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Commercial Hotel, Corner of Girod and New Levee, New Orleans. F. K. STEEL would most respectfully inform the traveling public that he has taken the above named Hotel. The Hotel has recently undergone a thorough repair and renovation, and has been fitted up with new and elegant furniture, carpeting, &c. &c. The proprietor will pay every care and attention to the comfort and wants of the boarders. The table will be supplied with the best that the markets afford. This Hotel being situated in the immediate vicinity of the business part of the city, as well as being convenient to the Steamboat Landing, the proprietor hopes that by strict attention to the wants of his patrons to receive that liberal patronage that has ever been bestowed upon this house. Price of Board per Day, $1.00. The Bar will be stocked with Wines and Liquors inferior to no other house in the city. A good Lunch from 10 to 12 M. Also obliging and accommodating attendants. C. BUSCH, Supt.

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TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 24, 1856.

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FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
WILLIAM L. DAYTON,
OF NEW JERSEY.

State Ticket.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER,
THOMAS E. COCHRAN, of York.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,
DARWIN PHELPS, of Armstrong.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL,
BARTHOLOMEW LAPORTE, of Bradford.

Sketch of the Life of Col. Fremont.

In January, 1846, Captain J. C. Fremont, who the year before had been ordered by the War Department to explore a southern route to Oregon, arrived upon the frontiers of California, with a party of engineers. Knowing that the relations between the United States and Mexico were in a delicate position, and that the authorities of the latter were very jealous of Americans, he took the precaution to leave his party, and go alone to Monterey; where with the United States Consul, Mr. Larkin, he called upon the commanding general, Castro, and made known to him his peaceful commission; receiving express permission to winter in the valley of San Joachim, where there was plenty of game, and no inhabitants to be disturbed. After recruiting his party, he proceeded onward, and, on the 3d of March, encamped within fifty miles of Monterey, where, to his surprise, he received a peremptory order from Castro to leave the country at once. At first he took no notice of this order, as he had given no occasion for any hostile demonstration; but when he heard that Gen. Castro was really in pursuit of him, he fortified his party with logs of woods, upon a high hill, and hoisted the United States flag; and there, in a quietly brave attitude, virtually defied the Californians to do their worst. From his camp he could see with his spy-glass that an attack was in preparation, and he also received from Mr. Larkin a letter telling him of Castro's orders to drive him from the country. The messenger who carried back Fremont's answer to Larkin, (which was that he and his party should defend themselves to the last man) added, from his own suggestion, that "two thousand men would not be able to drive Captain Fremont from his position." A similar impression seems to have taken possession of Castro himself, for he did not venture to attack him; and after three days waiting, Captain Fremont left his little fort, and proceeded on his exploring expedition to Oregon. Castro followed after, and evidently did not dare to come up with him; and having picked up a few cast away things left in the deserted log-fort, he returned to California, making a proclamation, full of falsehoods, declaring that he had driven away to Oregon this band of highway robbers!

In the following May, when Captain Fremont was encamped on the Greater Tlamath lake, he was surprised at the arrival of two mounted men, who told him that Lieutenant Gillespie, with letters for him, was some miles behind, beset by hostile Indians. Captain Fremont immediately broke up his camp and went back to his assistance, and met him after day or two. Lieut. Gillespie delivered him a letter of simple introduction from Mr. Buchanan, Secretary of State, and family letters from Col. Benton. Under all these circumstances, he could not but understand that Lieut. Gillespie was accredited by Mr. Buchanan as an agent of the government, and this the gentleman himself affirmed, informing Captain Fremont that the government wished him to return to California, and acquaint himself with the disposition of the inhabitants, and the designs of the British upon the country; and, if they were of a certain kind, to counteract them.

