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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 freezing, blizzardly East is hereby notified that the baseball season is in full blast in the glorious climate of California.

The man who can buy potatoes and pay for them at present market rates need furnish no other evidence that he is a man of wealth.

A thief recently entered the orchard of Col. J. R. Dobbins, between Alhambra and Pasadena, and stole seventy boxes of oranges. Colonel Dobbins is doubtless thankful that he left the trees.

If any one doubts that there is water in Orange county, let him inquire of George W. Minter, secretary of the Santa Ana chamber of commerce, who caught fish in his walnut orchard last week.

It is a significant and pleasing coincidence that John Lawrence Sullivan of Boston, where they eat beans, should have recently appeared on the stage in Ventura, where they raise beans.

A great moral lesson might be drawn from the case of the late Mrs. Martyn Black and F. Gerard Mitchell, (also late), but moral lessons are not generally applied where they would do the most good.

Trout Fishing—A petition is being circulated for signatures in Pasadena asking the Board of Supervisors to prohibit trout fishing in the county this season, as the recent drought has seriously affected the spawning of this fish.

The police authorities of Los Angeles are reported as saying that the poker rooms must close and stay closed. It seems as if we had heard something similar to this before; but even spasms of virtue are better than no virtue at all.

The Paso Robles Leader says: "Hilary O'Neill, who lives three miles east of town, brought into town a seagull which had been captured at their place the evening before. How the bird happened to be inland so far is a mystery. Probably it flew.

A San Diego man in the Klindike region was presented with a doctor's bill amounting to \$1400 for medical services covering a period of two months. All the doctors have to do in order to get rich up there is to stake out a few patients and do the assessment work.

Saloon Question—A petition is being circulated at Santa Monica asking the Board of City Trustees to take no action on the proposition to increase the saloon license from \$300 to \$600 per year, but to submit the matter to the people at the next election.

When the people of Nevada petition those of Southern California to cease praying for rain because Nevada has already had too much rain, they confess that while "the prayer of the righteous availeth much," they themselves do not have command of such a resource.

It is to be hoped that under the new ownership the Mt. Lowe railway property will be so managed as to realize the possibilities which exist in it, both as a profitable investment and as an attractive and popular resort. There is no good reason why it should not meet both these conditions.

The Redondo City Trustees have adopted a resolution limiting the number of saloons to be permitted in that city to two in any one block. It is hoped it will not be considered too oppressive of the rights of the people to compel them to walk the distance this ordinance will necessitate their going.—Los Angeles Times.

It is given out as a fact that the grading contract for the long-talked-of cycleway between Pasadena and Los Angeles has been let and that work will begin within thirty days. This is encouraging news for the cyclists of the two cities. This enterprise and the closing of the "gap" beyond Santa Barbara has had a nearly even race for endurance.

The idea, conceived by T. P. Lukens of Pasadena, of inducing the government to plant the burned sections of the mountains with trees is a valuable one, provided it can be carried out. There is no question about the desirability of having the mountains covered with forests, but there is a question about the feasibility of getting the government to pay for planting the trees.

A rather novel idea—and a good one—is to be put into execution at Pomona College. It is proposed to

build a dormitory for young women students which will be under the care and control of the occupants. A little practice in housekeeping incidental to the college course will add materially to the benefits of the course, not to mention the economy of the plan.—Los Angeles Record.

Citizens of the Southern Pacific coast section who have been shivering in their boots through fear of smallpox, may soon be better able to control their nerves. The disease is abating all along the line. The Clifton district, in Arizona, where the situation was so threatening for a time, is now reported entirely free from the disease, and fewer cases are developing in other parts of Arizona, as well as in Southern California.

The arraignment which Dr. Hill of the state board of health brings against Dr. Schmitz in connection with the existence of smallpox in Los Angeles is a terrible one. At least 60 per cent of the cases and twelve of the fifteen deaths, he says, are traceable "to the criminal carelessness of that man." If this be true, it is due to public safety that such an example be made of Dr. Schmitz as shall prevent a similar offense for many years to come.

Confederate Money—Mary Harvey was arrested at Santa Ana on complaint of Thomas Colon of Los Angeles, who charged her with passing a Confederate \$10 bill on him. She pleaded guilty and was fined \$20, which she immediately paid. The woman resides at a resort called Hog Ranch, north of the city. She received the bill from F. H. Danner, a horse trader from Los Angeles. He was arrested and was given thirty days on the chain gang.

