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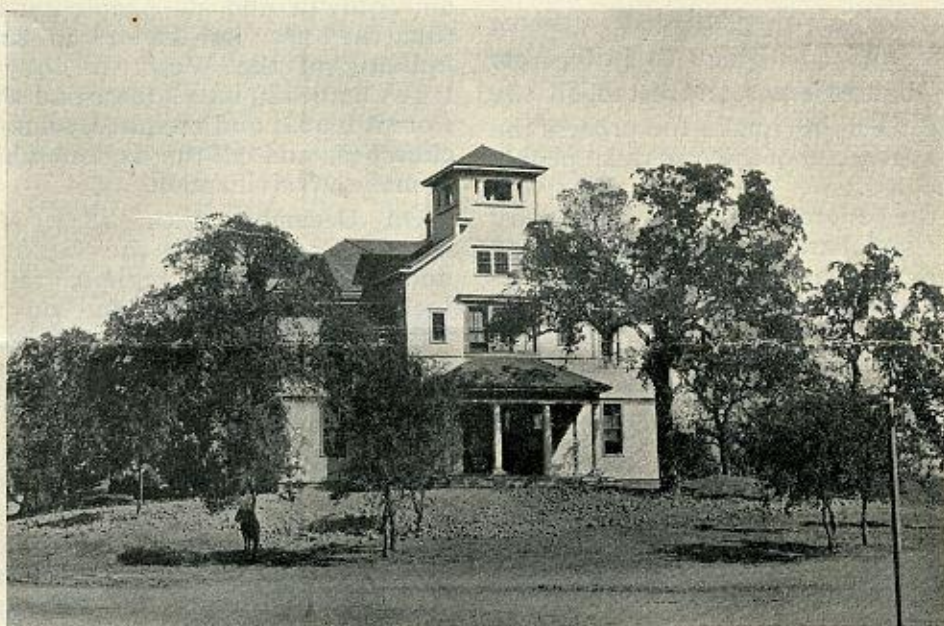
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## FAIR OAKS

### A Factor in a New Empire.

BY S. E. KIEFFER, C. E.

THE accepted theory for the building of an empire is that of evolution, a slow but certain progress founded on the traditions, beliefs, experience and needs of a people.

It takes time to conquer nature, and in the process nature always molds the type of the people who conquer it.

Our forefathers, with the imperfect means at their disposal, had a fierce struggle, and a slow one, to bring from nature its resources and establish the American empire, but in the process the rugged character of the American people was molded.

But the generations which were slowly evolving a character-type and building an empire of the East were also preparing the means for another empire—the Empire of the West.

Sixty years ago the western limit of American growth had reached a natural barrier created by the arid region of the West.

The Empire of the East was established; thenceforth another empire was to be built, with new types, new traditions, new beliefs and experiences. But the workmen were at hand.

Gradually there pushed across the border the most adventurous and energetic spirits of the East to explore.

Then came the discovery of gold, scarce more than fifty years ago, and California was destined to play the leading role in the creation of the Empire of the West.

Those were golden days, the days of the beginning of things, and well within the memory of people yet active in business and in touch with our daily lives.

But the gold and silver of the mines were not alone sufficient to create an empire—the wealth of nature stored in the fertile soil of vast reaches of valley and foothills must be developed.

Here is the true source of the wealth and greatness of people, and in its development the slow growth of earlier

generations has given way to the impetuous advance of a nation filled with feverish energy and ambition, fostered by the inventive genius and modern science of the age.

Fifty years is the span of life, but see the results.

From the arid plains and foothills have sprung cities and villages, and today the agricultural and horticultural industries of California alone exceed in value the product of all the gold and silver of her mines.

It is here that we take our place and part in a great work.

Fair Oaks is a remarkable illustration of the possibility of such a development and growth, and its people must feel that they are vital factors in the up-building of the West, for they have taken nature in its wildness and wrested from it homes and orchards, schools and churches, and all the factors which go to make up civilization.

