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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

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

Los Angeles is still waiting for the advent of the horseless carriage.

Redlands has a new paper in the Hour, published by A. H. Corman.

Mr. Works of San Diego proposes to reduce the joy of nations by prohibiting the cartooning of individuals.

"Love" is the name of a periodical just established at San Diego. Its title is against it, for "the course of true love never did run smooth."

A couple of coops filled with Chinese pheasants have arrived by express at Ventura—a dozen pairs in all, and the beautiful birds received the admiration of all.

Detectives are said to be roaming the streets of Los Angeles by night, but while they are doing this thieves and burglars are roaming about the back yards and the houses.

In traveling fifty miles an hour a locomotive gives out 52,800 puffs. The big machine seems to be imbued with the instincts of the country editor, toots the Denver Post.

Earthquake Shock—Redlands was visited by an earthquake shock. The vibrations, two in number, were accompanied by a rumbling sound, which lasted about two seconds.

The irrepressible statistician of the Riverside Press wants to know if there are more widowers than widows in that town. Let him start a matrimonial bureau and find out for himself.

Mushroom gathering is a leading industry in Nordhoff just now, but the editor of the Ojal wants to have it clearly understood that Nordhoff's not a mushroom town, which nobody will deny.

The development of electric power in Southern California during the past few years has been little short of marvelous and some of the largest electric enterprises in the world are in this section of the state.

"A Disputant" is informed that one of the largest artesian wells in Southern California, if not the largest, is located on property owned by General E. Bouton, near Long Beach, in Los Angeles county.

Riverside has adopted a new and questionable method of dealing with the hobo problem by giving the pestiferous fellows a free carriage ride to the city limits and starting them on the road to some other town.

The thieves who are enjoying the delightful climate of Los Angeles this winter are not hard to please. They seem perfectly satisfied to take any old thing that is left without a lock on it, from a bicycle to a bull pup.

When a woman alone in the house is confronted by a tramp, it is better instead of going into hysterics, to do as the young woman at San Diego did recently, go and get a revolver and let the tramp have the hysterics instead.

The City Trustees of Redlands are having an ordinance prepared under which those who are convicted of misdemeanors, such as violating the prohibition law, will be made to work upon the streets if they are committed to jail.

It is the misfortune of some people never to know when they have had enough. Dr. Hearne of San Diego seems to be of that class, otherwise he would not have sought a new trial of his libel suit against the San Francisco Chronicle.

The Pasadena Star looks over the local field and declares that there are more blind pigs for the city markets to conquer. In the absence of Editor Melick, Editor Gardner is leaving nothing undone to conserve the morals of the prohibition city.

It will be a rare school in California that has a man teacher in the future if the ration of twenty-nine young women to one young man, as exemplified in the class that has just graduated at the Normal School in Los Angeles, shall be maintained.

J. Clark of Redlands, a mortar mixer, several days ago, received from Europe about \$390, since which time he has been on a protracted spree with several hobos, who have been aiding him to spend his money. He bought cigars with \$20 gold pieces refusing to take change.

The Hotel Gazette, heretofore published as a daily in Los Angeles, has undergone a transformation and ap-

pears as an illustrated monthly magazine, with its scope and name extended to include "Outing News." The front page wears a pink shirt waist and a handsome red necktie.

It is about time for the Southern California Press Association to arise and bestir itself in the matter of the semi-annual meeting and celebration. Some inklings of a fine program have been given but it is time to begin rounding up the brethren and to separate the sheep from the goats.

The walnut crop of Southern California has been closed out at fair prices, and buyers are looking for more nuts. The next crop will come on an empty market and good prices should be realized. Dried fruits are rather quiet. Stocks are light, and holders are firm in their ideas as to prices.

The citizens of San Diego have with them a life-saving hero. Capt. Thomas L. Weiss, of the steamship Belgian King, which arrived at that place on Saturday, is credited with having saved the lives of more than one thousand persons during the twenty-four years of his "life on the ocean wave."

The board of health of Santa Monica has issued a notice to the supervising principal of the public schools to the effect that it is not deemed necessary to order compulsory vaccination of the pupils, but advises it in the case of every pupil whose physician thinks it necessary to secure immunity from smallpox.

Downville, (Cal.) Enterprise: The Plumbago mine is proving itself to be the banner mine of the southern portion of Sierra county. An electric plant has just been put in, and, as the Enterprise says, "the whole place will be lighted as bright as day." A ten-stamp mill crushes the ore, and arrangements are now being made to operate all the machinery by compressed air.

The presence of a mountain fire in the Sierra Madres in midwinter is an innovation not to be desired. A sufficient amount of damage has been done by these fires heretofore during the dry season. While the forestry officials are in that section it might be well for them to investigate that story about a chicken-coop falling into a pile of buried embers and starting the blaze.

