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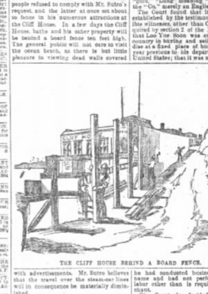
BEHIND A HIGH FENCE.

Sutro Corrals the Cliff House.

He Has Walled in His Beach Property.

The Capitalist Insists on a Fare of Five Cents to the Ocean.

Adolph Sutro, the capitalist, and the Southern Pacific's street railroad managers are again at war, this time over the proposition of a reduction of car fare on the Park and Ocean and the Ferries and Cliff House steam-car lines. The railroad people refused to comply with Mr. Sutro's request, and the latter at once set about to fence in his numerous attractions at the Cliff House. In a few days the Cliff House, baths and his other property will be behind a board fence ten feet high. The general public will not care to visit the ocean beach, as there is but little pleasure in viewing dead walls covered with advertisements. Mr. Sutro believes that the travel over the steam-car lines will in consequence be materially diminished.



THE CLIFF HOUSE BEHIND A BOARD FENCE.

For years the Cliff House, Sutro Heights and the ocean beach have constituted a popular pleasure resort for the general public. The owner of the property thought to increase the attractions by building a large aquarium and salt-water swimming baths in the cove to the north. The baths are nearly completed, and to make them a success the proprietor considers that the car fare of his prospective patrons must be reduced to the popular price. At present it costs 5 cents to ride to Central avenue or to Stanyan street, and 5 cents more to the cliff by the steam cars.

Mr. Sutro called upon the managers of the street-car combine and asked that as all of the cars running to his premises are under one control the total fare be reduced to a half-dime. He urged that the steam car lines are not distinct lines, but are in fact a part of the cable lines, and that under the law they cannot legally charge two fares for a ride across town.

He was met with the argument that the steam and cable lines are operated under separate franchises, which were obtained at different times and are to extend over varied periods. In short, Mr. Sutro was informed that his request was not favorably considered.

Again he endeavored to accomplish his end, and pointed out the fact that travel would be increased more than double, and that the Richmond district—that section lying north of Golden Gate Park and south of the United States reservation and extending from the cemeteries to the ocean—would rapidly fill up, so that the roads would have an increased permanent patronage. Both his eloquence and logic were wasted. The Southern Pacific Company would not budge.

This was particularly galling to the capitalist, for the steam cars on the north run for a mile along a picturesque sea shore and over his land; moreover, he once practically owned that same steam-car line, which he transferred to his cousin, Gustav Sutro. But the latter parted with the road and it was shortly swallowed up in the street-car combine.

The franchise, which was obtained in 1884, has fifteen more years to operate over Mr. Sutro's property. Mr. Sutro rates the remaining years of his life as too precious to waste in waiting for the franchise rights to die a natural death. The other road south of the park was originally and still is a Southern Pacific project.

Mr. Sutro decided upon taking heroic measures and the high board fence is the result.

For the past few days Sutro's workmen have been actively engaged constructing the fence which begins on the outer edge of the driveway, some 150 feet or more south of the Cliff House. It extends north diagonally across the road to the foot of the cliff in front of the well-known hostelry. Every post is set in cement. Another fence incloses the baths to the north. Thus travel is practically cut off. The Golden Gate Park Commissioners, too, are deeply interested in this matter, as they have control of Point Lobos avenue, which runs through the Richmond district to the Cliff House and thence to the Ocean boulevard. A recent survey shows that the roadway which Mr. Sutro fenced in is on his private property, and the real road lies to the east, or through a high cliff to the immediate west of Sutro Heights. Before it can be opened the Commissioners will be obliged to blast and remove thousands of tons of hard rock, 125 feet in width, about 150 feet deep and about 350 in length. This will cost a large sum of money not calculated upon in the Commissioners' estimate of current expenses. The closing of the road will inconvenience those who do business south of the cliff, for they cannot do any hauling through Golden Gate Park and the Point Lobos avenue was the only means of getting there with heavy teams. The Olympic Club's salt-water pumping station may suffer for the want of coal with which to operate the engines.

Teaming by the way of Lake Merced and the beach is not profitable.

Mr. Sutro is not in the city at present, but his confidential agent, William C. Little, smiled when the subject was introduced by a CHRONICLE reporter. "Mr. Sutro has worked hard to induce the railroad people to consent to carry passengers from town to the Cliff for one fare, but they have manifested only a grasping policy. It is all one concern, and why should they make two fares out of the public? The Ferries and Cliff House road goes through Mr. Sutro's property, and what is a benefit for one should be a benefit for both, and the public as well. The more travel the greater the profit.

