

Humbug Bridge Father Honored by E. Clampusites

Nearly everybody hereabouts knows that the bay bridges were ordered 70 years ago by Joshua A. Norton, whom an amused populace humored in his delusion that he was "Norton I, Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico."

What is not commonly known is that the Emperor also decreed in the same year (1869) that the Yerba Buena shoals be filled to form what corresponds to Treasure Island.

Yesterday the memory of the "Emperor," in whose madness there seems to have been a great deal of foresight, was honored by the order of E. Clampus Vitus. This organization, devoted to the perpetuation of good-natured nonsense, is a revival of that which flourished in the old California mining days.

Before a group of members, Noble Grand Humbug Charles L. Camp yesterday forenoon unveiled at the San Francisco bridge terminal building a plaque which reads:

"Pause traveler and be grateful to Norton I, Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico, 1859-60, whose prophetic wisdom conceived and decreed the bridging of San Francisco Bay August 18, 1869. Dedicated by E. Clampus Vitus, February 25, 1939."

A medallion on the bronze plate pictures the bewiskered emperor in his tattered epaulettes and feathered war bonnet; also the two faithful dogs—Bummer and Lazarus—who followed their royal master about the streets of San Francisco until they died of old age and were stuffed.

LONG AGO ORDAINED

Allen Stanley Lane, author of "Emperor Norton," a new book, read from it the imperial decrees by which his majesty ordained the building of the bridges and the present exposition site.

Whereas reliable information has reached us concerning certain proposed schemes to transfer the City of Oakland to this side of the Bay. And whereas the Oaklanders are quite a well behaved people, and may remain so if not brought in contact with the vicious and profane. And whereas it is our purpose and desire that Oakland and San Francisco shall be neighboring, but view each other afar off:

"Now, therefore, we, Norton I, Dei Gratia, Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico, do order and direct that the city engineers of both cities shall cause the space between Goat Island (now Yerba Buena Island) and Oakland Point to be filled in with dirt taken from Mt. Diablo, and that suitable wharves for ocean steamers be erected along the front of same; whereof fail not under our royal displeasure."

Not ocean steamers but ocean-spanning airliners today have their base at Treasure Island.

HUMBUG HONORED

When ceremonies were over the Noble Grand Humbug lamented that the plaque could not be at once impounded in some part of the terminal building.

The spirit of San Francisco today is not quite as tolerant as it was 70 years ago," he said, "so we shall have to await a meeting of the Toll Bridge Authority to decide whether and where this plaque is to be placed."

Health Insurance, Wagner's Next Bill

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (AP)—Health insurance for workers was termed by Senator Robert F. Wagner (D., N. Y.) "the most important social legislation I have sponsored," will be introduced in Congress Monday or Tuesday, the Senator told a meeting of Electrical Union men last night.

The bill, he said, would provide features "so the workers will have insurance against illness and for medical care."

Jobs

Men, Women Wanted Here

The following openings are listed by the California State Employment Service, Industrial and Commercial Offices, San Francisco:



All Hail Emperor Norton I!

With due ceremony and dignity (?) Noble Grand Humbug Charles L. Camp, under black toppe, and Clampatriarch Adam Lee Moore, wearing light stovepipe, of the Order of E. Clampus Vitus, honor the group's most noted member, Joshua A. Norton. According to record 'twas Norton I, "Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico," who first decreed the bridging of San Francisco bay. E. Clampus Vitusites yesterday set up a plaque to his memory.

Luncheon

Friends Honor Mike Lawley

Some 500 friends of Mike Lawley yesterday attended a luncheon in honor of the well known San Franciscan at the Elks Club. Pete Maloney acted as master of ceremonies, and speakers included Alfred J. Cleary, Supervisor Warren Shannon, Father Flannigan and Senator Thomas Maloney, who delivered the feature address. Lawley expressed his appreciation of the affair. Music and a boost for The Chronicle's Santa Anita tour completed the program.

Speakers included: Ray Schiller, Bill Bennett, Dr. Thomas Greely, John F. Murphy, Fire Chief Brennan, John J. O'Toole, George Reilly, Sheriff Don Murphy, Warren Shannon, Pete Maloney, Alfred J. Cleary, Father Hore, Father Flannigan, Father Leo Polewson, Jack Downey, Harry B. Smith, Eddie Bryant, Jimmy Briggs, Judge Peter Mullins and District Attorney Mathew Brady.

Oregon Free Health Examinations Vetoed

SALEM, Or., Feb. 25 (AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague today vetoed a bill providing that the State Board of Health make free blood tests for marriage license applicants. Asserting the bill "imposes a burden on the State Board of Health," the Governor said "the law does not limit the free services to those who are financially unable to provide it for themselves."

