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## Glen Ellen COLUMN.

### Society Notices.

#### N S G W

Glen Ellen Pa-lor, No. 102, meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday evening in each month at Native Sons' hall.

#### P H

Glen Ellen Grange, No. 23, meets the 1st and 3rd Friday evening in each month at Native Sons' hall.

#### W W

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## SONOMA VALLEY

### The Eden of the Pacific Coast.

#### One of the Most Prolific Sections on Earth—A Brief History of General Vallejo.

A radius of ten miles with the historic old town of Sonoma as its center would probably include not only some of the finest vineyards, orchards, orange groves and grainfields in Northern California, but also such picturesque surroundings and attractive environments as can not be surpassed in any portion of the State.

It is a fact that is perhaps not generally known to the outside world that in this valley oranges and lemons not only thrive but ripen from four to six weeks earlier than they do in Los Angeles county and other southern districts that have become so famous for the production of citrus and semi-tropical fruits. Careful investigation and experiment has established the fact that our valley together with some other sections north of San Francisco is destined to become more celebrated for the choice quality of its citrus and temperate zone fruits than the southern districts can ever hope to become. Too much depends upon irrigation in the South. Our valley is irrigated by nature, not by art, consequently the soil is richer and the heat of the sun is tempered to the comfort and health of vegetable life. In the north the growth of these fruits is natural, in the south it is forced and artificial, partaking too much of the nature of hot-house productions.

The wines and brandies of this locality have already gained a world wide reputation as the finest produced in America as the grapes as well as other fruits are grown without irrigation and as a consequence this product excels that of other sections in flavor, color and bouquet.

Our "Valley of the Moon" as it was aptly christened by its Indian sponsors extends from the northern shore of San Pablo bay for nearly thirty miles toward the center of the county. It is divided from the Petaluma valley on the west and from that of Napa on the east by ranges of volcanic mountains of considerable altitude. The pre-historic eruptions of many of these mountains have evidently been accompanied by extensive flows of lava and vast showers of pumice and other volcanic matter having formed beds of rotten stone and eruptive agglomerate which are marked physical characteristics of many parts of the valley and it is to the elements liberated by the decomposition of these volcanic rocks that the prolific soil of Sonoma in a great measure owes its fertility. Today the only tangible traces of the terrible agency which called our valley into existence, are to be met with in the thermal springs which find their way through fissures in the lava formation and which in some cases mark the site of ancient craters. The waters of many of these springs, possess valuable medicinal and curative properties. Notable among these are the Agua Rica, Agua Caliente and the Warm Springs at Kenwood.

The annals of the quaint old city of Sonoma are closely interwoven with the early settlement of California by the whites and probably but comparatively few of the visitors and excursionists to this beautiful valley stop to think of its historical importance. Nearly a half century before the Bear Flag epoch, with the details of which our readers are probably all familiar, came the pious padres to establish the last and one of the most important of their missions upon the Pacific coast and it is a strange coincidence in connection with the growth and progress of the Christian religion throughout the civilized world that the disciples and founders of the Romish faith, starting more than seven hundred years ago from the city of its birth advanced slowly but steadily in the direction of the setting sun until they finally having encircled more than half of the globe, located their most western mission at Sonoma and entered with zeal upon their good work, while on the other hand the followers of the Greek church took up their march eastward from Constantinople through Asia and across the broad Pacific until they ended their pilgrimage at Fort Ross also in this county and only a days journey from Sonoma, where they joined hands with their brothers of a similar creed though different denomination in their pious efforts for the promotion of Christianity and the advancement of civilization. It might not be inappropriate to add that it is a sad commentary upon things which are good and holy that the old monastery building where the pious padres of those early days were wont to offer up their morning prayers, is now used as a saloon and wine

shore. It is to be earnestly hoped that his distinguished successor and former coadjutor, Archbishop Reardon may come to view this subject in the same light as did his predecessor and make an effort to regain this property to be cherished as a relic of the dawn of Christianity in California and by so doing gain the approval of the good people of all denominations upon this coast and elsewhere.

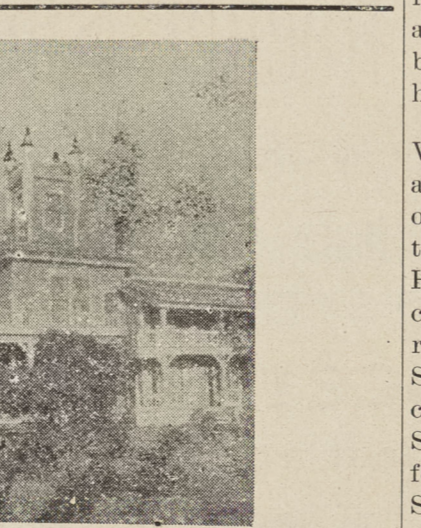
Just as the advancement of civilization always follows the advent of Christianity, so immediately after the establishment of the mission at Sonoma came the white men to fill the fruitful soil of this prolific valley and by far the most distinguished of these early pioneers was our honored and beloved fellow townsman, the late General M. G. Vallejo.



The Most Westerly Roman Mission in the World.

cellar and the adobe chapel, beneath whose altar still repose all the earthly remains of several of these brave pioneers of the church, is now a storehouse for hay and grain, while the old stockaded church at Fort Ross where the good fathers chanted their evening orisons, having also fallen into the hands of the unbeliever is now used as a stable for mules and oxen with a pig pen in the rear.

It is said to have been a matter of deep regret upon the part of the late Archbishop Alemany that he permitted the ancient mission building at Sonoma to pass from the possession of the church and had his life been spared a short time longer he would have made an effort to re-purchase this property to be restored and religiously preserved, like the missions at Monterey and Santa Barbara, as holy mementoes of the founding of the Christian church upon this western



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and finally settled in Monterey, where, at the age of forty years, he wedded the young and beautiful senorita, more than twenty years his junior, who became the mother of Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo. This union is said to have been an extremely happy one; and the generous, sunny and affectionate disposition of their child, Mariano, strongly verifies this report.