On December 24th, 1844, Micheltorena, Governor of the Californians under the Mexican regime, granted to Joel P. Dedmond the land on which Fair Oaks now stands. The original area of the grant was 19,982 acres, as eventually surveyed by the United States Government.

The original notes of the survey and subdivision of this tract, made in 1857, record the fact that many ranch houses were scattered over the area, indicating a feeble attempt at soil cultivation during the palmy mining days, all signs of which had long disappeared before Fair Oaks was brought into existence.

Of the original San Juan Grant, a strip, some five miles long and one and a half miles wide, along the American River, remained through the years unoccupied—a wild, heavily timbered area broken and seared by canyons; a paradise for game and the hunter, but little known otherwise.

The area was traversed by one road which wound through its length, and by a well defined cattle trail that followed near the river bluffs. Evidences of both these highways are still visible if one knows where to look for them.

Near the wagon road the original Fair Oaks settlers found the remains of an old orchard growing among the oak trees, and at another point a well forty

feet in depth gave evidence of past life and occupation.

Beyond these meager evidences of a past human habitation there was nothing to dispute possession with the wild game and wilder hogs and cattle.

This was the condition of affairs in the fall of 1895.

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### Culture is for Service.

Service is the true end of all culture. Culture, knowledge, taste, practical skill—any form of power is impaired and perverted to the degree in which it misses the element of ministry, holds itself absolved from debt to mankind and regards mankind as its debtor. This is a truth which every youth will do well to bear in mind always. The training we receive in the school-room is to make us better fitted to act our part, and fill our places in the world. Culture is not given simply for culture's sake. Culture is obligation; knowledge is debt. A talent belongs in the market place, not in a napkin.

Every true man has recognized this truth, and has lived up to its requirements.

Homer and Pindar and Aeschylus sang for the Greek people. Phidias and Praxiteles made marble breathe for the people. Raphael painted his immortal frescoes where the throng could be lifted in thought and feeling by them. Angelo hung the dome over St. Peter's so that far off peasants on the Campagna could see it, and the maid kneeling by the shrine in the Alban hills.

True culture is to get for the purpose of giving. History is rich in such wealth as this. Take a single example, that of Lord Shaftsbury.

In addressing the House of Lords, Salisbury said: "My lords, the reforms of this century have been chiefly due to the presence of one man—Lord Shaftsbury. The genius of his life was expressed when he last saw you. He said: 'When I feel age creeping upon me I am deeply grieved, for I cannot bear to go away and leave the world with so much misery in it.' So long as Shaftsbury lived England beheld a standing rebuke of all wrong and in-

justice. How many iniquities shriveled up in his presence!"

This man, representing the noblest ancestry, wealth and culture, wrought numberless reforms. He became a voice for the poor, and the weak. He gave his life to reform acts, and corn laws; he emancipated the enslaved boys and girls toiling in mines and factories; he exposed and made impossible the horrors of that inferno in which chimney sweeps lived; he founded two score industrial, ragged, and trades schools; he established shelters for the homeless and poor. Was there any wonder that England felt the force of that colossal character? It has always been so. Through every age it will be so, for service is the consummate flower of personality as well as of culture and power. The tree blossoms for the apple and the peach; the fruit ripens for man.

The greatest being that ever trod this green earth revealed the fact that the world can be uplifted only by service. Moses, on the banks of the Nile, gave his life to serve a nation of slaves. Lincoln, on the banks of the Mississippi, cries, "In the name of God let my people go."

Esther and poor Charlotte Corday are separated by centuries, but the Queen saying, "I can but perish," furnished the word for the later woman who slew one for the sake of all.

One day George Washington was walking the streets of Philadelphia with a friend, and meeting a negro who bore a huge and heavy burden, Washington stepped off the pavement into the muddy street, and stood there until the negro had gone by. "What did you do that for?" inquired the friend. "Why did you allow that darkey to crowd you off the pavement?" "Crowd me off the pavement!" said Washington. "What am I, and what is he? Look at his bent shoulders. Look at the perspiration streaming from his brow! Think of the hard lines of that man's life. Ah, my friend, respect the burdened." Noble words. A great lesson. Respect the burdened.

