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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

The Happenings of the Week Briefly Recorded.

Summary of What has Just Occurred. Accidents And Incidents

Fred Miller was in from Low Gap Tuesday.

Mrs. W. J. Ellis of this city is seriously ill.

J. C. Burnham was in from Pine Ridge Saturday.

Mike Singleton of Willits was in Ukiah Tuesday on business.

William Bachtel was down from Eden Valley a few days ago.

Charles Nutter is very ill at his home in this city with pneumonia.

Geo. Haugsted and wife of the Arlington were in Lakeport last week.

Mrs. Mary E. Ransdell died at Upperlake December 1st aged 83 years.

Attorney F. T. Hittell of San Francisco had business in Ukiah this week.

Luther Redemeyer of Cahto went down to San Francisco on business Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Garaventa of this valley visited relatives at Lakeport last week.

Attorney J. C. Ruddock is attending to legal business in San Francisco this week.

BORN—At Pine Ridge December 1st, to the wife of J. R. Rogers—a daughter.

Miss Elsa Ohm who visited friends here last week has returned to San Francisco.

Frank Nutter who has had a hard spell of sickness is now thought to be out of danger.

Robert Hildreth and family of Laytonville, have gone to Ventura county to reside.

County Clerk McCowen was confined to his home the latter part of last week with neuralgia.

Ralph Case of the U. S. S. Ranger, visited the family of his uncle, Dr. E. G. Case in Ukiah this week.

Ernest Mathews has been up from San Francisco for several days visiting his parents in this city.

Our County Board of Horticultural Commissioners attended the meeting of the State Board this week.

W. D. Held who recently purchased a nice lot west of the Presbyterian church, is having the same enclosed by a substantial fence.

O. E. Williams of the Pa'ale Hotel has purchased a steam wood saw from C. W. Heap, which he will use at the hotel wood pile.

J. R. Elder left Sunday for San Francisco to accept a lucrative position. He said he was leaving Ukiah for good and all, but we'll see about that.

Governor Gage has designated Judge Burnett of Sonoma to try the case of Walter Wilkinson on a charge of murder at Lakeport, Judge Crump being disqualified.

Remember the Ukiah Fire Department does you good service in time of need. Patronize them by attending their entertainment at Marks' Opera House, Jan. 1st, 1903.

Ukiah has one of the best Volunteer Fire Departments in the State. They are prompt and efficient. Don't forget their entertainment and dance at Marks' Opera House Jan. 1st. Buy a ticket whether you attend or not. It is for a good cause.

Mack Howard is still very sick, but hopes are entertained that he will soon begin to improve more rapidly.

W. P. Ferguson, a prominent business man of San Francisco, and his wife were guests at the Grand a few days ago.

Mrs. Anna Morrison Reed, subscription agent for THE DISPATCH made a very successful visit to Hopland last Saturday.

Mrs. Mack Howard, whose dangerous illness has been heretofore reported in these columns, is now reported to be improving.

The Degree team of the Petaluma Lodge Woodmen of the World, has been invited to initiate some candidates in the Ukiah lodge of that order.

Mrs. J. B. Hoss and son Marion, formerly of this valley but now of Hearst, have gone to Amador county to visit Mrs. Hoss' son who is seriously ill.

When you purchase a ticket for the Fire Department Entertainment, Jan. 1st, 1903, you are helping a good cause. The "boys" do their work well.

Walter Wilkinson, who shot and killed Dick Little in Lakeport a short time ago, has been held to answer to a charge of murder and bail has been fixed at \$10,000.

As a Volunteer Fire Company, the Ukiah "fire laddies" are second to none. When the bell taps they are there. Remember their benefit entertainment to be given at Marks' Opera House, Jan. 1, 1903.

Mrs. Wiley English went down to Petaluma Sunday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Warren. Mr. English went down later to join his wife, their plan being to go to Southern California for the winter.

The election of E. M. Alter (Rep) to the County Clerk's office in Lake county is to be contested by Shafter Mathews, the Democratic candidate. The "no nomination" racket is one of the principal points relied on.

