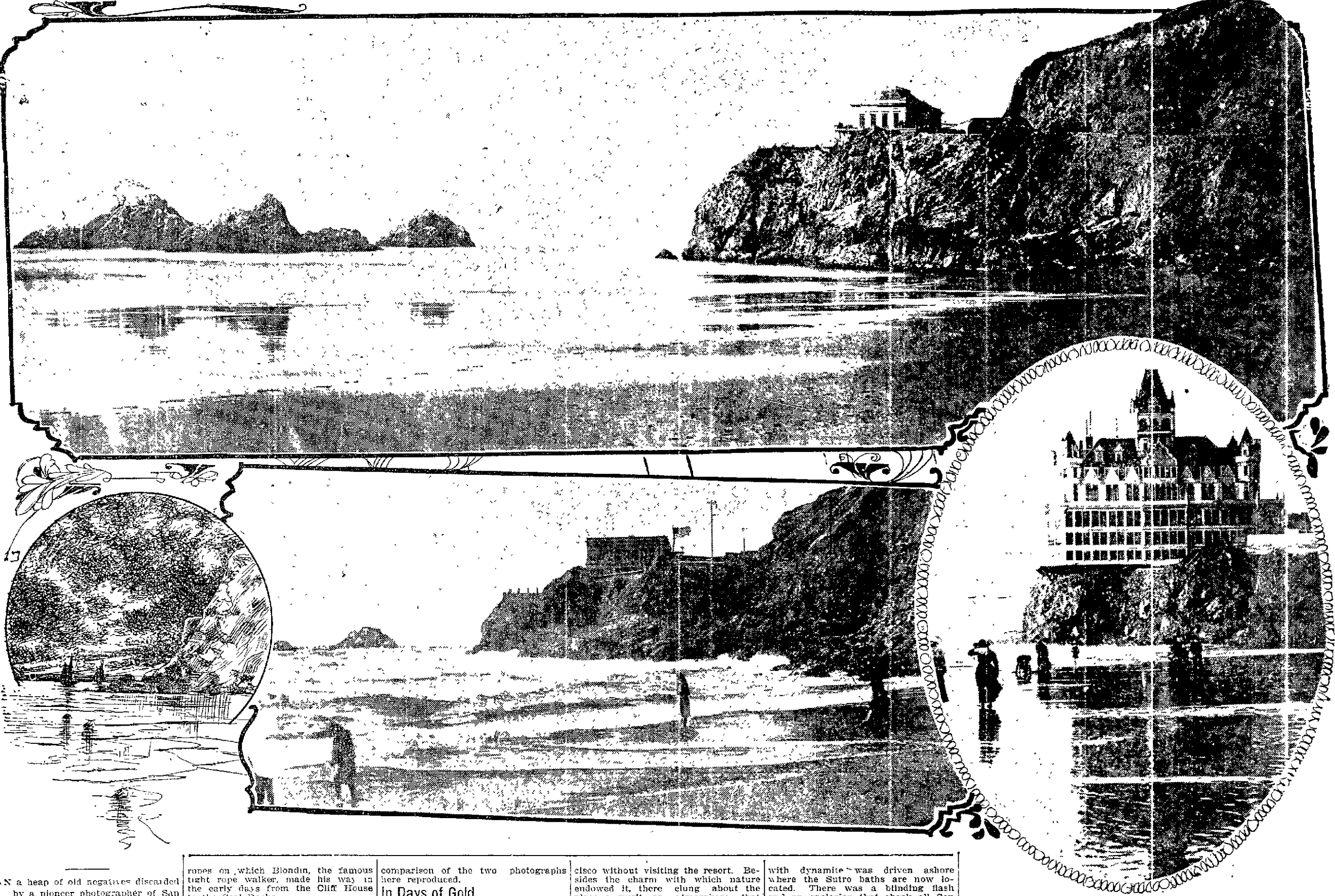


THE CLIFF HOUSES--PAST AND PRESENT

THE ORIGINAL CLIFF HOUSE BUILT IN 1858 IS SHOWN IN THE UPPER PICTURE. BELOW IS THE NEW CLIFF HOUSE. THE RESEMBLANCE, BOTH AS TO SHAPE OF BUILDING AND LOCATION ON THE ROCKS, IS STRIKING. ON THE RIGHT IS A PICTURE OF THE SECOND CLIFF HOUSE WHICH BURNED IN 1907.