Gladstone, the greatest Englishman of the century, at four score and five years, comes out of retirement to lift his trumpet voice once more for suffering, bleeding, wronged Armenia.

Lincoln poured out his Anglo-Saxon

blood for a race of slaves, and 400,000 of them lifted up their voices and cried in the streets for their father Abraham.

To live the noblest is to live to serve. Service is the end and aim of culture.

We care not for the man who seeks to be ministered unto but refuses to minister.

The man of wealth who lives in retirement, devoting all his thoughts and energies to his own comforts is despised by his fellows, and that rightly. He ought to realize his obligations. He ought to give. I would say to every student wherever he may be, you are not your own. You owe yourself to the world. Whatever birth, fortune, education may have given you, society has a right to draw on it. You are not an isolated unit. Whether you like it or not, you are an integral part of society, and your powers and functions are as truly tributary to society as the hand, foot, or the eye to the body. You may refuse the tribute and society may let you alone and pass on. So much the worse for you. You will lose more than society does, and your own swollen and deformed self will give you no rest; it will turn upon you like a demon and tear you.

To retain our power we must be constantly giving. Do not withhold yourself from the world. Grasp every opportunity of receiving, enter every open door of service and then the world shall be glad you lived, and your own life will be enlarged, and your own happiness enhanced by it.

J. W.

#### Our New School House.

On the evening of the 11th inst., a reception was held at the school house in honor of the completion of the new building, a cut of which is presented elsewhere in this issue. The people gathered from Fair Oaks and the surrounding country until the building was thronged. Every countenance beamed with an excusable pride and joy—the former feeling prompted by the architectural beauty of the edifice; the latter by the fact that the new school house was finished and ready for occupancy.

The following program was rendered, the President of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Slocum, presiding:

Male quartet—Messrs. Holst, Slocum, Breen and Jones.

Vocal solo—Mr. Breen.

Recitation — Miss Phoebe Cunningham.

Vocal solo—R. T. Cohn.

Addresses were made by County Superintendent of Schools, B. F. Howard, Superior Judge P. J. Shields, Mr. Hodge, Principal A. E. Baugh, Mr. S. E. Kieffer, Mr. J. H. Cunningham and others.

Vocal solo—Mr. Anderson.

We were very pleased to have with us on this occasion Judge and Mrs. P. J. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Cohn, County Superintendent of Schools B. F. Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, all of Sacramento.

At this time it was first publicly announced that a high school course would be inaugurated, and that arrangements had been made for an extra teacher, the money for the added expense having been raised by subscription.

#### High School Course.

Three classes are being maintained in the high school department, viz.: Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior. The studies being pursued are English (literature, composition, and rhetoric), Latin, history, and mathematics, the last embracing algebra and geometry for the present. This course will be expanded as facilities permit and necessity demands.

The facilities for the study of English and history are fairly good, the following reference books having recently been added to the library: Anthon's Classical dictionary, Soule's dictionary of synonyms, Curtius' history of Greece, Mommsen's complete history of Rome, Chambers' biographical dictionary, Lippincott's gazetteer of the world, Webster's International dictionary, Fisher's "Outlines of Universal History," Ensign's "Outlines in General History," and Barnes' "Studies in General History." Others will be forthcoming as needed. The Trustees have shown a commendable willingness to supply all that is wanted, to the extent of their financial ability. Their liberal spirit is thoroughly appreciated by both teachers and pupils.

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This paper is published monthly by the Fair Oaks High School pupils. Subscription, 10 cents per month, or 75 cents for 10 months, payable in advance. Single copies, 10 cents.

## EDITORIAL

THE objects of this little paper are several. It is hoped that it will be an incentive to the pupils of the Fair Oaks schools to express their thoughts in writing, and a valuable aid in self-improvement. One doesn't know how difficult it is to express one's self in good English until an attempt has been made to do so in writing. Complaints against the public schools are plentiful, but perhaps none is more insistent nor better founded than that children are not taught to use good English.