"As to the fence"—and here Mr. Little laughed. "Well, Mr. Sutro has a right to put a fence around his property, even if it does compel the Park Commissioners to cut away half of a mountain of rock to get the Point Lobos roadway open so as to join the ocean boulevard. As a matter of fact, I don't suppose that the beauties of the ocean scenery at the Cliff will be seen at their best advantage from the shore side of a ten-foot fence. Old Ben Butler on Seal Rock will not receive as much admiration as formerly, but he will have to stand it. The bathing establishment will of necessity have to be surrounded by a fence, as a nominal admission fee will be charged, but the railroad has no right to make all the money. I expect that the fence will be complete in a day or two."

It is stated that Mr. Sutro will close the gates of Sutro Heights against the public, but Mr. Little states that he has not been informed in regard to this feature of the case.

CHINESE MERCHANTS.

Judge Morrow Renders Another Decision Defining Their Status.

Judge Morrow of the United States District Court rendered a decision yesterday in the Loo Yue Soon habeas corpus case which is of interest to Chinese merchants. It was alleged that the petitioner was a merchant of the firm of Lum Lung & Co., 727 Sacramento street; that he had departed for China prior to the passage of the McCreary act, November 3, 1893, and that he should not be required to furnish the testimony prescribed by that act.

From the evidence it was shown that the firm name did not contain the name of any of the partners, "Cum" meaning "gold," "Lung" meaning "business" and the "Co." merely an English addition.

The Court found that it had not been established by the testimony of two credible witnesses, other than Chinese, as required by section 2 of the McCreary act, that Loo Yue Soon was engaged in this country in buying and selling merchandise at a fixed place of business for one year previous to his departure from the United States; that it was not shown that he had conducted business in his own name and had not performed manual labor other than is required of a merchant.

The Court also decided that the McCreary act applies as well to those who departed from the United States prior to its passage as it does to those who departed after that date. Loo Yue Soon was ordered remanded into the custody of the steamship company to be returned to China.

ACME BOYS GRUMBLE

DISSATISFIED WITH COLE'S DECISION.

Trouble Over the Recent Eckhardt-Andrews Wrestling Match.

The strained relations that have existed for some time between the Olympic and Acme athletic clubs are likely to be somewhat aggravated by the unsatisfactory result of the big wrestling match Tuesday evening between Eckhardt and Andrews.

The Acme boys were complaining rather bitterly yesterday of the alleged unfair advantage that had been taken of Andrews' generosity in permitting a rest after he had struggled with the Olympic representative for over two hours. They declare that Andrews was not only willing but anxious to continue the contest, but was denied that privilege.

It is difficult to determine just who was to blame for the sudden and unexpected termination of the contest. Shortly before 1 o'clock, and after the men had been on the mat continuously for four hours and ten minutes, they began to converse in an undertone, and concluded by getting up and leaving the stage. They ignored Referee Cole's order to proceed with the contest, and explained that they were going to take a rest. Following upon this came the referee's announcement that the match was off by reason of the fact that the men had violated the articles of agreement by leaving the stage before a fall had been obtained. The Acme boys declare that Andrews did not require a rest, but that, seeing that his opponent was choked with the blood that was pouring from his damaged nose, he generously consented to give him a short breathing spell. They say he had no intention whatever of giving up the match, and they feel confident that he would have won had the contest been resumed, for Eckhardt was fast losing strength. More than this, some of the Oakland men aver that the referee was wrong in declaring the match off, as the wrestlers had the right to rest when both agreed to it. They feel as though they were not treated fairly and that the match was drawn in order to save Eckhardt the humiliation of defeat.

The Olympic members, on the other hand, maintain that Cole's decision was correct. They argue that, despite the fact that both men were worn out, particularly Eckhardt, and needed a rest, they had no right to leave the stage until a fall had been obtained by one or the other. They blame their champion for taking this action as much as they do Andrews, although they acknowledge that their man profited by it more thad the Oakland man, as he needed rest the most.

There was some talk yesterday of another match between the men, but it is not believed probable that it will ever be brought about, as it would undoubtedly be another all-night affair, and they are not great drawing cards. The contest between Eckhardt and Andrews demonstrated, however, that they are two of the cleverest and gamest wrestlers ever seen in this city, and that they are credits to the clubs they represent. It would certainly be safe to say that two more evenly matched men in science, strength and endurance could not be found in America. The match will no doubt give wrestling a fresh impetus and be the means of bringing about numerous other interclub contests. One which will attract considerable interest is already being arranged. It is to be between William Haberly of the Olympic Club and Gus Ungerman, the doughty little German, who holds the amateur middle-weight championship of the Pacific coast.

