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most farms. Pig clubs, now estimated at 25 states, are believed to have such a beneficial effect on the swine industry of the country that the Department of Agriculture has assigned 45 specialists to foster their further development.

Ohio can speak of the evils of liquor in that it finds them, then dares, then denounces, then denounces, then denounces. It infers a mass externally, internally, and externally. For it got the best of whiskey it will get the best of you. The successful campaign of the wets to prevent prohibition in this state cost them \$125,294.71.

The fruit crop promises better returns next year than the orchards are now fast coming into bearing. Many orange groves are yielding good for years, and by another year there is a prospect of a packing house in the upper valley.

BRIEF REMINISCENCE

There used to be lots of fun here in Owensmouth over the "Owensmouth Babes" a real professional baseball team organized and promoted by the late James C. Conroy. It was just about the time the town was a real and newcomers were headed this way. The great joke of the enterprise was that not one of the "professionals" had been, nor did they ever play a game in Owensmouth. All their great playing was in large cities around Southern California, and many splendid victories won. They always received plenty of newspaper publicity and little Owensmouth got the credit for "owning" the stars. It was a good advertising stunt, to say the least.

SIX YEARS AGO TODAY

(Items Republished from The Gazette.)

Frank Knight is building on Emmet street.

A. G. Hunt has just finished two fine residences on North Broadway.

William McGeogh is just finishing a fine nine-room two-story house on Pacific.

The Elliott-Brand ranch has just received a carload of fine-grade sheep from Pacific.

A Ladies' Aid Society was organized last week in the church with the following officers: President, Mrs. W. B. Hyde; secretary, Mrs. Edwin B. Harris; treasurer, Mrs. V. Shields. The organization meets with a dozen charter members.

The aviation meet has every promise of being a roaring success. It begins to look as though Owensmouth would soon have a national reputation. If all goes well it will pull off the great event on the 23rd to the 25th inclusive of this month.

EDITOR WHITKER WITH US ON FREE TOLLAGE

Editor Whitker of the Zillah Tribune, in commenting on the proposed toll on the Los Angeles, as suggested by The Gazette in a recent issue, says: "There is an editorial on this page from the Owensmouth Gazette that should meet with the approval of every resident in the valley. It is an indictment for that part of the valley which lies within the corporate limits of Los Angeles to be compelled to pay telephone tollage down town. And, as the Gazette says, the chambers in united effort might bring pressure to bear on the city. They are, really in a worse plight than our Owensmouth friends. They pay toll to the city on News and a 10-cent toll to the city. We pay almost the old kind of toll to Van Nuys. It is a rotten service, too, and we expect to stop it whenever we pay tollage down town."

HIGH PRAISE GIVEN FOR OWENSMOUTH SERVICE

The crop outlook for San Fernando Valley for the coming year presages all past records. While the best production was a little over 3,000 acres planted last year, with a yield of over 11 tons to the acre, this year's outlook will go better than 5,000 acres, according to the American Seed Distributor. From information gathered it is evident that the coming season's best planting will be exceeded last year's, notwithstanding the slump in the present market.

PURE-BRED PIGS "PREFERRED STOCK"

More than 8,000 boys and girls in the United States are enrolled in pig clubs organized and conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture, and the State agriculturists, and 71 per cent of the reporting members raise pure-bred pigs. The juvenile wisdom displayed is supported by records showing that more than 12,000 pigs made an average daily gain of 1.14 pounds in weight, which is considerably above records obtainable

MOTHER NATURE AS SCULPTOR

Marvelous Beauty of Yosemite Valley Due to Erosion of Water Through Uncontested Ages.

After the visitor to the Yosemite valley has recovered from his first shock of astonishment—for it is no less at the supreme beauty of the valley, he will be wondering how nature made it. However did it happen that walls so enormous rise on perpendicular cliffs from so level a floor? It will not soon wonder to learn that it was water which cut most of this deep valley in the solid granite. Originally the Merced river flowed directly at the level of the canyon top. How long it took its waters, however, is unknown. Some geologists to scrape with tools of sand this valley thousands of feet into the living strata, so that their levels will eventually be poured over breaks as giant waterfalls.

