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March 16, 1888 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

PERSONALS.

Proko Akimo, one of the oldest citizens of San Jacinto valley, died last week.

April 6, 1872 SAN DIEGO UNION

The murder of Matthew Alderson in this city last night is the most shocking event that we have yet been called upon to record. The deceased was one of the oldest residents of New San Diego, and was known to all as one of the most amiable, generous-hearted men in the place--a warm friend--an estimable citizen. His taking off was awfully sudden and causes a feeling of gloom through this community.

**AWFUL MURDER
MATTHEW ALDERSON SHOT DEAD ON THE DOORSTEP OF HIS HOUSE
THE MURDERER ARRESTED**

New Town was the scene of a horrible tragedy last night, in which Matthew Alderson was shot dead in front of his own house by a Mexican whose name is unknown. The murder was committed about nine o'clock, and before ten the murderer was confined in jail by the Sheriff. The circumstances as related to us by Mr. John R. Porter who was in the house at the time of the shooting are as follows: Alderson, with Mr. C.P. Fessenden and Mr. Porter, was practicing music in the bar room. The three sat a table in the middle of the room on which they laid their music books. They were interrupted two or three times by the Mexican who dropped a blunt and broken knife on the table in front of them. Alderson told him to be quiet or he would put him out, and finally did, the man leaving his knife behind him. In a few moments he came back into the saloon and walked up to the bar saying he was going to have a drink. He was told by Alderson that he could not have any thing to drink, that he (Alderson) was the proprietor of the place and would not have any nonsense, that he must go out of the house. On this the man commenced swearing. Alderson then got up to put him out, the man moved toward the door, saying he was not going to be bilked out of his knife which he left on the table. On hearing this Alderson went to the table and took the knife, carrying it toward the man and speaking pleasantly all the time. Porter, previous to this, had got up from the table and walked toward the room in the rear of the saloon. In a moment he heard a shot, and the exclamation, "G-d d--n you I've shot you!" and on rushing to the door they found Alderson laying in the street. On removing him they found he was shot through the head. He was insensible from the moment he was shot until his death, a few minutes afterward. The noise of the shooting attracted neighbors to the spot who started at once for a physician and the Sheriff. Hearing from them of the murder, three gentlemen started from the Horton House, and on reaching F Street they heard another shot and an oath, in the direction of the Government Corral. On reporting this to those at the saloon, several got ready to start in pursuit of the murderer, who ran as soon as he committed the deed towards the corral. Sheriff Craigue, with the commendable promptness, was already upon the ground and led the party. On reaching the corral an examination was made and the wretch discovered crouched inside, near the gate. Constable Young was quickly over the fence and after him, and upon approaching he submitted to arrest without resisting, protesting that he had done nothing. As soon as Constable Young got hold of him he was handed over the fence, the gate being locked, to the Sheriff, who started with his prisoner at a rapid pace for the jail, evidently fearing that the excited throng

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following him might attempt to take the murderer and execute summary vengeance upon him. The jail was reached safely and the murderer locked up, not too soon, however, as several of the crowd that followed would not have hesitated long about taking justice into their hands. The pistol was found on the murderer. Too much praise cannot be accorded to Sheriff Craigie and Constable Young for the alacrity displayed in the performance of their duties. The murdered man was one of our best citizens; and a more generous or kind hearted man never lived in the town. He was the treasurer of the Odd Fellows' lodge of this city, and generally respected and esteemed by every body. His awful death will be lamented by many friends.

April 11, 1872 SAN DIEGO UNION

Funeral of Matthew Alderson

The funeral of the lamented Matthew Alderson, on Sunday last, was one of the largest we have seen in this city. The remains were taken to the Methodist Church at one o'clock, followed by the members of the San Diego Lodge No. 153, I.O.O.F., where an earnest and eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. Wickes. The singing by the united choirs of the churches of the city, was inexpressibly beautiful. A very large number of people then passed around the coffin, taking a last look at the face of their murdered friend. The remains were then borne to the hearse, and the funeral procession moved slowly through the city to the Odd Fellows' cemetery. At the grave the brief but impressive burial service of the Order was read by Rev. Bro. McLaferty.

June 22, 1888 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

Tomas Alvarado, Jr., of Monseratte, died in San Diego Saturday last, of quick consumption. He was 14 years of age and a promising boy. His parents have the sympathy of their many friends.

May 21, 1898 OCEANSIDE BLADE

San Luis Rey Reports.

Ramon Alvarez, an Indian, died at the Rancheria yesterday.

June 20, 1896 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Death of Captain Anshutz.

Captain Peter Anshutz, of Escondido, who came over last Sunday to spend some time at this place, was found dead on the beach by W. N. Johnson Monday morning at 6:15 o'clock.

He was stopping at the Connor house and it was testified to by Mrs. Connor that he was in bed at about 20 minutes before six o'clock, as he slept with his door open. It was at first thought that he had drowned, but as it was low tide and the highest water where the body was found was not over an inch when the surf came in, it was concluded that he had died from natural causes.

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He was lying on his face and toward the sea, where, had he been drifted in by the waves after drowning his position would, in all probability, have been just opposite. His clothing was found about a hundred feet from the body, with a knife, handkerchief and \$81.41 in his pockets. From the Escondido Advocate the following is taken, which indicates that his had been a very active and useful life:

The Captain was born in Alsace, Germany, in 1810, and was consequently in the 86th year of his age. He came with his parents to America and settled at Pittsburgh, Pa., where he engaged in boating and became a captain on the Pittsburgh & New Orleans line. Some years since he engaged in mining in Colorado, where he lost heavily. He then retired to a farm near Fort Scott, Kansas, where he lived until two years ago, when he came to California, and has made his home at Escondido most of the time since. He leaves a son, who lives in Denver, and a daughter married and living at Fort Scott.

He spent several weeks at this point last winter and was well and favorably known by many of our citizens. The remains were interred here, under the direction of Mr. Lockwood, a friend of the family from San Diego, who came up from San Diego for the purpose.

February 11, 1899 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Mrs. Ball died Sunday at 8 p.m. of consumption and was buried Tuesday at South Oceanside. Rev. J. M. Richmond conducted the funeral service. Mrs. Ball was a native of Texas. She has quite a good many relatives here that mourn her loss.

February 15, 1896 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Cruz Bandini, a brother of Mrs. Y. B. de Coutts, was found dead in the road near Vista Sunday evening. At first it was supposed that he had been murdered, but the findings of the jury Monday, showed that his death was the result of an accident. As he was alone the facts will never be known, but it is supposed that his horse first shied, causing his feet to drop from the cross bar down through the open bottom of the cart to the ground and that he fell forward on the hors and was kicked to death, as a bad fracture was found behind the left ear and a terrible wound was found in the forehead, beside, his neck was broken.

July 18, 1891 THE DIAMOND

DEAD ALONG THE TRACK

The body of a man was found along the railroad track on Tuesday, and upon investigation his name was found to be **J.H. Belker**, recently from San Francisco. It is supposed that he came to his death accidentally, though possibly he may have been killed by a train. He had been dead for several days. He was buried at South Oceanside Cemetery. A coroner's inquest was held by Judge Baughn and a jury consisting of E.E. Shawl, M.N. Hoblit, Frank Freeman, Albert Loughlin, W.E. Clare and A.L. Measure. Their verdict was he had died while in a fit.

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September 26, 1896 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Foss Bailed--Preliminary Examination.

Wednesday morning Albert Foss who killed **Emanuel Bellina** Saturday night near San Luis Rey, was put under \$2,000 bail by Justice Kurtz of San Luis Rey and given his liberty. It is understood that his mother and Frank Libby are the sureties. There may be no ground for it, but a great many people are not at all pleased with the leniency shown Mr. Foss by the officials, either in San Luis Rey or San Diego, and they are most emphatically expressing their sentiments. They believe there will be developments at the preliminary examination that will put a different light on the case that it now presents, and they are in no pleasant mood over the conduct of the officials in assuming to know so much before the preliminary trial, which by the way, is set for next Tuesday, the 30th.

F.E. Bellina, a nephew of the ill-fated Emanuel Bellina, came up from San Diego Tuesday morning to attend the funeral, but was too late. He returned to San Diego the same day.

Rev. George E. Eldridge officiated at the funeral of Emanuel Bellina Tuesday. The services were simple and informal, no sermon being delivered. A large number of friends were present.

November 18, 1899 OCEANSIDE BLADE

F.E. Bellina well known here, died in Chihuahua, Mexico, of small-pox last week. His family are in Tulare, Cal.

June 1, 1895 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Died, near La Costa, Cal., May 24, at 3 p.m., of pneumonia preinduced by diphtheria, **Miss Lula F. Borden**, daughter of H. W. and L. Borden, aged 16 years, 10 month and 20 days. The funeral services were held Sunday, May 26, at San Luis Rey.

W. W. Borden was in town Monday from Carlsbad. He reports that the family of H. W. Borden, of Merle, has been suffering a severe trial with diphtheria, in a malignant form, nearly all the family having had it, and one case with other disorders proving fatal--their **daughter Lula**, aged 17, who was buried at San Luis Rey. Other members of family are convalescent.

Saturday, January 4, 1896 OCEANSIDE BLADE

San Marcos Items.

Died--from hemorrhage of the lungs Tuesday night, Dec. 31, 1895 Mr. Jas. Boxley.

