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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.

The saloon men and the druggists are at war in Santa Monica. With each class watching the other the law is likely to be fairly well obeyed.

And now a Mississippi court has ruled that "damn" is a profane word. But a California court has decided otherwise; so our users of language may continue as heretofore.

At Corporal Dean's Home—Corporal Dean of the Third artillery, who was killed at Manila, was well and favorably known at Petaluma. His parents are prostrated at the news of his death.

A letter addressed "to the handsomest man in Pasadena" was delivered to the correspondent of a Los Angeles morning daily, Editor Melick of the News being out of town.—Los Angeles Express.

There are fifty-one curves on the Southern Pacific road between Santa Barbara and Ellwood, but the engineers are "onto" them, and propose to take every kink out of the line, and bring the two towns five miles nearer each other.

The London Times speaks of the appointment of Ambassador Choate as a compliment to England. How long will it be before California elects a senator whose election is a compliment to the senate? plaintively asks the Fresno Republican.

Not only Gen. Shafter, but Capt. Kittrick, Plummer and Shafter, who will accompany him, will be warmly welcomed to Los Angeles. The Chamber of Commerce will be especially careful that no "embalmed beef" is furnished at the banquet.

For the Inner Harbor—Representative Barlow will attempt to get his proposed appropriation of \$500,000 for dredging the San Pedro inner harbor, or Wilmington harbor, inserted in the river and harbor bill in the senate committee.—Los Angeles Record.

Compulsory Vaccination—The board of education of San Diego at their meeting Monday night ordered the vaccination of all the school children within thirty days and that those who were not vaccinated within that time should be barred from the schools.

Albert Bradley, the veteran, who shot Col. A. J. Smith, governor of the Soldiers' Home, expressed dissatisfaction at his sentence of two years at Folsom. He doubtless would have kicked if he had been given thirty days. He should be thankful that he didn't get twenty years.

Suits Against Druggists—The Town Trustees of Santa Monica have instructed the City Attorney to commence action against M. S. Volkman and W. H. R. Sullinger, two local druggists, who are charged by the saloon men with selling liquor in violation of a municipal ordinance.

The weather report from Santa Paula falls to relate that five inches of rain fell there before February 1, and the inference is that the recent purchaser of the Chronicle of that place has saved \$500 as a consequence, though he modestly refrains from mentioning the fact in the Chronicle.

The University of Southern California meets a "long-felt want" in establishing a college of forestry. Southern California is especially in need of men equipped with the technical knowledge necessary to carry on practical forest management and provide for the protection of the great watersheds of this section.

Salt Works—Meyer Lewis of Los Angeles has leased the salt marshes north of San Quintin, Lower California, from the Lower California Development Company for the purpose of supplying the Oriental trade. It is the purpose of Mr. Lewis to erect a refinery at San Diego which will have an output of 1000 tons per month.

The proposition of James H. Boyd, the projector of the San Bernardino electric road, to be extended to Highland and Redlands, made to the people of San Bernardino, calling for a subscription, none of which is to be paid till the road is completed to the east line of that city, seems to be a fair one. If it is acted upon promptly San Berdoon ought to hear the buzz of the trolley before long.

The Portland Oregonian asserts that "in New England there is too much of cold, the winter is too severe, as in Southern California, there is really no winter, and one tires of the warmth and hue of summer and the everlasting sunshine." The Oregonian then

proceeds to sound the praises of the amphibious Northwest, which is all right for people with fins and web-feet. Go to, with your fish story.

Horticultural Commissioner Hall of San Diego county proposes that more fame be heaped upon the head of A. H. Butler, president of the California and Oriental Steamship line, by setting apart a tract of land, beautifying it, and calling it "Butler Park." As if the fame of having established the first transpacific steamship line with San Diego as a terminus were not glory enough for one man.

The reunion of the veterans of the Blue and the Gray, to be held on Washington's birthday at Los Angeles, promises to be an exceedingly interesting and noteworthy event. General Shafter's presence is assured, and if General Joe Wheeler also shall be able to be present, as he expresses the hope, that he may be, there will be such a demonstration of enthusiasm as has not been seen here in many a day.

General Superintendent Edgar Van Etten of the New York Central Railroad, has come to Los Angeles on a pleasure trip, as did Vice-President C. C. Clarke of the same road some weeks ago. If these gentlemen should conclude that Los Angeles would be a desirable location for a terminus of one of the Vanderbilt roads, the people of Los Angeles would participate still more largely in the pleasure of their visits.

