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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS.

An Assortment of Newsworthy Events That Occurred in our District That Cannot Fail to Interest.

Colton has a case of smallpox, the victim being a man.

Texas fever has broken out among the stock near Santa Paula.

Phoenix has succeeded in placing some \$50,000 of her bonds.

A Pomona firm recently shipped 1000 boxes of apricots to Germany.

The ministers of Pasadena have organized for the furtherance of pure politics.

George Bassett and George Williams highway robbers, have been landed in the Los Angeles jail.

The enrollment of citizens in Santa Barbara county subject to military duty numbers 3560.

A movement is on foot to organize a parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West in Escondido.

A Mr. Gillespie of San Bernardino has discovered petrified wood on the mountain near Lytle Creek.

Three thousand barrels of beer have been sent out by the San Diego brewery since it started last April.

Three carloads of honey have been shipped from one bee ranch near Escondido and two more are to follow.

Work on the electric street railway extension in Pasadena will begin soon. The mule car lines will be electrified.

Judge Ling of Prescott has been retained by the Scott brothers of Jerome to defend them in the cattle stealing case.

The Santa Isabel water system now being established in San Diego county, will supply water for 300,000 acres of land.

The Pasadena and Pacific will soon be running cars over the old mule car route out Los Robles avenue and California street.

Santa Monica trustees will at once advertise for bids on the \$30,000 bonds recently voted by that place for sewer improvements.

San Bernardino's city treasury is out of funds. Bills for \$3000 have been presented, and there is no money with which to pay them.

The estimate celery crop within ten or twelve miles of Newport this year is put at 600 carloads, and the most of its celery is shipped east.

The estimated expenses of Los Angeles for the current year are \$844,794, of which \$723,273 must be raised by the tax levy.

Speculators are scooping Ventura county and buying all the wool in sight. There was a single sale amounting to \$20,000 one week.

The Woman's Relief Corps of Redlands has been formally organized and the officers installed. The president is Mrs. Bettie M. Corman.

There is a mining suit on at San Bernardino involving the ownership of property in the Virginia Dale district valued at over \$40,000.

The Saginaw Lumber Company of Williams, A. T., is increasing the capacity of its mill from 90,000 feet to 125,000 feet per day.

The team reported stolen from Wiley & Green of Pasadena some time ago has been located at San Diego. The thieves have not been found.

Wyatt Earp is to go to the Klondyke as an expert, while his brother, Virgil, is near Prescott experting a mining claim with money and muscle.

Mr. Jacobson of Santa Ana will present the city with a fine pair of golden eagles to start the zoological gardens for Santa Ana's new park.

There is a fight on at Santa Ana between the city trustees and H. G. McPhee of the Daily Blade over the contract for doing the city advertising.

The orange crop now fast approaching maturity in Riverside's groves will, barring "freezes," load 4000 cars, which means \$2,000,000 for that city.

A large number of New Mexicans are arranging to leave in the spring for the reported rich gold field of Alaska. Raton will be generously represented.

The new depot at Casa Blanca is almost finished, and is a very commodious and convenient structure. It has a double roof and is convenient in every respect.

J. E. Kiplinger, a newspaper proprietor of San Bernardino, died a few days ago. He leaves a widow. He was very popular in the Southern California town.

Cuban sovereign silver dollars have been received by San Diego banks. They contain but 50 cents in silver but sell for \$1. The profit goes to the Cuban government.

A number of new packing houses are going up at Riverside preparatory to handling next season's orange crop, expected to be the largest in the history of the place.

Congressman Barlow and wife have arrived at Ventura from Washington, and will visit there with friends a few days before leaving for their home in San Luis Obispo.

Riverside's municipal electric light and power plant promises to be not only self-supporting in the near future, but will, it is thought, prove a source of revenue to the city.

The Santa Ana cycling team which recently won the division trophy cup in the 25-mile race at Santa Monica has been challenged to run Riverside for the cup September 9.

