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Director's Report

I can't believe it's summer already! This year has flown by, which means it is almost my second anniversary at the Museum. There is a lot going on at the Museum this summer and I hope you can join us for some of the exciting programs we have planned.

We've partnered with the Playzeum (<http://www.yubasutterplay.org/>) for their annual summer camps. Their staff is running the camps, which are being held here in the Museum through July. It's great to have so much energy in the building! They also held their Mud Day fundraiser here at the end of June, and had a blast doing it. I'm excited to continue to partner with them in the future!

We also did some programs with the Sutter County Children & Families Commission in June – we hosted their annual Childcare Provider Appreciation Dinner, and they brought a fantastic program to us, Uncle Jer's Bee Show!

For our own Summer Children's Program, we are hosting a Night at the Museum! Kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas and bring a pillow. We're going to eat pizza, talk about why Museums keep old stuff, and watch the movie *Night at the Museum*. These are scheduled for July 14th and August 12th, at 5pm. Parents are required to attend with their children.

Yuba Sutter Arts has also approached us about a partnership. Many of you read about their Portraits of Veterans program in the Appeal-Democrat a few months ago. They've received funding to continue the project, which is thrilling! They'll be hosting a photography session here in the Museum, and we will display the photographs around Veteran's Day. We've just begun to plan, so we'll keep you informed as this develops.

It's been a construction zone around the Museum recently – the fountain repairs are finally completed (thanks again to everyone who donated to help with that!!), and a cover has been installed above the Schnabel & Dean Patio adjacent to Ettl Hall. If you haven't seen it yet, come by for a peek!

Our exhibit celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Library is up through August 20th, so you still have time to see it! Following it for just a few weeks will be the photographs from the 2018 Sutter Buttes Calendar, an annual project of the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust. We'll round out the year with *The History of Hunting in Yuba-Sutter*, our fifth annual history-themed art exhibit, and the *Portraits of Veterans* organized by Yuba Sutter Arts.

The Museum Commission has been doing a lot of work behind-the-scenes, including planning for the continuation of the important work of the Historical Society, which I look forward to sharing with you in the next issue of the Bulletin.

As always, thank you for everything you do to support the Museum, and the preservation of this area's history.

Jessica Hougen, Museum Director

Editors' Note

You've probably noticed the new look of the Bulletin. The Museum Commission, listed on the inside cover, has taken over publishing the Bulletin since the Historical Society voted to dissolve. For the near future, we plan to continue publishing the Bulletin with a few cosmetic changes, but, working with Jessica, we are discussing how to make it better in the future. We are all committed to maintaining the quality of the content of the Bulletin with plenty of articles, stories and, of course, the puzzle page.

We are still looking for donations to be published in the future so if you have a story or article you would like to share with your community, please contact Sharyl at the Museum.

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Memorials

In memory of **Robert “Bob” Bryant**
Norman & Loadel Piner
Cynthia Struckmeyer

In memory of **Willard Crowhurst**
Norman & Loadel Piner

In memory of **Stella Davis**
Joni Adams

In memory of **Dan Desmond**
Susan Micheli

In memory of **Deanna DeWitt**
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In memory of **David Brown**
Julie Stark

In memory of **Ken Lytle**
Norman & Loadel Piner

In memory of **Eleanor Mackensen**
Connie Cary
Jim & DeAnna Mackensen
Sharyl Simmons
Phyllis Smith
Julie Stark
Robert & Rose Wood

In memory of **Sue Moore**
Marnee Crowhurst

In memory of **John B. Orzalli**
Myrtle Hamilton Orzalli

In memory of **Hugh Sloan**
Robert & Rose Wood

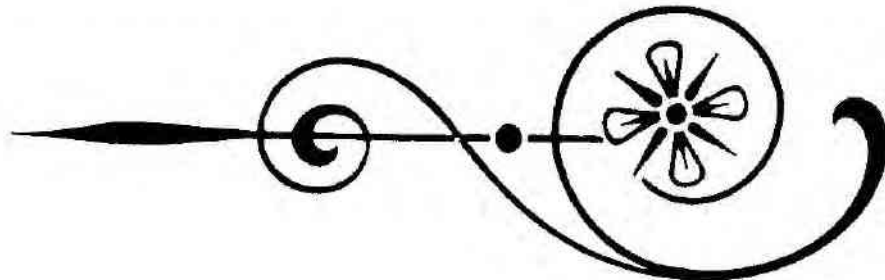
In memory of **Marilyn Winship Smith**
Norman & Loadel Piner

In memory of **Carole Spiller**
Alice Chesini
Phyllis Smith

In memory of **Suellen Teesdale**
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Fourth of July, 1901

Research done by

Irmina Rudge

Reprinted from July 1955 Bulletin

From the photograph of the parade, one would gather that the Fourth of July Celebration of 1901 was a gala affair. However, the papers of those days didn't show the same enthusiasm. It was on page seven of the "Sutter County Farmer" after quite a search that the story of the proposed celebration was printed. The meeting of the Bachelors' Association with eleven members all listed had space on the first page.

In a very inconspicuous space on page seven, crowded between ads of S. Ewell & Co., C. C. Rubel, J. O. Cunningham (leading tailor), Hoffman's Music and Stationery House, G. W. Hall (Fireworks for the Fourth, flags muslin on sticks) and Gilman's (also new bunting for Fourth of July celebrations).

In very small print but readable appeared the headlines and article as follows:

HO! FOR THE FOURTH.

There will be a complete program of interesting and amusing events.

The Fourth of July celebration in Marysville this year will excel all previous occasions by far, as the committee has arranged for many new and novel events of more than usual moment.

Beginning on next Wednesday evening the third, there will be the grand carnival on the Feather River along the Yuba City water front which will include the beautiful parade of decorated water craft and a big display of diving and swimming exhibitions.

During the forenoon of the Fourth the street parade will take place in which there will be two fine bands, the military Co., etc. and a bicycle and carriage parade, including a Chinese division. Shortly after noon the literary exercises at the theatre will be held at which Hon. Samuel M. Shortridge will deliver an address. Following this the baseball game between Marysville and Oroville Nines, a band concert, bronco busting, horribles parade and balloon ascension. In the evening Roncoveri's celebrated band of twenty-five pieces will give an illustrated concert and later there will be two big dances. See ad elsewhere in this issue and be on hand to enjoy the big event.