On his return to California, which was immediate, he found the valley of the Sacramento in the greatest excitement, for all the American settlers had been ordered out of the country, and were threatened with massacre and the destruction of their crops. The arrival of Captain Fremont inspired them with a hope of defending themselves; they expected every moment to be attacked by the Indians, who had been excited against them; and they besought him to take the direction of the defence. The danger of the American settlers was imminent, and their enemy was also his own. But he did not know that the Mexican war was begun. It was impossible for him to communicate with the authorities at home; yet unauthorized, he could not commit the United States government, by commencing hostilities in its name. But his heart bled for his distressed countrymen, and he made up his mind that, at all risks to himself, he must embrace their cause. He communicated his feelings to his party, who all joyfully acceded to his views; Lieutenant Gillespie also. He then advised the Americans to raise the Bear flag at Sonoma (for they had no right to that of the United States,) and under it the great battle of Sacramento was fought, and all the country north of the Bay of San Francisco was conquered. Independence was formally declared July 5th, 1856, and Captain Fremont, by the general voice, was put at the head of affairs. In the letter which he wrote to his father-in-law, Senator Benton, and which is in print, he expresses his confidence that the United States government would sanction his course; but, if it should not, he was prepared to resign his commission.

With one hundred and sixty riflemen he now started from Sonoma in search of Castro, who was entrenched south of the bay, at Santa Clara.— On the 10th of July, being on his way, he learned that Commodore Sloat had taken possession of Monterey on the 7th, from which he thought war had begun between Mexico and the U. States. He therefore immediately pulled down the Bear flag, and raised the stripes and stars.

Commodore Sloat was acting under orders received the year before from the Navy Department, the Secretary (Bancroft) having directed that as soon as he should know that war was declared against Mexico, he should take possession of California. Hearing of the exploits of Capt. Fremont in the north, he supposed he must be acting under orders from the government. This appeared from his own letters to Captain Montgomery, in which he expressed a hope that Fremont would approve of what they were about to do, and join them. Captain Montgomery, at Sloat's order, took possession of Yerba Buena (now San Francisco,) at once hoisting the United States flag, without opposition, in the public square. Commodore Sloat, at the same time, wrote to Captain Fremont, telling him what he had done, and requesting his co-operation; in consequence of which, Captain Fremont forthwith repaired to Monterey, and put himself and his riflemen under Sloat's command; but told him at the same time, that he had no orders from Washington, but had acted on his own responsibility.

Commodore Sloat was ill, (he had already asked leave of absence on that account,) and he was worried by his communication. He therefore very gladly resigned his command to Commodore Stockton, who arrived at this moment (July 23d) to relieve him.

Commodore Stockton, finding the state of the affair, had no hesitation about continuing the conquest of California; and to Commodore Sloat's proclamation, which had promised the conquered, under the protection of the United States, a better government than Mexico had ever given them, he added, another, threatening war upon any one who should molest American citizens. Capt. Fremont and Lieut. Gillespie were both, by their own appointments under government, independent of Com. Stockton, and Fremont actually was, by the popular voice, at the head of affairs. But both of them, without hesitation, with their one hundred and sixty riflemen, put themselves under Stockton, and from this moment obeyed him implicitly; having no other interest than that of the United States. The victory on the plains of Salinas soon followed.

On the 25th of July, Capt. Fremont sailed from Monterey in the Cayne, in order to intercept the retreating General, Castro; Castro and Gov. Pico did not, however, dare to encounter him, but fled across the desert to Sonora, more than two hundred miles! Capt. Fremont and Com. Stockton then joined their forces and marched to Los Angelos, the capital of the Californians, and took possession of it without opposition. On the 22d of August California was in the undisputed possession of the United States.

Two days after, (the 24th) Fremont was appointed military commandant of the territory by Commodore Stockton, who charged him to enlist a sufficient force to garrison the country. On the 28th he wrote to the government, as well as to Major Fremont, that he intended to appoint him Governor. This despatch, with others, President Polk, in his annual message of 1846, laid before Congress with these words:—"Our squadron in the Pacific, with the co-operation of a gallant officer of the army,* and a small force hastily collected in that distant country, have acquired bloodless possession of the Californias."