Haight-Ashbury Sends 4000 to Fair Civic Clubs

By BILL SIMONS

The first day on Treasure Island promoted by a civic club was a great success. More than 4000 residents of the Haight-Ashbury district spent last Wednesday at the World's Fair, came back with glowing reports. The visit on masse was sponsored by the Haight-Ashbury Merchants' and Improvement Association.

Ex-District Attorney Freed From Hospital

UKIAH, Feb. 25 (UP)—Former District Attorney Joseph King of Butte county has been released from the Mendocino State Hospital for the insane on grounds the affidavit for his commitment was defective. It was disclosed tonight. The affidavit, signed by King's mother, Mary King, Gridley attorney, did not mention insanity but charged intemperance, according to District Attorney James E. Busch. King was committed to the hospital early last January.

Full Medical Staff at City Prison Urged

Chief of Police Quinn yesterday requested Dr. J. C. Geiger, City Health Director, to include in his forthcoming budget provision for a full-time medical staff at the City Prison.

Veterans Defense Picnic At Beach Today

Today Legionnaires of the Tenth District, American Legion, will be hosts at a National Defense picnic at Jolly's Beach. All San Francisco veterans and their families are invited.

C. J. Green, national defense chairman of Berkeley Post, No. 7, A. L., asks that those attending meet at the Fort Funston gate, south of Fleishacker Pool, at 10 a. m.

After viewing harbor defenses, including the new 16-inch battery, anti-aircraft equipment and gun emplacements at Fort Barry, the group will go to the beach for lunch. Picnickers are advised to bring their own drinking water as none is available at the luncheon site.

The Parkside Post, No. 505, A. L., softball team will play the Crystal Club at Twenty-sixth and Vicente streets this morning.

The newly organized Metropolitan Troop, East Bay Legion Mounted Dragons, A. L., has issued a call for recruits. Every Thursday evening mounted drill is held at an East Bay riding academy. The organization is patterned after the well-established San Francisco and Los Angeles mounted troops, according to Al Boss, American Legion publicity chairman.

This morning at 11 the Canadian Legion will meet at the Veterans' building.

The annual sport night program of Parkside Post, No. 505, A. L., will be held tomorrow night at the Legion Hall on Taraval street. As in the past, Al Sandell will have charge of the events, which will include three boxing matches, two wrestling bouts and a fencing demonstration by members of the Olympic Club. Guests of the post will be Boy Scout Troop, No. 85, a post-sponsored project.

Thelma Bailey, national chaplain of the Eight and Forty American Legion Auxiliary, and Mrs. Grace Friedman, National Child Welfare chairman, will be guests of honor tomorrow night at a North Beach banquet. Co-hostesses of the affair will be members of the following salons:

Golden Gate of San Francisco, Nalona of Vallejo, La Libertad of San Jose, Alameda of Alameda, Bret Harte of Stockton and Sacramento of Sacramento.

Smallpox Threat At Redwood Halted

REDWOOD CITY, Feb. 25—Dr. Charles C. Gaus, San Mateo county health officer, today announced a spread of smallpox had been halted with the inoculation of more than 3700 children and residents of the county.

Conventions

Ice Industry Lays Newspapers As Key Advertising Medium

The importance of newspaper advertising as one of the chief keys to successful merchandising of ice, was emphasized by George M. West, Los Angeles magazine publisher, at the closing sessions of the joint annual convention of the California and the Southern California Associations of Ice Industries at the Palace Hotel.

Other speakers were Rilea W. Doe, public relations director of Safeway Stores, and Elmer Hall of the Union Ice Company of San Francisco. The three-day meeting was presided over jointly by Harry Hopkins and B. H. Farmer, respective presidents of the Northern and Southern California Ice Associations.

The truck owners, Bourquin said, have created employment, contributed taxes and aided remote communities not other served with adequate transportation. The truck owners went sightseeing at the close of the convention.

Contractors' Meet Will Set Record

Perpetuation of the contract method in both public and private construction and the stimulation of all phases of the Nation's construction industry will be the key note of the 20th annual national convention of the Associated General Contractors of America, to be held here March 6 to 11.

This was indicated yesterday by C. S. Embrey, manager of the engineering division of the national organization, following his arrival here from Washington. Embrey stated that tremendous interest in

Supervisors' Group to Meet at Sacramento

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 25 (AP)—The County Supervisors' Association of California will hold its annual convention in Sacramento on March 7 and 8 and adjourn to San Francisco for the final session on March 9, it was announced today.

Topics will be relief, taxation, hospitalization and legislation. Included in the speakers are Governor Culbert L. Olson, State Relief Administrator H. Dewey Anderson, State Finance Director Phil Gibson and State Director of Public Works Frank W. Clark.

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