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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.

Madame Modjeska is resting in San Diego.

Garden Grove has an outbreak of whooping cough.

Louis Moulton of El Toro is suing his wife for a divorce.

Riverside is to have a big wheel meet on Admission Day.

Long Beach is making war upon back-room poker games.

Santa Barbara's new crawfish cannery will soon be completed.

John Leek of Santa Ana is building a newly patented automobile.

A kissing bug found in South Pasadena was promptly chloroformed.

Farmers in the Santa Ana valley expect only half a crop of apricots this year.

The municipal lighting plant at Anaheim is paying about \$200 above running expenses.

A petition is in circulation for the teaching Spanish in the schools of Santa Barbara.

The Pomona cannery will handle over 700 tons of peaches during the coming season.

Colonel G. G. Green is the largest taxpayer on the rolls of Pasadena. He is assessed at \$288,965.

Frank McConnell, a step-son of Senator Boyce of Santa Barbara, is ill with typhoid fever at Skaguay.

The water companies in and about Redlands have combined for mutual protection and to maintain prices.

Chas. Myers writes to friends in Pasadena that he has excellent gold prospects at Kotzebue Sound, Alaska.

The automobile has come. A horseless carriage was received from the east by S. R. Henderson of Los Angeles.

San Bernardino still burns electricity upon the streets, notwithstanding that the city has formally abrogated its lighting contract.

Andrew Carnegie has offered to give \$50,000 for a public library building in San Diego. The conditions are that a site shall be donated.

A newly-made grave with no corpse has been unearthed on the Garden Grove ranch near Santa Ana. Nothing is known of the mystery.

Should the Oxnard factory be completed in time for the beet harvest it is now doubtful if the Chino sugar factory will be operated this year.

Earl Bernard Buckland, the 2-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Buckland of San Bernardino, was drowned Monday evening in a water ditch.

Miners are scouring the mountains of Southern California under the theory that recent earthquake shocks have uncovered new mineral ledges.

The shipment of canned goods from Ventura to Europe will commence next week, consignments being billed to London, Glasgow, Australia, Egypt and Salabala, India.

Over-indulgence in morphine, cocaine and liquor is blamed for the seeming insanity of H. A. Clarke, an Englishman, who has a ranch in the Kingsley tract near Pomona.

The brewery interests have engaged Frank F. Davis of Los Angeles to defeat efforts at the formation of sanitary districts in Southern California. Pasadena had a \$2000 fire recently.

Z. Horikoski, who represents large commercial interests in Tokio, Japan, is in San Diego, to look over the commercial field. He is greatly pleased with the harbor and shipping facilities.

Herbert Hadden, a Pasadena soldier serving in the Philippines, was shot in the head during the recent engagement at Calumpit. He expects soon to be discharged and will at once return home.

The Santa Monica Outlook prints this paragraph: "A pedestrian reports the kissing bug abroad on Oregon avenue at 10 o'clock last night. It wore trousers and its antennae encircled a gaudy shirt waist."

The body of F. Norton, a seaman of the coasting schooner Comet, was recovered from the bay at San Pedro yesterday. Norton was accidentally drowned while in his cups. He had been sailing coastwise for twenty-five years.

Deputy Fish Commissioner Kerche-

val of Los Angeles arrested John Stewart of Las Posas, Roy Thorpe of Santa Paula and Rev. E. W. Osborn, a Methodist minister of New Orleans, who is visiting in Santa Paula, for shooting quail out of season on Lady Broome's ranch, Guadalupe.

There is quite a rivalry among apricot growers near Anaheim as to who has produced the best crop this year in proportion to trees. It is generally conceded, we are told, that Mrs. Stely leads the procession. This is true. There are few ladies in Southern California who work harder for success in anything they undertake to do, than this lady, and the beauty of it all is, she succeeds. Her ranch takes a back seat for none in productiveness.

The Fresno Republican says: "Just before the hot wave a Fresno boy found some birds' eggs, took them home and put them on the parlor table, where they promptly hatched. It is a good thing he didn't leave them out in the sun; they would have died." Here, where the weather is simply beautiful, one is filled with dismay for the people of the raisin land, for if this boy had found these eggs during the hot wave, both boy and eggs would have been hard boiled. Fresno is certainly a red-hot town, for they themselves have said it.

