TEMECULA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1910 Newspaper Articles & Gossip Columns

May 13, 1910

Announcement

I wish to announce to the people of Temecula, Murrieta, and vicinity that I have purchased of C. J. North the Temecula Meat Market and Ice Plant and hope the community will patronize the new management as well as they have the old. My aim will be a "square deal to all." H. G. Vogel Prop.

May 13, 1910

Adrian B. Barnett, who recently purchased a fine new Fairbanks-Morse engine for his well-drilling outfit, is putting down a well on his home place, which looks very promising. At a depth of but thirteen feet the well produces 15 inches of water. Mr. Barnett will go deeper in an effort to secure a supply of at least thirty inches.

Mrs. John B. Kelly has been in Los Angles the past week attending her sister, Mrs. John M. Carr. Mrs. Carr has been so ill as to require an operation. Mr. and Mrs. Carr were former residents of Temecula.

June 17, 1910

For County Assessor

Rumored that Eli E. Barnett of Temecula will be a candidate

Eli E. Barnett attended the late Democratic rally at Riverside. We hear it rumored that he is going to run for county assessor.

Russell Vail is on the Pauba Ranch as superintendent. He succeeds Harry L. Heffner, who has gone to Mexico.

Thrashing grain is on in full swing now.

Freeman Bros. are shipping hay.

Pauba Ranch Company are shipping some beef cattle.

Adrian B. Barnett is developing water on his ranch two miles west of this place. He is meeting with good success. Let the good work go on. We would be glad to see more people developing the country.

Mrs. George A. Burnham and daughter Ethel have returned from Escondido. They have been gone some time. Ethel is very much improved in health.

Joe Winkels is sojourning at the Murrieta Hot Springs.

June 24, 1910 Appeared in July

Mrs. Cephas L. Barnett and three sons have returned home after a pleasant visit with her folks at Upland.

Mr. and Mrs. Tiffany of Los Angeles were in Temecula Saturday and Sunday shaking hands with their many friends here. Mr. Tiffany had charge of our railroad depot here for several years.

The Temecula baseball team gave a dance in the Swanguen Hall Saturday evening. They had a nice crowd and a fine time.

William Thorne, inspector of government surveys who has been working around Temecula has gone to Washington State. One of our local boys, Ole Larsen, went with him.

The Temecula baseball nine are ready for action. They have a good team this year and should give a good account of themselves.

John Nicolas is going to develop water on his ranch in French valley.

Alex Escallier, who has been laid up with an abscess on his neck, is at work again for Cephas L. Barnett. He carries a scar in memory of his pet.

Mrs. Machado has gone to Oceanside to spend the summer. They are furnishing their summer cottage there.

Alex Borel was in town the 22nd celebrating the birth of fine boy who came the 21st. Mr. Borel and the boy are doing fine, but Alex was in a rather critical condition when last seen him.

Herman Vogel made a trip to Los Angeles this week.

July 1910

Some one got busy with poison Saturday night and our population of dogs has decreased somewhat.

John Z. Barnett, president of John Z. Barnett Mining Co. is in Temecula spending a few days with his brother, Eli E. Barnett. John Z., will go to the mines in a short time to start operations.

Reports from Louis Roripaugh who is being treated in Los Angeles for dog bite state that he is doing well.

Eli E. Barnett lost a fine colt Monday night. It had all the symptoms of rabies and he thinks it was bitten by the same dog that bit the Roripaugh child and was latter kill in Elsinore.

The Pauba Ranch Co. shipped four carloads of fine beef cattle Tuesday.

Mrs. Swanguen has sold her crop of hay and it is being loaded now.

Auguste Cantarini is shipping one to two carloads of hay each day.

August 12, 1910

Mexican Fiesta at Temecula

An old-time Indian and Mexican fiesta in celebration of San Luis Rey is advertised to be held at Temecula, August 23rd to 26th. There will be Indian dances and games, feather, eagle, and fire dances, Pelota and Peon games, horse races, foot races, base ball games, cowboy and Mexican feats in horsemanship, including bronco busting, coin-lifting, etc. Dancing day and night. It is an attractive program throughout, and no doubt will draw a large attendance. It is probable the noon train south will be continued on to Temecula during the Fiesta.

August 19, 1910

Work is progressing famously on the ramadas for the Fiesta. From all indications now this promises to be one of the largest Indian fiestas ever held in Southern California.

Adrian B. Barnett and wife are going camping in the Cahuilla Mountains.

Mrs. Herman G. Vogel has returned from her visit in San Diego.

Charles Hadsall and George Greyson of Murrieta are in town today.

Raphael Olivera lost his finger in a sausage machine about ten days ago. It is healing up in nice shape.

Harry L. Heffner was in town last week shaking hands with his many friends here.

Another dog with symptoms of rabies is reported at Pechanga.

