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The Devil's Collect

Sofia Paulson - 21 may 1848

It seems that the further away the Devil's Collect goes from civilization the more they feel free to take matters into their own hands. A big plume of smoke led me to Hole's trappers camp, or should I say, what is left of it.

The fire, that seemingly started out of nowhere, ignited several sticks of dynamite. The dynamite was brought along by a representative of the Black Rock Powder company. The resulting explosion wiped the only trading post between San Francisco and Young Town off the map. When I arrived at the ruins of the camp, the group had already left and so I couldn't ask them for their recounting of events. However, the trail of impairment left in their wake speaks for itself. "The group abused our hospitality," says Blaz Nachtnebel, bartender of the camp, who witnessed the events firsthand. "They left a trail of destruction, murder, pilfered graves and theft behind them."

While telling his side of the story, Blaz is standing next to the dead body of Hubert Jackson Hole, owner of the camp. Hole was killed by a bullet to the stomach, shot by one of the members of the Devil's collect. Hole sustained the mortal wound after attempting to take revenge on a member of the group that shot his close friend, employee, and well-respected member of the trapper community.

Not much yonder lies the body of the man he tried to avenge, the trapper Joe O'Reilly. O'Reilly was killed by the Collective, who found it lawful to kill a man because he perpetrated the murder of his former business partner, Flynn Dallas, one year ago.

It's safe to say that murder makes murder justifiable in the eyes of our new group of settlers, better known as 'The Devil's Collect.' Within the Collective there's an active graverobber, who opened up Flynn Dallas' final resting place. It was this desecration that eventually ended with the shooting of mister O'Reilly, though who actually robbed the grave in the first place seemed to be of no consequence to the Collective. It is sad to see the West turning fine folk into wild and savage beasts.

In a turn of good fortune, mister Dock of the Pinkertons was there and paid the undertaker to make sure mister O'Reilly was assured of a proper Christian burial. I didn't get the chance to catch up to mister Dock to enquire about the events further.

It seems the only upside to this story is the pile of bodies the Devil's Collect is accumulating. The undertaker is sure to get a swift return on investments. Next to the remains of the camp, I stumbled upon a gruesome scene. Three burned bodies, two of which are still hanging from their rope, next to the camp. Allegedly the bodies belonged to three members of the Virgin Pine Robbers, shot and killed by the Devil's Collect.

The story goes that the three man came face to face with a group of around 14 people. The group wanted to take a prisoner of the three man with them. Eventhough this prisoner was not a member of the group and the three men wanted to turn him in to the authorities in San Fransisco for stealing. When the three men would not give up the prisoner, the group of 14 made the hostile first move that resulted in a shootout. The three men were killed in cold blood.

The group continued to hang the three already dead men next to the trappers hut. The next morning they would come back to take a picture with the hanged bodies so that they could claim a reward from Colin Young. When a group is in desperate need of coin they will apparently do anything.

Dear readers, it's important to understand the danger of this group's behavior. Word of good deeds travel on foot, but word of bad deeds travel on horseback. If you're coming West to start over, you should not litter the road behind you with death and destruction on the way there. It's all too easy to get a bounty on your head, and there's plenty of hunters that aim to collect such bounties. The first step to getting that bounty, dear readers, is earning a notorious nickname. The Devil's Collect managed to snag one up even before reaching their destination. I will keep you informed about this story as it develops.

Cholera on the move

Jim D Jackson - Oregon

Dear Reader Cholera found it's way out of Oregon. It's on the move to the City of San Francisco. A small group of settlers took the disease with them. At the crossroads to Young Town and San Francisco the group is split in two. Most of them got so sick on their way to San Francisco that they couldn't travel any further, They couldn't make it to San Francisco. The exact location and destination of the other part of the group is unfortunately unknown dear reader. The death toll in Oregon is still rising. And now stands at 85 dead. The smell in Oregon is almost unbearable. Now that the bodies are burned to stop the spread of the disease. dear reader let's hope that this horrible disease will not spread any further

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He's ridden through them all, with a strong will.
The cattle drives and the gunfights,
He's been through them all, with his eyes bright.
He knows how to shoot and how to ride,
And he's not afraid to take his side.
In his saddlebag, he carries his dreams,
Of a life that's free, of endless streams.
He's a wanderer, a drifter, a hero,
A man who's never afraid to go.
So, here's to the cowboy, the wild west's son,
A man of courage, who never runs.
He may not have much, but he's got his pride,
And in his heart, he knows he'll always ride.

