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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

Los Angeles is to have a ten-story building.

Barlow will leave for Washington on the 28th of Nov.

Tuberculous cows are being killed in San Bernardino.

A military band has been organized in Santa Barbara.

The Southern Pacific Company has completed a new station at Highgrove, Riverside County.

Forty convicts are at work on the irrigation canal at Yuma.

Dr. William N. Hardin, aged 71, Anaheim pioneer, is dead.

The round trip to and from Avalon daily has been discontinued.

Riverside orange growers will adopt a uniform plan to guard against frost.

W. S. Winters of Pomona has resigned as Captain of Company D, N. G. C.

Col. J. T. Ritchey banquetted the Southern California Hotelmen at Casa Loma last week.

Capt. A. W. Hall, accused of an attempt to poison seamen, has been discharged at San Diego.

Avalon has been visited by a flock of sea pigeons. The birds are web-footed and resemble carrier pigeons.

Ventura is to be incorporated as San Buena Ventura, a city of the 5th class. The population is 3067.

The Los Angeles city assessor is charged with making innumerable blunders in the assessment of property.

The Santa Barbara \$50,000 bond issue once voted for a new water system, and never sold, has been officially destroyed.

It is very probable that Santa Ana will enjoy the benefits of free distribution of mail during the coming fiscal year.

Company H, N. G. C., of Ventura, has been awarded the banner for being the best drilled company south of Tehachepi.

Deer are so plentiful on the summit of the Santa Ynez that the apple orchards are suffering from their depredations.

Easton, Eldridge & Co. have contracted with the sugar company to secure the planting of 5000 acres in beets next year.

Judge Van Dyke of Los Angeles has rendered a decision that county authorities cannot fumigate orchards and compel the owners to pay the cost.

The W. C. T. U. of, North Pasadena has filed a protest with the trustees of Pasadena against the posting of objectionable theatrical advertising.

Los Angeles oil producers have ordered a 30,000-barrel storage tank from Pittsburg. The monthly output of the city fields is now estimated at 100,000 barrels.

J. M. Short's pampas plume crop at Santa Barbara amounts to 300,000 plumes. A carload of them has been recently exported to the German market.

The California Hospital Associations the name of a corporation organized to build a hospital in Los Angeles to cost \$25,000. It is an enterprise of prominent physicians.

The thirty-eighth annual session of the grand lodge of Good Templers of California, just ended at Los Angeles, installed the Hon. Theodore D. Kanouse as Grand Chief Templar.

The General Last medal is going the rounds. It was first worn by Private Meacham of Riverside, with a score 67, then by Capt. Reynolds of Los Angeles, with 69, and the last time by Private Starr of Riverside, with 66.

The Pasadena and Pacific electric railway attempted to lay tracks on Octavia street, Los Angeles, just after midnight Nov. 14, in order to reach the wholesale district, but they had no franchise, and Mayor Snyder and the police force headed them off.

The supervisors of Los Angeles have published a notice that it is their intention to purchase 30 acres more land at the County Farm for the accommodation of the old ladies who are helplessly indigent and who have a home there separate from the men.

The Los Angeles and Pasadena Electric Railway has issued bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000. The deed of trust provides for the issuance of \$750,000, and that the remainder of the million shall be treasury stock for use in extensions and rolling stock.

A special tax has been levied at Oceanside this year to extend the wharf 300 feet farther out into the ocean, for the purpose of increasing the facilities for fishing. Concerts and other entertainments will be given during the winter to add to this wharf extension fund.

The Echo Mountain observatory is headquarters for nebulae. Prof. Swift discovered four Nov. 15th, making a total of 150 since the establishment of the great telescope. Pasadena would never forgive herself if she allows Prof. Swift and his star-finder to leave Echo Mountain.

U. S. Grant, Jr., announces that he is a "responsive" candidate for U. S. Senator. He says in an interview, that he is entirely at the service of his party in the matter. His declaration means that San Diego county will next year pledge her Republican legislative candidates for him.

There are over 200 different species in the collection of cacti in the greenhouse at East Side park, in Los Angeles, which is probably the finest in the country. Mr. E. J. Buell of Encinitas, also has a fine collection, according to the Oceanside Blade. One plant is said to be over 100 years old.

