

Another Big Vine.

A. J. Boyer, editor of the Oakland Torchlight, has been roustating in Ventura county, and thus describes a big grape-vine he has discovered, in the columns of his journal:

Ventura can boast of a grape-vine which, though not equal in size nor in age to the celebrated Santa Barbara vine, surpasses probably any other vine of like age in the world in size, vigor of growth, beauty and fruitification. It has only been known to the natives, and the civilized world, so to speak, knew nothing of its existence until a few months ago. It is located on the banks of the Ventura river, about five miles from the Mission, and in what is called "Ventura cañon," and is owned by a Spaniard named Morago. I visited this mammoth vine a few days ago, and was confronted by the same obstacles in my search after its history, which have for so many years embarrassed strangers who visited the Montecito, viz: the inability of the owner to speak English, or, rather, the inability of his family to do so; for Señor Morago, the Spanish "lord of the manor," was absent from home on the occasion of my visit. I am told that he speaks English quite fluently; and I regret that I was unable to obtain an interview with him, touching this wonderful grape vine. But I saw the vine, measured it myself, and my grapes off its prodigious tendrils. Its trunk measures ten inches in diameter, and rises majestically and symmetrically from the ground to a height of about eight feet, when it branches out in every direction, over trellis-work supported by upright posts, fixed in the ground at intervals, the thirty, running tendrils forming a network which is densely covered with the luscious fruit, hanging in immense clusters from the trellises over your head. A comparison of this vine with that of Santa Barbara shows that it approaches that famous vine in many respects. The Santa Barbara vine is about fifty inches in circumference in the thickest place, while this Ventura vine measures about thirty-one inches, being about five inches in excess of the celebrated vine of Fontainebleau in France, and which until now, was supposed to be the largest in the world, excepting of course the Montecito vine. The trails of the latter vine measure 80 yards in circumference; this vine of Ventura measures 91 yards, and rises in height equal to the Santa Barbara vine. In proportion to its size it bears as much fruit as the bigger vine. But the most remarkable feature of the Ventura vine is the fact that it is only about sixteen years old, while that at Santa Barbara is eighty years. The approach to this wonderful vine is convenient, and the drive from the town an exceedingly fine and attractive one. I believe this is the first description of this large vine which has ever appeared in print, and I hope that tourists, travellers and pleasure-seekers, will not fail to pay it a visit if they should take in this lovely Ventura region, as I have done in my ramblings down the coast.

A Big Mine.

A recently discovered mineral lode, ten feet wide and four miles long, is thus described by the Arizona Scimitar of the 4th inst.

Alvah Smith is a prospector of twenty-three years' experience in California, Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. He has been for several months past busily prospecting in Southern and Southwestern Arizona, and we have noticed in these columns, many of the leads he has discovered from time to time.

He tells us that last week he came near "quitting the business," and attaching himself to a "black-snake outfit," but good genius for chance, or luck or heclicerias, or Dios, or something at any rate far beyond the power of the oldest prospector to define, prevented him, and turned his footsteps in the direction of Yuma, where he encountered the rare success of getting two weeks' grub without having to pay for it in advance. Thus provided, he retraced his steps to the new "Phenix," yelet Gila City, and put in a blast on his "Alvina" lode, which he discovered in January last. When the smoke had cleared away, and the debris been removed, Alvah Smith rushed in to find a mass of rich ore opened to view. He got out 500 pounds on that day, and on Tuesday last came into Yuma with about 125 pounds of it in a sack, which after having been tested by experienced miners, was declared to be 75 per cent. silver, showing galena, copper and silver. Its owner thinks that when the lead shall have been gone down to the water level, a mass of almost pure silver will be reached.

We sincerely hope so. Alvah Hayward, one of the wealthiest men in California today, was once down on his last sock of beans before he struck the famous Hayward mine that has since yielded him so great a harvest of dollars; and Alvah Smith was nearly in the same condition before capricious fortune adopted him into her grand family on Monday last.

Rock from the now famous "Alvina" lode has been sent to San Francisco for assay there.

Here, then, is a chance for the capitalists to invest in numbers of just such mines, to be found in Southern Arizona, owned by men glad to make almost any kind of a bargain.

An Ithaca, (N. Y.) paper says: "The result of the California election is gratifying in the highest degree. It is considered a triumph of the People against monopoly, or the money and railroad power of the country. The whole country was under bondage to the railroad power. Every railroad in the State was under the control of Huntington, Stanford & Co., and they were seeking to secure perpetual tribute to the railroad power, but under the inspiration of Administration help, they went a little too far, and the people have now thoroughly rebuked them. California has been redeemed from the chains which bound her to this monopoly.

Mr. Alexander T. Earle never "poped the question" to Miss Roxalana Homan, but he pressed her hand, kissed her and was most attentive to her, and a Brooklyn City Judge, thinking the inference was plain, awarded the injured Roxalana fifteen thousand dollars for what was inferred to be a breach of promise; and the Court of Appeals confirmed the judgment of the lower Court. Funny Judges these, in Brooklyn. Evidently they have great tenderness for the fair sex. Widows and bachelors must beware not to squeeze ladies' hands, or they may be mulet for damages.

PACIFIC COAST TELEGRAMS.

EXCLUSIVELY TO THE HERALD.

Road Agents at Work—Stage Robbed. REDDING, Cal., Oct. 10.

The overland mail stage, driven by C. McConnell, was attacked near Buckeye this morning by four masked men armed with shotguns and revolvers. They sprang from ambush, one man taking the lead horses by the bits, and one the wheelers; another covered McConnell with a double-barrelled gun, while the fourth man invited the passengers out of the coach, and demanded Wells, Fargo & Co's treasure box and the passengers' money. All submitted quietly. Wells, Fargo & Co's box contained \$1,992. About \$12,000 was taken from the passengers. One Chinaman lost \$1,000; other passengers had small amounts, and are here without a dollar. Sheriff Hall and posse of men are on their track, and it is hoped they will capture the robbers.

Wells, Fargo & Co. have offered a reward of \$250 for each arrest, and one-fourth of the amount of the treasure recovered.

SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 10.

A party of gentlemen sailed yesterday for San Diego, for the purpose of negotiating for the purchase of the Santa Rosa ranch containing 50,000 acres, in the northern part of the county. Their object is to subdivide the tract into small farms for settlers. It is reported that Captain Parker of the steamer Montana, has tendered his resignation from the service of the Pacific Mail Company. He held a command in the Confederate Navy during the rebellion.

The Fire Department of this city has voted \$100 in aid of the people of Memphis, from the Fire Department Charitable Fund. Commissioner Rainey says he will contest their right to make the donation.

The San Francisco Cadets, under Capt. McDonald, returning from the East gave an exhibition at Omaha.

The firm of Gauthier & Vianney have been mulcted in the sum of \$950, for smuggling silk from France into this city.

Prof. Marsh, of Yale college, and his scientific party have returned from Oregon, and are now stopping at the Grand Hotel.

John Wright, second mate of the ship St. Charles, has been arrested on the charge of mistreatment to sailors on that vessel.

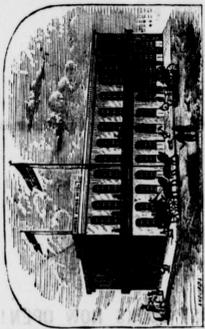
It is stated that the entire crew of ship Baltic, from New York, which arrived Saturday, were shanghaied on board. Several have lodged complaints in the United States District Court.

The Belcher dividend, of \$200,000, was paid to-day.

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