

ABOUT THE CITY

Items from All Sources Presented in Brief.

Social, Political, Legal and Personal Happenings.

The History of To-day Carefully Calculated for the Edification of the "Times" Readers.

R. F. Bishop of Tulare is circulating among his Visalia friends today.

Ed R. Hamilton of the Sacramento looks in to town today on business.

A big crowd assembled on Main street to witness the funeral parade at noon.

The barometer this evening is still very low. Look for stormy weather tonight.

Prospects are bright for Visalia to have a new planting mill erected in its midst soon.

John Ward of Kern city picked ripe tomatoes in his garden on the 5th of January.

The American Pomological Society met its annual convention today at Hanrahan.

William Deper of Moscow and Miss Ida May Penney of Visalia have been granted a license to marry.

The Fifth Wheel of the Midwinter fair is being taken down. It will be set up again near the Cliff House.

Highest cash price paid for poultry and eggs at the Palace hotel.

R. C. Hardin brought to town this morning a handsome cluster of Navel oranges that grew on a tree at his home ranch.

I. H. Thomas leaves tonight for Sacramento to attend the American Pomological Society convention the rest of the week.

There is a washout on the railroad between Lathrop and San Francisco and the evening train will probably be a little behind time.

F. H. Thomas of San Francisco, who appeared as counsel for Char. Ardell today, is a prominent official in the state lodge of Native Sons.

The supervisors were busy this evening selecting 200 trial jurors for the ensuing year. Sixty will be selected from each representative district.

The A. O. U. W. lodge have offered their services in caring for W. A. Nickerson, who is now a great sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism.

Dr. Patterson is the lucky owner of Bauer's great painting, "Mineral King at Evening." He and Wes Warren each threw 42 at the raffle last night and Mr. Warren sold his chance to the doctor.

Frank Dixon declares his fields are so wet his horses bog down and the county roads are so full of water that grading is impossible. Work with the farmers is as near a standstill as it ever gets.

The revival meetings conducted at the Cumberland Presbyterian church by Rev. Dr. Cowan of San Francisco will continue throughout the week. All are earnestly requested to attend these services.

Akin carries an elegant line of cook and heating stoves.

At 11:30 a. m. one of the big lamps in the Visalia hotel bar room broke from its fastenings and dashed to the floor, distilling about ten feet. It broke the chimney and blazed for a minute, but was put out and nothing was burned.

J. Ed Denny will take charge of W. J. McCollum's interest in the Palace hotel next Monday. Mr. McCollum having sold out to Mr. Denny. This popular hotel will then be conducted under the firm name of Stouffland & Denny.

W. W. Taylor, state treasurer of South Dakota, has defaulted in the sum of \$375,000, which is \$30,000 more than his bond. This great deal has seriously crippled the business of the state. Taylor has gone to Europe.

Kern City Standard: "There is a determination among the G boys to make a good showing at Visalia on the 22d of February. Nearly the whole company will go up, and perhaps a contingent of sweethearts and wives, in which event they will have a special car."

A. P. Chairman of Tulare, who moved to the county from the coast about two years ago, will soon have one of the best and largest prune orchards in this part

of the valley. It is located near Fortville. He is thinking of planting several acres in English walnuts this spring.

This morning a storm of wind and rain struck this section before daylight. A rainfall of .32 of an inch is reported, making 71.7 for the season. Rain began falling again at 3:30 this afternoon. This time last season only a little over two inches of rain had fallen.

Beware of tramp insurance agents. If you wish to insure your life or property secure with a local agent.

The Saloon License Case.

The hearing of the application to cap the retail liquor license of Charles Ardell of Visalia drew a large crowd to the room of the supervisors this morning. District Attorney Hixson and his brother, E. F. Both had charge of the prosecution. J. S. Clark and P. H. Dunson of San Francisco were attorneys for Ardell. F. H. Hall, city marshal, was the principal witness. His testimony went to show that discretion was used, prizes and gambles frequented the saloon. He gave a sample of the conversation he heard there between a man and a woman. A conversation that would shame the lions in the lowest depths of Hades.

Dr. Conkle and Dr. Pennington each testified that the general reputation of the saloon was bad. Dr. Bernhard said it was bad but no worse than other saloons.

Adjournment for noon lunch came at 11 o'clock the supervisors decided that they could not exercise police jurisdiction over the saloons of an incorporated city and the application was dismissed.

The matter will be referred to the city council for action.

Tramp Payment.

The Kern City Standard looking forward to the 22d of February, when the Bakersfield guards are expected here, remarks: "What's the matter with having a drill on that new pavement Visalia so proud of? It will be the only chance the Bakersfield boys will have to walk on their own paving material."

The Fortville Enterprise says: "The asphalt streets are a great improvement to Visalia. They give the city an air of importance, and one is glad to see the city making such big metropolitan strides toward its own big metropolis. We wish our streets were in the same shape, and we hope to see them so in the near future."

The Bakersfield Gazette says: "We certainly can't afford to be conservative in the ridicule of every visitor by our rough and muddy streets. The people of Visalia came to that conclusion last fall, and three blocks are now paved and five more will be soon."

The Hanford Democrat says: "Visitors to Visalia state that the asphalt pavement on the main streets looks as neatly as a picture that wet weather, when swept clean."

Grand Jurors.

Judge Cross today selected the following named persons as grand jurors for Tulare county to serve at the coming term: Adolph Levin, H. Levinson, A. J. Harrell, J. D. Hyde, Geo. A. Balfon, John Cutler, John A. Patterson, J. D. Wangh, L. O. Preston, J. D. Vannoy, Wm. Blankenship, R. Z. Callison, Davy Abbott, A. B. Scripps, Jacob Hayes, P. A. Chapman, J. H. McFarland, L. L. Gill, J. M. VanRosen, J. R. Hitchcock, T. J. Brundage, W. A. Sims, James Hamilton, L. Schoenfeld and W. P. Stinson.

Hours of Supervisors.

The application of J. E. Toler for the position of janitor of the court house was denied on the ground that there is no vacancy.

T. J. Patterson was appointed county physician at a salary of \$600 a year, to take charge of the county hospital, the patients in the county jail and all persons on the indigent list and to furnish all medicines free of charge.

In the matter of a complaint against Charles Ardell to revoke his liquor license—Ordered that complaint be dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Bishop Montgomery Coming.

Bishop Montgomery of Los Angeles is announced to appear in Visalia once more on the 7th of February at Aroney hall. He comes under the auspices of the C. L. Aid Society and the subject of his lecture will be "The Law and Abuse of Scripture." All the proceeds of the lecture will be devoted to assisting the poor.

Bishop Montgomery is a most interesting speaker and those who heard him when he was here last year are anxious to hear him once more.

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