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CELEBRATED ADMISSION DAY AT MANILA

NATIVE SONS ENTERTAIN.

Performance in an Old Theater in the Philippines.

COLONEL SMITH THE ORATOR OF THE DAY.

LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD OF SOLDIERS WAS PRESENT.

Clever Poem and Song That Made Great Hits—Names of Those Who Had Charge of the Affair.

By MARTIN J. EGAN, Special War Correspondent of the "Chronicle."

MANILA, September 11.—Never was there such a novel celebration of California's Admission day as that arranged and successfully carried out by the Native Sons of the Golden West, who make up a majority of the First California. It was held at the Teatro Filipino on the night of September 9th, and was attended by an immense crowd that represented every branch of the service in the invading army.

Colonel James P. Smith was the orator of the evening, and in a short but well-worded address he warmly congratulated the regiment on its splendid record, and declared that the State should be proud to be so well represented. The participants in the entertainment which followed the oration were all chosen from the regiment, and the performance was highly creditable. The theater was attractively decorated, and the old bear flag had a place along side of the Stars and Stripes. Nearly the entire floor of the old, tumble-down theater, with its arena and circus ring, resounded with cheers for the old Golden State and the Union of which it is a part.

The distinct hits of the evening were made by Corporal O. H. Fernbach, who read an original poem called "The Volunteers," and Sergeant James Gillis, who sang a parody on "The Banks of the Wabash Far Away," entitled "The Decks of the Peking Far Away." "The Volunteer" ran as follows:

Let poets sing the many joys, all caused by Cupid's dart,
Let those who may declare the praise of science or of art,
But most of all the pleasures great that
It is the surest way to be a volunteer.

To arms! To arms! The country cries,
So quick he heeds her call
To rally round the Stars and Stripes he
his sin great and small
To plant the flag on foreign shores and
travel o'er the sea,
While others stay behind and yell, "Just
give them — for me."

He's off and o'er the briny deep the noble
vessel spins,
Gone are, alas, his stately dreams and
now the fun begins.
So grave and serious he finds the charge
he has to keep
That all else that his system holds he
empties in the deep.

For many weary days and nights he
travels o'er the deep,
By day he's cooped up on the deck,
scorned by the bright sunbeams
By night within his little bunk he's forced
to lie and snore,
Still patiently he grins his teeth and thinks
of home and mother.

'Tis now he finds how sweet it is to live a
soldier's life,
He's waked up at early dawn by bugle,
drum and fife,
He nimbly runs up stairs on deck,
expecting to remain,
But scarce a moment passes ere he's or-
dered down again.

He finds that military life, alas, is far
from sweet,
His only joy is when he dreams he gets
enough to eat,
And if a storm should strike the boat or
some slight wind should sweep his
He madly runs about the deck and grabs
a life preserver.

On land the story is the same, no rest his
soul can gain,
He celebrates the wee small hours by
fighting in the rain,
By day wrapped up in his blanket, he sits
around and sweats,
And makes out revolution for light
clothes he never gets.

So lives your noble volunteer, and when
he war is over
And once again he sets his feet on old Cal-
ifornia's shore,
He finds he's a noble creature; he has lost
all sense and reason,
And shocks his friends by avowing that he
don't know how to eat.

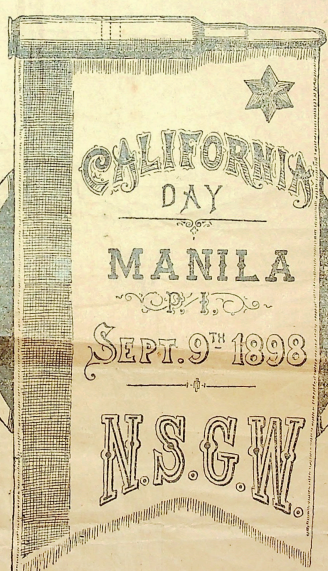
It to assuage his thirst he now should
hander to a bar,
He practices a little trick he's brought
back from afar,
He drinks his beer, then at the man he
slowly winks his eye,
The while he seeks the door and says,
"Dinero by-and-by."

And gone are his delicate tastes; his bed
he seeks no more,
He breaks his poor old mother's heart by
sleeping on the floor,
He calls his sister "smoocher"; his man-
ners are the worst
When he hears the dinner bell he
yells, "What sound ate that?"

Oh, all may sing the glory great of being
a volunteer,
But when again the country calls we'll all
be duff I fear,
We'll climb up on the street-car roof the
next morning to see,
ave them — we'll go, we'll yell, "Just
give them — for me."

