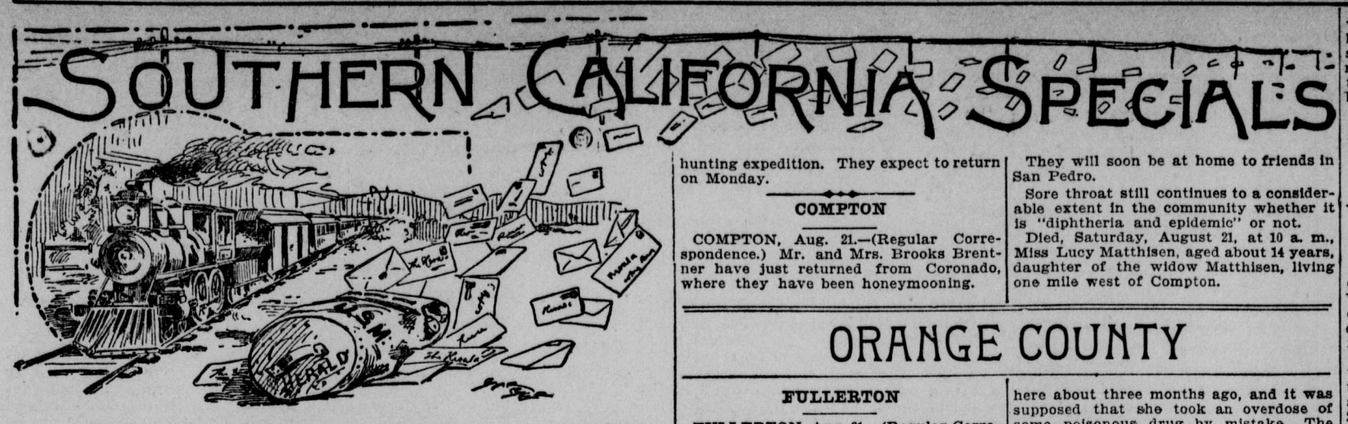

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

PASADENA

PASADENA, Aug. 21.—(Regular Correspondence.) Fire about half past 1 o'clock this morning destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cole, 55 Eureka street. Yesterday Mrs. Cole visited her husband, who is in a sanitarium at Los Angeles, and came home in the evening. About 1 o'clock she awoke to find herself nearly suffocated. She gathered her clothes and fled through the rear, pursued by the flames. An alarm was turned in at Chestnut street, and the department responded promptly. The house, however, is a total loss, only the front portion being left standing. A small amount of furniture was saved. Joseph Welsch, who rented the house to Mr. Cole, estimates his loss at $700, upon which there is $300 insurance. Mr. Cole's property, consisting of furniture, clothing and works of art, was insured for $450. Both policies were with McDonald & Co. Mr. Cole is a stair builder and wood carver by trade, but has been idle for many months on account of illness, from which he is just beginning to recover.

SOCIAL NOTES

At the opening meeting of the Woodmen of the World last evening the hall was so full that many persons had to stand. Among the visitors were about thirty members from the Azusa camp and also a delegation from La Fiesta camp, Los Angeles. The program included a duet by Misses Lee; piano solo, Miss Cathcart; vocal solo, Miss Forbes, and a humorous selection by a Los Angeles gentleman. Addresses were made on "Woodcraft" by Mr. Cressy of Los Angeles and Clark Beckwith of this city. A paper on "The Woman's Circle" was contributed by Mrs. May. A sum of money was presented to Consel Commander Ramel by members of the order. Following the general program dancing and refreshments were enjoyed.

A number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Windham of Henrietta court surprised them last evening. Ices and cakes were brought in by the guests and the evening was pleasantly spent with games. Among those present were: Miss Starbuck, Mrs. W. B. Byram, Misses Laura Bangham, Violet Rasey, Pearl Wickens, Helen Howe, Luella McDavitt, Kate Johnson, Jessie Montfort, Jennie Mayo, Messrs. S. M. Allen, Rev. W. B. Tompkins, Chas. Rasey, Alfred Cochran, L. Howe, Mr. Hendricks, W. B. Byram, Ed Mayo, Wm. N. Campbell, C. E. Monfort, C. C. Johnson.

