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## PACIFIC COAST ITEMS

### The Fruit Packer's Wages Stolen at Riverside

### The Game Warden Comes Out Winner—A San Rafael Sensation—The Largest Cattle Owner

Over 50,000 dozen eggs were shipped from Livermore in March.

Ground has been broken for Berkeley's big furniture factory.

Santa Barbarans ask for the prohibition of the nickel-in-the-slot machines.

An eleven-story hotel will be the next addition to San Francisco high life.

Livermore boasts of growing the finest frogs in the state. Breeders are reported to be making money.

The city trustees of Hanford have been temporarily restrained from contracting for the building of the sewer system, on the grounds that the intended contract was not the lowest bid.

The game warden of Contra Costa county has captured two valuable nets belonging to salmon fishermen, who had spread them contrary to law. One of the nets is 2400 feet long and worth \$600.

Arizona physicians are said to have discovered that pure cider will cure smallpox, "driving away the eruption in from five to fifteen days." The use of hard cider generally results in an "eruption."—San Francisco Post.

The pay envelopes containing the salaries of employees of the Fay Fruit Company of Riverside were stolen last week. The theft amounts to about \$50. The envelopes were taken from the cash drawer in the packing house, but it is not known how the thief gained access to the place.

A San Francisco woman is demanding a divorce because her husband slams doors, calls her a fool and refuses to eat meals prepared by her. The first two accusations should be investigated, but on the latter it is barely possible that the man's refusal may be well grounded.

A. J. Harrell of Visalia is the largest cattle owner west of the Missouri river. He has just purchased 300,000 acres of land and has an option on 700,000 acres more in Utah. This comprises the share in the Sparks-Harrell Cattle Company of John Sparks, and involves \$1,100,000 in the transaction.—Los Angeles Times.

San Rafael has a sensation in the devotion of Miss Maggie Moran, a beautiful young woman, who possesses a fortune in her own name, to William F. Wharburton, who is awaiting trial for murder. She supplants his prison fare with such delicacies as she may be permitted to bring. The two were together all last summer, and their engagement was expected, but Miss Moran went east and only recently returned, to find her sweetheart behind prison bars.

### Woman Wants Ballot

San Francisco—Mrs. Ellen Sargent, widow of the late Senator Sargent, is determined to vote if the laws of the land, which, she says, afford equal rights to all regardless of sex, are worth anything.

Mrs. Sargent today applied to the Superior Court for a writ of mandate to compel the board of election commissioners to allow her to register, on the ground that she is a taxpayer and therefore privileged to cast her ballot. This is the first action of the kind ever brought in the local courts.

It is alleged that the plaintiff is a female citizen, 74 years of age; that she is a native of Massachusetts; that she has resided in California since 1854. It is also averred that the petitioner is a heavy taxpayer and that she has been such for many years past.

### Salt Enterprise Started

San Jose—Alviso is to be the location of a large salt enterprise in the near future. A syndicate composed of San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose capitalists, headed by Frank Smith, the "borax king," and W. J. Dingee of Oakland, has been formed for the pur-

pose of fighting the salt trust and will make this end of the bay the seat of their operations. It will be capitalized at \$250,000.

### Yellowstone Sale

St. Paul—The Yellowstone Park Association this afternoon sold out its entire belongings and interests in the National Park to the Yellowstone Park Transportation Company, the consideration being close to \$1,000,000. Among the items transferred were the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, recently built for \$200,000; the Fountain Hotel, \$100,000; Grand Canyon Hotel, \$100,000, and the Lake Hotel, \$75,000.

### Wyoming's Illuminating Oil

Cheyenne, Wyo. — The following analysis has been obtained by New York experts of oil discovered recently near Evanston, in the extreme southwestern part of Wyoming: Gasoline, 17.1 per cent.; white illuminating oil, 33.4 per cent.; yellow illuminating oil, 27.1 per cent.; paraffine, 14.1 per cent.; worthless gasoline, 2 per cent.; pure oil, 91.7 per cent.

This is, without doubt, the highest grade illuminating oil ever discovered in the world. There is great excitement here over the report from New York, and although a thousand acres have been filed on during the past few weeks, there will be a big rush to the district.