But geologists have determined, by insuring fact, that the river did by far the most of the work, and that the great glacier which followed the water age afterward did little more than square its corners and steepen its cliffs. It may have increased the depth from 700 to 1,000 feet, and, further the uncountable years since the glaciers vanished, erosion has again "improved" the chisel. With the lessening of the Merced's volume the effect was to amply repay cost of the work.

Tried to Follow Instructions.

When a youth of Buffalo was invited to his first formal dinner party his mother advised him not to go, as it was in the best advantage and told him to say something complimentary about the food. The young man attempted to follow his mother's advice. When the soup was served he remarked: "This is pretty good soup, what there is of it."

He saw that the remark was not well received and tried to save himself by saying: "And there's plenty of it, such as it is."

INCREASE OF KAFIR GRAINS

Prospect for 1918 is Crop of 110,000, 000 Bushels—Twice as Big as Two Years Ago.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) Kafir grains are increasing in production in this country with astonishing speed. The crop of 23,800,000 bushels in 1918 increased to 53,900,000 bushels in 1917 and the prospect for 1918, based on the conditions of July 1, is a crop of 110,000,000 bushels, or more than twice the crop of two years ago.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Your money back and a new pair of shoes free if you find any of the soles, counters or heels of any of Peters Diamond Brand shoes or of Women and Children at Davis Bros. Co., Van Nuys.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

327408 (Non-Coll.) No Withdrawal. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 20, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that Albert J. Mephan, of Trunfo, Cal., who, on Sept. 17, 1916, made certain entry No. 27424 for S.W. 1/4, Sec. 24, T. 33N., R. 23W., S.W. 1/4, Sec. 2, Township 31, Range 23 W., S. 3. Merced County, California, in order to obtain notice of intention to make three-year lease thereon, on the 2nd day of January, above described, before Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Los Angeles, Cal., on the 2nd day of January, 1919, at 9:00 A. M.

Claimant names as witnesses: Florence C. Mephan, of Trunfo, Cal.; Charles H. Richter, of Trunfo, Cal.; Jacob H. Richter, of Trunfo, Cal.; Henry D. Richter, of Trunfo, Cal. H. F. GROVES, Register.

Dear Prof. Monroe: Although your efforts looking toward a reorganization for the Institute of Soldiers in Army trades did not result in a signed contract, nevertheless, you and your colleagues deserve the sincere thanks of the Committee on Education and Special Training of the War Department for the useful service and patriotic spirit which you manifested in your efforts toward completing a contract.

In behalf of the Committee on Education and Special Training of the War Department, I am writing you to say and ever other patriotic citizen of this city who were looking toward the placement of a new Institute of Soldiers in Army trades, your usefulness to the cause of American freedom. Very sincerely yours, JAMES R. ADDICOTT, Director, Educational Training.

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CHURCHES CALENDAR

Owensmouth Community Church school at 10:30 every Sabbath; preaching at 11 o'clock a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Evening League meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.
Chatsworth M. E. Church—Sunday school every Sabbath at 10 o'clock; preaching service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7:30 p.m.
Holy Family Church—Prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Rev. R. A. THOMPSON, Pastor.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION

Authorized by Railroad Commission

FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

In an order issued by the Railroad Commission of the State of California, the Southern California Edison Company was authorized to make temporary surcharges on its regular rates, for the relief of the company because of uncontrollable increase in operating expenses, resulting from effective January 21. The decision and order were written by President Edwin O. Edgerton and concurred in by Commissioners Frank R. Devlin, H. D. Loveland and Alex Gordon.
The application for an increase was made to the commission in July of last year, the Southern California Edison Company being among the list of the public utility corporations which were asked for relief from the burden of increased expense consequent upon war conditions, in the form of additional revenues.
At sessions of the commission held in Los Angeles, all of the communities in the Southern California Edison system, by their duly authorized representatives confining their arguments almost entirely to the amount of the relief made necessary by the increase in price of fuel, material, labor and all the items which enter into the cost of generating and distributing electricity.