BREVITIES

A team of horses, which had been left hitched near the Southern Pacific station by Joseph Wallace, broke loose this morning and ran up Green street, breaking the wagon and upsetting it. Further on the horses slipped and fell and were caught. Another runaway this morning was caused by a car. W. E. Sanborne and A. Appleford were in the buggy, when the horse began to kick and back, badly smashing the buggy. Sanborne drives for Dr. Talcott, who owned the rig.

Carl Montgomery Blumve, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blumve of 285 South Lake, died this morning of meningitis. The funeral will be held from the residence tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Joseph Grinnell has been offered the position of instruteor in Throop Polytechnic. Grinnell is an enthusiastic young naturalist. He will abandon his intention to attend Stanford and accept Throop's offer.

Arrangements are being perfected for the great game of baseball between the Star and News forces. It is probable that an admission fee of 10 cents will be exacted, the proceeds to go to the Associated Charities. The game will be played on Admission day.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Kinsman of San Bernardino are visiting friends in tihs city.

Miss Lancaster will go to Catalina on Monday.

H. Ridgway, formerly an architect of this city, was in town today.

Mr. and Mrs. Hitchings have returned from Coronado

Prof. S. W. Stratton arrived from Chicago this morning.

Miss Bennet entertained Miss Hattie Swanfelt of Los Angeles today.

Will Allen went to Long Beach today.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Reynolds and family will leave for Catalina on Monday.

Miss Hattie McGowan of Eureka street is expected from the east next week.

POMONA

POMONA, Aug. 21.—(Regular Correspondence.) There is a fruit man, G. H. Waters, in Pomona who is humane enough to pay his men $1.50 per day, notwithstanding the $1.25 standard of wages which is now being paid by the other fruit firms in this city. The men appreciate the higher scale of wages paid by Mr. Waters, especially during the present hot weather, and there is no more popular firm with its men, in consequence, than is Messrs. Waters & Pitzer.

J. W. Sparks and T. J. Barnes have returned from a prospecting trip to Old Baldy, where they located a mining claim.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Simmons and child will leave tomorrow for the beach.

The people of this valley who thought day before yesterday hot, did not know what to think of yesterday's weather. Hot, hotter, hottest did not half begin to express the condition of the thermometer. There has been no other day to equal yesterday since the "hot Friday" of several years ago.

Garey avenue has been graveled from the city limits on the south to Second street on the north.

Lorbeer & Carter have put in a pair of street weighing scales in front of their business store.

Colored circles are stirred up over the Laton-Ingraham feud. A short time ago the Ingraham woman, who lives on East First street with her young daughter Ella, had Laton arrested for disturbing her peace, and today Laton retaliated by having the woman in question arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, alleged to have been committed last night. Today Justice White set the trial for the middle of the week.

Owing to the continued warm weather, numerous Pomonans left on this afternoon's train for seaside points. A. Skinner, wife and daughter, C. K. Short and son, Mr. and Mrs. Simmons and daughter Gladys and Elmer E. Armour are among the departures.

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Bryan have returned to the beach to remain until the first of next month.

Miss Hazel Sharp of Los Angeles is visiting at the home of Lawrence Fleming.

SOLDIERS' HOME

SOLDIERS' HOME, Aug. 21.—(Regular Correspondence.) A change will take place in the commissary department of the home. Commissary Sargeant and Lieut. Glasener, who has been in charge for over sex years, is to be relieved.

Work has been resumed on the new assembly hall, the hitch between the contractors having been arranged, and considerable progress in the erection has been made during the week notwithstanding the heated term. The health of the members of the home seems to be good, for we have not had to chronicle any deaths during the past two weeks.

On Wednesday evening the governor and his wife and daughter met the members of the home Keeley club in their quarters under the hospital, and the members decided to keep up their organization as a social club and retaining their place of meeting.