The "ad elsewhere" was just opposite the write up — on page 6. For an ad it was just as inconspicuous as the write up.

Anxiously we turned to the July 5, 1901 paper to see how the celebration fared and to see what the paper had to say about it, absolutely nothing! The whole affair was ignored as though it had never occurred.

The "Sutter Independent" of June 28, 1901 was more liberal or celebration minded, they gave first page coverage to the celebration and they did not carry a paid advertisement as did the "Farmer." "The Independent" of July 5th also commented upon the affair and claimed thousands had attended.

In 1903 Marysville had another July Fourth celebration starting with

the second production of the spectacular water carnival "A Night in Venice" on the Feather River on the evening of July 3rd. July 4th at 10 A.M. — Grand Street parade, including decorated vehicles, fraternal societies, floats, hose and fire companies, three bands, etc. The committee was directed by J. A. Bilhartz. (July 10th paper commented upon the celebration "50 decorated barges and boats paraded the beautifully illumined river, water front of Yuba City.")

July 4, 1906, Meridian celebration was under the direction of the Ladies Aid Society. A picnic and dinner was held on the school grounds and entertainment followed.

In 1907 the celebration in Marysville lasted three days: July 2, 3, 4: "There were many excursion trains bringing hundreds of people to Marysville."

There were many more celebrations during the years, the last was in Marysville in 1940. It lasted for two days, July 3rd and 4th. The parade had over 30 floats, bands, drum corps, national guard companies, massed flags and numerous other entries.

There was a bathing beauty contest, a special card of wrestling matches, two performances of grade A vaudeville, patriotic entertainment and oration, open air street dance, motor boat races, outdoor band concerts and baseball games.



The Great Independence Day Celebration of 1876

by
Noel C. Stevenson

The centennial celebration of the Fourth of July in 1876 was eagerly anticipated by the citizens of Sutter County. First of all it was just one hundred years since the original Independence day. Secondly, with the exception of Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Years there were no holidays to celebrate. It was a long dry stretch between New Years and the Fourth. No doubt about it, July 4th, 1876 was going to be the day of days until 1976. From the newspapers of the area we are able to reconstruct Sutter County's greatest Fourth. In the Weekly Appeal for July 7th, 1876 appears a detailed account of the festivities.

"Probably one of the most pleasant and sociable celebrations ever held in Sutter county was that one held at Hock Farm (on July 4th)... All those present seemed determined to make the occasion one that will long be most pleasantly remembered. At about 9 o'clock A.M., the steamer D. E. Knight left the landing in front of the Farmers' Warehouse in Yuba City, having on board something over one hundred excursionists enroute for Hock Farm. After a pleasant trip of forty minutes, the party arrived at the Farm, where they were met at the landing by the Marysville band who escorted them to the grounds. Here was gathered a large number of people, who had come in teams from all over the surrounding country. The Committee of Arrangements had selected the most pleasant portion of the handsome grounds for their celebration and had fitted it up very comfortably and tastefully. Im-

mediately to the left of the grand stand was erected a smaller stand in pyramidal shape, upon which was seated twenty-seven young ladies dressed in white with a red and blue sash representing the different states. Occupying a seat at the top was the Goddess of Liberty, who was represented by Miss Emma Wilcoxon.

Directly opposite the grand stand and at the rear of the seats was the music stand occupied by the band. The program was as follows:

1. Music by the band.
2. Song: "Fourth of July."
3. Prayer by the Chaplain Rev. E. Kellog.
4. Anthem by Choir, "I have set Watchman upon thy Walls."
5. Reading of Historical Sketch of Sutter county.
6. "America" by choir.
7. Reading of the Declaration of Independence, by W. F. Peck, Esq.
8. "Star Spangled Banner," by choir.
9. "Hail Columbia" by the band.
10. Oration by Richard Bayne, Esq.
11. "Red, White and Blue," by choir.
12. Music by the band.
13. Picnic dinner.

The historical sketch of Sutter county, prepared and delivered by the Hon. P. W. Keyser, was replete with facts and items of interest and was highly appreciated by the audience. After music and the reading of the Declaration of Independence, the orator of the day, Richard Bayne, Esq., of Yuba City, was introduced, who delivered an eloquent and very interesting oration,

which was frequently interrupted by bursts of applause.

After an ample picnic dinner the lovers of the "light fantastic" had ample opportunity to enjoy themselves, the Marysville string band furnishing the music.

Special mention was made in the press of the quartet of young ladies, composed of Miss May Guthrie, Della Harter, Addie McKinnon and Mary Butler, who sang the Star Spangled Banner, the choir and audience joining in the chorus.

At about 6 o'clock P.M. the steamer sounded its whistle and the excursionists from Yuba City started homeward, leaving the rest dancing and enjoying themselves generally. Much credit was given the Committee of Arrangements. Everything passed off pleasantly and the order was excellent thanks to Chief Marshal W. P. Harkey.

In the evening there was a ball in the Farmers' Warehouse in Yuba City, which had been cleared out and beautifully decorated for the occasion. An orchestra of eight instruments under the leadership of J. A. Apperson, furnished the music. The ball was largely attended, and dancing continued until the "we sma' hours."

The celebration at Nicolaus was reported in detail also, and makes one long to attend an old fashioned fourth.

"The citizens of Nicolaus being prevented by the state of the roads from going to any other place to celebrate, determined to hold a celebration at home. Liberal contributions were made and every effort put forth by the committee and as a necessary result the occasion passed off with éclat. The program was as follows: President: Hon. James O. Harris; Vice-Presidents: W. G. Brown and Phil E. Drescher;

Chaplain: Rev. L. D. Hinman; Reader: A. L. Chandler; Orator: L. D. Hinman. The proceedings commenced with a torchlight procession at midnight of the 3rd, which was badly interfered with by the moon. At daylight on the auspicious day, a salute of twenty-one guns was fired.