President Edgerton's Declaration
The following excerpt from the decision, as written by President Edgerton, the reasoning of the commission is indicated, and the logical conclusion set forth in the suggestion of relief on the important question at issue:
It has been verified from the showing made that applicant, because of the increase in the price of materials, labor, is entitled to an increase of revenue and that therefore rates to consumers must be increased and I am also convinced that it would be inequitable to refuse to applicant as well as to consumers if we fix rates so as to be equivalent approximately to the good condition as it was before the present increase in cost.
It should be borne in mind that we are not increasing to set up a permanent rate base or to fix permanent rates. We do not wish to be understood as saying that applicant's financial condition will be improved by the rates to be proposed. What we are doing here is to make an emergency reduction caused by abnormal conditions, such as an increase of rates which will promptly meet present requirements.

The following surcharges were authorized to become effective January 7, 1919:
For energy sold for lighting service, including domestic, commercial and municipal metered service other than street lighting, 1 cent per K.W.H.
For energy sold for heating and cooking, 2 mills per K.W.H.
For energy sold for commercial lighting, 1 cent per K.W.H.
For energy sold for municipal street lighting, 10 per cent of monthly bill.

For energy sold for other electric corporations, including municipal utility, for resale, 1.2 mills per K.W.H.
LIVESTOCK MEETING TO BE HELD AT OWENSMOUTH
The Chatsworth-Owensmouth-Zelzah Marian Rural Center will stage a big livestock meeting at the El Hot-Bird Ranch, south of Owensmouth, January 23, 24 and 25 this afternoon. Various topics of current interest to livestock men will be brought up for discussion, including the value of the pure bred sire, daily conformations, and points in the hog, as well as others. All livestock men are invited. Fred C. Schermer will have charge of the meeting.

Don't let the squirrel nuisance discourage you when you can do away with it so easy with government poison barley, for sale at Bechtelheimers Dry Store. 13

If you are contemplating buying a new car, come in and talk it over. New Fords will soon be on the market and the Order is taken care of. H. Hofferer, Agent, Van Nuys, Cal. 14

NOTICE
Tractor plowing at reasonable rates by R. C. Lagandorfe, Owensmouth, Cal. 14

TRAIL OF DEAD AGRICULTURE

Four Million Starving and Destitute People Plead With America

RELIEF MUST BE IMMEDIATE

Women and Children in Terrible Plight After Years of Wanting in Syria and Asia Minor

Four million starving and destitute people are looking to America to save them from death by starvation. Four hundred thousand Syrians, their fathers massacred, their mothers dead from starvation, are crying for food. Their emaciated bodies are piling up like fish hangs on their bones like rags.

These unfortunate are the victims of Turkish cruelties and depredations. In three years more than a million Armenians, Syrians and Greeks have perished in Palestine, Syria, Mesopotamia, Russian Cascaus and Asia Minor. They have been killed, sold into slavery, the men massacred, the women outraged, the girls sold into war-time slavery. Two thousand babies have been deported by the Turks—sent into the desert to die.

For three years now the remnants of these once prosperous people have wandered from place to place, beaten, abused, starved; hundreds of thousands have perished and their bones lie in the course of their march. In the Neopotamian deserts, never in the history of the world has such want, slaughter and cruelty been practiced.

Appeal to America.
What is left of these people now appeal to America to save them. The American Committee for Relief in the Near East will conduct a campaign for funds this month. It is necessary to raise a minimum of \$1,000,000 to relieve distress, clothe the half-naked and help them make their self-support until the next harvest.

