

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS.

An Assortment of New Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fall to Interest.

Ventura county has two high schools, forty-two grammar grade and nine primary schools.

The Crown steam laundry of Pasadena has been closed on attachments aggregating over \$3000.

The Templeton flour mill is nearing completion. It is expected that the mill will be ready to run by the latter part of August.

Twelve carloads of green grapes will be shipped from Glendale this season. The remainder of the crop will be shipped as raisins.

Ventura has a boom in lima beans, 100,000 sacks having changed hands in the last few days. The price has advanced 10 cents per cwt.

The whickerless grapes has struck Tombsville. It causes neither youth nor age, ignorance, and takes no note of previous condition.

Ranchers at Valley Center have been experimenting in the cultivation of broom corn, and the results are reported to be very satisfactory.

The cattlemen of Mohave county, Ariz., have cleaned up the ranges of surplus stock. Over 10,000 head were shipped from the county since January 1st.

San Diego is sending thousands of jute grain bags over the border to Lower California ranchers, and shipping great quantities of wheat to London.

The Terminal Road is erecting a store building at Terminal Station, and it is understood that a general store will be opened there in a few days.

The officers of the Tucson Board of Trade are: Hugo S. Donon, president; W. I. Perry, vice-president; S. E. Hazard, secretary, and Gust A. Hoff, treasurer.

A. L. Fry killed a catamount near the lower end of Central avenue, Chino, recently. Two kittens were with the animal, but they escaped when the grown animal was shot.

There is a new stage line between Garlock and Ballarat. It takes two days to make the trip, stopping the first night at the box works and reaching Ballarat on the second night.

Charles Williams, the strawberry king of Salt River Valley, planted his first plants on a piece of ground as bare of vegetation as a floor. He has shipped over 30,000 boxes of strawberries this season.

The total net increase in the assessment of San Bernardino county resulting from the work of the Board of Equalization is \$210,205, the reductions in assessment amounting to about \$2000.

One of the richest gold strikes made in Arizona for many years has just been made in the Big Bug district. The lead was found by a 17-year-old boy and he has been offered \$100,000 for his claim.

An unusual quantity of Southern California wheat is being shipped to European ports through the port of San Diego. Two vessels are leaving with 5100 tons of wheat for Europe. The wheat generally goes through San Francisco.

The Southern California Power Company has contracted with the Los Angeles Street Railway Company to furnish it with "electric juice," in lots to suit for twenty years, the quantity to be taken to range from \$50,000 to \$150,000 yearly.

The new organization of the Land and Town company at San Diego, has received the deed of its property from the old company. The new concern is capitalized at \$3,150,000, and is incorporated under the laws of Maine. This ends the receivership.

County Veterinary Surgeon Dr. A. B. Wise of San Bernardino has devoted his time lately to a thorough inspection of the cattle on the various ranches around the valley and practicing vaccination very extensively, to guard against the attack of murrain.

Sixty of the 94 acres of apricots on S. E. Seeley's ranch near Baticoy are of the Royal variety. The entire tract has just come into bearing, and an output of 500 tons of prepared fruit is the estimate. In one day nearly 75 tons were picked and pitted.

At Redlands the most important real estate transfer for the year has taken place in the sale of Mead block, a 3-story brick, occupying 4 lots in the center of the business portion, from the First National Bank, to F. E. Prendergast, a Redlands capitalist.

Arrangements are being made by Mr. Newport, the king rancher of Menifee, for the shipment of his entire wheat crop from 6000 acres from Perris to San Diego, where it will be loaded on ships for Australia. The entire proceeds of the crop are about \$30,000.

Inasmuch as ex-Governor Franklin has appointed nearly all of the eligible citizens of Arizona notaries public, Governor McConrad will be short on offices to go around. He might appoint the notaries colonels; this would be especially flattering to the Missourians and Kentuckians.