In the boyhood days of General Vallejo, the facilities for acquiring an education in the primitive town of Monterey were extremely limited. This fact was brought to the attention of the Mexican governor. He sent Professor Azpiroz from Mexico to assume the duties of public instructor at Monterey; and it was under the tutelage of this gentleman that General Vallejo laid the foundation for the liberal knowledge of the world's affairs that he afterwards acquired. His mind was wonderfully receptive and strongly retentive; and to the day of his death he remembered distinctly minor events in the history of California that would long ago have been forgotten by an ordinary man. His young life was filled with an insatiable ambition. With a perception strangely keen, he saw the opportunities offered him and, with a hand strong and determined, he reached out and grasped them. His most cherished companions were his books; with them he lived in brotherly harmony from day to day, eagerly absorbing their contents and making practical use of the lessons they taught him. This characteristic, so strongly marked in his early life, was peculiar to him to his last days, to which the large and well-selected library, to be found in his late home, plainly attests.

In such an era as that in which young Vallejo's life began, his wonderful energy and ambition naturally made him a conspicuous figure in the community in which he lived; and at the age of sixteen we find him uniformed as a cadet in the standing army of Mexico, and at the same time occupying the responsible position of private secretary to the governor. In after years General Vallejo spoke with justifiable pride of the day when, as the governor's secretary, he drew up the articles of capitulation that acknowledged the surrender of the Spanish forces to the Mexican government.

The reluctance with which Mexico bore the weight of Spanish rule gave young Vallejo an opportunity to satisfy his natural liking for military life; and, so nobly had he acquitted himself as a soldier that he was placed in command of the Presidio at San Francisco upon attaining his majority.

Soon after assuming command of this department, a revolution arose headed by a man by the name of Solis; and Vallejo was taken prisoner and confined in the jail at Monterey. He soon managed to escape, however, and sailed under cover of darkness for San Diego, where he joined the forces of the government; and, marching northward, the revolutionists were met at Santa Barbara and suppressed.

For five years Vallejo held the office of commander of the Presidio; and during that time he is credited with having organized the first city or town government of San Francisco. A life so full of energy and ambition as was that of young Vallejo could not rest content in the honorable and dignified position that he held at this time; and, at his request, when it became known that colonists were desirous of locating in the northern districts of California, he was sent to the frontier as an escort to those pioneer settlers.

The spot fixed upon for the location of the colony was on Mark West creek, at a point named Santa Anna's Ferias; and here, with a corps of soldiers a hundred strong, Vallejo camped. The colony was under the direction of one Hitas, who was an avacious spirit desirous of public notoriety and of furthering his own interests to such an extent, that he threw honor and principle to the winds that his ends might be accomplished. In 1835 the colonists arrived and immediately manifested a spirit of defiance towards the government. This so enraged the authorities that they ordered the arrest of the colonists and their banishment from the country, imposing this onerous duty upon Vallejo, who so adroitly and diplomatically managed the affair that the insurgents were made prisoners without bloodshed.

Those were days of anarchy and rebellion; and, in 1836, Governor Chico was deposed and banished from the country. The popularity of Vallejo with the people at this time won for him the appointment of governor for the time being, which appointment he accepted, but immediately turned over the civil authority to Alvarado, president

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Late General Vallejo and His Home.

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CITY OFFICIAL PAPER.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1900.

"The old saying that 'the unlooked for always happens may be true in the present instance.'"

SONOMA VALLEY EXPOSITOR has safely journeyed through its first year and with this issue passes into volume two. The past year, we are pleased to say, has been a prosperous one and the outlook for the future of our paper is exceedingly radiant. The growth of our subscription list, without any particular solicitation on our part, has been wonderfully great. Our efforts to supply a good readable newspaper have been given favorable consideration by nearly the entire reading public of this valley. The advertising column of the EXPOSITOR are well patronized by the leading business houses in the community and we therefore have not found it necessary to carry any great amount of outside advertising. We believe in advertising and living at home as much as possible. To mark the advent of entering our second year we present our readers with a few cuts of different places in the valley with a little historic write up of the late General M. G. Vallejo and the Sonoma valley for which article we are greatly indebted to Mr. M. K. Cady of Glen Ellen who is an old resident of this valley and personally acquainted with many of the facts set forth.

The new dry dock at Mare Island which was to have been constructed of wood is now ordered to be built of stone which will make the construction cost a greater sum and yet be the cheapest in the end. It is to be one of the dry docks of the United States and will accommodate any war vessel afloat.

GLEN ELLEN JOYTINGS.

Seen and Heard in the Summer Resort.

Rev. A. J. Scott who was granted a lease of absence left for Chicago last Monday.

The Eldridge Social Club will hold forth at the Mervyn hotel next Saturday.

At a meeting of the Trustees of Glen Ellen school last Saturday J. G. Cromwell was elected teacher for the spring term. School will begin February 26th.

J. W. Wood is building a dwelling on his lot lately purchased of J. Chauvet.

The Glen Ellen Grange will install officers next Friday. R. G. Sutherland the capable and efficient master during the last year has been re-elected.

Mrs. Howell the lessee of the Hill place south of town has been quite ill with a cold but has at this writing greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Poppe were in San Francisco last Sunday and Monday where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Chas. L. Poppe who died in that city last Friday.

A petition is in circulation for a change in the county road near the Cromwell place. This change will be a great benefit to all concerned.

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FROM THE UPPER END OF THE VALLEY.

The Glen Ellen Lying Club Has Disincorporated and Disbanded.

MR. EDITOR: The "Gilt Edge Club" has "busted up," discontinued and ceased to exist, leaving its worthy former president dejected and despondent with only the consolation which he now finds in tearing off coupons and investing the proceeds in "small decoctions" of that favorite beverage from which the club derived its name.

The downfall and destruction of the society is wholly blameable to Judge Gibson and but for him it would now be in the full flush of its prosperity and usefulness. The misfortune was brought about in this way:

The other evening the Judge dropped in at one of the meetings just as Doctor Hunter was in the middle of one of his thrilling and interesting tales of travel and adventure, he had already taken his attentive listeners twice across the Pacific to the Orient and once to the Antipodes and back, when he was rudely interrupted by the Judge who declared it as his belief that the president's yarn was the vilest kind of rot and, if not a base fabrication, made out of whole cloth, it was, at the least, from beginning to end a gross exaggeration calculated to mislead his audience.

