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### **Stand Out of the Way**

Once again, we have come across a story about the City Seal of Monterey in the Monterey Argus of Saturday, June 18, 1887. In that year George E. Clevenger was the editor and proprietor.

In the editorial column there appeared this leading item: headed "Anda." "After much scrubbing and polishing, assisted by the use of acids and other 'cleansers' known to the printers' craft, the dirt and grease which had accumulated and almost grown into the old city seal during its many years of idleness, has been removed, and the word 'Anda' stands out in clear-cut letters as the motto of the town.

"It is sincerely hoped that now this seal, with its motto meaning 'stand out of the way,' has, as it were, been taken from its long rest, the old town may, as the old seal has done, cast off old rust and unprofitable accumulation of those things which tend to dog the progress of the town; and that the motto 'stand out of the way' may be the watchword of all citizens having the welfare of the city at heart.

"It is with pleasure that in connection with the subject we may chronicle the fact that our new Board of Trustees seems to be in sober earnest. Three meetings have been held since their organization, and at least one each week will be held until the town is in running order. They have been elected on the progressive ticket and the community will expect of them that they exercise any and all powers in their hands toward removing the filth and rust which has for so many years been accumulating in the old town, and all who would impede them in this work we advise them to 'beware the bull,' and

'Stand Out of the Way.'"

The motto "Anda" caused some objections on the part of scholars. They said it should have been "Adelante" (forward): that "Anda" being the imperative of the word "Andar." (to go on, move on) was a homely expression, only used to drive cattle and to urge aborigines to move along; but as there is a wide latitude in the choice of mottos, from "Excelsior" down to "Strive and Thrive," notwithstanding their learned and undoubtedly correct remonstrance, "Anda" was retained.

Another timely story in the June 18, 1887, issue of the Monterey Argus. There appeared this news comment on Hotel Del Monte: "Work on the new hotel is booming right along, notwithstanding the comparatively small force of men at work. The framework of the main building is about all up and the work of enclosing well underway. Work on the dining room is also being rapidly carried forward.

"Nothing has been done on the annexes as yet, beyond the digging of the trenches for the foundations. In order to carry out the idea of connecting the annexes with the main building by glass arcades, thus completing the proposed semicircle, these additions have been carried out over the driveways on either side and will necessitate the making of new driveways.

"There are altogether only 200 men working on the building. The scarcity of suitable lumber is something of a drag, while the total collapse of the lime supply Thursday laid off all the masons until more could be obtained. The town supply had been cleaned out the day before."

In the Argus issue of 1887, there appeared this personal: "Jack Swan returned, from his trip to San Antonio country a few days ago bringing back with him several fine specimens of petrified whale bone. They were picked up about 20 miles off the coast, at an altitude of 1,300 feet" Jack Swan was the builder of the adobe at Pacific and Scott streets now known as "California's First Theater."

Among the news items in the same edition of the Argus are: "Blackberries are ripening fast in the woods surrounding town and numerous parties are taking advantage of the fact to supply themselves with preserves for the winter. Huckleberries are ripening fast up in the hills and a number of parties have already made excursions to 'the patches and succeeded in filling their pails with berries in a short time."

In the Pacific Grove notes we found: "The Episcopal Church is nearing completion and will be a handsome edifice when finished."