL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 4.—To herald the news by post for such a distance will perhaps make this letter stale to some of your readers, but there are hundreds of Kansas people, relatives and friends of the 300 here, who will be glad to hear from them.

It is doubtful whether any other city in the union would, even though it were able, take care of national reunion as San Francisco is doing. Since the arrival of the delegations until now the hospitality of the wealthy city at the golden gate has been shown everywhere and in everything. Usually, when such an immense throng of visitors are being entertained in a city, they are also being systematically robbed by being obliged to pay exhorbitant prices for their meals, lodging and other necessities. Not so with San Francisco. Everything is reasonable, and an excellent square meal can be had as low as fifteen cents in a first class restaurant. This meal can be finished up with strawberries and cream, peaches and cream, watermelons, grapes, oranges, or whatever fruit or delicacy is desired for ten cents additional. In short, the high-toned hotels and restaurants of the east, when such fruits are in season there charge from 50 cents to $1 for a meal that can be had here for 25 cents.

The Kansas delegation is the largest in the camp, and is receiving compliments on every hand. Marshall's military band ranks first among about thirty others here, and its appearance upon the streets was greeted with applause and cries of "hurrah for the Kansas band." Yesterday (Monday), under the direction and guidance of Department Commander C. J. McDivitt, [illegible]

From the Cliff house, by a circuitous path up a steep bluff, a view of the interior of the signal station may be had, also of the private station where the arrival and departure of every sea-going vessel is noted as it passes in or out of what is known as the "golden gate." On this same high plateau overlooking the Cliff house and the ocean, is Sutro heights, the private park and residence of the millionaire, A. Sutro, of tunnel fame, and is without doubt one of the grandest spots ever seen in America. It is surrounded by a picket fence sixty feet high, which was built to break the winds that sweep over the shore from the ocean, and which are too severe at times for fine plants. This park is beautifully laid out in walks and drives, and every description of tropical plant is here visible. All varieties of roses are in full bloom and profusely distributed through the grounds. No less than $2,000,000 worth of statuary alone ornaments the prominent points and every nook and corner. Every describable classic or historical statue is here represented in marble. Beautiful beds of the choicest plants and flowers are arranged to represent a picture or design; for example, the American flag was beautifully pictured in a bed about forty feet long and ten feet wide; another bed, about forty feet square, contained a harp, as true as any artist could make it on paper. In this park is a conservatory which no pen could describe truthfully. The grandeur of the display of plants and flowers here is beyond description, and should be seen to be appreciated to their fullest extent. Inside this immense glass building are also found some beautiful pieces of statuary. Upon the cliff side of this grand park a lookout promenade has been leveled off on the solid rock, and stairs leading up to it also have been chisled out of the side. The front wall has been built in a half circle to represent the parapets of a fort, and twenty pieces of statuary adorn this wall about ten feet apart, which are plainly visible from the main road and cliff house below, as well as from the ocean. Upon this plateau seats have been carved out of the stone to represent toad stools, and beside there are settees and beautiful park chairs in abundance. Mr. Sutro is about to build here a fine residence. The residence there now equals the finest in Topeka, but is far too small for him. Fifteen men and a gate keeper are engaged the year round in taking care of this park.

About midway between the center of the city and the cliff house is the Golden Gate park, [illegible]

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A GIGANTIC PROJECT.

How the K., N. & D. Will be Made One of the Great Railroads of the Country.

GREAT RAILROAD YEAR IN KANSAS.

Another Rumor Concerning the Santa Fe—A Budget of Railroad News.

From Fort Scott comes the particulars of the great scheme of the Kansas, Nebraska & Dakota company to build a north and south railroad from Kansas to New Orleans, across Arkansas and North Louisiana and Mississippi. It originated with a few enterprising men in Monroe, La., in 1884, but nothing came of it until about one year ago. General J. H. Rice opened correspondence with some old friends in North Louisiana, and by and by interested Colonel L. L. Bush, general manager of the Kansas, Nebraska & Dakota, and members of his syndicate in the scheme, and it has been constantly growing in importance and developing into a magnificent project, until the 1st of July last, when it assumed the shape of an agreement upon the part of said syndicate with the city of Natchez that an actual survey road should commence at Vidalia, La., opposite Natchez, and build northwest not later than November 1. A charter, very liberal in its character, across Mississippi, was procured by General Rice, which has ninety-six years to run, and granting complete exemption from all taxation for the period of twenty years. Colonel L. L. Bush, General J. H. Rice, Colonel A. A. Harris, C. H. Malin, of Fort Scott, and Hon. John Francis, of Topeka, were in Natchez yesterday for the purpose of effecting organization of the company in Mississippi, and securing a charter and organizing a company at Vidalia, in Louisiana. Ample arrangements have been made for the building of this new road, now called the Louisiana, Arkansas & Fort Scott railroad, and it is justly regarded as the grandest longitudinal railroad scheme ever undertaken upon this continent. The road, when built, will cross between Natchez, Miss., [illegible]

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"Soldiers and Sweethearts" will have a long run at the Bijou opera house and will not begin its tour until some time in October. Mr. Sam Harrison will be associated with Mr. Ludlow in the enterprise.

Miss Fortescue will bring with her to this country several letters of introduction from noted personages in London. Among others, probably from the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, at whose country place, "Holly Lodge," recently Miss Fortescue was the cynosure of all eyes during a fete given in honor of the visiting [illegible]

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NORTH TOPEKA.

Miss Sophie Ogee, of Silver Lake, was in the city yesterday.

James Proudfit left yesterday for a visit with relatives and friends in Iowa.

The river was higher yesterday than it has been for some time past, and last evening was still rising.

Considerable sickness exists at the present time on the north side, the most of it, however, being of a harmless nature.

A social will be given this evening at the residence of Rev. S. E. Pendleton by the ladies of the Methodist church. A good time is expected and everybody is invited.

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