

THE PIONEER PAPER.

STORY OF THE FIRST NEWSPAPER ISSUED IN CALIFORNIA.

An Old Philadelphian Was the Main Spring of Its Early Life—Rigging up a Plant Under Great Difficulties—A Member of the Original Staff Honored in Monterey.

The only living member of the original staff of the first newspaper ever printed in California resides about five miles from the city of Monterey, in the Carmel valley. His name is Swan, and every one calls him "Pioneer" Swan, partly to please him and partly because he deserves the title.

The small beginnings of this first newspaper in California are quite curious as related by Swan. The original press was imported from Spain by Jose Figueroa, the sixth governor of California under Mexican rule.

This was the year when Colton became alcalde, and with the characteristic American restlessness commenced to stir things up in the sleepy old town. The first thing that he did was to commence an investigation of all the government property.

In Colton's diary there is a description of the paper. Under the date of Aug. 15, 1846, he writes: "Today the first newspaper ever published in California made its appearance."

"Little did I think when I relinquished the editorship of The North American, in Philadelphia, that my next feat in this line would be off here in California."

"My partner, Semple, is an emigrant from Kentucky, who stands 6 feet 8 inches in his stockings. He wears a buckskin dress, a foxskin cap, is true with his rifle, ready with his pen and quick at the type case."

"He created the materials of our office out of a chaos of a small concern which Jose Figueroa intended to use in printing official reports."

"The press is old enough to be preserved as a curiosity. The mice had burrowed in the balls, there were no rules nor leads, and the types were rusty and all in pi. It was only by scouring that the letters could be made to show their faces."

"The paper was first printed half in English and half in Spanish to accommodate the Monterey public. Another difficulty the original proprietors had to overcome in setting the type for the English portion of the paper was the lack of the letter 'W,' as the Spanish type did not contain it."

"Since ending his newspaper career 'Pioneer' Swan has been a rancher in a small way in Carmel valley. He has many visitors, although his location is somewhat remote, and he is very deaf. On his quarterly visits to Monterey he is invariably the recipient of considerable attention, and his rusty old hat, with its staring inscription of 'Pioneer, 1843,' makes him known to easterners who, but for this, would see nothing in him except a healthy looking old man."

There are many little embarrassments encountered by the professional stroller for which there seems to be no law, either of compensation or amelioration. For instance, take the meeting of the same person over and over again on an afternoon's travels.

In China the rolling of tea leaves is done by hand, but in India and Ceylon European planters prefer to employ machinery for the purpose.

CEREMONIAL MANNERS IN JAPAN.

Etiquette Has Become Second Nature in the Land of the Mikado.

Given a highly imitative race like the Japanese, and let one undeviating standard be set before them. Then generation after generation will not change be witnessed. The standard will act like that of the French academy on the language of France.

Nothing of this bewildering complexity has ever existed in Japan. From Mikado at the top to cooly at the bottom of the social scale one undeviating standard has always prevailed.

There was one way of saluting a superior, one of saluting an equal, one of saluting an inferior, and one's head would have been cut off had he departed from it.

Little girls of 10 will one see here whose finish of breeding would have awakened the envy of a duchess at the court of Louis XIV at Versailles.

Moral Suasion a Powerful Factor, but There Are Times When It Fails.

Suppose you are a primary teacher. Do you realize what you must put into your work if you wish to succeed? You must be teacher, mother and nurse to your little charges.

You must be entering in your vigilance over their morals and set them all ways a good example in manners by being courteous, even if they break your umbrella or spill ink all over your best gown.

But there is a more serious consideration. You must also have his respect, and this is not always so easily or pleasantly won.

Great stress has been laid upon the efficacy of moral suasion, but there are times when human perversity rises to such a pitch that the most persuasive tongue is powerless to enforce obedience to your will.

Young American girls quickly learn the art of work with rushes and wicker. You may hire in New York girls who will weave wicker about small bottles for oil or perfumes at 5 cents a bottle or less.

When George Rignold was playing "Henry V," a friend visited him in his dressing room and remarked a large and handsome photograph of Wordsworth hanging on the wall.

"Who's Wordsworth?" queried the actor. "Why, that's his picture—Wordsworth, the poet."

The French colonies are exceedingly expensive to the home government, the outlay far exceeding both the income and commercial gains resulting from their trade.

Gelatin Spangles.

"Trim up your old hat and black silk waist with gelatin spangles," said the girl at the trimming counter to me. "They will look as good as now."

I sat on the beach enjoying the sweet, refreshing breezes which wafted their fragrance over my city heated brow. I wondered why every one looked at me so attentively in passing, but of course attributed it all to my fine appearance in my gelatin bespangled garments.

As soon as I could get where there was a mirror I looked at myself, and, oh, what a sight I was!

The day was done for me. I returned to the heated city, determined I would let the women know what a delusion and a snare the gelatin spangle is. Never choose them for seaside wear, fair reader, or, like me, you will go home in mourning and with drooping feathers.

Why She Didn't Vote. Massachusetts women can vote if they choose for members of the local school boards.

Ben. Snyder, jr., visited friends at Eleanora the past Sunday. Mrs. Annie Snyder, wife of Joel Snyder, of this place, is lying very ill.

Evered McAninch smiles rather daddy-like. Did you say it was a girl this time, Ev? James Myers wears a smile about as long and as broad as a fence rail.

Mrs. W. E. McPherson, wife of our town marshal, was passing the skirt of a wood a few days ago and was confronted by a rattlesnake immediately in her pathway.

What can be done to increase the babies' summer comfort and their life's safety at the same time, which would not cost a fortune to carry out? A well known physician gives the answer.

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Mrs. Southworth is a notable housewife, and her fame as a hostess extends far back into the antebellum days. Her recipes, carefully compiled and handed down through several generations of Virginia grandmothers, etc held in high repute by the housekeepers of the District.

Some of the new fans are perfect dreams. One has the outside sticks of solid silver, and the others are mother of pearl, while the fan itself is of white ostrich feathers.

Correspondence.

Rathmel. John Welling is a sufferer with rheumatism. W. O. Hays, of the Ross House, Reynoldsville, Sunday in Rathmel.

Miss Hannah Bateson visited friends in Dubois during the past three weeks. Agnes Barclay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barclay, was taken dangerously ill Sunday morning.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Piener died on Sunday. Interment in Prospect cemetery on Monday.

A game of ball was played on the grounds at this place on Saturday between our home club and the Brookville club. Result, 9 to 3 in favor of Brookville.

A paper is being circulated in our town to secure the names of all those desirous of using gas as a fuel, providing a line is laid for the purpose.

Deemer's Cross Roads. Ben. Snyder, jr., visited friends at Eleanora the past Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Snyder, wife of Joel Snyder, of this place, is lying very ill. H. Sherwood and S. Harringer are busy threshing grain for the farmers in this vicinity.

The concert at the Pine Grove school house was a perfect success. The proceeds netted nearly \$18.00. Quite a number of our people attended.

Master Clarence Kroh and Miss Lillie Starr, students of the deaf and dumb institution at Edgewood Park, in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, are home on a vacation.

The new school house near Israel Snyder's is under the process of erection. This school house is under the supervision of contractors Messrs. Myers and Strouse.

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