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December 18, 1897 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Death of Patrick Boyle

Patrick Boyle, a well known resident of Vista, met a tragic death Tuesday night. The deceased had been to San Diego Monday, with his brother John, and came to this city Tuesday afternoon. On the way up from San Diego Boyle being intoxicated tore up his ticket and when he boarded the train for Vista without it, was put off by the conductor. Deceased then hired a horse here to ride to his ranch. This was the last seen of him until word was brought to this city that the body of the unfortunate rancher had been found on the bridge near Marron's in the canyon. Mr. Ellis, a farmer saw the body from a distance early in the morning and with another man who was passing went over to where it lay. Word was brought to this place and the body brought in. The coroner was telegraphed for and an inquest held Monday afternoon. Witnesses testified that the last seen of the unfortunate man was when he left here on a horse for his ranch. When the body was found there was a wound on the head and the skull had evidently been fractured. From the fact that there was horse hair on the bridge rail the opinion is that the horse fell and threw the rider against the bridge with such force as to cause death. So far as known the deceased had no enemies, being a good natured, goodhearted man although addicted to drink. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of death from causes unknown. The dead man was forty-five years old and a native of Ireland. The funeral occurred at San Luis Rey.

May 10, 1889 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

Sam Brannen a well-known California pioneer died at Escondido Monday. Age 70.

February 11, 1892 OCEANSIDE HERALD

DIED.

At the home of his parents in Oceanside, on Saturday, Feb. 6th, of quick consumption, **Geo. W. Brodie**, aged 25 years and 10 months. Deceased always bore a good reputation for honesty, and early established a good, Christian character. He was only to be known to be loved. He was converted at a Holiness camp meeting at Downey in 1883 and has lived a pure and noble life. His last few months on earth were marked as months of deep piety and his last days were days of great triumph. He leaves to mourn his loss an aged father and mother one brother and five sisters. The funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Holiness church on February 8th. Much kindness was manifested by the community for which we would hereby acknowledge the thanks of the afflicted family.

Saturday, March 14, 1896 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Died--The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Brookman died Saturday night. It had never been strong or healthy and its early demise was not wholly unexpected, but nevertheless a sad blow to the family, the head of which is now in Texas.

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November 23, 1888 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

We regret to learn of the death of the little child of **Claudio Bustamante**, in San Luis Rey Valley. The child died of brain fever, and was buried on Thursday.

October 30, 1897 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Ed. C. Bynon, a former resident of Oceanside, died of typhoid fever in Santa Ana, Tuesday.

November 20, 1897 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Father Caballaro.

DIED--At the Mission of San Luis Rey. November 15, 7:45 A. M., **Rev. Joseph M. Caballaro de Acuna**, age 65.

The Rev. Father J. M. Caballaro was born in San Miguel de Alledé, state of Guanajuato, Mexico, on November 7, 1832. He made his preparatory studies in the seminary of Morelia, after which he completed his course of studies in the college of St. Ildefonso of the City of Mexico; when he felt he was called to become a member of the order of the humble St. Francis. Following the promptings of the Divine Will, he entered the Order in the Apolstol College of Our Lady Guadalupe of Zacatecas in 1855. He was engaged in various missions and offices of the order in Mexico up to 1886 when he went to reside in the Holy Land and was a member of the Franciscan Community at the Holy Sepulchre during six years, or up to the time he came to San Luis Rey to help with the founding of this community. The father had been very sick for more than a year, ever since his return from assisting a mission in Mexico. The illness was long and painful. Requiescat in peace.

Saturday, March 24, 1894 OCEANSIDE BLADE

DIED

Died, quite suddenly March 20, 1894, while eating supper, **Mr. Samuel Carter**, aged 65 years and one day. He appeared as usual Tuesday morning. After a brief service at the grave, Thursday afternoon his body was laid to rest in the San Luis Rey cemetery.

February 1, 1896 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Del Mar Notes.

Mrs. Cole, a former resident of this community, but later of the colony some six miles distant, died last Saturday and was buried Monday.

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June 11, 1874 SAN DIEGO UNION

Col. Cave J. Coutts, of Guajome, in this county, died at the Horton House shortly before twelve o'clock last night. Col. Coutts had long suffered from aneurism of the aorta, and only recently visited San Francisco for medical counsel there. On his return to the city, some two weeks ago, he was attacked with a violent paroxysm of the disease, and has been lying at the point of death ever since. Col. Coutts came to California as an officer of dragoons in 1849. He had charges of the military party which conducted the survey of the boundary line between California and Mexico. Resigning from the army he made his home in this county, where he has continuously resided since 1849. He married more than twenty years ago Theodora, a daughter of Don Juan Bandini, a lady whose nobility of character and Christian graces are known throughout this section of the State. This devoted wife and eight children now mourn the loss of a kind husband and indulgent father.

Col. Coutts was a native of Tennessee. He was a graduate of West Point Military Academy, and served through the war with Mexico.

January 18, 1889 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

The youngest child of **Wm. B. Coutts** died at San Marcos, of fever on Monday.

October 28, 1893 OCEANSIDE BLADE

DIED.

Estella, the little twenty-two months old daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Coutts**, died suddenly Sunday morning. She was seized with convulsions, from some cause unknown, and death resulted almost instantaneously. It is sad to lose the little ones from our homes even when an illness of some duration partially prepares us to expect such a result, but so sudden a bereavement is doubly sad and the parents have the community's deepest sympathy. The Silent Reaper spares no home; but, ... "with his sickle keen, He reaps the bearded grain at a breath, and the flowers that grow in between."

May 29, 1897 OCEANSIDE BLADE

DEATH OF MRS. Y. B. DE COUTS

Mrs. Ysidora Bandini de Coutts, of Guajome, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Baker of Los Angeles, Monday morning, May 24th, at the advanced age of 69 years, she having been born in Old San Diego, Sept. 13, 1827. Her father was Don Juan Bandini, son of Don Jose Bandini, in the last century a commander in the Spanish navy and later a resident of Peru, where it is said that Don Jose lost his eye sight in some way and his son took his place, sailing this coast until finally settling at Old San Diego. He took the side of the Americans in the troubles between this country and Mexico, and his daughters, Miss Ysidora and her two sisters, made the first American flag ever raised in the county.

In 1850 she married Col. Cave J. Coutts of the U. S. Army, and six years later they settled at Guajome, where the husband died in 1874, leaving her with a large estate and a family of eight

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children to care for. The children were all well reared and educated and the estate well taken care of under her management, and in 1886 a portion of it was sold for the very snug sum of \$300,000, which was divided among the children and herself. The value of that left is probably about \$50,000, consisting of about 2,000 acres at Guajome, land at Elsinore and Vallecitos, and a large number of improved and vacant lots at Oceanside. The eight children are still living and are as follows: Cave J., Mrs. Parker Dear, Mrs. Chalmers Scott, Mrs. J. B. Winston, Mrs. Ysidora Coutts Gray, John F. and Wm. B. Coutts.

The funeral service was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, at San Diego Wednesday, with a solemn requiem mass, lasting nearly two hours. There were numerous beautiful and expensive floral offerings, among them a wreath and cross of white roses and carnations from the San Diego pioneers. Father Ubach conducted the services, and, as he had long been the deceased's confessor and friend, his remarks were touching, eulogistic and eloquent. The remains were placed in the vault at San Diego beside those of her husband, the following named persons acting as pall bearers: M. Altamarino of Old Town, Don Marcos Forster of San Juan Capistrano, Andrew Cassidy and Judge E. S. Parker of San Diego, all old pioneers; Oscar A. Trippett, J. E. and H. E. O'Brien of this city, and Charles Forbes of Los Angeles.

July 30, 1898 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Fallbrook Fancies.

Mr. Eastwood, one of the oldest and best known residents of Fallbrook died suddenly last Thursday evening at the residence of his son-in-law, G.F. Van Velzer. The funeral ceremonies were conducted by Mr. Shaw, Saturday morning at which there was a large gathering of citizens.

April 10, 1897 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Death of Harold Fagelund.

Harold Fagelund, of the San Luis Rey English colony, was found dead in bed at his home Monday morning. He had never been very strong and the day before he died was somewhat indisposed. A coroner's inquest and autopsy was held and the cause of death was found to be a perforating ulcer of the stomach.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. E. Jacob and Rev. E. Walter, and the remains interred at San Luis Rey, Tuesday.

Mr. Fagelund was born in London, and was 23 years of age. He was one of the most upright, unostentatious and gentlemanly men it was ever our good fortune to know. His death is a blow to the colony, a loss to the community, and a sad shock to his relatives and friends. Heaven has a place for all like him, but we need them most on earth.

January 4, 1889 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

On Dec. 31st, born to the wife of **John Fisher**, a daughter. The little child only lived a few hours, and was buried on New Year's Day at Buena Vista Cemetery, South Oceanside.

May 20, 1899 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Obituary

The community was shocked Thursday afternoon by the news of the sudden death of **Don Frazee** of South Oceanside. He had been in this city that morning on business, apparently in his usual health. He returned home for dinner and having finished eating, remarked that he felt sick and in a few minutes was dead. Dr. Nichols was summoned as soon as possible but death came before he arrived. The cause was heart failure. The funeral took place Friday afternoon and the remains were interred in South Oceanside cemetery*.

Doniphan Blair Frazee was born in Indianapolis, Ind., July 27, 1862. He came to California in 1872 residing in San Bernardino, moved from there to Winchester and in 1882 came to San Luis Rey valley and has resided in this place or at South Oceanside since. He was Justice of the Peace for two terms, has been deputy sheriff for the past six years. At the time of his death he was engaged in boring wells, having several contracts on hand. He leaves a wife and six children. His father who survives him is with his brother I. J. Frazee of Moosa, the other brother, Will, is in Arizona in a printing business and a sister, Miss Belle, is teacher in the San Diego Schools. These with many other relatives and friends mourn the death of one who was a kind husband and father, a genial friend and neighbor.

* *Body was exhumed and removed to Oceanview Cemetery in 1929*

November 20, 1897 OCEANSIDE BLADE

An infant daughter of Almarine Freeman died at San Luis Rey last Sunday night.

