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### 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 first straw hats are in bloom, and the shirt-waist is the real thing.

If liquid air will cool off the kind of air we have had lately, Mr. Tripler may send us a consignment c. o. d. and p. d. q.

There is more trouble ahead. Riverside claims to lead San Bernardino by over 1100 in the matter of comparative population.

The trouble about vaccination now going on in San Diego comes a little late in the game, but some people think it better to have trouble late than never.

Newport Beach promises to be more attractive than ever the coming summer. A pleasure wharf, a new water supply and better train service are among the improvements proposed.

Colonel Robb of the Houtcut Times explains any possible shortcomings in last week's paper by saying that he got married only the Sunday before. That excuse will be accepted—once.

The amount reported as having been expended by the health department of Los Angeles on account of the smallpox visitation is \$12,000. No one will deny that this is an unlucky number of dollars.

The Santa Fe Railway Company has let the contract for the construction of a freight platform 50 feet wide and 1000 feet long at San Diego. Evidently the company has faith in the growth of its business in that thriving city.

The citizens of San Diego are taking hold of the effort to preserve the old mission near that city with commendable zeal. By and by these historic landmarks of California will be appreciated at their real worth.

The announcement comes from Ventura that the establishment of a cannery in that city is assured. This will be one step toward the realization of the purpose of the new progressive movement that has been inaugurated there.

During the next two years hunters from abroad who get quail or ducks in San Bernardino county will have to stay in that county until they have eaten their meat. The supervisors prohibited shipping it out of the county.

South Pasadena will have more of its streets sprinkled with oil. One of the ways in which the use of oil prevents the dust from flying is that drivers of carriages avoid the greased roads when possible, and therefore do not stir it up.

Two sidewalk spitters were recently arrested and fined in San Jose, and the Californian calls attention to the fact that Bakersfield, too, has an anti-spitter ordinance. Los Angeles has one also but it is not enforced this side of San Jose.

The \$12,000 expended by the health department of Los Angeles in battling with smallpox is but a fraction of what the failure to report the first case has cost the city. The amount which has been lost in the way of business will never be known.

The Pasadena Star refers with pride to the appreciation of high-class entertainments in Pasadena as evinced by the presence of over thirteen hundred people at Ian MacLaren's lecture, but omits to mention the number who went to see John L. Sullivan.

The Santa Paula Chronicle says gold quartz was found last week in an oil well being drilled on the Piru ranch, and it is thought that the quality will warrant its being mined. When a man starts to bore a hole in the ground he never knows what disappointment may await him.

The Union Sugar Company of Santa Maria is advertising for 500 men, women and children to work in the beet fields. Children can, it is said, earn from 75 cents to \$1 a day, and adults from \$1 to \$1.50. There is little excuse now for begging on this coast by any one who is able to work.

For a concern that does not specially favor annexation on account of fear of competition in its business, the Oxnard beet sugar company contributed pretty liberally to the war tax on Wednesday when it parted with \$1400 worth of revenue stamps on a deed transferring its property to the American Beet Sugar company.

Oxnard appears to be developing into a full-fledged octopus. Not only dwelling houses, but halls, mills and even lumber yards are being hauled to the new town from neighboring localities and swallowed into the maw of the boom. If Ventura, Hueneme and

other near-by towns want to stay where they are they will have to throw out anchors to the windward.—Los Angeles Times.

J. W. Eddy of this city, general manager of the Kern-Rand company, the purpose of which is to establish and transmit electric power from Kern river to Randsburg and other points, is about to visit Washington to close some details of business with the department of the interior. It is expected that at an early date Randsburg will have power at such a low cost that the mining industry there will be given new impetus.

Traveling Awheel—Thomas Dutton, wife and two children, have arrived in Pasadena from Seattle, having made the entire journey on bicycles. Dutton, who is minus a leg, had his two children safely tucked away in a basket attached to the handle-bars of his wheel. The party are now on a tour of the coast, and expect to make the return trip by water. He is said to be interested in some of the richest mines near Dawson City, Alaska.

The daily papers are not the only ones that are in trouble over the idiotic Morehouse law. The staff of "Blue and Gold," published at the University of California, have had a peck of trouble. The "joshes" directed at the faculty and students, while generally harmless, have been a leading feature of the paper, and helped greatly in its sale. In order to avoid the law "rush orders" had to be given and everybody worked night and day to get the book out before the 19th instant.—Los Angeles Times.