Another young couple have been married by a sailboat captain off Re-

dondo. The contracting parties were Eugene R. Schenberger and Miss Emma Holland of Hesperia.

The activity in the San Gabriel canyon just now is "immense." The San Gabriel Power Company has two camps established. Over a hundred men are at work. More will be added.

A searching party has left Mesa, A. T., in quest of Gordon Humaker, who left his home a month ago on a trip across the desert, and nothing has been heard from him since.

Never before was the Southern California olive output so large as it will be this season. This is the verdict of several buyers of that fruit who have been about Pomona valley during the past few days.

Two soldiers deserted from Fort Grant recently, and riding to Wilcox, abandoned their horses and escaped. A party of Indian scouts arrived in Wilcox in quest of the fugitives, but found them flown.

Downey, Los Angeles county, and vicinity, are having quite a building boom. During the past year more new residences have been built and are now under construction than during the nine years previous.

An arbitration committee will determine the value of the water plant in Los Angeles. The city and the water company will each appoint a member of this committee, these appointees to select the third member.

W. J. Chibester, D. D., who has just finished a successful pastorate of twelve years in Los Angeles, Cal., has accepted the call of the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago, to succeed Rev. D. J. Barrows. He is a native of Baltimore.

Sylvester Watts, the president of the Tucson Water Company, is now in San Diego, and will probably be in Tucson during this month, when a proposition may be expected from him for the enlargement of the water works system there.

The Hornbeck and Osberg mine, situated about four miles northwest of Elizabethtown, N. M., has a fine lead 14 inches thick and assays \$8,625 per ton, which makes it equal to any of the Colorado mines. And it makes this showing at a depth of only 20 feet.

Governor McCord of Arizona, has commissioned C. W. Jonhstone of Phoenix as Territorial Treasurer and Harry B. St. Clair of Phoenix as Capital Site Commissioner, and F. T. Aspinwall of Navajo county as Assistant Superintendent of the Territorial Prison.

The bean acreage of Ventura is 12,000 acres about this year, having been reduced by the association to avoid over-production. The unexpected demand caused by the Alaska stampede has cleaned out the supply of Lima beans. Big prices are expected for next year's crop.

Because of the heavy consumption and decreased production of crude oil the principal producers of Los Angeles have decided to increase the price of the product by 5 to 10 cents per barrel. This will bring the price of oil up to \$1 per barrel, which figure it is believed will be general inside of sixty days.

At Mesa Grande, San Diego county, a few days ago, M. Morris, a rancher, was nearly killed by being dragged by a coil. He had endeavored to lasso the animal, but his feet became tangled in the rista, and the coil, which took fright when the coil settled around its neck, ran away with Morris.

The new organization of the San Diego Land and Town Company has been formally decided the property of the old company by Receiver Lanning and the deed placed on record. The new company is organized under the laws of Maine with B. P. Cheney as President. The stock is mostly owned in Boston and amounts to \$3,450,000.

Benachio Rois, a young Mexican from Capistrano was stabbed and dangerously wounded recently by an old Indian woman named Aloisa at Santa Ana. Rois and others were drinking wine at the home of Aloisa, when she suddenly stabbed him in the abdomen for some fancied insult. She was arrested and will be held awaiting the result of her act.

The Woodmen of the World at San Bernardino have installed the following officers for the coming term: H. Conner, Consul-Commander; P. B. Guernsey, Advisor-Lieutenant; S. H. Johnson, Banker; E. C. Lockard, Clerk; J. Ward, escort; M. M. Negley, Watchman; D. M. Bradley, Sentry; D. Whitcomb, Past Consul; Messrs. Barrows, Miller and Dorsey, Managers.

Sheep and small bunches of cattle are taking the places of the immense numbers of cattle that formerly occupied the big ranges of western Soocoro county, Ariz. With a large number of small owners and the big ranges cut up into small ones there will soon be more stock in that section and raised at a greater profit than ever before in the history of that part of the country.

