

# FLOOD WATERS GRADUALLY CREEPING TO THE OLD LAKE TULARE LIMITS.

Though there has not been any rain for several days the flood waters are still pouring into the old Lake Tulare bed. Day by day the great body of water is spreading, fed by the rivers and streams of the valley which were filled to overflowing by the recent storm. The lake is now within six miles of its original limits. Nearly every acre of the land inundated was under cultivation.

## Result of Many Years of Toil Now Hidden Beneath the Wind-Tossed Waves

### ELECTION MAY CAUSE TROUBLE

Ministers of Red Bluff to Criminally Prosecute Men They Say Voted Illegally

### CONSULT AN ATTORNEY

Claim Is Made That Many Not Entitled to Franchise Cast Ballots for Saloons

RED BLUFF, Aug. 10.—The result of the city election in Red Bluff yesterday bids fair to become the cause of a great deal of anxiety on the part of some of those who cast their votes, as it is publicly charged that more than 200 illegal votes were cast. Tomorrow night the Red Bluff Ministerial Association will hold a meeting and discuss the election. It is known that several of its members were in consultation with District Attorney Gill today, and the claim is made that they have the names of those who are alleged to have voted illegally. It is charged that many who were registered and voted at yesterday's election were not residents of the city for the necessary length of time. The leading ministers, who had a candidate for Trustee in the person of Rev. William Clark, watched the polling places closely all day and challenged many voters, but in most instances the votes were sworn in. The fight was between the ministers and the Royal Arch, a saloon men's organization, each having three candidates for Trustee and a candidate for Marshal in the race. The Royal Arch was successful, electing all three of its candidates for Trustee and its candidate for Marshal the largest majority. It is not believed that a contest of the election will be made, but that criminal prosecutions will follow.

The Grand Jury meets next month and it may be that the matter will be taken before that body. The usual vote for this city is about 580, while yesterday's vote reached 725.

### GAMBLING THE ISSUE.

Republicans and Democrats of Phoenix Facing Warm Campaign.

PHOENIX, A. T., April 10.—The Democratic and Republican parties here are preparing for a warm campaign tonight for the nomination of two candidates for the City Council from two wards and a Mayor. The Republican nominees were: Henry C. Yeager for Mayor, Shirley Christy for Councilman from the Second ward, Claud W. Clisney for Councilman from the Fourth ward. The Democratic nominees are Charles Goldman for Mayor, W. H. Ward for Councilman from the Second ward, Joseph Bush for Councilman from the Fourth ward.

The feature of the campaign is the question of gambling. The Republican platform pledges candidates, if elected, to do all in their power to submit the question of licensed gambling to the popular vote at a special election before January 1, 1907. The Democratic convention left the matter of a platform to a committee for later consideration.

### PORTERVILLE ELECTION.

Intense Interest Displayed in Battle for Municipal Office.

PORTERVILLE, April 10.—At the city election held here yesterday the following were elected: City Trustees, S. A. Barber, Thomas Howell, T. L. Price and G. C. Murphy; City Clerk, Robert Norbach; City Treasurer, Bert Sutherland; City Marshal, Edward Isham. Intense interest prevailed and almost every vote in the city was cast. A. M. Lumley, present Assemblyman, has announced his candidacy for State Senator for the thirty-second Senatorial District, consisting of Tulare, Kings and Kern counties.

### REFORMERS ARE VICTORS.

Voters of Kern City Defeat Three Incumbent Councilmen.

BAKERSFIELD, April 10.—As a result of the municipal election yesterday in Kern City three members of the old Board of Trustees, who were candidates for re-election, were defeated by advocates of a reform movement. I. O. Bachelder was elected City Clerk. H. Farris, Marshal, and J. P. Dugan, Treasurer, were re-elected. The new trustees are A. A. Snyder, W. Dwyer and Samuel Potts. The trustees endorsed by the Improvement Club have pledged themselves to a number of reforms.

### Many Candidates in Field.

PACIFIC GROVE, April 10.—The municipal election held here yesterday was hotly contested. There were nine candidates for Trustees, J. P. Prior and T. D. Welch were elected for the long term and W. H. Hill and W. T. Hearst for the short term. J. R. Patrick was elected Clerk, E. B. Rich Marshal and T. A. Wodk Treasurer.