Now Judge Gibson, though always a welcome guest of the club, was not a regular member, he having declined to join the society from purely conscientious scruples, as he considered himself ineligible for the reason that though he could tell a lie, he had never yet been known to do so and he thought it was too late for him to start in. He thereupon without giving the doctor an opportunity to continue proceeded to relate some of his own adventures and early day experiences while driving the regular stage between Sonoma and Santa Rosa. He told of several encounters with desperados and "hold ups" by highwaymen, one of which was by a huge grizzly bear who sitting upon his haunches in the middle of the road obstinately disputed the right of way, until the plucky driver, drawing his revolver, pumped old bruin so full of lead that he was glad to beat a hasty retreat. Now the doctor is a most versatile romancer and, being jealous of his reputation, said he would give them a bear story himself. The incident as he told it was as follows:

Not many years ago in taking one of his early morning strolls through town he saw an immense grizzly sitting on the porch of Charlie Poppe's store, evidently waiting for the proprietor to "open up" when he would have quickly dispatched him and proceeded to make a breakfast upon the new stock of peanuts and candy which the merchant had just laid in for the holiday trade. The doctor, realizing the great danger hastened back to the hotel secured his riatra and, mounting Landlord Harrison's famous war horse "Creepster," returned to the spot. Lassoed the four footed thief and dragging him to the bridge dumped him over into the creek, at this point he was again interrupted by some of the members who insisted that the story was only a creation of the doctor's imagination or the result of too frequent potatoes the night before. They then divided into two factions and a free fight was imminent, when Mr. Hansen who was acting as chairman pro tem, fearing that his new set of parlor furniture would be demolished, announced in a loud voice that the meeting was adjourned sine die. Hence the untimely disbandment of the popular Gilt Edge Club of Glen Ellen.

Your enterprising local contemporary seems to be as persistent in harping upon the game and fish laws as it has been in publishing the notice of retirement from the field of journalism of the gentleman with the "broken quill."

Last week its editorial column contained a criticism upon a point of law which was introduced by our popular senatorial representative in the defence of a client who had been arrested upon the charge of violating a clause of the fish law. The article referred to was as follows:

"State Senator Sims raised a nice point of law in the Superior Court of this county the other day. He was the attorney for Anton Nicholas, arrested last week near this place for having Chinese sturgeon lines in his possession. It is unlawful to catch fish with such lines, but the Senator contended that the mere possession of these lines does not constitute an offense against the laws of the State. Judge Burnett, before whom the case was tried, agreed with the Senator and on Monday discharged the defendant. Thus has another hole been punched in the game and fish laws of the State."

The editor however is still mysteriously silent concerning the man who was seen catching trout in the Natheesen creek near Sonoma several days prior to the commencement of the last open season. This individual should have been arrested and punished as the law provides and it would probably have puzzled any attorney to have produced a point of law which would have enabled him to escape the penalty of his misdemeanor.

Were it not for the well known courage and valor of our local officers, their apparent laxity in neglecting to take up this matter, might possibly be attributed to the fact that this offender bears the unsavory reputation of being a gun fighter and an all around bad man.

included Petaluma, Vallejo, Vacaville and Santa Rosa; and under his friendly guidance the work of cultivation and improvement began. Though born and bred to military tactics, his mind turned with kindly inclination towards agriculture and stock raising; and in his old age he loved to tell his children of the day, far back, when the hoof-beat of his herds sounded like the roar of the sea. At great expense, he brought horses and cattle from the southern country; and under his management his herds grew to enormous proportions.

Though crude and unfinished in its style, the method of cultivation of the soil followed by the Spanish and Mexican settlers gradually reclaimed the fertile lands from their savage state, and set the seal of prosperity upon the hills and in the valleys. Though the forces at his command were comparatively weak, Vallejo protected the homes of the settlers in his domain against the attacks of the Indians, whom he strove to subdue without bloodshed; and so well did he manage this that he soon had a large number of these children of nature gathered about his as protectors; and, at the mission built at his orders in Sonoma, they were given their first lessons in christian civilization. At one time he had a body of Indian soldiers one hundred strong, perfectly organized and splendidly disciplined; and these men he had taken from a state of savagery. On every hand the blessings of his generous heart were felt. Each year brought forth some new testimonial to the energy, enterprise and kindness of this man who had pitched his tent in the wilderness, that the broad acres might be made to bud and blossom under the hand of the husbandman.

The spirit of American industry had winged its way across the eastern mountains; and hundreds of homeseekers followed in the foot steps of the straggling pioneers, until at last the native sons of California, getting a glimpse of the brilliant future before the State grew restless under the weight of Mexican control and arose in revolution against the government, with the effect that Micheloreno was expelled from the country and stripped of his gubernatorial rule.

His keen perception prompted Vallejo to aid and abate the revolutionists, at whose head stood his nephews, Alvarado and Castro; and he strongly advised General Sutter to remain on neutral ground. And it would have been much better for that officer had he listened to Vallejo; for the revolutionists prevailed, and Sutter narrowly escaped death at their hands.

In April, 1846, a convention was called at Monterey, the seat of the home government; and here it was that Vallejo made himself conspicuous by favoring a proposition looking to the incorporation of California into the American Union. At this convention there were advocates for an English protectorate for an independent Republic. The arguments brought to bear upon this question were eloquent and forcible; and the speeches made by Vallejo on this occasion evidenced his far-sightedness, and his loyalty to the principals of liberty. A few extracts culled from one of his best efforts will give some idea of the determined stand that he took in the matter: "I cannot," said he, "coincide

with the military and civil functionaries who have advocated the the cession of our country to France and England. \* \* \* We possess a noble country, in every way calculated, from position and resources to become great and powerful. For that very reason I would not have her a mere dependency upon a foreign monarchy, naturally alien, or at least indifferent to our interests and our welfare. \* \* \* How could we endure to come under the dominion of a monarchy? Although others speak lightly of such form of government, as a free man I cannot do so. \* \* \* Why should we shrink from incorporating ourselves with the happiest and freest nation in the world? Why should we go abroad for protection when this great nation is our neighbor? When we join our fortunes to hers, we shall not be second subjects, but fellow citizens, possessing all the rights of the people of the United States, and choosing our own local and federal rulers. California will grow strong and flourish; and her people will be happy and free and prosperous. Look not therefore, with jealous eye upon the hardy pioneers who scale our mountains and cultivate our unoccupied plains; but rather welcome them as brothers, who come to share with us a common destiny."