Oil was first discovered in southwestern Wyoming twenty-five years ago, but little attention was paid to the matter until a few months ago, when the Union Pacific Railroad, while sinking a well for water in what is known as Pioneer Hollow, struck a flow of oil. Local experts pronounced the oil very high grade and a rush set in.

Matt Dougherty, formerly oil inspector of Nebraska and an expert, has examined the oil wells and he says the product is the richest illuminating oil ever found anywhere.

### No Reduction on Shipping Rates

San Francisco—Freight Traffic Manager Sproule of the Southern Pacific Company announced that his company will make no reduction on green fruit shipments to the eastern markets for the season now about to commence.

The old rates, which are still to continue in force, are \$1.25 on the hundred pounds to Chicago and west; \$1.50 to New York and Philadelphia, and \$1.56 to Boston.

The question of giving the growers and shippers a six day service to Chicago is still in abeyance. Southern Pacific officials announce that their company will not be in a position to give the growers a final answer on the question of a train service until the season is about to start.

Owing to the early advance of the season and the necessity of shipping oranges east under refrigeration at this early date, it has been found necessary to make large shipments of ice to the southern part of the state to make up a big deficiency in the ice supply. On an average 250 tons of ice are now being shipped daily from Truckee to Los Angeles.

### FILIPINOS FOR THE NAVY

#### Remy to Enlist Natives for Service on Former Spanish Gunboats

WASHINGTON.—Instructions have been cabled by Secretary of the Navy Long to Rear Admiral Remy, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic station, authorizing him to enlist five hundred natives of the Philippines for service on former Spanish gunboats and other small vessels which are to be maintained exclusively in the Philippines. These men will form the nucleus of an important service composed solely of enlisted men. Rear Admiral Crowninshield, chief of the bureau of navigation, believes that, besides resulting in the government obtaining efficient service, the employment of natives will spread respect for the American flag and create a strong feeling of loyalty.

Reports received from Rear Admiral Remy have shown that Americans, especially those serving in the fire rooms, become quickly debilitated and it is necessary to send them to the United States or Japan to recuperate. It is believed that the health of the Filipinos will not suffer because they are acclimated, and if they do become ill it will be an easy matter for them to recover in the Philippines. No difficulty will be experienced in obtaining trained men.

## CUBAN PAPER IS SUSPENDED

### Governor-General Wood Closes the Discussion Office

### Populace of Cuba Represented as Being Crucified Between Two Thieves Who Were Depicted and Labeled President McKinley and Governor-General Wood

Havana, April 6.—The Discussion has been suppressed by order of Governor General Wood, and its offices have been closed and sealed. This action was due to the publication in the Discussion yesterday of an illustration having the title of "The Cuban Cavalry," representing the Cuban public personified in a Cuban soldier being crucified between two thieves. Gen. Wood being represented as one thief and President McKinley as the other, being labeled with their names.

Senator Platt was represented as a Roman soldier, giving vinegar and gall in the form of the Platt amendment with public opinion, as Mary Magdalen as weeping at the foot of the cross. Below was the following inscription: "Destiny will not reserve for us a glorious resurrection."

The picture caused much unfavorable comment yesterday, from the standpoint of decency. The editor of the paper, Senor Coronado, was arrested but was released on bail.

Senor Capote, president of the Cuban constitutional convention, has visited General Wood and told the latter that the convention, individually and as a body, regretted the publication of this caricature. Senor Capote who held Gen. Wood and President McKinley in the greatest respect and were deeply grateful to them. On his solicitation Gen. Wood allowed the Discussion to continue publication, but the judges of the correctional court will prefer charges, the character of which is to be determined later, against editor Coronado.

Editor Coronado and Castellanos, the cartoonist, will be tried on a charge of criminal libel. The former being held under \$1,000 bond and the latter in the sum of \$500.

### DEPOPULATION OF INDIA

#### Census Returns Show Ravages of Cholera and Famine

London, April 6.—The depopulation of India through cholera and famine is assuming alarming proportions. The latest advices from Simla say the census returns of the central provinces show a decrease of over a million since 1896 from causes directly due to the famine. In western India things are even worse. The Oodepore state returns show a decrease of 84,000, or 45 per cent of the population; the state of Bhopal shows a decrease of 808,000, the district of Banda shows a decrease of 124,000, and so on. In Bombay city the population has diminished by 50,000.