The suffering of these people is beyond description. Little children have seen their fathers as mothers killed. In one province in Syria 40,000 persons are known to have died of starvation. Armenian children have starved until they have lost their mental powers. In Syrian villages starved people walk with dogs to garbage cans to scrounge for food. In other villages dogs and cats have been eaten. In Beirut, Syria, 500 to 1,000 die a day from starvation and typhus are recorded. In 29,000 Persia, work has come that 2,000,000 children are absolutely starving. At Boshak, 871 miles away, 10,000 are dying of starvation.

More than 1,000,000 Syrian refugee women and children are in a pitiful condition, according to official dispatches from Teheran to the State Department at Washington and given publicity through William Phillips, Acting Secretary of State.
The cable message also states that starvation is increasing daily and other conditions at Khay, Salmas, Urumia as beggarly description.
Do all sides there is utter misery and starvation.

In Jazzerah, Plight.
At Tabriz, Persia, 20,000 orles, victims of Turkish depredations, are destitute and in desperate plight. Families are dropping dead of starvation in the streets of Teheran, and babies have been found clinging to the sides of helpless mothers. Relief workers report that food and funds are needed imperatively. Half a thousand are dying daily in all parts of Asia Minor.

President Wilson through the proclamation calling upon the people of America to subscribe to the Armenian-Syrian relief fund, has been officially approved the campaign. Churches all over the country are being and now the great body of American people are asked to help relieve the suffering of these Christian people who have nowhere else to turn for help.

Already relief workers who are on the ground are doing their utmost but they are hampered through lack of funds. There must be an immediate response or 4,000,000 people will perish.

The Red Cross, Armenia was the first nation to embrace Christianity. Its people were industrious and happy. Then it came under Turkish control. The Turks openly boasted they would exterminate the Armenians. They massacred the men and deported the women and children. They confiscated their homes and farms, outraged the girls, mutilated the children and tortured all kinds of tortures.
What is left of these abused people are anxious to return to their desolated homes. They are anxious to start life again and the people of America can make it possible for them to live and prosper. It only takes one or two months to see a life over there. American millions could never be put to better or more humanitarian use. Armenian stretches forth her hands to America to save her. Will the people respond?

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

The carpet of greenery in the foothills is fading for want of rain.

Frank Halster has been a terrible sufferer of acute rheumatism the past week.

For county food control, the County Engineer has submitted \$100,000 for Tehama wage.

Regular Sunday services next Sabbath at Community church, with Sab bath at the regular hour.

Government poison inquiry is a sure pointer for the squirrels. For sale at Bechtelheimer's Drug Store.

The street department is removing the drift sand from the south side of Sherman Way in the vicinity of the Marian Poston Ranch.

In its mention last week, The Gazette should have said that of the 12 acres of lemon grove of the Jepson ranch, only about twenty acres were freed.

With only 1.8 inches rainfall for December, and nothing for January last, now, it is a little disappointing. The total precipitation for the season to date is 4.2 inches.

Mr. Graham, of San Bernardino, has accepted a job with the Owensmouth Garage. He is a brother of Mrs. L. C. Graham, and has moved his family into the Peak cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kimball, Jr., entertained in their home last evening, at dancing, and guests were present from Owensmouth, Van Nuys and Los Angeles.

One of the big white delivery machines of the Bradford Baking Co. overturned Monday on the highway just south of Elliott Street. Although scarcely any slight damage was done.

Emanuel Olev has moved his family into the George Hanna home, north of here. Two carloads of furniture and farm implements were shipped here this week and moved to the premises.

Mrs. R. L. Gilliland rapidly recovered from the injuries she sustained in the automobile collision at Marian, reported in last week's issue. She suffered painful burns about the head and body.

J. D. Marshall of Hollywood, who formerly resided in Owensmouth, has bought a ranch near Arcadia. He built the Marshall home, west of town, now owned by the Bruhakers, and occupied by Prof. Monroe, of the Los Angeles College.

The fourteenth annual exhibition of the poultry breeders' association of Southern California closed last Tuesday in Los Angeles. It was one of the most popular displays ever held there. The show was directed by Alex. Oration.

