

LETTERS FROM CALIFORNIA.

Dear Watchman—I am induced to believe that at least some of your many readers will find time and perhaps pleasure in reading a few jottings from this city.

I propose to give you a somewhat detailed account of an excursion made a few days since, around our beautiful bay, by a party of Railroad Officials, from the Eastern States, who are on a tour of pleasure and observation through a portion of this State.

THE EXCURSIONISTS' TRIP AROUND THE BAY, BANQUET ON BOARD THE STEAMSHIP AMERICA.

Yesterday the Eastern excursionists were the guests of the California Steam Navigation Company, and a Pacific Mail Steamship Company, on a trip around the bay. The fine steamer Chrysolite, Capt. A. Foster, was placed at their disposal by the former company, and in pursuance of previous appointment, cast loose from Broadway Dock at nine o'clock, having on board about three hundred souls.

The stars and stripes floated gracefully on both bow and stern of the steamer, while a half dozen standards of different devices were planted intermediately on the upper deck, imparting to its a tasteful and gaudy appearance.

As the gallant vessel shot out in the stream, the Second Artillery band composed of twenty pieces, struck up a national air, the bells along the wharf were rung, and the numerous tugs and other steam craft playing in the bay, saluted her by a wild scream from their whistles.

A crowd of several hundred people on the docks, waved their handkerchiefs, shouted adieus, and kept gazing after the steamer until she had got beyond the line of their vision.

As the vessel was bright and beautiful, with a fresh, but by no means violent breeze, blowing from the Golden Gate, a distant view of which could be had as the steamer headed toward Alcatraz, the only point touched at on the trip.

Additional to the Eastern excursionists, most of whom, ladies and gentlemen, were present, the following citizens: representing the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, Oliver Eldridge, and Judge T. A. Reed; representing the Cal. Steam navigation company, Captains Taylor, Moore and Johnson; Australian steam ship company, Maj. Bee.

The steamer was but a few miles in making the run to Alcatraz Island, where she remained but a minute or two, so short a time that none of the excursionists went ashore. The commander of the Post came on board and extended an invitation to the excursionists to visit the Island and view the fortifications, which was courteously declined, as the time of the Chrysolite was limited, on account of her having to take on board a cargo and resume her place on the Sacramento line at 4 p. m.

The steamer was fired on the island, as the steamer rounded into the stream, and headed out toward the Golden Gate. The tide being full was a favorable circumstance to those unused to "circling down to the sea in ships," as it prevented the swell which would have been certain to have knocked more than one of the company off his pins. As it was, in passing out into the ocean a few of the ladies found it convenient to go below, where the motion of the boat is less sensible, and the liability to nausea very slight.

An excellent view was obtained by the excursionists of Point San Jose, Fort Point, Sine Point, Bonita Point, the telegraph station, Lighthouse, etc., on either side of the Golden Gate. Aboard of Seal Rock the steamer was headed in, and running by Angels Island through Raccoon Straits, made a circuit of the "Two Brothers," when she was again rounded.

The band which had been a most delightful feature of the excursion, dispersed itself as the steamer ran along the city wharf.

At ten o'clock the company repaired to the magnificent steamship America, of the China and Japan line. Some time was spent in inspecting her spacious apartments, and all were pleased with the finer steamer.

And magnificent it was, in every sense of the term. The tables were two in number, extending the entire length of the spacious cabin, and grained under all the most and choicest brands of the Pacific coast and of the season. Appetites had been whetted by the salt breeze of the bay, and when the seats were all filled, the guests fell in a manner to do full justice to the occasion.

A DANCE ON THE WATER.

After the report, those who desired, repaired to the spacious deck where they enjoyed themselves in the merry whirling of the waltz.

Thus terminated one of the most pleasant trips around the Bay of San Francisco. O. K.

HAMPTON'S LETTER.

His Account of his Interview with Governor Scott, in 1858—The Tyranny of the Gov. not Proven and Expected Anew—A Nice Spring of Flakes.

[Special Telegrams to the Charleston News.] COLUMBIA, Oct. 9. An enthusiastic Reform meeting was held here on Saturday night, Oct. 9. J. P. Thomas presided. Judge Beeson of Edgefield, spoke for about an hour, and showed up Elliot's sudden wealth, bribery and rascality in a very able speech. Gen. Butler spoke for an hour and a half. His was the grandest speech of the campaign. He repeated his charges against Scott, and adduced proofs. His speech created great excitement, and elicited rapturous and repeated rounds of applause. The crowd could not all get in the Courthouse. In proof of the tenth charge against Scott, Gen. Butler read the following letter from Gen. Hampton: COLUMBIA, Oct. 8.

To Gen. M. C. Butler: My DEAR GENERAL—Your communication, asking me to give you an account of what transpired at the interview I had with Gov. Scott, in 1858, reached me on my return home yesterday morning, and in accordance with your request, I beg to make the following statement: A few days after the murder of Randolph, I was requested by Gov. Scott, through a friend, to call on him, which I did on the following day. As no one but Gov. Scott and myself were present at this interview, I shall not repeat what was then said, and will refer only to what passed at a subsequent meeting. By request I called again on Gov. Scott at his house on the night of Tuesday, October 2th, accompanied by two friends. In the conversation that ensued, I told Gov. Scott that as Grant's election was now rendered nearly certain, the vote of this State would not effect the general result, but that our people would settle down much more quietly if the vote of the State should be cast in favor of the Democratic candidate, and that I regarded it of great consequence in the interest of peace that such should be the case. To this Gov. Scott agreed, and after further conversation he made the following pledge: "First that he would use his influence to make the State go Democratic. Second, that he would endeavor to induce a sufficient number of the colored members of the Legislature to resign, so that the whites might secure a strong representation in both houses. Third, that he would appoint to office, wherever he could do so, such men as were recommended by the Democratic party. And fourth, that he would issue a proclamation commending the action of the executive committee, and calling on his party to exercise the same spirit of conciliation and forbearance as the Democratic party had been urged to in the address of their executive committee. This proclamation was written, (as I was subsequently informed,) by one of the gentlemen who was present at the interview; was signed by Governor Scott, and published on the 27th of October.