At ten o'clock the President announced the order of business, which commenced by the singing of "America." Eight school districts were represented and the singing was excellent. The Chaplain opened with prayer, followed by the Eagle school with a grand "Jubilate," rendered in excellent style. Mr. Chandler read the Declaration of Independence impressively, and was succeeded by the Marcum School who sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Next came the oration. Mr. Hinman delivered a powerful speech, reviewing the condition of the nation from its first inception one hundred years ago, to the present time. The Nicolaus school followed with "God Bless Thee, Our Country," which was sung in magnificent style. Then came the addresses of Hon. J. H. Keyes, Hon. J. O. Harris and others, interspersed with singing by the Marcum school.

A half mile of tables held the dinner, and the President requested everybody to walk up and help themselves. Ice cream was furnished in quantity, everything being free. After dinner the platform was crowded with eager representatives of the Terpsichorean art. At 7 o'clock in the evening the crowd adjourned to Mrs. Wagner's hotel where they tripped the "light fantastic" till morn. Thus ended the grand and glorious fourth of 1876, and our predecessors were able to accomplish all of this without the benefit of gasoline, electricity or electronics!

Stephen J. Field an Excerpt from his Autobiography

Stephen Johnson Field was born in Haddam, Connecticut in 1816 and grew up in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He graduated from Williams College in 1837 and studied law in New York with his brother, David Dudley Field, Jr. and in the office of state Attorney General John Van Buren. He was admitted to the New York bar in 1841 and practiced law with his brother. In 1849 he joined the multitudes heading to California during the Gold Rush.

Field opened a law office in San Francisco, but less than a month later he headed to Marysville where shortly after his arrival, he was elected alcalde, an office from the Mexican tradition that combined the functions of judge and mayor. He remained in that position until June 1850 when the American style of government was installed in California. Conflict with the new district judge, William R. Turner, resulted in Field being disbarred, but he was readmitted under direction of the Supreme Court. He was elected to the California State Assembly in 1850 and served one term before returning to Marysville and opening up a law practice in 1851.

Field was elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of California in 1859, and appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States in 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln. Justice Field served as an Associate Justice until shortly before his death in 1899. In 1877 Field dictated an autobiography. He published it privately and gifted a few friends with copies of the book. The following excerpt is from that autobiography.

I never could appreciate the wisdom of that legislation which would allow a poor debtor to be stripped of all needed articles of his household and of the implements by which alone he could earn the means of supporting himself and family and of ultimately discharging his obligations. It has always seemed to me that an exemption from forced sale of a limited amount of household and kitchen furniture of a debtor, and of the implements used in his trade or professions, was not only the dictate of humanity, but of sound policy.

I also incorporated a provision in the Civil Practice Act respecting suits for mining claims, which was the foundation of the jurisprudence respecting mines in the country. The provision was that in actions before

magistrates for such claims, evidence should be admitted of the usages, regulations, and customs, when not in conflict with the constitution and laws of the state, or the United States, should govern the decision of the action. At this time suits for mining claims, the mines being confessedly on the property of the United States, were bought upon an alleged forcible or unlawful detainer. This rule, thus for the first time adopted by legislative enactment, as soon extended in all the states and territories west of the Rocky mountains and substantially by the legislation of congress. Simple as the provision is, it solved a difficult problem.

I also advocated and aided the passage of the homestead exemption bill. That bill was introduced by Mr. G.

D. Hall, a member from El Dorado, and now a resident of San Francisco. It provided for an exemption of the homestead to the value of \$5,000. An effort was made to reduce the amount to \$3,000, and I think I rendered some aid in defeating this reduction, which has always been to me a source of great satisfaction.

I also secured the passage of an act concerning attorneys and counselors-at-law in which I incorporated provisions that rendered it impossible for any judge to disbar an attorney in the arbitrary manner in which Judge Turner had acted towards me, without notice of the charges against him and affording him an opportunity to be heard upon them.

I also introduced a bill creating the counties of Nevada and Klamath¹ the provision of which were afterwards incorporated into a general bill which was passed, dividing the State into counties and establishing the seats of justice therein, and by which also the county of Placer was created.

I drafted and secured the passage of an act concerning county sheriffs, in which the duties and responsibilities of those officers not only in the execution of process and the detention of prisoners, but as keepers of the county jail, were declared and defined; also an act concerning county recorders, in which the present system of keeping records was adopted. This latter act, though drawn by men, was introduced by Mr. Merritt of Mariposa, but he does not hesitate to speak publicly of my

authorship of it. I also prepared a bill concerning divorces which was reported from the judiciary committee as a substitute for the one presented by Mr. Carr of San Francisco, and was passed.

In this act, aside from the ordinary causes of adultery, and consent obtained by force or fraud, for which divorces are granted, I made extreme cruelty and habitual intemperance, willful desertion of either husband or wife for a period of two years, and willful neglect of the husband to provide for the wife the common necessities of life, having the ability to provide the same, for a period of three years, also causes of divorce. I also drew the charters of the cities of Marysville, Nevada and Monterey, which were adopted – that of Monterey being reported by the judiciary committee as a substitute for one introduced by a member from that district. Other bills drawn or supported by me were passed and the provisions of which are still retained in the laws of the state.

But notwithstanding all of this, when I turned my face towards Marysville I was, in a pecuniary sense, ruined. I had barely the means to pay my passage home. My ventures, after my expulsion from the bar, in June 1850, had proved so many maelstroms into which the investments were not only drawn but swallowed up. My affairs had got to such a pass that before I left Marysville for the legislature I felt it to be my duty to transfer all my real property to trustees to pay my debts and I did so.

And when I stepped upon the landing in Marysville my whole available means consisted of eighteen and three-quarters cents, and I owed

¹ Klamath County, CA existed from 1851 to 1874. It was divided up among Del Norte, Humboldt and Siskiyou counties. It is the only county in California to be disestablished. (Wikipedia, "Klamath County, California," accessed 6/26/17)

about eighteen thousand dollars, the whole of which bore interest at the rate of 10 per cent per month. I proceeded to the United States hotel, kept by Mr. Peck, who had known me in the days of my good fortune. "My dear Mr. Peck," I said, "will you trust me for two weeks board?" "Yes," was the reply, "and for as long as you want." "Will you also send for my trunks on the steamer, for I have not the money to pay the carman." "Certainly," the good man added, and so my trunks were brought up. On the next day I looked around for quarters.

