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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 Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

Ventura county has 3883 school children.

Los Angeles will enforce the curfew ordinance.

Main and Spring streets of Los Angeles, are to be resurfaced.

The Riverside public library has just received 400 volumes from Chicago.

A pleasure wharf to cost from \$3000 to \$40,000, is to be erected at Santa Monica.

About \$4000 of city taxes went delinquent in Pasadena out of a total of \$84,000.

The office of United States assayer at the Nogales custom-house has been abolished.

Carlsbad, Richland, Valley Center and Hedges have been made money order postoffices.

The Long Beach Bank has declared a dividend of 6 per cent., and added \$500 to its reserve fund.

Five of Winslow's residences were burned last week, incurring a loss of from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

The opera-house and Weber Bros.' dry goods store at Hemet, Riverside county, burned last week.

The Pacific Creamery at Buena Park contemplates doubling its capacity and running night and day.

The Park Commissioners of Los Angeles have placed a seal in Westlake Park. It was captured off Santa Monica.

Extensive improvements are to be made in the fire department at San Bernardino as a result of the recent fire.

The Los Angeles Water Company has signified a willingness to sell its plant to the city, and has asked for a conference.

The Los Angeles oil fields are now producing 3000 barrels daily, but are showing signs of being exhausted at an early day.

The Santa Fé Company has put on a through tourist car between Los Angeles and Pittsburgh, via the Pennsylvania Railway.

New style baggage-cars have been ordered for the Santa Fé. The new cars have no platforms, and are only entered by the side.

The Fairview Land Company has bought \$4000 of bonds of the San Jacinto and Pleasant Valley irrigation district at par.

A Catholic parochial school, to cost \$25,000, is to be erected in Pasadena and be ready for occupancy on or about August 1, next.

The Flagstaff observatory man has discovered that the stars do not twinkle. Neither does a cat fight nor a woman change her mind.

Ex-Gov. George W. Baxter of Wyoming has arrived at Coronado from Denver, accompanied by his family, where he will spend the winter.

The Los Angeles Annexation Society, the object of which shall be to work for Hawaiian annexation, has been organized, with 200 members.

The Shakespeare Club of Pasadena is to have a home of its own in that city, built after the style of the Hathaway cottage at Stratford-on-Avon.

Jerome is assuming metropolitan airs. The new skating-rink attracted such a large crowd that the manager has ordered another relay of skates.

The farthest removed of Uncle Sam's posts in Arizona is Fort Apache, being 100 miles south of Holbrook, and connected by a daily stage line.

All of the storage tanks in Summerland are full of oil and no cars can be secured for shipping, in consequence of which many pumping plants have shut down.

A big fire at Randsburg destroyed nearly half the town, inflicting losses estimated all the way from forty to sixty thousand dollars, without a dollar of insurance.

The Arizona and Southeastern Railroad Company is distributing seventy-five-pound rails between Bisbee and Fairbank. The entire road is to be relaid with new steel.

Los Angeles has 100,000 people and 200 saloons. That is one for each 500 of the population, and the authorities have agreed to limit drink refectories of the city to the present number.

President Chauncey M. Depew of the New York Central Railway, will arrive on this Coast early in February. He comes to inspect the situation re-

garding the Randsburg Railway, of which he is an owner.

The Governor of the Soldiers' Home is getting rid of the small bad element. Two inmates have recently been expelled, one for the practice of usury on his unfortunate comrades and another for mutinous conduct.

The Santa Fé Pacific Company's traffic is so heavy that it takes all the passenger coaches they can control to fill the demand. They are fitting up their coaches with the new axle electric light, which is a great convenience to the traveling public.

The Santa Fé Company is carrying out its policy of beautifying its depot surroundings by putting its chief landscape gardener, Mr. Hesp, and Fred Alden at work on the station grounds at Riverside with instructions to produce the best results possible.

The Riverside Golf Club has offered a handsome gold medal to the winning club in the gold tournament to be held there on March 14. Six or eight clubs will participate in the tournament. A Southern California Gold League will be organized at that time.

Mrs. Rose Hartwick Thorpe of San Diego county has now in press a delightful little book entitled "Song Stories for Children," illustrated by her daughter, Mrs. Lulu Thorpe Barnes. Many of the poems have been set to music by a prominent Chicago firm.