In a heap of old negatives discarded by a pioneer photographer of San Francisco shortly before the big fire was discovered an old wet plate of the original Cliff House—the Cliff House that knew Fair, MacCoy, Ralston and became famous the world over. This negative, so far as known, was the only one in existence from which a picture of the famous old ocean resort could be taken, and it has since been destroyed, with but two photographs printed from it. A reproduction of this photograph is given on this page.

ropes on which Blondin, the famous tight rope walker, made his way in the early days from the Cliff House to the Seal Rocks.

Addition is Built

Some time after the building was erected an addition was made on the front of the building in the shape of a long covered porch, which served as an outdoor restaurant.

In Days of Gold

The original Cliff House was built in 1858, and it became a famous resort in those bold days of gold and until the night when its roaring slides drove the seats in amazement from the rocks before it. Bret Harte and Mark Twain knew its halls, and the old bonanza kings gave their gold free fling there. Wine ran and glasses clinked and laughter floated across to the souls above the roar of the surf. The fame of the Cliff House spread with the fame of the Golden West, and no traveler ever entered San Fran-

also without visiting the resort. Besides the charm with which nature endowed it, there hung about the place a spirit, an atmosphere that drew like a magnet. And the gay scenes, the wild scenes those old walls looked down upon!

The building was wooden and low on the side facing the sea it carried in enormous letters, that incoming passengers could read from the ships' decks, the words "Cliff House." And to those coming to California by way of Panama or round the Horn it was a mighty welcome sight. No wonder that at first opportunity they made their way there.

Burns Christmas Eve

On December 24, 1894, at about 8 o'clock in the evening a fire was discovered in the parlor of the Cliff House and the merry-makers, who had planned to enjoy Christmas eve there,

were forced to stand by and watch the famous pleasure resort burn to the ground. The building was severely injured, and several dwellers in neighboring cottages hurt. The crew escaped in boats before the explosion occurred.

than either its predecessor or successor. On the ocean side it hung out over the water. From an architectural standpoint it was a terror, but it drew its crowds, albeit they may have been a little shy on bonanza kings. It was destroyed by fire on September 7, 1907. The heat of the burning building drove the seals away and it was several days before they returned to their accustomed rocks.

Doings of the Fraternal Orders for the Week

FORESTERS HOLD INSTALLATION IN PUBLIC

The Ancient Order of Foresters held a public joint installation at Lincoln Hall Friday evening, when the following officers of Court Advocate No. 7378 were installed by District Deputy Grand Chief Ranger Raymond: Chief ranger, J. H. Flakes, sub-chief ranger, J. T. Harris; financial secretary, C. J. Bushy, recording secretary, G. A. Ricketts; treasurer, J. W. Realy, senior warden, A. H. Burton; junior warden, M. Noble; senior beadle, C. Peterson; junior beadle, W. H. Collins, organist, A. H. Unepaper.



Mrs. Elizabeth Haggard.



Miss L. M. Wyckoff. —Terkelson & Henry Photo.



Miss Charlotte Leopold. —Bell-Oudry Photo.



Miss Elsie Purdy.



Miss Gussie Alexander.

OFFICERS OF ALOHA PARLOR, N. D. G. W.