Jim Lerner of Ventura is reported to have killed the first deer on July 15th. Some of the hunters claim that he tied the deer to a tree the day before, and sat all night with the muzzle of his rifle pressed against the deer's heart, pulling the trigger just as daylight appeared.

Mr. J. Fonta, Superintendent of Audubon Park, New Orleans, is in San Barbara for the special purpose

of selecting in the collection of the Southern California Acclimatizing Association a number of choice and new plants, most of them to be grown in their Monumental Hall or conservatory.

A water spout struck the orchard and garden of the old Indian, Panamint Tom, on the Death Valley side of the Panamint range, recently, destroying about 150 fruit trees that had withstood the desert heat for ten years and were the idol of his heart. He also had a fine garden which was destroyed completely.

At a meeting of the Ventura Best Growers' Union at San Pedro School-house recently, nearly 100 farmers were present. The following officers were elected: T. A. Rice, president; G. E. Kalmeyer, treasurer; A. F. Maulhardt, secretary. Justin Pettit, J. G. Hill and J. Maulhardt were elected as a Committee on Business.

The Ventura and Ojai Railroad is an assured fact. The contract has been awarded and the work is to be completed within nine months. The line runs through Ventura and Ojai Valleys and takes in some of the most productive citrus fruit sections in the State. The famed Matilija is but a short distance to the line.

Flagstaff is not only the highest city in Arizona, being nearly 7 feet above sea level, but the good men of the City Council have excited the idea of protection, which fact was demonstrated when the license for keeping singers in a saloon was raised from \$50 per month, thus placing a tariff on musical talent that would please the most radical protectionist.

Stanley Hollister, one of the Santa Barbara boys who has attended Harvard University, was recently graduated at Cambridge. During his college career he won distinction as an oarsman, having rowed four on the "variety crew last year and secured a place in the boat two years ago when through illness, he was debarred just before the race with Yale.

The new officers of the San Diego Humane Society are: President, A. G. Nason; vice-president, George N. Hitchcock; secretary, H. H. Palmer; treasurer, M. T. Gilmore, and the above officers, together with J. A. Flint, Thomas Cogswell, Fred Baker, H. H. Higgins and H. Hefleman, trustees. Mrs. Charlotte Baker, Mrs. Ira E. Bennett and Mrs. Reed were elected as additional special officers.

The Anglo-American Cannaigre company is about to have some fun with itself in the matter of the bonds of Rialto Irrigation district. The company is a bondholder and a land holder, but its largest interest is in the latter direction and so it will join in the attack on the validity of the bonds. It is not often that a corporation is so placed that it must discredit securities which it holds.

Mr. U. U. Niemann, former resident of San Diego, but at present living at Hemet, Riverside county, killed a mountain lion, recently, in the San Jacinto mountains, that measured 5 feet 10 inches. He killed the animal with bird shot. It was only about ten feet above him and ready to spring at him when he fired, little thinking of killing the huge cat, and was surprised when it fell at his feet, dead.

It is rumored that John Brookman, formerly of Silver City, has sold his interest in the Pearce mine, near Wilcox, Arizona, for \$1,000,000 spot cash. It is generally understood that Mr. Brookman owned a one-fifth interest in the property. At this price the mine would have a cash value of \$5,000,000. There is little doubt that the Pearce mine is the greatest unmined property in the world, and will, from present indications, prove to be the largest producer of gold and silver ever discovered excepting the Comstock.

A Mexican in jail at Prescott had the scare of his life recently. He had been convicted of selling whisky to Indians, and, not understanding his sentence when pronounced, had the interpreter come to his cell and read it again. With the sentence were other papers, and by mistake the interpreter got hold of the wrong paper. All of a sudden up jumped the Mexican and began to howl and beat himself against his cage. The interpreter had been reading to him Jim Parker's sentence to be hanged in a few days.