Japanese labor is being employed in the track department of the Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company between Needles and Mojave. Although this section of the desert country is swarming with transients representing themselves to be working men, there are very few who will accept employment when it is offered to them. The Japs will receive \$1.10 per day, while all white labor will be paid the usual \$1.50.

The contest of ex-Sheriff T. H. Hicks of Santa Barbara to unseat Sheriff Nat Stewart, who was elected at a special election following the regular election in November, which resulted in a tie vote between Hicks and Stewart has not been allowed to drag on account of the superior court's decision against Hicks. Coroner Ruiz, acting Sheriff when the latter is disqualified, served papers upon Stewart in quo warranto proceedings against him should not be instituted by the Attorney-General.

A quaint old relic has been left at the Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles. It looks like a whirligig or a merry-go-round of some sort; but those who are old enough to know say that it is an old-fashioned swift for spinning yarn. It was made about ninety years ago by an old Pacific sea captain. While it is well known that the long suit of most sea captains is spinning yarns, it is not generally known that they need such an elaborate piece of machinery as this to help them out. The only materials used in this yarn-spinner are ivory and bone. A fantastic touch is added by tiny bows of parti-colored ribbon tied at every point. It is a very delicate piece of work, too delicate, in fact, to be kept on display at the Chamber. It is the property of F. A. Hammond, a nephew of the old sea captain, who lives at 421 South Hill street.

Secretary Zechandelaar of the Los Angeles Merchants and Manufacturers Association has a letter from President John J. Valentine of Wells, Fargo & Company, containing a denial of the allegations made in an article which appeared in the San Francisco Examiner of January 23d. The article claims that the Southern Pacific owns a controlling interest in the express company, and for that reason made a high rate on shipments of wine in glass, thus discriminating in favor of the express company and large wholesale shippers in wood. Mr. Valentine says that Wells, Fargo & Company do not receive any special consideration, in fact, that they receive less consideration from the Southern Pacific than from any other railroad of similar importance on whose line they operate, and that protests from the company have met with no sympathy from the traffic department of the Southern Pacific.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

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

Arizona threatens to fly into the face of fate and make the number of counties in the territory thirteen.

Tom Brown, a well known miner, shot himself at Prescott, Ariz., recently. Paralysis and financial and domestic troubles are presumed to be the cause.

Isadore Choyanski of San Francisco, father of Joe Choyanski, the pugilist, is dead. He was 64 years of age. He was the editor of a Jewish paper, Public Opinion.

Amos Lunt, known throughout the state as hangman at San Quentin, will no longer serve in that capacity, his connection with the state prison having been severed. During the past eight years Lunt executed 20 criminals.

An order for a large consignment of seeds to be sent direct to Honolulu, received by a San Diego seed company, is one of the encouraging indications of the early establishment of better trade relations between Southern California and Hawaii.

The "last camel" of the famous herd turned loose in Arizona some twenty-five years ago, is reported to have been killed recently and eaten by Indians. This is renewed evidence that that "last camel" had more lives than the typical cat.

Stanford University—Professor Lathrop tonight announced the judges of the intercollegiate Carnot debate as follows: Rev. J. K. McLean, Oakland; E. J. McCutcheon and Vanderlin Stow of San Francisco. P. G. Wilson of Los Angeles has been elected sophomore president.

Patents were granted to California inventors as follows: William H. Burtless, Sacramento, bed lounge box attachment; Edmund Daily, Monterey, miner's pick; Benjamin F. Gilman, San Francisco, apparatus for working frozen auriferous earth; John D. Harvey, San Francisco, linotype or line casting machinery.

A bill has been introduced in the Arizona assembly to pension the venerable Charles D. Poston, Arizona's patron saint. Mr. Poston prospected the Ajo mines in what is now Pima county, in 1854, and in the same year organized the first mining company to invest capital in what is now Arizona. He is now 70 years old, poor and feeble.

Eastern Markets—Prices of certain products of California, as they are quoted in eastern markets, would seem to open a door for our people. String beans from Florida sell at \$2 per crate. Florida tomatoes sell at \$3.50 per crate, and hothouse product at 25 to 30 cents per pound. Hothouse cucumbers sell at \$1.75 a dozen. Florida green peas bring \$4 per basket. Cauliflower sells at \$10 per barrel. This is fancy stock, each one wrapped in paper.

The President has nominated the following postmasters: California—Francis M. Ordway, Merced; Fred M. Kelly, Needles; Thomas E. Byrnes, San Mateo; H. H. Yomnken, Santa Paula; Lillie M. Baldwin, Whittier; Kate A. Emmons, vice Isaac Monnet, resigned, at Little Rock, Los Angeles county; I. Wertheimer, vice Reuben N. Curry, resigned, The Geysers, Sonoma county; G. C. Folger, Jackson; H. A. Olesten, register of the land office, Humboldt, Cal.

