

VESTIGES of *Lands End*

T. P. Robinson

In 1896, Adolph Sutro hired Colonel Thomas Poniatowski Robinson to manage the amusements and entertainment at Sutro Baths and Merrie Way. Robinson was a retired manager of the Oakland Baseball Club and director of the 1894 Midwinter Fair,

He was a colorful, outspoken character who was well known for his ambitious and sensational enterprises. He was hired in February 1896, and by August 1896 the *San Francisco Call* newspaper reported that he had retired from the position.

During his time as manager, Robinson organized dance, theatre and orchestral performances; children's days; and sporting events.



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Colonel T.P. Robinson (center) and the Oakland Baseball Club, 1887.