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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS.

An Assortment of New Events That Occurred in Our District That Cannot Fail to Interest.

L. B. Hayes, an old resident of Tucson will probably be appointed postmaster at that place.

The First Baptist church at Broadway and Sixth streets, Los Angeles, has been sold for business purposes for \$45,000.

Miss Pearl Condit caught a sixty-five pound sea bass at Catalina with a hand line after a forty-five minutes' struggle.

A member of the viticultural staff of the University of California is in Santa Barbara county studying the Anaheim vine disease.

The next meeting of the Southern California Editorial Association is to be held at Alpine Tavern, on Mount Lowe, August 9.

Clearwater will have another creamery which will be one of the most modern equipped plants of its kind in Southern California.

Acting Governor Miller has sent 50,000 immigration pamphlets advertising the resources of New Mexico to the Tennessee Centennial.

The Pasadena City Trustees are being petitioned to take a census of that city with a view of reclassification under a higher class.

It is now estimated that 1500 stamps are represented in the mills located in Riverside, Kern, San Diego, San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties.

The question of water has been solved by the ranchers south of Benson. Water has been bored for, resulting in a score of artesian wells, whose flow is steady and strong.

A recent clean-up of one ton of ore taken from the Gleason mine at S. H. Mountain, near Yuma, yielded \$1200. This mine is one of the late rich discoveries in that section.

The dome of the new observatory at Flagstaff is the second largest wooden dome in the world, and the telescope is the next in size to that of the Lick observatory in California.

George Savetta about 20 years old, whose father is foreman of the railroad section gang at Oceananside, is suffering from mental derangement as a result of smoking cigarettes.

The exemption law passed by the late Legislature, which was considered by many to be invalid, stood upon every point in two garnishment suits brought at Las Vegas before Judge Wooster.

Treasurer Reeves, of San Bernardino county, in closing his accounts for the fiscal year, shows a balance paid to the State of only \$367.77. This is all it cost that county to assist in running the State government.

The junk Hon Kou has been fitted up at San Diego, and has sailed for the Lower California Islands, where it will protect the Guano beds of the American Guano Co., from the poachers who go out from San Diego.

One of the latest reports of rich gold strikes is at the head of Paoloma Creek, near Soledad Canon, where a ledge of free-milling gold ore is said to have been uncovered that is eight feet wide and ranges \$331 to the ton.

The Southern California company is hauling in at the rate of 150 tons of rock a day for the fortifications at Ballast Point. It is loaded on to lighters from the cars at the Spreckels wharf and towed to the point.

The Utica mine, about fourteen miles east of Winchester, and near Elsinore, is now the talk of that portion of the country. The ore is low grade but a ledge 100 feet in width and over 1000 feet long is now exposed to a depth of 500 feet.

The establishment of a fruit dryer at San Jacinto seems doubtful this season. The Pasadena parties who have been negotiating the deal want San Jacinto to furnish sufficient capital to pay for all fruit bought and the operating expenses.

Col. A. F. Walker of the Santa Fe railway, says that to visit a local station like Kingman, recently only a water tank and siding, today with railway receipts of \$40,000 per month, opens one's eyes as to what is going on in Arizona.

The two locomotives that went over into the river near Selden and sunk out of sight in the quicksand of the river, a short time ago, can now be seen, and an effort will be made by the railroad company to remove them from the river.

A well lately put down at Johannesburg to the depth of 375 feet has water in it to within 105 feet of the surface and pumping reduces it to 118 feet and no lower. The three wells now finished are sufficient to warrant the erection of the stamp mills proposed.

Wm. T. Smith & Co. report the receipt of \$2000 worth of bullion for refining from the extension of the old Escudido mine in San Diego county. They are also constantly receiving considerable bullion and ore for assaying from the Yuma country and parts of Arizona.

The Santa Ana papers claim that Dr. M. S. Jones of that place is the original propagator of the seedling orange known as the California. The chief merit that is claimed for it is that it is late in maturing and is at its best at a period when the navel is as well as many seedlings are entirely out of market.

Trouble is brewing among the employees in the Southern California railway shops at San Bernardino over the recent action of the officials in refusing the men the usual special rates over the road to Los Angeles whenever

they desire to visit their families there. A strike is in the air.