John Dougherty, the snare drummer of the band, and James McAuliff, with his fife, proceeded to the governor's quarters Thursday evening and gave the old regular army tattoo. The governor appreciated the performance and requested further old drum and fife tunes, which were given with a will. The players were furnished with smokes on leaving.

It is said that in the near future we will be furnished with a fife and drum auxiliary to the regular band.

We are daily expecting the arrival of Colonel Breckenridge, United States inspector. Quarters are already being prepared for Mr. Kemp, the expert accountant, who accompanies the colonel.

DOWNEY

DOWNEY, Aug. 21.—(Regular Correspondence.) A. S. Gray & Co. have sold their stock of hardware to Chas. M. Benbrook, who will shortly take charge of the business. It is understood that the stock will be removed to the Smart building on the corner of Crawford and Second streets.

Mrs. Pond and daughter, who have been visiting for the past month with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Harris, leave today for their home in Santa Clara.

Mrs. L. Thomas of Redondo is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Jennie Harper and infant son are up from San Diego on a visit.

John Humphrey of Pasadena was down Wednesday.

H. S. Redfield and family have returned from the beach, as have also M. D. Crawford and family.

Miss Ella Hamilton of Los Angeles is spending the week with Miss Jennie Freeman.

Miss Nellie Carpenter visited her mother at Long Beach Monday.

Mrs. Laura Neighbors is spending a few days at Santa Monica.

Misses Mollie and Minnie Tittle and Messrs. Turner and Shafer of Los Angeles and Mr. Toomey were the guests Sunday of E. M. Skidmore and daughter Mabel.

The grocery firm of Blythe & Purcell has been dissolved, Mr. Blythe having purchased the interest of his partner. Mr. Purcell will still assist Mr. Blythe, however.

Montrose Allen and wife of Colegrove spent the week with J. B. Wather and wife.

COVINA

COVINA, Aug. 21.—(Regular Correspondence.) The adjourned meeting of the farmers of the valley was held at Franklin's hall on Saturday last when a Valley Farmers' club was organized and the following officers elected: A. P. Griffith, president; J. L. Matthews, secretary and treasurer; Asa Hall, J. Osborn, H. G. Colline, E. O. Kennard, H. D. Briggs, vice-presidents. A code of by-laws were adopted and the meeting adjourned until Saturday, September 11, in the Lower Azusa schoolhouse.

The party of our citizens composed of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds and Mesdames Reed, Hilesh and Rich, who availed themselves of the late excursion to visit San Diego, returned on Tuesday evening last, having all thoroughly enjoyed their trip.

The University Farmers' Institute of Southern California will hold sessions in Franklin hall on Tuesday and Wednesday next. These meetings will be full of interest and instruction to our ranchers and a large meeting is expected.

Another change has been made in the assistant depot agency at this point by the Southern Pacific authorities. Mr. E. S. Ware has been appointed to the post.

The weather of the last four days has been very hot here, the thermometer registering from 100 to 106 in the shade.

V. A. Chalker and H. R. Preston left Friday morning for Dalton canyon on a hunting expedition. They expect to return on Monday.

COMPTON

COMPTON, Aug. 21.—(Regular Correspondence.) Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Brentner have just returned from Coronado, where they have been honeymooning. They will soon be at home to friends in San Pedro.

Sore throat still continues to a considerable extent in the community whether it is "diphtheria and epidemic" or not.

Died, Saturday, August 21, at 10 a. m., Miss Lucy Matthisen, aged about 14 years, daughter of the widow Matthisen, living one mile west of Compton.

ORANGE COUNTY

FULLERTON

FULLERTON, Aug. 21.—(Regular Correspondence.) A boy who said he escaped from Whittier reform school this week passed through here Wednesday night bound for old Mexico. He looked to be about 20 years old and was sent to the reform school from Ventura.

The last of the season's orange crop at the Placentia Fruit company's ranch was shipped east today, making about thirty-six car loads sent out this season by that firm.

The Misses Carver of Anaheim will open a millinery store here next week in the Sansinena block.

