THE BIGGEST OF THE SEA LIONS DEAD

The Long-Time Chief Attraction of the Cliff Scal Rocks Expires.

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"Ben Butler" is dead. That magnificent who sea lion for of the specimen years has been one of the attractions at the Cliff House, floated in with the tide yesterday morning sorely wounded, and lay his great bulk down on the soft sand in the shallow water, and calmly awaited the end.

As the tide ebbed away he raised himself with great effort, turned his eyes toward his companions on the rocks, and bellowed pitifully as if expressing his intense sorrow. His cry was answered by a chorus of roars such as had never been heard before on the seal rocks. Then he turned upon his side,

prepared for his fate.

The workmen at the new Cliff House, which is in the course of construction, were attracted to the unusual scene, and W. G. Blunt and L. Samuel, engaged in arranging the museum, waded out to the deathbed of When they reached him he the aged bull. was fast expiring. He turned his great eyes upon them, actracted by the sympathy which they expressed. Making one feeble effort to raise his head, he uttered a moan and died without a struggle.

The men were deeply affected by the scene and stood in silence for several min-

Then they prepared for his removal to the shore, a task that was by no means an easy one. The great fellow weighed 4,890 pounds, and was over 15 feet long and 8 feet 9 inches around the body.

The peculiar marks of age—a long, shaggy mane and a foretop of hair some five inches in length—proved to those who knew him well that the dead sea lion was really "Ben

Butler."

There had been war on the seal rocks and "Ben Butler" had got the worst of several hard battles. His wounds were fresh but not deep. It required twelve men and four horses to remove the body. They had all horses to remove the body. They had all they could do to convey the charge to the The work occupied nearly museum.

whole day.

Mayor Sutro will have the carcass properly prepared by a taxidermist and placed

in the Cliff House museum.

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