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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.

Very Rev. A. M. Meyer, E.M., is dead at Los Angeles.

The new postoffice at Terminal Island will be called Harbor.

At San Luis Obispo there is talk of another sugar factory.

Pasadena is considering a sewer system to cost \$178,000.

The Ventura incandescent electric light plant will be rebuilt.

Thirty-five men are employed on the canaigre farm near Tempe, Ariz.

The Santa Monica Intercollegiate sports have been postponed to April 30.

F. J. Culver has gone to Johannesburg to organize a Congregational Church.

Of the nine journals supported by Santa Barbara a year ago, only five now remain.

Samuel Slade, a leading attorney of San Luis Obispo, was drowned in the surf while fishing.

Henry O. Haines, a Los Angeles carriage dealer, is insolvent. Liabilities, \$18,927; assets, \$5062.

The Rev. Burt Estes Howard has resigned from the First Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles.

Ventura is discussing the municipal ownership of the water system and electric light system.

The United American Mechanics of the State elected J. S. Buskirk State councilor at Pasadena.

The Supervisors of San Bernardino county have rejected a petition for a bounty on gopher scalps.

Riverside is a prohibition town, yet six arrests in eight days for drunkenness in that town are reported.

A soda-pop factory at Fullerton, the property of C. B. Huggins, has a capacity of 300 dozen bottles a day.

Pomona College has just received \$10,000 from the estate of the late Mrs. N. M. Lynn of Springfield, Mass.

Los Angeles county has the distinction of being the only place where ostrich farms have proved a success.

It is rumored that Marcus Daly of Montana will lay out and establish a town in the Verde Valley, Ariz., next spring.

Henry T. Oxnard has filed a deed at Ventura, whereby he acquires 2981 acres of land for a beet-sugar factory for \$116,277.

An injunction has been served on the Southern Pacific carpenters to prevent the tearing down of the Pacoima depot.

The Los Angeles Times has started a fiesta fund with \$500, and says the annual carnival will be held in spite of the railroads.

A colony, with headquarters at Whittier, is forming for settlement in Mexico, where 20,000 acres of land are to be purchased.

In the county of San Bernardino there are a greater number of unappropriated and unreserved acres than in the entire area of Connecticut.

The Southern California Railway Company has distributed 50,000 books, papers and periodicals through the East during the past three months.

One Los Angeles man is suing another to foreclose a mortgage of \$100, with interest at 15 per cent. per month. That beats old Shylock or Asa Fiske.

The new cars for the Ventura and Ojai Valley Railroad have arrived in Ventura and the completion of the road will be celebrated on March 12.

Los Angeles capitalists are preparing to build a bigger and better hotel to replace the one burned at Arrowhead Springs, San Bernardino county.

The largest cantilever bridge in the United States is at The Needles, San Bernardino county, over the Colorado River. Its length of span is 360 feet.

The first annual meet of the San Diego Horsemen's Association at Coronado Beach on February 22 was the most exciting ever held in the county.

The city treasury of Riverside is in a precarious condition, only \$4306 being available in the general fund for expenses for the balance of the year.

Another mad dog run amuck in Los Angeles, biting a six-year-old son of J. Denunzro in the cheek. A number of dogs were bitten by the infected canine.

Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri experts have declared San Diego tobacco equal to the best Mexican. Cigars manufactured here are sold all along the Coast.

The importance of Orange as a railway center is shown by the fact that

the average number of trains registered daily is thirty. Sixteen of these are freight trains.

The Chino fire company is about to purchase a new hook and ladder truck, and is now preparing to build an addition to its present hose cart house for the new truck.

The Illinois Supreme Court decides a case growing out of the Los Angeles Cable Railroad deal, and delinquent stockholders must pay the full amount of the capital stock.

The Ventura Coöperative Company has filed articles of incorporation with a capital stock of \$20,000. A coöperative merchandise business is the purpose of the company.

S. Levee has been appointed City Clerk of Oceanside, pending investigation into affairs of Clerk George W. Wilson, charged with embezzlement of the city funds.

The seventeenth annual State convention of the Y.M.C.A. of California met at Riverside on February 23 to 27. The annual field day took place February 22 at the same place.

The Chino Ranch Company has accepted the terms of the Anaheim beet raisers of \$3.25 per ton for 12 per cent. beets. Mexican colonists at Rivera propose planting 1600 acres to beets.

Joseph Musgrave of Santa Barbara has signed a contract with Henry Oxnard of New York by which he agrees to ship to New York at least 1500 barrels of Summerland oil a month for five years.

