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WAR DEPARTMENT, SIGNAL SERVICE, U. S. ARMY. Division of Telegraphs and Reports for the benefit of Commerce and Agriculture. Report of observations taken at Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 16, 1878.

Maximum Thermometer, 77. Minimum, 58. J. M. FRANTZ, Observer.

LOCAL BREVITIES. The celebration yesterday was a decided success.

The steamer Newport sails for San Francisco to-day.

Mr. Horace Burdick got home from his visit to the East yesterday.

Col. Peter Saxo went up on the steamer yesterday to attend the State Fair.

On duty that Gen. Brierly will be pressed for the Secretaryship of the Constitutional Convention.

Col. Wm. R. Olden, of Anaheim, reports that the Santa Ana river is now lower than ever before known.

Mr. S. A. Tuttle went up to San Francisco on the steamer Orizaba on a short business visit yesterday.

Captain A. H. Wilcox, of San Diego, came up to Los Angeles yesterday and is registered at the St. Charles.

We acknowledge the pleasure of a call from Mr. B. J. Lynch, who returned to Los Angeles by yesterday's overland train.

The San Diego papers report that brush fires have prevailed in the mountains in the interior of that county for some days.

Dr. Lupp had reached Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the 10th inst., on his way to act as nurse to the Southern fever sufferers.

The Park Horse Company desire to return thanks to Mr. George Dalton for half a ton of hay donated by him for the Company's horses.

Pure milk, fresh supply, five cents per quart; bread and milk, ten cents; coffee and doughnuts, ten cents at the Milk Depot, Temple street.

The Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for Southern California, lately in session at Ventura, decided to hold the next Conference at Los Angeles.

By notice published elsewhere, it will be seen that a meeting of the Home Industrial Aid Association is called at the County Court room at 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

Four drunks appeared before Judge Peel yesterday morning. One paid \$5 and the other three, in default of cash, were sent to the chain-gang for five days each.

Officer Jerome informs us that the Chinese are making great preparations for a religious celebration similar to the one held by them three years ago. It is expected to take place early in October.

The Railroad boys at the depot have organized a brass band and expect, ere a great while, to favor our citizens with some of the most delightful music ever heard in Los Angeles.

Mr. E. W. Noyes will sell at public auction, at 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning, a complete bar outfit. To any one needing anything in this line, a rare opportunity is offered, as the sale will be peremptory.

Attention is directed to the advertisement of Messrs. Coulter & Harper, who have removed their hardware store to No. 110 Main street, where they offer their large and varied stock of goods at reduced rates.

Jesus Garcia and Leon Cypriano, a couple of native Californians, having imbibed too much aguardiente, got into a dispute on Bath street, when Garcia drew a knife and cut Cypriano, inflicting an ugly wound on his face.

It seems to us that our "fire ladders" look natter every time they turn out on parade. When it comes down to "shape and talent" the Los Angeles Fire Department makes a very creditable display.

We are under obligations for complimentary tickets to a literary and musical entertainment to be given at Pasadena on Friday evening, September 27th, for the benefit of the school building fund. The Literary Society of that place will be assisted by a number of our best known musical amateurs.

Superintendent Hewitt informs us that the Southern Pacific Railway are shipping sixty thousand railway ties to Wilmington, to be used in building the road through Arizona. Two of the vessels containing these ties are now on the way to that port.

Mr. C. N. Wilson, who came in from Andrew's station yesterday, reports that the damage from the recent brush fire in that vicinity is not nearly so great as at first reported. Mr. Loop, who has a beehive in Tejuca cañon, lost one hundred stands of bees. About the only other damage in that vicinity is in the destruction of the white sage, which will require at least two years to recover its growth and furnish bee feed.

Some vandals have been interfering with the telegraph wire on the desert. On the 12th inst. they cut the wire and carried about 150 feet away and yesterday they again cut the wire and tied the ends to the bottoms of the telegraph poles. We would advise them not to repeat too often for, if caught, they will surely be made examples of.

The railroad ticket office at Santa Monica will shortly be removed to its present location to a point near the Santa Monica Hotel. The railroad company also intend to erect a large open pavilion near the same place to be amply provided with seats, and used as a waiting room by excursionists and parties visiting the seaside.

On the first of October the indefatigable and irrepressible Gen. Banning will assume charge of everything relating to Wilmington. He will endow the lighters with their old time energy and infuse a general and noticeable vitality into matters generally in that section. Wilmington, under Banning's wand, promises to develop new life.

