

Artistic Views of the Golden West Recalled

When, from the multitudinous variety of natural form and color as beheld in the Golden West, I endeavor, recollectively, to arrive at a logical comparative conclusion, I am astounded at realization of the unique character of that Power in the West which, there, assumes such gigantic proportions as to enter the very spirit of the beholder who is capably appreciative.

I say "multitudinous variety" because nature, in the western states, assumes colors and forms so many and varied that the most fanciful of dreams could not fathom the extent of the variety.

Arizona skies unfolded a most unusual sunrise one morning, as I gazed rapturously at the deep purple and the marvelously co-ordinative gold of the April sky, with a touch of soft pink to finish off a view which would enhance the thought and aspiration of the soul which is vitally poetic.

The mountains of New Mexico imparted an impression such as only coral-pink and a soft rose-tan, surmounted by the sun's golden ray, can. For the mountains in that state are of a soft-pink shade, intermittently changing to rose-tan.

The painted desert comprises a portion of the west where nature—the incomparable artistic genius—has paused to concentrate its power, and

the effect is one of profound sublimity. All who visit this shrine of nature view in awe the unique forms, the soft, pastel shades which exist.

Colorado—that state within whose boundary national parks, in all their natural splendor, abide—presents, in its mountains, a view altogether dissimilar from those beheld elsewhere. Colorado mountains seem to impress one as intensely regal, both in color and form. Their color is, generally, of a type bordering on royal purple, and the form variegating. The crest of one resembles a grey stone castle perched atop a wooded incline.

California—whose history, in its founding and early settlement, is so delightfully colorful as to tend to vie with the state's natural resources—is worthy of the glorious title: "The Spain of North America" in that it comprises a veritable artistic mecca.

Regrettable as it may seem, the influx of Americans from the eastern states serves to tend toward the extermination of the natural attributes, and toward the establishment of commercial life in its advanced, unnatural forms!

Notable, indeed, is the realization that it was non-Americans who imparted to California and its history

the superior, intellectual attributes with which that history is endowed! —By Lily M. Gallagher.

Soldier Charged with Larceny Pleads Guilty

"Rusty" O'Brien, youthful soldier who was wanted by the sheriff for indictments growing out of the theft of cases of cigarets from North Western railroad freight cars in Highwood, was brought into circuit court before Judge Edward Shurtleff last week where he entered a plea of guilty to larceny. Attorney James G. Welch filed a petition for parole, and O'Brien was remanded to the county jail pending the decision of Probation Officer Bert Tompkins.

O'Brien was indicted by the September grand jury as the accomplice of Martin Vreeland, Harold Johnson, Lawrence Pickering, and M. Calvetti, all of Fort Sheridan. The counts against him were burglary and larceny.

The police were unable to find O'Brien until last week when Police Chief Walter Henderson of Highwood arrested him on the government reservation at Fort Sheridan.

High Court Reverses Judgment in Deerfield Paving Case; Details

The Illinois supreme court dealt the village of Deerfield a blow last week when it reversed a judgment of Judge Perry L. Persons in the county court of Lake county regarding certain taxpayers' objections to the opening and paving of Second avenue. The objectors held at the time that the village board in voting the special assessments for the improvement of the streets, had employed illegal proceedings in doing so, says the Waukegan News-Sun.

Persons overruled the objections and the matter went direct to the supreme court, whose decision was made public today.

The special assessment proceeding will be started anew in the Deerfield village board, in a manner designed to please the taxpayers.

Dance April 26

Dance to the music of Henderson's orchestra, Saturday evening, April 26, at the Masonic hall. Good music and a jolly, good time. Everybody welcome. 8pd

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