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In the 1896 copy of the Monterey Cypress from which we quoted yesterday, there is an article about the activities along the waterfront which will be of interest to those interested in shipping and the fishing industry.

The news item is entitled "The Sea and Shore" and records: "Nearly 60 tons of general freight was landed here this week. The steamer St. Paul took out 15 tons of squid for San Francisco last Tuesday. The steam schooner Sunol, from Fort Bragg, via Moss Landing, arrived here last Sunday and discharged 60,000 feet of lumber for D.J. Houghton.

The following steamers will call here this week: Going south – Monday, Eureka; Friday, St. Paul; Going North – Tuesday St. Paul; Wednesday, Gypsy; Saturday, Eureka.

The northbound steamer St. Paul which was due to arrive here at 11 o'clock last Monday night did not get in until 9 o'clock the following morning, the delay being caused by the loading of 150 head of cattle at a southern port.

Under the headline "All Is Ready" there appeared this item:

"Pacific Grove is now ready to receive company. Our streets and walks are neat and clean, our flowers are just glowing with beauty, and our cottages have just taken on a new coat and are as bright as a new dollar. Our bay is full of fish; our groves are amply stocked with everything to eat. Our citizens have on their store clothes and reception smiles; our croquet grounds and tennis courts are in fine order. Our new cycle court track to Seal Rocks is completed, our electric lights shine brightly. Our street cars connect us every few minutes with the rest of the world, and the visitor who cannot be happy here now, must have a guilty conscience or the dyspepsia."

Another heading read "Tonight's Merriment":

"The Monterey Fire Department will give its annual Fourth of July ball tonight at Bagby's Opera House, and everybody is going to participate. The well-known F.F. orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music, which, no doubt will be up to standard. Frank S. Vosell is floor director, who will be ably assisted by Dave Donelson, Louis Goldstein and Ernest Michaelis Jr. The general admission fee is very reasonable, being only fifty cents, which everybody can stand. Help the

firemen out, as they are under great expense in arranging for the affair. It will be the grandest success of the season."

"Like Old Times Again" is another catching headline. It reads:

"Del Monte, dear, delightful Del Monte, will seem like old times this year, so many of its original leading lights will re-light the hotel. Miss Emily Hager and Miss Flora Low, Miss Daisey Casserly and Miss Fanny Loughborough will all be there. Surely no place in California is better calculated to repay one for the outlay of wardrobes and the expense of one's holiday than this lovely place. Every moment of one's time spent there is full of pleasure. Among the agreeable people one meets are distinguished tourists from all over the world as nobody considers a visit to California complete without a trip to Del Monte. Why has not some poet immortalized the hotel in rhyme? It is known from Paris to Milpitas, and the people who have once stopped there are never satisfied until they go again. As I write these words, I long to lay down the pen and hie to the groves where bears and belles abound, and the quiet crash of the surf lulls one to sleep."

Frank Hatton, for whose parents Hatton Fields and the Hatton Ranch, Hatton Dairy, and many other happy memories were named, wrote an article "About Our Country" which was published in the issue of the Monterey Cypress, with the following introduction:

"A nine-year-old boy's composition on this country, written at Bay View School, and published at the request of F.P. Feliz."

"Miss Pearl Cox of Watsonville sister of Mrs. W.W. James of this city, was granted a primary grade certificate at the recent Monterey county teachers' examinations" was a news item. Bringing the reader up to date:

That Miss Cox was also a sister of Miss Edith Cox who resides in 1950 in her own home on Herrmann Drive in Monterey, and the aunt of Judge William James of San Jose, who now occupies the home of his late parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. James, on Madison street every weekend that it is possible for him to leave his duties in Santa Clara County. The late Edgar James, manager of the Bank of Monterey for many years, was also her nephew.

In 1896 the Monterey Cypress published a timetable for the coast division of the Southern Pacific and the Pacific Coast Steamship Company of Monterey, California. Passenger trains left here for San Francisco at 6:48 a.m., 8:40 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. daily by way of Santa Cruz and principal way stations. On Sunday a train left Monterey for San Francisco at 4:10 p.m., with a notation in the issue that these trains do not stop at intermediate points between Monterey and Pacific Grove. Trains arrive from San Francisco, Santa Cruz and intermediate stations as follows: 12:57 and 6:21 p.m., Sundays excepted. Trains run on Pacific Standard time furnished by Lick Observatory.

Editorials printed in 1896 were on the following subjects: Senator Fair's New Widow, A Return to Barbarism, The Insignificance of the Single Tax Fad, How Will Men Vote on the Woman Question. The special feature in this week's issue of the San Francisco News Letter, it was announced, is a delightful Fourth of July poem from the pen of Dan O'Connell, who also wrote the poem on the monument in front of Colton Hall, the most familiar line of which is "In the Mantle of Old Tradition."