San Francisco—At a meeting of the Water and Forest society of California the report of the executive committee was adopted, and standing committees appointed. A bill has been prepared providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate the subject of forests and waters and appropriating \$5000 for the establishment of a department of forestry of the State University. The co-operation of Gov. Gage will be solicited to aid the passage of the bill by a committee which will go to Sacramento tomorrow.

Nearly thirty desertions have occurred from the flagship Philadelphia, which has been coaling at San Diego. Twenty of these have been captured and returned to the ship where the leaders are in irons. The trouble appears to be confined among the men who enlisted for one year, and who do not take kindly to the prospect of going to Samoa. Commander Kauz received notification Monday that he had been raised to the rank of Rear Admiral. The Rear Admiral's flag was raised to replace the Commodore's flag, and the new flag was received with a salute of thirteen guns.

Rough Riders are still being turned

down in Arizona when they venture to seek political preferment. The Arizonian says: "One solitary Rough Rider came up for place before the present legislature. George C. Truman had the temerity to apply for the lowly position of assistant enrolling and engrossing clerk. George was ever rash and reckless, and these qualities inspired him to be among the first to reach the top of San Juan hill during a pleasant little change of compliments between the Spanish and American soldiers down in Cuba on or about July 1, last summer. George has found out, however, that to be first in war and first in the hearts of his countrymen are two very different propositions. They turned him down by a vote of 13 to 11."

Pensions were granted to Californians as follows: Original, William K. Lane, Veterans' Home, Napa, \$6; Edward Hicks, Folsom, \$6; Charles E. Forsyth, San Francisco, \$12. Additional, Michael Mann, Soldiers' Home, \$8 to \$12. Original widows, Tiene Davidson, San Francisco, \$8. Original, Martin Elwood, Santa Rosa, \$6; restoration and reissue, Egbert R. Hurlburt, dead, Grangerville, \$10; original widows, etc., minors of Amos Swan, Greenville, \$12; Mahala Hurlburt, Grangerville, \$8. Original, Christopher W. McKelvy, Cucamonga, \$8. Increase, Patrick Anson, Veterans' Home, Napa, \$8 to \$12. Reissue, Jas. Francis, Briceland, \$8. Original widows, etc., Ellen Jennings, Tulare, \$8; Agnes C. Hall, Coronado, \$12. Original, Michael Hargaden, San Francisco, \$12; Charles S. Doyen, Portalla, \$12; Frederick Roth, Los Angeles, \$6. Special, January 18, George K. Knowlton, Oakland, \$12. Renewal, Conrad E. Crow, Villa Park, \$6. Increase, William T. McClelland, Campo, \$6 to \$8. Seth C. Brown, Calno, \$14 to \$17. Ephraim H. Pinney, Copperopolis, \$8 to \$10.

DIABOLICAL ARRANGEMENT.

Methods of the Poisoner of Barnet and Cornish.

Devilish Ingenuity of the Murderer to Accomplish His Purpose and Remain Undetected.

The New York Evening Journal says:

A private letter box in the name of H. C. Barnet was rented at No. 257 West Forty-second street, under circumstances similar to the rental of a private letter box at No. 1620 Broadway in the name of H. Cornish.

In answer to letter signed H. C. Barnet to Von Mohl & Company of Cincinnati, a sample box of pills was sent to that address. The pills were the same kind as a man using the name of H. Cornish ordered from the same firm.

The handwriting of the letter ordering the pills signed H. C. Barnet is the same as that signed H. Cornish and both were written by the same person who addressed the poison package to Harry Cornish at the Knickerbocker Athletic Club.

The deduction is inevitable that the poisoner in each case used the name of his intended victim to shield himself.

The most sensational feature of this discovery is that the letter signed H. C. Barnet was written last May, indicating that the plot to murder Barnet and Cornish was formed months ago and, with a deliberation that is appalling, perfected bit by bit. Months passed before Barnet received the fatal package of poisoned medicinal powder at the Knickerbocker Athletic Club. In that time the murderer evidently had changed his plan, deciding to use powders instead of pills. Still, when, after having removed Barnet, he was arranging to poison Cornish, he ordered the same kind of pills. It is plain that he still thought that the pill, properly poisoned, would make an effective weapon of death. The central idea of the murderer is clearly revealed by this new discovery. It was in the name of the chosen victim, to order some sample of proprietary medicine (in one case Kutnow's powder—in the other pills) to intercept the package, put poison in the medicine and then mail it under the guise of a sample box sent out by the firm to the person he wanted to kill.