Foresters of America

The following officers were installed by Court Merritt, No. 213, F. of A., on last Monday evening, in Orion Hall, East Twelfth street and Eleventh avenue. J. H. Mello, chief ranger; William Plunkett, sub-chief ranger; E. A. Tillotson, senior woodward; William Seales, junior woodward; A. Morganuth, senior beadle; M. Duerholz, junior beadle; E. M. Lipka, lecturer. The following members of the court presented to the retiring chief ranger, J. J. McGrew, a past chief

ranger's jewel, the court physician, Dr. C. H. Wilder, doing the honors and later with resolutions of appreciation and esteem on the part of the court. Of the grand officers of the order present, District Attorney W. H. Donahue, G. S. C. E., and Judge J. G. Quinn, G. J. W. spoke briefly to the members and their friends present and were followed by a short musical program: Violin, solo, "Spanish Gem" (Bafeld), Mr. H. A. Garcia; piano solo, "Impromptu" (Yates), Mr. Prescott D. Yates; soprano solo, "Memory" (Tate), Mrs. Charles M. Shute; violin solo, "Serenade" (Drill), Mr. H. A. Garcia, piano solo "Serenade" (Chopin), Miss Eva Garcia; recitation, "Lesca" (Joaquin Miller), Mr. Herbert

Native Daughters

The semi-annual public joint installation of Aloha parlor, N. D. G. W., and Athens parlor, N. S. G. W., will be held Tuesday evening in Woodman hall. It is scheduled to be the most interesting fraternal event of the coming week and is causing much interest among members in other lodges who are desirous of witnessing the ceremonies of one of the representative organizations of California. The exercises will be open to the public. Upon the conclusion of the installation congratulations will be in order and dancing will be an additional feature of the program. Miss Irene Rose, district deputy president, will be one of the members of the installing team. The officers of Aloha parlor are Miss Etolse Wyckoff, president; Mrs. Elizabeth Haggard, first vice-president; Mrs. L. Elsie Purdy, second vice-president; Miss Mary Kirk, third vice-president; Mrs. Thelma Frick, financial secretary; Mrs. Eleanor Hammonds, recording secretary; Dr. Victory Derrick, treasurer; Miss Elsie Purdy, marshal; Miss Charlotte Leopold, inside sentinel; Miss Maye Sullivan, outside sentinel; Miss T. Morgan, organist. The trustees are Alice DeWorth, Josephine Beal and Lizette Hill. Miss Gussie Alexander is one of the members of the parlor.

The officers of Athens parlor are as follows: Carl Volker, past president; Charles F. Corrigan, president; George Robinson, first vice-president; Joseph Biven, second vice-president; Leon Rewig, third vice-president; L. J. Jackson, marshal; E. A. Norton, inside sentinel; George Rebe, E. F. Garrison, financial secretary; B. T. Biven, recording secretary; F. W. Anderson, treasurer; trustees, F. J. Doling, Eugene Stachler and J. Le Court. The officers of Piedmont parlor, N. D. G. W., were installed last Thursday evening in the Rice Institute, where the ceremony was witnessed by Native Daughters and Sons representing the various parlors about the bay. The ritualistic work was splendidly exemplified by the officials. The following officers

EXHIBITION DRILL IS GIVEN BY WOMEN

were installed in Piedmont parlor, N. D. G. W.: Susie Martin, president; Jennie Brashers, first vice-president; Carrie Hutchins, second vice-president; Carl Witterson, third vice-president; Hazel Cohn, marshal; Allice Minc, recording secretary; Lena Klesal, financial secretary; Lena Daniels, recording secretary; Marie Bankhead, inside sentinel; Miss Blagden, outside sentinel; trustees, J. J. Jordan, Louisa Kelley and Edna Sullivan.

Knights of Pythias

Last Thursday evening, July 8, Oakland Lodge held a very interesting and instructive meeting. The speakers, Carl Hall was filled with members and visitors. No ranks to be covered ample time was had for entertainment. A literary and musical program was rendered, music, both vocal and instrumental, recitations and discussions were supplementary to the welfare of the lodge and order. Arrangements for the annual grand banquet and high jinks of Alameda Council Grand Orient.

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