

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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### News Clippings

In an 1896 copy of the Monterey Cypress we have found many interesting articles. There is an article about the activities along the waterfront which will be of interest to those interested in shipping and the fish 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 14 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 arrive this week: Going south - Monday; Eureka; Friday, St. Paul; going north - Tuesday, St. Paul; Wednesday, Gypsy; Saturday, Eureka.

"The north bound steamer St. Paul, which was due to arrive here at 11 o'clock last Monday night did not get in until 6 o'clock the following morning, the delay being caused by the loading of 150 head of cattle at a southern port."

Under the heading of "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 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 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 leading story was entitled "Tonight's Merriement.":

"The Monterey Fire Department will give its annual Fourth of July ball tonight in the Bagby 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 50 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 Daisy Casserly and Miss Fanny Loughborough will all be there. Surely no place in California is better calculated to repay one for the outlay or 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 beaux and belles abound, and the quiet crash of the surf lulls one to sleep."