Miss Maude Ressé Davies, a Los Angeles girl, will be the soprano soloist of Sousa's band the coming season. Miss Davies has been studying in Paris, a pupil of Gradadella and a favorite of Massenet and Bamberg. A recent Paris letter in Harper's Bazaar gave a very flattering notice of this young lady's debut.

The proposed close trade relations between Los Angeles and Mexican west coast ports is off for the present. It has been found that the custom regulations on both sides are not productive of the best results for any one, and that until a properly equipped steamer line is secured for the trade, the possibilities need not be any further canvassed.

Another complication has arisen in connection with the project for the improvement of San Pedro Harbor in California that threatens to delay the advertisement calling for proposals until Congress meets and makes further provision. It has been discovered the act makes no provision to defray the expense of the advertisement, and the war department is now seeking for some means to carry out the intent of Congress that shall be within the law.

It is settled that Ventura is to have one of the largest beet-sugar factories on the coast. The contract has been signed and the Oxnards have commenced work. The right of way for a branch railroad from Montalvo on the Southern Pacific railroad to Hueneme wharf is being secured. Engineer Hood and H. E. Huntington have been on the ground for several days and it is stated that 200 men will soon be put to work bridging the Santa Clara river between Montalvo and the sugar factory site.

Tucson Star advices from Guaymas, Sonora, says the steamer Rio Yaqui, with seventy five soldiers and a judge left for the scene of the recent murder of Americans on Tiburon Island by the Ceris Indians, for the purpose of investigating and punishment of the offenders. The island is very heavily timbered, and it is thought the expedition will be a failure. A force of mounted soldiers was sent across to the coast of Sonora, Gulf of California, opposite to Tiburon, with the view of co-operating, if necessary.

I. D. Stone, Hector Angel and Gail Lewis, recently returned from Yuma across the desert, report that the overflow of the Colorado river last summer was considerably higher than for some years past. It filled the New river channel and for some time flowed into Salton lake. All the lagunas in the New river bed, that have been dry for several years, are now filled up and restocked with fish. Cameron lake is swarming with fish, and, as a consequence, water fowl are there by the thousand, especially the great white pelican of the Gulf or Lower Colorado. He estimated one flock of these magnificent birds to number five thousand. There has been a rank growth of desert weeds and grasses and the mesquit bean crop is phenomenal, so that stock will get fat there this winter. A singular thing in connection with the overflow is that the Carter river, which usually flows a swift current, was dry this summer, evidently being choked up where it leaves its parent, the Colorado.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

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

Eighty-four buildings are in course of construction at Phoenix, Ariz.

The Methodist church has established a missionary association in Alaska.

In the ordinary course of legal procedure, Durrant's execution cannot take place before next March.

General Fuentes, the Guatemalan rebel, was arrested at San Francisco by a creditor who wants pay for goods delivered.

The Vancouver and Northern Shipping and Trading Company will run a fleet of boats between Vancouver and Alaska ports next spring.

The Randsburg road will be ready for traffic by December 5. E. H. Stagg, now of the S. F. P. at this point, is to be auditor of freight receipts.

Ex-Gov. Markham has disposed of his interest in the East San Gabriel hotel property to the International Pulmonary company of Columbus, Ohio, for \$15,000.

There are said to be 5,000 nickel-in-the-slot machines in San Francisco, and it is estimated that from \$20,000 to \$30,000 is played into them every day by the very class which cannot afford it.

Congressman Howell will introduce a bill to make Alaska a penal colony. He would have United States prisoners sent there and their earnings in the gold mines used to pay their transportation and aid their families.

Secretary Long in a few days will issue an order designed to place the naval reserve on a war footing before next summer. A detail of regular naval officers will be made to instruct militia battalions in the work expected in case of war. The system is to be extended to the Pacific.

The fight between Goddard and Sharkey at San Francisco was decided in favor of the sailor in the sixth round. Goddard went down from a blow in the face. His head struck the floor and Sharkey fell on top of him. Goddard was unable to continue. Sharkey's victory was unsatisfactory, like every one he has gained. He was in good condition, while the old "Barrier champion" showed the advance of years. The spectators were few.