Here is a verse and the chorus of the
"Wabash" parody:
We thought when we our good right hands
uplifted
And swore to take the treacherous dons
to task
That to such man at least there would be
given
Enough to eat—that's all we want and
ask,
We wouldn't care if grub could not be
gotten,
But let every where around us based up
be
And it makes us sore to live on what we're
given,
With so much to eat aboard and right in
sight.

Chorus—Oh, it may be well to talk of
volunteering,
And nothing down the street to
drum and fife,
But this death by slow starvation's quite
annoying,
And we'd rather again—not on your life,
The rather grim humor of the two
competitions appealed to the men quite
strongly, and they were all for encores.
General Anderson sent the following
letter of regret of regret that our state
of unstable equilibrium will prevent my



Souvenir of the Admission Day Celebration

The little siltken souvenir banner, of which the above is a faithful sketch, is hung on a genuine Mauser bullet, one of the many that Manila, which the Spanish troops were provided, but did not have the stomach to use.

presence with you to-night. If my as-
tral body is not visible present, be as-
sured I am with you in spirit and all
glorious history. It was the initial movement
to make the Pacific ocean an American
lake. You are now bearing your part
in a campaign which will consummate
the predestined result. You left your
happy homes, your land of fruit and
flowers, of golden sunshine and golden
sands, to cross a wild wilderness of
waves to uphold your country's honor
and to annex the "Southern Cross." In
hoc signo vinces. He assured I ap-
preciate your loyal support, your patience
in privations, your bravery in battle,
Aloha."

The programme was as follows:
Historian, Captain J. F. Egerton, Manila,
No. 10.

PROGRAMME.
Opening address, W. N. Kelly, chairman
of committee.

Orator of the day, Colonel James P.
Smith, commanding First Regiment Cal-
ifornia U. S. V. Infantry.

Vocal solo, Harry Turin, Company F.
Recitation, James McCluskey, Company
E.

Either solo and song, John Flitting,
Company A.
Comic recitation, O. Fernbach, Com-
pany F.

Vocal solo, H. B. Sullivan, Company B.
Camp Jewey March (A. Nelson
Adams), First Regiment California U. S.
V. Infantry Band.

Vocal selections, Captain A. J. Kelleher.
Comic song, Jim Conley, Company C.
Song, original, John Miller, Company M.
Recitation, "Dream of Eugene Aram,"
W. H. Tooker, Company B.

Baritone solo, T. H. Barabull, Company
K.

"Othello's Apology," Arthur H. Clifford,
Company P.

Vocal solo, D. J. Curley, Company M.
Selections by P. Company's Sextet—
Harry Turin, B. Hawks, J. G. Hawk,
F. A. Martin, B. H. Hawks, O. Fernbach,
F. A. Martin. The audience is requested
to join in the singing of our national air.

Accompanist, B. L. Thayer, Company B.
The committees represented nearly
thirty parsons of the Native Sons of the
Golden West. They were as follows:

Honorary committee—Colonel James P.
Smith, Alcatraz Prison, 10; Major Charles
Boston, National, 118; Captain John Con-
nelly, Golden Gate, 20; Lieutenant Herman
Huber, National, 118; Lieutenant T. W.
Spawford, Pacific, 10; Major Ruth Sten,
National, 118; Captain George Flinn,
Stanford, 24; Lieutenant J. Brown, San
Mateo; Lieutenant W. N. Swasey, Na-
tional, 118; Major C. F. Tilden, National,
118; Captain J. W. Dumbrell, National, 118;
Lieutenant B. B. Sturdivant, Olympia,
189; Lieutenant O. Huber, National, 118.

General committee—W. N. Kelly (chair-
man), Olympia, 10; Arthur H. Clifford
(secretary), Stanford, 26.

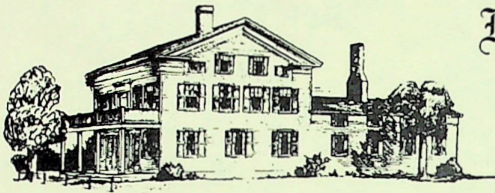
Committee of arrangements—P. J. Neu-
man (chairman), National, 118; J. Gaffney,
El Dorado, 21; P. J. Cleland, El Dorado,
21; S. B. Martin, Stanford, 26; P. A. Jar-
vis, El Dorado, 21.

Entertainment committee—Arthur H.
Clifford (chairman), Stanford, 26; Frank
McNally, National, 118; John
Staden, National, 118; C. R. Smith, Precita,
107; E. S. Jones, Sequim, 10.