Yesterday was the warmest day experienced here for some time. At noon the thermometer registered 102 in the shade. Had not the coast breeze kept up during the day it is believed the walnut crop would have been damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Gardiner and Guy Lovering went to Catalina yesterday on a pleasure trip.

General Manager Nevins of the Santa Fe was here Thursday in his private car.

Efforts are being made to organize a lodge of Foresters here.

Andy Bell and G. W. White of Ventura, commander and quartermaster respectively of the department of Southern California and Nevada, G. A. R., were here this week, guests of Robert Mears.

The Placentia schools will open September 13th.

Mrs. Sansinena returned from a brief visit to Los Angeles Thursday.

A bright little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kraemer of Placentia August 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McDermott pleasantly entertained a number of their friends Thursday evening.

E. K. Benchley, who recently visited his mining claims in Ventura county, believes there is some valuable mining property up there. He brought home a lot of gold-bearing quartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson of this place, accompanied by Miss Bertha Worm, Miss Mira Lord and Otis Worm of Los Angeles, left on the early morning train for Catalina for a week's outing. They carried along an abundant supply of lemons and chewing gum to "avoid" seasickness.

Grain is now selling here at 80 cents a hundred.

Charles Fleming left this week for San Francisco.

J. K. Tuffree and family of Placentia will join the many campers at Anaheim Landing next week.

The association estimates the walnut crop of this section at sixty car loads, and it is expected that at least half of the crop will be shipped through the association.

The farmers of this section are not making much effort to dispose of their hay and grain at the present time, believing that within a short time the prices will be considerably higher.

Miss Adah Strop of Los Angeles will assist Miss Ellen Case in the Orangethorpe school the coming year.

William McEachran returned yesterday from the Landing. "Billy" is the king of the "400" at that favorite resort.

James Buck and E. H. Paine made a business trip to Los Angeles Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dean and Miss Susie Dean visited the southern metropolis yesterday.

SANTA ANA

SANTA ANA, Aug. 21.—(Regular Correspondence.) Discouraged by continued ill health and worried to distraction over business affairs, Edwin L. Sherman, a veteran of the G. A. R., committed suicide this afternoon at the home of Joseph Williams, on East Fourth street. At 11 oclock this forenoon Mr. Sherman was met in the postoffice by several of his friends and was then apparently in his usual spirits. After mailing a letter to a relative in the east he went to the place of Mr. Williams, with whom he had been living, ate dinner and retired to his room. About 2 oclock the family was startled by the report of a pistol, and on going to Sherman's room Mr. Williams found the body of the old gentleman stretched upon the floor. Blood was oozing from a bullet hole directly in front of the right ear, made by a 38-caliber revolver, which lay beside the body. The old gentleman left no explanation of the circumstances which led him to take his life, but his friends have known for some time that he was badly worried over business affairs. Mr. Sherman was 63 years of age and was a member of the G. A. R., having served in Company K, Thirtieth Illinois Volunteers. His sister, Mrs. Ruth Cook, was found dead in her bath room here about three months ago, and it was supposed that she took an overdose of some poisonous drug by mistake. The jury in her case brought in a verdict of accidental death.

Marriage licenses were granted today as follows: Albert A. Mallett, aged 21, and Susan L. Young, aged 20, both of Westminster; Harry Kelly of El Toro, aged 22, and Josephine H. Brooks of Laguna, aged 17; Charles von Falck, aged 40, and Irene Russell Mahan, aged 22, both of Pasadena. Thus far this month twenty-three licenses have been issued.

An order has been made by the superior court admitting the will of Lee Love to probate, and directing that letters of administration be issued to Georgie M. Love. Her bond was fixed at $500.

Mrs. Eliza A. T. Bates, as administratrix of the estate of her deceased husband, has filed a return on the sale of certain personal property, together with her annual account. Over the objection of Attorney Anderson, representing dissatisfied heirs, the sale was confirmed and the account allowed and settled.

The First Church of Christ, recently organized at Alamitos, has been granted permission to mortgage its lots in that place to raise money with which to build a church edifice.