It is important to remark that, two days after Commodore Sloat took possession of Monterey, the British Admiral Seymour, had arrived, and had he not found the United States flag flying at Monterey, he would have planted the British. Maj. Fremont found, in the archives of the government at Los Angelos, business papers, showing that the Missions had been hurriedly sold to British purchasers at the very time that he was fortifying himself at first, and that an Irish priest (McNemara) was in treaty for the whole beautiful valley of Joachim, which was to be settled by an Irish colony, under British protection. These papers are all in print. As Com. Sloat had been determined to take Monterey, by hearing of Captain Fremont's exploits, and Com. Stockton, when he arrived, was still ignorant of the beginning of the Mexican war, but acted on the success which had already been obtained, it is plain that Capt. Fremont was in every sense the person to whom the United States owes the possession of California.

But all was not done yet. An insurrection broke out in the south of California, soon after Major Fremont left Los Angelos, the enemy all at once realizing that, in point of numbers, "a little one had chased a multitude." Lieut. Gillespie, with his very small garrison, was then obliged to retire to Montrey; and Major Fremont instead of being able to go to San Francisco on the 24th of October, as Com. Stockton ordered him to do, to be installed Governor, went into the valley of the Sacramento to enlist an army to suppress the insurrection. At this moment General Kearney arrived. This officer, on the breaking out of the Mexican war, had been ordered by the government to leave Fort Leavenworth, where he was stationed, and go and conquer New Mexico; then to proceed to California, conquer it, organize a government for it, and himself take the office of governor. He had bravely executed the first part of these instructions, and was proceeding to California, when he met the celebrated trapper, Kit Carson, with the despatches from Com. Stockton to the government, announcing the conquest of California. He sent on his dispatches by another person, and retained Carson as guide, on account of his experience in the Indian country.

It was not until after the insurrection had broken out that he arrived in California, when he encountered the enemy, flushed with their first success of driving Lieut. Gillespie from Los Angelos to Monterey. He had a battle with them at San Pasqual, in which eighteen of his men fell, and as many more were wounded. He then wrote to Commodore Stockton that he was entrenched on a rocky eminence near San Pasqual, surrounded by the enemy. Stockton sent Lieut. Gray, with two hundred and fifty men, to his relief, and, on their approach, the besiegers abandoned the field, and left the relief party to return unmolested, with Gen. Kearney and his dragoons. Gen. Kearney then communicated to Commodore Stockton his instructions from the government; but Commodore Stockton did not feel himself compelled to give up the chief command, especially as the spirit of the instructions seemed to be that the conqueror of California should be its Governor. Gen. Kearney did not insist, but placed himself under Stockton's command, and his dragoons helped to make up his force of six hundred men, who joined Fremont and entered Los Angelos, after the victory of San Gabriel, and a still more remarkable one, on the plains of Mesa, where the Americans drew up in a small square, phalanx like, conquered the Spanish Californians, whose onset, however, with the finest cavalry in the world, was very brilliant.

With a small body of men, Major Fremont afterwards embarked, according to Com. Stockton's orders for Santa Barbara; but on his way, hearing that, in all South California, only San Diego was left in the hands of the Americans, and that no horses could be procured there, he returned to Monterey, to mount his men and march overland. He arrived October 27th, and was agreeably surprised to learn that the President had appointed him Lieut. Colonel in the United States army. It was unsolicited by him or by any of his friends; and it sanctioned all that he had done from the first (He had done it with so little assurance of being approved by government—though he hoped his country would bear him out—that he had sent to Col. Benton, with the account of what he had done, a resignation of his commission, to be given in if the government disapproved.)