Freedom was the banner whose flutterings awakened the echo of sympathy in the heart of Vallejo; and for freedom he fought, convinced that it was man's natural heritage. And it was this conviction that brought him to his feet in the notable convention at Monterey face to face with a strong opposing element, his tongue tipped with powerful eloquence, and his eye aflame with the glow of determination. It was a hot content that was brought to a sudden close without definite conclusion by the announcement of hostilities between the United States forces and the Mexican government.

Before the smoke of battle had cleared from the skies, Sonoma, Vallejo's headquarters, had been taken by the Americans; and Vallejo was imprisoned for a few weeks at Sutter's fort. He was afterwards released on parole; and he lost no time in proving his loyalty to the United States government. His kindly influence was strongly felt in the laborious work of straightening out the unsettled affairs of the newly acquired country.

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of the territorial deputation, retaining, however, control of the military forces. Two years later the Mexican government sent out Micheloreno as governor of the northern territory; and, upon assuming the gubernatorial duties, he appointed Vallejo military governor of all the territory north of the Santa Inez Mountains. Upon receiving this appointment Vallejo established his headquarters in Sonoma valley, at the point where the town of Sonoma now stands, and laid out that town according to the custom usually adopted in the building of towns in New Spain. A large plaza was laid out, facing which, from the opposite side of the street at the four points of the compass, were houses built after the Spanish style of architecture, the majority of them being two stories high, with broad and airy verandas built along their front. These buildings were constructed of adobe; and many of them are standing today firm and substantial, apparently capable of withstanding the influence of the elements for many years to come.

The military headquarters' building, which was the home of General Vallejo, was a massive and costly structure. At one extremity stood a high tower overlooking the valley; and from the top of this tower a vigilant sentinel kept the surrounding country under his eye. The walls of the second story of this building were pierced with loopholes overlooking the plaza. The structure was in every respect a military stronghold. Of this building General Vallejo many times spoke to the writer, and informed him that the cost of its construction amounted to nearly \$200,000. Unfortunately, in the year 1867, it was destroyed by fire.

Sonoma was the first town planned and laid out in California north of the bay of San Francisco; and General Vallejo, without the aid of surveyor or engineer, established the lines and boundaries with the simple aid of a pocket compass. In 1838 General Vallejo had brought to him from the City of Mexico a complete printing outfit, with which he published addresses to the people; and according to his own testimony given to the writer, he set the type, worked the press and bound the pamphlets that he issued with his own hands. One of these documents presented to the writer by the deceased, is a very creditable sample of the printer's art.

As director of colonization on the northern frontier at this time, Vallejo's control extended over a great tract of country that since that day has become one of the most productive agricultural districts of California. This territory was known as the Petaluma Rancho; and its boundary lines

included Petaluma, Vallejo, Vacaville and Santa Rosa; and under his friendly guidance the work of cultivation and improvement began. Though born and bred to military tactics, his mind turned with kindly inclination towards agriculture and stock raising; and in his old age he loved to tell his children of the day, far back, when the hoof-beat of his herds sounded like the roar of the sea. At great expense, he brought horses and cattle from the southern country; and under his management his herds grew to enormous proportions.

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CHURCH NOTICES

Catholic Church.  
Rev. W. P. Quill Rector. Mass: Sundays, 8:30 a. m. and 10:31 a. m. Sunday school at 9:45. Week days 7:30 a. m.

Congregational Church  
Rev. Chas. D. Milliken, Pastor. Services: Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Chas. Potter, Sup't. Y. P. S. C. E. services at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesdays at 7:30 p. m. Junior Endeavor Society meeting, Friday at 8:15 p. m. Ladies' Aid Society meeting, 2nd Thursday in each month. Missionary Society meets 2nd Tuesday in each month.

Methodist Episcopal Church  
Rev. Henry Pierce, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Young People's Society of Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. on Sunday.

LODGE NOTICES

F & A M  
TEMPLE LODGE No. 11 meets in the Masonic Hall on the Tuesday evening on or preceding the full moon of each month.

I O O F  
SONOMA LODGE No. 28 meets at Odd Fellows' Hall every Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m.

O E S  
VALLEY OF THE MOON CHAPTER No. 55 meets in the Masonic hall on the Thursday evening on or preceding the full moon of each month.

H O U W  
PUEBLO LODGE No. 198 meets every 1st and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month at Odd Fellows hall.

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SONOMA VINEYARD COUNCIL, No. 192 meets the first and third Friday of each month in Odd Fellows' hall.

N S G W  
SONOMA PARLOR No. 111 meets on the first Monday Evening of each month at Odd Fellows' hall.

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No 45 meets the first Wednesday evenings in each month in Odd Fellows' hall.

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SONOMA GROVE No. 75 meets on the first and third Friday in each month at Odd Fellows hall.

and for freedom he fought, convinced that it was man's natural heritage. And it was this conviction that brought him to his feet in the notable convention at Monterey face to face with a strong opposing element, his tongue tipped with powerful eloquence, and his eye aflame with the glow of determination. It was a hot content that was brought to a sudden close without definite conclusion by the announcement of hostilities between the United States forces and the Mexican government.

Before the smoke of battle had cleared from the skies, Sonoma, Vallejo's headquarters, had been taken by the Americans; and Vallejo was imprisoned for a few weeks at Sutter's fort. He was afterwards released on parole; and he lost no time in proving his loyalty to the United States government. His kindly influence was strongly felt in the laborious work of straightening out the unsettled affairs of the newly acquired country.

In January, 1847, Vallejo was appointed a member of the proposed civil body to form a code of laws for the new territory. This proposed assembly never met, as a strife arose between the American colonists and generals as to who or which was Governor and Commander-in-Chief of California.

Progress and improvement was Vallejo's watchword, and his chief desire was to people the lands of Northern California, over so many acres of which he had control, and to build up towns and cities where there seemed to be natural advantages for such concentration of civilized forces. In January, 1847, together with Dr. Robert Semple and Thomas O. Larkin, he laid out the town of Benicia, which was called Francesca, in honor of his wife, whose maiden name was Francesca Benicia Carrillo. When San Francisco was named, Francesca was changed to Benicia; and it has remained as such to this day.