The Copper river is navigable for small steamers for many miles beyond the mouth of its principal tributary, called on the latest maps the Chillina river, which is itself navigable for a considerable distance. From the head of navigation on the Chillina, J. M. O. Lewis, a civil engineer of Salem, Ore., says either a highway or a railroad could be constructed without great difficulty or very heavy grades, through what the natives call "Low Pass," probably the Scolai Pass. From this pass the road would follow the valley of the White river to the point where it empties into the Yukon, on the edge of the Klondike fields.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Secretary Alger is sick with tonsillitis.

Secretary of State Sherman and Mrs. Sherman will celebrate their golden wedding next year.

President McKinley has decided to make practically no more appointments until Congress convenes.

Postmaster General Gary has made his first annual report and strongly advocates the establishment of postal savings banks.

The war department has issued orders that public animals should be branded on left shoulder with "U. S." in letters 2 inches high. Hooft branding, substituted for this a few years ago, proved not permanent.

Ohio leads all states in the number of pensioners with 103,431, who last year drew \$15,522,078.56. Pennsylvania is a close second, with 100,875, who drew \$12,761,970.00, while other leading states are New York, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri.

President McKinley is sitting for a sculptor. His bust will be modeled in clay and then in bronze. One cast is for the White House, the second for Secretary Alger, the third for the Canton city hall, and the fourth for the state house in Columbus.

EASTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The yellow fever quarantine at Savannah has been raised.

The new General Master Workman of the Knights of Labor is Henry Hicks.

Mrs. John A. Logan has been appointed guardian of Senator Cieneros.

Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany, wife of the head of the great New York jewelry firm, is dead.

A Chicago railroad man got a \$20,000 verdict against the Northwestern road for blacklisting.

The official vote in Ohio, as counted, gives Bushnell, Republican, 28,101 plurality for governor.

A small rate war has begun by Chicago-St. Paul railroads, with fair prospect of involving California traffic.

The hard coal operators of Pennsylvania have been closing down the mines for the purpose of raising prices.

The Santa Fe Pacific railroad company has made a mortgage to the Union Trust Co. of New York for \$16,000,000.

It will not be Stephen Grover Cleveland, Jr., but Richard Folsom Cleveland, in honor of Mrs. Cleveland's father.

The engagement between Geo. M. Pullman Jr. and Miss Fayette Oglesby, has been broken. The young man was recently disinherited by his father's will.

J. R. Sovereign, retiring general master workman of the Knights of Labor, resigned his position in order that he might push his candidacy for president of the United States in 1900.

The ruins of the house at Tappan, N. Y., where Major Andre was held a prisoner during the revolutionary war, have been sold to Charles Pike. He will rebuild the house on the original plans and open it to the public.

Hetty Green's appearance has much changed of late. A few days ago she appeared in court in New York in diamonds, velvet and a trimmed bonnet. She is almost never without a lawsuit on her hands, one of the penalties of great wealth in these days.

A big anaconda, exhibited in a Philadelphia museum, escaped from its cage last week and wound itself about its keeper and nearly crushed him to death. He managed to escape, however, when the snake wrapped itself about a pony and crushed it to death.

J. Waldier Kirk, known as the "King of the Dudes" is under arrest in New York on a charge of shooting Richard Mandelbaum. When Mandelbaum returned to his hotel he failed to find his wife, and went to Kirk's room and kicked in the door. Then Kirk shot.

A strike of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is threatened in New York City. The electrical workers demanded an increase of wages from \$3 a day to \$4, effective January 1, and their demand having been positively denied by the association the workmen decided to strike.

Charles A. Dana died a millionaire. He left property valued at between \$1,000,000 and \$1,250,000. All the property except his stock in the Sun, which is held in trust for her by Paul Dana, is left to his widow. His handsome home on Long Island Sound, his most valuable holding, is entirely free from incumbrances.

Gotham's great annual horse show, the society event par excellence of each season, was held in Madison Square Garden. There were over 1300 exhibits, or a hundred more than at any previous show. The stables of the "400" are as usual represented and the exhibits from the west and south were unusually numerous. The prize list aggregated \$33,000.