When Lieut. Richmond P. Hobson was in San Francisco a few weeks ago Mrs. M. E. Threlkeld, president of the Lark Ellen Home for newsboys, addressed him a note asking him to visit Los Angeles and deliver a lecture for the benefit of the home. Lieut. Hobson's stay in San Francisco was so short he did not have time to visit this city. When out on the ocean on board the Gaic he replied to Mrs. Threlkeld that he did not feel at liberty to lecture for financial benefit, even to so worthy an institution as the home.

The dangerous character of some of the hobos who are now infesting all parts of Southern California is shown by the desperate attempt to escape made by the gang under sentence at San Bernardino, where it took three shots from an officer's pistol, two of which penetrated the man's clothes, to stop a man who was running away, and who was found when captured to be armed with an ugly knife which had been handed to him on the way to the rock pile inclosure. It is the safer policy to regard every one of these fellows a desperado until he proves his innocence.

San Bernardino Transcript: O. W. Hawk, David Anderson, and J. A. Corner of Los Angeles, arrived this morning and left in a livery rig for Cajon Pass. They are mining men, and from the secrecy with which they guarded their movements it is expected that they are on the trail of a second Isabella. They took a considerable amount of feed and provisions, but would not even tell the liveryman how far they were going. They are members of the Colorado and California Mining Development Company, of which Gail Borden, well known in Los Angeles, is the president.

A correspondent of the Pomona Beacon asserts that to his positive knowledge 75 per cent of the kerosene oil brought to Pomona is below the fire test of safety, that it will not stand a test of 98 degrees, while in the East kerosene that will not stand a test of 118 degrees, is condemned as dangerous and destroyed. If this be true at Pomona, it is undoubtedly true at other places in Southern California. It is a danger which deserves attention, and the correspondent's suggestion that dealers be compelled to mark actual test figures on all kerosene and gasoline sold by them, and guarantee the same, is a good one.—Los Angeles Express.

#### FOUGHT THE FILIPINOS.

A Los Angeles Soldier Who Went Through the Battle Unhurt.

Capt. George E. Lawrence, who until the beginning of hostilities with Spain was in command of the Signal Corps, attached to the First Brigade, National Guard of California, General Last's command, is now a member of the Signal Corps at Manila. He was in the last fight and received no injuries. Before he left his home he prepared a cipher code for his own use and left a copy of it with his mother for the purpose of being able to communicate with her without great expense. Last week Mrs. Lawrence, who resides at No. 722 South Main street, received a cablegram from her son. It contained but one word of the cipher, the meaning of which was: "We have had a battle and I am safe and well."

Capt. Lawrence enlisted in the Signal Corps organized from among the volunteers at San Francisco several months ago. According to the press dispatches this branch of the service performed some of the most dangerous work during the fight.

## 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.

California has at the present time an organized militia of 395 armed and fully equipped men, and 211,991 men available for military duty.

The California troops in Manila have covered themselves and their state with glory. It need hardly be said that this was a foregone conclusion.

Bad Chinaman—Jew Lung, a Chinese storekeeper of Oakland, was arrested on a charge of having attempted the life of Ah Mong by setting fire to his house while Mong was asleep.

An American Nong—Ephraim Eagling recently came to San Francisco from Yokohama for the express purpose of renouncing allegiance to the British Queen. He has for twenty-seven years been in the United States service.

Sacramento—A row occurred between Lulu Llewellyn and Jennie Turner, colored women, and the former shot the latter in the head, but probably not fatally. The women had been drinking all night and quarreled about a white man.

Fresno—W. W. Concannon was fined \$93 by Justice Walton of Sanger for wantonly shooting one of the Japanese pheasants recently imported by the Fresno Game Association. The association employed special counsel to prosecute Concannon.

The Fresno end of Mark Plaisted's newspaper enterprise has received a contribution in the way of a \$15,000 libel suit. If a verdict for the full amount should be secured it is believed it will take the net profits of a whole month to pay the judgment.

Fresno—A warrant was issued for the arrest of John Massie, a Southern Pacific conductor, charging him with murder. About a week ago, it is alleged that he kicked Thomas Roberts off the blind baggage of his train. The young man fell under the cars and was crushed to death.

Capt. J. H. McClintock of Phoenix, who was so severely wounded while making the famous charge with Roosevelt's Rough Riders before Santiago, has received notice of his promotion to the rank of brevet major. No officer of the late war is more deserving of official recognition for his bravery.

Truxton Beale has donated to the Board of Trustees of Bakersfield, Cal., a building and grounds for a free public library, which he will erect in memory of his father, the late General E. F. Beale, who held many positions under the government, including that of Minister to Austria.—Los Angeles Record.

Stabbed by a Highwaman—Andrew Bogart, the well known San Francisco singer, is lying ill at his home from the effects of a stab, delivered by a highwaman who attempted to rob Mr. Bogart of his valuables. Mr. Bogart grappled with the fellow, soundly thrashing him, but not escaping the stab aimed at his heart.