I found a small house 30 feet by sixteen, for an office, at eighty dollars a month, and took it. It had a small loft or garret in which I placed a cot that I had purchased upon credit. Upon this cot I spread a pair of blankets, and used my valise for a pillow. I secured a chair without a back for a washstand, and with a tin basin, a pail, a piece of soap, a toothbrush, a comb and a few towels, I was rigged out. I brought myself each day the water I needed from a well near by. I had an old pine table and a cane-bottomed sofa, and with these and the bills which had passed the Legislature, corrected as they became laws, and the statutes of the previous session, I put out my sign as an attorney and counselor-at-law, and began the practice of my profession.

Soon afterwards I found my name mentioned as a candidate for the State Senate. The idea of returning to the legislature pleased me. The people of the county seemed to favor the suggestion. Accordingly, I made a short visit to neighboring precincts, and finding my candidacy generally approved, I went to work to make it successful. At the election of

delegates to the county convention, which was to nominate candidates, a majority was returned in my favor. Several of them being unable to attend the convention, which was to be held at Downieville, a distance of almost seventy miles from Marysville, sent me their proxies made out in blanks to be filled with the name of any one whom I might designate. To one supposed friend, I gave ten proxies, to another five and to a third two. When the members met, just previous to the assembling of the convention, it was generally conceded that I had a majority of the delegates. But I had a new lesson in manipulation to learn.

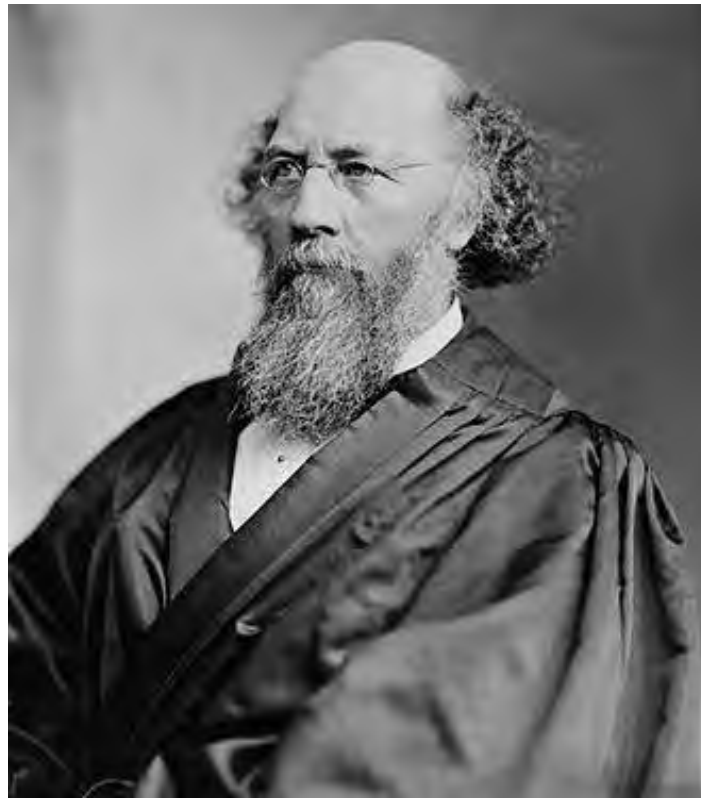
Just before the opening of the convention my supposed friend, who had the 10 proxies, was approached by the other side, and by promises to give the office of sheriff to his partner — an office supposed to be worth thirty thousand a year — his ten votes were secured for my opponent. The one to whom I had given five proxies was promised for those votes the county judgeship. So when the convention voted, to my astonishment and that of my friends, fifteen of my proxies were cast for my opponent, Joseph C. McKibbin, afterwards a member of congress, who acted so peerlessly when the Kansas question came up, I was accordingly beaten by two votes.

For the moment I was furious and hunted up the man who had held my ten proxies, and had been seduced from my support. When I found him in the room of the convention, I seized him and attempted to throw him out of the window. I succeeded in getting half his body out, when bystanders pulled me back and separated us. This was fortunate for both of us, for just underneath the window there was a

well or shaft sunk fifty feet deep. The following morning I left Downieville, returning to my office and loft at Marysville, and gave my attention to the practice of the law. My business soon became very large and, as my expenses were moderate, within two years and a half I paid off all my indebtedness amounting with the accumulations of interest to over thirty-eight thousand dollars. Part of this amount was paid by a surrender of the property mortgaged, or a sale of that previously assigned, but the greater part came from my earnings.

I paid every creditor but one in full; to each I gave his pound of flesh, I mean his interest of 10 percent a month. I never asked one of them to take less than the stipulated rate. The

exceptional creditor was Mr. Berry, a brother lawyer who refused to receive more than five per cent a month of a note he held for \$450. By this time I had become so much interested in my profession as to have no inclination for office of any kind. On several occasions I was requested by influential party leaders to accept a nomination for the state senate, but I refused. I am inclined to think that I had for some time a more lucrative practice than any lawyer in the State, outside of San Francisco. No such fees, however, were paid in those days as have been common in mining cases since the discovery of the silver mines of Nevada and the organization of great corporations to develop them.



