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Prairie Farmer - WLS

(No Worry) - TOUR



June 24 — July 8, 1951

Western Pacific Railroad *Special Dinner*

... CHOICE ...

Puree of Split Pea Soup

Consomme (Hot or Chilled)

— or —

Chilled Tomato Juice

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... ENTREES ...

SPANISH OMELETTE

GRILLED HALIBUT STEAK, MAITRE D'HOTEL

ROAST YOUNG TURKEY WITH DRESSING

SWISS STEAK, MUSHROOM SAUCE

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Oven Browned Potatoes

Buttered Asparagus

Cinnamon Rolls

Ry-Krisp

Assorted Bread

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Iceberg Lettuce, Thousand Island Dressing

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... CHOICE ...

Prune Whip

Fresh Blueberry Pie

Pineapple Sundae

Camembert Cheese with Toasted Wafers

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COFFEE

TEA

MILK

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... With Your Dinner ...

CALIFORNIA WINES — Half Bottle (Red or White) — 75¢

Guests will please pay on presentation of check only.

Service by waiter outside of Dining Car, 25 cents extra for each person served.

Absorption of Sales Tax not permitted under State laws.

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A SELECT ASSORTMENT OF CIGARS AND CIGARETTES

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"THE CONQUEST OF CALIFORNIA"

*"Before me rise the dome-shaped Mission towers,
The white Presidio;
The swart commander in his leathern jerkin,
The priest in stole of snow.*

*"Once more I see Portola's cross uplifting
Above the setting sun;
And past the headland, northward, slowly drifting
The freighted galleon . . ."*

● Thus did Bret Harte, who first introduced the romance of California to English literature, paint at Mission Dolores in San Francisco, his splendid word picture of the California Missions known as "The Angelus."

Even today in California the romance of the Missions has not vanished. A beauty-loving people have taken pains to retain and restore many of the links of that great chain which Padre Junipero Serra and his companions forged into civilization before our national independence was asserted, or while the United States was still young.

Twenty-one centers of Christianity, reaching from San Diego in the south to Solano in the north, did these zealous and indefatigable missionaries establish for the glory of God and the regeneration of mankind.

"It is to be our glorious task," said Serra as he addressed the first land expedition to leave for the north from the Presidio of Loreto in Baja California on March 9, 1769, "not to destroy by the sword, but to save by the Cross, and carry the blessings of God and civilization to the benighted savages of that vast domain."

When two caravels and one land expedition had been dispatched, Serra, with a few companions, followed on foot and though so sadly crippled that his friars despaired that he would ever make the journey, he had the happiness to see ten missions established ere his dust was laid in his beloved Carmel. The names of these Missions . . . San Diego, San Carlos, San Antonio, San Luis, San Gabriel, San Francisco de Asis, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Clara, San Buenaventura, Santa Barbara . . . are a veritable litany of Christian romance and of a labor of love which is unique in American history.

Curiously and closely linked they are with the history of California, even today, a century after they were secularized and confiscated.

There is San Diego . . . the first Mission . . . on whose site has risen a modern western metropolis. There is San Gabriel, famed for its mission play. At San Bernardino intermingles the story of the Franciscan founders and the Mormons who came later to California to extend the influence and power of the United States . . . Carmel, where Serra lies, has been made notable as a colony of artists and poets famed the world over for such names

as Sterling and Jeffers and Gertrude Atherton. . . . Around the restored Mission Church at Santa Clara cluster the buildings of a great university. At Mission Dolores in San Francisco, the quaint Mission Church still is used for marriages and other ceremonies, and is a mecca for thousands of visitors who wander about its gardens and reconstruct from the aisles of its cemeteries the story of men and women who made California.