San Jose—D. J. Bovet, who lives in Ranberg, S. C., is sure that James C. Dunham is in that city. In a letter to Sheriff Langford he states that a man who answers the murderer's description is a member of the Ranberg police force, and goes by the name of Bunham. Photographs have been sent. But little attention is paid to the letter.

The people of Arizona are again expressing hope that Whipple barracks will be rehabilitated and made a vigorous military post. The establishment of a post there would make available a military force in a large area, embracing numerous Indian tribes, which is now unprotected and at the same time would quarter the men in a locality especially favorable on account of its healthfulness.

Patents were granted to California inventors as follows: William N. Anderson, San Rafael, can opener; Arthur W. Coffin, San Francisco, seal lock; William A. Doble, San Francisco, rock-drilling machine and water wheel; Louis E. Lee, San Francisco, acetylene gas generator; William E. Page, Los Angeles, sign; Milton A. Wheaton, San Francisco, can-heading machine; Henry D. Wiard, North Temescal, trunk strap; Joseph Wilson, Duarte, fruit-picker's bag.

Pacific Fleet—Word has been received at San Francisco that the transports Grant, Sherman and Sheridan, and the hospital ship Relief, have been transferred to this department and with the Arizona and Scan-

dia will comprise the Pacific transport fleet. The first named vessels went to the Philippines via the Suez canal. The Relief is now at Honolulu. The Connemaugh will soon start for the Philippines with a year's supplies for the men, including 10,000 blankets.

Joint High Commission—No conclusion has been reached by the Joint High Commission for giving Canada a seaport or right-of-way on or from the Alaskan seacoast to the Canadian-Alaskan border line. It is pointed out significantly that the action of the British Columbian parliament in excluding aliens from unrestricted participation in the new gold fields, putting an effectual embargo on Americans coming over from Alaska, might be intended for its effect on this side of the border line, through a possible repeal for some compensating concession.

Phoenix, Ariz., has been for several days excited over reports of the great gold strike at the Crowned King. In the Bradshaws. Later reports not only confirm but add to the first story of the find and are accepted as quite reliable by those who were inclined to doubt the truth of the story at first. Though the discovery is hardly a week old, the town has begun to fill up with miners from the southern part of the Territory, New Mexico, Colorado and Sonora, on their way to the Bradshaws. The discovery has had the effect of quickening the prospecting business in not only that district, but in nearly all mining regions in which snow will permit operations. Another effect is that the owners of old mines are making preparations to go deeper.

An interesting incident occurred at Phoenix Monday, when W. S. Proffit, formerly a Rough Rider, returned to Capt. J. H. McClintock the revolver the captain handed him at the battle of Las Guasimas, just after the captain was shot down. Proffit came to the captain's assistance and carried him behind a clump of trees, while Mausers were being used, cutting off limbs and tearing up the earth. Proffit, the Phoenix Gazette says, carried the six-shooter with him through the Santiago campaign, and used it on a Spanish soldier who came at him at close range with a wicked-looking machete. The young Rough Rider emptied three shots into the enemy. Later on he secured from the body of a dead Spanish soldier a holster for the weapon. This holster he presented Monday to Maj. McClintock with the revolver.

A Phoenix, (Ariz.) newsboy has returned home from a box-car tour to Los Angeles, and has been interviewed by the Republican. He says that the publishers unreasonably insist on so that the newsboys are restrained from rushing headlong to affluence. The cooking is good at Los Angeles and things to eat are cheap, but these are advantages not open to seizure by any one who has no money. At Tempe, the newsboy, whose name is Vivian Edwards, was deported from a freight train, whereupon he declined to further patronize the road, though he made use of its right-of-way in walking to Phoenix. He made a careful inspection of its bridges, culverts and grades, accurately enumerated the ties and decided the whole system was faultily constructed. He will prepare a report of his findings to the Legislative Committee on Railroads.

#### FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

New Mexico's Capitol—The House Committee on Territories approved the bill authorizing an additional issue of bonds for the state capitol of New Mexico.

Frankfurt—Gen. Count von Caprivi, former Chancellor of Germany, died at Skvren near Crossen. The general, who has been ill for some time past, died peacefully.

Belin, N. M.—Inhabitants of this vicinity are alarmed over a series of earthquake shocks that have occurred here lately. Many have betaken themselves to prayer and fasting.

A dispatch to the New York Herald from Valparaiso says that the government expenditures for 1899, which have been approved, amount to \$65,595,493 in paper and \$29,246,739 in Chilean gold, and that the gold premium is 40 per cent.