Officer Baker, who got back from San Bernardino yesterday, thinks the spontaneous combustion theory, connected with the recent fire, very thin. He reports that the flames started in an old adobe building, which a man was seen to leave a few minutes before the fire broke out.

That consummate master of the whole range of the culinary art, Count Otto Von Schmidt, has established his headquarters at the Cosmopolitan saloon. In addition to thorough beer, local Eastern and imported, music on the zither and piano are specialties of this resort.

Mr. W. S. Myers, in our New Today, returns thanks to his neighbors for their kind assistance on the occasion of the fire by which his residence was destroyed and to Mr. W. J. Brodick, agent of the Aina Insurance Company, for the promptness with which the loss was adjusted and paid.

Bank Commissioner's Report. Bank Commissioner Murphy has made an exhaustive examination of the condition of the Farmers and Merchants' bank and found everything correct. The following is his report:

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16, 1878. Messrs. Coleman and Watt, Bank Commissioners, 202 Sansome street, San Francisco.

GENTLEMEN: On the 12th inst. I commenced an examination of the Farmers and Merchants' Bank of this place, and concluded a most searching investigation of its assets and liabilities to-day. I am pleased, gentlemen, for the good of the community, to be able to state that the institution is thoroughly solvent. The affairs of the bank are economically and conservatively managed. The system with which the books and accounts are kept greatly facilitated my labors, and will compare favorably with that of any other institution of a kindred character that I have elsewhere visited. The following statement, which I demanded to be made by the officers of the bank on the day of my arrival, has been compared with the books of the corporation and found to be correct, and the amounts agree:

STATEMENT OF THE condition of the Farmers and Merchants' Bank of Los Angeles at the close of business, Thursday, September 12, 1878.

ASSETS. Cash on hand \$105,300.21 Cash with correspondents... 12,000.00 First National Gold Bank, San Francisco... 5,782.24 Bank of California, San Francisco... 9,571.63 Bank of Commerce, London and San Francisco... 1,837.44 Agency of Bank of California, New York... 1,248.57 Total cash... \$125,693.52 Loans and Discounts... 714,477.58 Bonds and Warrants... 16,000.00 Real Estate... 19,800.00 Vails and Fixtures... 8,614.93 Real estate, taken in foreclosure of mortgages... 10,518.70 \$899,707.77

LIABILITIES. Capital, paid up in gold... \$475,000.00 Reserve Fund... 30,000.00 Total Capital... \$505,000.00 Surplus and undivided profits... 18,336.47 Dividends unpaid... 8,000.00 Cash deposited... 348,000.00 Due correspondents... 1,082.24 \$899,707.77

E. & O. E. Los Angeles, Sept. 16th, 1878. J. V. WACHTEL, Bookkeeper.

The money was counted and found correct. The bonds and warrants were also counted and tallied with the statement. I find that all loans are safely placed and amply secured. I also had an estimate made of the value of every mortgage held by the bank, by Thomas E. Rowan, a regular and expert of this place. His report herewith enclosed show that the mortgages are unexceptionally well secured. In conclusion let me add that the prejudicial rumors which shook the confidence of some in this institution have no foundation in fact, and depositors need feel no uneasiness as to the soundness of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Los Angeles, as it is not only in a healthy condition but unmistakably solvent.

I am, gentlemen, yours most respectfully. JAMES T. MURPHY, Bank Commissioner.

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE. A Patriotic Celebration and Grand Procession. The procession yesterday in honor of the anniversary of Mexican independence was one of the largest and most imposing that has ever taken place in this city. The triumphal car, the car of Justice and that in which the representatives of the States of Mexico were seated were all models of artistic taste and reflect the highest credit on their designers. Indeed, the whole part in every detail which we carried out in a manner that was rarely seen excelled.

Yesterday evening a party of Mexicans, consisting of one man and three women, who were returning from the celebration in thirteenth, met with an accident, by which two of the women, a girl and a married woman, were seriously, perhaps fatally, injured. When near Radio station the horses became frightened at the locomotive of the train for Wilmington; and, proving unmanageable, they slid over to the track and were struck by the engine. Both horses were killed, the wagon demolished and the occupants thrown violently on to the road. A vehicle was produced by the conductor of the train and the injured persons sent to Dr. Kurtz, who sent them to the Sisters' Hospital, where he examined their injuries. The unmarried woman sustained a fracture of the skull and other injuries and will probably die. The married woman was hurt in the back and the flesh of one of her arms for some distance was cut open to the bone. Both sufferers remained unconscious from the time of the accident until the Doctor left the scene. We were unable to learn the names of any of the party.

