

GENERAL TELEGRAPH NEWS

GRANT AT THE NEVADA MINES.

SIGHT-SEEING IN VIRGINIA CITY--RECEPTION BY THE PIONEERS.

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev., Oct. 29.—Gen. Grant and party descended the G and C shaft yesterday, and visited the lower levels of the bonanza mines, under the guidance of J. W. Mackey, and subsequently went through a number of mills. Later, Gen. Grant visited the hall of the Pacific Coast Pioneers, and was made an honorary member. A badge of office and credentials of the society were given him. He was introduced by Dr. Harris. Col. Robert Taylor delivered the address, to which the General responded as follows: "Your President has already said what I feel in appreciation of my reception here. Nothing which I received abroad was such a source of pleasure to me. I do not mean by that to disparage my greeting abroad. It was honest and hearty, and showed the high esteem felt for our country by foreign nations. It would have been quite different a quarter of a century ago. Now we are regarded as the most powerful nation on the earth. We have much which European nations have not; that is, we have a population which as yet does not threaten to crowd any inhabited district or exhaust the productiveness of the soil. We have an extensive soil and immense, undeveloped resources to exhaust before our population will become so dense as to make the raising of sufficient to live on, a serious problem. In this respect, we have great promise for the future. The fact of the matter is, we are more thought of abroad than we think of ourselves. Yet at the same time we think considerably of ourselves, and we are a little conceited over our advantages. [Laughter.] Newspapers and politicians, however, think there are a good many bad people in the world, and that things are on the verge of ruin; but I guess we are all right. [Laughter.] Still, we can be improved. If I was not an American, I would not dare to talk like this for fear of being mobbed. [Laughter.] I thank you all for this kindly expression of your esteem."

SUTRO, Nev., Oct. 29.—Having delayed his departure from Virginia City until Wednesday for that express purpose, Gen. Grant, accompanied by Gov. Kinkead, of Nevada; Col. James G. Fair, U. S. Grant, Jr., Philip Deidesheimer, and about a dozen invited guests, today visited the Sutro Tunnel, and safely returned to Virginia City by way of the Savage Mine. The party left Virginia City at 6 o'clock, and was driven in four-in-hand turnouts over a fine mountain road to the town of Sutro, where it arrived at 8 o'clock, the General expressing himself as much pleased with the early morning drive. His welcome was emphasized by the ringing of bells, blowing of whistles of the company's workshops, and by a heavy discharge of giant powder from the mountain tops overlooking the town. The party was received at the Sutro Mansion by Mrs. Adolphe Sutro, Superintendent H. H. Sheldon, and officers of the company, and after an examination of the works of the company at the mouth of the tunnel, and the reception of the citizens of the town and its vicinity, breakfast was served. After breakfast preparations were made for the trip through Sutro Tunnel, but before starting, and while assembled on the portico of the mansion, much merriment was occasioned by the General's appearance in the costume of a miner.

The visitors were now turned over to Superintendent Sheldon and Secretary Young, and, under the lead of Foreman Bluett, the mouth of the tunnel was reached. The party was placed aboard the cars, and, amid the cheers of the assembled citizens, disappeared in the darkness. Quick time was made underground. Shaft No. 1, one mile from the entrance, was reached in eight minutes; shaft No. 2, two miles from the entrance, in 17 minutes, and the station of the north lateral tunnel in 35 minutes. Here the party left the cars and walked to the north header, the better to examine the underground workings and witness the execution of the powerful drilling appliances required in driving a work of this character. The covered boxes which convey the steaming-hot water from the Comstock mines were also an object of much interest. Returning to the cars, the trip was continued to the face of the south lateral tunnel, after which the party was escorted to the one thousand six hundred and forty-foot station at the "Savage Incline," where it was given in charge of the officers of the Savage Company, and hoisted to the surface at Virginia City. Throughout the entire trip the General evinced great interest in all the details of the underground management and working.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29.—A dispatch from Carson City, Nev., says Gen. Grant and party passed through on a special train about 3 o'clock this afternoon bound east. They were met at the depot by a number of citizens, who wished them a safe and pleasant journey.

A Reno (Nev.) dispatch says Gen. Grant and party arrived there from Virginia City on a special train at 4 P. M., and departed at 5:30. Flags were displayed and the depot and hotel decorated. Gen. Grant held a reception in the theatre, and shook hands with 1,500 persons. A ladies' reception was held by Mrs. Grant in the car. There was great enthusiasm. Senator Powning delivered an address of welcome. In reply Gen. Grant said: "It affords me great pleasure to see this bright spot in Nevada; I did not expect to see such agricultural land. I know what Nevada has done and is doing to bring about the general prosperity of our country. I thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for the greeting you have given me."

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 29.—Mayor Baxter has received the following dispatch in answer to an invitation sent to Gen. Grant: "Your kind invitation to visit Louisville received. I do not know when I will be going east of Illinois, but when I visit Indianapolis I will extend my trip to Louisville."

CITY OF MEXICO, Oct. 19.—Letters have been received from responsible persons in the United States announcing that Gen. Grant will visit Mexico during the coming Winter.