The Southern California Power Company has let the contract for furnishing the piles of the lectricline from the power house in the Santa Ana Canyon to Los Angeles to the Perry Lumber and Mill Company. Four thousand poles will be used, the contract amounting to about \$20,000.

Miss Ellen Beach Yaw has returned to California, and will be at her summer home at Tropic during the summer. Miss Yaw has been engaged for two special concerts to be given at the Chautauque assembly this season and will also be heard on several other important occasions.

The tailings of the Good Hope mine at Parris will be worked over and it is estimated that from one hundred to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars will be secured in this way. The tailings will run from \$1 to \$8 per ton and will be worked by the cyanide process.

The placer mines at Dale City, San Bernardino county, are attracting attention. These locations are being worked very quietly. Two men in the camp have \$1000 to show for about six weeks' work and as high as two and one half ounces has been brought in as the result of a day's washing. The largest nugget yet found was worth \$13.

The "special-sale" idea is spreading rapidly in Los Angeles. A butcher on Broadway announces a special sale of meat. For some time past the newspapers have had special sales of papers on the streets every Saturday, when they offer five evening and weekly papers for a nickel. We may soon expect to see special sales advertised by the tamale and peanut stands.

Riverside county is very much in the apricot business. The crop is rapidly developing on the 100,000 trees in bearing in the county and will be large and fine. The assessor's returns show 215,000 apricot trees growing in the county. Mr. Henry Lilly of Elsinore has 1000 bearing trees, fifty of which he says will yield over 1000 pounds of fruit each. A fair average yield is from 300 to 600 pounds to the tree.

Several capitalists have been approached on the subject of building an immense smelter in San Pedro harbor on the construction of the carborundum. Ed O'Neal of Denver, millionaire, who is interested in the Globe Smelter at Denver says he is willing to risk \$1,000,000 in a smelter at San Pedro if an additional million can be obtained. This smelter would be able to handle all the ores of Southern California.

According to the figures of the City Assessor's books the total value of property inside the limits of Los Angeles will aggregate \$58,000,000, which is an increase of about \$6,000,000 over the year before. Of this increase about \$2,000,000 came from the annexed districts of Vernon, Pico Heights and Highland Park. Of the remainder the greater part of the new property is on Broadway between First and Fourth streets.

There is some chance that certain electric wires in Los Angeles will be buried in compliance with the recent city ordinance. The West-side Light Company has purchased the exclusive right to the Edison lighting system, which is said to be a most satisfactory one for distribution of power without the use of poles. When the deal is completed the name of the West-side company will be changed to the Edison Electric Light Company, and the entire Edison system will be utilized here.

Senator Davis has introduced his amendment to the tariff bill, protecting the present reciprocity treaty with Hawaii.

William Harrison has been appointed Postmaster at Rocky Point, Sierra County, California, vice Henrietta Llod, resigned.

Rumor from Washington, D. C., is to the effect that the Administration has settled upon a plan for the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands.

Senator Pettigrew has introduced a bill to submit to a popular election the question of enacting an act "to limit the unlimited coinage of silver" law.

The glue manufacturers of this State through the Manufacturers and Producers Association have petitioned the California delegation in Congress not to reduce the tariff on that article.

California postmasters have been commissioned as follows: Susan L. Drake, at Colusa; Nathaniel Bullock, at Eureka; William D. Lacey, at Kirkwood.

The Secretary of the Treasury has awarded the contract for fuel for California public buildings to Mr. Morton for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898. He will furnish the Custom-house, sub-Treasurer's office and Appraiser's store.

The case of the Union Oil Company, involving the claim within the Sespe district in Ventura county, is being argued before the Assistant Attorney-General of the Interior Department. The point involved is whether lands containing petroleum are mineral.

Secretary Smith contends that petroleum is not mineral, and that the railroads are entitled to all lands with indemnity of original selection containing petroleum. Senator White appeared for the public generally and argued that it had been the ruling of the department for a quarter of a century that petroleum is mineral.

Senator White is confident that the decision of Secretary Smith will be reversed. The Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce held a brief meeting and adjourned for a week without transacting any business beyond a cursory discussion of the advisability of reporting the pooling bill. To this proposition objection was made and it was not presented. A Senator who is opposed to any section on the bill remarked that so long as the House committees were not appointed it was useless for the Senate to work itself to death.