In their charge to the grand jury at San Bernardino, Judges Campbell and Oster said the mandatory provisions of the Constitution alone suggested the necessity for calling the jury together at all, and declared the grand jury system had outlived its usefulness.

W. W. Perkins of Orange, is preparing 1500 roses for shipment to New York City. The shipment will be made more as an experiment than anything else, but if it should prove successful, Mr. Perkins will no doubt go into the rose business on an extensive scale.

The Southern Pacific has thirty-six engines equipped with oil burners and now running out of Los Angeles. The cost of changing from coal to oil is about \$200, but the expense of making a coal burner again is only about \$20. If the price of oil goes much higher the Southern Pacific says it will change back to coal.

Rock hauling for the big hotel jetty at Coronado, running 800 feet into the ocean, has been completed, and now the work of planking the jetty with 10,000 feet of lumber will be commenced. W. S. Russell, who engineered the construction of the Otay dam, has the work in charge. The cost of this pleasure pier will be about \$60,000.

Pasadena boasts of the erection of 269 new buildings during the year 1897—quite a little town of itself. Some of them were fine residences and solid business blocks. As much as 1,000,000 feet of lumber has been sold in Pasadena in a single month. Among the new buildings is the Green Hotel annex, which cost \$100,000. The street department expended over \$18,000 in improvements.

The City Council of San Diego has awarded a railway franchise to Matthew Sherman, U. S. Grant, Jr., M. A. Luce, William King and C. L. Josselyn. The franchise consists of a right-of-way through the city one hundred feet in width. The gentlemen to whom the award is made obligate themselves to locate a railroad to the Colorado River within a year and have it in operation within two years.

Five years ago there was only a small store and a printing office on the Chino ranch, the establishments drawing their support from the farmers in the vicinity. Today the town of Chino claims over a thousand people, which population is almost doubled during the beet-sugar campaign. The erection of a \$27,000 high school during the past year is evidence that the people of Chino think of something besides material affairs.

The building improvements for Los Angeles for 1897 made a fine showing. There were 1426 new buildings erected during the year, at an aggregate cost of \$2,614,575. Some people are fain to believe that Los Angeles' boom has burst and that there is bound to come a period of stagnation in building improvements. But a city that is completing nearly 1500 new buildings a year at a total cost of over two and a half million dollars, is still doing very well.

Prof. Ferguson has finally accepted the presidency of Pomona College and will assume its duties next June. He has announced that Dr. Pearson of Chicago, who has already given the college \$20,000, will erect a science hall costing \$25,000, when assured that the college debt is provided for. It is hoped that the debt will be canceled or provided for by May 1, so that the science hall can be built this year. Pomona is doing a splendid work in the field of smaller colleges and its progress is observed with pride and pleasure by the people of Southern California.

## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

### Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

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

Seattle has voted for free books and supplies for public schools.

The Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias will meet at Santa Rosa in May.

San Francisco and the whole State is threatened with a serious coal famine.

A fortnightly mail service between the Pacific Coast and Australia will be inaugurated April 1.

An express service to Dawson City is to be inaugurated. The first trip will be made February 20.

Charles Offer of Bakersfield, proposes to make a resort of his place and will put up a natatorium.

Mayor Templeton died of an apoplectic stroke. He is the third of Vancouver's Mayors to die a sudden death.

The Cramps are now building a large fleet of modern steamships for service between San Francisco and Alaska.

The Supreme Court has declared the San Luis Obispo bonds invalid because the voters used a stamp instead of writing "Yes."

The debts of the Methodist churches of San Francisco, aggregating \$70,000, have been assumed by the Church Extension Society.

Miners returned from Dawson insist that they have struck the mother lode, which insures the permanence of the placer diggings.

Joe Campbell, a returning miner, figures that the Klondike gold output for the present season is between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

At Port Townsend, customs officers seized 402 quart bottles of whisky on the steamer City of Seattle, just before she sailed for Alaska.

Dawson City has had no regular mail service since last August. The experiment of forwarding letters by the mounted police has failed.

The west-bound overland jumped the track at Colfax and Engineer Hackett and Fireman Lighter were killed in the wreck, but no passengers injured.

Mrs. James L. Flood, wife of the millionaire mine-owner, died at San Francisco, as the result of an operation performed. The deceased was 34 years of age.

Mrs. John A. Logan and Mrs. George M. Pullman are en route to the Pacific Coast to visit Mrs. Pullman's daughter, Mrs. Frank Carolan of Burlingame, Cal.