Paper currency banned from use

The state of California has immediately banned all paper currency. "it offers no real value and artificially lowers the value of our current currency. And you say yourself, you would rather have gold or silver in your hands than a meaningless piece of paper." Thus says the spokesman for the California bank. Paper currency is often not covered and can only be used locally. With the huge increase in people, the demand for currency also increases. And paper currency is not the solution. It makes for an obscure logistical nightmare. One that we don't support here in California.

Gold deed claims

1666 - Blaz Nachtnebel "Near the Triplets" 1667, 1668 - Joe O'Reilly "Near the Triplets" 15154 - John Jack "Near Cole creek"
Mr Isaac Horace River from the County Records administration Will tour the various locations to sell and document multiple gold claims. Oregon - canceled Hole's trappers camp - cancelled
San Francisco - May 5, 1848 Young Town - April 8, 1848 Cooper Creek loge - 16 April, 1848

\$50,000 gold claim found

San Francisco, May 12th, 1848 - A group of miners claim to have struck it rich in a remote part of California, uncovering a hidden cave filled with gold. The miners, who wish to remain anonymous, stumbled upon the cave while prospecting in the hills. According to the miners, the cave was hidden behind a waterfall and was accessible only by crawling through a narrow tunnel. Inside the cave, they found a vast deposit of gold nuggets, which they estimate to be worth over \$50,000. The discovery has caused a frenzy of excitement in the city, with many speculators and investors offering the miners huge sums of money for the location of the cave. However, the miners have refused all offers and have vowed to keep the location a secret. The news of the discovery has also attracted the attention of bandits and thieves, who are rumored to be planning a raid on the miners' camp. The local authorities have warned the miners to be vigilant and have promised to provide protection. Despite the risks, the miners remain determined to protect their find and to continue prospecting in the hills. They believe that there may be more caves like this one and that they are on the verge of making even more spectacular discoveries. The discovery of the hidden cave has captured the imagination of the people of San Francisco, who are inspired by the miners' determination and bravery. It is a reminder that, in the midst of chaos and uncertainty, there is always the possibility of discovering something truly extraordinary.

Who can help us find her Clementine Daisy

My beloved wife Clementine Daisy has been missing for 2 months to date It has not been possible to find her. We are extremely worried and hope nothing serious happened to her. We hope that with the combined help of you the reader and that of the Pinkerton National Detective Agency, we can soon put her back in the arms of her worried husband. If you have information about her location, please contact the Pinkerton National Detective Agency in San Francisco

Logistic nightmare in Young Town district

By the lose of the only trading post on the route from San Francisco to Young Town. There will soon be serious shortfalls. The location known as Hole's Trappers Camp was used as the last stop until Young Town. The Pony Express used this location to change rider and horse. The trappers hibernate here. And the residents of Young Town and other surrounding areas also made frequent use of this location. For stocking provisions, ammunition and as an intermediate stop. It's being examined whether a new trading post can be set up to replace it. But this will certainly take months and may not be ready before this winter.

Violent Outbreak in the Streets of San Francisco

Jack Winter - San Francisco, May 3th, 1848
Reported on a shocking incident that had taken place in the city. A violent clash between two rival groups of miners that had left several people injured. According to the article, the trouble began when a group of miners from the southern United States and another group from the northern United States got into a heated argument over a claim in the gold fields. The argument quickly escalated into a physical altercation, with both groups exchanging blows and using weapons such as knives and pistols. The scene quickly attracted a crowd of onlookers, who were unable to intervene and break up the fight. Eventually, local law enforcement arrived on the scene and were able to disperse the groups, but not before several people had been seriously injured. The growing tensions between different groups of miners in the gold fields, and the increasing lawlessness and disorder that had begun to plague the city as a result. Unless something is done to restore order and enforce the law, the situation would only continue to worsen.

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California Goldrush Frenzy

The news of gold in the American River, near Sacramento, was first reported earlier this year and since then thousands of people have arrived in San Francisco, hoping to make their fortune.