Reports from Alamitos state that the percentage of saccharine in the beets raised there is the highest ever recorded in the history of sugar production, either in this country or Europe. One lot of the bulbs recently supplied to the factory showed a percentage of 27 7-10, and beets reaching percentages of from 22 to 24 are quite common. The sugar refined at the factory, much of which is on sale in this city, gives a purity test of 90 per cent, and is sold one pound cheaper per dollar than cane sugar.

ORANGE

ORANGE, Aug. 21.—(Regular Correspondence.) During the past week shipments from the Orange depot over the Santa Fe have been: Three carloads of oranges to the east, 1141 boxes of dried apricots, 288 boxes of lemons, 1700 pounds of potatoes, 46 cases of eggs and 42,550 pounds of table grapes. From January 1st to date 382 carloads of freight have been shipped from this depot, against 221 for the same time last year.

Wm. Paramore and family have returned from Long Beach.

Wm. Boring and party have returned from a camping trip into San Diego county.

A number of bicycle riders have recently been arrested for violating the ordinance which forbids riding on the sidewalk after night or not dismounting when they meet pedestrians. Hereafter the ordinance will be strictly enforced.

Mrs. M. M. Kaufman, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Martz, returned to her home at Riverside yesterday.

L. L. Hess and daughters, Misses Ida, Alice and Stella, started yesterday on a camping trip into San Diego county.

Wm. H. Burnham is over from Catalina. His return to Orange is owing to the ill-health of his father.

Editor James Fullerton of the News was in Los Angeles today.

ANAHEIM

ANAHEIM, Aug. 21.—(Regular Correspondence.) An all-round fight occurred yesterday evening on Charles Winters' place, about three miles west of this city, among a gang of Mexican beet toppers. There was one woman in the outfit, and some of the Mexicans got too much liquor aboard and insulted her. Her husband laid one of them out with a blow on the head that split the scalp several inches. Another Mexican attacked him with a beet knife, and the woman was badly cut across the arm while trying to protect her husband, and the fellow who wielded the knife had his hand badly cut. Constable Groat and City Marshal Steadman went out and arrested two of the parties and brought them to town. Dr. Lee went out to look after those that were wounded.

E. B. Merritt went to Newport today to remain with his family for a couple of days.

Mrs. G. Reber of Angel's Camp is in this city visiting her husband, who is engaged in the jewelry business.

Mrs. James Clark of Pasadena is in the city, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Bickford.

Miss Emma Feather is visiting friends in Los Angeles.

Joseph Bickel of Los Angeles was in the city yesterday.

Charles Binder and wife of Fullerton are in this city today.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 21.—(Regular Correspondence.) County Auditor Shaffer has made his computations of the amount of money necessary to be raised by taxation for the fiscal year 1897-98. According to his estimate the contingent fund will require $63,930.91; salary fund, $42,507; hospital, $25,575; bond, $28,270; school, $50,862; total, $211,145.65. On the assessed valuation of the county it will require a rate of $1.06 to raise this amount, and estimating the road tax at 40 and the state at 55 cents, will make a total rate for the county outside of the city $2.01 on each $100 valuation. The city rate is $1.25 and the special school tax of 30 cents brings it up to $1.55; added to this is the county rate of $2.01, less 40 cents road tax, and this will make the total state and county tax for the city $3.16.

The electric light and telephone committee of the council met last night, and among other business considered the application of the Home Telephone company of Los Angeles for a franchise in this city. The company was required to furnish a bond for $10,000 to insure the faithful performance of all contracts in case it was awarded the franchise, but the expected bond did not materialize, and the whole matter was therefore postponed.

At a special meeting of the directors of the First National bank of this city held yesterday the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Whereas, J. E. Fishburn has tendered this bank his resignation as cashier; and, whereas, the relations between the bank and the said J. E. Fishburn have been entirely pleasant and agreeable; resolved, that the bank loses in him a very capable, efficient, industrious, conscientious officer, and his resignation is regretfully accepted. Mr. Fishburn will take a position with the Commercial bank in Los Angeles on September 1st.