A movement has been started at Santa Rosa for the holding of a rose carnival in that city in May, during the convention of the Pythian Lodge and Rathbone Sisters.

There is every prospect of a fight between the Canadian Pacific and the other transcontinental roads over the rate to the Pacific Coast for those intending to go to Alaska.

Gustav Walter, manager of the amusement circuit of Orpheum theaters, has leased the Ninth-street Theater in Kansas City, Mo., and will add that to his growing musical enterprises.

Wine shipment by sea continues good, 109,474 gallons for December, valued at \$33,812.74. Last week 322,988 gallons were received at San Francisco, and for the month to Saturday last, 1,265,097 gallons.

The Twenty-third-avenue Baptist Church of Oakland city, has extended a call to Rev. E. R. Bennett, now a resident of Los Angeles, but who for nearly eight years was pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Pasadena.

The value of California property for the year 1897, shows the enormous total of \$2,089,814,886. This value is divided as follows: Real estate, \$54,255,114; improvements on real estate, \$53,866,020; personal property, \$129,592,875; money and solvent credits, \$31,638,132; railroads, \$43,491,745.

President Jordan of Stanford University will be present at the Riverside county teachers' institute to be held at the county-seat in March. Besides his position as a noted educator, President Jordan enjoys the distinction of being the principal American naturalist appointed on the fur seal commission. He has spent two seasons in the far north investigating the seal rookeries. While in Riverside he will give a lecture on the fur seal question, which will be illustrated by magic lantern slides.

## MINES AND MINING.

### The New Canadian Mining Laws.

The Dominion government has promulgated the amended regulations regarding placer mining in the Canadian Yukon.

The following summary of the most important provisions covers the changes made:

Every miner and every employé of a mine will be required to take out a miner's certificate, the fee for which will be \$10. In the case of a company it will be \$50 or \$100, according to the amount of capital stock. A miner's license will confer a right to mine, fish, hunt and to cut timber necessary for mining. Provision for obtaining miners' certificates will be made at a number of cities and towns in Canada.

The general size of the mining claims will be 250 feet; discoverers' claims, 500 feet. Every alternate ten claims shall be reserved by the government of Canada, which may dispose of the same by public auction.

Sub-aqueous mining leases will be issued in five-mile sections, with a fee of \$100 per mile per annum, and the usual royalty on the output of gold therefrom.

The fee for recording and renewing mining claims will be \$15. Any number of miners not less than five, who may be located in a district more than 100 miles distant from the office of a government mining recorder, may appoint an acting recorder, who may record claims, and who shall, within three months, transfer his records and fees collected to the nearest official mining recorder.

A royalty of 10 per cent. on the gold mined shall be levied and collected by government officers appointed for the purpose, but provision is made for the exemption on the annual product of any mining claim up to \$2500, so that claims which do not produce more will not be liable for royalty.

Provisions are made to prevent speculation in claims by throwing a claim open to entry which has not been worked for a certain number of days, unless reasonable cause is shown for failure to work it, and others providing that a record shall not be issued for more than one claim in the same locality to any miner.

There are other provisions guarding the public interest, and at the same time affording ample and appropriate facilities for mining the wealth of the Canadian Yukon.

There is no need whatever of capital to open and develop the gold mines of the Yukon Basin, either in Alaska or the Northwest Territory. The surface or gold diggings are of such a nature that labor only is required to operate them. The appliances are picks, shovels, a hoisting bucket, windlass, cordwood for fires and a couple of sluice boxes. A few hundred dollars will equip any of the claims with the necessary "machinery." Of course, money is needed to pay the men wages, but that will come out of the claim when the washing season arrives. No money whatever is required for plant. The numerous companies organized to mine in that region may need money to buy claims, but they need practically none to work the mines. Hydraulic mines here need ditch system, pipe lines, reservoirs, bedrock cuts, tailing flumes, etc. Drift mines need expensive long tunnels, and quartz mines need pumping, hoisting and milling machinery. But the shallow drift claims or the summer diggings of the Yukon region need none of these things. The claim once acquired needs only labor to get out the gold. Representations that capital is required to operate these mines are entirely false. No person should subscribe for stock in companies asking for capital to work such mines. It is not needed for any such purpose.

## EASTERN NEWS ITEMS.

A new People's Party, disclaiming all affiliation with the Populists, has been formed in St. Louis.

