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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS.

An Assortment of News Events That Occurred in our Hometown That Cannot Fail to Interest.

F. H. Austin, of Tombstone, has patented an amalgamator for free gold.

The Chino Sugar Company are experimenting with the clay at Chino for fire brick.

Sixteen applicants for teachers' certificates in Riverside county successfully passed the examination.

The Good Templars are preparing for the sixth annual convention, which convenes at Prescott on July 21 to 23.

Apricot drying is fully on at Redlands, and the greatest yield in the history of the place is reported.

The total value of property in Los Angeles aggregates \$58,000,000—an increase of about \$6,000,000 over last year.

A movement is on foot to have two townships on the Indian reservation south of Tempe thrown open for settlement.

Lima beans in the Carpinteria valley never looked better this time of the year. The harvest will be something great.

Covina is enjoying a boom. Five cottages, two brick business blocks and a blacksmith shop are in course of erection.

Transplanting of celery will begin shortly at Anaheim. The acreage to be planted is about a third larger than last season.

The enlargement of the Hotel Metropolitan at Avalon, Catalina island, is completed and the entire structure is in shape for the season.

The Fullerton high school is accredited at Stanford and Berkeley universities, and also at the University of Southern California.

A petition favoring the establishment of a free mail delivery is being circulated at Redlands and is being signed by a large number of citizens.

The East Riverside Company will use an electric pumping plant for supplying water for the irrigation of lands along its system of ditches.

A number of Fallbrook ranchers are becoming interested in the sugar beet and a lot of seed will be secured and tests made of the beets grown there.

The San Bernardino creamery has declared its first dividend of 6 per cent upon its capital stock, and the affairs of the association are in good condition.

Master Frank Becker, an 8-year-old gardener of Whittier, has grown an onion weighing 2 1/2 pounds and measuring 1 1/2 inches in circumference.

The operations for more public water at Colton have interfered with the private supply from many artesian wells and litigation is likely to follow over the matter.

Figures show that about one-half of the fruit shipped from San Diego is exported by steamer and one-half by rail, the proportion being maintained between oranges and lemons.

The long-distance telephone line between San Diego and Escondido is for public business. As rapidly as the line is completed between Escondido and Los Angeles other offices will be opened.

Fred Puchon has demonstrated that genuine mushrooms can be grown in Pomona. Specimens grown by him in a cellar appear to be perfect and he is willing to vouch for their good quality.

Los Angeles has another arrest for violating the anti-expertation ordinance, and the fellows who don't read the newspapers will learn after a time that the sidewalks were not built for spittoons.

George Betts of Anaheim has sued the Southern California Fruit Exchange for \$1451 damages, claiming the defendant refused to accept a carload of lemons purchased from the plaintiff.

Terminal Tavern is the newly adopted social name of the very comfortable hostelry which the Terminal Railway has erected on the island. There will be no formal opening, and it is now ready for guests.

Cherry season at the Andrews Bros. ranch in Yucaipa is over. The crop amounted to about forty thousand pounds, and it was all disposed of at figures that were very satisfactory to the owners. Yucaipa seems especially adapted to cherries and apples.

The Chamber of Commerce wants another convention for Los Angeles in 1898. At the last meeting of the board of directors of that body a resolution was passed inviting the National League of Republican clubs to visit Los Angeles in July of next year.

The people of San Diego are glad that substantial aid and encouragement have been given to the South-west Institute by its patrons and friends so that the school will continue with every prospect of being placed in the near future upon a permanent basis.

Three men in Riverside county have nearly fourteen acres of blackberries between them and talk about setting up a fruit cannery on their own lands. The demand for canned fruits on shipboard is so much greater than in former years that there seems to be no great danger of overstocking the market.

The annual adjustment of postmaster salaries affects Arizona as follows: Tombstone is relegated to a fourth-class office; increase of salaries, Bisbee, from \$1,200 to \$1,500; Globe,

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Held Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

Redlands people are petitioning for a free postal delivery.

Wheat buyers are paying \$1.05 for the new crop at Visalia.

It is proposed to establish a labor exchange store in Redley.

It is announced that a California man will start an ostrich farm at Salt Lake.

The Southern Pacific is making extensive improvements on its tracks and other property in Reno.

Work has commenced upon the grading for the new steel bridge across the Tuolumne River, near Modesto.

Near Martinez is an establishment where California claret is made out of sulphuric acid and last year's pulp.