Mrs. John A. Logan, Mrs. George M. Pullman and others are visiting the Pacific Coast. After touring in Southern California they continued their journey through Arizona to the City of Mexico.

The Buena Park condensed milk factory is up to its ears in business. The average daily receipts of milk, 7000 pounds, is not sufficient to fill orders. Electricity is used for lighting, soldering and motive power.

The Sunset Telephone Company has a gang of men at work at Orange setting up new poles and making the necessary arrangements to serve its many new subscribers. The line will also be extended to Olive.

The new armory of the Seventh Regiment, N.G.C., at Spring and Eighth streets, Los Angeles, was opened last week with appropriate ceremonies. Co.'s A, C, F, the signal corps and cavalry troop were present.

The petition to the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino county, praying for the incorporation of Chino to a city of the sixth class, has been presented, and the board has set the date for hearing the same on March 8.

The steamer Hermosa, which has been run on the Catalina route for several years, is to be sent to Puget Sound, to run between Seattle and Skaguay. The Falcon has been improved and will handle the Catalina business.

R. A. Bird, who was convicted of forging the name of his employer, G. J. Griffith, to numerous checks, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. On the first trial, Bird was acquitted, but the second resulted in conviction.

The Santa F6 Company has been compelled to arrange for a couple of trains around the Kite each week to accommodate the rush of tourists who want to look at the country. Hereafter trains will be run on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

The Commercial National Bank of Santa Monica has been authorized by the Comptroller of the Currency to start business. The directors are: R. R. Harris, E. J. Vawter, Frank A. Gibson, E. J. Vawter, Jr., and J. H. Claudins. Capital \$50,000.

E. L. Mayberry has retired from the management of the Lake Hemet Water Company and the Hemet Land Company. P. N. Meyers, the present secretary, has been appointed to the more responsible position of general manager to fill the vacancy.

The people of Glendale locality are elated at the prospect of the Terminal company's proposition to electrify the road to Los Angeles. Glendale will contribute \$7500. A mass meeting will be held some time next week to consider the proposition.

A rich petroleum find is claimed to have been discovered in the Coast range forty miles west of Bakersfield by men who were prospecting for sulphur deposits. This field is the same which was filed upon by Lloyd Tevis of San Francisco several days ago.

Since Riverside county began to pay a bounty on rabbit scalps the County Clerk's office resembles a furrier establishment, and at the rate the scalps are coming in the county will have paid out several thousands of dollars for the scalps by the time—April 30—that the ordinance providing for the bounty expires.

William Alexander Meredith Wood celebrated his 100th birthday last week. He has never used tobacco or liquors, and he is a bachelor! Mr. Wood's father died at the age of 127 and his mother at the age of 103. Mr. Wood is unfortunately an inmate of the Los Angeles County Almshouse, but some friends at Altadena invited him there for his birthday celebration.

## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

### Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

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

The Fair estate has won its waterfront case in San Francisco.

The Columbia River Canneries Company is organized with \$500,000 capital.

Sealers returning to San Francisco report seals scarce and the outlook poor.

The Rosalie is back from Alaska with \$125,000 of dust and five Klondikers.

The Hundred Thousand Club proposes to make Fresno a city of the fourth class.

The Southern Pacific Company will soon have its rolling stock increased by 1100 new freight cars.

Fontana & Co. will erect a \$25,000 cannery at Hanford. This will give employment to 500 people.

Col. George B. Sperry of Stockton was injured for life by a charge of shot entering his knee during a snipe hunt.

Indians win the Klamath reservation in Oregon and hold title to the lands which corporations wanted and sought to prevent allotment.

News of the loss of the Clara Nevada is confirmed, but no list of passengers can be obtained. Fifty lives are supposed to be lost.

Geese are so thick in the upper San Joaquin Valley and doing so much damage that farmers are putting out poisoned wheat to kill them.

The British Yukon Company says that construction on the railway through White Pass will commence at once. The road will be forty-five miles long.

Gov. Budd has appointed Gen. J. H. Dickinson of Sausalito major-general of the National Guard, vice N. T. James, whose resignation was accepted.

It is reported that a syndicate of San Francisco sporting men will offer a purse of \$50,000 for a Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, the company to control all privileges.

The steamer Hueneme, while attempting to leave her dock at Seattle, crashed into the Japanese steamer Nippon Rio Juan Maru. The accident will cost nearly \$10,000.

Joaquin Miller is tired of Alaska and her snow and her nuggets. "I was born to roses, sunlands, song birds, modest moons and warm south weather," wails the poet.