In December, Col. Fremont, at the head of four hundred mounted men, commenced his march southward, and on his way surprised and took possession of San Louis Orispo, where he found Don Jesus Pico, who had been made prisoner on the plains of Salinas, but had broken his parole, and was at the head of the insurrection! He was tried by a court martial, and condemned to death, but was pardoned by Col. Fremont—a wise act, by which he was attached to the latter for ever after, in faithful service and the hearts of his friends, among whom was the Governor, Pico, were won. Col. Fremont "being satisfied," as he wrote to Col. Benton, in another private letter, "that it was a great national measure to unite California to the Union, *as a sister State*, by a voluntary expression of the popular will," proceeded with great wisdom and forbearance, and marched all the way to Los Angelos, four hundred miles, without spilling a drop of blood, but "conquering a peace" by clemency and justice. At Couenga he found the enemy in large force, and sent word to them to lay down their arms. They demanded a conference. In company with his new friend, Don Jesus Pico, he went to their camp alone, and found them ready to capitulate. Terms were agreed upon, that were subsequently sanctioned by Commodore Stockton; and later, by the United States. Ample testimony proved the popularity of Col. Fremont among the native as well as American Californians, from this moment.† But the dispute concerning the chief command, between General Kearney and Commodore Stockton, produced difficulties. The day after Colonel Fremont was installed Governor, General Kearney and Commodore Stockton gave to him exactly contradictory orders respecting the organization of the California corps. It was an attempt on the part of General Kearney to try the question of relative power with Commodore Stockton, and does not seem to have originated in any ill-will to Colonel Fremont; General Kearney expressing to Colonel Russell, at the same date, that he should make Colonel Fremont Governor, if he had the chief command.

Colonel Fremont replied to his order in writing, that if he and Commodore Stockton would agree between themselves which was commander-in-chief, he would obey the superior officer; but until that matter was settled, which he had no power to decide, he felt himself obliged to continue to obey the commander under whom the whole war had been conducted.

Failing to obtain from Col. Fremont aid in his plan of putting Com. Stockton in the wrong, Kearney transferred his resentment to Col. Fremont. But this did not clearly appear until after Col. Fremont had returned in company with him, to Fort Leavenworth, when he ordered him to be arrested, and charged him with mutiny, disobedience to orders, and irregular conduct!

A court martial was summoned, and before it, in his testimony, he attempted to fasten on Colonel Fremont a dishonorable charge of corrupt motive.

The defence of Colonel Fremont is before the country. The documents, connected with the trial, are the only history of the war yet in print, and the above narrative is a meagre abstract of those papers.

The court martial convicted Col. Fremont of every charge made, and sentenced him to be dismissed the service; but in consideration of his patriotic conduct and services, recommended him to the lenient consideration of the Executive.

Mr. Polk signed the sentence, with the expression of an opinion, that, though Col. Fremont might be, according to strict military etiquette, technically guilty, he had deserved so well of his country as to be entitled to reward rather than punishment; and tendered to him his sword, and the high office which had already been conferred upon him.

But Col. Fremont declined it, and returned to California, where he remained as a private citizen until elected to the United States Senate by an overwhelming vote of the new State of California.

In the interval, Gen. Taylor had appointed him commissioner to run the boundary line between Mexico and California, which he only held long enough to express his grateful appreciation of the feeling from which the appointment had been made. Gen. Taylor had not agreed with the sentence of the court martial.

Unquestionably, both Col. Fremont and Commodore Stockton were irregular in doing what they did, without knowing that war had commenced. But in spirit they were acting in obedience to the country, a part of which they were. It is only in the United States that such a thing could be done. It offended the army, but not the people; and Polk, in his courtesy to the condemned officer, expressed the verdict of the heart of the country upon the whole hearted patriot.

Col. Fremont made no wild, marauding attempt for his own purposes; but at the risk of everything to himself, took up the cause of his suffering countrymen, at a moment when the only alternative was, to leave them to perish under causeless violence. It is absurd to name it in the same day with the fillibustering attempts which have been so rife since.

* meaning Col. Fremont.