Committee on decoration—George Hol-
lister (chairman), Golden Gate, 20; F. S.
Thomas, Alcatraz, 10; H. H. Condy, Stock-
ton, 21; J. J. Wade, Mission, 20; George
Hudson, Rincon, 21.

Finance committee—John Gaffney,
Golden Gate, 20; F. S. Cleland,
Golden Gate, 20; E. J. Condy, El Dorado,
21; M. J. Lyons, Rincon, 21; J. von Staden,
National, 118.

Reception committee—Martin Wilkins
(chairman), Stanford, 26; Robert Lein,
Alcatraz, 10; W. G. Gills, San Francisco, 40;
H. F. Young, Rincon, 21; R. J. Dowdell,
National, 118; R. Thompson, National,
118; J. C. Wulbert, Precita, 10; H. Wilson,
20; P. D. McFarley, California, 11; H. Rait,
10; J. Colvin, El Dorado, 21; J. P. P.
McFarley, California, 11; H. O. Johnson,
20; W. L. Hagerman, National, 118; A. J.
Dorado, 21; A. Beecher, Mission, 20; J.
Golden Gate, 20; P. Harwood, Golden Gate,
20; E. Ingram, Golden Gate, 20.



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Newsletter

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APRIL

Mon 9 - Spring Cleaning at the Inn - 9:30 - 4:30 PM. Come when you can and work as long as you can. Bring a lunch. We will have coffee for you.

Tue 17 - Curatorial Committee meet 9:30 AM - Bank One West - Delafield

Thr 19 - Board of Directors meet 6:30 PM - Bank One West - Delafield

Thr 26 - ANNUAL MEETING DINNER - Social hour 5:30 PM - Country Inn, Pewaukee
Dinner will be served at 6:30. You have a choice of Roast Beef (choice top sirloin) with Burgundy Mushroom Sauce or Breast of Chicken a LaItalienne - marinated in basil and garlic, grilled and topped with herb butter sauce - Vegetable Medley (broccoli, carrots, cauliflower) - Roasted Wedge Potatoes - Green Salad with choice of dressing - Rolls - Dessert and Beverage. Cost - \$14.95 including tax and gratuities.

Election of directors and annual reports.

Program - Alan Pape will tell us of "Yankee Hospitality - Stagecoach Inns of Wisconsin" - how the inns functioned and the hospitality which they offered. Mr. Pape is a graduate landscape architect specializing in historic preservation. He is a Director of the Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation. For fifteen years he worked for the State Historical Society building the Old World Wisconsin complex. Then he spent four years directing operations at Old Wade House. He now does private historic preservation counseling. A program you will all want to hear! Reservations must be received by Ruth Brehmer 969 Armour Road, Oconomowoc, WI 53066 no later than Monday April 23rd. Telephone 567-0308. You are welcome to bring guests. Please make your checks payable to Hawks Inn Historical Society.
Directions - Take I-94 to Hwy G then the access road that lies north of I-94 and go east on it to the Country Inn.

Thr 26 - Guide Training - 9:30 - 11:30 AM - at Hawks Inn

Sat 28 If you cannot come either day, call Mary Ann Brazelton 567-2877 for an appointment.

MAY

Tue 1 - Hawks Inn open for the tour season 1:00 - 4:00 PM on Sunday afternoons through October and for group tours by appointment. To schedule a group tour call Rose Wyssling 646-2140.

Tue 15 - Curatorial Committee meet 9:30 AM at the Inn

Thr 17 - Board of Directors meet 6:30 PM - Bank One West, Delafield - downstairs.

Mon 21 - SOCIETY MEETING - 9:30 AM - at the Inn.

Coffee time at 9:30

Program - "Tomorrow's Heirlooms" by Jeanne Grandenitti - old and collectible costume jewelry. It will be interesting to know what treasures you may have.

Guests welcome - If you have a neighbor or other friend who likes costume jewelry we would be happy to have you bring her along. Or if you have a friend who is interested in Hawks Inn Society, bring her or him along to meet our members.

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RESERVATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING DINNER APR 26

Mail for Apr. 23 delivery to

Make check payable to Hawks Inn Historical Socy.
for \$14.95 per person.

