

# GEN. GRANT IN CALIFORNIA

## ALMOST OVERWHELMED WITH HOSPITALITY.

A NOTEWORTHY GATHERING AT BLACK POINT—PRESENTS FROM THE CHINESE RESIDENTS—A RECEPTION AT OAKLAND—THE GENERAL'S FUTURE MOVEMENTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—After taking Gen. Grant and party around the bay on the steamer McPherson yesterday, Gen. McDowell landed his guests at Black Point about 1 o'clock. A short time before 3 o'clock, several Chinese merchants appeared, and, by invitation, also the Chinese Consul-General, Chin Shu Tang, the Vice-Consul, Set Min Cook, and Consul Bee. They were all magnificently attired, and presented Gen. Grant with a very handsome banner, to be placed over sliding doors. The Chinese inscription on the banner corresponds to the following in English: "We join our voices, Gen. Grant, to prolong the pen which has girdled the earth and wafted over seas and continents praises to the warrior and statesman." "Most respectfully presented by the Chinese of California." Mrs. Grant was the recipient of a handsome ivory inlaid casket, presented by the Chinese here, in commemoration of the fact that she was the first American lady to break down the barriers between Eastern and Western civilization. Consul Bee made a neat address to Mrs. Grant on behalf of the Chinese residents, stating that the gates which some years ago it had required a bombarding fleet to open, had now yielded to the gentle pressure of a woman's winning ways and condescending grace.

The Chinese merchants next handed Gen. Grant the following address:

"We feel deeply gratified, General, at being permitted to meet you face to face, and to express to you how sincerely we appreciate the fact that you have visited our country and consulted with its rulers, and become familiar with the important features of both Government and people. It gives us unbounded pleasure to learn that you received a warm welcome, commensurate with the high esteem your noble deeds fully entitled you, to at the hands of the Chinese authorities and people. Let us hope that your visit will have a tendency to bring the people of the oldest and youngest nations in still closer friendly and commercial relations. The Chinese of California join with your countrymen in the acclaim, 'Welcome home,' and add the sentiment that you may live long, and, like the great Washington, be 'First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of your countrymen.'"

Gen. Grant replied as follows:

"I beg to thank you most sincerely for your kind tokens of regard for Mrs. Grant and myself. We shall esteem them very highly. I greatly enjoyed my visit to China and the opportunity it gave me of becoming acquainted with the customs and modes of living of your country. I trust that the commercial intercourse between China and the United States may constantly increase and expand in every direction. Again I thank you."

The deputations then withdrew. They had considered Black Point the most fitting place to make this presentation, being United States ground. After the first hour of the reception, Grant betook himself to the shade of a large eucalyptus tree, beneath which he sat and conversed with Govs. Stanford and Low, Charles Crocker, William T. Coleman, and D. O. Mills. Meanwhile, Mrs. Grant received a number of ladies and gentlemen. Not only were the military and naval branches there in full force, but the Church, Bar, and medical profession were well represented. It was by far the most brilliant gathering Grant has attended since his return. Chief-Justice Field was present. He will start for Washington next Wednesday. All nationalities were represented, including the Russian Pope Herman, of the Greek Church here.

Determined not to give up the Oregon trip, Gen. Grant has solicited Gen. Sherman to postpone, if possible, for one week the meeting of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee in Chicago next November. Gen. Grant was much gratified at receiving a telegram congratulating him on his return home, sent by President Hayes from Chicago.

The Public Banquet Committee waited on Gen. Grant to-day with regard to fixing the date on which the banquet should take place. The General informed them that he was awaiting a dispatch from Gen. Sherman relative to the meeting of the veterans of the Army of the Tennessee. He intended to go to Yo Semite next week, and his future movements would depend upon the nature of Sherman's reply. He therefore preferred that the committee should wait until his return from Yo Semite before fixing the date for the banquet.