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Leaves Sonoma		From Oct. 15, '99		Arrive Sonoma	
Wk days	Sundays	Destination	Sundays	Wk days	
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	S. F., S. Rafael	10.25 a. m.	10.20 a. m.	
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	intermediates	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.	
10.30 a. m.	10.25 a. m.	Glen Ellen	8.10 a. m.	6.18 a. m.	
7.20 p. m.	7.15 p. m.	intermediates	3.37 p. m.	2.45 p. m.	
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Petalu. S. Rosa	10.25 a. m.	10.20 a. m.	
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	intermediates	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.	
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Cv'le H'dsb'rg	10.25 a. m.	10.20 a. m.	
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	intermediates.	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.	
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Ukiah and intermediates	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.	
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Sebastapol and intermediates	7.15 p. m.	10.30 a. m.	
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	intermediates	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.	
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Guerneville and intermediates.	7.15 p. m.	10.30 a. m.	
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.		7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.	

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### LOCAL BREVITIES.

#### LATE HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

##### Viewings of the Valley Taken at Random.

A. F. Pauli spent Sunday with his family here.

Jas. H. Albertson visited San Francisco last Monday.

Peter Fischer is visiting relatives in San Francisco this week.

Harv Elliott of Tilman & Bendel visited Sonoma Wednesday.

Miss Eda Gillan returned from her visit to San Francisco Saturday.

John Stadelman visited city relatives last Thursday and Friday.

Hyman Pasche was the guest of S. Schocken several days this week.

Grant Cozine and Jas. McCaffery were Napa visitors in town this week.

Mr. George Barnham is visiting friends in San Francisco this week.

Miss Kate Weise of San Francisco is the guest of her brother L. H. Green.

Thos. Nichols of Wichman & Lutgens was the guest of Mr. S. Cuicci Tuesday.

Albert Faure was up Sunday from the city and spent the day with his friends.

"Jolly Ike" Wright of Summit Joint, transacted business here Wednesday.

Mrs. Henry Bates attended the funeral of little Levil Geise at Benicia Tuesday.

Raffaello Dal Pogetto of San Francisco visited his brother Chas. last Sunday.

Miss Foley of San Francisco is visiting with her aunt Mrs. Grothaus this week.

Miss Nellie Sullivan returned Monday evening from a weeks visit in the metropolis.

Henry Webber, our jovial butcher, made a business trip to San Francisco last Wednesday.

Miss Flora Levy was up from the metropolis Sunday and spent the day here the guest of Miss Eda Gillan.

John Gaffney, Jr. of San Francisco spent Sunday here. Mr. Gaffney is a member of Sonoma Parlor N. S. G. W.

Mr. Cummings who had been relieving G. W. Reed as station agent here for a few days, returned to Santa Rosa Saturday.

A. A. Enke returned from San Francisco Monday. He reports having seen Col. Atwood off in good shape for his eastern trip.

Fredo Clewe, after spending his vacation with his parents here, returned to Berkeley Sunday to resume his studies at the University.

Mr. V. Bulotti it is said has sold his entire output of last year's wine, 50,000 gallons, to Lachman & Jacobin of San Francisco at a good figure.

Attorney R. A. Poppe and Mrs. Grothaus transacted business at Santa Rosa last Monday. Mrs. Grothaus was appointed executrix with out bonds over the estate of her late husband.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Poppe, Jos. B. Small and Mrs. R. A. Poppe returned Monday evening from San Francisco where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Augusta Poppe, sister-in-law of Mrs. J. A. Poppe.

Davia Park, a student from A. Vander Naillens school of engineering has been spending the week as the guest of Mr. Aaron Astill and also to gain a few pointers about electrical engineering under the supervision of Mr. Astill.

In our last issue we spoke of the dance given by the Summit Joint Flea Club to the Enterprise school district. Last Saturday the compliment was returned by the latter at Dry Creek three miles below Summit Joint. Nearly all the same crowd attended as mentioned last week. The master of ceremonies as a matter of course being "Ike" Wright. Dancing was kept up till the "wee small hours" and all had a jolly time.

N. Quartaroli was a Tuesday visitor to San Francisco.

Harry Shaw and Clarence Cheney spent last Friday in Petaluma.

Miss Jeanette Goess spent the first of the week here with her parents.

Noot. Agnew spent a pleasant visit with home folks the first of the week.

Conrad Futterer, the tailor, was a sojourner in San Francisco Wednesday.

Martin Muldry transacted important business in the Metropolis Monday.

E. E. Morse of San Francisco was a Sunday sojourner in this vicinity this week.

Fred Bulotti was up from the bay city and spent Sunday the guest of his parents.

Mrs. Wm. Commary of San Francisco is visiting with Mrs. A. F. Bates this week.

Miss Harriet Gaines returned home Tuesday evening after an absence of five weeks in Napa.

Ripe and green olives in bulk at the Weems' Cash Store.

Wm. Hamilton of the Jones ranch is looking after business interests in Los Angeles county.

Wm. Sherman returned to Berkeley the first of the week where he will resume his studies at the University.

J. P. Weems says he is opening a barrel of olives every day at present.

Mrs. Pearce arrived here Tuesday morning from Carson City, Nevada, and will make her home with her son Rev. Henry Pearce.

Several Sonoma yonny men are making preparations to give a ball at Union hall on February 21st. As yet we are unable to give the full particulars.

In the Superior court Tuesday Marie Snyder commenced proceedings against H. O. Uhlberg and others to recover the sum of \$2000, interest and cost of suit upon a mortgage.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid and Missionary Societies of the Congregational church has been omitted in January on account of both sickness and unfavorable weather.

The union services at the Congregational church last Sunday evening were well attended. The music furnished by the orchestra was very pleasing and deserving of much credit.

While playing on the sidewalk this afternoon little Clarence Pearce was accidentally hurt by a horse and rendered unconscious and is still in that condition at the time of our going to press.

Four Druid lodges of San Francisco are preparing to have a big celebration at Glen Ellen on the 20th of May. The lodges to participate in this celebration are Galileo, Volta, Alpini and Arroyo.

Mrs. Augusta Poppe who was well and favorably known in this vicinity, died at her home in San Francisco last Friday of heart disease. She was a native of Germany, sixty-eight years of age. She was the mother of four children all of whom survive her.