Justice Stephen J. Field, 1875

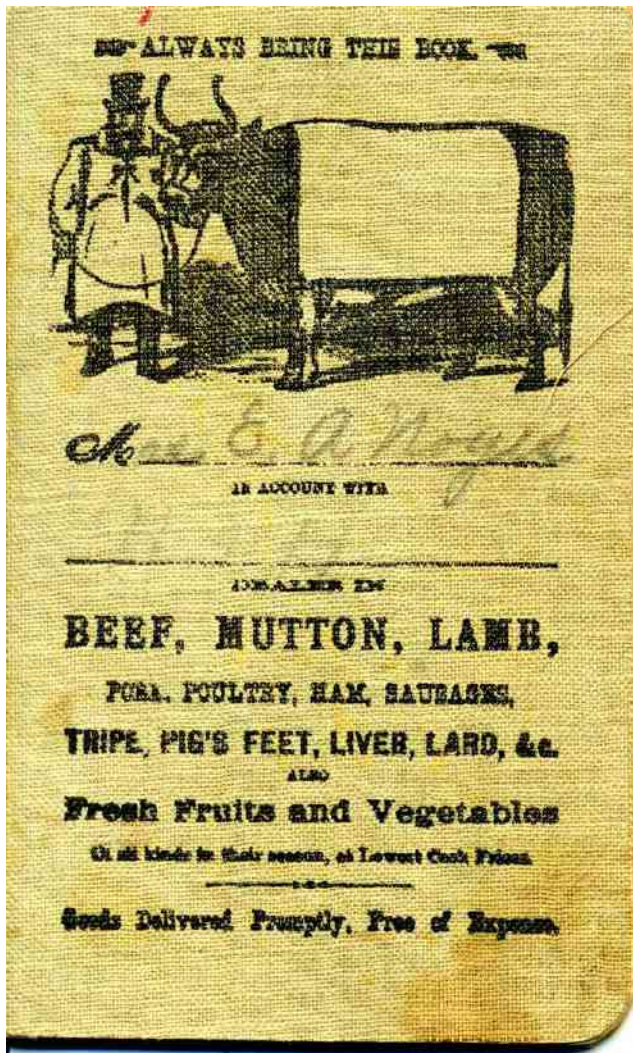
Photo courtesy of Wikipedia, "Stephen Johnson Field," accessed 6/26/17

1913 – The Months in the Mountains

A Continuation of the 1913 Journal kept
by

Mrs. Isabella Dean Noyes

In the October 2016 Bulletin you read about the Noyes family making a change by selling the original Noyes Ranch as well as properties in Santa Cruz. As they appeared to do most, if not all, summers, they made another trip to the Sierra Nevada to escape the heat of the valley. This year, however, they are traveling by automobile and truck. They still took a few days to reach their ultimate camping place. It's not clear how good the roads were or how fast they traveled, but it took them all day to travel 60 miles.



Mrs. Noyes used whatever she had available for her journal entries. This is the cover of the book she used for the 1912-1913 entries.

June 11th

A. T. Kock arrived from Santa Cruz. Charley and Papa met him at M'ville and brought him out to Sutter.

June 12th

The Noyes family in the Olds with Calvin Wisner and Mr. Kock in the Kissel Truck loaded with tents, cots, cooking utensils, stove and provisions and clothing left on a camping trip of two or three months. Camped that night back of Myers Hotel at Magalia.

June 13th - Friday

After dinner broke camp and went down and camped at the Mineral Slide mine, top of hill. (Today a trip that takes less than 10 minutes.)

June 14th - Saturday

Mr. E. A. Noyes, Edna Noyes, Mrs. Charley Noyes (Maud), Mr. Kock, and Calvin Wisner went through the mine. After coming from the mine, Mrs. Steve Moody served a fine dinner to which all did ample justice. After all returned to camp at the top of the hill, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Moody and son James. Mister Noyes and son Charley did not go down to the mine.

June 15th

Packed up and were on the road by 8 o'clock. Stopped at Magalia for gas, eggs and bread. Then on through Mosquito Creek, Coutolenc, Old Lovelock, and Powellton. Scarcely anything remains of the lovely little town of former years. Then to Thompsons where we camped for the night.

June 16th

Packed up after breakfast and were soon on the road by Inskip - Chaparral - Martins where only a few cabins remain. Stopped at Grizzly Flat

for lunch - only the old barn stands.

Off the road back among the trees was a U. S. Forestry Station. Reached Humbug about five o'clock. Green grass, running water, everything looking its best, a drove of fat cattle in the pasture. Found Welsh's Hotel deserted - nothing but a dairy herd. Came on to Miller's and found the foreman of the Oro Electric Co. living in the hotel with his wife and children and Indian girl to do the cooking. He gave us permission to camp. We pitched our tents near Charlie Ward's old camping spot.

June 17th

Spent the day fixing up our camp and resting.

June 18th

Stayed around camp getting meals and eating. Mrs. Haynes and Mabel Miller called. Rained.

June 19th

Moved into cabin near Millers where we cook and eat. Men went to (unclear) for supplies.

June 20th

Men folks spent most of the day fishing. Brought home 34.

June 21st

Layed (sic) round camp, cutting wood, girls washed. Men went fishing after supper. No luck.

June 22nd - Sunday

Raining. Had breakfast at nine o'clock. Wrote letters.

June 28th - Saturday

Men all went fishing after dinner. About two o'clock look out and saw quite a smoke above our tents. Mabel gave a yell. Edna and I started for the tents - found quite a forest fire. Pretty soon the Forest ranger came up

and looked at it and ran back and had a crew of men putting it out.

June 30th

Millers folks had a telephone message from Greenville that Keith was very sick with pneumonia. Frank caught the horses and went right over and found him very low, but the next day the change came and they had hopes of his recovery.

July 2nd

Edna and I washed. Men went fishing.

July 4th

Millers raised the flag and we found two small ones among our belongings. Had a fine dinner of (unclear), green corn, new potatoes and hot biscuits and beans. Sat in the shade of the pines and read our mail. Women folks doing fancy work. Oyster soup for supper. After supper we all went over to the Miller Bungalow where Mr. and Mrs. Al Reed entertained us with various selections on their new phonograph. We passed a very pleasant evening and thus ended the glorious 4th of July for 1913.

July 5th

Beulah and her husband brought Keith Miller (her father) over to his mothers to stay until he was well.

July 6th

Spent staying around camp. Edna, Calvin, Hazel Hurd and Mr. Kock took a long walk down to the lower end of the valley. Women folks all went over to the Millers where Mabel and Mrs. Reed told our fortunes, one with cards and the other by reading the hands. Told some things of past that were very true.

Mabel was so worked up over it that she declared she would never tell another fortune.

Thursday, July the 10th

Packed up and left Humbug where we passed a delightful three weeks. Going to Chester which we reached at ten o'clock. Chester did impress me much at first site. Dance every night, church - had a good little store and Post Office.