There is a cast-iron law which forbids the importation of tick-infested cattle from Mexico. While it works some hardship to consumers for a time through scarcity and high prices, it is the only effective measure to insure a future supply of healthy and fair-priced meats. Cattle Inspector Hill at San Diego, in refusing to pass a herd of Lower California cattle is simply doing his duty, and the lusty outcry of the wholesale butcher is no certain indication that any one else but himself and congeners are hurt by it.—Los Angeles Times.

A diver in armor is about to gather specimens from the bottom of the sea at Avalon, and will, while under water, illustrate the work of a diver on wrecks. This notice should draw a whole raft of underwater writers and their agents from San Francisco, for it has ever been a dark mystery just how a diver at work on a wreck managed to put in so much time and do nothing but look tired at \$25 per day. The diver at real work on a real wreck is a practical illustration on the part of the underwriters of "what the eye does not see, the heart does not grieve about."—Los Angeles Times.

Long Beach is to be congratulated on the fact that a jury did actually find a foul-mouthed and obscene blackguard, who voided his vocal filth in public, guilty of disturbing the peace, though it required two whirled to bring the full jury to time. Only four of them held out, and this fact gladdens the hearts of the law-and-order people. It is now in order for hack men, hotel runners and others in citing the attractions of the town to visitors to give the osseous frame of the whale a rest, and trot out instead the only simon-pure jury that ever found a verdict of guilty in the town of Long Beach.

The lack of water for sprinkling the streets in Pasadena causes Street Superintendent Buchanan to estimate the loss or damage resulting therefrom at \$50 per day. This is a serious thing, and will doubtless turn the attention of Pasadena's progressive business men to the successful application of oil to the streets and roads in other cities. It is conclusively proven that oil is cheaper and better than water to protect a roadbed and keep it free from dust. With oil at \$1 per barrel, much ground could be covered for \$50 per day, and, incidentally, the oil industry would be benefited.—Los Angeles Times.

San Gabriel township is in line for high honors, in that her people insist that blackguard and otherwise unruly boys must behave or be punished. An outraged citizen cuffed a young mischief-maker and all the country-side came out to see the father of the boy—a well-to-do man—defend his son. A jury of men who have known the innate devilry of unchecked boy-nature gave a verdict against the boy, and all creation will give a verdict against the father. There is a wide and enlarging field here for Spartan jurisprudence, for many parents seem to be as blind here as the San Gabriel father. True love, if needs be, will be cruel, to be kind thereby.

#### SPUNKY KANSAS GIRLS.

Independence, Kan.—The girls' clubs of several Southern Kansas towns have resolved never to marry a young man unless he served with the famous Twentieth Kansas regiment. They say they are determined to keep their agreement, and that sooner than marry a man who stayed at home, they will remain single all their lives. They intend to give the boys of the regiment a big reception when they return.

## 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 steamer Aorangi, which sailed from Victoria, B. C., for Australia, had 230 tons of beer for Honolulu.

Fresno—The first carload of dried peaches to leave Fresno this season was shipped by Griffin & Skelley. It is consigned by W. H. B. Tottan & Co. of New York.

To make sure that his condemnation of the slot machine was just, Judge Treadwell of San Francisco played at one himself and decided it a "sure thing game," and that "no player ever came out ahead of it."

Seattle—A. Finley, third officer of the steamer Garonne, now being fitted up for a transport, has received word from England that, through the death of his father, he is heir to an estate amounting to nearly \$4,000,000.

Ukiah—J. M. Byrnes, an inmate of the county hospital, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a dull case knife. After causing the wound, Byrnes put a blanket around his neck and went to dinner. The wound was then discovered and sewn up. Byrnes lived until morning.

Seattle, Wash.—Henry Spears of San Francisco, who arrived here a few days ago from Dawson, complained to the police that he had been robbed of \$3200 in gold and bank notes. Two French women, Levita Mignon and Helene Martin, were arrested on suspicion of being the guilty parties.

San Francisco—The Southern Pacific has decided to erect a building of its own at the Paris exposition, where will be exhibited the resources of such portions of the state as are tapped by its various lines. For this purpose the road has set aside the sum of \$50,000 and its expenditure has been placed in the hands of W. H. Mills, who will superintend the scheme.

San Francisco—J. J. Noel, colored, from New Orleans, who arrived here on the steamer Colon, says that he and 150 others went to Guatemala to work on the Northern railroad under the belief that they were to receive \$6 a day. Instead, they were given \$1.50 a day and their food was insufficient. Noel claims that the men could obtain no relief from the American consul.