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

Germany's exports to the United States have fallen off 50 per cent in the last year.

Strained relations exist between Japan and Russia because of the latter's effort to control the Korean customs.

President Diaz's admirers have presented him with two handsome private cars, turned out by the Pullman shops.

Russia demands payment of an old indemnity, which is accepted as a plan to prevent reorganization of the Turkish army.

A South American dreibund, consisting of Peru, Chile and Argentina, is in process of formation, with the object of dismembering Bolivia.

The horrible effects of Weyler's policy in Cuba are shown in the fact that half the rural population is dead by starvation, and of the Spanish army practically nothing is left.

The Mexican government has con-

tracted with an English syndicate that will bring 1,000,000 colonists to that country in 25 years. The syndicate will be allowed \$100 for each family.

A special to the New York Herald from Lima, Peru, says: "President Pierola has been stricken with fever and now is confined to his bed. The unveiling of the Graus statue in Callao, which was fixed for this week, President Pierola conducting the ceremonies, has been postponed in consequence of his illness.

Col. John Bradbury recently had a narrow escape from death off the Mexican coast. When some distance from Mazatlan, his steam launch encountered a storm and was driven seaward. Her fuel gave out and to keep her going her dingy and pilot-house were chopped up and burned. On the third day the food supply gave out, and for two days Mr. Bradbury and his engineer had nothing to eat. Finally they were rescued by a tug sent out by his uncle at a cost of \$1000. Mr. Bradbury was almost dead from exhaustion.

Gladstone and Bismark are in poor health, if not actually in a precarious state. Both are suffering from the same ailment—chronic neuralgia—and the difference in temperament of these two great men is remarkably exemplified in their difference in conduct under similar circumstances. Gladstone fully retains his interest in life, despite his trying malady. He is planning new literary work and is preparing to start for the Riviera in search of a drier climate for the winter. He shows plainly at last all the signs of physical debility in extreme age. Bismark, on the other hand, has grown so moody and seclusive that even his own family can hold little communication with him. He has refused positively to follow Dr. Schweiniger's advice to winter in Egypt as the only way to obtain relief from constant neuralgia pains.

MINES AND MINING.

English Capital Coming To Southern California.

The San Bernardino Sun says the telegraph reports that Ex-United States Senator Stephen W. Dorsey of Arkansas is on his way from the east and is due tomorrow. He brings with him \$1,500,000 for investment in his mines in this county. The distinguished visitor was at one time famous from his connection with certain contracts for carrying the United States mails, known as "star routes," but of late years he has largely turned his attention to mines and mining properties. In this he has had quite a varied experience, and at times has sunk one or two fortunes in unlucky speculations.

Looking around for new ventures he investigated some promising claims in San Bernardino county, with the result that he not only took an interest in them, but guaranteed to raise the requisite amount of financial aid to work the mines to their fullest capacity.

For this purpose he sailed for England, where he interested capitalists in the investment, and he returns with \$1,500,000 cash backing to carry out his plans. The effect of this move is not confined to the simple investment of a million or two dollars in one locality, but it calls the attention of other capitalists to the possibility of other equally as good chances for investment in this country.

Placer Mining in Randsburg District.

Passing through the placer district a few days ago we called to see some of the boys, says the Randsburg Miner, and found them all pegging away in the best of spirits. At the Bush claim another shaft is being sunk to avoid moving dirt so far under ground. This is shaft No. 4, and is northerly from No. 3. The pay has continued good, and as bedrock is still pitching to the northwest it is reasonable to suppose the best of it has not yet been found.

McMillin's claim nearby is just about as rich as the Bush claim. Here it was often fifteen feet to bedrock, and from an 18-foot drift \$500 has recently been taken. This gold is very coarse and one nugget of the value of \$12 was found.

On the Pumpkin Roller, south of the Bush claim, the shaft is down about thirty feet and they are now in the cement which overlies the pay gravel, so that bedrock may be reached very soon.

The shaft on the Randsburg Placer and Quartz Mining company's property (locally known as the S. B. C.) is now down 175 feet, and at this depth when the old contract expired the ground was changing rapidly, and indications of proximity to bedrock were plenty.