† That they were all glad to be rid of the Mexican government can be easily understood by those who know the history of this country, from the time when Cortez first discovered it, in 1534. It had been first colonized by the Jesuits, who had succeeded as usual in civilizing the Indians, and who were succeeded in 1765 by the Franciscan monks. But these missionary governors were despotic, and when Mexico became independent of Spain, and subsequently republican, Echeandia had superseded the government of the monks altogether; but he himself governed with so much rapacity that, in 1837, it had become independent of Mexico, under Alvarado, but had returned again under the Mexican government, in 1840. This history can be found in a book which nobody who has a literary reputation to defend would wish to recommend to the perusal of the young, (J. T. Farnham's Adventures in California.) But in the 4th and 5th chapters of it is a vivid picture of the outrages to which American and British people were subjected under the abominable rule of the Spanish Californians; involving an account of the aid given by some American settlers to Alvarado when he had been made independent of Mexico, together with the story of his ungrateful return. The strange, rhodomontade style of the book is also not unexpressive of much of the spirit of western adventure, which is settling the shores of the Pacific.

From Kansas.

By the steamer Jas. H. Lucas, just down from St. Joseph, we learn that affairs in Kansas are assuming a milder aspect. Rumors of violence have almost entirely ceased to be heard. The parties of armed men that ran riot in the territory, committing depredations on the one hand, and defending themselves on the other are being disbanded by the energetic action of Col. Sumner, or else skulk in remote parts of the country.

LAWRENCE, Kansas, June 13, 1856.

A few days since I wrote you that Mr. Shannon had left Kansas for your city, and the supposition of his being on his way to Washington. While he was on his way down the river, he heard that large bodies of armed men were preparing in Missouri to invade Kansas and exterminate the free State settlers. He was very much alarmed at the prospect of 6,000 armed men coming here to fight, and returns to Fort Leavenworth to hold a consultation with Col. Sumner.

This morning Shannon and Colonel Sumner arrived in this city, having traveled all night, a company of troops came along with them, bringing six pieces of artillery. He will order out two regiments to meet the invaders.

A few days since I wrote an account of an attack upon Palmyra by a party who retreated when the troops came. The dragoons, follow them and overtake the company near the Missouri line. They were ordered to disperse, which they did—a part returning to the Wakarusa, the others went into Missouri. They have since rallied, and seem determined to destroy Palmyra.

General Whitfield, with his company of marauders, fresh from the sacking of Osawottomie, early yesterday morning made an attack upon Palmyra, and commenced sacking the place.— One of the citizens got out of his bed, and on to a fast horse, rides with all speed to where troops were encamped, and gave the officer in command information of the attack, and asked for assistance.

Six Dragoons were sent immediately to Palmyra, to order the band to disperse and leave the town. WHITFIELD'S MEN REFUSED TO DISPERSE!

The soldiers commanded the band to disperse at once and leave the town. Whitfield refused, stating that he and his company had been commissioned by Governor Shannon as the militia of the territory, and were then acting in that capacity, having writs for the arrests of several men in that town, and they should proceed to the performance of that duty, and if the troops interfered they would fight them.

Word was sent back to the camp of their refusal to disband. The officer in command, after some necessary or unnecessary delay, started with his whole force of about 70 men for Palmyra. When they arrived there, the enemy had suddenly left and could not be found. The troops started down towards Westport after them, and at half-past seven, A. M., yesterday, when my informant left, they had not returned.—*St. Louis Dem.*

ASSASSINATION OF STRANG.—Before this time, in all human probability, James J. Strang, the leader of the Mormon settlement, on Beaver Island, is among the dead.

On Monday afternoon, between six and seven o'clock, Captain McBride, of the U. S. Iron Steamer Michigan, (which was lying at the pier at Beaver Island,) sent his pilot, Alex. St. Aubin, a steerage hand, a short distance off, with a request for Strang to come on board the steamer, upon some business. Strang returned with St. Aubin, and when about half way down the dock two men stepped out from behind the wood-piles, with which both sides of the dock are lined, there being only a passage way between the wood, and one of the men fired a revolver, the ball striking Strang in the back of the head, passed around under the skin, coming out near the temporal bones. He then fired a second barrel the ball of which struck Strang near the autram, about level with the nose, and passed into his head; the other man then fired a single pistol, the ball from which struck Strang near the vertebral column, at the small of the back, and passed into his body. The men, whose names are Alexander Wentworth and Thos. Bedford, made no attempt to escape, but surrendered themselves up to Captain McBride. Strang was picked up and carried into a house near by, apparently dead, but after a few moments, he revived sufficiently to ask the surgeon of the Michigan, who was in attendance, if the balls could be extracted. Neither the ball in the head nor that in the loins was traced, and as either of them had created a mortal wound, it was strongly attempted. The opinion of the surgeon is that long ere this he is dead.