V. W. Smith, as receiver of the Atlantic and Pacific Railway Company, has brought suit against Wells, Fargo & Co. at Los Angeles for \$77,911.12, alleged to be due for services rendered the latter company. The railway company claims to have a contract with the express company which provides for the payment by the express company of \$1,450,000 annually, the railway company to divide the sum among its subsidiary companies.

From Alamitos comes the cheering intelligence that the new sugar factory is grinding 350 tons of beets per day that averages 15 1/2 per cent in saccharine matter. This is equivalent to 54.75 tons of sugar per day. At this rate the new factory will be an unqualified success. Some of the beets are said to assay as much as 26.3 per cent sugar. This is phenomenal and stamps the Alamito region as one of the best beet-sugar regions in the world.

Los Angeles is to have a society of pioneers. A committee appointed at a recent meeting of "old-timers" to formulate and recommend a plan of organization met recently and appointed a sub-committee on constitution and by-laws. The committee will report at the next meeting, the date of which was not fixed. The suggestion that the organization be known as "The Society of Pioneers of Los Angeles County" met with unanimous assent.

ALONG THE COAST.

Interesting Occurrences From all Over the Coast.

NEWS OF THE WEEK CONDENSED.

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

Dried fruits have advanced in San Bernardino until nothing less than 6 cents f. o. b. is accepted for apricots.

The newly formed Santa Barbara naval militia division is in camp with the Los Angeles Battalion at Santa Monica.

The real property of the estate of Mrs. McGilincy, one of the Dunham's victims, will be sold, as the personal effects will not pay the debts.

Vance's lumber yard and McKee's saw mill in Squaw Valley were burned last week. Loss \$25,000. Believed to be work of an incendiary.

Theodore Figel has been held to answer on seven charges of embezzlement and two of forgery. His total bill amounted to \$36,000. The murder case has been taken up.

Colonel Augustus G. Bennett, commissioner of streets, and one of the most prominent citizens of San Jose, died at his home of cancer of the stomach. He had been ill about three weeks.

Charles Vivian La Due, who was shot by his rejected sweetheart, Clara Fallmer, August 2, is dead. Both young people were residents of Alameda. The Coroner's Jury returned a verdict of murder against Miss Fallmer.

Joseph Gray, a capitalist, who was, some few years ago, one of the best known of the Truckee lumber mill owners, died in Sacramento. He built the first frame house at Truckee. He was a native of England 71 years of age.

Work on the Sierra Railway is progressing rapidly. The rails are now laid to Don Pedro, four miles from Chinese Camp. Work on the freight depot and sidings has begun at Don Pedro. The traffic on the road is increasing every day.

After twenty years of agitation and three elections, St. Helena is to have a high school. Three districts, St. Helena, Lodi and Vineland, voted upon it as a union high school district, and the movement carried by a handsome majority.

The extent of the defalcation of Treasurer Madden of Modoc county is unknown, pending the completion of the auditing of his books. Besides county funds, Madden held seven thousand dollars in trust for several residents of Modoc county.

From \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 worth of assessable property was added to the tax rolls of Oakland by the decision of Judge Hall, which directs City Assessor Snow to include property in the annexed territory upon this year's assessment rolls.

City Assessor Johnston has turned over this year's assessment roll to the City Council of Santa Rosa. The report shows the valuation of all property within the boundary lines of the city to be \$6,688,085, being a decrease of \$48,308 from last year's assessment.

The east side branch of the Valley road was completed to the north bank of the St. John river, and to within one and a half miles of Vista last week. The grade is completed to Vista, and just so soon as the bridge is completed rails will be laid into the city.

The people of French Gulch, twenty-two miles from Redwood, are excited over the alleged discovery of a large deposit of fabulously rich ore in the Milk Maid Mine, near that town. It is said that the gold can be taken out in great chunks, and that the strike will prove extensive.

The Table Mountain House, a popular rendezvous for hunters, situated about twelve miles northwest of Casadero, was burned to the ground. The overturning of a kerosene lamp started the fire. The guests lost nearly all of their effects, and two persons had narrow escapes with their lives.