Ruth Brehmer 969 Armour Rd.
Oconomowoc, WI 53066
telephone 567-0308

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No. Roast Beef _____

Name _____

No. Chicken Italienne _____

Guests _____

PRESIDENT'S CORNER - We received a delightful surprise this month. Alan Stevenson Wood sent a check for \$5000 - his gift in memory of Hannah Hawks, Fanny Hawks, Ammi and Elmira Topliff Hawks and their children: David, Laura (Alan's grandmother), Ruth, Jim and Richard. "The Sierra Madre, California Hawks family" as he termed them.

Jackie Guanaccio has agreed to chair our Christmas Walk this December 2nd and 3rd and is working on a theme that should be exciting.

The Inn now has a second loom given to us recently by Don and Claire Wooley. Lee Felber has been named Loom Master, Director of Weaving, and will reassemble and install the loom in the exhibit area on the second floor.

Larry DeBellis has been appointed to serve as Ways & Means Chairman.

Ann Duggan has resigned from the Board because of her ill-health. JoAnn Mayo has been appointed to serve as Secretary for the remainder of Ann's term.

Please try to attend our Annual Meeting and Dinner on April 26th. We have some important announcements. Robert Arntson, Pres.

SPRING CLEANING AT THE INN - We have scheduled Monday, April 9th for Spring Cleaning Day. If we do not finish in one day, we will work the next day, Tuesday April 10th. There is an extra amount of work to be done this year because we are rearranging some displays. We will need a lot of help. I would like to start April 2nd and work any day when one or more of you can come. Any amount of your time - one hour or more will be greatly appreciated. Call me 646-8895.

Artifacts needed - We still need kerosene lamps, a spooner and prints of the era. If you have such to donate, call me or leave them at the Inn on Sunday afternoons with your name and telephone number attached, please. We will be most appreciative. Gerry Henry, Curator

HERBS - Lorraine and Kenneth Schenian are taking care of our herb garden. They would like to add more herbs. If you have any which you could provide for our garden, please call Lorraine 542-2502.

We would appreciate having articles, books, and stories (particularly those told in the old days) about herbs and their culinary, medicinal and aromatic uses for our reference library. You may leave them with a guide at the Inn on Sundays with your name and telephone number attached, please, or call Gerry Henry 646-8895.

CRAFT ITEMS FOR OUR STORE - We would like some hand-crafted items to sell in the store something different from the regular gift shop items to add a "homey" touch. If you are making something unusual or something very popular right now which you think would sell for under \$10 (our most frequent sales are in this range) would you please make an extra one or two for our store? We would be happy to see how they sell. If we get a number of items which sell well, we could organize a craft group and you could enjoy working in a group with materials which we provide. The quilters enjoy so much getting together to work and coffee-klatsch at the same time that they meet every week.

We have an interesting new item in the store which everyone will want to see - covers for rural mail boxes decorated with a cow, stars and stripes, welcome or hearts and flowers. They screw on so they cannot be easily

removed. You can give your mailbox a new coat for only \$7.00. Louise Stoltz, Store Manager

IN MEMORIAM - We are sorry to hear of the deaths of:

Nita Farrand who had been a member of our society for twenty-one years since 1969.

Elizabeth Hennings whose support we enjoyed since 1983. She had an ancestor who served in the Ammi Hawks Camp in the Civil War.

Our deepest sympathy to their families.

NEW MEMBERS - Welcome to our group!

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Lehman (Terry) 542-6480
211 Frame Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186

Ms. Ann Schmidt 646-2953
3011 Cedar Ridge Rd., Oconomowoc, WI 53066

DUES - Notices will be sent soon. Dues for 1990-91 are due May 1st. Please get your checks in promptly and save the membership chairman the extra work of sending reminders. Thank you.

1990 QUILT - The quilters are working hard to get at least part of the quilt finished to show you at the Annual Meeting. You may purchase your chances on the quilt then and please take some chances to sell to your friends.

THANK YOU to Alan Wood. We much appreciate your generous memorial gift. It will make a good nest-egg for the project we are now considering - a carriage house.

VOLUNTEERS - Some new people have volunteered to be guides. We could use more of you as guides and as store personnel. Neither of these jobs is difficult. To guide you do not have to memorize a script. Familiarize yourself with pertinent facts and tell the story in your own way. The tourists are very appreciative of any and all bits of information you have to tell them. Selling in the store is easy because all prices are clearly marked and the recording of sales is simple.

Even if you may only be able to serve once or twice a season this will be a big help to our chairpersons. Do call MaryAnn Brazelton 567-2877 for guiding or Louise Stoltz 691-0679 for the store.