Thomas Nast, the world famous cartoonist, the pioneer in the modern style of newspaper and magazine illustration, died of yellow fever December 7th at Guayaquil, Ecuador where he was United States Consul General.

Senator-elect J. B. Sanford is absent on a round of official visits to the various Courts of the Ancient Order of Foresters in Southern California, in which Order he is High Chief Ranger for the Pacific Jurisdiction, embracing all the States west of the Rocky Mountains. Mr. Sanford will return in time to take his seat at the opening of the legislature.

P. Rothermel, real estate dealer of San Francisco is in Ukiah this week on business, closing the sales of real estate among which is the 1800 acre tract owned by Kimball at Calpella and the Hopper and Cook redwood lands at Low Gap. Mr. Rothermel has Eastern parties seeking investment in large and low priced lands and now is the opportune time for owners to sell.

The Presbyterian fair at Marks' Opera House which closed last Saturday evening was a success in spite of the drizzly weather. Many beautiful and useful things were sold by the ladies having charge of the booths. The New England dinner Friday afternoon and evening was well patronized. The closing program Saturday night was good, winding up with an old time spelling match in which Mr. Carl Purdy came out champion and won a prize.

Teachers' Examination.

The County Board of Education has been in session all this week holding the teachers examination. There were 18 applicants who have been wrestling with the queries propounded by the board. A list of the successful ones will be given next week, and also the examination questions.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY

County Offices Well Kept. Several Changes Recommended. Board of Horticulture Criticized.

We, the grand jury, under the powers, duties and authorities invested in such body, C. M. Curley being foreman and J. S. Ross being secretary, beg leave to submit the following report of our labors and investigations as follows:

We have been in session four days since being impaneled. Our inspection and examination of the county offices has been made through committees: One for county officers in the courthouse, one for the jail building and recorder's office and one for the county farm.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee appointed to visit and inspect the county jail and recorder's office, beg to report that it has visited the above-named offices and find them in good condition and well administered. The committee appointed to visit and inspect the treasurers, auditors, superintendent of schools and assessor's offices report that they find the treasurers, superintendent of schools and auditor's offices in first class shape. We find the assessor's office in not a very clean condition and recommend that the janitor be instructed to give this office a good cleaning out. We also recommend that the room now used for wood and store room be fitted up for the board of education.

The committee appointed to visit the county farm submits the following: We find the grounds and farm well kept and in good condition. The several wards were found neat and orderly. The inmates well cared for and contented. We found the kitchen and dining room in competent hands, food good and plentiful. We found a very poor place for horses and no shed for wagons and a very insufficient wash house and that some of the buildings and roofs need painting and repairing. We therefore recommend that the Honorable Board of Supervisors cause to be erected a building in which to keep the farming tools, wagons and horses belonging to the farm and to store feed therefor. We also recommend that they erect and equip a wash house necessary to the requirements of said farm. Also that where necessary the buildings and roofs be repaired and repainted. We also commend the present management of the county farm for its efficiency, economy and ability with which its affairs are administered.

The report of C. H. Kent and H. P. Thomas, experts appointed by the Honorable Board of Supervisors to examine the books and accounts of the recorder, sheriff, county clerk, treasurer, assessor, superintendent of schools, tax collector, license collector and auditor, was presented and read, and on motion made and carried was accepted.

The question of the issuing of liquor licenses to houses of ill fame was considered and discussed by the grand jurors and it was decided that the sentiment of this body is that such licenses should not be granted and that the Honorable Board of Supervisors shall be instructed that we, as a grand jury, disapprove of the same and request them to give this matter their immediate attention and to revoke licenses now in force and to discontinue issuing licenses for such places.

In the matter of the sale of our county bonds by the Honorable Board of Supervisors, we as a body of grand jurors, wish it placed in our minutes and our report that we do

not approve of the manner in which our county bonds were disposed of by the Board of Supervisors and that the said board should have taken more time and used better discretion in disposing of the same. We do not think that the sale of county bonds without advertising the same for a reasonable length of time as in this case, it is our opinion that these bonds could have been disposed of at a larger premium than was received by our Board of Supervisors. The premium received by the county was \$1,000, and we understand that the same bonds were disposed of later to the State of California at a premium of \$10,000.