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The California Commission for the Insane met recently in San Francisco. An effort is being made to reduce the expenses \$10,000 a month.

Tickets for the west-bound trip from Chicago to San Francisco for the Christian Endeavor Convention in the latter season are only \$25.

The Free Gold Mining Company, with a principal office at Genoa, Douglas county, Nev., has been incorporated. Capital stock \$10,000,000.

Many of the farmers of Sonoma county are experimenting with a small acreage of tobacco this year. Some have planted as much as five acres.

To increase the efficiency of the navy officials are in session planning for a maneuvering squadron in the North Atlantic, beginning the 1st of August.

Los Angeles has about 90,000 barrels of oil in reserve. Dealers ask \$1 a barrel for it. As consumers object to the price there is a prospect of a glutted oil market.

The Southern Pacific depot at Clovis, Fresno county, has been destroyed by fire. No other property was destroyed, the cars standing near by being removed to a place of safety.

During the first half of June there were shipped from Huntington and Ontario 600 carloads of cattle, or about 15,000 head. This, at an average of \$20 a head, would mean \$300,000.

Wells, Fargo & Co. have established a number of new offices on the line of the Valley Railway. The new offices are located at Escalon, Elinwood, Geneva, Le Grand, Sharon and Lankershim.

A company of capitalists has begun work on a railroad in Alaska. The railway will be thirty-six miles long and of the narrow-gauge style, but by its use the route to the gold fields will be considerably shortened.

An anti-saloon league will be organized in Hanford. One of the chief objects of this organization is to secure by legislative enactment the privilege of voting on the question of prohibiting saloons every two years.

It is said that the Chino sugar factory will spend this year \$125,000 for crude petroleum fuel, and will extract therefrom 18,000 tons of sugar worth \$1,365,000, and pay the farmers about \$150,000.

Work has been commenced on the Valley Road bridge across the St. John river north of Visalia. It will be two spans, 75 feet each, with over 1,000 feet of trestle approaches. The bridge will be completed July 25th.

The crop report from Clovis indicates that wheat in that vicinity all comes up fully to estimate heretofore made. At Redley it will run a little above the estimate. Near Caruthers it will run somewhat below owing to the rank growth of alkali weed.

The bark Nicholas Thayer has arrived at San Francisco from Loring, Alaska, with 24,220 cases of canned salmon. She is the first of the salmon fleet to arrive and has come down much sooner than was expected. The Thayer brings news that the run of salmon has been very fine and that big catches have been made.

During the past few months a number of Eastern cattle buyers have been purchasing cattle in the Willamette valley, and they have all been conveyed out of the country. Eugene has been dubbed as the cattle center of Western Oregon, and the Eugene banks have handled the money that purchased at least 19,200 head of one, two, three and four-year-old cattle. The price paid to the grower was from \$9 to \$20 per head.

The California Beet Sugar State and Land Company is preparing to handle the beet pulp from the sugar factory, which will amount to over 30,000 tons, and is utilized by them for fattening cattle. They have had twenty teams at work several days cleaning three of their silos, each of which is 1600 feet long and forty feet wide.

The present outlook is that the output of cured prunes in Oregon and Washington will be between 50 and 100 per cent greater in the aggregate than it was two years ago. As near as could be ascertained the shipments of cured prunes from the two States that year amounted to about 4,500,000 pounds. This year the shipments will probably be in the aggregate between 7,000,000 and 10,000,000 pounds.

The San Francisco and North Pacific Railway has established a hatchery for trout in Gibson Canyon, near Ukiah. The hatchery has a capacity for several million eggs. In Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake counties there are over 300 streams, making 6000 miles of water length, 3000 of which are open for fishing. For the past four years this road has been

FACTS FOR FARMERS.

Helpful Suggestions For the Agriculturists.

HINTS THAT ARE INTERESTING.

Some Good Advice for the Ruralists—A Budget of Knowledge That May Prove Beneficial.

The leading feature of interest and ultimate success in agriculture is a correct and thorough knowledge of the nature and habits of the bee, says N. L. Colegrove. Next, a knowledge of the various plants upon which they work and render an equivalent for the labor bestowed.