December 3, 1898 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Alfred A. Freeman died at his home in San Luis Rey Thursday, Dec. 1, of cancer. The deceased was seventy-six years of age and was one of the old settlers in this locality, having come overland in an old lynch-pin wagon from Lampasas, Texas, in 1870. He leaves a wife and seven children who mourn his loss, and many friends won by his fine qualities. The funeral took place Friday afternoon.

January 20, 1894 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Gone Before.

Rose Fultz, born March 28, 1889, died January 13, 1894.

Another voice is hushed and still,
Another dear one gone;
No more the wanted seat to fill,
Or join our social song.

In that bright land that knows no grief,
We soon shall meet again,
There every heart shall find relief
From sorrow, care and pain.

January 7, 1897 OCEANSIDE OLIVE LEAF

Obituary of T. E. Fultz

We are called upon this week to chronicle the sad news of the demise of T. E. Fultz, until a few weeks ago a resident of this city, at his home at 533 South Olive Street, Los Angeles, Friday night at 11 o'clock. Mr. Fultz had been failing for some time on account of a wound received while in active service in the late civil war. His declining health necessitated a change of location so that he could secure better medical treatment, but it was then too late. Mr. Fultz leaves a family of a wife and seven children, three of whom are married, to mourn his departure. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon and was conducted by the G. A. R. and A. O. U. W., both of which orders the deceased had been a member for a number of years.

Mr. Fultz had been a resident of Oceanside for about seven years, and during the most of that time been working at his trade, that of a carpenter. For two years previous to last summer he was the landlord at the Tremont, in which capacity he formed a large circle of warm friends, all of who most sorrowfully regret that he is to be with us no more.

January 16, 1897 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Obituary.

The life and biographical sketch of our departed father, husband, soldier, comrade and brother, **Thomas Edmond Fultz**. He was born June 25, 1833, in Pennsylvania, and was educated in the same state. From there he emigrated to the state of Iowa, where he married, and raised a family of nine children. He affiliated with the order of A.O.U.W. and continued his membership as a brother up to the day of his demise, by whom he was honored, loved and respected. He also, in the fall of 1861, enlisted in the 9th Iowa regiment, Company I, where he served three years, receiving his discharge as a good and faithful soldier, and re-enlisting for one year more, again receiving an honorable discharge, and always recognized as a true comrade and straightforward man. At the close of the war he became a member of Osborne Post, of Osborne, Kansas, where he was ever ready to fulfill the duties and obligations of a brother, comrade and friend.

From Kansas he emigrated with his family--consisting of wife, four daughters and two sons--to Oceanside, Cal., on account of his health, where he lived eight years, built himself a home, and was respected by all who knew him. He departed this life Jan. 1, 1897, in the city of Los Angeles, to which place he had gone hoping to better his health. He leaves a wife, five daughters and two sons, who only can feel the bereavement of a husband and father. He was always loved and loved those he now leaves on this earth whom he will never meet only in the heaven above where the God of Mercy will join the hands of wife, mother, daughters and sons in that great celestial home.

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September 5, 1891 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

DIED

In Oceanside Sept. 2nd, 1891, **India D. Goetz**, Age 35. She was born in Springdale, Cedar Co., Iowa, on 27th day of March, 1856. Funeral took place on Thursday at 10 a.m. She was laid to rest at Buena Vista Cemetery at South Oceanside. The funeral was attended by the whole community. Mr. Goetz has the heartfelt sympathy of everyone.

Death of Mrs. Goetz

Sorrow and sadness mark to-day the face of every person in our city. The angel of death has spread his wings over our homes and left a dwelling filled with weeping and heart-breaking sobs. Three young children cry and lament because fate has left them orphans with a swiftness that passes all human conception. The mother, who was their protector and educator, has been taken from them. The whole community sympathizes with Mr. Goetz in his sad bereavement and mourns the death of his beloved wife, she being universally liked and respected. First in charity and benevolence; first in church and society--she has vanished from our midst like the shadow that passes on the wall. Her sudden demise has shocked the community, and we grieve her departure from this life, not only as an irreparable loss to the family, but to us all. R.I.P.

September 29, 1894 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Died--Mrs. Max Goldbaum.

Mrs. Max Goldbaum accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Bieber, arrived in this city Saturday evening. She is quite ill and her many friends hope the climate here may be beneficial.

Later--As we go to press the sad news of the death of Mrs. Goldbaum is reported at this office. The cause of death was consumption. She was a comparatively young woman, being but 24 years of age. Mrs. Goldbaum leaves behind to mourn her loss, our townsmen, Mr. Goldbaum, her husband and a little son of three years, also her sisters, Mrs. Wm. Goldbaum and Miss Cecilia Bieber and her mother, all of whom were present during the last days of her illness.

The remains will be taken to Los Angeles for interment Sunday morning, members of the Oceanside K. of P. acting as pall bearers from her late home to the depot. Services will be held at the Santa Fe depot at Los Angeles on the arrival of the train, the last sad rites being performed immediately thereafter at the cemetery in that city. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the stricken family and relatives by their numerous friends and acquaintances of this city.

Saturday, May 2, 1896 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Pala Pencilings.

The funeral of **Mrs. V. Gomez**, mother of Mrs. Francisco Moreno, was largely attended; and many beautiful floral offerings cover the new made mound.

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February 4, 1899 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Mr. Gorman died Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock of pneumonia and was buried Thursday at 4 p.m. at South Oceanside.

July 27, 1895 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Sudden Death

Tuesday morning a telegram was received from San Francisco by W. G. Grate, saying: "We failed to awaken Eva this morning. Come at once," and signed by the landlady of the boarding house where Miss Grate was stopping. Mr. Grate immediately prepared for the trip and left on the morning train north, leaving word that he would telegraph Mrs. Grate here on learning the true condition of the matter.

Later--As feared, a telegram from Mr. Grate, received Thursday evening announced the fact that Miss Grate was dead and that the remains would arrive here for interment at South Oceanside Saturday on the 11:17 train. The funeral will immediately take place with Christian Science services--scripture reading, singing and prayer at the grave.

Miss Grate was attending Heald's Business College and was in good health up to the time of her said taking off. She ranked very high as a student, and as a daughter, companion and friend, was amiable, true and kind. Mr. and Mrs. Grate have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

August 3, 1895 OCEANSIDE BLADE

W. G. Grate returned from San Francisco Saturday night with the remains of his daughter, **Eva**, who died there the morning of the 25th, ult. A large crowd was at the depot on arrival, attracted by sympathy, curiosity, and motives as undefinable as inexplicable. The funeral services were held Sunday, the burial being at the Odd Fellows cemetery instead of at South Oceanside as announced last week. In conversation with Mr. Grate it was found that the cause of death was epilepsy. The young lady had been in good health for a long time, and had not had an attack of the kind since some time last year. She was well and feeling particularly bright the evening before, and retired as usual, apparently in the best of health, the report published in the *Call* notwithstanding. She had not been ill, had not been prescribed for by Dr. Haly at any time and he (Haly) did not make the autopsy. That was made by the City physician who judged from appearance and position of the body that epilepsy was the cause of the death. The report in the *Call* was false in almost every particular.

May 18, 1888 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

Mrs. J. S. Griffin's Death.

The Los Angeles HERALD of May 4th says:
The funeral of Mrs. J. S. Griffin, who died on Wednesday last, will take place this morning at 9 o'clock at her late residence on the corner of Downey avenue and Workman street, and at 10 o'clock in the Cathedral. The deceased, who was before her marriage Miss Louise Hayes, came here early in 1850 from Maryland with her brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. Eaton, the parents

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Fred Eaton, late City Surveyor. The family was one of the most prominent of the early settlers, Hon. B. Hayes, the brother, being for twelve years Judge of the District Court of Los Angeles. A few years after her arrival Miss Louise Hayes married Dr. J. S. Griffin, who had resigned his position as surgeon in the United States army, and came here in 1852 to practice medicine. The late Mrs. Griffin, who was very highly respected by all who knew her, was nearly 60 years of age.

July 22, 1899 OCEANSIDE BLADE

OBITUARY

The people of Encinitas were deeply pained on Wednesday morning to hear of the death of their highly respected neighbor, Miss Alice Hewson, who expired at 12 o'clock at night on July 25, 1899. Miss Hewson was the daughter of Capt. James Hewson of Encinitas. She had been in slowly failing health for over seven years and medical skill failed to cure the lingering consumption with, which she was afflicted. She passed away as if going to sleep, perfectly conscious, willing and ready to depart for the better world.

She was born on the island of Hayti and was thirty-one years of age. Most of her education was received at Valparaiso, Chili, but completed in San Francisco. Miss Hewson had quite an extended acquaintance in this large county who will hear of her death with much sorrow. The funeral services were held at San Diego and the interment in the Masonic cemetery

Our many mansioned home on high,
The Savior-doth prepare;
And none shall ever grieve or die,
Within the portals there,
Yet here with loved ones clust'ring round
To smile or weep within me.
Rich are the blessings I have found
Beneath my own roof tree.
Home, sweet home of holy love,
Where weariness may rest;
If such below, how sweet above,
A home among the blest.
E. J. B.

November 25, 1893 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Another Short Life Ended.

Sorrow has visited another home. Mr. and Mrs. **George Holman** are mourning the loss of their little two years old daughter. She had been sick for several days with the epidemic throat trouble that has so often brought sorrow to other homes and Thursday at 1 o'clock p.m. her little spirit winged its flight to fairer climes. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. George E. Eldridge at the house Friday afternoon. Those who mourn this little one may look for comfort toward the Eternal City, knowing that the "little feet in the golden streets can never go astray."