The streets of the city are crowded with people from all walks of life, including miners, prospectors, merchants, and adventurers. The influx of newcomers has caused a surge in demand for food, supplies, and services, and prices have skyrocketed.

Despite the challenges, the people of San Francisco remain optimistic. Many believe that the gold rush will transform California into a wealthy and prosperous state, and they are eager to be a part of it.

Some of the miners who have already made their fortune are returning to the city to spend their wealth. They are purchasing goods and investing in new businesses, creating a ripple effect that is driving the economy forward.

However, there are also concerns about lawlessness and disorder. With so many people arriving in the city, it has become difficult to maintain order and some individuals are taking advantage of the situation to engage in criminal activity.

The local authorities are doing their best to maintain law and order, but they are overwhelmed by the sheer number of people arriving in the city. Despite this, San Francisco remains a beacon of hope and opportunity for those who are willing to take the risk and chase their dreams.

Carrige accident kills 2 people

Jack Winter - San Francisco

Tragedy struck a couple of nights ago as a carriage traveling from San Francisco to Oregon suffered a devastating accident. The carriage was being drawn by six horses when it suddenly overturned, resulting in multiple injuries and the death of two. This heartbreaking incident occurred during a dark stormy night. The passengers aboard the carriage were likely among the hopeful individuals, hoping to strike it rich in the mines of Oregon.

Eyewitnesses report that the accident was sudden and violent, the carriage toppling over with a sickening crash as the horses panicked and bolted. Several of the passengers were thrown from the carriage and onto the rough dirt road, sustaining serious injuries. Others were trapped beneath the overturned vehicle, unable to extricate themselves.

The exact cause of the accident is still unknown, although it is suspected that the horses may have been spooked by something along the side of the road. Investigators are currently examining the scene of the crash and gathering witness testimony in order to determine exactly what happened and prevent future accidents of this nature.

A New Life in the Golden Land

Sofia Paulson

As the sun rises over the rugged hills of California, a new day begins for the many settlers who have come from all over to make their home in this golden land. For them, life is full of new beginnings, and the promise of opportunity and adventure.

For John and Mary Carter, who had lost everything in a fire back east, California was a chance to start over. They arrived in San Francisco with nothing but the clothes on their backs, but quickly found work and started to build a new life. They were amazed by the richness of the land, the beauty of the mountains and the ocean, and the friendly people they met.

"We've never been happier," says Mary, as she watches her children playing by the creek outside their modest cabin. "We may not have much, but we have each other and a whole new world to explore."

James and Sarah Johnson had come all the way from England, hoping to find a better life for their family. They settled in the Central Valley, where they built a farm and raised crops and livestock. Despite the hard work and long hours, they felt a sense of pride and satisfaction in what they were doing.

"Just look at all this bounty," James exclaims, pointing to the fields of wheat and corn. "It's like we're living in a paradise!"

Down in Los Angeles, Juan and Rosa Hernandez were making a name for themselves in the booming city. They had opened up a small shop selling leather goods and clothing, and their customers loved the quality and style of their products. They were proud to be part of the growing community and to contribute to its success.

"California is the land of dreams," Rosa says, as she helps a customer choose a hat. "With hard work and determination, anything is possible here."

As the days turn into weeks and the weeks into months, the settlers of California continue to thrive and grow. They face challenges, yes, but they also find joy and fulfillment in their new lives. And though they may come from different backgrounds and cultures, they share a common love for this land and a belief that anything is possible in the Golden State.

So here's to all those who have come before us, and to those who will follow in their footsteps. May your future be bright and your dreams come true in the great land of California.

The Yellow Riders Haunt Young Town

Young Town, a small old west town, has been plagued by a group of outlaws known as the Yellow Riders. The group, consisting of about a dozen members, has caused much unrest in the town with their reckless behavior and illegal activities.

The Yellow Riders have been accused of several crimes, including bank robberies, thefts, and even murder. They have caused great fear among the residents of Young Town, who have been living in constant worry for their safety.

Sherman L. Dock Superintendent with the Pinkerton National Detective Agency has been leading the efforts to bring down the Yellow Riders. He has been working closely with his detectives to gather evidence and track down the members of the group. "We will not rest until these outlaws are brought to justice," he said in a recent interview.