The Merchants' and Manufacturers' association held a special session last night and decided to organize a night patrol for the better protection of the respective business houses. Bernard Manning has accepted the position as chief of the patrol service, and enjoys the merited reputation of being one of the best detectives in Southern California. The new service goes into effect September 1st.

Judge Hughes of the superior court rendered an important opinion this morning for the guidance of county officials in allowing the claims of jurors. In this opinion payment is authorized for mileage only one way at the rate of 15 cents per mile and $2 per diem while coming to and in attendance at the court. Under this ruling jurors summoned to appear in court on a certain day, and through postponement of the case return to their homes, will only be allowed mileage for their first attendance.

Action was begun this morning in the superior court to annul the marriage of Minnie E. Nickson Kimball and Ernest E. Kimball. The wife is the plaintiff in the case, and before their marriage in May last the couple were prominent among the young people of the First Methodist church. When the guests had assembled to take part in the wedding a brother of the groom told the bride's father that his future son-in-law was married and had not been divorced. Hoping that the information was not true, Mr. Nickson allowed the marriage of his daughter to be performed, and immediately afterwards returned with her to his home, where she has remained ever since, to all intents and purposes, Miss Nickson. Meanwhile investigations have been made, which developed the fact that Kimball was married nine years ago to a Miss Anna McKenzie in Missouri. The marriage was a compulsory one and Kimball left the place soon after, never having lived with his wife. The lapse of years and the conditions under which the first marriage was performed led Kimball to the belief that he was free to marry again, but Miss Nickson evidently does not concur in that opinion and asks the court to grant her a legal separation.

Judgment was entered this afternoon in the superior court foreclosing the mortgage bonds for $80,000 in the case of the Union Savings Bank and Trust company vs. the Citizens' Traction company of this city.

At the same time C. W. Foote, against whom insolvency proceedings had been commenced, was declared by the court to be solvent, and the attachment suits commenced by the Washburn-Moen Manufacturing company and Kinsley, Flint & Winsby against him were dismissed. This decree will also result in the dismissal of the replevin suit of the General Electric company against the Citizens' Traction company. It is understood that this is a compromise settlement of all the claims of the creditors of the Traction company, except the Risdon Iron Works, who refused to join in the settlement, and consequently were left out of the deal and consequently have no recourse. The road will now be sold at auction at not less than $40,000, and may be bought in by the creditors, although the rival street car company owned by Spreckels has a desire to secure it.

Antoine Knox, a native Californian, was killed at his brother's house on the Conejo reservation, and his wife and another woman badly hurt by the storm Friday. The wind demolished the adobe house and buried the occupants. The deceased was a man of stable qualities and was "judge" at the Sequaw reservation at Dehesa.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

SANTA BARBARA

SANTA BARBARA, Aug. 21.—(Regular Correspondence.) The case of Attorney W. P. Butcher, charged with riding a bicycle on the sidewalk in front of the residence of Assessor Frank Smith, was called in the police court yesterday.

Thomas Knightly, a special policeman, testified that the defendant rode along the sidewalk on his bicycle a distance of about 200 feet in front of city block No. 251. The defendant took the stand and admitted that he had ridden along the sidewalk, but claimed that it was a case of necessity. He declared that his arrest had been caused through personal malice and that the city officials permitted wholesale violations of municipal ordinances. No pedestrians were on the sidewalk at the time; ht rode slowly and exercised due caution. The street was in a muddy condition owing to sprinkling with salt water, and he had no intention of defying the city fathers. Marshal D. W. Martin and Deputy Marshal Peter Storni testified that they had seen many wheelmen ride their bicycles on sprinkled streets.

N. G. Hender of Fredonia, N. Y., is visiting in this city.

P. C. Macfarlane of Los Angeles is visiting relatives in Santa Barbara.

Mr. Butcher was found guilty as charged, but as the members of the jury all felt friendly toward him did not wish to see him punished, and thought the peace officers should exercise better discretion, they recommended the defendant to the mercy of the court.