The nectar is the bee's reward; it is the sweets and tempting bait that lures in the bloom and field parts. This constitutes the philosophy of the relation between flowers and bees and their inseparable connection. The study of the honey or nectar-producing family of plants should engage the attention of every agriculturist; likewise the cultivation of the same. He who would succeed in any industry or enterprise should be thoroughly imbued with all its parts and characteristics. Observation and the power of application are important requisites to success. Beekeepers should note the forage, especially that which bees give the preference, in order to ascertain the best nectar-producing plants as well as the grade and quality of honey.

The black or ball sage is the leading honey plant in Southern California. It has been in bloom for the past month, and in our locality it is rarely visited by the bee, yet bees are storing honey by the barrel. But from what plant no one seems to know, as bees appear to fly a long distance. We have observed them working the hoarhound, showing a decided preference for it, continuing their visits from early morn until dewy eve, and if the conditions of the weather are favorable with heavy dews, a beautiful flow is secured. Their appearance while working on the hoarhound is quite similar to that when working on the sage and are to be found about the hive in all conditions of fatigue. This plant should command the attention of honey producers and is one of easy cultivation adapted to almost any moist land.

The Free Market. The Harbor Commissioners have given the free market scheme a start by setting aside the Pacific-street wharf for the receipt and sale of produce and calling for applications for space, says the S. F. Examiner. This is enough to make an experiment and see what can be done in this line. It is evident, however, that if anything is going to be done, the producers and shippers themselves must take a more active interest in the business than they have yet shown. The State Board of Trade has taken some steps to get the project under way, but if it is to be a success there will have to be an organization to run or oversee the practical details of the business. The thing is certainly not going to run itself.

It would appear that the advocates of the free market had entertained the idea that the only thing necessary was to order the Harbor Commissioners to establish the market, and nothing more was to be done. A little consideration will show that this is only the beginning of it. Markets never have very close oversight by men who have an interest in them if they are to be made a success. To receive and sell produce to the best advantage, to see that it is paid for and that the money gets to the man it belongs to, requires a good deal of work, and this is not what the Harbor Commission is fitted to do. The men who should be in the management of it are the producers themselves and if they cannot attend to it in person, as most of them cannot, they should combine and appoint some one who will do it for them. If they get active and energetic men from their own number to look out for these details the scheme may work successfully. If they do not it will fail.

Canary Combine. An attempt has been made to unite the fruit canners of the State in a combination, says the Oakland Enquirer. It was proposed to get together the proprietors representing 80 per cent of the pack but this did not succeed, owing to diversity of views. But, under the lead of Colonel M. Bendel, six canners have been brought into an arrangement. The canneries affected are the San Jose Fruit Packing Company of San Jose, with a capacity of 225,000 cases; the R. Hickmott Packing Company of Oakland, 75,000 cases; the Hickmott Bouldin Island Cannery, 40,000 cases; the Marysville Fruit Packing Company of Marysville, 60,000 cases; the Gridley Canning Company of Gridley, 35,000 cases, and the Hickmott & Nelson Company of Biggs, 30,000 cases.

"Our companies have merely agreed on a common selling agent," said Colonel Bendel in speaking of the new combine. "We shall not attempt to change prices; in fact, we could not if we would, since we only represent about one-fourth of the crop. But we can lower expenses by having one canner pack for all what it can pack to the best advantage.

"For instance, Santa Clara apricots are superior to any others. Their abundance makes them cheap to so the San Jose Fruit Packing company will pack the apricots for the rest of the canneries. None of the other places will be closed though, but all will be worked on only those goods that offer the best margins. Any other fruits they will buy in bins bearing their own labels, but made by one of the other combine companies."

The agent of the new combination is to be the California Distributing Company of 3 California street. The entire pack of the six canneries is to be placed through this medium.

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TELEGRAPHIC RESUME.

Things That Have Happened all Over the Country

MENTIONED IN THESE PARAGRAPHS.

Selections That Will Greatly Interest Our Readers Both Old and Young.

New buildings to cost \$4,000,000 have been started in Philadelphia in the past month.

The race war in Key West, Fla., has been suppressed and the whites are again in control of the city.

Women conductors run the street cars at Des Moines, Ia., one day recently, in the interest of charity.

The Social Democracy, launched by Eugene Debs, is prosperous. Over 25,000 applications for membership have been received.

One hundred employees of the Worcester cycle shops, at Middleton, Conn., struck against a 10 per cent reduction of wages.

The Black Hills country in South Dakota is highly excited over the discovery of an immense supply of gold in the Tornado mine.