It was moved and carried that the following resolution be placed on our minutes and is now embodied in our report.

Whereas the boundaries of the several supervisor districts are not closely and accurately defined and certain conflicts arise as to the distribution of the several district road funds and the points on public roads at boundaries of said districts where different supervisors should begin or end their work.

Now therefore be it resolved that it is the opinion of this grand jury that such boundaries should be accurately defined on section, township and survey lines. Motion made and carried that the following resolution be placed on our minutes and appear in our report:

Whereas the salary of the game warden is \$50 per month and his traveling expenses are \$25 per month, and all of the fines collected for violating the game laws are paid into the state treasury; now therefore it is the opinion of this grand jury that the state game law be so amended and changed that all fines collected for violating said game laws be paid into the county treasury and used to pay said game warden's salary and expenses. Therefore we ask our present senator and assemblyman to work for the amendment of the present game laws so the above described results may be accomplished.

Moved and carried that whereas it is the opinion of this grand jury that the present board of horticultural commissioners is not worth as much to the county as it costs and is composed at least in part of men not competent and well qualified to fill the office, therefore be it resolved that it is for the best interests of the county that said commission be abolished.

Motion made and carried that the following resolution be placed on our minutes: Resolved that it is the opinion of this grand jury that the board of supervisors notify the relatives of persons now supported by the county for such services and support and if they fail to do so to instruct the district attorney to commence action against those relatives to collect such amounts due the county.

Motion made and carried that the following resolution be adopted: Resolved that it is the opinion of this grand jury that the bills of supervisors for mileage and services rendered county should be more definitely and accurately itemized, stating the distances between local points and subdivisions of districts and the dates of said traveling.

C. M. Curley, Foreman.

John S. Ross, Secretary.

F. A. Ford
M. D. Gray
John Inman
Geo. T. Clow
T. L. Chester
R. J. Gibney
C. A. Edwards
C. W. Bradford
M. L. Gibson

C. J. Buchanan
L. Hoag
H. P. Buckman
J. D. Dicken
I. W. Grover
B. Melton
J. A. Ward
J. J. Smalley

J. M. Pruden who lives out toward Orr's was arrested Wednesday at the Palace hotel for disturbing the peace, and was fined \$500 by Justice Critchfield.

GENERAL NEWS OF THE WEEK

Gathered From Here There and Everywhere.

Events of More Than Ordinary Note which will Prove Interesting.

The California Northwestern has already surveyed the route they purpose to build toward Eureka, connecting with the Eel river road at its southern terminus. Willits is the present terminus of the California Northwestern, but track has been laid ten miles further north of this town, and work on the roadhead coming this way is rapidly being pushed to completion.

The writer, when in Willits, had a personal talk with the engineers of the new road, and the information received was that the California Northwestern would extend their road until it was made the connecting link of a coast road, and this they expected would take place within two years. Another road from the north is also mentioned, the Oregon and Pacific railroad has made surveys from Grant's Pass, in Oregon, to Crescent City. To continue these surveys their representatives are now buying rights of way from the latter place to Eureka. —Eureka Herald.

O'Neil-Finney Marriage.

W. P. O'Neil of this city sprung a surprise on his friends this week. On Thursday morning he took the early train for Santa Rosa, in the quietest manner possible, and no one suspected that he had deep designs. Even when a well known young lady took the afternoon train for the same destination, nothing strange was thought of it. However, about 5:30 p. m. of the same day, a telegram came from Mr. O'Neil to a friend in town, announcing the marriage at Santa Rosa, of Peter O'Neil and Miss Florence Finney of this city. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. B. Finney. The young couple are now on their way to Los Angeles where they will spend their honeymoon, presumably in a blissful dream of perfect felicity, oblivious of the humdrum affairs of every day life. They will return to Ukiah to reside, and will receive the warm congratulations of many friends.

An Act of War.