When the verdict was read the defendant asked to have the mercy clause stricken out and moved for an arrest of judgment. As he introduced authorities for the purpose of proving that this municipal corporation has no legal existence, and that there was no provision in law for any city officials for Santa Barbara, it is evident that the defendant will appeal to the superior court.

Miss Eulalia Yeager gave a beach tea last evening in honor of Miss Gussie Carter, who leaves for Los Angeles in a few days. Many young people were present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Crane have returned after a pleasant vacation spent at Matilijah.

The city is investigating new plans to put in operation for the purpose of securing a water supply in the event that the bonds should be declared unconstitutional by the supreme court.

Hon. C. A. Barlow, representative in congress for this district, is in Santa Barbara today. He leaves tomorrow for San Luis Obispo. The distinguished gentleman states that at the next session of congress he will continue his efforts to make Zaca Lake, in this county, a national park.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

RIVERSIDE

RIVERSIDE, Aug. 21.—(Regular Correspondence.) State Quarantine Guardian Alexander Craw of San Francisco has spent the last two days in Riverside inspecting the orange groves of the valley. He reports that they are in splendid condition as regards insect pests, and commented very favorably on their thrifty condition.

An important suit has been commenced in the superior court in which the state is plaintiff and the Perris Irrigation district defendant. Works & Works and Attorney-General Fitzgerald are attorneys for the state. The information recites the fact that the disrict was never legally organized, and the court is asked to annul the district and cancel its bonds. This suit is but a side issue of a similar suit brought in the United States court in Los Angeles for the same purpose. The real province of the suit brought in this county is to head off the supervisors from levying an assessment to pay interest on the district's bonds.

The city trustees have for some time been at work on the city assessment rolls, and while the railroad assessments have not as yet been received from the state board of equalization, it is easy to approximate the figures for this year. Following are the figures taken from the assessment rolls of 1896 and 1897:

	1897.	1896.
Real estate other than town lots	$1,536,370	$1,602,795
Improvements	705,345	652,555
Town lots	1,032,715	1,138,145
Improvements	809,430	846,900
Personal property	525,675	642,890
Money	.....	10,643
Total	$4,609,535	$4,893,928

The railroads and the money item will bring the total up to about the same as last year. The increase in the improvements in acreage property is a gratifying sign of progress.

Arguments were heard in the case of the County vs. L. E. Leeman, the Perris druggist, for illegal liquor selling before Justice Mills today. The defendant moved an arrest of judgment founded on a substantial defect in the complaint.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

COLTON

COLTON, Aug. 21.—(Regular Correspondence.) Major George B. Pickett has been quite sick this week at the Transcontinental hotel.

The cannery advertises for seventy-five peach cutters.

A. E. Pomeroy, a solid citizen of Los Angeles, was here again this week, looking over his 130-acre orange grove.

Misses Cora and Abbie Thomas have returned from their summer outing at San Juan Capistrano.

Rev. S. Sprawls and family of the Methodist church here have gone to Devil's canyon.

J. W. Peck, a nephew of ex-Governor Peck of Wisconsin, has opened a blacksmith shop at Bloomington, two miles west of town.

Brewster, the son of Hon. Byron Waters of Berkeley, is visiting Colton.

Wm. L. Bongus, who has been assisting in the postoffice, has gone to Los Angeles, having received a summons from Superintendent Muir. He was formerly an employe of the Southern Pacific company.

George Dunn of the Terrace and Miss Maggie Croskey, late a compositor in the Chronicle office, were married this week.

Dr. Sprecher has had an attack of paralysis in the right leg, and summoned Dr. Gibson of Los Angeles, who will manage the doctor's drug store during his illness.

W. N. Kitto, the fruit dealer, went to Perris to attend the funeral of his nephew, John Daniel.

Conductor James A. Day of the Motor has returned from his summer outing at San Francisco.

The annual meeting of the Colton Fruit exchange will be held here Sept. 8th. Whether they will dissolve or resolve to continue is not decided.

ONTARIO

ONTARIO, Aug. 21.—(Regular Correspondence.) Miss Thompson is spending a few days with the Misses Knox at Dell's camp.