July 15th

Left Chester for Susanville, Lassen, County. Found the roads rough and rocky. Had some trouble with truck. Olds stuck in deep creek. Boys pulled out a few big rocks and we came through all right. Later the rear tire of the truck was punctured which was our first tire trouble. After passing through Coppervale over steep, rough, dusty roads before reaching the pretty little town of Susanville. Most tiresome ride we have had. Quite a little town - one large department store, two banks, two millinery stores, dry good stores, drug store, two bakeries, two butcher shops, opera house, high school, grammar school, two garages. All good buildings - mostly cement and brick. We found Mr. Hall and E. A. Martin and family Friday, July 18th. Our second dinner out since leaving home. We camped in the old apple orchard once owned by the Millers of Humbug, at Taylors, a nice, clean camping place.

July 19th

Left Susanville about 11 o'clock for Alturas - threatening rain. Had steep hill just after leaving Susanville. With a little help the truck made the hill and we had level roads. After we reached it the shingled house where they told us we could not make Horse Lake Hill. The truck made it with some

help from the crowd (excepting Mrs. E. A.)

After reaching the summit we drove about 14 miles and found what we supposed a great, glimmering bed of alkali dust. Here E. A. N. killed two sage hens. This was Horse Lake, a bigger josh than Iron Spring. The road wound around through hills and valleys covered with sagebrush.

We left Horse Lake, came on and on until we reached Mr. George Gotmans where we decided to camp for the night. We found Mr. G. to be a jolly whole souled Dutchman with a heart as large as an ox.

There were three tents of W. S. Surveyors camped on the hill above us. This place is two miles from Thermo railroad station. Old Dutch and his sons own 1700 acres of this sagebrush land on the Madeline plain.

July 20th

Were soon on our way across the plains. We found new houses all along the road, some north, the land partly cleared. Others were just getting started. This land will grow anything if they get water over it. Still I prefer old Sutter. We passed through Madeline, filled up with gas then on to Likely where there was quite a crowd out to church. From here on the ride was great. Killed doves from the machine. Just keeping out of reach of the storm. Followed the railroad all day but never saw a train. Got eleven doves. Doves are plentiful, as the people of Alturas do not kill them - do not care for them. Reached Alturas at half past one - did not find a very good camping spot. Hot hot. Were soon at work getting dinner. Had sage hens, potatoes, beans, bread and butter, canned peaches to which

we all did justice as we had an early breakfast and had ridden 49 miles.

Alturas County seat, altitude 4450 ft, population 12?

Sunday is a gala day here as there was base-ball with a band, bronco busting and a blue-rock shoot in the evening. Still threatens rain.

July 21st

Was up early. By half eight the heat was fearful. By two o'clock it was raining. Charley and the girls went down town. Was too lazy to take off my high shoes and get out my other as we were going on in the morning. Cal went hunting. Shot a badger and killed a dog.

July 22nd

Packed up and started on our journey. Neither Papa or Charlie feeling very well. Very warm. No one sorry to leave Alturas. Had a fine ride. Pines and firs, wild plum trees and rose bushes giving place to the tiresome sagebrush. We simply coasted down the grade to Cedarville. We passed through this town on our way to Eagleville after a short drive over a dry sagebrush section. Cedarville Altitude 4,678, population 500. We saw a storm coming up and beat our way back to Cedarville and was seated at the table eating dinner when the storm burst upon us. It rained so we put up for the night at the Hotel Coffman. Everybody took us for a traveling show.

Wednesday, July 23rd

Still raining. We are at the hotel, lucky to be under a roof. Party from Oregon are stormed stayed. Left about 1 o'clock expecting to reach Bidwell. Papa was taken sick with cramps in stomach at the garage. Called Dr. Coates, brought him down to

hotel and put him to bed. Soon had him resting easy.

Thursday, July 24th

Still at the hotel. This is certainly a family hotel. Mrs. Coffman is landlady, a very pleasant and gray haired lady. Her daughter Ethel does the cooking. Sylvia and Goldia done dish washing and chamber work. Birdie Garrett, a girl from Fort Bidwell, waited on table - good service. Edna sick. Charlie and Calvin got into a nest of bedbugs here - broke the bed down and P. M. bed was propped up with a suitcase. This hotel stint cost us \$30.00.

Friday, July 25th

Shortly after breakfast we started for Fort Bidwell. The roads were good considering the rain we had. Passed through a very pretty valley - more thickly settled than any valley we have passed through. Lovely homes with fine gardens.

We reached Fort Bidwell just as the storm began. Rented a poolroom. Set up stove and table, began preparing dinner. Edna was feeling pretty bad soon - had her on a cot. The men folks soon had the place partitioned into three bedrooms with canvas and we were quite comfortable and it rained - simply pounded.

Bidwell has a population of 350. Has been twenty years since the soldiers were quartered here. Have a fine Indian school here.

Saturday, July 26th

Clear and bright. Papa and Edna both feeling better. Maud washed before dinner and Mrs. E. A. N. (Isabella) washed in the afternoon. Got my washing all out and then a shower came into town. Gathered in all

clothes that were dry. Papa in most of the day writing letters. Maud, Edna and Charlie took a stroll around the town but rain drove them back.

Sunday, July 27th

Sunday is a great day in all these small towns. Two games of baseball. Big chicken dinner at the hotel. Skating at the rink in the evening. We spent the day in camp, ironing, cooking and mending.

Monday, July 28th

Everybody in camp washed up their dirty clothes. The clothes dried fast and we ironed them during the afternoon. Cooked meat for lunch. Packed trunk and suitcases to be ready for a good start in the morning.

Tuesday, July 29th

Had breakfast. Discarded our old cook stove and purchased a new and larger one. Were on our way by nine o'clock. Quite a pretty road until we came near 12 Mile Creek where the roads were fearful, the boys having to pull out of the road on account of large rocks and mud holes, but still we kept on. Reached 20 Mile Creek where we had lunch. Then on passed the Warner Valley Post Office and later we came to the little town of Adel. The general merchandise store kept by Mrs. Calderwood who we met at Cedarville.

A cloud burst had reached here a day ahead of us so we found more bad roads. We soon came to Warner Lake, a beautiful body of water with grass and tule - plenty of young ducks and geese. That night we camped near 7T Ranch at Plush, Oregon. Plush contained two hotels, mdse store, Post Office, barn what had been a garage.