Dr. W. F. Hatch, superintendent of state hospitals, says that all the counties are providing quarters for the detention of the alleged insane. So far San Diego has provided the best quarters—a 9-room house has been built at the county hospital for that purpose with two nurses in attendance.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company has announced a reduction on the dried fruit and raisin rate to eastern points and Europe which is very important to the San Joaquin Valley. The rate to London, Liverpool and Antwerp is \$1.10 a hundred pound box, or \$1.30 a hundred in sacks, to Glasgow, Hamburg and Amsterdam.

The Klondyke gold fields have opened a new industry in California. In Stockton and San Jose evaporating companies are rushed to their full capacity drying potatoes, summer squashes, onions, carrots and other vegetables. The process followed in drying the vegetables is the same as followed in drying fruit.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent in San Francisco of the past two weeks as a direct result of the Klondyke rush, and the general Alaskan development which has taken new and vigorous start will be a very important element in the prosperity of the metropolis of the Pacific coast from now on.

There has been no such excitement in the Pomona Valley for months as is now stirred up by the course taken by the Methodist Conference. That body has unanimously adopted resolutions, which, if carried out, will drive a large number of the members of the flock churchless into the street, because they differ with their brethren as the best means of dealing with the liquor traffic.

The Board of Supervisors of Monterey county granted the application of the Salinas Valley Water Company for a right of way at points of intersection of county roads for an irrigation and canal and ditches to

extend fifty miles down the Salinas Valley from Kings City to Salinas. The survey has been made, and the work will be rushed to completion, opening by irrigation to cultivation one hundred and sixty-two thousand acres of arable land.

C. R. Lloyd of Los Angeles is at the head of a proposed new electric power company, which is to be the equal in magnitude of the Southern California Company. The originators of the scheme have acquired the water rights above the head works of the Southern California Power Company. A diverting dam will be built at Corkscrew Falls, on Bear Creek, and the water will be conveyed in flumes and tunnels to Deer Creek.

H. J. Crocker has been elected President of the California Winegrowers' Union. The Board of Directors immediately appointed a committee to receive such offers as may be tendered for the wines in the hands of the corporation, which is now prepared to furnish the capital to every wine maker of the State belonging to the union for the purpose of enlarging the wineries and caring for the grape crop.

The New South Wales Government objects to paying the bill of \$30,000 for the extradition of Butler, the "Blue Mountain" murderer on the ground that it is excessive.

According to a St. Petersburg paper, Dr. Nansen has just organized in Russia a company for exploring the iron and nickel deposits which he discovered on his latest expedition.

The Minister of the Interior there has sent a note to the authorities declaring that peace with Bolivia is assured, as the questions in dispute arising out of the boundary trouble have been settled.

Dr. Zertucha, Maceo's betrayer, has been released by General Weyler. The authorities have been notified by the Cubans to withdraw non-combatants from the suburb of Mariano, as it will be destroyed in fifteen days.

The French Government has decided not to take part in the unveiling of the monument to Sedan in the memory of the soldiers who fell in the Franco-Prussian war. This was said to be due to the recently awakened ill feeling toward Germany.

Another Andree carrier pigeon is reported to have been caught at Grandice, near Goritz, Austria. Explorer Nordenkjold is reported as saying that Andree has already landed on the North Asiatic or North American coast.

The Finance Committee of the London, England, County Council estimates the cost of the public schools of that city for the year ending August 1, 1898, at \$15,000,000. This is an increase of \$2,000,000 over the figures of two years ago.

The Belgian Chamber of Deputies has passed a bill compelling all foreigners who have had a year's residence to enroll themselves in the Civic Guard. The measure is the result of the very great increase of late in the foreign colonies at Antwerp and Brussels.

It is reported that one of the essential conditions upon which Japan will insist in the event of the arbitration of her claims against Hawaii is that the United States shall assume a contingent responsibility in carrying out the decisions of the arbitration tribunal.