The Ventura Signal tells a truth and points a moral well when it says: "Enough water has gone to waste in California in the past two weeks to raise good crops over the entire state for two years. A system of retention reservoirs throughout the state is what is needed, and there need never be such a thing as a dry year to worry farmers." And the next best thing, if retention reservoirs cannot be had, is a retention of the forests on the mountains.

Demented Stranger—M. K. White of Silver City, N. M., while en route between Los Angeles and San Diego, attracted the conductor's attention by offering to give away his money. This he was prevented from doing, and at Oceanside he left the train and struck off for the hills. On the conductor's return trip he informed the officers at Oceanside of the matter and asked that a search be made for the man, as he had a return ticket from Silver City to San Diego, and evidently left the train while demented. The hounds took up the scent immediately, and after a lively run of many miles, in which the trail took the form of a circle, located the man about dark on the Santa Margarita ranch. His clothes were very much torn and his hands and face were badly cut and bruised. He had had nothing to eat from the time he left the train until found.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS.

N. E. A. Local Committee Sending Five Thousand Blanks.

The Los Angeles executive committee of the National Educational Association is sending 500 associate membership blanks throughout the state, its desire being to secure the required number of memberships to make good the promise made when the annual convention of the association was secured for Los Angeles. Membership dues for one year are \$2, and this entitles the member to an official badge of the convention, whether attending or not; a rebate of \$2 on his or her railroad ticket to Los Angeles in July, if that ticket is from a point where the extra \$2 is assessed for membership to the association, and a copy of the proceedings of the convention, which will be in the form and contain about 1200 pages.

The idea of the local committee is not only to secure as many teachers as possible as members, but all others interested in educational affairs. The rolls are open to any one who desires to join, the only requirement being the payment of the \$2 fee.

#### SMALLPOX CONDITION.

The official bulletin of the health department as to the smallpox conditions in Los Angeles, follows:

CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.	
Los Angeles, March 31, 1899.	
Total number of cases from November 1 to date	99
Total number of deaths to date	15
Total number of cases now under treatment	14
Number of suspects reported today (exact condition not determined)	0
New cases today	2
(Signed) L. M. POWERS,	
City Health Officer.	

We will have a census and also a presidential election next year. My, but we are going to be busy.

## 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.

Sold Her Stock—Mrs. Jane Stanford, while in New York last month, sold 33,300 shares of Central Pacific stock for \$1,731,600.

A Ready Market—Secretary Filcher of the state board of trade, said that the demand for California fruit this year will over-measure the quantity on hand.

Their Burglar Penned—T. H. Dickman, the burglar who was captured by four young women while attempting to enter F. Jennings' residence at Santa Cruz, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to eighteen months in San Quentin.

San Francisco—Charles W. Lieb, a printer doing business and residing at No. 220 Sutter street, fired a pistol bullet through his head in the parlor of his brother's residence the other day. Death was almost instantaneous. Despondency over the loss of his wife was the cause.

Big Fish Cannery—The Pacific American Fish company will build at once at Fairhaven, Wash., a cannery with a capacity of 400,000 cases, a mammoth refrigerating plant, enabling the shipment of fresh fish all the year, and a fertilizer plant for converting all refuse into saleable products.

The Santa Ynez Argus says a farmer who has a crop of 400 acres of wheat in that vicinity recently offered his entire crop to anyone who would fill his one small barn. Now he would not take thirty times that amount. A rain which adds 2999 per cent to a man's crop is something to be thankful for.

The recent rains not only started the grass to growing and saved the crops, but they paid the debt of a church at Livermore in this state. A banker there was rash enough to say that if it rained four inches in March he would cancel the mortgage on the Methodist church. The rain has come and the banker is proceeding to cancel the debt.

The late unlamented Legislature of Arizona is getting compliments all along the line on the taking ways of the members. One member even took the smallpox, and the Florence Tribune says that was about the only thing some of them didn't take. It will be remembered that the chaplain in one of his prayers prayed as a last hope that they might not carry off the capitol.

That the "hydrophobia skunk" is not a fiction has again been proven to the satisfaction of a large circle of Arizona, where a young woman who was bitten by one of the animals died a few days ago after intense suffering, during which, it is said, she exhibited all the symptoms of rabies. The skunk used to be known among the French in Canada as the "enfant du diable"—child of the devil—and he seems still entitled to the distinction.