At National City the new pipe company, which began last March manufacturing redwood pipe, has used about 40,000 feet of lumber. The pipe is equal to cast iron and much cheaper, over 17,500 feet of it being used in the county's water systems. Redwood staves fitted together form the pipe. They are tied with heavy twine and run through a machine that substitutes a rope, and lastly heavy galvanized wire dipped in hot asphaltum. An 8-inch pipe can stand from 65 to 110 pounds pressure to the inch.

Citizens about Williams have entered a protest against having the big Cocconino forest set apart as a reserve. Cleveland made a preserve of a large tract near the Grand Canyons. This a few weeks ago was opened for mining purposes. While that matter was pending a life-sized editor was equipped with provender and sent to Washington to hasten matters, but the order came before he reached the Potomac. He became lost, but finally followed the trail of the disappointed Arizona office-seekers and reached home in safety.

The Westminister county is to be connected with the outside world by rail. Cars will be running through the heart of one of the most productive sections in the county by November 1st of this year. The credit for this most notable stroke of enterprise belongs to James McFadden, president of the Newport Wharf and Lumber Company and of the Santa Ana and Newport Railway Company. The survey has been under way for some time past and is now completed. Track laying will be commenced immediately. The line of the proposed route is from Newport Beach in a northwesterly direction through the Stearns Rancho Company's property to Westminister. The railroad will tap the famous celery beds and the great grain and farming district adjacent thereto. The railroad means more for the development of the western half of the county than any enterprise ever inaugurated.

The New York August grand jurors are mostly millionaires, like William Rockefeller.

ALONG THE COAST.

Interesting Occurrences From all Over the Coast.

NEWS OF THE WEEK CONDENSED.

A Number of Miscellaneous Jottings Briefly and Curly Told in This Column.

Governor McConrad of Arizona has been inaugurated.

San Francisco physicians who fail to register births will be prosecuted.

Willis Polk, one of the most prominent society men of San Francisco, is insolvent.

Sidney Williams, a colored car porter, dropped dead of heart disease in Oakland.

The City Council of Oakland has sustained the Mayor's veto of the garbage ordinance.

The Merchants' Association of San Francisco has petitioned the Supervisors for better lights and streets.

There is a great increase this year in the enrollment of children in the Oakland schools over that of last year.

The farmers of northern Sonoma are making an attempt to secure the establishment of a beet sugar factory.

The public schools of Berkeley have opened with the largest enrollment on record. The total number of pupils was 2,037.

Richard Winter Martin, son of J. West Martin, accidentally took an overdose of laudanum, at Livermore and died.

Manuel Chavez, murderer of his mistress at San Jose, has been sentenced to be hanged by Judge Torrence of the San Diego courts.

George H. Willey and Miss Rosa Range of Santa Monica were married on the high seas off Redondo. The bride's parents objected.

The State Board of Equalization has completed the work of fixing the railroad assessments. The total valuation is \$262,931 over last year.

Three clubs have been organized in San Francisco to arrange prize fights. They will attempt to keep all other clubs out of the business.

Fifty-one hundred tons of wheat will soon leave San Diego harbor on the ships City of Athens and Sardinia. Both are British vessels.

The City Council of Oakland is considering a proposition to tax bicycles and utilize the money thus raised, in the construction of bicycle paths.

Senator Cannon of Utah and ex-Senator Debois of Idaho, are on the way to Japan to study the financial and industrial conditions of that country.

Santa Monica has voted to bond the town for \$40,000 to build and complete a sewer system. The vote was 360 for and 2 against, carrying the necessary two-thirds by over 100 votes.

While standing on the San Mateo depot platform, waiting for the train for San Francisco, Alvin Hayward, a mining magnate, narrowly escaped being run over by the southbound train.

Elbert Partee, an 11-year-old boy of Fresno, shot and instantly killed Richard Griffin, who had invaded the Partee home and viciously attacked Mrs. Carrie Partee, the boys mother. All parties to the tragedy are colored.