Supervisor Putnam selected the following petit jurors: J. W. Gibson, C. A. Kennedy, F. M. Lockett, A. D. Graham, W. J. Minkell, T. D. Morris, V. Bulotti, J. Révie, R. J. Wilson, Philip Bill, C. W. Potter, W. Helberg, Jacob Alleman, Solomon H. Carriker.

The subscription paper for needed repairs on the Congregational church is being successfully circulated by the trustees. General gratification is expressed that so many are taking interest in it and the repairs which will be begun in a few weeks are now assured.

The past few days a force of carpenters have been busily engaged in replanking the floor of the old Cooper bridge; putting in needle beams and repairing the guardrails. With the new piles recently driven for its support the bridge will now be in a good condition for several years to come.

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#### The Trustees Meeting

The board of city Trustees held their regular meeting at the pavilion Wednesday evening. All the members of the board were present; Trustee Dabring occupied the chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bills were presented and after indorsement by the proper committees were ordered paid as follows: P. G. Keil, plumbing, \$18.00; Paul Perasso, labor, \$2.00; Wm. Tradgen, contract, \$183.00; J. D. Wagnon, sundries, \$35.05.

The clerk presented and read his semi-annual statement. On motion it was referred to the Finance committee.

The Plaza and Special Water committees reported progress and were given further time to report.

After the transaction of the above business the board adjourned to meet next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

#### The Minstrels

Although the performance of the Glen Ellen Vaudeville and Farce company was advertised for only two days in advance they had a good house and an enthusiastic audience. Unfortunately some of those to whom had been assigned leading parts were unable to appear on account of sickness, but that versatile manager, Mr. Ned Gender, was equal to the occasion and procured who were entirely acceptable to the audience and everyone went away satisfied with the show. The youngsters will give another performance at Sonoma in the near future.

#### Seriously Hurt

About five o'clock last Sunday evening Albert Campbell, son of Geo. O. Campbell, was thrown from a horse while riding out of the barn and seriously hurt. As he went behind another horse in the barn it kicked at the one he was riding which jumped and threw him headlong onto a sill of the building sustaining injuries to the head. At last report he was doing as well as could be expected.

Geo. Barnum left on Thursday morning's train for San Francisco where he has accepted a lucrative position.

Col. Atwood, who has been a resident of Sonoma for the past seven years, left Saturday morning for Yellow Springs, Ohio, where he expects to remain permanently. While here the Colonel made many friends who were sorry to bid him farewell. We would predict his return to the salubrious climate of our beautiful valley.

The social dance to be given at Mervyn hall tomorrow night promises to be well attended and is one of those events which has been looked forward to as having much pleasure in store for those who may attend. The music will be furnished by Parks orchestra which already has a reputation that needs no comment for its excellency. A supper will be served in the Mervyn dining room which will add greatly to the pleasures of the evening.

Job Printing at this office. There will be preaching services in the Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for morning "The Vision of the New Jerusalem;" for evening, "The Value and Destiny of the Human Soul." All are invited.

HENRY PEARCE, Pastor. Services in the Congregational church Sunday Jan. 21th. Preaching services at 11 a. m. Subject: "The Hidden Years at Nazareth." Services at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Endeavor meeting at 6:30 p. m. The general public is invited. CHAS. D. MILLIKEN, Pastor.

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Late Happenings in our Little Burg

J. B. Bacon, Joe Donahue, Tony and Theo Kiser attended the minstrels at Union Hall Friday evening.

Mrs. Lord was a passenger on the south bound C. N. Saturday afternoon.

John Stetson of San Francisco made a business trip to Sonoma Valley Saturday.

Charles Ohm took the south bound train for the bay city Tuesday afternoon.

M. P. Akers made a business trip to El Verano and Pioneer Grove Monday.

Mrs. Cassebohm, Miss Mattie Goodman and Mont Akers attended the Eastern Star meeting last week.

A large quantity of wine is being shipped by the schooner Four Sisters.

A watch was stolen last Sunday night from one of the occupants of the bunkhouse on the S. P. railroad. The culprit was familiar with the habits of the men having been employed as a section hand for a few weeks. Constable Ohm was notified but was unable to secure the man.

M. P. Akers, Wm. Goodman and Joe Pritchard appraised the estate of the late Capt. Green Tuesday. The estate was valued at over \$4000.

Robert Donahue is spending his vacation at his home in Embarcadero.

Roadmaster Campbell has several teams hauling gravel on the lower roads.

Misses Lolita and Natalia Harszthy drove down from Sonoma Saturday.

Jake Alleman hauled 200 sacks of black oats to the landing Saturday for shipment to San Francisco.

Cloverdale has a new literary club with our former fellow townsman Dr. David Atwood as its president. The club has been named the Mutual.

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#### El Verano Notes

D. W. Corbin is fast recovering from a severe attack of La Grippe.

Mr. Albert Blanchard of Whittier Fuller & Co., was up from San Francisco Sunday to get a breath of the balmy air of Sonoma valley.

O. W. Nordell has commenced the erection of a handsome cottage on his ranch north of here.

The public school opened Monday last with an attendance of 30 pupils.

L. L. Lewis and wife of Sacramento visited their ranch west of here Sunday.

"Doc" Wilson and a gang of painters are getting Mullen's new store in shape for business.

Our energetic Roadmaster C. F. Carmer, is hard at work getting the roads of this locality in a fine condition.

Postmaster Mullen has received a present of a monster cigar from M. Jack Lassen, an El Verano boy, now in Admiral Watsons fleet in Manila harbor. It weighs eight ounces, is twenty inches in length and is a beauty to behold.

A verdant and unsophisticated young man of this place, was with great ceremony initiated into the dark mysteries of "snipeing" Wednesday night at seven o'clock. He was escorted by the Coon Hunters club in a body to the hunting grounds four miles directly south of here and armed with a jack and candle was placed in the center of a spacious field. After the President of the club had earnestly instructed him as to how he was to await, with patience the coming of the snipe. The Club scattered in different directions to drive the game in from the adjoining thickets. But alas! it was the old, old, story; and after an anxious wait of three hours and being nearly frozen to death the youthful victim gave up the job in disgust and Harry made tracks for the fraternal roof, a sadder but a wiser by.