The Mayor of Los Angeles advances the idea that a woman has as much right to enter a saloon and drink as has a man. Well, yes; constitutionally that is so, admits the Sacramento Record-Union. But the moral right is quite another thing. There are certain codes in the social state that obtain among decent people, which rise superior to constitutions and legislative enactments. These, neither men nor women can defy with impunity.

After a search which lasted for three months the remains of the late Capt. "Buckey" O'Neill of Arizona, who was shot down by the Spanish in Cuba, have been found and returned to the United States to rest in the Arlington cemetery. In prosecuting the search for the body the devoted widow expended over \$1000 of her own money and for a time it looked as though the effort would prove fruitless. It would seem but just that the government should at least reimburse her for the outlay.

Spreckels' Big Scheme—Claus Spreckels has decided to establish in San Francisco an electric plant without a rival in the world, and will furnish light, heat and power almost at cost. The Independent Electric Light and Power company, with a capital stock of \$10,000,000, has been incorporated and the directors for the first year are Claus B. Spreckels, John D. Spreckels, Adolph B. Spreckels, Charles A. Hug and W. D. K. Gibson. It is understood that the company will also enter the telephone business.

A copy of the Daily Alaskan of the date of February 26, published at

Skaguay, is evidence of the wonderful progress made during the past year in that city. The issue comprises fourteen pages, including an artistic cover in four or five colors and adorned with good half-tones. This issue is a special number intended to celebrate the first anniversary of the paper, and to be the first issue of a Sunday paper in Alaska. A press capable of printing 2000 copies an hour and a Mergenthaler linotype is part of the outfit.

Under the appropriate heading, "What an Inch of Rain Means," the San Jose Mercury says: "One inch of rainfall is equal to the application of 27,100 wine gallons of water to every acre of land, or 17,344,000 gallons to every 640 acres of the territory over which the precipitation extended. One inch of rainfall gives every fruit tree 240 gallons of water. In addition to this there is the vast quantity of water that has been stored away in the underground reservoirs, much of which will be utilized by the growing crops later in the season."

A FRESNO MYSTERY: Elmer E. Day, a steady, industrious man, 30 years old, who had been living in Fresno for five years, disappeared last December and nothing has been heard of him. Dust is thick on the tables, chairs and floor of his house. On the bed was found a deed to the property and receipts for part payments. The table was set, and there were two loaves of bread on it. His clothes, valise, family pictures, etc., were all in place. Day had received \$5000 in October last, which he had with him when he disappeared.

#### ONE OF THE BOLDEST.

Sack of Gold Coin Taken From an Express Wagon.

San Francisco—One of the boldest and most daring robberies in the annals of San Francisco was committed in front of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express office on Second street, when a sack containing \$2500 in gold coin was stolen from the seat of an express wagon belonging to Joseph N. H. Waters, while the latter was engaged in conversation with a stranger.

Waters was carrying the coin from the Anglo-California Bank to the express office for shipment to Morris Bros. at Chinese Camp, Cal. The person who accosted Waters asked him the location of the Grand Hotel. Waters was tying his horse at the time, but gave the desired information. On turning again to his wagon he saw that the money had been taken. Waters has been engaged in carrying the coin for the Anglo-California and other large banking concerns for more than thirty years, and no suspicion attaches to him.

#### FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

The Marquis de Corralbo, the chief agent of Don Carlos, has gone to Venice, according to a dispatch from Paris, to report to the pretender and to receive his final instructions.

London: A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Vienna says there are 20,000 cases of influenza in the city of Brunn, capital of Moravia, Austria, and that the death rate is enormous.

LONDON: According to a dispatch from Shanghai to the Daily Mail it is reported that a Mohammedan rebellion has broken out in the province of Kan-Su, the most northwestern province of China.

COULDN'T BORROW: Russia's intention to supply her entire artillery with new quick-firing guns is delayed by want of money, owing to the failure of her agents to obtain a loan in the United States.

PARIS: A dispatch to the Eclair from Toulon says that experiments made there with armor-piercing shells have conclusively demonstrated the possibility of a shell piercing a warship's armor and exploding inside the ship.

MONTREAL: Sir William McDonald, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, has made another munificent donation, said to be \$300,000, to McGill university. This time it is the school of mining which benefits. The total amount of Sir William's gifts to McGill university exceed \$3,000,000.