### Lakeport Elects Trustees.

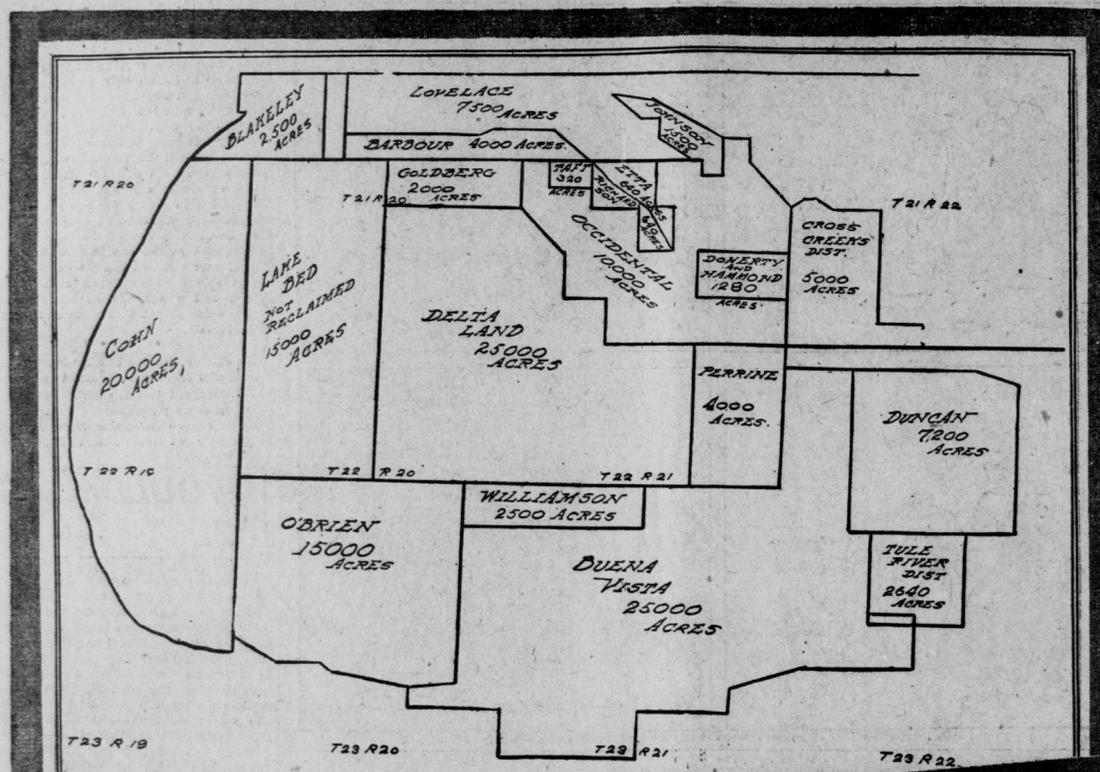
LAKEPORT, April 10.—The municipal election held here yesterday resulted as follows: Trustees, C. J. Morroe and A. H. Sturg; Clerk, H. D. Churchill; Treasurer, J. G. Crump; Marshal, R. E. Barry. A total of 216 votes were polled.

### Marysville Banker Retires.

MARYSVILLE, April 10.—After serving as its president since the Northern California Bank of Savings was established in 1889, J. U. Hoffstetter has resigned and has been succeeded by N. D. Rideout of San Francisco. The retiring president has disposed of his entire interest in the bank.

### Horses and Mules Die in Flames.

PENDLETON, April 10.—In a fire which destroyed a large stock sales stable here early today, sixteen horses and several mules were burned to death. The total loss will not exceed \$5000, it is believed. So far as known all the employees of the stable escaped from the fire.



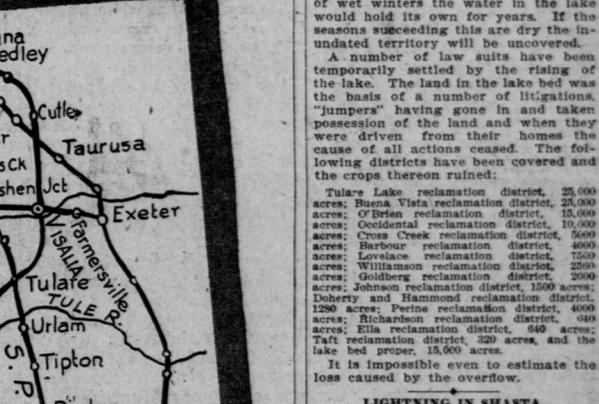
MAP SHOWING EXTENT OF TERRITORY IN LAKE TULARE DISTRICT COVERED BY FLOOD WATERS.