Wednesday, July 30th

Left plush for Lakeview. Had gone about five miles when we heard a grinding under the machine. Kept on until we reached the bottom of the hill. When Charley jumped to see where the trouble was at 10 o'clock he found a broken spindle on the right front axle. Here we (were) with no water in sight on an Oregon desert. Cal and Cookie went on with the truck to find a camping spot. The rest of us remained with Olds, lucky to have drinking water and lunch. We remained there until two o'clock when Cal came back. Took everything out of the Olds and got into the truck. How we hated to leave the car 22 miles from us.

Thursday, July 31st

Papa and Cal and Cookie went to Lakeview to telegraph for new parts. Had the old spindle repaired. The rest remained at camp putting up work tables and arranging things in general. Picked wild currants, made the glasses of jelly. At 7 o'clock the folds had not returned and we began to think something had happened to them, but a little after eight we heard the car.

Friday, August 1st

Charlie and Calvin started out to bring the Olds back to camp. The mended spindle worked a very short time. The boys went back to Plush and bought a large plank, jacked the machine up and fastened it to the truck. It took them until four o'clock to get the machine into camp. We were all happy again.

Saturday, August 2nd

Boys went fishing in the morning. Had an electrical storm in the afternoon.

Sunday, August 3rd

Washed in the afternoon. Too warm to wash in morning.

Monday, August 4th

Cal and Cookie went hunting. Charlie worked on Olds. Mailman came but did not bring parts of machine. Mr. Emery, in the camp nearby was accidentally shot with shotgun. Took him to Lakeview to see a doctor. When they returned in the evening, they brought out spindle. Great rejoicing.

Thursday, August 5th

Washed, packed up and a little after twelve were on our way to Lakeview. Edna had a tooth filled here. After five we started on our way, passing through Goose Lake Valley. We found fine farms with cozy homes nestling among the trees, good orchards and gardens on each side of the road. Passed through Pine Creek out to Fairport on the shore of Goose Lake.

Calvin performed his famous stunt of turning a handspring over the tub and water bucket.

Aug. 6th

We decided to remain at Fairport all day - at ten o'clock Charley, Maud, Calvin and Cookie procured bathing suits and were soon out in the lake. Mrs. E. A. N. (Isabella) could not get a suit so she went out in her brown waist and bloomers and shoes that had tread the boardwalks at Santa Cruz. Enjoyed herself as much as anyone.

[When making salad dressing, if you have no cream try beating the white of one egg stiff and pouring the other ingredients boiling hot over this slowly, beating with a fork. (this is at

the top of the page written in a different color pencil)]

Aug 7th, Tuesday

Edna's hat fell in the frying pan in the hot grease. This was the beginning of a bad day for her. We left beautiful Fairport at nine o'clock. We rode along the lake for miles. This was very pleasant. We lost the road and found we were on the Fandango Road. Enquired of some men hauling hay and were soon on the right road. Orchards and green fields gave place to rough hills and sagebrush. It was fearful warm - passed the famous Bowers Ranch - was not very favorably impressed with it. As we came near Alturas we came to the XL Ranch which appeared to be quite a thriving place with its well kept buildings and fences. Reached Alturas at three o'clock. Camped in Ike Laners (Lauers?) backyard. Soon had tents up and dinner ready. Edna was suffering with ear and toothache. Called Dr. Gibson. He did not say much. Sent down medicine to relieve the pain.

Aug. 8th

Dr. Gibson called. Found Edna had a touch of malaria. Took her case, began giving her Quinine. Had an electric storm. Picked currants. Cooked them, strained out the juice and mixed with some raspberry juice and made some fine jelly. Remained at Alturas until Aug. 12th when Edna seemed able to travel.

Tuesday, August 12th

Left Alturas going to Bear creek about eight miles from Cedarville. The men got saddle horses from Cedarville for a big deer (sic) hunt.

August 16th, Saturday

With Leland Proctor as guide, rode all over the mountains that day but failed to get sight of a deer.

Mr. Kock came in with a badger and one quail. No fish in creek. Cold mornings.

Sunday, August 17th

Broke camp. Stopped at Cedar for gas and paid for use of the horses. Bid Mrs. Coffman and girls goodbye and were soon on our way. Passed through Eagleville and came by the Pryor Place, on past the Dr. Patterson place, also the Murphy Bros. Ranch. Later we came to Reederville, Nevada where we all took a drink of ginger ale and five miles farther we took the wrong road. Found the road all washed away. Came up Red Rock canyon. The men had to dig rocks up so we could pass over. Camped that night at a ranch a few miles from the Marr Bros' place. No one along the road or at houses that could put us on the right road.

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And now I can not write
I'll scour pots n kettles
With a vengeance never seen
If I cannot be an authoress
I'll be a kitchen queen.

Ed's OS4

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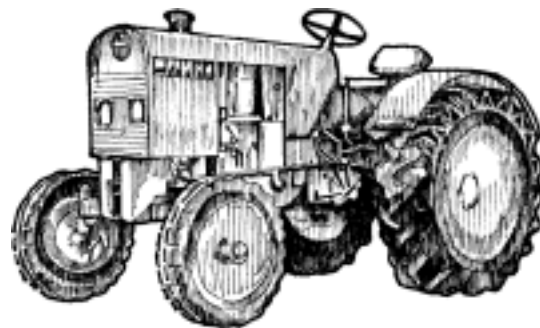
The relationship between man, tractors, and the Yuba Sutter Basin is a fascinating history. California is very special in the development of tractors as compared to the Midwest. The grain crops dominated the Midwest, while California with its variety of soils, rainfall, irrigation, research efforts, and elevations had many tractor types. Many of the collectors from back east come here to buy these special creations.

One such tractor would be the McCormick Deering OS4. One such local collector would be the late Ed Koelker.

Ed joined the Navy fresh out of High School in the waning days of WWII. He started a company after the war and was a manufacturing representative. In 1982, he married Carol Tarke who was the sole child of George Tarke. They later moved back to the basin. Ed loved the land and began farming. He began to share farming when it became difficult for him to continue.

He was a long time member of the Meridian Lion's Club and had served as it's president. He also loved clay, skeet and sport clay shooting. Ed had to give that up after a shoulder injury. He began tractor collecting. A long time community efforts for Ed was his effort to get quality water for the subdivision in which he lived. He served as the President of the Wildwood Mutual Water District for about 15 years and was successful in seeing the project completed.

