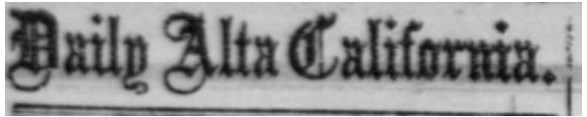




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**MEETING OF POLES—SYMPATHY WITH THEIR STRUGGLING COUNTRYMEN, ETC., ETC.**—Last evening a large number of the Polish residents of San Francisco assembled at the Russ House for the purpose of expressing sympathy with their countrymen, now fighting to free their land from the tyranny of Russian despotism. A Committee had been previously elected, whose duty it will be to devise ways and means of enlisting general interest amongst Americans, resident in California, as will convince their struggling brethren that the popular feeling here is with them in their efforts to regain their national independence.

The names of this Committee are as follows, the President acting as Chairman of the meeting:

President, Kazmir Bielarbski; Vice-Presidents, Francis Uryciahowski, Leon Czay Kowski, and Rev. Max Wolfe; Acting Agent on Communications, Rudolf Corvin Piotrowski.

Besides the above there are twelve other acting members of the Society.

The President, in stating the objects of the meeting, remarked that he was pleased to see such large representations from different nations present. They were there to express their sympathy with the heroic struggles of Poland to regain her national independence. Able speakers were present to address them, and he would introduce first Mr. Piotrowski.

That gentleman advanced and read an address, couched in eloquent and fervent language, and replete with expressions of sympathy with the sacred cause of human liberty. He said at the outset that he was a soldier, but not a speaker—that this was his first attempt at addressing an audience—but that his heart was in the cause, although he could not now be where he once was, in the field. Poland, he continued, is in arms. Her blood flows in rivers, and the bleaching bones of Polish sons whiten Polish fields. They who fled from Poland to this western land of freedom and liberty, often sigh on account of their impotency to aid their fellows in bondage. Broad lands and deep seas separate them from their beloved land. Can we help them? Yes; and the speaker descanted at length on the encouragement which the hearty sympathy of our citizens would afford the oppressed Poles in their present war. He passed a stirring eulogium on Pulaski and Kosciuszko, and expressed himself certain that the blood of the latter was as red to-day as when it crimsoned the walls of Savannah. He believed their cause to be just. He stood under the Stars and Stripes and he could ask their aid in this desperate contest for freedom. If gained, 30,000,000 of souls would bless America. The sons of Hancock, of Jefferson and of Washington cannot withstand his country's appeal for sympathy.

Col. J. C. Zabriskie next addressed the meeting in a speech of great power, vigor and beauty. Although evidently an extemporaneous effort, it was concise, pertinent and comprehensive. Attachment to country composed his exordium. This was the common instinct of humanity, and the duties of patriotism. The speaker next adverted to the great ignorance displayed by many with regard to the early history of Poland, the character of its people and especially of the high rank it has occupied amongst the leading nationalities of Europe. In the 14th century the famous University of Cracow was founded, and here the great Copernicus received his education. The speaker aminadverted at length on the despotism of Russia, Austria, France and England. The former it was contended, is friendly to America. So she is, and for two politic reasons. Firstly, her domestic institutions are in no danger of being disturbed by us; and secondly, her commercial interests are greatly benefited by the non-interruption of friendly intercourse. She had freed many of her serfs. She deserves commendation for that, but the condemnation and execration of all lovers of freedom for her oppression of the Poles.

The orator elucidated, very clearly and forcibly,

the vast advantages accruing to this country from the immigration of foreigners to our shores. We were becoming enervated, physically and morally. The infusion of this element has enabled us to recuperate, and the beneficial effects will continue to be felt by posterity for a century at least. Col. Zabriskie expressed his pride at having Polish blood in his veins, and though mixed with other nations, yet he thanked Heaven the Polish predominated. He next referred to our own rebellion, and dwelt on the question of "expediency" of making a movement at this critical juncture in our own history in behalf of Poland. He believed any cause, just and right, it was expedient to advocate and sustain. The present rebellion at home might last for years. The chivalry of the South was unquestionable, and their ability, tact and bravery had kept the North at bay for two years. He would die, if need be, to ensure the restoration of the Union, but there could be no disguising the fact that we were engaged in the suppression of a mighty rebellion. The ill-feeling of the Government of England toward us was referred to, as also the machinations of Louis Napoleon, as exhibited in his endeavors to alienate Texas. But the masses of England and France sincerely sympathized with American liberty. After a thrilling peroration, the speaker resumed his seat amidst vociferous and enthusiastic applause.

The President took occasion on behalf of himself and the audience, to thank Col. Zabriskie for his stirring appeal in behalf of the Poles, after which a call was made for more speakers. None responding, the meeting adjourned.

It is understood that the Polish Committee, above named, will confer with prominent American citizens, before whom the subject of the Polish troubles will be presented, and their cordial co-operation solicited. It is probable that, at no distant day, an address will be prepared and circulated throughout the State, in which the plans of this patriotic movement will be more fully set forth.

**RAILWAY EXTENSION.** — The North Beach and Mission Railway Company ran their cars, for the first time, through Kearny street, on Thursday. A number of excursionists took a trial trip over this branch route of the company, amongst whom were the City and County Surveyor, Engineer Brooks, etc. The object was mainly to test the efficiency of the self-acting turnouts from the single track road on Kearny, Pacific and Dupont streets. These were found to be all that was required: and if the conductors and drivers carry true and exact chronometers, the cars will regularly meet at the turnouts. Yesterday, on the trial trip, one of the new cars, bearing on its sides the names of the streets through which it runs, started behind a span of stalwart horses, from the depot at the junction of Harrison and Fourth streets. On arriving at Market the cars crossed the Mission rails, and passing into Stockton, ran up that thoroughfare to Geary. On running down the latter thoroughfare, an immense mass of sand and large quantities of water were encountered, owing to the deluge of rain which had fallen just previously. These obstructions removed, the car proceeded through Kearny street to Pacific; thence to Dupont, to Broadway, to Powell, and along the latter street to Union, the present terminus of the road. In a short time the track will be laid up Union to Mason, and through Mason to North Beach. With the completion of this branch road, the business of the company will doubtless be materially augmented.

**LIST OF NEW MINING INCORPORATIONS.** — *Saxondale Gold and Silver Mining Company.* — Location of claims, Esmeralda. Capital stock, \$100,000. Trustees: George Peck, L. C. Oglesby and C. W. Kendall.

*Lady Franklin Gold and Silver Mining Company.* — Location of claims, Mono county. Capital stock, \$100,000. Trustees: Crowson Smith, J. H. Williams, Wm. T. Turner, Jas. H. Jacobs and Henry Mercer.

*Totonah Tunnel Company.* — Location of property, Reese River. Capital stock, \$150,000. Trustees: Charles Hosmer, J. B. E. Cavallier, Horace Morrison, C. W. Littler and H. R. Chambers.

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