## Inland Sea Covers an Area of Nearly 300 Square Miles.

## Monster Levees Fail to Check Rush of the Torrents.

## Thousands of Acres Under Cultivation Inundated.

VISALIA, April 10.—Ruminating upon the smallness of man and the littleness of his power in the great valley of the San Joaquin stand hundreds of men. With voices full of awe they discuss a matter beyond their ken, and with eyes expressing wonder and even fear they gaze. Where, for years stood green fields, rich with the product of man's ingenuity, a monument to labor and toil and that love to conquer which is ever uppermost in the breasts of the men who against great obstacles fight their way to victory, he the battle against the elements or their fellow man, is a seething, turbulent mass of water. Far below the wind-tossed waves are the green fields. As in a night they disappeared, as almost in a night twenty years ago disappeared Tulare Lake. As the great valley was twenty years ago so it is now. The work of man has been swept aside. Once again there is a Tulare Lake, a lake greater and grander than the lake of two decades ago. As far as the eye can see, as of yore



MAP SHOWING RELATIVE POSITION OF LAKE TULARE.

hundreds of tractors were dragging hundreds of plows across the lake bed. All this labor has been wasted, together with the seed sown, and the money used in planting up and maintaining the levees. Plows by the dozens are now on the inundated land. At least four combined harvesters are beyond the chance of rescue, and a number of the heavy traction engines have disappeared from view beneath the water. Cabins have been overturned and floated off at the will of the wind and waves.

Men who have made a study of conditions existing at the lake and closely examined the lake bed tell us there is strong reason for the belief that once before, ere the white man ever reached its shores, the lake had dried up, and its bottom made the homes of human beings. There is more snow in the Sierra Nevadas than has fallen for many a season past, and when the warm summer sun begins to beat down upon the frozen mass it is an absolute certainty that the streams will again fill and that the old lake will stretch still farther toward its old banks. Whether this condition will last depends altogether on succeeding seasons. If we should have a succession of wet winters the water in the lake would hold its own for years. If the seasons succeeding this are dry the inundated territory will be uncovered.

A number of law suits have been temporarily settled by the rising of the lake. The land in the lake bed was the basis of a number of litigations, "jumped" by the rising of the water. Possession of the land and when they were driven from their homes the cause of all actions ceased. The following districts have been covered and the crops thereon ruined:

- Tulare Lake reclamation district, 25,000 acres; Buena Vista reclamation district, 25,000 acres; O'Brien reclamation district, 15,000 acres; Occidental reclamation district, 10,000 acres; Cross Creek reclamation district, 6,000 acres; Barbour reclamation district, 4,000 acres; Lovelace reclamation district, 3,500 acres; Williamson reclamation district, 2,500 acres; Goldberg reclamation district, 2,000 acres; Johnson reclamation district, 1,500 acres; Doherty and Hammond reclamation district, 1,200 acres; Perrine reclamation district, 400 acres; Richardson reclamation district, 400 acres; Ellis reclamation district, 340 acres; Taft reclamation district, 320 acres, and the lake bed proper, 15,000 acres.

It is impossible even to estimate the loss caused by the overflow.

### LIGHTNING IN SHASTA.

Severe Electrical Storm Raging in Northern County.

REDDING, April 10.—A severe electrical storm is raging tonight in all directions from Redding. This city seems the center of the circle. To the east, in the Millvale section, the storm is particularly severe. The vivid lightning flashes, seen plainly from here, form a spectacular display.

### Rain Falls in San Jose.

SAN JOSE, April 10.—Nearly a quarter of an inch of rain fell here last night and this morning. The weather today is warm, with occasional showers. With the exception of apricots, the fruit outlook is highly satisfactory.

### NEARLY ELECTROCUTED WHILE IN MIDAIR.

Santa Rosa Lineman Has a Remarkable Escape From Awful Death.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. SANTA ROSA, April 10.—Benjamin Curtis, a lineman of the Santa Rosa Lighting Company, narrowly escaped being electrocuted this afternoon while at work on top of a high pole. He was using a wrench forming a cross-arm, when the wrench slipped. His hands flew up and struck a live wire. He received a severe shock and would have fallen to the ground but for the safety strap. He was burned about the hand, arm and foot quite severely but not fatally.

### WORK ON MARYSVILLE LINE IS SOON TO BE COMMENCED.

Construction of Road to Connect Northern Tule Will Be Begun This Month.