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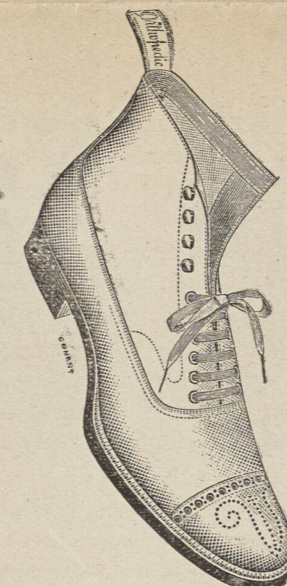
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In 1849 a manifesto was issued calling a constitutional convention, to be held September 1st of the same year; and to this convention Vallejo was sent as one of the four delegates who went from the Sonoma district. This convention lasted six weeks; and in the work there performed Vallejo took an active and important part. To the first State Senate Vallejo was sent from the Sonoma district; and in 1850, while in the Senate, he proposed to grant land at the city of Vallejo for the purpose of public buildings. The proposition was accepted; and Vallejo erected there a state-house and several buildings. Two sessions of the legislature were held there; but for various reasons the location of the State capital was changed from Vallejo to Sacramento; and the generous-spirited Vallejo found himself a loser by the venture to the amount of many thousands of dollars.

The San Francisco Sunday Call of last week contained an interesting full page article upon the first session of the California legislature known as the "Legislature of a thousand drinks" a large portion of which article is devoted to General Vallejo and from which it seems at this point appropriate to quote the following:

"To General Vallejo was assigned the task of naming the twenty seven counties into which California was originally divided, and to report upon the deriva-

whole of the second session and before they adjourned they resolved to go to Sacramento. And thus ended the career of "California's capital on wheels."

A few years later the Supreme Court of the United States rejected his title to the Suscol rancho, on which the city of Vallejo was built.

This brings us down to a date within the memory of the present generation; and a brief glance at the quiet life led by this man, so prominently identified with the early history of California during the past half a century, will not be without interest to the general reader.

His heart was fixed upon the natural beauties and the unsurpassed advantages of Sonoma valley; and there he concluded to end his days in the pursuit of agriculture. For his home he selected a beautiful spot in the suburbs of Sonoma, at the foot of the graceful hills that wave gently backward and upward until they lean against the eastern sky many hundred feet above the valley.

To this spot he gave the name *Lachryma Montis*, which being translated from the Spanish, means "Mountain Tear." A large spring gushing from the mountain side suggested the name. He placed many acres under cultivation, and planted a large vineyard. He is said to have planted in this vineyard the first European varieties of vines planted west of the Rocky Moun-

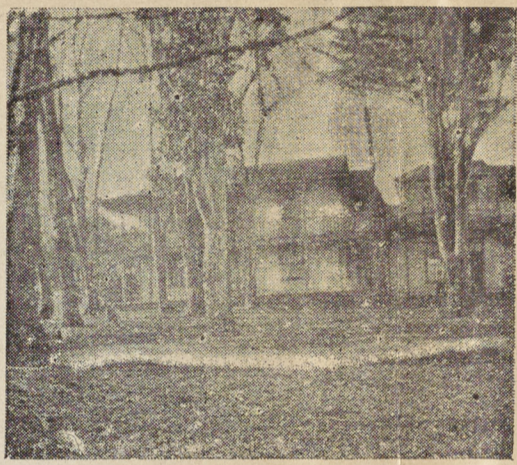
becoming modestly the honors that persistently sought him out. For several years he was treasurer of the State Horticultural Society; and for a long time he had been an adored member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, of which order he was the oldest representative.

General Vallejo was the sire of seventeen children, eight of whom are still living. This numerous offspring was the result of his union with the beautiful senorita Francisca Benecia Carrilla an estimable lady of castilian ancestry who outlived him but a short time at the old home near Sonoma. It was at an early hour on Saturday morning January 18th, 1890, just ten years ago to day, that death closed the earthly career of General Vallejo who for many days had lain hopelessly ill at Lachryma Montis. He was borne down by the weight of years and a complication of maladies which baffled the physicians and resisted the careful and tender nursing of his devoted wife and children.

Although thousands of acres of

evidence that the writer is not alone in his belief that the phylloxera may prove a blessing rather than a curse, he will take the liberty to quote the following lines from the pen of a gifted local poet

"The golden grape beneath its dark leaf shines,  
Whose ancestors have crossed the ocean's foam,  
Right well they flourish, and the classic wines  
Mistake Sonoma for their native home.  
Alas, that aught should hurt those tender arms,  
Which clasp the hillside in their fond embrace,  
That pestilence should blast those airy charms,  
Which gave Europa's vine-clad hills their grace.  
But when these chaste and dainty pilgrims mate  
The hardy sons of native forest birth,  
Or worn by years the plague accepts the fate,  
Conspire and bring forth of mother earth,  
Then shall their purple clusters



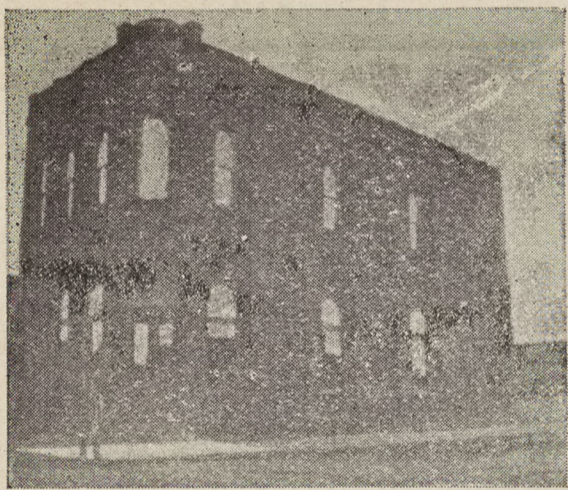
Locust Grove Private School.

vineyard in this valley have been destroyed by the dreaded phylloxera. The ravages of this insect have now come to be regarded by many as having been "a blessing in disguise" for the reason that originally nearly all our vines were of the Mission, Rose of Peru Malvoise and Humburg varieties none of which produce a choice quality of grape and had they not been visited by this de-

stroyed by the dreaded phylloxera. Each branch a garland fit for Bacchus' shrine  
As Autumn with her ample vintage fills  
The cellars with Sonoma's choicest wine.  
O haste and in the lap of beauty pour  
The horn of plenty when it overflows.  
With corn and wine and all the boundless store,  
Of goodly things which the pregnant furrow grows—"

This article would be incomplete without mention of the old Cooper bridge on the Petaluma road near Sonoma which is one of the familiar landmarks of our valley and the oldest structure of its kind in California. The contract for this bridge was let and the work of hewing and hauling the lumber commenced in November 1854 and it was completed within six months from that date according to agreement. Jacob Jacobson who recently died in the county hospital was the builder and the contract price was \$3000. Chas. S. Wilson who is still a well known resident of this valley, assisted him in the work of construction.