The localities which escaped the plague show a satisfactory, though uncompensating increase. For instance, Madras, which has gained 8 per cent. over 1891.

### LAST OF BOODLE

#### Celebrated Montana Fund Is Divided for Benefit of Schools

Helena, Mont.—The last act in the history of Montana's famous \$30,000 boodle fund that grew out of the Whiteside bribery exposure in the sixth legislative session has been played when, in accordance with a law passed by the late Legislature, State Treasurer Barrett sent checks to different county treasurers of the state dividing the money among the counties in amounts in proportion to the number of school children in the several counties.

Silver Bow county, on account of its large population, received one-fifth of the \$30,000.

### INSURGENTS SURRENDER

#### Two Large Commands of Filipinos Give Up Their Arms

Washington—The War Department received the following cablegram from Gen. MacArthur, dated Manila, April 6: "Nineteen officers and 173 men, with 133 rifles and nine revolvers, Pablo

Tecson's command, surrendered at Sta Fernando yesterday and took the oath."

The following other surrenders have also occurred: Insurgent-General Arjola, with thirty officers and 700 men at the town of Nueva Caceras, in province of South Camarines, Southern Luzon; the remainder of the command of Maj. Pablo Tecson, consisting of nineteen officers, 173 men and 133 rifles, at the town of San Miguel de Mayumo, Bulacan province, central Luzon; and sixteen officers and seventy men in Bulacan province and at other points.

The wholesale grocery dealers of Manila report doubled sales of groceries since the investigation into the alleged commissary scandals was commenced.

### Smallest Living Baby

NEW YORK.—The smallest baby in this country, if not in the world, was born about two weeks ago in Patterson, N. J. When the child was born it weighed about fourteen ounces. It is the third child born to Mrs. and Mr. Samuel Smith. The eldest, a girl of 4, is a perfectly formed child and healthy. The second was born with neither arms nor legs.

The last child is perfectly formed. It was thought at first that it would not live, but as hope was about given up it set up a lusty yell, entirely out of keeping with the size of its body. It was at once placed in a doll carriage belonging to the eldest sister and warmly covered up and placed near the fire. The baby is fed milk with an eye-dropper every half hour. It is thought that there is no doubt of its living.

### MEXICAN MOB

#### Wrecks a Bull Fighting Arena at Mazatlan

EL PASO.—Word reached here that a serious riot occurred at Mazatlan, Mexico, last week, over a poor performance given by a troupe of Mexican bull-fighters.

The bull fight had been extensively advertised by flaming posters and the Mexican populace went to the arena in large numbers. A big holiday crowd turned out to witness the sport, and when the show did not come up to its expectations, the easily excitable Mexicans proceeded to take matters into their own hands and wreak vengeance on the bull-fighters who had faked them and taken in their pesos.

The wildest excitement prevailed. Guns and knives were pulled out, and the cries of the angry mob could be heard for a radius of half a mile. Several officers who were present endeavored to quell the disturbance, but were thrown down and trampled on. One officer pulled his gun and leveled it upon the mob, but was shot down, receiving a fatal wound.

In the panic that followed the shooting the bull-fighters managed to escape to the town, where they secured the protection of the police force.

Seeing that it had been cheated out of its prey, the mob then turned its attention to the arena, which it almost totally wrecked.

The police were ordered out in full force, but were met by the rioters and a hand to hand fight ensued. The battle between the authorities and the mob waged hot and heavy for about ten minutes, and in the melee many persons were seriously injured and several are reported to have been killed.

The riot was finally quelled, and several Mexicans arrested as being the leaders of the mob.

### War Tax Test

San Francisco—By a vote of five to two the Supreme Court decided today that the action of Wells, Fargo & Co., in compelling the shippers to pay the war tax in addition to the regular rate for shipments, was illegal.

This decision was handed down in the test case begun in 1898 by W. F. Fitzgerald, then Attorney-General of the state, and bequeathed by him to Tiley L. Ford, his successor in office. The case will probably be taken to the United States Supreme Court.

### Pacific Coast Scores

Washington—The Navy Department has awarded the contract for the building of the twenty-five knot cruiser Milwaukee to the Union Iron Works of San Francisco. The contract price is \$2,865,000.