As Governor Scott has broken faith with me, I no longer regard the communication he made as confidential. You are, therefore, at liberty to use this letter as you may please. I am very truly yours, W. HAMPTON.

RACY CORRESPONDENCE—THE MESSRS. STETSON OFFER TO PAY A COLORED SENATOR'S BOARD. NEW YORK, Sept. 16. Prof. John T. Racy (colored State Senator from the Galveston District, Texas), now in Washington, expects to be in this city on or about the 25th inst, for a few days' sojourn. He desires hotel entertainment—two rooms for himself and wife. Will you receive them the same as other guests at your hotels? Please answer by bearer.

Very truly yours, A. M. POWELL.

D. A. STETSON'S SON'S, REPLY. ASTOR HOUSE, Sept. 16.

A. M. Powell, Esq.: DEAR SIR: In reply to your communication of the 16th, I would simply say, that at this season of the year our house is filled to its utmost capacity, and by permanent parties. Still being willing that the new element in our political machinery should be afforded every opportunity of receiving the political necessities to secure it, at least a social equality with the struggling Causeless, I will most willingly reimburse you any expense you may be at while entertaining the Hon. G. T. Racy, State Senator from the Galveston District, Texas, at your private residence, such expenditure to be submitted to examination by two parties to be appointed as auditors by us, and in case of a difference occurring, to be referred to a party chosen by them. Yours respectfully, C. A. STETSON'S SONS.

NEW MUSIC. The Charleston News has published Minnie's Lullaby, New York, O. H. B. Co., 1870.

It is a pleasing task at all times to note the evidences of progression in our own people. And the task in this instance is rendered more agreeable from the peculiar circumstances that surround it. The gifted young lady who composed this piece of music is a Charlestonian, young in years, but of ripe experience in the knowledge of music. The lullaby without being particularly grand is a very admirable composition, one of those charming dashes of brilliant and sparkling melody, which we all love to hear within the sacred walls of home. It reflects credit upon its author, and gives promise of a brilliant reputation for her in the musical world. It was written when the composer was only twelve years of age, and evidences a talent scarcely to be expected in one

THE SUMNER

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12. A. A. GILBERT, EDITOR. The Sumner Watchman has by far the largest circulation of any paper published in Sumner and was established in 1859.

On Wednesday next, the people of the State, white and colored, will go to the polls and declare either for or against an honest government in South Carolina. The question has been fairly and fully put before them, by the press and the forum, and the issue is in their hands. We wait calmly the result.

It has been determined not to put forth any new nominations for Sumner County. We do not propose to discuss or state at length the reasons which led to this determination.

Efforts have been made to distract and divide the white people of the county; and whilst we believe that there are but few who do not see and acknowledge the necessity which exists for a full and free acceptance of accomplished facts, those efforts have not been without their effects in producing indifference and the want of unity and of vigorous and concerted action which are always necessary to success.

With proper organization, and with earnest and combined effort, there is scarcely room to doubt that deliverance would have come to us. From the information that has reached us, we think that the light of truth has at length found its way to the mind of a considerable portion of the colored people, and that they were giving unmistakable signs of a purpose to unite with the honest white men of the county in the work of Reform.

When two years more shall have rolled around—two more years of degradation and misery—it may be that the mass of our people will have sufficiently realized the changes which have taken place in the relationship of the two races, to be prepared to move together for the common weal. This, of course, refers only to our local affairs.

The declaration of the Press Resolutions regard the wisest step which has been taken in this State since the war. It is the first practical step which has been taken to lift our noble old Commonwealth from the dust and ashes into which she had fallen, and to restore to her a tolerable government.

The next Legislature, too, will embrace at least a considerable conservative minority—men of honesty and of ability, whose voice and influence will work together in furtherance of the same good purpose. And thus again will good have been accomplished.

This much we regard as beyond doubt. But we have candidates in the field, who represent the integrity and intelligence of the State, and in this connection there is a solemn and weighty responsibility resting upon our people. Let them rally to the polls and deposit their ballots, side by side with their brethren all over the State, and thus swell the vote which is to be cast as a protest against the disgraceful state of affairs now existing. This they owe to themselves, to their children, to their country, and to their God, let the result be what it may.

While every body will be glad to know that from this time forth the Internal Revenue law will not require two cent stamps to be affixed to receipts for any amount, business men will doubtless prefer to read for themselves the exact wording of the Act repealing this onerous and vexatious tax.

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IN obedience to the order of the Court made in this case, I offer for sale, at Sumner Court House, on the first Monday and Tuesday in November next, (being sales-day) to the highest bidder, all that plantation or tract of land, containing 222 acres, situated in Charleston County, known as the McDonald and Hill plantation, bounded by land sold to be Mangin and by land of P. G. Dowson and estate of McDonald and E. G. Clark.

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