Lee Sang, a highbinder at San Francisco, horribly carved a Chinese woman to death in a room on the top floor of a Chinese lodging house at 809 Stockton street, and then made his escape through a window and over the roofs of adjoining houses. Sang had been consorting with the woman for some time, and it is believed that jealousy prompted the deed. The weapon used to hack the woman was a butcher's cleaver.

San Francisco—Albert Ballinger, who is in the receiving hospital awaiting examination as to his sanity, is under confinement because of his wild wooing of Blanche Bates, the San Francisco actress now playing in a local theater. He has been writing her tons of letters, throwing massive bouquets at her from front seats, and has lately become violent at sight of the actress. Ballinger calls himself "The Indian Kid." He is 30 years of age, and is said to have a wife and family.

Redding—Sheriff Charles F. Blackington of Socorro, N. M., started back with Ernest Gentry, who is wanted at Alamo Gordo for stealing \$6000 in government script. The penalty for robbery in New Mexico is death by hanging. The sheriff considers Gentry a desperate man and to prevent his escape Blackington has his prisoner handcuffed and feet shackled. The New Mexico sheriff has killed several men, and he says he will kill another if Gentry makes the slightest attempt to get away.

United States Senator George C. Perkins, who has reached Seattle from a trip to Alaska, thinks there is nothing to arbitrate in connection with the Alaskan boundary. He said: "It would certainly be just as reasonable for us to insist on taking up the boundary question between the United States and Canada again and declare our dissatisfaction with the forty-ninth degree of latitude. England long ago recognized the boundary for which we are contending. She did this when the Hudson Bay company, which at that time was practically Canada, executed a ten-year lease from Russia, for which she is now contend-

ing. She leased it from Russia and renewed the lease for a second ten years.

The San Diego Land and Town Company is hereby promoted to a seat in the progressive band wagon, because it has originated and placed upon an eager market two brand-new articles of commerce in the shape of lemon oil and citric acid, which are made at its factory at National City. Another reason for this great distinction is the fact that this is the only concern of its kind in the country, and that its managers have the pluck, ability and business acumen to make it a signal success from its inception. The local press might slip a cog in its wheel of grief and profitably exploit this really deserving undertaking.

Bakersfield, with, confessedly, sixteen peace officers residing within the city, is all torn up over the disgraceful street orgies of the hoodlum element, and both local papers contain red-hot editorial condemnation of existing conditions. If a facetious allusion to Bakersfield as a jay town is made, these same papers resent it. Now in view of their own bitter complainings it would seem that there is much to entitle that burg to such a name. At the gateway, between the north and south, an object of interest to all who come among us, it is poor executive ability that permits such complaints to be possible. Bakersfield's law officers should place her in the procession.—Los Angeles Times.

Two bicyclists crashed their wheels together at Pasadena, one of them being a woman. She was on the right side of the street, and made the man pay for repairs to her wheel. The Los Angeles method is something as follows: He is riding in on Main street, on the right side, she is driving out, but on her left side. Her course was triangular, and at Tenth street she crowded him into a hitching post over which he turned a foot spring and slid ten feet along the gutter. He arose with his mouth full of mud and Volapuk, his body full of pains, and his soul full of wrath. She eyed him with disdain. He said, with much feeling: "My dear madam, you are on the wrong side of the street." "Dear nothing," she snorted, "guess you don't own this street," and she drove on. He emptied his mouth of mud, and—; curtain.

#### THE ALUM BAKING POWDERS.

Names of Some of the Principal Brands Sold in This Vicinity.

The recent discussion in the papers of the effect upon the human system of food made with alum baking powders and the opinions that have been published from noted scientists to the effect that such powders render the food unwholesome, have caused numerous inquiries for the names of the various alum powders.

The following list of baking powders containing alum is made up from reports of State Chemists, Food Commissioners or other reliable authority:

Baking Powders containing alum:  
K. C. . . . . Contains Alum.  
Jacques Mfg. Co., Chicago.  
CALUMET . . . . . Contains Alum.  
Calumet Baking Powder Co., Chicago.  
HOME . . . . . Contains Alum.  
Home Baking Powder Co. San Francisco.  
BEE-HIVE . . . . . Contains Alum.  
Washington Mfg. Co., San Francisco.  
CLOVER LEAF . . . . . Contains Alum.  
Pacific Mfg. Co., Los Angeles.