LONDON: The Berlin correspondent of the Morning Post says: "In their desire to effect a friendly settlement of the Samoan difficulty the German authorities have decided to discontinue their support of Mataafa, hoping that this will induce the United States to recall Chief Justice Chambers."

BIG BELGIAN ROW: There were some exciting scenes in the Chamber of Deputies at Brussels in connection with the discussion of the recent publication from Belgium of a former priest. This led to violence during which the speakers attacked the king and government generally, leading to much uproar. Soldiers had to be summoned to clear the galleries, resulting in a series of exciting scuffles. M. Bethune, a member of the Right, and M. Jeune, a Leftist, exchanged challenges to fight a duel.

## MINES AND MINING.

In the Minnehaha mine at Randsburg a five-foot ledge of rock has been struck that is good for \$20.

It is reported that the gold yield of California for last year will exceed that of 1897, notwithstanding the lack of water.

In the past five years the world's output of copper has increased from 324,055 tons to 424,126 tons, but the increase in the demand for the article has more than equalled the increase in supply.

A Randsburg, Cal., report states that a representative of the Standard Oil Company was in camp a couple of days last week and is now examining some copper properties thirty miles from there.

Victoria, (B. C.)—Gold-bearing quartz, assaying as high as \$32 a ton, has been found on the water front of this city. The vein has been traced a considerable distance, and is believed to extend under the water.

It is stated that the Arizona Copper Company and the Detroit Copper Company have advanced wages 10 per cent, with the understanding that the advance is to hold so long as Lake Superior copper sells for over 13 cents per pound.

The Garvanza mine at El Oro, Mex., one of the famous mines of that country, has been bonded to an English syndicate, which puts up \$100,000 for freight money. The price of the mine is fixed at \$3,000,000 in gold, and the option expires on April 25.

Randsburg Miner: Pete Glennie, Angus Matheson and Charles Small have left for the Panamint range on a prospecting tour. They took plenty of provisions along and will be gone some weeks. They will first go into the neighborhood where Hammond and Peter have made their find, and from there they will take in much of the surrounding country. It is to be hoped the boys will strike it rich.

Mining Review: Mr. George Peck, who is just in from the Green Mountain Company's mines in the Piute Mountains, brings with him a \$240 gold brick from an eight-ton run of ore, it running a little over \$30 per ton, besides rich concentrates. He reported that the properties were looking well, with plenty of snow on the mountains, assuring an abundance of water for the coming season. The company has a plant of four stamps, a 15-horse power engine and 20-horse power boiler with steam hoist and two pumps capable of handling water to a depth of 400 feet. These mines are not on the market, it being the intention of the owners to develop them on their own account and for their own profit.

Mining and Scientific Press: There are a great many books in circulation for the use of prospectors, all of which contain many good "hints" and much information, but in most of these volumes is found a vast amount of material calculated to give a "smattering" of scientific knowledge, which the prospector does not need and which leads him astray when he reads it. It is not necessary for the prospector to be able to distinguish whether a certain rock is basalt or granite, or whether it is diorite or trachite. What he wants to know is how to determine whether a rock has a value or not. The "genesis of ore deposits" may be interesting to the scientific student, but it does not matter to the prospector whether the gold in his ore came from below, from above or sideways, so long as it is pay rock.

#### MINERAL EXHIBIT.

Steps to Have California's Product in Evidence at Paris.

San Francisco—The San Francisco Miners' Association and other wealthy interests of this city intend to make a determined effort to induce the Board of Supervisors to set aside an appropriation of \$50,000 to be used in sending and maintaining at the Paris exposition a suitable mining exhibit. They are disappointed over the state appropriation of \$120,000, which must cover the cost and maintenance of the entire exhibit of the different productive interests of the state.

If they can induce the Board of Supervisors to appropriate \$50,000 for this purpose, the miners feel certain that they can easily raise \$50,000 more from other sources throughout the state.

#### NEW COPPER PROSPECTS.

J. S. Huston and Fred Carter of Johannesburg and W. W. Tinker of Randsburg, own several claims about forty miles east of Johannesburg, upon which they have found copper signs. They have staked these claims and have a man working the assessments. "As yet no copper has been taken from that rich gold section," said Mr. Carter, "but we intend to find whether it will pay to mine for copper. We get there by wagon and burro and there is plenty of water from springs. There are copper signs on the surface."