December 2, 1893 OCEANSIDE BLADE

DIED

A sad and touching scene was witnessed by those present at the interment of **Zoe Holman** and **Johnnie Hunting** in South Oceanside cemetery last Sunday at 2 o'clock p.m. No services were held at the houses, and the long procession winded its way directly to the burying grounds. Rev. Eldredge conducted the last sad rites assisted by a chorus of singers. It was an impressive moment. So many little voices were being silenced by the dreaded epidemic, it seemed as if His voice was whispering "be still and know that I am God."

Two homes are less joyful because they miss these little forms and the Baptist Sunday School loses two of its brightest little pupils. Zoe was the only surviving child, the parents having watched the dust of mother earth cover their youngest child but a few days ago. Johnnie was the oldest child and only son, leaving a sister to comfort the sorrowing parents.

In scenes like these 'tis well if we can say "we sorrow not as those who have no hope," but look beyond the mists that hide them from us for awhile and know that we shall meet them once again.

Let us so live that we can trustingly say:
"I know not what the future hath
Of marvel and surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
God's mercy underlies."

And so beside the silent sea
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me
On ocean or on shore."

April 28, 1894 OCEANSIDE BLADE

AT REST IN PEACE

A Prominent Citizen Gone From Our Midst

Colonel Daniel H. Horne of this city died at his home on Second street, Sunday night, April 22nd, 1894, after a long and painful illness of eighteen months. The date named was the forty-fifth anniversary of his marriage to the wife who survives him and who was his helpmate through a long life usefulness, as a private citizen, soldier of his country and legislator in the councils of state.

He passed away quietly, steadfast in the hope that had been his stay in life; confirming the scripture, "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace." Though his long illness and advancing years made the event not unexpected yet so closely had his life and energies been connected with those of this community the gradual approach of the inevitable result could but slightly lessen its sadness and solemnity.

The indefatigable enterprise and buoyant spirit that had been marked characteristics through life shone clearly to the close, and only near the end the failing physical strength forced him to remain within doors and finally in his bed to await patiently the release of the spirit.

The funeral services was held in the Congregational church Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m., Rev. H. M. Daniels of De Luz and Rev. F. D. Ashleigh assisting the pastor, Rev. J. L. Pearson. The 23rd Psalm was read by Rev. Daniels and the congregation joined with the choir, softly singing No. 20 from the Gospel Hymns. Rev. Pearson then read selected portions of scripture portraying the brevity of this life and offering an Eternal Refuge to which all may fly, and followed the reading with an earnest prayer. Another song was sung and Rev. Daniels then addressed the large assemblage. Being a warm, personal friend of the deceased, he spoke with feeling, beginning by quoting portions of the scripture read. After dwelling upon the thought of the everlasting and unchangeableness of God, he spoke in eulogy of the dead and closed counseling all to follow in the footsteps of the now still form before them, and live clean, honest, godly lives.

Rev. Pearson then spoke briefly but touchingly of the lesson that silent lips, often the most eloquent, might teach us; and speaking of the closing hours of the dear, dead brother's life urged all to accept the Friend he loved and served, that their last days might be as his, filled with hope and love and the joyful anticipation of the life to come. "Beautiful Valley of Eden" was then sung and Rev. Ashleigh pronounced a benediction. Friends were given an opportunity for a farewell look and the procession then formed and the services were concluded at the grave, in the private grounds on Horne street, with singing and prayer.

The church was beautifully decorated with an abundance of flowers, white and purple being the prevailing tints. The largest, floral piece, a monument, was made entirely of flowers of these colors.

Active in state and civic matters, Col. Horne was interested in church and religious matters as well. The building in which the last sad rites were held being erected chiefly through his energy and financial support. Not only was he generous with his worldly goods toward the help of Christ's kingdom, but time, talents and personal attention were cheerfully and faithfully given and the church circle to which he belonged will sorely miss him. They mourn with the inner circle of his home the hopeful, helpful, undaunted spirit.

His widow, who bore this last great trial with the same fortitude and courage that enabled her to stand an unflinching helpmate by his side through all the vicissitudes and dangers that best the path of pioneers, has the sympathy of every heart. Her three daughters, Mrs. Ernest D. McGraw, Mrs. E. M. Clewett of Elsinore and Mrs. Joseph E. Butler, share with her this sad bereavement and with their husbands and the grandchildren were present to mingle their tears and give comfort and consolation to their lonely mother.

The large attendance at the funeral gave evidence of the universal respect for the dead and commiseration of the living. His pall bearers were selected from the ranks of old soldiers, he having worn the blue, and the flags floated at half mast until the evening of his burial day.

We may fittingly close with a part of a hymn he seemed to especially like and frequently call for in the church meetings; he made the words his and knew their truth and meaning by his own experience. Let us take them to our hearts as comfort, knowing he has entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God:

"Sing above the battle's strife,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
By his death and endless life,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.
Sing it softly through the gloom,

When the heart for mercy craves,
Sing in triumph o'er the tomb,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves."

December 2, 1893 OCEANSIDE BLADE

DIED

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December 9, 1893 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Died.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunting's little daughter Lois now rests besides her little brother in South Oceanside cemetery. Her voice now swells the chorus of souls redeemed.

The doctors pronounced heart failure as the immediate cause of death. A short time previous to her brother's illness she recovered from an attack of the throat trouble which proved fatal to him. She died at the home of her grandparents on Monday, near noon. The funeral procession Wednesday was joined by others here at 12 p.m. and the services were held at the place of burial, Rev. G. E. Eldridge.

This leaves another home without the patter of little feet or the ripple of childish laughter. We sing the old, familiar hymns so often their meaning seldom comes to us; but as the voices of

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the singers wafted them to the ear that day their full solemnity came to those who listened to these lines:

"Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee
E'en tho' it be a cross that raiseth me."

We can only creep closer to the side of Him who trod life's path thorn crowned and sorrowing, 'neath the shadow of the cross; knowing that "All things work together for good to them that love God."

November 28, 1893 OCEANSIDE BLADE

DIED.

Henry Irwin, age six years, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. I. I. Irwin died Monday morning of membranous croup.

The funeral services were conducted by Mr. Brodie at the grave. After the singing of a hymn by the choir, appropriate remarks to the living and of the dead were made, the XC Psalm was read, a prayer offered and the little form was covered to remain, awaiting the trumpet call we all shall hear and answer.

The little fellow died on his sixth birthday morn. His presents were awaiting him and next the chill hand of death will rest. All are sad with the sorrowing, not knowing how soon we, too, may be called upon to mourn the loss of those we love.

While the bright face is missed from the circle of earth, a glad welcoming awaited him above, "for of such is the kingdom of God."

October 31, 1897 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Obituary.

Mrs. Elmira Johnson, who has been suffering from consumption for some time past, died at her home on Hill Street Tuesday morning at four o'clock. Her death was not unexpected as she was seriously ill at the time of her husband's death, which occurred Dec. 25th of last year.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rooker of Bonsall and was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, in 1844, being the eldest of twelve children. She came to this state when thirteen years of age and was married to S. V. R. Johnson at San Jose, this state, at the age of eighteen. She was the mother of one daughter and seven sons, five of whom still love and mourn her loss.

The funeral services were held Thursday at 1 o'clock in the Methodist Church. Rev. Richmond assisted by Rev. Morris of Los Angeles conducted the exercises and a large number followed to the Odd Fellows cemetery where the interment took place. She leaves a large circle of relatives and friends and their sympathy with that of the entire community is extended to her immediate family in their sorrow.

January 1, 1898 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Obituary.

DIED--In this city, Saturday morning, Dec. 25, 1897, at his residence on Hill Street, **Stephen Van Rensalaer Johnson**, aged 62 years.

Mr. Johnson was born in Detroit, Michigan, November 13th, 1835, where he made his home until the year 1856, when he came to California to reside. Since 1891 his home has been in Oceanside, he having opened up a business here in the spring of that year; and giving it his personal attention excepting the times when rheumatic troubles, from which he was a sufferer, made it necessary to take a vacation and seek relief at hot springs or from medical treatment.

His last illness, though serious and at first thought necessarily fatal seemed to be yielding to medical skill until the day preceding his death, when he sank into a stupor and grew rapidly weaker. He lingered through the night and passed away Saturday morning about six-o'clock.

The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. Richmond officiating. A large number were in attendance to pay the last tribute of respect to one who had won favor by his kindly disposition and sterling business qualities. His remains were interred in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

He leaves a wife and five children; one daughter, Mrs. W. H. Dilse of this city; and four sons, Horace, George, James and Walter, the latter still at home with his widowed mother. The family have the sympathy of their many friends here and elsewhere in their great sorrow.

April 8, 1899 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Mrs. William Johnson

Mrs. William Johnson **Error! Bookmark not defined.**, who has been suffering with cancer of the stomach, died at her home on Hill street Thursday morning. The last few weeks of life were fraught with much pain but she bore it patiently and found the grace and strength of God sufficient for the trial and the end was triumphant and peaceful. She leaves a husband and seven grown children to mourn her, one daughter, Mrs. I. H. Johnson of this city, being with her during her illness.

The funeral services were conducted Friday morning at 8 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Richmond assisted by Rev. Mr. Sackett and the remains were taken to Whittier on the 9:30 train for interment and Mr. Johnson, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Johnson and Miss Templeton, went with them. The relatives have the sincerest sympathy of their many friends in this sad bereavement.

April 15, 1899 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Obituary.

Susanna Bailey Johnson, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Bailey, was born near Wilmington, Ohio, April 25, 1832 and departed this life April 6th 1899 being 66 years 11 months and 11 days of age. She was united in marriage to James B. Beckett at the age of twenty years. The fruit of this union was five sons and three daughters. The husband and one daughter preceded her to the better land.