A railroad tunnel at Fairview, Ariz., was set on fire by sparks from an engine and two men were killed in attempting to subdue the flames.

The representatives of an eastern syndicate, supposed to be the American Maltting Company, are in Louisville, trying to buy up the local breweries.

Things became so warm at Fort Sheridan for Charles H. Waddell, the only private who testified against Capt. Lovering, that Secretary Alger has been forced to grant him an honorable discharge.

The ten thousand cotton operatives of New England unite to resist the cut in wages. The mills at New Bedford shut down, and the strikers will receive the support of the whole body of operatives.

A jubilee celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the movement for the emancipation of women will be held in Washington, February 14 to 19, inclusive, by the National American Woman's Suffrage Association.

This will be a great year for Gov-

ernors. These officials will be elected in Alabama, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Nikola Tesla announces an important discovery. He says that he has perfected vacuum tubes of such high illuminating power that they may be used in lighthouses, and that they will enable the photographer to work by night as well as by day. The results which Mr. Tesla has attained have been achieved by the use of his vacuum tubes and his oscillator. The light which he is able to produce by this means is as bright as that of the noonday sun.

## FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

M. Loubet was reelected President of the French Senate.

Senator Tabarrini, President of the Italian Council of State, is dead.

Third-class railway fares in India are less than half a cent a mile.

The Belgian government has issued invitations to a sugar conference.

Sir Morell Mackenzie's medical library is to be sold at auction in London.

Since 1892 there has been a decrease of 1000 students in the Scotch universities.

The attendance at public schools in Italy in 1870 was 201,632, while now it is 2,471,658.

There have been serious floods near Valencia, Spain, and thirty houses have collapsed.

An Athens dispatch says: A great fire at Trikala has done damage to the amount of £50,000.

A Berlin dispatch says: The condition of the health of Empress Augusta Victoria excites concern.

A private cable from London announces that Ethel Barrymore is to marry Lawrence Irving, son of Sir Henry Irving.

Gen. Billot, the French Minister of War, has made formal complaint against Zola for his open letter on the Dreyfus case.

The French Dreyfus and anti-Dreyfus partisans are making good progress toward a revolution. Rioting grows daily more violent and widespread.

Rt.-Hon. Charles Parnell Villiers, member of the British Parliament, and known as the "Father of the Commons," having sat continuously in the House since 1835, is dead.

Oriental mail advices state that Russia is keeping up her policy of aggression in Korea. The appointment of a new Russian Minister to Korea was taken advantage of by the Czar's government.

Living tortoises, with their backs covered with jewels, attached by a gold chain to ladies' dresses, are the rage in Paris. They cost about \$50. The Society for the Protection of Animals is agitating suppressing the fashion.

A Chicago syndicate with \$1,000,000 capital, has just purchased the Lopez ranch, the largest in North Mexico. It embraces 1,200,000 acres of land, and contains valuable deposits of asphaltum. Thirty thousand head of cattle are included.

Sig. Nicolini, husband of Mme. Adeline Patti-Nicolini, died at Pavia, France, recently. The late Sig. Ernest Nicolini married Mme. Patti in Wales in 1886. She had been divorced from Louis Sebastian Henri de Roger de Gabuzac, Marquis de Caux.

The French and Russian Ministers have protested against the conditions upon which (as outlined in an interview between Sir Claude Martin, British Minister to China, and the Chinese Foreign Office on Saturday last, Great Britain is willing to assist China to liquidate the Japanese indemnity.

The great Russian canal to connect the Baltic and Black seas will be begun in the spring. The minimum waterway is to have a depth of 28 feet 4 inches, a width at the bottom of 116 feet 8 inches, and a width at the top of 216 feet 8 inches. Its total length is some 1000 miles, but only 125 miles will be an artificial channel. The route is from Riga along the Duna as far as Dunaberg. From that point to Lepel, on the Beresina, an expensive cut must be made. From the Lepel the course of the Beresina will be utilized as far as its junction with the Dnieper, and then the line will follow the latter stream to Cherson on the Black Sea.

The Union Lumber Company of Bakersfield has incorporated. Capital stock, \$25,000. W. J. Donert, C. P. McLeod, Paul Gates and others are the incorporators. This company will displace Doherty & McLeod, and will operate the Kern County Lumber Co.'s mill on Breckenridge. They have let a contract to cut 1,000,000 feet of logs.