When a child sees itself in print it comes as near as it is possible to seeing itself as others see it; and that is a good point of view. So if this paper shall aid the students in acquiring a better use of the mother tongue, it will have served one good purpose. It is earnestly desired that the pupils shall avail themselves of this literary mirror, even though in the smallest possible way. At the same time that they are benefiting themselves, they may be of service to the community in the dissemination of important items of news, etc. So that, while this is essentially a school paper, we hope to make it of general interest to the community at large in outside affairs as well—and this, not only in Fair Oaks, but to our good friends surrounding the colony.

By a supreme effort it has been made possible to begin a high school course

of instruction here this year, which, it is hoped, will grow into the establishment of a permanent high school. We feel that much depends upon the school spirit shown by the present members of the school, both high and grammar. Impossible things cannot be accomplished, but many *seeming* impossibilities may be overcome if we go at them with the right spirit. Enthusiasm is what we want, what we must have. We must also have the aid of our friends and patrons, and we need this means of communication with them. Let them read here what our aims and ambitions are—what we need and what we have and are doing. Let us and them be in entire accord.

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## THE SCHOOL SPIRIT.

What is it? The school spirit is the spirit that does things for one's school. It is the spirit that makes all stand together for whatever is for the good of the school. It is the spirit of the long pull and the strong pull, all together. When it strikes in on one there is no indifference left. He is willing to work over-hours at whatever there is to be done. It is the spirit that makes the flesh and blood school. It is the spirit that makes work a pleasure. It is both infectious and contagious, and, when once started, it spreads like a prairie fire.

Have we the school spirit? We shall see. We have set on foot a number of things. If all shall be accomplished, regardless of difficulties, we probably have something approaching that desirable attribute.

All pull together, and don't get discouraged if more time is required to do things than we foresaw when we began.

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It is very desirable that our friends look over our list of advertisers and give them a share of their patronage. They have made it possible for us to publish this paper.

### A GOOD BEGINNING.

The pupils have taken hold of athletics with a vim and a dash that bespeak much for the future. If this ardor can be maintained, Fair Oaks will soon be in a fair way to win some laurels. Will Bailey, as manager of the football team, is the right man in the right place, and he has some good material to work with. To work up a team entirely out of raw material is a herculean task, but if each one does his part the difficulties will vanish one by one. A right beginning is a far advance towards success. It is well enough to say that, "All is well that ends well," if, at the same time, we do not forget that the ending is what we make it. A better motto for those in athletics is that all is well that begins well and continues well to the end. There will come a time, boys, when you will be proud that

you were members of the first football team in the Fair Oaks School. Enhance that pride by making this team one greatly worthy of yourselves and of the rest of the school.

The above applies as well to basketball, and all other athletic sports.

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THERE was universal rejoicing over the return of Rev. James Whitaker to Fair Oaks for another year. The fair and able manner in which Mr. Whitaker has presided over the M. E. Church here during the past year is very greatly appreciated.



## ATHLETICS



The good results to be obtained from a gymnasium, in connection with the school, are almost too numerous to be mentioned, provided it is not carried to extremes. An ordinary amount of exercise each day not only develops the muscles but tends to develop the mind as well, and therefore benefits the student in his studies. The only drawback to athletics is the tendency in many cases to carry it to such extremes that the student often sacrifices his studies by spending too much time in athletics.

The pupils of the Fair Oaks High School do not propose to be behind in athletics, therefore they have organized, and by securing some outside help we hope to have an organization that will be beneficial and entertaining to all who avail themselves of its opportunities.

One of the features of the association will be a football team. Hence the boys will have plenty of work on their hands, as the team will be organized of entirely new material, but we believe we have the material that will make a team that will be a credit to the school, before the end of the season.

### Student Organization.

At a recent meeting of the student body an organization was effected by electing Miss Higgs President, Miss Ada Shelton Vice-President, Clarence Watson Secretary and Miss Newman Treasurer. Managers of football and basketball teams were chosen, and a movement was set on foot to supply some gymnasium apparatus. All this will require a small amount of money, but it will not be necessary to levy a heavy tax, as we expect to make but a modest beginning this year. Everything will be done as economically as possible, and the money collected will be spent to the best possible advantage. All seemed heartily in favor of the movement, and have gone to work with a spirit quite commendable.