Despite the efforts of the Pinkertons, the Yellow Riders continue to wreak havoc in the town. They recently robbed the Pony Express, leaving behind a trail of destruction and chaos. The incident has left many residents feeling more vulnerable than ever before.

Colin Young has urged residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the authorities.

The Yellow Riders have become a thorn in the side of the otherwise peaceful town of Young Town. The Pinkerton National Detective Agency is determined to bring them to justice and restore peace in the community. For residents, however, the threat of the Yellow Riders looms large, and they can only hope that Pinkertons efforts pay off soon.

Maggots prevent infection

Newton Ashman - Sacramento

In a recent development in the field of medical treatments, doctors have begun to use maggots to reduce post-infection complications. This old practice, which gained popularity during the Mexican War, has resurfaced in the medical community due to its effectiveness in healing wounds.

The use of maggots for medical purposes was first documented in the 16th century by a French surgeon who observed that wounds infested with maggots heal faster compared to other wounds. These tiny, wriggling larvae feast on the dead and decaying tissues in a wound, leaving behind the healthy ones, thus promoting faster recovery.

During the Mexican War, American battlefield medics observed that soldiers who had their wounds infected by maggots had higher chances of healing compared to those who didn't. This revelation led to a widespread use of maggots in treating wounded soldiers.

Doctors have noted that maggot therapy has several benefits, including faster healing times, minimal discomfort, and reduced scarring. Despite its efficacy, maggot therapy remains a controversial topic in the medical world.

Despite the controversy, many doctors believe that maggot therapy is an effective treatment option for reducing post-infection complications. With more advancements in this area, it is likely that maggots will become a more widely used treatment method in the future.

Moral Decay and Sinful Ways

The Church calls for action against the immoral living conditions of California

As the newly discovered land of California enjoys its newfound wealth, religion seems to have taken a back seat in the minds of some residents. As brothels, gambling houses and bars spring up across the state, the Church has expressed concern about the moral decay of the people.

Reverend Jim Cooper of the First Baptist Church says "the city's residents need to be saved from their depraved lifestyles. Our people are indulging in everything that God has forbidden. They are His children, yet they do not realize that they need saving. It is our responsibility to show them the way."

The Reverend visited several saloons and brothels around town, where he said he was appalled by what he saw. "People were drinking and gambling, women were selling their bodies, and men were indulging in all sorts of sinful behavior. This is not what God intended for His people."

The church has called on the community to come together and take action against this moral decay. "We need to educate our people about the consequences of their actions," Reverend Cooper said. "We need to remind them that God loves them and wants them to live a righteous life."

Despite the challenges ahead, Reverend Cooper is hopeful that the people of California will turn to the Church for guidance. "With God's help, we can save our people from their sinful ways and bring them back into the fold. I urge everyone to join us in this fight for a better, more righteous California."

Steamer Victory sunk near New York

In today's breaking news, the steamer Victory carrying numerous passengers from England to New York has sunk due to bad weather. The incident took place on the morning of 11th May 1848 when the steamer encountered severe weather conditions, causing it to capsize and sink.

According to reports, the passengers onboard were mostly immigrants who were hoping to start a new life in America. As news of the tragedy spreads, many families back in England are left devastated with the loss of their loved ones.

Rescue operations have been underway since the incident, but the harsh weather has made it difficult for boats to approach the site. So far, only a few survivors have been found, and authorities fear that the death toll may continue to rise.

The Californian Star urges its readers to keep the victims and their families in their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. It is a reminder of the risks and dangers that come with traveling to a new land in search of a better future. We will keep our readers updated as more information becomes available.

The Wild West

The Wild West, with its open plains and skies so blue, Is a land of danger and the unexpected too.

For the unwary traveler who dares to roam, It can be a deadly place, far from home.

In every town, there's a saloon with shady men, And gamblers who cheat, and women of ill-repute in den.

Outlaws ride the range, with guns on their hips, Robbing banks and stagecoaches with reckless tips.

The mighty buffalo roamed in great herds, But now they are dwindling, hunted and hurt.

The harsh desert sun beats down on the land, And dust storms can bury you where you stand.

Rivers can rage, and flash floods claim lives, As nature reminds us, she always thrives.

So if you plan to travel out west, Be careful and heed this warning, lest

You fall prey to the dangers that lie ahead, In this untamed land, where you soon could be dead.

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