The highlanders of Chinatown in San Francisco have issued proclamations warning twelve persons: "Your dying day is surely at hand." This means that unless vigilant watch is kept there will be a number of murders.

The United States Mint has reopened for the first time since June 15th, and Frank A. Leach has assumed his new duties as Superintendent. Several Klondyke miners appeared the first day, with dust and nuggets in buckskin pouches and stout sacks of canvas.

The Valley road is strictly up to date. It has established Klondyke stations. It is located midway between Miller and Landerholm, in Madra county. It is at Klondyke that the company gets the red gravel which it uses for walks and driveways about its buildings.

Louis Smith, an employe in the Cusick mills, above Chico, met with an accident that will relieve him of work for a time. He was working with an axe, missed the log and struck his foot, cutting a deep gash on the right side of the instep. The wound was to the bone in depth.

There is a boom in Lima and white beans in Ventura. One hundred thousand sacks have changed hands since July 30th. J. K. Arnsby of Chicago took 40,000 sacks, the last of the old crop. The Lima Association is cleaned out, and the price was advanced 10 cents per hundred.

The butter output of the Lompoc creamery for the month of June sold for \$2069.40. In the month of April it turned out seven and three-quarters tons; in May seven tons and 1700 pounds, and in June six tons and 934 pounds. It is receiving now between 8000 and 9000 pounds of milk daily.

Thirty-two employes of the mint have received notice that they need not return to work. Superintendent Daggett states that the wholesale demand was made in obedience to instructions from Washington, on account of the stopping of the coinage of silver, the appropriation for which is already exhausted.

The passenger train on the Valley road has made a fast trip from Stockton. It left that city at 8:42 and arrived in Fresno at 11:01, having made the run in two hours and nine minutes. The distance is 125 miles. Over some parts of the road thirty miles an hour was made. The track is very smooth and the high speed is perfectly safe.

John Harris has brought suit to recover \$30,000 damages from Adolph Sutor. Harris is a colored man. On July 4th he visited Sutor's baths. He purchased a ticket entitling him to admission, also the use of a bathing suit and dressing robe. Because of

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TELEGRAPHIC RESUME.

Things That Have Happened all Over the Country

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

A fire in the Snyder hardware store in Chicago caused a loss of sixty thousand dollars.

Senator Hanna and family have gone on a three-weeks' cruise in the Georgian Bay region.

William Sadler and William P. H. Parks, Garrard county farmers, were struck by lightning and instantly killed during a storm in Kentucky.

All the gas companies in the towns about Philadelphia will be consolidated. It means the ultimate consolidation of all in the State. The capital will be \$50,000,000.

The Rev. Henry Day, D. D., widely known in the Baptist Church as a preacher and editor, died of paralysis, in Indianapolis. He was born at Westfield, Mass., in 1818.

Off Cape Henry, the British steamer Rapanahock crashed into the schooner A. D. Lawson from Baltimore to Charleston. The schooner sank in two minutes but the crew were saved.

Five deaths from the intense heat occurred in Louisville a few days ago. They were Benjamin Carter, Mrs. James Cacer, Mr. John L. Abor, Mrs. John Sands and Miss Pruitt. All were white.

A beautiful sight was presented when President McKinley and Secretary Alger reviewed the Twenty-first Infantry at Lake Champlain. A brilliant array of party leaders was present.

Archbishop Keane arrived in New York from Rome last week. He has been delegated by the Pope to attend the annual meeting of the Archbishops. It is thought he has an important message.

A special dispatch from Secretary J. Addison Porter to the Troy Press states that President McKinley has accepted the invitation to attend the reunion of the Society of the Army of the Potomac at Troy on August 30.

Four girls were drowned in Skunk river, near Lancaster, Iowa. Three were daughters of Pierce Pemble, aged 7, 13 and 16, respectively, and the other was a Miss Adams. They were caught in the current while wading.

The cloak-makers employed by F. Siegel & Broff Chicago went out on strike because the firm refused to meet a demand for higher wages.