On the 29th of July the insurgents near Santa Clara, Cuba, dynamited a culvert, thus blocking railway traffic. They also destroyed the city's telegraphic communications with the surrounding country, and in the suburbs of the city fought a battle with the local volunteers.

The government of Hawaii has passed a law denying the residence permits in the islands to Chinese. This virtually shuts out Chinese immigration, and it is believed that the move was made by the advice of the United States Government in contemplation of the annexation of the islands.

Disastrous floods are reported along the Danube River in Austria. Eighty-five persons have been drowned at Silesia, sixty between Irsehel and Laussen, and many at other places, while over one hundred are missing, as supposed to be drowned. Immense damage has also been done to the crops along the river.

A dispatch from Panama says the anniversary of the battle of Boyaca, at which the Spanish yoke was practically thrown off by Colombia, Venezuela and Ecuador, is now being celebrated. During the recent exercises several persons were injured by standing too close to the rifles of the troops and being hit by the wadding in the blank cartridges.

The New York Tribune says that the freight-rate war from New York to Galveston by which the Morgan-Emory steamship lines are trying to defeat the recently-established rival, the Lone Star line, has reached an interesting stage. Rates to Galveston have been cut to 2 cents a hundred-weight.

As a result, the town is full of Texas buyers and goods are being shipped to the Lone Star State in large quantities.

The extensive mica beds near Tres Pedras, Tacos county, New Mexico, will be worked by a Chicago stove company. The mica district covers about 3,000 acres and was discovered six years ago by Colonel J. H. Cribben of Chicago. Mica in commercial quantities is a scarce article, the whole United States product in 1895 being worth but \$37,041. In 1887 70,000 pounds were produced in this country worth \$149,500.

A Houston, Tex., dispatch says the ocean rate war between New York and Galveston has brought reduction of rates from California to Houston. The Southern Pacific announces effective August 18 the tariff on canned goods, beans and peas, straight or mixed carloads minimum weight 30,000 pounds, from California territory and intermediate points to Houston, will be lowered to 53 cents a hundred pounds.

The government of New South Wales has received a bill calling for the payment of \$30,000, costs incurred in securing the extradition from California of Frank Butler, executed there July 15 for the murder of Captain Lee Weller.

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 Wright Law. The Wright law is intended to enable the owners of irrigable lands to appropriate water by building the canals at their own expense to escape paying tribute forever to private capital invested in those enterprises, says the S. F. Chronicle. Nothing could be more desirable if the owners have the money. As a matter of fact, however, they have not had the money, but have been compelled to borrow it. For the most part the history of these districts in this State shows that a community of farmers has not usually the business capacity to secure the wise and economical expenditure of so large a sum of money as is required to complete a large irrigation system. They either have not among them the men competent to serve as directors, or they have not the social efficiency to elect them. The result has too often been the expenditure of the money with little valuable result.

Another trouble has arisen from the impossibility of making a profitable sale of the products of the newly irrigated lands. It is true that this trouble is sure to pass away with the period of depression, but it is none the less severe while it lasts, and between the low prices and the fearful waste of money which has occurred actual ruin has been threatening many farmers. There was no possible way for them to raise the money to meet their assessments, nor does the law permit an alternative but the sale of their property if in default. The most of these bonds have been in litigation and their validity is being determined. This depends on the facts in each case. The bonds issued to pay for the Central canal in Colusa and Glenn counties have just been declared invalid and the farmers are rejoicing, while those who in good faith lent the money to build the canal are lamenting its loss. In other cases the insolvency has been so evident that compromises were effected and the assets of the district turned over to the creditors. The Willows Journal suggests that this course be taken in the case of the Central canal, where the land was unquestionably good security for the bonds had their validity been sustained.

About Young Chickens. The more I see of the manner people manage with late hatched chicks (both with the hens and in brooder, it more I am convinced that the trouble is not in the chicks, but in the management of the young chicks, says S. H. Olmstead, and as the success depends altogether on the care raised for the market, I will try and locate some of the hidden rocks that have wrecked many a fine sailing craft.