AGUINALDO GIVEN POWER TO DECLARE WAR.

Manila—The Republic, the official organ of the Filipinos, announces that the congress at Malolos has adopted the Philippine constitution, passed a vote of confidence in Aguinaldo, and empowered him to declare war on the Americans whenever he may deem it advisable.

At a mass meeting of women at Cavite, the paper adds, it was enthusiastically resolved to petition Aguinaldo for permission to take men's places in defense of independence, and to bear arms if necessary.

Paterno has asked for, and, it appears, has been granted the privilege of taking a prominent place in the line of battle against the Americans.

An American sentry killed a captain of Filipino artillery at the Tonto outpost. As a result the native press is intensely excited, and denounces it as a "cowardly assassination."

MINES AND MINING.

NUCKLUCK RIVER STRIKE.

Edward Seabern Brings News From the Golvin Bay District.

Seattle, Wash.—The first news from the Golvin Bay district of Alaska to be received here since the close of navigation has been brought by Edward Seabern of San Francisco, who left Council City November 19. Seabern tells of a strike made on the Nuckluck river that rivals the immense finds in the Klondyke.

This was found by a man named Campbell in almost the limits of Council City between Ophir and Melsing Creeks and turning out \$22 to the pan. The gold was in two and one-half feet of gravel in the old channel of the Nuckluck. The Dusty Diamond people are working No. 4 above Discovery on Ophir, the only claim they were developing late in the fall, but they cleaned up from this \$48,000 in the short season. Prospects on Gold Bottom and Warm Creeks showed \$2 to \$4 to the pan.

Spokane—This was a great day for news of strikes in the mines of northern mining camps. The superintendent of the Southern Republic camp telephoned tonight that he had struck ore assaying \$288. Another dispatch from the Republic says the Dora, in sinking to catch the ledge, struck a two-inch stringer which run \$1037 per ton.

THE BLACKHAWK MINE.

A. W. Collins of New York, who recently bought the O. K. mines at Randsburg, has purchased the Blackhawk mine in that district. A large quantity of high grade ore has been taken from the Black Hawk, but there is a large body of low-grade ore, running in value up to \$12 per ton, which has never been touched. It is the intention to work for this latter, and for that purpose the mill which has been running at Cuddeback lake will be taken down and removed to the Blackhawk.

The new mill at the Yellow Aster mines at Randsburg is nearing completion. It has thirty stamps of the latest improvement, and it is expected that it will be ready to begin work next week.

Last year the total cost of operating the Anaconda mine in Montana amounted to \$18,000,000.

It is reported at Spokane, Wash., that the Cornucopia group of mines in Union county, Ore., has been sold for \$600,000.

British Columbia contemplates passing a law prohibiting the employment of Japanese in the collieries of the province.

The total bullion output of the De Lamar mines in 1898 was divided as follows: De Lamar, \$6,141,834; April Fool, \$517,968.

The Mercur (Utah) Mercury is informed that the Geyser-Marion mine at Mercur will soon enlarge the mill to a capacity of 200 tons.

Vast deposits of platinum are reported to have recently been discovered near Granite Creek, Similkameen, in British Columbia.

The Trinity Gold Mining Company, owning a group of promising claims in the Twisp district, Okanogan county, Wash., has let a contract for a 450-foot tunnel on their property.

Commissioner Ogilvie of the Klondyke is reported to have made a recommendation to the Canadian government that the 10 per cent royalty now collected on the gold output of the Yukon be reduced to 2 1/2 per cent.

The mill in Angel's Camp, Calaveras county, is dropping its full number of stamps. There is now enough water in the reservoirs to keep the mines running at full capacity until early fall. In all probability the mines of Angel's will not close down this year.

The Yuma Sun reports that the Vomicil group of seven silver-lead claims at Castle Dome, San Diego county, has been leased and bonded to William D. Luce of Yuma, who lately made a big clean-up by cyaniding the tailings of the old Cargo Muchaco mines.

O. S. Batcheller, who has just returned from Dawson, says the mounted police estimate the output this year will go to \$50,000,000. E. H. Searle, another recent arrival, says the tenderfeet are sick and disheartened and he expects 10,000 men to come out over the trail this winter.

Advices by way of Randsburg are that the mines in Tuber canyon in the Panamint country (southern portion of Inyo county) are giving good results. The Montgomery brothers, who own several properties in that region, have lately milled a large quantity of ore, which averaged \$26 per ton.

The output of the mines of Hillsboro, N. M., for 1898, was 10,840 tons of ore, which produced 17,361 ounces of gold, 52,858 ounces of silver and 117 tons of copper. The total value was \$404,916. The average value of ore is estimated at \$34.86 per ton. The increase in the output of ore is 1500 tons above that of 1897.