COLLISION WITH A LOCOMOTIVE. Two Women Seriously Injured, Two Horses Killed and a Wagon Demolished. Yesterday evening a party of Mexicans, consisting of one man and three women, who were returning from the celebration in thirteenth, met with an accident, by which two of the women, a girl and a married woman, were seriously, perhaps fatally, injured. When near Radio station the horses became frightened at the locomotive of the train for Wilmington; and, proving unmanageable, they slid over to the track and were struck by the engine. Both horses were killed, the wagon demolished and the occupants thrown violently on to the road. A vehicle was produced by the conductor of the train and the injured persons sent to Dr. Kurtz, who sent them to the Sisters' Hospital, where he examined their injuries. The unmarried woman sustained a fracture of the skull and other injuries and will probably die. The married woman was hurt in the back and the flesh of one of her arms for some distance was cut open to the bone. Both sufferers remained unconscious from the time of the accident until the Doctor left the scene. We were unable to learn the names of any of the party.

COURT REPORTS. District Court... SEPULVEDA, J. MONDAY, Sept. 16. Hartman vs. Olvera—Twenty days for stay granted. J. Z. Hough vs. Sierra Summit Mining Co.—Default entered, proof heard and judgment ordered to enter as prayed for. Romero vs. Coronel—Injunction heretofore issued dissolved.

County Court... SEPULVEDA, J. MONDAY, Sept. 16. Los Angeles City vs. J. Burnham—Motion by defendant for new trial heard and submitted.

Probate Court... SEPULVEDA, J. MONDAY, Sept. 16. Estate of T. A. MacFarlan for letters of administration granted to Joaquin Amat; bond for \$22,000. Estate and guardianship of Rosalva Allen—Judge of this Court being incompetent to serve, case transferred to Probate Court of San Bernardino county. Estate of Felix—Objections to final account set aside. Settlement of account and distribution allowed.

STOCK REPORT. SAN FRANCISCO STOCK AND EXCHANGE BOARD. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16. Ophir... 49 1/2, Mexican... 56 1/2, G. & C... 17 1/2, B. & B... 25 1/2, California... 11 1/2, Nevada... 16 1/2, Utah... 10 1/2, Colorado... 12 1/2, Idaho... 8 1/2, Montana... 14 1/2, Wyoming... 11 1/2, Arizona... 9 1/2, New Mexico... 13 1/2, Texas... 15 1/2, Louisiana... 12 1/2, Mississippi... 10 1/2, Alabama... 11 1/2, Georgia... 9 1/2, Florida... 10 1/2, South Carolina... 11 1/2, North Carolina... 12 1/2, Virginia... 13 1/2, West Virginia... 14 1/2, Kentucky... 15 1/2, Tennessee... 16 1/2, Missouri... 17 1/2, Arkansas... 18 1/2, Louisiana... 19 1/2, Mississippi... 20 1/2, Alabama... 21 1/2, Georgia... 22 1/2, Florida... 23 1/2, South Carolina... 24 1/2, North Carolina... 25 1/2, Virginia... 26 1/2, West Virginia... 27 1/2, Kentucky... 28 1/2, Tennessee... 29 1/2, Missouri... 30 1/2, Arkansas... 31 1/2, Louisiana... 32 1/2, Mississippi... 33 1/2, Alabama... 34 1/2, Georgia... 35 1/2, Florida... 36 1/2, South Carolina... 37 1/2, North Carolina... 38 1/2, Virginia... 39 1/2, West Virginia... 40 1/2, Kentucky... 41 1/2, Tennessee... 42 1/2, Missouri... 43 1/2, Arkansas... 44 1/2, Louisiana... 45 1/2, Mississippi... 46 1/2, Alabama... 47 1/2, Georgia... 48 1/2, Florida... 49 1/2, South Carolina... 50 1/2, North Carolina... 51 1/2, Virginia... 52 1/2, West Virginia... 53 1/2, Kentucky... 54 1/2, Tennessee... 55 1/2, Missouri... 56 1/2, Arkansas... 57 1/2, Louisiana... 58 1/2, Mississippi... 59 1/2, Alabama... 60 1/2, Georgia... 61 1/2, Florida... 62 1/2, South Carolina... 63 1/2, North Carolina... 64 1/2, Virginia... 65 1/2, West Virginia... 66 1/2, Kentucky...