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DEATH CLOSES COLORFUL LIFE OF ALAMEDAN

Point System, Which Revolutionized Printing, Was His Creation

Death removed another figure picture-que in the history of California last night when Nelson C. Hawks, whose creative genius revolutionized and stabilized printing as a major industry, died in his home at 1529 Sixth street.

A stroke of paralysis, suffered two weeks ago, aggravated the enfeebled condition of Hawks, who was to celebrate his eighty-ninth birthday next month, but the end came peacefully and quietly.

SET FUNERAL

Funeral services for Hawks will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the chapel of George H. Hagy, Webster street at Haight avenue, with the Rev. Henry H. Shires, rector of the Christ Episcopal church, officiating.

Honorary pallbearers will be

(Col. 1.)

ALAMEDA, TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1929

DEATH CLOSES COLORFUL LIFE OF ALAMEDAN

(Continued from Page 1)

E. K. Taylor, Paul Schafer, John Nield and Frank R. Neville. The active pallbearers will be Peter Jorgenson, Ralph Sanford, H. F. Schlichting and George Hickman.

Sanford and Schlichting are president and secretary, respectively, of the Alameda Improvement club, of which Hawks was one of the founders and served as its leader for two terms.

FAMILY

Hawks, a native of Milwaukee, Wis., was born Aug. 21, 1840. He was the husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Hawks and father of Berthelet, John G. and Birdsell Hawks. John G. Hawks is general manager of the Universal Film Co. studio and is here from his home in Beverly Hills.

RETICENT

An intimate friend of Mark Twain, Sam Morse and other colorful figures around whom much of the romance of early California is centered, Hawks was extremely reticent about his own career, adventures in which parallel those of the better known westerners.

Although Alamedans as a rule regarded Hawks as an able advocate of civic reforms and improvements, his outstanding contribution, one whose influence is world-wide, is that of conceiving what is known as the point system of type measurement.

ORGANIZER

Hawks entered the printing industry when 16, becoming a "printer's devil." Gradually he advanced and finally entered the type foundry business.

While a member of the firm of Marder, Luse & Co., Hawks came to San Francisco to make a survey of business conditions on the Pacific Coast. He founded the Pacific Type Foundry Co. in the trans-bay city in 1873.

DIFFICULTIES

During his survey, Hawks solved the difficulties under which printers were laboring. Discrepancies in type bodies were the causes of much annoyance and financial loss to printers. Type bodies varied and as the progressive printer could not confine his purchases strictly to one foundry, owing to the limitations in style, he eventually accumulated a hodge-podge collection of type.

Hawks realized uniformity was the only solution of this difficulty and he applied an actual standard of measurement to the type, dividing the standard inch into 72 units.

RELUCTANT

Heads of type foundries were reluctant at first to adopt the system, which meant a huge loss in scrapping all type. But its adoption by one foundry presaged a nationwide change in printing methods and in December, 1892, all of the foundries merged into what is now known as the American Type Founders Co.

It is estimated that it cost \$9,000,000 to abandon the former system for the new method conceived by Hawks but the change did revolutionize the printing industry and the initial loss has been offset many times since by the greater productiveness.

A "Scrapbook"

Book in memory of Frank Whipp's visit to California.

- Page 1: Frank Whipp (right)
- Page 2: Frank Whipp
- Page 3: San Francisco Earthquake
- Page 4: Frank Whipp with suitcase at Tamalpais
- Page 5: Nelson Crocker Hawks home at Alameda "across the Bay"
Don't know who the people are.
- Page 6: Nelson Crocker Hawks at his desk at home.
- Page 7: Re: The 1st meeting of the Alameda Improvement Club,
which Hawks organized and served as president .
June 6, 1907
- Page 8: Is this Frank Whip?
- Page 9: Self-explanatory
- Page 10: Is this Sister Alice - Mattie Sperry?
- Page 11: Self-explanatory
- Page 12: Please note Hawks has just returned from a trip "Back East."
including Delafield.
- Page 13: Nelson C. Hawks trip to Hawaii (date elsewhere)
- Page 14 : Alpha Child "my biographer???" Aug. 21, 1912. This poem
is about the Point System of standardized type. Hawks
invented in 1877. Is Hawks referring to Alpha as "the great
Encyclopedia man"? Hawks is comparing his age of 72
with the "standard inch of 72"...in the point system.
- Page 15: Can this be Eliza Hill Hawks, wife of N.C? See last line.
or a daughter-in-law?
- Page 16 : Hawks refers to Hawks Inn as "the old home, still stands in
the Badger State and state the custom of a family reunion
at Christmas Time.