The indications now are that if authority is not given at the next meeting to report the bill action will be postponed until the beginning of the regular session or at least until the tariff bill is disposed of.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Held to be of Interest to Our Readers.

A very important copper strike has been made in Arizona.

Great quantities of coal have recently been discovered in British America. The Los Alamitos best-sugar factory will be in operation by the middle of July.

Three firemen were crushed to death by the fall of a burning building in San Francisco.

The grasshoppers are reported as doing serious damage in the vicinity of Polansky, Fresno county.

John R. Wolskill, of Woodland, 93 years old, the first white man that ever set foot in Yojo county, is dead.

There is a rate war on between the Oregon Railway and Navigation company and the Southern Pacific for Portland travel.

The works of the Standard Biscuit Company in San Francisco have been destroyed by fire. The loss amounts to about \$50,000.

The results of Lima bean growing in Santa Rita were so satisfactory last year that quite an area will go into this crop the present year.

The price of sugar has advanced one-eighth of a cent on all grades, according to the announcement of the Western Sugar Refinery Company of San Francisco.

Vice-President C. F. Crocker, of the Southern Pacific, has returned from the East. Business in the East, he says, is yet dull. Wheat and corn will yield heavily.

The Manufacturers' and Producers' Association of San Francisco is advised by interior organizations to prevent the exportation of adulterated food products.

The Villa Homestead association has incorporated, at Oakland, for \$27,000. The purpose is to purchase lands within Oakland and make suitable lots for householders.

An attempt has been made in the southern counties to affiliate upon some common basis the orange growers and fruit exchange but it is given out that they cannot agree upon a basis.

The committee on health reported to the board of education at San Francisco that the eyes of 1035 children have been examined, out of which number only 560 possessed normal vision.

The California Fig Syrup Company has brought suit in the United States courts against Clinton E. Worden & Co. et al. to recover damages for sales of certain infringements of their patented medicine.

The Supreme Court has decided that Tulare county cannot collect from Kings county its proportional share of bonds for the construction of a courthouse. The bonds were outstanding when Kings county was created from Tulare county.

Byron A. Long of Eureka is the successful candidate for the appointment to the Annapolis naval academy. He made 93 per cent on his studies. Long is a little over 17 years old. W. E. T. Neumann of San Rafael was second in the examination.

Southern California has this year marketed about 1000 cars of lemons, a four-fold increase during the last four years. The acreage not yet in bearing is very large. Nobody can predict the rate of increase for the future, but it will be very rapid.

Governor Budd has reappointed State Fair Directors C. M. Chase of San Francisco, John Boggs of Colusa; Dr. W. R. Matthews and J. W. Wilson of Sacramento. George Fox of San Joaquin county was appointed Director, vice John Budd, resigned.

The Truck Box Factory and Lumber Co. in San Francisco, has been seriously damaged by fire. The plant was worth \$50,000, with an insurance of \$25,000. It is thought that the loss will reach \$25,000. They will resume business as soon as possible, which will be in about two months.

The report of the San Francisco Produce Exchange for the month of May last shows the flour and grain remaining in the State of California as follows: Flour, barrels, 94,960; wheat, centals, 1,733,880; barley, centals, 758,600; oats, centals, 81,980; beans, sacks, 505,730; corn, centals, 61,280; rye, centals, 21,360.

There is war between the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific Coast and the local insurance agents of Stockton. At a meeting of the agents last week they refused to sign an "agents' agreement" whereby they were asked to pledge themselves to accept 15 per cent commission, instead of 20 per cent, the present rate. The agents will hold another meeting to consider whether they will submit or not in that city.

Eli A. Gage, auditor of the North American Transportation and Trading Company, is in Seattle on his way to the company's trading posts on the Yukon. He said recently that he understood a chartered British company is preparing to operate on the Yukon on the same plan and scale as the famous Charters South African Company. It will build and govern towns and cities, maintain a force of soldiers, operate mines, build steamships, etc. The company is understood to have millions back of it.

There is considerable dissatisfaction among people in Southern California over the present system of delivering mail from Mexican ports. The merchants are the most materially effected, and they, through A. B. Roth, have brought the attention of United States Senator White to the matter. At the present time the steamer Orizaba has been put on as a special to run between San Francisco and Mazatlan and various points on the Mexican coast. The vessel stops at Redondo and San Pedro, both ways, but in spite of this the mail sent via either of these places, instead of being put off, is

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