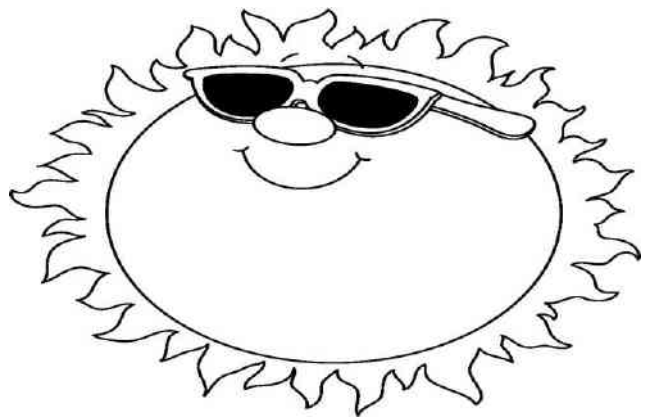
- The Yuba Sutter Basin was blessed to have such a quality person.
- In his collection was the OS4. The design evolved from the W line and the design was also used for the Industrial. The Super followed with increased horsepower. The O4 had fancy fenders to reduce the possibility of tearing off limbs in an orchard while the OS4 had the regular fenders. The OS4 was made narrow, the hood was streamlined, the seat was moved back and lowered, the clutch was of a hand type, lights were below the radiator and first gear was made slower so the tractor could pull heavy sleds of fruit.
- The OS4 was built from 1944 to 1953. It replaced the 10 20. The engine produced about 24 horsepower on the belt and 21 on the drawbar. The tractor weighed in a range of 3,825 pounds to 4120. 1,267 were built in the plant in Rock Island Illinois.



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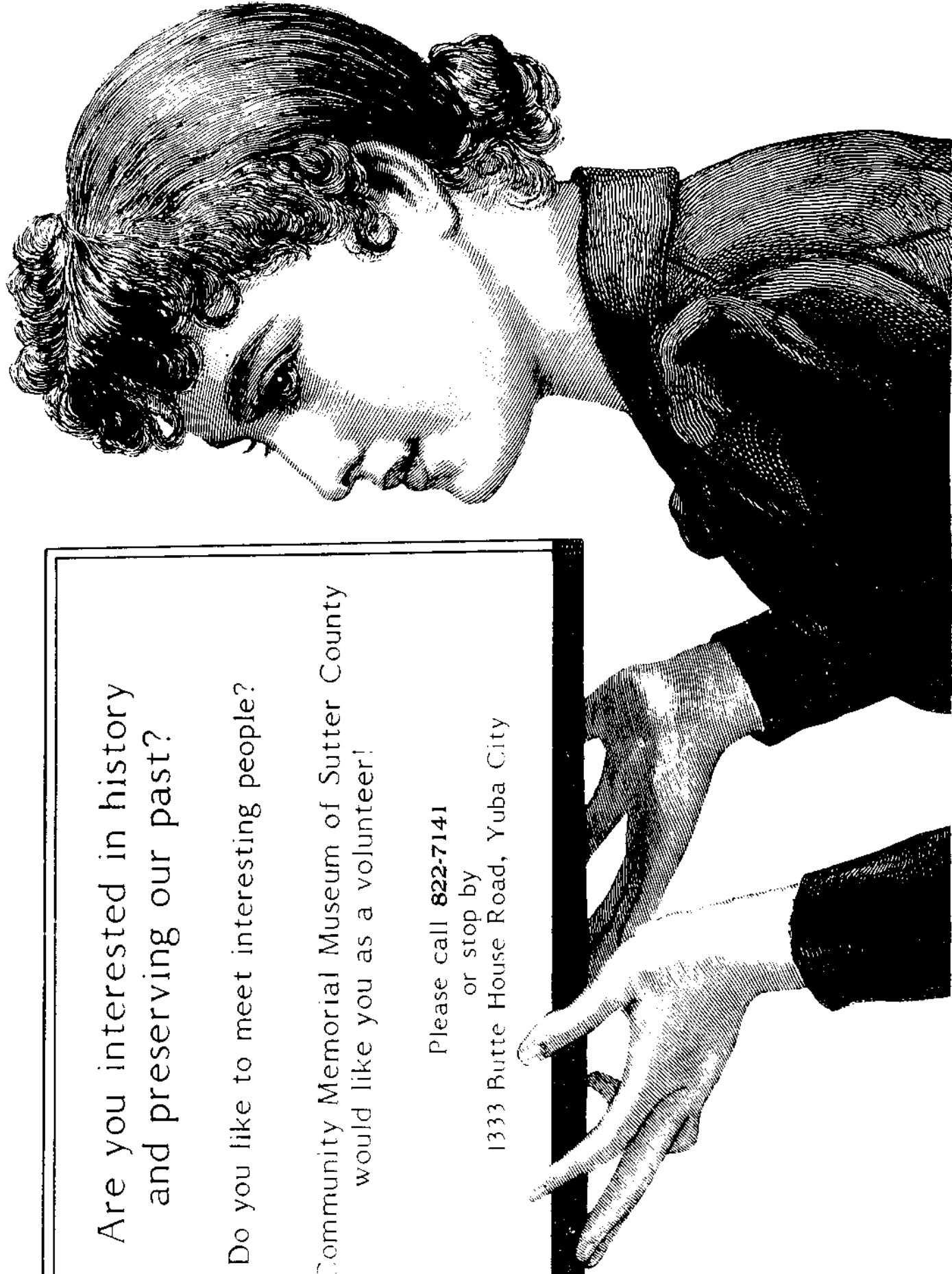
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- 4 - 5 Museum Assessment Program Evaluation
- 5 Jerry Barlow Guitar Concert, 2:00 pm at the Museum
- 12 *Night at the Museum* Movie, Pajama & Pizza Party (reservation required)
- 20 *Library 100th Anniversary* Exhibit closes
- 26 *Sutter Buttes Calendar Photography* Exhibit opens at the Museum

September

- 3 *Sutter Buttes Calendar Photography* Exhibit closes
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