The cutter Bear, sent to relieve ice-bound whalers, is safe in winter quarters at Dutch harbor. The overland expedition is presumably at Teller station waiting for reindeer.

George B. Sperry, the millionaire milling man of Stockton, who was accidentally shot while hunting, is resting comfortably at the French Hospital at San Francisco.

The Board of Supervisors of Monterey county has made an allowance of \$1000 to the Citizens' Colonization Society of San Francisco to aid the Salvation Army colony at Soledad.

The California conference of the Epworth league will be held in San Francisco on April 21, 22, 23 and 24, at the Howard Street Methodist Church, between Second and Third streets.

The San Joaquin and Kings River Canal and Irrigation Company seeks to enjoin the California Pastoral and Agricultural Company from diverting the waters of the San Joaquin River.

G. K. Krauth, once owner of the Santa Cruz Sentinel and the Alameda Encinal, died last week. He was born at Hagerstown, Md., and was aged 74. He had been ill some time. He came here in '49.

A tramway over the Chilkoot Pass makes it possible from this time on to cross the range in an hour. The trip from Dyea to the first lake can be made in a day, whereas it formerly required a month.

John Harris, a colored man, was yesterday awarded \$100 damages against Adolph Sutro. The suit was brought because Harris had twice been refused the privileges of the Sutro baths, on account of his color.

A destructive fire occurred in the Phelan building, a large five-story structure at San Francisco, which resulted in the loss of Marceau's famous photograph gallery and serious damage to several other occupants.

The Valley Road is soon to have the fastest steamer on the San Joaquin River between Stockton and San Francisco. It is being built by the California Navigation Company especially for the travel along the Valley Road.

Fire was discovered in the coal bunkers of the steamship Oregon, which had 600 passengers and a full list of freight on board. The vessel was able to get back to Astoria and extinguish the blaze; damage, trifling.

The advices of Capt. Ray, representing the War Department on the Yukon, have been made public. Recommendations are for military posts in certain localities. Capt. Ray fears lawlessness and advises prompt action.

### MINES AND MINING.

#### A CHANGE IN MINING LAW.

There has been a change in the mining law regarding assessment work on a group of claims. Those desiring to patent a group of claims can no longer do all the development work on the claim, but are required to make an expenditure of not less than \$500 for work or labor or improvement on each lode of a group of claims.

The regulations of the General Land Office of the United States, which were approved December 15, 1897, now require that not less than \$500 worth of work or labor shall be expended on improvements made upon each lode of a group of claims before entitled to patent. Paragraph 53 of the General Land Office regulations reads as follows:

"The claimant, either at the time of filing these papers with the registrar, or at any time during the sixty days' publication, is required to file a certificate of the Surveyor-General that not less than \$500 worth of labor has been expended or improvements made upon the claim and if more than one claim is included in the application, that an amount equal to \$500 for each claim has been expended by the applicant or his grantors; that the plat filed by the claimant is correct; that the field notes of the survey, as filed, furnish such an accurate description of the claim as will, if incorporated into a patent, serve to fully identify the premises, and that such reference is made therein to natural objects or permanent monuments as will perpetuate and fix the locus thereof."

#### Gold in Sidehills.

On December 15 last, rich bench claims were discovered on a side hill above El Dorado Creek, near Dawson. The find was made by a man digging a hole in which to place a foundation for a cabin. He had reached the depth of three feet and was about to stop, when some glittering gold attracted his eye. As he had exhausted his right for taking a claim he informed Dr. Savage of his discovery. First three claims were located by the doctor and his friends, Benjamin Olson and Enoch Emmons of Tacoma. A stampede followed, and many claims were taken up.

#### STATE MINING BUREAU.

The new location of the California State Mining Bureau, including the museum, is in the new Union Depot at the foot of Market street San Francisco. In the old location in the Pioneer building, on Fourth street, a monthly rental of \$250 has been paid for many years. In its new location the State will charge the bureau \$100 per month.

#### MINING NOTES.

The smelter at Jerome has resumed operations.

The Fortuna mine near Yuma produced \$64,000 in bullion during the month of January.

The dry washers at Newhall, near San Francisco, are yielding good returns. This is in the district where gold was first found in California.

Three claims lying adjacent to the famous Etta mine in the Cherry Creek district have been bonded to the Montauri Gold Company of Prescott for \$27,000.

The oldest mines of Chloride, in Mohave county, have reached a depth of 200 feet, and the ore taken from them has doubled in value since leaving the surface.

Fred Hervera has brought to Nogales some gold from the new placers on the Santa Cruz. The gold is well washed and light in color, and about the size of wheat grains.