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She lived a widow fourteen years; was married to J. M. Hodson in 1884 and again left a widow in 1892. In March 1894 she was married to William Johnson, who with her seven children and host of relatives and friends, mourn their loss, but our loss is her eternal gain. Of the trials and cares of life she had her full share. She had a birthright membership with the Society of Friends, holding the important offices of overseer and elder, and lived a consistent, earnest Christian life leaving abundant evidence of faith in Christ and his power to keep that which was entrusted to his care.

Card of Thanks.

William and Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Johnson take this means to thank their many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the late illness and death of Susana B. Johnson. A friend in NEED is a friend INDEED.

July 25, 1891 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

Dave Kitching's Death.

We are sorry to chronicle the unexpected death of Dave Kitching. Cruel death carried him off Sunday afternoon, July 18th, at the age of 22. The hay press guillotine had crushed his leg three days previous and the shock was more than his constitution could stand. The young man had developed into most promising worker and citizen, although his pathway was not strewn with flowers by any means. A dependent mother and several disconsolate sisters have lost their mainstay and support; San Luis Rey is deprived of its most exemplary young man. Words cannot express the sorrow and grief of the community. The Diamond sheds tears with the mourners who are legion and stand askance at the sad havoc cruel death has wrought of a sudden like a flash of lightning from a clear sky.

Saturday, June 20, 1896 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Pala Pencilings.

The funeral of **Mr. A.H. Lancaster, sr.**, took place at Monserratte the 13th. inst. Mr. Lancaster was 83 years of age. A brother three years younger survives him.

September 12, 1891 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

DIED.

At San Luis Rey, Sept. 9, 1891 at 8:30 a.m. **Stephen D. Lanpher**, age 69 years. He was buried at the San Luis Rey cemetery.

Stephen D. Lanpher was born in Maine and has lived in the San Luis Rey Valley since 1876. He was a well to do farmer and leaves a wife and son.

March 30, 1888 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

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The wife of **Nat. Layne**, age 30 years died on Thursday. The funeral takes place to-day. She will be buried at the Buenavista cemetery.
September 17, 1898 OCEANSIDE BLADE

The funeral of **Mr. Joseph Lehn**, one of our old residents, took place from his late home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the whole town turned out to pay their farewell respects, as Mr. Lehn had many friends. The floral tributes were very fine.
DIED--At his home in Carlsbad, on Sunday, Sept. 11, 1898, Joseph Lehn, of rheumatism of the heart, aged 76 years, eight months and 24 days.
Mr. Lehn was born in Cologne, Germany, Dec. 18, 1822. He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife and five grown children, Mrs. Julia Brown of Carlsbad, Mrs. Hattie Drew of San Francisco, Mrs. Chandler of San Diego, and Lily and Robert Lehn of Duquoin, Ill.

January 14, 1879 from the SAN DIEGO UNION index
Catharine Libby (Mrs. W.E.) died San Luis Rey, January 10; a native of Massachusetts. 4:1

January 19, 1881 from the SAN DIEGO UNION index
William E. Libby, who died suddenly at the home of his daughter in San Luis Rey; 72 years. 4:1

February 5, 1898 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Vista Visions

The **infant child of Mr. and Mrs. L. Machado** was buried Monday. It was born Sunday and only lived about three hours.

August 10, 1895 OCEANSIDE BLADE

An Old Timer Gone.

Henry Magee, one of the pioneers of this county died at Las Flores last Sunday night, a complication of diseases and advanced age being the cause of his demise. Mr. Magee was Mexican war veteran, and served as a First Lieutenant in the U. S. volunteer infantry through the Mexican campaign. He came to California with Col. Stevenson's regiment in '48 or '49 and it is said that he was the American who first raised the American flag at Old Town, this county, at the breaking out the Fremont trouble. He married Victoria Pedrorena, a daughter of one of the Spanish families at Old Town, where he lived for a long time, then at Temecula, Fallbrook, Condor's Nest, near Pala and Las Flores where he died. His wife died in 1886 while at Fallbrook. He was 68 years of age, and left a family of nine children, one of whom was an adopted daughter, to whom he was as much a father as those of his own blood. He was an intelligent and capable man, and formerly quite prominent in county affairs and, at one time wealthy. The funeral was at Old Town where the remains were interred.

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January 28, 1899 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Mr. Maggison died at Vista Thursday of consumption, aged 71 years. He had come there recently hoping the change would benefit him. The funeral took place Friday afternoon.

September 24, 1898 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Died.

Pilar V. Marron, wife of Don Silvestre Marron, died Wednesday evening, Sept. 10, after a lingering illness. Deceased was 68 years of age and leaves three daughters, Mrs. Rosa Marron, Mrs. Sara Marron and Miss Frances Valenzuela. The interment was at San Luis Rey Mission, Friday morning, and was attended by many relatives and friends.

January 19, 1895 OCEANSIDE BLADE

DIED--At the residence of her son, T. J. Mayhew, on Friday, the 11th inst. **Mrs. Mayhew**, after a protracted illness of more than a year.

May 7, 1898 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Died--At his residence in this city, Sunday, May 1st, **Bernhard Mebach** aged 70 years.

August 16, 1889 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

DIED--On the 7th inst. **Ed. Mingus** died at his home at Vista. He was buried in the Buena Vista cemetery at South Oceanside. He led an exemplary life, was conscientious and honest, and possessed a good education. His parents have the sympathy of the community.

Tuesday, January 10, 1882 SAN DIEGO UNION

DIED.

MYERS. At San Luis Rey, December 3d. **Maggie A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Myers.**

January 28, 1886 SAN DIEGO UNION

OCEANSIDE WAVELETS

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Two deaths during the week--one of Mr. Myers children [Andrew Jackson Myers, Jr.] and one of J. W. Marron's.

August 18, 1894 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Died--J. H. Myers

J. H. Myers, died at the residence of his brother, A. J. Myers, last Saturday morning. The funeral services were held at the Baptist church the following Monday at 10 a.m., Rev. G. E. Eldridge officiating.

Mr. Myers was a native of Illinois, 63 years of age, married, and the father of eight children, seven of whom are living.

At one time he was quite wealthy having large interests in Los Angeles where the Hollenbeck now stands.

In the early history of this place he was quite prominent. He built the St. Cloud hotel, the first brick building in the town and was generally identified with all the movements for the building of the place.

He had a kind and gentle disposition, always good to his family, and his own testimony, just before his death was that his Lord had pardoned his sins, and he was ready to die.

His death was caused from lung trouble. The remains were interred in the South Oceanside cemetery.

Walter Myers and wife were down from Santa Ana to attend the funeral of the former's father, J. H. Myers. Deputy Sheriff J. K. Wilson and wife attended the funeral of the late J. H. Myers Monday. Lee Myers came down from Fresno Sunday to assist in the last sad rites of burial consequent upon the demise of his father, J. H. Myers.

September 1, 1894 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Resolutions of Respect

Whereas, At the beck of that unseen hand which we call death, there has departed from our midst the spirit of one of our fellow workers, a member of the Oceanside Silver Cornet Band, it is proper that an expression of the feeling of his associates be placed on the records of this organization. Therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Alfred Myers the Oceanside Silver Cornet Band has lost a ready and persevering member whose interest in the band was evinced by his regular attendance and attention to his work.

Resolved, That this community loses a good and upright worker whose genial disposition lent its influence for good to those around.

Resolved, That we express our sincere sympathy for his family where father, mother, brothers and sister alike remember him for his un-neglected duties and sunny disposition.

Resolved, That these resolutions be engrossed on the records of the Oceanside Silver Cornet Band, and a copy of the same be given the bereaved family of our departed fellow member and another sent to the Oceanside Blade.

December 30, 1881 from the SAN DIEGO UNION index

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Died at Fallbrook **Benjamin Wilson Neff** on December 27th, of consumption, age 53 years. 3:3

January 1, 1882 from the SAN DIEGO UNION index

Remains of B.W. Neff were followed to the grave by everybody in the San Luis Rey neighborhood, buried under auspices of Good Templars; he was a good man and everybody condoles with his bereaved family. 3:2

February 11, 1891 SAN DIEGO DAILY UNION
Saturday, January 25, 1896 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Died--**P.C. Nelson**, a prominent Carlsbad rancher, died Tuesday p.m., the cause being typhoid malaria.

June 22, 1888 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

P. [N]Morton, a railroad laborer, died suddenly on Thursday evening from heart disease. He was buried at South Oceanside.

February 11, 1891 SAN DIEGO DAILY UNION
October 10, 1891 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

Nymphia Brown O'Campo died at El Moro Monday night, of consumption. She was well known in this section on account of the Morales elopement.

February 20, 1897 OCEANSIDE BLADE

CAPT. **Died.**

The **infant son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Osborn** died Wednesday night, the cause of death being lack of vitality from birth and failure to improve in that respect. Mr. Osborn went up the coast fishing last week and had not returned at this writing (Thursday) though expected daily, and when he does return it will be to a saddened wife and home. The child was only eleven days old.

December 31, 1898 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Died--At his residence in this city, Thursday, Dec. 29, **Alfred Paden**, aged 48 years. The interment took place Friday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Sackett officiating. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss. At the time of his death Mr. Paden was a member of the city council.

March 30, 1888 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

Mrs. Sarah Perry of Kansas, age 50, died of dropsy of the heart, on the 28th and was buried at South Oceanside on Thursday.

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December 24, 1892 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Little Philip Peters, the three year old son of Stephen Peters, died on Monday after an illness of three days.

February 11, 1875 SAN DIEGO DAILY UNION

Notes from San Luis Rey

Another correspondent sends us the sad intelligence of the death of Don Juan Cruz Pico, at his home at Milpitas on the 9th instant. He leaves a wife and two small children to mourn his loss. He was a good husband and kind father, and much beloved, and respected by the whole community in which he lived, and his death will be deeply deplored. He was buried today (9th) by Rev. Father Ubach, assisted by a large concourse of relatives and friends.