It is interesting to watch the progress of "a conciliatory policy" in dealing with the private water companies in Pasadena. When the campaign for municipal ownership was started, the stock of these companies was quoted at \$15 per share. It being intimated that the city might buy the plants, the stock was marked up to \$60. Now, since the City Water Committee has passed a resolution to buy the properties, the directors talk of \$100 to \$125 per share. It would appear that the only "conciliatory policy" to adopt in dealing with some folks is to get on top of 'em with both feet.

Pasadena anti-saloonsists are much exercised over the operations of the "Pastime Club," of which a Los Angeles negro liquor dealer is said to be the principal proprietor. It is a dodge for getting around the prohibitory ordinance, and by paying 50 cents a month you can "belong" with the privilege of getting your beer at all hours, in defiance of municipal regulations. A Pasadena official, who has interviewed the sable proprietor, says he doesn't see the difference between this club and any other "blind pig," except that "the new institution perhaps runs a little more to Ham."

A Huge Government Loss—The United States land offices of San Francisco, Seattle, Los Angeles and other coast cities have combined to investigate alleged fraudulent homestead entries on timber lands in this state. During the past fifteen years the government is said to have lost in this way upward of \$4,000,000. Cases against a dozen persons have been begun. These people make no improvements, but cut down the pine trees and sell them to lumber companies. In this way millions of trees are said to have been destroyed.

The California Raisin Growers' association, recently reorganized at Fresno, starts off in a way that is indicative of success. Now, if the members will stay with it and work for it the indication will be realized.

#### FELL INTO A SEPARATOR.

A. F. Balazari Has His Head Ground to Pulp.

San Luis Obispo—A. F. Balazari was killed and horribly mangled at the Guadalupe creamery skimming station. He was standing beside the separator, which had just been set in motion, when a bolt flew off the machine and struck Balazari in the forehead, rendering him unconscious and he fell head first into the separator. Before his companions could rescue him, his head was ground to a pulp in the separator.

#### DEATH IN A SHELL.

Missile From an American Warship Explodes.

Havana—Mail advices to La Lucha Manzanillo say that an American shell, fired last summer during the bombardment of the town by the United States warships, exploded last Sunday, killing three persons and wounding many others. The shell had been fired into a cave called the "Labyrinth of Gold," and workmen were digging it from under the floor, where it had penetrated deeply. The shell exploded, wrecking the room.

Three cases of yellow fever occurred here recently.

The Spanish bankers are attempting to corner silver, with a view of raising its value. They are constantly publishing reports of heavy shipments to Spain.

Numerous requests are received from various districts in the island for implements and seeds, not islands.

## 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.

A man in New Haven offers \$500 for evidence that the earth moves. If he will come out here during the earthquake season we will be glad to cover his money, says the Oakland Tribune.

San Francisco—Captain John Dillon of the United States transport Morgan City has been found guilty of cruelly beating a sailor on the high seas and is sentenced to pay a fine of \$2500. Dillon almost killed a sailor who had struck his superior while in an intoxicated condition.

Counterfeits—In San Francisco counterfeit \$5 gold pieces are in circulation. John Keough, an associate of the man who uttered these coins, is in the custody of Secret Service Agent Brown. The police and federal detectives are in close quest of Keough's companions, one of whom is known as Joseph Walker.

The Territorial prison of Arizona is occupied to almost its full capacity, and with the accessions expected from the courts of the Territory, all of which are now in session, it is thought probable additional accommodations will have to be constructed. Apparently either the criminal laws are being more rigorously enforced than heretofore or the number of criminals is increasing.

The Oregonians are disposed to smile with an air of triumph over California on the ground that the greatest of all battleships has been named after that state, while California has only been able to have a cruiser named in her honor. That is all right, says the Sacramento Record-Union. That same battleship was built in California, by California mechanics and was the product of California ingenuity and invested capital. The other states can have the names without our protest if California is accorded the building of the ships.

#### MAY DAY--DEWEY DAY.

Gov. Gage Makes It a Holiday—His Proclamation.

Sacramento—Gov. Gage has issued the following proclamation:

"PROCLAMATION.  
"Executive Department,  
"State of California.  
"Sacramento, April 19, 1899.

"On May 1, A. D. 1898, Admiral Dewey, commanding the American fleet, entered the Bay of Manila, Philippine Islands, and in a conflict, to be famed in modern naval history, completely destroyed the hostile Spanish fleet, thereby manifesting the prowess of America upon the sea.