Many orchardists and ranchers are getting busy securing their fruit trees. Every year sees a greater tree planting, which is a future builder for the new growth that will be our greatest asset in a few years.

A beautiful auto show will take place at the office of anyone, so this is where C. P. Rhids, proprietor of the Owensmouth Garage showed good news that by sending out calendars for the new year with a pretty picture of a pretty car and a pretty maid.

The mid-week prayer meeting held in the church every Wednesday evening is proving a very attractive feature in this community. Rev. Mr. Lewis leads in a prayer service, followed by a talk on some Bible truth. The public is invited to attend the next Wednesday service at 7:30 o'clock.

Instructions in bandplay of the soil in the public schools of Owensmouth, both high and grammar departments, will soon be a feature of the students' work. Congressman Randall's quota of seeds arrived Wednesday and the distribution followed. C. W. Anber, director of the high school, has been turning the soil sites, at the two school gardens, including about two acres in all, and before many days very definite work will be progressed.

Mrs. Florence Berlin of Marian, daughter of W. H. Birnie, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Bohlender, who recently lost their home by fire, were there last Monday night, and Mrs. Van Nuys by their friends.

There is close to \$1,000,000 in bean stock in the warehouses of San Francisco Valley for disposal. That is a considerable lot of wealth. The total amount of beans is estimated at 30,000,000.

Dr. Michael Cramer was out from the city last Sunday visiting his mother, and when returning he encountered a trouble. Mr. Rhids of the Owensmouth Garage came to his relief and he is out next day to repair it.

Hershel Borner, son of C. J. Forber, formerly of the Home ranch, near Los Angeles, and known in the city, was recently wounded in a Corcoran high school graduation, his brother, John Forber, of Van Nuys, who has attended high schools in Hollywood, before our local schools were established.

And series of misfortunes are making the life of Marie Gilliland miserably. Inured a year ago in a runaway in which seven horses were killed, she passed by many stages into measles, pneumonia and then to the hospital, where she is now recovering. Improvement in this last, and second illness, is showing marked improvement in this last, and second illness, where she fell victim to influenza. Her condition is very serious.

Dr. R. A. Becker, veterinary surgeon, has located in San Fernando Valley with headquarters at 303 North Elmer Street, Los Angeles. He is a graduate of a veterinary college and spent a year in the army at Camp Kearney, where he was made Captain of the 10th Cavalry, and served 20 months in the hospital. Captain Becker was in Owensmouth last Saturday night for a few months at the home of a relative, whose presence we believe he will find great pleasure in his new field of endeavor.

A complaint was entered some days ago against a woman in whose name is present were not being quarantined in her home, and the first intention made to place the babies in Dr. Dandrum, which is radically wrong. The doctor had no power to quarantine house, his duty being to report to the health officer, who had the matter in charge. Dr. Gundrum made overal trip to the city, and he is the matter. Dr. Canby of Van Nuys has since been made County health officer for the valley, and the work is being diligently looked after in the future.

The publisher of The Gazette is preparing a pretty little valentine (7) to be sent out to the valley, and to those who are arrears on their paper. This will be natural, and not the least of our duty. You who have not sent up to this time to pay, we take it for granted that you have been wondering why we are not going to call for our dues. The time is decided, and the plan is completed. When you get the valentine, you will be expected to take it, if very grateful; and count on it that you will be very little delinquent ever paid. We suppose a great many "that say so" will call and tell us we send the little reminder. That will be better for them, for then we will stop bothering. My! what luck that would be!

**PERSONAL MENTION**

Mrs. W. H. Sines, postmistress of the city, was a visitor at Owensmouth last Friday.

C. W. Coulter, who has assumed his old position as district manager of the Los Angeles California Edison Co., was in Owensmouth last Saturday, and was very cordially received. The Gazette that while he did not get to the front of "Uncle Sam's" aim in the city, he was not far from it.