February 11, 1875 SAN DIEGO DAILY UNION

Died

PICO--At his residence at Milpitas, February 7th, Juan Cruz Pico, aged 28 years and 9 months.

March 26, 1898 OCEANSIDE BLADE

CAPT. N. J. PISHON.

DIED--At his home in Oceanside, March 18, 1898, Capt. N. J. Pishon, aged 74 years. The immediate cause of death was a disordered liver but the captain's health had been gradually failing for some time and the end was not altogether unexpected.

Nathaniel J. Pishon was born in Dover, N. H., in 1824. Most of his early life was spent in Boston. He was a graduate of Carlisle military training school. It was the stories told by his grandfather, who was a revolutionary soldier and with Washington through most of his campaigns and during the winter at Valley Forge, that decided him on a military career.

He enlisted as a private at the beginning of the trouble with Mexico and served through the entire war, during which time he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. After his return from Mexico he spent the next several years in various military posts, being engaged most of the time on the Indian frontier. He was with Kit Carson in a border campaign and spent some time at Fort Leavenworth, at various points along the Rio Grande and Colorado rivers, and at stations in New Mexico, Arizona and California.

He was in command of a company acting as guard to surveyors who were employed in laying out one of the transcontinental railway lines, and named the Canyon Diablo which they discovered. On another of his expeditions the company of which he was in charge went into camp on July 3rd and celebrated the 4th of July by erecting a flagpole and nailing the flag to it,

which they left floating as they proceeded on their way the following day. The town of Flagstaff, Ariz. has grown round that pole and took its name from that incident.

At the breaking out of the rebellion he was stationed at Fort Tejon. He organized a company and started for active service as captain. His company was consolidated with another and he was detailed for commissary and special service, remaining most of the time on the Pacific coast.

While stationed in California he purchased land in San Bernardino county and he and a neighbor were the first to plant orange orchards in that county. He made his residence there for a number of years during which time he was a member of the legislature and several times supervisor of the county.

He came to Oceanside in 1886 and has resided here since and owns considerable property in San Diego county. He has one sister, Mrs. Cutler, living in Vermont. His first wife was a Mrs. Tuttle who died in 1886. In 1889 he was married to Miss Mattie C. Ball of San Diego, who survives him.

Interment took place in San Bernardino in the family burial plot. Mrs. Pishon was accompanied by her sister, Miss Lew Ball of San Diego, and other friends on the Sunday morning train that took the Captain on his last journey. A long, active and eventful life thus ended amid peaceful, quiet scenes.

June 8, 1888 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

HEIRS WANTED.

David Clinton Pitts died at San Luis Rey, June 16, 1881, leaving valuable property. His heirs can hear something to their advantage by addressing S.D. LANPHER, San Luis Rey, California.

February 18, 1893 OCEANSIDE BLADE

DIED--At San Jose, Jan. 28th of paralysis. **George H. Reece**, aged 40 years. His body was taken to Santa Barbara and buried in the family lot February 3rd.

January 7, 1896 SAN DIEGO UNION

Prospector Found Dead

William Reed, well known among mining men as a prospector was found dead at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning in an old building on the northwest corner of G and India streets. There was no evidence of foul play or suicide, the man having apparently died a natural death. He formerly worked for H.A. Howard of Cedros Island. An inquest will be held this morning at 10 o'clock.

January 11, 1896 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Obituary.

Francis William Reynolds died at the residence of the family here in Oceanside, Wednesday, January 8th, the immediate cause being a complication of diseases superinduced by a long standing heart trouble. He was a great sufferer from his disease for a long time, but at the last all pain left him and his end was calm and peaceful, he being conscious to within an hour of the flight of the spirit. Mr. Reynolds was a native of England, born in London in 1835, where he spent the most of his life until coming to San Luis Rey in 1888, where he engaged in ranch life as a partner of A. W. Morgan. Later the partnership was dissolved and he occupied a ranch of his own, which shows well the results of his intelligent supervision and care, he not being able for the past three years to do much else.

He was married to Miss Alice E. Steward, who, with a little daughter of several summers survives his prematurely and deeply mourning taking off, as he was ever a kind husband and thoughtful and indulgent father. Beside the wife and child, in their distant home in the "island kingdom," his mother, brothers and several sister will united their sorrow with hers, nor severing land, nor tossing sea will render the grief less poignant or the remembrance in after time less sad.

The funeral services, which occurred Friday, were held in All Saints church, San Luis Rey, of which he was a most active member and also the warden, the Rev. W. E. Jacobs officiating, and the remains were laid to rest under the shadow of the little church he, with so much pride and interest, with his English brethren, erected in the early years of their settlement in the neighborhood.

December 9, 1886 From the SAN DIEGO UNION index

Ciphriano Romero: Obit.; 16; in San Diego, December 8, a native of Lower California; funeral today from the Catholic Church. 3:5

March 10, 1880 From the SAN DIEGO UNION index

Feliciana Romero: A resident of the Temecula district where he had lived for many years on a small ranch, he was found wandering in a dazed condition and although given prompt attention by the County doctor, Dr. Fenn, died before he could be taken to the hospital. 4:2

December 23, 1893 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Died.

Mrs. Felicita Serez, a sister of Mrs. Steve Peters, died in this city Tuesday night, of consumption. She was a widow, thirty years old and leaves four little orphan children.

The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at San Luis Rey Mission, and the remains interred in the mission cemetery.

March 4, 1893 OCEANSIDE BLADE

A dead Chinese was found about two miles above Vista last Saturday and Judge Whiting held an inquest on the remains last Monday. To all appearances the gentleman had been defunct for two or three years as the clothes on the skeleton were badly rotted and no flesh remained on the bones. Among the clothes was found a stocking tied up on examination of which it was found to contain a wallet containing \$16.55, a nice silver watch and a poll tax receipt for 1888. A valise was found near the remains which contained various articles among which was a rubber stamp with the name **Wong Shu** in Chinese characters as this name corresponded with the poll tax receipt it was evident that was the name of the Chinaman. The jury was able to decide from these seemingly meager facts, that, although they could not arrive at the cause of dissolution, the mongol was as dead as the San Luis Rey County Bill.

January 7, 1896 SAN DIEGO UNION

The funeral of the late A. W. Smenner was held at St. Paul's church yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. Services at Mt. Hope were conducted by Silver Gate lodge, F and A M.

September 21, 1888 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

At Rest.

On Sunday morning **Ida L. Squires**, after four years of patient suffering, passed out into that "unknown sea that flows all around the world," surrounded by her father and mother, sisters, brothers and friends. Miss Squires was born in El Monte, Los Angeles county; October 17th, 1857, and was in the prime of life. For the past year and a half she had resided at Milpitas, and owned 320 acres of land. For several years she taught school, holding a first grade State certificate, besides several county certificates, but owing to ill health was obliged to resign her position. She was highly educated, and her amiable and pleasing ways soon made her acquaintances fast friends. She had been lingering between life and death for the past six weeks, Dr. Huntington & Blythe doing all known to medical science to save her.

Her relatives have the sympathy of the entire community, and all who were able followed the body to its earthly resting place at the Buena Vista **Bookmark not defined.** cemetery in South Oceanside. Rev. J. H. Daniels, of De Luz, officiated and delivered an impressive sermon over the grave. The coffin bore the simple words "At Rest."

August 20, 1898 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Accidental Death.

Antonio Subssh, a resident of Bonsall accidentally shot himself Wednesday while preparing to go hunting. He had leaned his gun, a short barreled breech loader, against a log and as he picked it up by the muzzle and drew it toward him the weapon was discharged, the load

entering the unfortunate man's right breast causing death almost instantly. The accident occurred on the Ormsby place where he was engaged in cutting wood.

A jury was impanelled by Judge Walker and a verdict of "accidental death" was rendered. The deceased was 47 years of age and leaves a wife and several children. The interment took place at San Luis Rey Cemetery on Thursday.

December 12, 1896 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Bonsall News.

John B. Summers died suddenly at his home near Gopher canyon Monday morning, the 7th. Mr. Summers was born in Pennsylvania February 25th, 1816, and was therefore in the 80th year of his age. He came to California in 1853, and has been a resident of this county since 1875. Deceased leaves a blind wife to mourn the loss of one who has been to her both a father and a kind affectionate husband. He was a good citizen and a kind, obliging neighbor. He had no enemies, and many friends who regret his demise. The body was interred in the San Luis Rey cemetery Tuesday at 2 o'clock, James Bonsall conducting the services.

June 10, 1899 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Tomasa the ancient Indian woman, one of the landmarks of San Luis Rey died Thursday night. She was said to be over one hundred years of age and as a little girl helped at the completion of the old Mission.

July 8, 1899 OCEANSIDE BLADE

News was received Wednesday that **Sam Tyson**, a former Oceanside boy, had died at Oxnard, Ventura county, of pneumonia. He was employed in sugar factory there. His relatives and friends here were shocked by the unexpected sad news.

October 12, 1888 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

W. H. Van Slyke, proprietor of the South Pacific Hotel at Oceanside, died at 11:30 on Thursday, October 4th, of lung disease, resulting from inhaling the fumes in the amalgamating department of the works at the Good Hope mine, Pinacarte district, San Diego county. Mr. Van Slyke was a native of New York, and was 47 years of age. He came to California when quite young. He had been engaged in mining operations for the greater part of his life, and was one of the original locators of the Good Hope mine. He worked this mine very successfully, and an interest in it is a part of his estate. The mine is not being worked at present. His disease dates from about a year ago, when he was attacked with pleurisy. His system being poisoned by inhaling the fumes, the disease extended to his lungs with fatal effect. He came to Oceanside about one year and half ago and began the building of the South Pacific Hotel, the fine structure that now stands by the sea-shore. He has not been able since its completion to give it any attention, and its management has devolved upon others. He took a very active part in securing the right of

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way for the Escondido branch railroad, and in that capacity rendered valuable services. His remains were interred at Los Angeles. Deceased was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was a nephew of A. P. Hotaling, of San Francisco. He leaves a wife, but no children.