After Lean's Scalp.

Maurice F. Loventhal, who claims he is the middle-weight wrestling champion of Southern California, wants to have a go on the mat with Al Lean, instructor of the Acme Club. Loventhal resides at Visalia. In a letter to the CHRONICLE he says: "If Mr. Lean will come to Visalia I will wrestle him at middle-weight limit for a substantial side bet, or I will go to San Francisco and meet him for such a purse as may be offered by any responsible club." The southern wrestler insists that Lean must weigh in at [illegible] pounds.

HEDGE STEPS DOWN.

A New Manager for the Pleasanton.

The Troubles of a Young Hotel Man.

O. M. Brennan to Run the Big Caravansary—Lenient Creditors.

There was a change in the management of the Pleasanton Hotel at midnight last night. Campbell T. Hedge, who has been running the big Sutter-street caravansary since the 1st of September last, gave up his lease and retired under a vast accumulation of bills, and O. M. Brennan, who has been conducting the Hotel Rafael at San Rafael during the past three years, assumed the position of lessee and manager.

Mr. Hedge says it requires a better man than himself to make the Pleasanton pay with the amount of rent he was required to turn over according to the terms of his lease, and while he wishes his successor every success he says he fears Mr. Brennan will find the hotel a white elephant on his hands before many months.

"I went into the hotel on the 1st of September under a misapprehension as to the amount of business it was doing," said Mr. Hedge last evening. "I go out a loser by $7000 at least, and but for the leniency of my creditors I would have been forced to go through insolvency. I have been paying $30,000 a year. People in this city who know more about hotel business than I do, tell me that the Pleasanton can not be run at a higher rental than $18,000. I made Mr. Baker an offer of $15,000 yesterday, but he said he had another tenant with a better offer and I will step out at midnight."

It transpires that Mr. Hedge has been managing the hotel for John B. Breed of Redlands during the past two months. Mr. Hedge is from Redlands, where he is now running a winter resort as a side issue to the Pleasanton. Mr. Breed became Hedge's backer when he leased the Pleasanton, and last January he found it necessary to call upon Mr. Breed for $5000 to save himself from going to the wall. Shortly after that he required more money, and he gave Mr. Breed a bill of sale of all his interest in the hotel. Then there was a meeting of his creditors, and they gave him an extension of time in which to settle. He was to pay 20 per cent a month, commencing with the 1st of March. March and April saw 40 per cent of his obligations cleared off, but the outlook for May and the balance of the summer was so poor, he says, that he could not see his way clear to continue the 20 per cent payments, and so threw up the sponge.

There was a meeting of Manager Hedge's creditors on Monday and they agreed to accept his notes for the amount he owes, payable in twelve, fifteen and eighteen months. "All of my creditors were very lenient," he said last evening, "or I should have followed in the footsteps of Mrs. Pendleton and gone through insolvency."

He says there is about $7000 now owing his creditors, and that represents his loss since he took charge of the hotel in September. John B. Breed is his principal creditor.

Abijah Baker, proprietor of the Pleasanton Hotel, when seen last evening, said that Mr. Brennan, late lessor and manager of the Hotel Rafael, had been given a five-years' lease of the property.

"Mr. Hedge retires at midnight, and Mr. Brennan will get breakfast for the guests in the morning. The terms? Well, in consideration of the fact that Mr. Brennan has taken a five-years' lease, he gets the hotel for somewhat less than Mr. Hedge's contract called for. Mr. Hedge paid $2750 a month for the six winter months and $2250 a month for the summer months, an average of $2500 a month the year round. Mr. Brennan gets the house for a flat rental of $2300 a month."

Criminal Charges Galore.

Peter A. Masson, a saloon-keeper at 1232 Dupont street, was arrested yesterday afternoon on charges of grand larceny, embezzlement, battery and threats to kill, preferred by Jean Vignos, an elderly Frenchman who has been living with Masson. The complainant was a year ago charged by his wife, now deceased, with attempting to poison her, but it was shown that she was under a mental cloud. Since her death in January Vignos has been living with Masson, whom he accuses of a variety of offenses. Masson denies all the charges, and states that they were the outcome of Vignos' childish notions.

Kowalsky to Lecture.

This evening Colonel Henry I. Kowalsky will deliver a talk at the Mason-street Synagogue on "Things That Make Us Laugh." The Colonel expects that several people will fall dead, but he persists in delivering the lecture, which is for the benefit of the Ohabai Shalome society.

MISCELLANEOUS.

"Now good digestion wait on appetite,
And health on both."

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