Mrs. A. F. Gallow, librarian, attended a staff meeting at Los Angeles, Tuesday, of all the librarians of the city branches, presided over by Miss Iva Tynas Smith of the library force. Better service for books, both fiction and non-fiction, is discussed, and many things pertaining to the betterment of the branch libraries.

Ellis Graves, of Archeson, Kan., is visiting his son, Elmer, of the Chatsworth, who he has not seen in 45 years. Although in the evening of life they are both possessed of good health, and enjoyed their visit last couple of twelve-year-olds. Wednesday and Thursday of this week they are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodall.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

The Owensmouth Center of the Low Angeles County Farm Bureau was held at 1:30 p. m., at the Elliott-Brand Ranch, one mile west of Owensmouth, on an impressive live stock judging demonstration.

Farm Advisors Berber and Gordon will handle different types of cattle and pigs, explaining point by point as they proceed. Questions and answers will be given. This meeting and trial view judgment of a good animal. Membership dues and orders will be taken.

ERL GOODALL, Director.

**AMONG OUR EXCHANGES**

Compton Reporter: Twenty thousand and back of beans, and the price is going down. The pool of the Lina Bean Growers' Association by independent Orange County growers.

The Moorpark Enterprise comes out in a neat new makeup, which looks well and we count as a great improvement in the paper. Success to Editor and publisher.

Home News: The orange growers of the Hemet country have not suffered very heavily as a result of the low temperature and frost papers will likely show that the damage here is practically nil.

Lakeview Lagoon: Prof. J. S. Hauser, instructor of poultry husbandry at the university has selected a flock of thirty hens on East Third street as the experimental pool for this and of the variety. Twelve of these experimental flocks are being established in Los Angeles county.

Moorpark Enterprise: At noon on Tuesday, the phone office in Ventura became a thing of the past. The job of consolidating that company's lines with those of the Pacific Telephone Company was a big one, but was successfully accomplished, just at midnight, as the old and the new year were rung in.

San Fernando Press: Another big really deal was consummated Friday in this city, in that J. B. Dutton, the well-known capitalist of Los Angeles, purchased the big handsome Park Hotel block. We understand that the consideration was \$110,000. Mr. Boyd, who has held the lease on the Hotel, sold the same to Mr. S. J. Walling, owner of Peninsula, who took possession the same day.

Zelak Tribune: An accident, causing the loss of an eye, is the story of Rev. O. J. Alford last Friday afternoon. He was trying out a new ax on a woodpile at the home of Mr. J. Alford, and in cutting a small stick struck his eye with the sharp end of the ax. He was taken to a hospital in the city, and operated on. Several attending surgeons showed that the sight had been destroyed.

San Fernando Democrat: The San Fernando Cannery has closed a very successful season, but expects to re-open operations about the first of March, canning spinach. There were packed by the cannery 1,000,000 cans, 715 tons of produce, 250 tons of tomatoes. They paid out to growers approximately \$120,000. They have invested in buildings and equipment \$150,000.

Englewood News: Through an agreement between the officials of Los Angeles and Ventura counties, the boundary lines between the two counties have been altered so that ranches heretofore lying partly in one county and partly in the other will all be in one county. This will mean that the owners pay taxes in both counties. Los Angeles county gains approximately 12 square miles of territory by the change.

The Lankershim Lagoon has passed another mile stone in its history, and now claims the splendid acreage of 100 acres. It is the largest of the child life. We are of the opinion that the Lagoon has always been a superior city in its journalistic family, has long been paid by its readers by its editorial utterances. We admire this contemporary for its brevity and variety of news. Here's one to grow on, Brother Wilcox.

Van Nuys News: Mr. Clever, who is opening several hundred acres near Van Nuys, recently purchased a Fordson tractor with a 20-horse power land. Miss Irma Clever, who is an expert driver on the tractor, is operating the tractor for the first time. The tractor is mounted on the seat, took the wheel and away went the tractor, doing just as well as the tractor that she had before. The work was so easy and so attractive that she asked for no job of it, and is now earning \$5 a day during her vacation from school.

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