### Football.

Moleskins and shin guards, nose guards and head gear and all the paraphernalia of the gridiron are in evidence at the Fair Oaks school. Football has taken the center of the field again for

an uninterrupted course that will continue until well along in December. The sound of the toe of the athlete coming in contact with the pigskin oval is making more music in the soul of the aspirant for gridiron honors than the whole Orange Vale band could on a hot night. C. Watson and W. Bailey have undertaken the task of coaching the squad. The grounds selected are just north of the San Juan block. Work will immediately commence to get the ground in proper condition.

#### Basket Ball.

The girls of the Fair Oaks School have organized a basket ball team, the games of which are to be played in the gymnasium department, on the second floor of the school building.

Most of the girls have never played the game, but seem to be very enthusiastic over it, and no doubt, in a short time, the team will be one that Fair Oaks will be proud of. The suits will be navy blue, trimmed with white.

### LOCAL NEWS

New pews were recently put into the church.

The ADVOCATE is on sale at 10 cents a copy.

Dr. Bramhall and wife are now residents of this colony.

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Wm. F. Bailey, Sr., wife and daughter, have gone East on a visit.

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Prof. E. Chase, who was badly injured about a month ago, is rapidly recovering.

Mr. Beauchamp is building on a sightly knoll near the Fair Oaks packing house.

The News Department editor will be thankful for items of general interest.

Beaton & Cozzens keep a fine line of Schilling's and Hill's Bro.'s teas and coffee.

The parents of Mrs. Bramhall have moved into the house belonging to Mr. Birchard.

The open season for quail was ushered in with a general bombardment all along the line.

This number of the ADVOCATE is late, but we shall endeavor to get the October number out on time.

Fair Oaks Fruit Association Marmalade reduced from 25 cents to 15 cents at Beaton & Cozzens.

Our roads are a source of wonder and bewilderment to every stranger who comes into the colony.

We call attention to the history of Fair Oaks colony begun in this issue. File for future reference.

The pupils of this school now number about eighty, and more are coming in from time to time.

W. B. Slocum is busy papering and painting the house purchased from R. Lamont. Mr. Lamont now resides at Quitman, Mississippi.

Mr. Bloom and family have returned to Fair Oaks, after spending a summer in Michigan. He reports a very hot and disagreeable summer.

W. K. Dobbins intends to leave Fair Oaks in the near future. He will make his home in Richmond, a newly settled town on San Pablo Bay.

Subscribe for the ADVOCATE. In advancing the interests of the schools it advances your interests. It will be a wholesome monthly visitor.

The old school house, which has been torn down and moved, now stands in a lot in the eastern end of the colony. The lots were formerly owned by H. H. Pierce.

A bell is needed for the school house. We have heard one citizen say he would donate ten dollars toward a fund to buy a bell. Who will be the next public spirited citizen to be heard from in like manner?

#### NOTICES.

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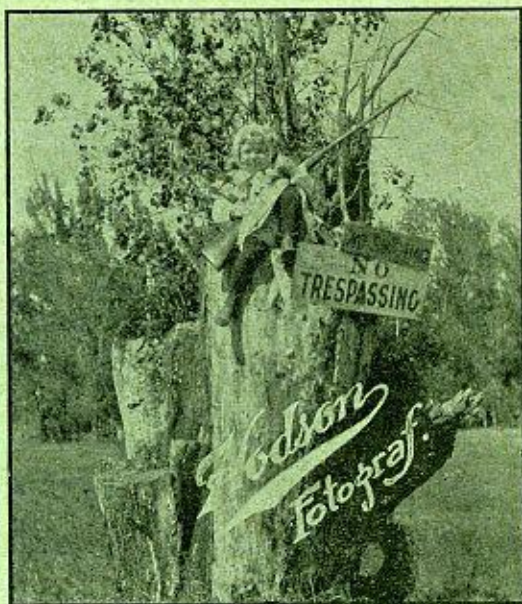
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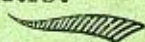
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