The timbers were all hewn and the floor planking whipsawed at or near the Thompson place in Graham canyon and hauled with ox teams to the bridge site. When the board of Supervisors, of which the late Judge Akers was the member from this district, inspected and accepted the structure. They found the work to be so much better and more substantial than agreed upon that they voted the builder an extra hundred dollars for the excellent manner in which he had done the job. It would be a blessing if we had a few such



Sonoma Valley Bank.



S. P. Depot at El Verano.

tion and definition of the names. His report is full of anecdotes and personal incidents which have not lost their interests after a lapse of fifty years. The old general was a man of many parts—jovial, kind and one of the very few native Californians who had any influence in the making of American California. He acquired his title and rank of general in the Mexican war.

"It was General Vallejo, in conjunction with the weather, who moved the capital from San Jose. Rain, mud and madness prevailed during that first session, and the legislators all complained of the poor accommodations of every sort which they received, so when General Vallejo promised to build suitable hotels and a capital building worth three hundred thousand dollars and to donate to the State all the necessary land besides, a bill was passed to move the capital to Benicia in order to accept this offer. But adverse circumstances interfered and the general was unable to put a foundation under his castle in the air. The legislators were so dissatisfied with the large barnlike building which he did construct that they voted to move to the town of Vallejo. Here they stayed during the

These vines were sent to him from Washington by General Green. His efforts met with success; and for many years he carried off the trophies offered by the State Agricultural Society for the best exhibition of native wines.

He commenced at this time the erection of the house in which he died, and which cost him upwards of \$50,000. The lumber was hauled by teams up the valley from Vallejo; the bricks were brought from the Sandwich Islands; and the marble mantel-pieces were purchased in Honolulu. He paid his carpenters seventeen dollars a day; and it was hard to get them even at that price. The grounds about the house were spacious and beautifully arranged. Orange, lemon and evergreen trees were planted; and two marble fountains of beautiful design ornamented the shaded lawns.

Here, in the atmosphere of his former greatness, this large-hearted man lived out his last days uneventfully, bearing with

structive pest, our vineyardists would have gone on from year to year making an inferior or, even at its best, only an ordinary quality of wine, now however, those who have been compelled to replant with resistant vines will graft them with only the finest foreign varieties and hence the quality of the product is brought up to the highest standard of excellence. As an illustration of this fact, Mr. C. A. Kennedy of Glen Ellen, whose vines are all of the cabernet and semillon varieties grafted onto resistant roots, sold it is said, his entire crop of last year's vintage at \$20 per ton while the regular market price for ordinary grapes ranged

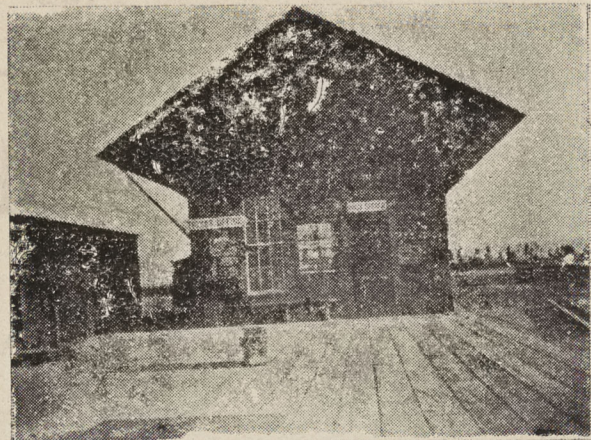


The Cooper Bridge.

only from \$14 to \$16. Messrs Dressel, Gundlach, Goldstein, Chauvet and Mrs. Hearst have also restored their large vineyards with resistant stock grafted to the choicest imported cuttings and as a result they are now producing wines which command the very highest prices in the market and which have gained for them not only a national, but a world wide reputation. As an

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**Industries.**

The principal industries of the valley are fruit growing, wine making and dairy farming. Here also may be found the most extensive basalt quarries on the Pacific Coast. The wine of Sonoma is famous all over the United States. It commands the highest price, and is more eagerly sought than any other wine produced in California. All Fruits and Grapes are grown

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## Climate and Scenery

The climate of Sonoma valley is unsurpassed. The fogs which prevail in other portions of the State are here conspicuous for their absence, being shut out by the range of mountains on the west. The intense heat of Summer prevailing on the great plains of California, is here tempered by the gentle breezes from the Pacific. The proximity of the ocean also tends to equalize the temperature in Winter, rendering the climate of Sonoma Valley mild, gentle and agreeable. Along the banks of Sonoma Creek may be found some of the prettiest scenery in the state of California. Extensive picnic grounds may be laid out in numberless places along this stream. Sonoma mountain and Bennett peak on the west side of the valley are conspicuous objects to the traveler. Good roads radiating from Sonoma and Glen Ellen to all points of the compass, afford excellent drives and promenades.

Good schools under the management of able and experienced teachers are to be found in Sonoma Valley, affording the best of instruction to the youth of the country.

## Historical.

SONOMA is an Indian word and means "Valley of the Moon," and was the name originally given to the beautiful valley from which the County was afterwards named. The tribe of Indians inhabiting the valley were called Cochuyens. On the arrival of the first expedition to establish a mission, the name Sonoma was given to the Chief by Jose Altamira, the priest in charge, and after the Chief, the tribe and the valley they inhabited took the name Sonoma.

To those wishing further information concerning our Town, Valley of Industries may have the same by addressing the SONOMA VALLEY EXPOSITOR.