First, last and all the way along, be sure that there is not a louse, or a nit, stowed away in your cargo anywhere. They will scuttle and sink your ship in mid-ocean. It is a hard matter to raise a chick after you have cleared him of the pests. The next death trap is cold drafts during the hot summer months. Never permit the chicks to be kept in the shade of trees, or under buildings, night or day, as there is always a chilling draft that cannot stand. These conditions are quite different at this season from what they are in winter. Also, more care should be exercised in regard to cleanliness; the reverse is apt to be the case, as you are apt to become negligent. Do not allow the older chicks to interfere with them anyway—keep them separate—make them comfortable and happy. I have never known a chick hurt with hot weather, but have seen many go dead from the cold. Don't allow them to peck together in the cold, foggy morning. Use a little more horse sense as you go along and I think you will find July and August the best months of the year for raising chicks.

I have found roasting ears to be the best feed for chicks. I take an old fast plant, with a wide mouth, and cut it in two, and slip it over the top of a box six inches deep and ten by twelve inches, and then place the corn and the cobs into the box. Mix just enough bran with this so as to handle it without sticking.

Your late hatched chicks will be a trifle smaller when grown than the earlier ones.

Fruit Auctions. For the benefit of some of our readers who do not understand the auction system of selling fruit, we give the following information, says the California Fruit World. The day before a sale is to take place, the auctioneer sends a notice to the trade, notifying them what they will have to offer, stating the time it will be sold, and where the fruit can be examined. Upon the arrival of the car in the city, it is immediately unloaded and lined up according to brand, size or variety. The invoice of the car generally reaches the auctioneer the day before the sale, and he has printed a catalogue with lot numbers on it, giving the name of shipper and the number of boxes in every lot. Several packages of each lot are opened to allow of inspection by the trade. The buyer with catalogue in hand, examines the fruit and marks down the price he thinks the market will allow him to pay for that quality fruit. These prices he keeps to himself, and will never allow any fruit which he can use to be sold for less than he has valued it at. The fruit is usually sold in lots of forty boxes or multiples thereof. If the price bid does not satisfy the agent of the company whose fruit is being sold, he informs the auctioneer who then announces that there is no privilege, meaning that but forty boxes will be sold at the price offered and he in this way withdraws the balance from the sale. The catalogue

often consist of but one or two pages and sometimes in the Mediterranean business they have fifty pages. The fruit is sold by the page, the highest bidder having his choice of any line on the page, and the next bidder having his choice of what is left and so until the page is sold. Every buyer has the price he values the fruit at, before him all the time, and to protect himself in that which he has already bought, he never allows any fruit to be sold below his valuation.

Fancy Packing. An Eastern correspondent writes us that he asked his grocer whether he handled French prunes, says the S. F. Chronicle. The reply was that he did not, to any extent; they were "all California prunes, except these fancy packages for people who want something very attractive and are willing to pay a high price for it." The fancy package contained imported prunes—"French" prunes they call them here. "I could not see that they were better prunes than ours, in fact, the dealer doubted whether they were as good, but the package was even more attractive than that in which a metropolitan dealer incloses his choicest bouillons." The package sold the fruit. There is a good deal of such fruit put up in this State, much of which goes to Europe. The most of our dried fruits, however, must always be sold in a cheaper form. We are not sure that it is more profitable to put up fruit in fancy packages, although so long as the business is not overdone individuals may do well by it, but fancy packages cost money and the trade is limited. There is no question, however, that the sale of our fruit in such packages is of very great value to the State. It is not good for us that it should be supposed that California only supplies goods of ordinary quality, and that for the very best customers must look elsewhere. The trade in fancy packages should be encouraged. The great wines of France, which but very few persons ever see, raise the price of all French wines. The presence in the market of fancy grades of dried fruit from this State will increase the reputation of all our fruit.