In addition to these, it is learned that many grocers are selling what they call their own private or special brands. These powders are put up for the grocer and his name put upon the labels by manufacturers of alum powders in San Francisco and elsewhere. The manufacturers, it is said, find their efforts to market their goods in this way greatly aided by the ambition of the grocer to sell a powder with his own name upon the label, especially when the grocer can make an abnormal profit upon it. Many grocers, doubtless, do not know that the powders they are thus pushing are alum powders which would be actually contraband in many sections if sold without disguise.

It is quite impossible to give the names of all the alum baking powders in the market. They are constantly appearing in all sorts of disguises, under all kinds of cognomens and at all kinds of prices, even as low as five and ten cents a pound. They can be avoided, however, by the housekeeper who will bear in mind that all baking powders sold at twenty-five cents or less per pound are liable to contain alum, as pure cream of tartar baking powders cannot be produced at anything like this price.

The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail says: Mascagni's hymn in honor of Admiral Dewey was performed at Pesaro Sunday, for the first time, before an audience of 2000 persons. It was greatly appreciated and is considered the finest hymn Mascagni has written.

## MINES AND MINING.

### FIRST EXPERIENCE.

Just before the departure of a group of returning San Roque miners from San Diego, they were discussing their recent experience in the land of the Montezumas, when one of them exhibited a nugget about the size of a small filbert and asked his companions if they knew what it had cost him. No one venturing a guess, he said:

"That little piece of gold, worth about \$3.50, cost me almost that many dollars. I figure this way: All the mining I did was in partnership with four others who went down with me from Los Angeles, where I had just closed out my business when the San Roque excitement came on. We worked for almost a week before we struck anything, and then the first, last and richest thing we struck was this nugget. We owned it together on a sort of socialistic basis until we concluded to separate, when the question arose as to how all parties could get a square deal, and still leave us something to show for our experience. We all thought it would be rather picaresque business to divide it in equal shares, even by selling it to a broker, so we concluded we would auction it off among ourselves to the highest bidder.

"Every fellow in the gang was bound to have the nugget, the blamed thing being at last knocked down to me for \$20, and if I hadn't had the bulge on the rest of the fellows in the way of a long pocketbook, I guess it would have cost me double that amount. Now, my trip in the way of traveling expenses and outfit has cost me \$300, and I have paid for the product of about a week of the hardest work I ever did \$20 more, making the total cost of that little chunk of the single standard \$320. That's the only souvenir I have of my first experience as a miner. It came high, and I am going to keep it, as I consider it in that light worth even more than it cost."

### GREAT MINE.

The Gold Bank is the leading quartz mine near Oroville and is well known as a steady producer. It is operated as a business proposition and it pays. The manager, H. P. Stow, has demonstrated his ability as a mine manager. The majority of the men employed in the works have been there for years and changes are few and far between. The 40-stamp mill on the property crushes 40,000 tons of ore per year, running steadily day and night. The plant is well equipped, a large canvas plant and chlorination works being on the ground for saving and reducing sulphurets, the ore in the Gold Bank ledge being heavily sulphuretted.

Montana copper production for the month of May amounted to nearly 22,000,000 pounds.

Owing to the increased price of silver, the little town of Pine Flat is attracting the attention of capitalists from all parts of the state.

A ten-ton furnace will be completed in a few weeks at the Cloverdale mine and it is estimated that the output will exceed 150 flasks per month.

The managers of the Sheba mine at Patterson creek have been making a clean-up of the mill during the past few days, which amount to about \$12,000 for the last four weeks' run.

The Bunker Hill and Mayflower mines, north of Amador City, that have been idle because of financial embarrassments, are, it is reported, about to pass into the hands of a new company.

Owing the high price of copper and lead and to the increased price of silver, many claims that have heretofore laid idle can now be worked at a good profit, and claims are being leased and others will be.

William C. Ralston, manager of the Melone mine, has been advised by telegraph that his property has been listed on the Boston stock exchange. This is the fourth California property that has been listed in the Hub.

The average price of silver in New York during last May was 61.23 cents an ounce, as against 59.98 cents an ounce during May, 1898. The average price of copper during May of this year was 18.25 cents a pound as against 12 cents a pound in May, 1898.

Mines in the Ballarat district, Inyo county, are rapidly making a good name for themselves. The camp is only two and a half years old, but it has already demonstrated that it possesses some of the richest gold quartz ledges ever discovered in California.

John H. Hand has sold the Haskell copper mine, which is situated three miles from Pohasky, to Henry B. Vergo for \$25,000. Mr. Vergo represents an English syndicate, which also owns the Copper King mine and other copper properties in Fresno county. It is reported that large smelters will be erected at once and the Haskell mine developed on a large scale.