June 4, 1898 OCEANSIDE BLADE

San Luis Rey Reports.

An aged Indian woman named **Verrellia** died Saturday morning. She was very old and claimed to be more than a hundred.

March 9, 1888 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

On Monday the sad news of the accidental death of **Mr. Wackerman**, of San Luis Rey, and the owner of a banana ranch in Los Angeles county, a well-known pioneer and esteemed citizen, was received here. Inquiry developed that it was caused by the explosion of a gun in a wagon from which he was descending on his arrival at his ranch from a visit to Oceanside Saturday. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss, who have the heartfelt sympathy of this community.

March 16, 1888 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

SAD ACCIDENT.

**Theodore Wackerman, Proprietor of the Banana Ranch, Accidentally Kills Himself.
The Acting Coroner Holds an Inquest--Full Particulars.**

On Sunday morning the news reached here of the death of Mr. Theodore Wackerman, proprietor of the Banana Ranch. A DIAMOND reporter left immediately for the residence of Mr. Wackerman, and found the facts to be as follows:

Sunday Mr. Wackerman left home and brought Mr. and Mrs. Reed to Oceanside. On his return home he drove up behind the house and was unloading his wagon, and in taking out the things he caught hold of the blanket in which he had his pistol and pulled it off the seat which caused the pistol to fall, and striking on the tire or hub of the wagon discharged it. The ball entered the left side of the head in front of the ears, ranged upward and backward and come out at the top of the skull, causing instant death.

Judge D. B. Frazee, acting Coroner, repaired the scene immediately and impaneled a jury and examined the witnesses who were present at the time of the accident, and found the facts be as above stated. The verdict of the jury was that the deceased came to his death by a gunshot wound at his own hand, and that such shooting was accidental.

Mr. Wackerman had a large number of warm friends. He was very public spirited, almost forgot self in the interest of the public. He leaves a wife and six children, who have sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement. The funeral took place at the cemetery at San Luis Rey, Tuesday, at 2 p.m. A large number of friends were present. The services were conducted by Elder J. H. Riddle.

February 24, 1894 OCEANSIDE BLADE

In Memory of

Olive S. Waderman, who died in this city Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, after an illness of about two weeks. Her death occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Newhall to whom she was more like a daughter than niece, having made her home with them since the death of her mother which occurred when Ollie was quite small, and shortly after her aunt's marriage. With her cousins she shared equally the parental love and affection of her aunt and uncle.

In 1882 she was converted and afterwards joined the Congregational Church, engaging actively in its service as well as in the Y.P.S.C.E. and W.C.T.U. work, acting as secretary for the last mentioned society for four years, while residing in Missouri and Texas. In this city she was identified with the same lines of work, assisting in a helpful unobtrusive manner, while prevented by ill health from doing so.

At no time robust, her health began to fail perceptibly a few months ago altho' able to be about until the last two weeks. She was a patient sufferer and not until the day before her death when she did to wish to continue taking medicine, did her friends lose hope of her recovery. She seemed ready and willing to die.

Many friends watched anxiously while the Silent Messenger hovered so near. Her uncle was telegraphed of her dangerous condition and reached here from Mohave, where he is employed, a few hours before her death.

The funeral services were held in the Congregational church, the pastor, Rev. J. L. Pearson, in charge, assisted by the pastors of the Baptist, Methodist and Holiness church.

After singing by the choir Rev. Geo. G. Eldridge read appropriate selections of scripture. These were followed by another hymn, and an impressive prayer by Rev. Pearson. Rev. F. D. Ashleigh gave a brief but excellent talk, after the choir had sung a selection, and Rev. D. G. Loveall closed the service with a benediction. An opportunity was given to take a farewell look, the choir meanwhile singing softly.

The church was beautifully decorated with a profusion of flowers, the gifts of many friend, Mrs. T. V. Dodd having their arrangements in charge.

After the service the long procession was led to South Oceanside Cemetery and the remains were laid to rest with appropriate rites. Messrs. Arthur Dodd, Fred Clewett, Eli Jones, Carl Bond, Will Spencer and Melvine Remsburg acted as pall bearers.

To those who mourn her absence let these words come bringing comfort:

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep

From which none ever wake to weep."

July 16, 1898 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Tragedy at Monserrate.

Fred T. Walker, a young Englishman about 24 years of age, and an employee at Monserrate Ranch committed suicide Tuesday by hanging.

Mr. Walker went to his duties as usual at about 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, herding cattle. When last seen alive, by another employee of the ranch at about 10:30 a.m., he was lying

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asleep in the sun with his hat drawn over his face, near where his herd was browsing. On his failure to return to the ranch house at the usual time it was thought strange and later some anxiety was felt and a search was instituted. At about 7 p.m. his body was found hanging from the limb of a large sycamore tree about three miles from the ranch house. Mr. Mills, manager of the ranch, at once telephoned the coroner for instructions, who authorized him to proceed according to his judgement until a justice of the peace could hold an inquest. The condition of the body upon being taken down showed that death had occurred several hours before. As near as could be determined the deed had been committed at near 11 o'clock.

Indications point to most deliberate preparation for accomplishing the act. Walker had first tied an iron weight, an old mower seat, to a rope, after which the rope was thrown over a limb against the trunk of the tree and then drawing the rope over until the mower seat became lodged in the crotch, he had adjusted it about his neck and thrown himself from the back of a horse, when death resulted from strangulation.

Wednesday morning an inquest was held by Justice John A. Giddens, the jury returning a verdict that the deceased had "come to his death by being strangled with a rope while his mind was in a depressed condition, said rope being fastened to the limb of a tree by his own hands." In the afternoon the remains were brought to Oceanside and were interred at the South Oceanside cemetery Thursday, after episcopal funeral services were held, Rev. W. E. Jacobs officiating.

No direct cause can be ascribed as a reason for Mr. Walker's act, but one of his friends advances the idea that he worried and brooded over the fact he was growing quite deaf, as deceased had frequently talked to him of his misfortune in a despondent way.

Mr. Mills, in whose employ Walker had been for about three years, says he had not noticed any indications of despondency and offers the theory that while lying asleep Walker had received a sunstroke, and becoming crazed, taken his own life.

The deceased was from a respectable and wealthy family and was well liked by his fellows, who mourn his loss. He had no relatives in this country.

October 21, 1893 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Died.

Wm. Wallace died at San Luis Rey Sunday after an illness of several months, during which his suffering was more, it seems to us, than any mortal should be compelled to undergo in passing the dark portal. Mr. Wallace was an old-timer and for many years lived at San Luis Rey, where he was buried Monday. At one time he was rated one of the wealthiest as well as one of the most successful men of this county. He possessed great business capacity and sagacity and was, when in his prime, the leading financier of San Diego County. He leaves a widow and several children to mourn his loss, to whom the sympathy of all friends is extended.

March 29, 1889 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

DEATH OF DR. WEITZEL

DIED--At Oceanside, Saturday morning, March 23rd at 4:00 a.m. Martin S. Weitzel, aged 53 years.

Though not unexpected the death of Dr. Weitzel cast a pall of gloom and sorrow over this community, of which he was an honored and respected resident.

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His lingering illness filled many hearts with deep solicitude and weeks ago sorrowing relatives and kind, sympathetic friends realized that the end was not far away. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by loving ones, cheered by the hope of eternal rest beyond and the love of Him who "doeth all things well."

Funeral services were held at the Congregational church last Sabbath at 2:00 p.m., after which the remains were followed to their final resting place in the Buena Vista Cemetery at South Oceanside by a large concourse of friends of the deceased and family.

Dr. Weitzel was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, in the year 1867, removed to Summer Co. Kansas in 1870 where he remained until 1885, when he came to Oceanside, and has since resided here. He was a druggist by profession. Death resulted from Bright's disease of the kidneys. Deceased was married to Miss Sarah C. Kepner in 1859, and twelve children blessed the union, seven of whom are living all at this place: Ira L., H. K., Annie F., (Martin), Jennie B. John A., W.C. and Pearl Edith.

Dr. Weitzel bore his long illness with extreme fortitude and patience. He left a bright and honored name, an unblemished reputation, a family of intelligence and refinement and a host of friends made by acts of kindness and a moral upright life.

September 18, 1897 OCEANSIDE BLADE

The remains of **Miss Hannah Wentworth**, who died Monday in Los Angeles, arrived here Tuesday for interment at San Luis Rey. She was the daughter of Capt. A. C. Wentworth, one of Bonsall's most respected and honored residents, and he has the sympathy of his many friends in his bereavement.

December 12, 1896 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Bonsall News.

After a long illness, **Sarah Wentworth, wife of Captain A. C. Wentworth**, and long a resident of this community, died at the home of her brother, Estevan Peters, Oceanside, Monday morning. Mrs. Wentworth was born in old San Diego 39 years ago, and has since made her home in this county. She was the mother of six children, five of whom survive her. The remains were laid to rest beside her mother and child in the Catholic burial ground in San Luis Rey, the funeral ceremonies being held in the Mission Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. Father Pedro. The funeral was very largely attended.

July 12, 1889 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

DIED DOING HIS DUTY!

Marshal Wilson Murdered by John Murray.