Thomas Bedford, one of the men who committed the act, had been whipped forty lashes on the bare back, with a scourge made of blue beach sprouts, twisted together, some time since, upon a charge of neglecting to disclose facts concerning a robbery. This had been done by Strang's orders. Both Bedford and Wentworth had been Mormons, but had seceded, and had joined with the McCulloch faction, in the late schism. Both had families, and Captain McBride brought them with their families, and five other families who desired to leave the island, over to Mackinac. The actors in the tragedy were given up to the legal authorities at Mackinac.

Strang was the heart and soul as well as the intellect of the Mormon gang, and it is to be strongly hoped that his death will break them up, and scatter them abroad. There remains no man among them capable of wielding Strang's influence or of supplying his place.—*Detroit Advertiser.*

COL. FREMONT'S WIFE—A WOMAN OF THE TRUE GRIT.—The Butler Chronicle tells the following anecdote:

"While Colonel Fremont was making his admirable arrangements, on our western frontier, for that exploring tour in which he broke his road into the valley of the Sacramento, his young wife in Washington, according to his request, opened all letters addressed to him there, and forwarded such as she deemed it important for him to see. Among the rest she opened a Government dispatch *countermanding his tour*, the fruit, perhaps, of jealousy in a "superior" official station. A most loving wife, as she had proved herself to be, must have been under a strong temptation to forward that; but, happily for the world, she took the responsibility of keeping it, and neither her husband nor any one else except the poor Tite Barnacle who sent it, knew any thing of the matter till Colonel Fremont returned, having gloriously effected the objects of the expedition.

"Once more, during the protracted struggle which resulted in the election of Mr. Banks to the Speakership, there happened to be fellow passengers in a crowded car between Washington and Baltimore, a Bostonian, as remarkable as any other in this city for his subserviency to the slaveholders, and a lady, admired beyond most others in Washington society for the brilliancy of her wit and the intelligent interest which she takes in public affairs. The conversation, of which she was the centre, turning on the great contest in the House, she expressed her decided sympathy for the Republican side, exulted in its prospect of success, and complimented Mr. Banks in the highest terms. This was too much for the Bostonian, who expressed his surprise that a Southern lady should countenance such a demagogue as Banks, and such an enemy to Southern institutions. The lady replied, I can relieve your surprise in regard to myself, sir, for my husband, Col. Fremont, is a Freesoiler; but let me express my surprise, that you, sir, a Northerner and a Bostonian, should oppose Mr. Banks in behalf of Southern institutions.

"As the Bostonian who met with this terrible rebuke was candid enough to tell the story on his return, we forbear to give his name, in the hope it has made him a wiser and better man."

THE Albany Argus of Wednesday, says: The Court of Appeals yesterday reversed the judgment of the Superior Court of New York in the case of the New Haven Railroad Company. We learn on reliable authority that the decision goes the full length of holding that the company is not liable in any form, for the spurious stock issued by Schuyler. In this respect the decision accords with views which we have heretofore fully expressed on this subject, and we think will be generally regarded as right in itself, and conservative in its bearings—tending to protect investments in corporate property from forgery and fraud. The amount involved is nearly two millions of dollars.

THE FRIENDS.—The official statistics of the Friends in the United States, show that they have 715 meeting houses, with an aggregate membership of 283,023. In Maryland they have 20 meeting houses and 7760 members; in the District of Columbia, 1 meeting house and 200 members; in Virginia, 14 meeting houses and 6300 members; and in Pennsylvania, their favorite State, 141 meeting houses, and 60,974 members.