To-day being set apart for the reception of Gen. Grant in Oakland, carriages containing the General and party left the Palace Hotel at 10:15 A. M., and were driven directly to the steamer Amador, of the Creek route. The wharves were crowded with spectators. Just as the Grant party boarded the Amador, the Oakland left her dock with every available inch of room filled with people going across the bay to witness the reception. On board were Mayor Bryant, the Hon. H. F. Page, M. D. Boruck, the Japanese Consul, Col. Stephenson, Judge Hoffman, and other leading citizens, together with the Oakland Reception Committee, consisting of L. G. Cole, David Howes, J. W. Babcock, J. West Martin, W. W. Crane, C. N. Fox, Capt. Little, Dr. L. H. Carey, W. E. Hall, L. L. Alexander, A. C. Henry, J. W. Badger, A. K. Harmon, and J. R. Hardenburg. As the boat approached the Oakland wharf, a salute of 21 guns was fired. The wharf and the vessels lying alongside were gayly decorated. A large banner, on which was inscribed the word "Welcome," was hung across the entrance to the wharf. The party was met at the boat by Mayor Andrus and the city officers, and an address of welcome was delivered by the Mayor, who then handed the General a roll containing resolutions of greeting adopted by the city authorities. The General bowed in reply, and was then conducted to a carriage in waiting. Carriages, with the City Council, Citizens' Committee, Board of Supervisors, and other citizens, followed; various military companies, fire companies, and civil organizations made up the procession, which was formed on Broadway. All along the entire route of the procession the streets were crowded with people. House-tops, balconies, and windows were jammed with sight-seers. The decorations were of the most elaborate and beautiful character, far exceeding those of San Francisco.

When the procession reached Fourteenth and Clay streets, there were fully 5,000 school children ranged in line along both sides of Fourteenth-street, from Clay-street to Broadway. Eight thousand singers from the high schools were stationed at the intersection of Washington and Fourteenth-streets, opposite the City Hall. The school girls were dressed in white, and each of the 5,000 children held a bouquet of flowers. When Grant's carriage reached Clay and Fourteenth streets the General alighted, and, taking the arm of C. N. Fox, President of the City Board of Education, and accompanied by State Superintendent Campbell and Mayor Andrus, followed by veterans of the Mexican war, walked down one row of school children and up the other, amid a shower of bouquets and flowers. Suspended above the avenue of children were three banners, the first inscribed "Welcome to Gen. Grant, the City's Guest." The second contained this quotation from Gen. Grant's Des Moines speech: "The free school is the promoter of that intelligence which is to preserve us a free nation." On the third was the motto: "We strewed these roses beneath the feet of him who saved us from defeat." As the General and party passed along the line, the high-school pupils, accompanied by the First Regiment Band, sang national airs. The procession then proceeded to a pavilion in Harrison-street. Gen. Grant and party and the invited guests were seated on a platform, the doors were thrown open and the multitude filed through. The pavilion was decorated with evergreens, wreaths of flowers, mottoes, and flags. When the crowd had

all passed through, Gen. Grant and party were taken to Tubbs Hotel, where a collation was spread.

From the hotel the party drove to Badger's Park to attend the camp-fire of the Federal and Confederate soldiers and sailors of Alameda County. The tables were spread in the amphitheatre, and covered with tin plates, cups, knives and forks, and supplied with hard-tack, pork and beans, coffee, and tobacco. When these had been enjoyed, L. B. Edwards, Chairman of the committee in charge, introduced Gen. Grant, who, as soon as the prolonged cheers had subsided, addressed his comrades as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE TWO ARMIES AND NAVIES: I am very proud of the welcome you have given me to-day. I am particularly happy to see the good-will and cordiality existing between the soldiers of the two armies, and I have an abiding faith that this good feeling will always exist. Thus united we have nothing to fear from any nation in the world. I am satisfied from my travels in foreign lands that no country will wish to meet us as a united people. They will be perfectly willing to do us justice without an appeal to arms, and as that is all that Americans want, I am confident that our country has a long career of peace and prosperity before her.

Before the party left the amphitheatre, Capt. Burns, an old acquaintance of Gen. Grant, when the latter was Quartermaster at Vancouver, 26 years ago, came upon the stand. He was at once recognized by Grant, who inquired for other old friends stationed there at the same time. Soon after the speech the General left the park, and took the cars at Brooklyn Station to return to the city. While waiting a few minutes for the train, a crowd gathered around, anxious to get a last glimpse at the city's guest, and a number of ladies made their way through all obstructions to take him by the hand. A little girl who could not succeed in reaching him on account of the crowd, was lifted above the heads of the people and passed along to the General, who took her in his arms and kissed her, amid the cheers of the crowd. A large number of citizens accompanied the party to the wharf, taking leave of the General as he embarked on the ferry-boat to return to the city.

Denis Kearney called at the Palace Hotel to-day, and sent up his card to Gen. Grant, but the General declined to receive him.