MARYSVILLE, April 10.—The announcement was made today that the construction of the California Midland Railway will commence on April 23 at a point near Marysville. The road will connect Marysville with Grass Valley, Nevada City and Auburn, and will have more than sixty miles of track. John Martin, president of the company, expects the road will be operating by the end of the present year. It will carry both freight and passengers and connect here with the Southern and Western roads.

### Sells Interest in Glass Factory.

STOCKTON, April 10.—C. J. Hurlie, superintendent and one of the chief stockholders in the Pacific Window Glass factory just south of Stockton, has sold out his interest to C. J. Royce, president of the company. The figures have not been given out.

### Another Mail Carrier Allowed.

PETALUMA, April 10.—Postmaster Olmstead of this city has received word from Washington approving the appointment of one more mail carrier for this city. The carrier district will be immediately extended.

About ten of the men who read the want ads. day after day are looking for a bargain in a carved and colored meerschaum pipe. Have you one for sale?

### MOTHER KILLS HER ONLY CHILD

While Insane Turns On Gas in Room Occupied by Herself and Boy of Fourteen

LOS ANGELES, April 10.—In what is supposed to have been a fit of insanity, Mrs. Kate P. Raymond, wife of Frank Kellogg Raymond, a clerk in the Interior Department at Washington, D. C., early this morning turned on the gas in a room at her home, 651 Selma street, Hollywood, a suburb of this city, after carefully locking all doors and windows, and asphyxiated her 14-year-old son Frank, who was sleeping in the room, and very nearly ended her own life. The crime was detected today by neighbors, who detected the odor of escaping gas. The police were notified and the room broken into. The body of the boy lay on a small cot, where he had retired, and with a smile still on his lips. The mother was in a half-kneeling posture beside the cot with her fingers interlaced as if in prayer. She was unconscious and her breathing scarcely noticeable. It was at first thought that she would not survive, but tonight physicians who are attending her have hopes that she will recover. The deed had been carefully planned and carried out. The woman left two letters, one addressed to her mother, Mrs. Martha Cooper, 1423 Elliott street, San Diego, Cal., and the other to a neighbor, Mrs. Cromblet. In her letter to her mother she hinted at her unhappiness and said she was breathing scarcely noticeable. In neither of the notes did she mention giving any additional reason for her act. She had but lately returned from a visit to her husband in the East, and after arriving appeared very much depressed. Very little is known of Mrs. Raymond's husband here. The family had been in Hollywood several months and Mrs. Raymond entertained a great deal. They appeared to have abundant resources and lived in considerable style. While Mrs. Raymond's actions have been remarked once or twice as being peculiar, she showed no other traces of an unbalanced mind. It developed after the tragedy was discovered today that on a previous occasion several months ago she had attempted the life of her son with chloroform, but the prompt action of a physician had saved the boy's life. Mrs. Raymond is about 40 years of age, and had but one child.

### Senator Clark Believed to Be Planning Extension of Salt Lake Road to South

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. SAN DIEGO, April 10.—This morning H. S. Crane, a local attorney and a personal friend of Senator William A. Clark, received a letter from the head of the Salt Lake Railway asking that he be furnished data on San Diego regarding an extension of the Salt Lake system to San Diego. As a result of this letter a meeting of the railroad committee of the Chamber of Commerce was held this afternoon and the necessary information was compiled and will be forwarded immediately to Senator Clark. In his letter Senator Clark asked for a description of terminal facilities, together with a concise statement of the population of the city, its recent progress, resources of its back country and the general interest of its people in any project for getting additional railroad communication which would insure heavy cooperation at this end of the line. The letter also asked whether the city would furnish rights of way and terminal sites, and if San Diegans would undertake to place bonds of the company issued for the construction of the extension. The receipt of this letter but strengthens the opinion held by many that Senator Clark is seriously considering a plan to extend the Salt Lake road to San Diego.

### BEGIN A CRUSADE AGAINST MOSQUITOES

Marysville Councilmen Take Steps to Kill Off the Pest.

MARYSVILLE, April 10.—Mayor Hall and the Common Council have again declared war upon mosquitoes and have ordered oil wagons to make the rounds of the city and deposit crude oil in the gutters, sewers and other places where water stands and mosquitoes breed. Property owners will be required to do likewise. This work last season proved very successful and few mosquitoes made their homes in Marysville.

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