Butter-Making. The dairy inspector at Cornell Agricultural College, Ithaca, N. Y., has sent out a list of rules about butter making and ripening cream. He says: "Keep your vessel so that it may all ripen evenly, and thus avoid loss in churning. Raise the temperature to 6 to 68 deg, and keep it as near that temperature as possible until ripe, and then cool before churning. Well-ripened cream should be coagulated and thickened. It should run from a height in a smooth stream like oil. When the paddle is dumped into it and held in the hand it should stick all over in a thick, even coat, not running off in streaks and showing the surface of the paddle. When the last drop run off the paddle back in the vat they should leave little dents or depressions on the surface, which do not close up for an instant. The cream should have a satin gloss or fresh surface. Churn until the granules are the size of wheat kernels; then draw off the buttermilk and wash through two or three waters, whirling the churn around a few times. Use from a pint to a quart of water per pound of butter. Have the water at a temperature of 40 to 45 deg, in hot weather, and from 50 to 62 deg, in winter always depending upon season, solidity of the butter, warmth of the room and size of the granules. If you do not care about feeding the washings, I would put some salt in my first wash water. It will help to float the granules better, and perhaps dissolve out the casing to some extent. I would generally salt the butter in the churn."

Work Until November. There is economy in keeping a regular force of men at work through the season, from May to November, says Leonard Coates. This is a saving of strength for the fruit buds that are left, for these will have the benefit of the more concentrated supply of sap through the remainder of the season. This has been done for years in the apricot orchards of the Santa Clara valley, and there is no reason why it should not be done with all other fruit trees. When the short days come on in November the work is all done. Plowing won't commence for three or four months, and the fruit grower has that time for a well-earned rest, and cutting down of all expenses of hired help; the Supervisors may then hire his teams for county work at low rates, or he may use them for plowing grain land, or in swapping work with his neighbors.

There is another thing that should be done in the orchard after pruning, and while the leaves are still on, and that is to spray with some wash that feeds the tree through leaves and young bark as well as cleans it by destroying the germs of fungi.

FOREIGN NEWS. Andrew Carnegie has offered the town of Stirling, Scotland, \$30,000 for a public library building.

In the markets of the world wheat remains steady, though the Boston has probably reached the top notch for the present.

The Hawaiian Government has admitted a large number of Japanese laborers upon the request of the sugar planters.

One hundred women were recently drowned at Kremenotsh, Germany, by the wrecking of a swimming bath anchored in the river.

Don Carlos, the pretender to the throne of Spain, is expected to arrive in Madrid shortly. A cabinet minister wagers that the government will not dare arrest Carlos.

The second squadron of Turkish warships, consisting of seven vessels, commanded by Hainir Pasha, which sailed from the Dardanelles on the 2d, has arrived at Sigri, island of Maty-lene.

Lord Wolsley, commander-in-chief of the British army, is again very ill. It is now known that his malady is of the throat, due many assert, to excessive smoking. His chances of real recovery are very small.

The Sultan insists on holding a Thessalian seaport as security for the payment of the war indemnity, notwithstanding his agreement to evacuate that territory, and negotiations are again at a standstill.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Condensed Telegraphic Reports of Late Events.

BRIEF SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Budget of News For Easy Digestion—All Parts of the Country Represented—Interesting Items.

Families of striking coal miners are on the verge of starvation. Many of the coal mining towns are under martial law.

A Georgia mother killed her six-year-old-boy because she said he was too ugly to live, having a disfiguring birthmark.

Kansas authorities defy the injunction of a Federal judge and a long war between State and Federal authorities is looked for.

The Empire State now holds the record on fast trains, a regular train having covered the distance from Syracuse to Buffalo, 149 miles, in 143 minutes.

President McKinley visited the Cliff Haven Catholic summer school, the grounds of which adjoin the Hotel Champlain. He was accompanied by the Vice-President and General E. C. O'Brien.

It is now said the decision of the cabinet in regard to the monetary conference in answer to the representations of the American monetary commission will not be made public for three weeks.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Adams Express Company, Henry Sanford was elected vice-president and Wm. B. Dinmore trustee. The vacancies were caused by the death of C. A. Seward, who acted in a dual capacity.

The Brotherton