The British and German men-of-war which captured the Venezuelan fleet this week, deliberately took four of the Venezuelan gunboats outside and sunk them. The remaining vessel which was in course of repair was broken up and utterly destroyed. This was inexcusable vandalism. President Castro has called on his people to resist the allied forces.

Band Election.

The Ukiah Concert Band met Tuesday night and elected the following officers: Leader and Musical Director, G. A. Keller. President - F. L. Brunson. Vice President - P. H. Joseph. Business Manager, R. L. Hutchinson. Treasurer - G. A. Jamison. Secretary - A. Y. Tindall. Board of Trustees, C. B. Hopkins, C. H. Duncan, J. A. Jamison.

Wood Wanted.

At this office on subscription or advertising account. Bring it in at once.

SUPERIOR COURT.

December 8th, 1902—Judge J. M. Mannon presiding.

Grand Jury impaneled and C. M. Curley sworn as Foreman.

People vs A. M. Scooney—Grand Larceny. December 10th, 1902 set as time for pleading.

F. M. Mosier vs Central Hardware Co & Bert Thomas. An appeal from justice court—continued.

J. M. King vs N. M. Vincent. Motion to file amended answer. Continued to January term, upon motion of counsel for plaintiff.

Moses Riel vs Adele Riel. Demurrer to cross-complaint withdrawn and 20 days to answer by consent.

Frank Champagne vs F. A. McKee et al. Motion to retax costs denied.

A. D. Williams vs J. D. Jamison. Demurrer withdrawn and 20 days to answer by consent.

Estate of F. A. Redwine—Deceased. Order settling final account of administrator.

Estate of C. Howard—Deceased. Order settling first and final account of administrator.

Estate of Geo. W. Raymond—Deceased. Letters of administration granted to Mrs. T. E. Hannaford and bonds fixed at \$200.

Estate of Richard Hurst—Deceased. Letters of administration granted to John Taylor as Public Administrator.

Richard E. Bates vs Jas. W. Bates. Order referring case to Court Commissioner to take testimony.

Estate of Margaret Taylor—Deceased. Order confirming sale of real estate to R. E. Shimm for \$182.

Estate of Fitz Henry Dodge—Deceased. Order settling final account and decree of distribution.

Estate of Hannah Longmore—Deceased. Letters of Administration granted to Wm. Longmore with bonds fixed at \$300.

Estate and guardianship of McCush Minors. Order granting allowance for support of minors.

Emil Holmberg vs. B. U. Palliday, et al. Demurrer withdrawn and 15 days to answer by consent.

Ornbau vs. Ornbau. Default ordered entered and case submitted to Court Commissioner to take testimony.

December 9th.

James Kenny vs. Rose C. Thurston. Case came on regularly for trial and testimony taken. Defendant filed amended answer disclaiming any interest in the land in question. Judgment was ordered entered for the plaintiff as prayed for.

A. F. Redemeyer vs. J. W. and Joseph Spottswood. Decree of foreclosure ordered entered for \$3148.93 and attorneys fees \$150.

SCHOLARSHIP CONTESTANTS

The contestants for DISPATCH Scholarships are getting very much interested in the matter now and are beginning to hustle for votes. Some of the contestants and many of their friends have asked for an extension of the time for 10 days. As this can work to the disadvantage of no one the contest will be prolonged for that time.

The contest will not close then until Tuesday Evening, Dec. 16th.

All letters containing votes bearing date of Dec. 16th will be counted. Contestants outside of Ukiah can purchase their money orders Tuesday evening and mail same on that date. They should reach this office for Friday's issue, Dec. 19th, when the result will be made known.

The vote to date is as follows:
Elsie Rowe, Albion.....3523
A. L. Ford, Ukiah.....2444
Iver A. Iversen, Pt Arena.....1340
Geneva Lamb, Potter.....1575
Pete Peterson, Ft. Bragg.....410
A. Y. Tindall, Ukiah.....408
Walter Brown, Ukiah.....190
Ruth Wilson, Laytonville.....100
A. L. Hughes, Potter.....50