The new frame for the Jerome copper mine is now in place and is being used. It is eighty feet high. The four main timbers are of Oregon pine, twenty-two inches square. Every piece fitted perfectly when the time came to put them together.

The old Jaynes mines in Yuma county are to be operated again, twenty-five or thirty men doing development work under the direction of the new owner, H. W. Blaisdell. The ore taken from the mine is to be treated by the cyanide process.

The need of a custom smelter in Los Angeles becomes more apparent daily. The character and quantity of ore found in this and adjoining counties is such that miners are compelled to ship to San Francisco or stop work all together. There are thousands of tons of ore on dumps ready for shipment, but will not bear the excessive rates of freight. Nothing would revive the mining industry of Southern California more than a plant of this character within easy reach of all mines.

## EASTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Pittsburgh's municipal election went Republican.

Frances E. Willard, president of the W.C.T.U., died at New York of the grip.

The sentence of ex-Banker Spalding of Chicago has been approved by the Supreme Court.

At Philadelphia Peter Maher knocked out "Thunderbolt" Smith, the colored heavyweight, in the third round.

The United States Court of Appeals has decided that the cast-iron pipe trust is an unlawful combination.

Rev. C. O. Brown was formally dropped from the membership of the Chicago Congregational Association.

Eighteen bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the Pittsburgh fire, and thirty-one persons are still missing.

The Kansas Pacific Railroad was sold to the Reorganization Committee of the U. P. for \$6,303,000. It was the only bidder.

A mass meeting of his fellow-citizens of Olatha, Kan., denounced ex-Gov. St. John, prohibitionist, for signing a whisky petition.

Prize fighting will in the future be prohibited in St. Louis, the authorities having made a decided stand against sparring matches.

The world's pistol record was broken by Richard Powers at Trinidad, Colo. A score of 96 out of a possible 100 was made. The record was 95.

Maj. Dick of Ohio is no longer a Congressional candidate, and will feel good if he remains chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Twenty or thirty men who were fishing through the ice on Lake Erie, near Buffalo, are believed to have been set adrift by a storm, and a rescue party is in search of them.

Great indignation is aroused at Yale College by attacks of the young Women's Christian Temperance Union, which says the great college is degenerating and getting tough.

Rev. Charles R. Bliss, financial agent of the Salt Lake College of Utah, delivered at the Boston Congregational ministers' meeting a startling address in which he said the Mormons mean war.

The Theosophical Society in America is to hold its annual convention at the Palmer House, Chicago, on the 18th and 19th of this month. Seven delegates have been sent from Los Angeles.

The National Association of Woman Suffragists held its thirtieth annual convention at Washington this week, celebrating the organization's semi-centennial and Susan B. Anthony's seventy-eighth birthday.

The eastern division of the Kansas Pacific Road, 140 miles in length, was sold under the first mortgage. The property was bought in by Alvin W. Kreech, on the part of the Reorganization Committee, for \$4,500,000.

## WASHINGTON NOTES.

Owing to many wild war rumors, the Navy Department issued the following bulletin:

The civil service commission has made its annual report. During the year 49,145 applicants were examined and 28,598 passed.

In the House the Election Committee in the case of Vandervort against Tongue, reported in favor of Tongue, seating him as a member from Oregon.

The President has sent the following nominations to the Senate. Postmasters—Arizona, Russell H. Chandler; Yuma, California, O. W. Maulsby; Santa Barbara, I. N. Hoag, Redlands.

Spain made formal and emphatic disavowal of sentiments expressed by ex-Minister de Lome, and the Queen Regent signed the decree appointing the new Minister, Señor Polo-Bernabe.

The Democratic, Populist and silver Republican conferees, who have been in session at Washington, D. C., for several weeks, have issued addresses seeking to unite the three interests in future campaigns.

The House Committee on Military Affairs has refused to report favorably the bill authorizing any denomination or sect to erect a building for religious worship on any military reservation in the country.

The Senate has passed a bill providing that no national bank shall make a loan to the president or any other officer or employe of the bank until such officer or employe had submitted the proposition for the loan in writing to the directors and it has been approved by a majority of them.

The most destructive accident which ever happened to the United States navy occurred last week when the cruiser Maine, lying off Havana, was blown up and destroyed. Capt. Sigbee telegraphed for a lighthouse tender to pick up the pieces still afloat and asked suspension of public opinion until further report. No intimation is given in the early dispatches as to the cause of the explosion, nor whether it was the vessel's own munitions or from the outside.