A letter from Guatemala states the government, in order to promote the rubber industry, has issued a decree offering a caballeria of the public lands, equal to over 100 acres, to any person having 20,000 rubber trees over four years old.

James Temple Extradited—The Mexican authorities surrendered Jas. Temple, who has been in prison at Magdalena and Guaymas for the last three months, to Sheriff Leatherwood of Tucson. Temple was held for killing a Mexican in Arizona.

In the British House of Commons, after a long debate, the amendment to the address to the throne, relating to "the lawlessness of the church," which was proposed by Samuel Smith, Liberal member for Flintshire, was rejected by 221 votes against 70.

## MINES AND MINING.

### RETURNING DISCOURAGED.

Miners Who Went Up Peel River Are Not Acquiring Wealth.

Edmonton, (N. W. T.)—A correspondent of the Associated Press, writing under date of November 15 at Shacktown, forty miles from the mouth of Rat River, says:

"The majority of miners who went up the Peel River are returning very much discouraged. The same is true of those who went up the Laird River. The rich strikes reported to have been made upon the Buffalo, Hay, Laird, Gravel and Peel rivers last year exist only in imagination. All these rivers have been thoroughly prospected this year and the only metal of value is copper ore in the Gravel river.

"A rumor that a silver ore strike had been made on Great Slave Lake kept a number of men there, but I understand there was no foundation for the report. Gold nuggets that the Indians brought in occasionally proved to be copper ore."

### RICH GOLD STRIKE.

It Is Reported From McDonald Creek, Northwest Territory.

Skaguay, via Victoria, B. C.—The richest gold strike made for months is reported from McDonald Creek, Northwest Territory. The strike is close to the boundary line of British Columbia and the Northwest Territory. The creek drains a natural basin that slopes down toward Lake March and the Upper Yukon. The creek is five miles long. Surface gravel gave from \$ 1 to \$ 2 a pan. In the country adjacent to McDonald creek there are innumerable creeks not yet prospected. The gold is coarse and assays high.

### IN THE RAND DISTRICT.

A rich strike is reported in the Annex mine, at Randsburg. The property lies between the Nancy Hanks and the Big Horse, owned by the Yellow Aster Mining Company. The Annex was located by S. J. Montgomery and Bernard Maginnis, father of E. J. Maginnis, January, '96, and has been owned by them ever since. There is a shaft 65 feet in depth and a 20-inch vein of \$100 rock has been struck. The ore chute seems to pitch toward the Nancy Hanks, and a drift is being run in that direction. There is a shaft 180 feet on the Nancy Hanks with drifts each way.

### THE GOLD BUG, FRESNO.

The directors of the Placerville Gold Bug Mining Company of Fresno, Cal., have organized with Dr. A. J. Pedlar as president; O. L. Everts, vice-president; M. W. Muller, secretary; C. A. Shattuck, assistant and the Bank of Central California treasurer. The Fresno Democrat, in making mention of this fact, says: "Reports submitted showed that a portion of the machinery recently purchased has been delivered and the remainder will be shortly. The work of sinking a double compartment shaft and the systematic development of the mine will be prosecuted."

C. T. Burcham has purchased the Golden Rule mine at Randsburg, Cal., of Fred Johnson and his partners, and will soon begin operations on the property.

In the Cargo Muchaco district, San Diego county, E. Valdez made a strike near the Cargo Muchaco mine of a ledge two feet in width, and the ore runs \$27.70 in gold per ton.

In Japan there are nineteen known gold mines and seventy mines of copper. The silver product of 1896 is reported as 1,500,000 ounces, a large increase over that of 1893, when it was \$50,000 ounces. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, the value of copper production was about \$3,000,000.

James Donahue is reported by the Redding Free Press as having discovered some remarkably rich quartz on McClosky Gulch. The ledge on the surface is two feet thick and can be traced for a hundred yards. It is on the Buckeye side of the divide, and runs parallel with the ledge in the Reid mine off the opposite side.

Riverside Press: Sam Walker, who is the owner of a ranch in the foothills beyond Menifee, has recently made a rich strike in a mine owned by him. A party who is acquainted with the facts in the case, states that rock has been taken from the mine which has assayed as high as \$200 a ton, and what is more, there is lots of rich ore in the ledge.

Perris New Era: The following mining locations have been filed for record: G. J. Hoffman, Hoffman mine, in Pinacate district; L. Hoffman, Golden Mammoth mine, in Pinacate district; C. A. Pinkham, Surprise and Christmas Echo mines; F. L. Bates, Gold Bar mine; James Kelly, et al., Hopeful mine, Taquitz district; A. Morrison, Alice mine, Pinacate district.