"The 1st day of May, A. D. 1899, will be the first anniversary of this celebrated naval engagement, and, it appearing to the executive that said day should be set apart for appropriate and patriotic public expressions by our people,

"Now, therefore, I, Henry T. Gage, governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of said State, do hereby proclaim Monday, the 1st day of May, A. D. 1899, a holiday.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of this State to be hereunto affixed this 19th day of April, A. D. 1899.

[Seal.]

[Signed.] "HENRY T. GAGE,

"Governor of the State of California.

"Attest:

[Signed.] "C. F. CURRY,

"Secretary of State."

#### FIVE THOUSAND A MONTH.

Mrs. Craven Will Try to Worry Along On It.

San Francisco—Mrs. Nettie B. Craven filed a second petition in the superior court for a family allowance from the estate of the late James G. Fair. The petitioner, as in the application filed some months ago, sets forth that she is the widow of the dead capitalist. She states that no allowance has been made her from the \$12,000,000 estate of Fair, the income of which is \$500,000 a year.

She asks for an allowance of \$500 a month, to take effect from the date of Fair's death, December 28, 1894. It is said the filing of the petition heralds the opening of the battle by Mrs. Craven to establish her relations to Fair.

#### DEADLY CANNED TOMATOES.

Little Ellen Pidge a Victim of Acid Poisoning.

San Francisco—The death of little 4-year-old Ellen Pidge has been re-

ported to the coroner, and Dr. Jones, the attending physician, ascribes the cause of her death to eating canned tomatoes. Sunday canned tomatoes formed a part of the repast of the Pidge family, and yesterday the little girl and her brother were seized with convulsions and the little girl died a few hours later. The little boy is believed to be out of danger.

A week ago Sunday the little boy was seized with a deadly sickness after eating canned tomatoes, but his sickness was not, at that time, attributed to this cause.

#### HORSELESS STAGE.

Trial Trip Made Out of Stockton—Gasoline Motor Used.

Stockton—The trial trip of a horseless stage was made at the instance of the Stockton and Jackson Stage company, which is operating a line between the mountain town and here, where it connects with the old line of steamers for San Francisco. The regular stage, which has been drawn with horses ever since it was put into service, was attached to a horseless wagon. The passengers took their seats and the gasoline motor, being started, the stage left the business part of the city on its regular trip. The sight was so unusual that people on the streets through which the vehicle passed turned and watched it out of sight.

It is the intention of the owners of the line to use a horseless carriage to operate the stage over the level roads between this city and Clements, where the passengers will change to a vehicle drawn by horses to take them over the mountain roads. A larger and more powerful motor is to be constructed to take the stage from one end of the line to the other.

Much better time can be made with this new form of locomotion, and is designed to revolutionize staging in this vicinity. The carriage used at present is provided with roller-bearing axles and heavy pneumatic tires.

#### RAPELJI'S STRANGE ACT.

Tries to Save a Chinaman's Neck by Taking the Blame.

Fresno—At the resumption of the coroner's inquest over the bodies of the dead Chinamen, Hi Rapelji was placed on the stand and swore that he had killed Leong Tung, and that Wong Duck, who is charged with the crime, is innocent. Rapelji is employed by the Chinese companies as a special watchman to guard their premises. His evidence was a surprise to the district attorney, as Rapelji had arrested Wong Duck himself, who, he claimed on the night of the shooting, had deliberately shot Leong Tung.

The Chinamen who were expected to testify that Hop Lee had killed one man did not materialize. Outside of Rapelji's testimony nothing new was brought out.

Hop Lee, who, it is alleged, is the leader of the local highlanders, was released from jail on \$500 bonds. Since Hop Lee has been liberated a number of merchants in Chinatown have left here for San Francisco or other points for fear of another outbreak.

At a meeting of the Chinese companies it was decided to ask the city marshal to increase the police force in Chinatown as a protection against the detachment of hatchmen, who, they claim, are on the way from San Francisco.

#### FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

Washington—United States Minister Bridgman has cabled the state department from La Paz, Bolivia, that the revolution there has ended, and everything is quiet.

Germany Scared—The entire German press is greatly alarmed by the news that Emperor William intends to introduce in the Prussian Diet a government creating the city of Berlin and its suburbs into a separate province, and largely destroying the city's present self-government.

Sir Wilfred Laurier, the Premier, replying to a delegation of the Trades and Labor Congress at Ottawa, Ont., spoke favorably of the imposition of a \$500 poll tax on Chinese entering Canada, but said he was opposed to a tax on Japanese, whom he characterized as progressive and allies of Great Britain.