Rev. W. C. Dailey, founder of the northern branch of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the south, died in Knoxville, Tenn., aged 78.

The Amalgamated Association at Joliet, Ill., has refused to submit to the cut of the Illinois Steel Company; 1700 men will be thrown out of work there.

Two accidents have happened in the East to the special trains coming to San Francisco for the Christian Endeavor Convention. Several lives were lost, and a number of persons injured.

Three murders occurred in Louisville, Ky., in 36 hours, all mysteries. They are: Henry Martin, Max Lloyd (colored) and James Humble (colored). In three months there have been twenty murders in that city.

The Pan-American Exposition Company has incorporated in Albany, N. Y. The company will conduct an exhibition near Niagara to illustrate the material progress of the new world during the nineteenth century. Among the directors are Depew, Flower and Russell.

John W. Foster, who has been in St. Petersburg negotiating with the Russian Government for the protection of Alaska seals, has telegraphed the State Department at Washington, announcing the complete success of his mission. He will soon go on a similar mission to England.

The headquarters of the National Republican Committee are to be transferred from Washington to Cleveland, Ohio. The Washington headquarters will be kept open, but will be in charge of an attaché of the National Committee. Chairman Hanna and Secretary Dick are to be there all summer.

The National Tin Plate Company of Anderson, Ind., posted notice for a shut-down as per contract for the readjustment of the wage scale. At the same time all the united tin plate factories in the country will close. The conferences of manufacturers and workmen wage committees will be held in Pittsburg.

A Salt Lake dispatch says the Rio Grande Western Railway has purchased the Utah Central Railroad. The price paid is near \$325,000. The Utah Central is a narrow-gauge road running from Salt Lake to Park City, the famous silver camp, and was recently sold under foreclosure proceedings to New York parties, who now sell it to the Rio Grande Western.

In accordance with a recent decision of the executive committee of the Bureau of American Republics, of which Secretary John Sherman is chairman and Joseph P. Smith of Ohio director, the work has begun for the preparation of a comprehensive and reliable international commercial directory of the American republics. The directory will contain upward of 60,000 names, together with the addresses and lines of business of the reputable commercial concerns of the Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Salvador, Santo Domingo, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela and the West Indies. The expense of the publication will be enormous, and hence it has been decided to make a charge of \$5 of the possession and use of a copy of the directory for one year. The work to be revised annually, and will, it is expected, be ready for distribution from the headquarters of the Bureau early in September.

Some Good Advice. A certain circular-letter has been sent out by a well-known commission house where presumably, it would do the most good. The California Fruit Grower reproduces it as follows:

"Our quotations are for actual sales; we cannot specify each lot as there are various kinds and qualities of every kind of fruit. It also arrives in all kinds of conditions—some well put up and some very poorly, some over-ripe and some too green. The same conditions apply to almost everything that comes to this market. Each consignor's goods are sold on merit, therefore, those who take pains in packing and putting up their fruit and produce receive the benefit of their labor, while the indifferent packers receive just what their goods bring. It pays to assort your fruit and produce, making at least two qualities, No. 1 and No. 2. All small and inferior, and over-ripe and green fruit should not be shipped to this market as it only lowers the price of the better quality. Often the poor quality does not realize the freight and cartage. Too much inferior fruit and produce is shipped here and too often much indifference prevails in packing an article. It will pay to handle your orchard products with great care; pack in nice, clean packages and stencil them neatly. The average buyer purchases that which attracts the eye."

The President has sent the following to the Senate: Department of State—To be Consul-General, Church Howe of Nebraska at Apia and Nukunono, Tonga; John P. Day, North Dakota, at Melbourne, Australia. To be Consuls of the United States—Hugo Denzelmann, Wyoming, at Prague, Bohemia; Louis A. Dent, District of Columbia, at Kingston, Jamaica; Samuel S. Lyon, New Jersey, at Osaka and Hogo, Japan; Ronnevillie Wildman, California, at Hongkong, China; Charles V. Herliak, District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Legation of the United States at Vienna, Austria.

A dispatch to the New York World from Havana states that extermination in the island is an appalling actual fact. The death rate is increasing, and during the next few months it is expected that it will be doubled. Spanish soldiers and pacificos are dying side by side of the pestilence. A Spanish medical official estimates that if the war continues fifteen months longer, the entire western end of the island will be depopulated.