R. C. P. Smith, editor of the Ontario Record, left for Northern Mexico last Thursday. He was accompanied by C. F. Ward.

Mrs. F. E. Trask, with her three sons, went to Long Beach Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Kirk went to Catalina last week.

A large find of alum is reported to have been made near the head of San Antonio canyon.

VENTURA COUNTY

VENTURA

VENTURA, Aug. 21.—(Regular Correspondence.) The double funeral of William M. Green and his son, Charles, whose dead bodies washed ashore Wednesday, was held yesterday from the Presbyterian church, a very large number attending the services. The funeral was under the direction of the Independent Order of Foresters, from which lodge the widow will receive $2000 insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Monihan of Los Angeles are visiting with Mrs. Monihan's mother in this city.

Congressman Barlow and wife are still in this city, but will leave for home in a few days.

The Episcopal ladies gave a very pleasant social and dance at the Anacapa hotel last night.

E. H. Allen of Orange has located with his family in this city, having purchased the jewelry business of N. S. Isenberg.

The California Asphaltum company is steadily shipping out asphaltum, averaging seven cars a week.

The grading of the Ojai railroad is being pushed right along.

Beans are being shipped out in large quantities, the price for limas being $1.75 per 100 pounds. The steam schooner Westport on Thursday loaded with 8500 sacks.

HIS CREATOR HIS LEGATEE

Will of a Kentucky Farmer Who Expected to Be Translated to Heaven

Probably the only will ever written in which the Lord is made one of the chief devisees is on record in the office of the clerk of the Wayne county court, Kentucky. It is the last will and testament of J. A. J. Mickel, a well to do but rather eccentric farmer, who died not far from the town of Monticello about three years ago.

The will was made and written with the hand of the deceased on the 9th day of December, 1878, under most peculiar circumstances and conditions. According to the history of the case, as related by some of the most reliable people of Wayne county, Mr. Mickel, who was a devout church member and close student of the Bible, concluded that November 13, 1878, he was to be taken up to heaven—translated—like the prophet of old. The language of the will would indicate that Mr. Mickel expected the end of the world to come on that day, but in his conversations with his friends and members of his family he left the impression that the phenomenon was a matter personal to himself. They ridiculed the old gentleman's vagaries, but he would not be laughed out of his ideas, and made full and complete preparations for his transit from earth to heaven. On the 9th of the fated month he made and recorded the following will:

"Now, in accordance with the dictates of my conscience as a sane man, this day being the ninth day of November, 1878, I do make and draw with my own hand this, my last will and testament, agreeable to the circumstances hereinafter mentioned—to wit:

"First—If, according to the calculations from the Bible, the day of translation occurs on the 13th of the present month, my will is that all of my possessions be bequeathed to my wife for her support, provided that I am found worthy to be translated without her. But if we are both found worthy and pass away and leave all, I then bequeath all my possessions to him who gave them to me, excepting all the dues from all people to me of every description, such as notes, accounts, loans or anything in their hands belonging to me, which I freely forgive them for Christ's sae.

"Given under my hand and seal on the date above mentioned.

"J. A. J. MICKEL."

Mr. Mickel, having made his will and completed all other arrangements for his departure, calmly awaited the day for his translation. Old citizens say that the 13th of November, when it came around, was one of the gloomiest, most threatening and uncanny ever seen. The clouds hung low and heavy and there was an ominous stillness in the air which seemed to presage the supernatural. Some of the superstitious who had been somewhat impressed with Mr. Mickel's predictions really began to look for something terrible to happen. Mr. Mickel, however, was disappointed. The Lord was not ready for him, and the old gentleman remained on earth nearly fifteen years longer. Whether or not his disappointment caused him to take up a dislike for his Creator, or whether he changed his mind about his wife, are unknown, but some time prior to his death he wrote a codicil to his will, cutting his Creator out of everything. The codicil is as follows:

"This is my first codicil: As my wife is the only other person interested in this matter, I will that she, being fully acquainted with my affairs, be appointed executrix of my estate, to manage it herself, with the aid of the witnesses hereto, for her support through life.

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