Great Charities—The estate left by the late Baroness Maurice de Hirsch de Geruth, who died April 1, has been valued at £25,000,000, of which £20,000,000 will be expended in charities founded or fostered by the Baroness and Baron. The Hirsch foundation in New York receives £240,000 and the institution at Montreal £24,000.

After several conferences with the minister from Venezuela, the United States postoffice officials have entered into an agreement for a parcel-post treaty with Venezuela. The treaty will be sent to Venezuela for ratification, and probably will be in operation within three or four months. The agreement is similar to those with other countries, and provides that the rate charged per pound shall be 12 cents, and the number of pounds in a package limited to eleven.

## MINES AND MINING.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer reports the discovery of a large body of galena and gold ore in Snohomish county, Wash.

A correspondent of Victor, San Bernardino county, Cal., writes that T. H. Oxham, of Del Mar, Nev., is there with a party of ten miners. Their destination is Gold Mountain, near Victor, where they intend to reopen and thoroughly examine the old mining properties owned by E. J. Baldwin of San Francisco.

The Portland Oregonian says there are ten giants running on Evans and Pleasant creeks and the prospects for a good paying clean-up are growing brighter every day. Water will be abundant until the latter part of June. An investment of \$200,000 is contemplated in the big Pleasant Creek ditch, so the Ashland Tidings is informed.

Acton Rooster: The old Escondido may, after all, redeem its old name and history. Dr. Gehring, who is opening the same, has some six men at work and last Saturday another good vein of rock was struck. This makes three ledges now, and all very good quartz. Dr. Gehring will begin soon to erect a steam arastra plant and will be able to show up some fine bullion in the near future.

A dispatch from Republic, Wash., says: "Buildings are going up as if by magic. Travel is increasing rapidly. The Kettle Falls saddle train is doing a rushing business and the state road and Grand Fork stages are loaded every day. Many are also coming in by private conveyance, and not a few find it convenient to walk. Prospecting is out of the question, as the snow covers the ground.

Redlands Citigraph: The attention of copper prospectors is called to the east and northeast sections of this county. Copper is known to exist in many places, but on account of the high rates of mule team freight prospecting for that metal has not been active. The building of railroads has cheapened freight, and the high price of copper ought to develop many good copper properties.

San Diegoan Sun: News arrived by telephone from Mesa Grande telling of a wonderful strike made by Samuel Black in his "Dead Oak" gold mine. The mine is located in the Shenandoah district, not far from Mesa Grande postoffice. Black has been working the mine intermittently for over a year past with varying success, that is getting out about enough ore to keep him in grub. A few days ago in the bottom of the shaft, 80 feet deep, the ledge suddenly widened to four feet, and samples of the ore which he took out assayed from \$500 to \$1000 per ton. Mesa Grande is excited over the find and Black is naturally elated, as there seems to be a very large quantity of the ore in sight. The owner is the same Black charged with the murder of John Patterson at National City.

#### GOLOVIN BAY GOLD.

Rich Discoveries Made in That Part of Alaska.

San Francisco—D. A. McDonald of this city has received late advices from Golovin Bay, Alaska, telling of rich gold finds in that section. The letter is from B. B. Earle, manager of the North American Trading company of St. Michael. The news was brought to St. Michael over the ice and is accepted as thoroughly reliable.

Dr. Kittleson, formerly superintendent of the government deer herds at Port Clarence and Unalakleet, returned from Cape Nome, seventy-five miles west from Golovin Bay, and reported great finds in the vicinity of Cape Nome, about five miles from shore, and plenty of it. So far only two creeks have been worked, but with most satisfactory results. Coarse gold was found two feet from the surface. On the first discoveries six men rocked out \$17,000 in three days. Kittleson's claims are now paying, frozen as they are, \$1000 a day on those same creeks.

Another important discovery on Golovin Bay has also been reported. Six miles up Casa de Paga, a tributary of Neukluk River, \$5 a pan from frozen ground before bedrock is reached is a common thing. This discovery was made by Leo Loewenherz. Larger amounts to the pan have been taken out from gravel near bedrock. This discovery caused quite a stampede to follow Loewenherz into this new section.

#### STRIKE IN THE DEAD OAK.

A strike is reported in the Dead Oak mine in San Diego county. The San Diego Sun, in an account of the strike, says: "The mine is located in the Shenandoah district not far from Mesa Grande postoffice. Black has been working the mine intermittently for over a year past with varying success, that is, getting out about enough ore to keep him in grub. A few days ago, in the bottom of the shaft, eighty feet deep, the ledge suddenly widened to four feet, and samples of the ore which he took out assayed yesterday from \$500 to \$1000 per ton."