A DRUNKEN COWBOY'S DASTARDLY DEED

**The murderer Escapes but Surrenders After a Five Days Hunt
and Is Lodged in the County Jail.**

A few minutes before 1 o'clock on the morning of July 4th a number of pistol shots rang out on the still night air followed by cries of help. The alarm came from a point on Broadway in front of the St. Cloud Hotel, where a crowd soon collected. The night was dark and some time elapsed before a light was procured, but when one arrived a scene of chilling horror was revealed. **City Marshal C. C. Wilson** lay on the ground weltering in his life blood and in the **LAST THROES OF DEATH.**

His brother, Constable J. K. Wilson, was at his side, calling for assistance and vainly endeavoring to arouse life in the body of the marshal from which the vital spark had fled. In a short time it was learned that Wilson had been shot by a cow-boy named John Murray while in the act of arresting him for disturbing the peace. Kind friends gathered around the bloody corpse while Constable Wilson hastily gathered a posse and started in pursuit of the murderer. The particulars of the shooting are as follows.

A large crowd had collected at the Pioneer Saloon, where pools on the races were being sold. John Murray, a San Luis Rey cow-boy, and a Mexican named Chavez were among the number, and both were under the influence of liquor. After the saloons closed they mounted their horses and rode about the streets apparently intent upon doing some **DEED OF DEVILTRY.**

The marshal and constable told them to go home and behave themselves but the warning only seemed to increase their desire to "paint the town." They rode up to Mayrhofer's Hall to obtain a fresh supply of whiskey, but finding that place closed, returned to Broadway and rode their horses over toward the railroad. Chavez crossed the track but Murray stopped in front of a lamp post and lifted the lamp out of the frame. The officers had watched the proceeding and now started at once to arrest the drunk men. Constable Wilson drew his revolver and secured Chavez without any trouble. Just as he turned back with his prisoner he saw Murray ride up to the Marshal, hurl the lighted lamp in his face and fired his revolver at him. Rushing up the constable embraced his wounded brother who expired in his arms as narrated above.

The constable fired shots at Murray who was galloping away up Third street, firing as he went. One shot hit his horse and at John McCullough's place, one half mile north of town a wire fence stopped his flight. Leaving the horse he **FLED ON FOOT** up the San Luis Rey Valley, stopping at the residence of his uncle Ben Hubbard, where he took breakfast and then went up into the hills.

The trustees of Oceanside immediately offered a reward of \$200 for the capture of Murray, dead or alive, and later the amount was increased by county, state and private subscriptions to \$1300.

The pursuing posse, augmented by new men every few minutes, rode all over the valley in search of him on the day of the murder. Friday morning J. E. Myers took a field glass and went out on a hill overlooking the entire valley. About 11 o'clock he **CAUGHT SIGHT OF MURRAY**, or a man answering his description, walking up the hill back of Hubbard's ranch and

carrying something in his hand. Myers knew Murray well and a fresh posse at once started in pursuit. Saturday morning Sheriff McDowell came up from San Diego with fourteen men heavily armed with Springfield rifles, revolvers and shot guns. A thorough search was made of the place where Murray was supposed to be hiding, but without result.

In the afternoon a report came in that the murderer had been seen in the Santa Rosa mountains, and a number of men started for that point. The entire county was now alarmed and hundreds of men rode over the hills and valleys between Temecula and Poway, armed to the teeth and breathing revenge at every step, yet no fresh clue or encouraging report came in. On Monday evening the belief was quite general that Murray had escaped to the Santa Rosa, where his capture would be next to impossible. But about 9:00 o'clock a horseman galloped into town from San Luis Rey bringing the startling news that MURRAY HAD BEEN SEEN in John Griffin's vineyard, in the San Luis Rey Valley. There was much excitement over this report and a number of men hastily left for the place. But upon arriving at Griffin's they learned that Murray had come up to Mr. Griffin at dusk and told him that he was going to kill Charley Saylor, (a hired man) and Young Griffin. Mr. Griffin told him no good would come from that, that he was in trouble enough already and it would not help him out as the place was surrounded by men and the whole country was in arms that the best thing he could do was to surrender to him and he (Griffin) would see that he got to San Diego in safety. Murray deliberated a moment but seemed to weaken as he realized that escape was impossible. He then said that he would surrender and gave up his gun, a 44-calibre Smith & Wesson. A team was at once hitched to a light wagon and Charlie Saylor, C. L. Martin,---Payton and the prisoner started for San Diego about 9:00 o'clock in the evening. They arrived in town at 11:00 o'clock the next morning when Murray was lodged in the county jail.

John Murray was born at San Saba, Texas where his parents, who are well-to-do, respectable people, now reside. He is 23 years old, and for some years past has born an unenviable reputation as a cow-boy tough. It is said that he shot a sheriff in Texas and fled to California to avoid arrest, but the report has not been verified. For a time he was employed on the Santa Margarita Ranch as a cow-boy, but quit work on account of some trouble with the Mexican herders and has since found employment at ranching and hay baling in the San Luis Rey. He was quiet and sullen in disposition, quick to take offensive at fancied injuries and would become excited over the most trivial matter. He had a grudge against the marshal and constable who had arrested him about a year ago for disturbing the peace, and at that time he threatened Constable J. K. Wilson that he would "get even" with him. He followed the constable around town on the night of the murder and the belief grows stronger daily that the tragedy was the result of a deliberate, preconceived plan of the cow-boy desperado to provoke a quarrel and then kill both of the officers.

Had Murray been captured by friends of Wilson he would have been lynched without ceremony and the demands of the outraged justice satisfied without a tedious term in the courts.

THE MURDERED MARSHAL.

The body of Marshal Wilson was carried to the City Hall a few minutes after the shooting. Justice Frazee was summoned and hastily impaneled a jury. Dr. H. E. Stroud examined the remains and the body was cleansed and properly cared for, after which the inquest was postponed until Friday, July 5, at 10:00 o'clock. Coroner Eadon of San Diego held the inquest and verdict was that Marshal C. C. Wilson came to his death by a bullet wound inflicted by one John Murray.

The murdered man was a member of the Knight of Pythias, which society took charge of his funeral. Services were held at the Congregational Church by Rev. Bishop, who paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of the deceased, after which the remains were interred in the Buena Vista **Error! Bookmark not defined.** Cemetery, at South Oceanside. The funeral

procession was almost a mile in length and mutely attested the universal respect in which the deceased was held.

A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Charles C. Wilson was born at Visalia, Tulare County, California, in 1860, moved to Texas in 1871, returned to California in 1881, and was one of the pioneer settlers of Oceanside; was elected City Marshal one year ago. He married Miss Maggie Robertson in 1885. A little girl tragedy. She is now in a critical condition and is prostrated with grief. Mrs. McCullough, sister of the murdered man, was also stricken down by the cruel blow and is now confined to her bed, while his two brothers, J. K. and James support the burden of their great sorrow with fortitude characteristic of the men.

Courteous, obliging and kind to all, Wilson was one of those frank, congenial spirits that links others to it in the strongest bonds of fellowship. To know him was to respect the man and admire his many noble traits of character. Without a vice, without reproach or stain upon his honor, deserving the confidence and respect of all, he passed from among us to the great beyond, leaving a niche in the temple of manhood that will be hard to fill.

July 16, 1898 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Died--At her home in this city, on Tuesday morning, July 12th, **Mrs. V. R. Wilson**, after an illness of ten days.

Frances T. Kiley was born in New York City and her early life was spent in that state and in Iowa and Wisconsin. Later she resided in Tracy, Minn., where she was united by marriage January 18, 1886; and at which place they made their home until coming to Oceanside to reside about five years ago.

Mrs. Wilson's last illness began about ten days prior to her death; and although everything possible was done for her recovery, the disease, meningitis, resulted fatally. The funeral took place in this city Wednesday afternoon from the Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Wilson was a baptized member, Rev. W. E. Jacob conducting the service. The floral tributes to her memory were many and very beautiful, and a large number followed to her last resting place in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mrs. Wilson was beloved by those who knew her, and her circle of friends and acquaintances was very large. She possessed a kind, loving heart, a noble mind, and was generous to a fault. As a wife she was faithful and affectionate, as a mother gentle and devoted, prizing her home above all things else. Her husband and two small sons, Virgil and Paul are left to mourn her death. The sympathy of all their friends is with them in this sad affliction.

Mrs. Wilson's sisters, Misses Agnes and Margaret Kiley of Chicago, who were hastening to her bedside, reached this city Friday.

July 13, 1895 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Frank Woodruff, a former Oceansider, was found dead in his room in Los Angeles, July 5th. A coroner's inquest was held and it was determined that the cause of death was phthisis. He was well and favorably known in this locality, and many good friends will regret to hear of his demise. He was 49 years old and a native of Ohio. He leaves two children to mourn his loss.

August 5, 1899 OCEANSIDE BLADE

Margaret Helen Woodward, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. T. Woodward, of Encinitas, died on July 28, 1899, aged seventeen months. The funeral services and interment were held at the San Luis Rey Episcopal church.

We miss thee when the evening
Cometh down with dusky wing;
Its cool and dark'ning shadows,
A flood of mem'ries bring.

We miss the little hands
We ne'er again will hold,
And we miss the tender love tones,
From lips that now are cold.

We miss thee at the dawning;
We miss thee, child, at noon;
The gloomy shades of evening,
Fall 'round us all to soon.

In grief we clasp our hands,
But in faith gaze o'er the tide,
Where we shall join our loved one,
Upon the other side.

March 23, 1888 SOUTH OCEANSIDE DIAMOND

Miss Rita Yanez died at Pala on Wednesday last. She was twenty years of age and died of consumption.

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SAN LUIS REY VALLEY.

Maria Ygnacio, an old Indian woman, died here yesterday, verging close on to 90 years.

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