August 26, 1910

Exciting Runaway at Temecula

An exciting runaway took place at the Temecula fiesta yesterday. Mrs. Ed Ludie (Ludy?) was in a carriage with her little child, when the team became unmanageable. She was thrown over the dashboard and lodged on the buggy tongue still holding to her child. Someone ran up and grabbed the child and the woman then fell to the ground, but fortunately escaped serious injury. The team ran for a distance of some four miles before being run down by cowpunchers. The vehicle was demolished.

September 2, 1910

Death of Joseph Nicolas

Joseph Nicolas, a pioneer of the Temecula valley, died Monday of heart trouble and was buried Wednesday from the Catholic place of worship in Temecula, Fr. William Hughes officiating, assisted by Fr. Dole. Mr. Nicolas was 61 years of age and had lived for 30 years on the ranch where he died, five miles east and north of Temecula. The wife, a son and two daughters survive. His funeral was one of the most largely attended ever held in the valley. L. D. Clark of Elsinore was the undertaker in charge.

October 28, 1910

Abundant Water at Temecula

The following was taken from Wednesday's Riverside Enterprise is not in the least surprising. It is a practical certainty that an abundant water supply underlies the rich soil of both the Temecula and Elsinore valleys, and that development of the water is the main thing needed to transform large areas of these valleys from sparsely settled grain tracts to intensely cultivated ranches yielding many fold the returns which they now yield. The Press is glad to note the increasing interest in water development, and hopes that landowners will get the habit generally. From the Enterprise we quote:

Eli E. Barnett of near Temecula, was in Riverside yesterday, telling of his good fortune in sinking wells on his ranch. He has put down three wells, and struck flowing water in each of them at a depth of only fifty feet.

The flow, of course, is not very strong, but Mr. Barnett is arranging to install pumps, and is confident he will get 100 inches from the three wells, when he starts his engine.

Other wells are to be put down by Mr. Barnett, who owns 1400 acres of land.

"I feel pretty good over the outcome of my venture, "said Mr. Barnett yesterday, "as I am the pioneer in that line in my section. The ranch is an old one, having been occupied fully forty years, and yet no one ever tried putting down a well."

Mr. Barnett felt confident over the outcome of the experiment as numerous springs are to be found in the vicinity. He believes there is a natural reservoir of water beneath his farm. Mr. Barnett is the Democratic candidate for assessor.

November 4, 1910

Mrs. Preston V. Swanguen and Grant Howard, together with Eli E. Barnett and several others are arranging to seed considerable acreage in alfalfa.

Messrs. David Blower and Charles McVicar are opening up a large quarry near here, it having been proven that the quality of stone guarantees a profitable market.

Mr. and Mrs. Ormiston J. Gonzalez have just returned to their home at the Palms, after a pleasant visit of several days with Mrs. Gonzalez' sister, Mrs. Frank L. Fernald.

There was a public dance at Fernald hall on the night of the 29th.

November 11, 1910

Temecula, Nov. 7 -

Grant Howard has begun seeding about 500 acres of his fertile ranch to barley.

The Pujol School has reached an enrollment of over 40 and with a slight increase, will be considering the matter of an assistant teacher.

George A. Burnham is finishing a large barn on the rear of his home lot south of the depot, for the three-fold purpose of garage for his auto, for stabling his delivery horses and housing the wagons and storing hay.

William T. Barton has been making valuable improvements to his cozy home west of the depot, consisting of a new roof, etc.

John B. Kelly has completed an elegant cottage adjoining his home west of the depot, which he rents to one of the Santa Fe men.

Freeman, the blacksmith, sold his valuable lot on which his shop stands for a good price and is now building a fine large shop on his lot east of the road and north of Fernald's quarry factory.

The Pauba Ranch has several tons of alfalfa hay in the stack and is grazing a few thousand head of cattle on their extensive alfalfa acreage.

A. Cantarini has closed a successful year with his large alfalfa field, the yield being very satisfactory.

November 18, 1910

Temecula - Nov. 15

Mrs. McGonigle has withdrawn from the management of the Temecula Hotel, which is now operated by the owner, Miss M. A. Welty.

Mac Machado has a large order from a San Francisco firm for stone and is forwarding three or four carloads a week. He is expecting a large force of expert quarrymen from Texas and when they arrive the work will assume larger proportions.

Herman G. Vogel, the butcher, left Saturday for a short business trip to Fresno.

November 25, 1910

Elsinore Ball Team Downs Temecula Fast Game on the Murrieta Diamond

The City Beautiful ball tossers were on the long end of a 14-1 score in a game played with Temecula on the Murrieta diamond, Nov. 20th.

The feature of the game was the pitching of Keck for Elsinore, but one runner getting as far as third base after the first inning.

The newly organized team gives promise of developing in a fast aggregation.

December 9, 1910

Water Development at Temecula

Temecula, Dec. 5 - W. D. Baisley of Auld is boring a 7-inch well for Mrs. Chomeco. He is down about 70 feet and expects to go about 40 feet deeper in order to get a good supply of water. He lately put down two good wells for August Cantarini and three for Angelo Cantarini. August Cantarini is planning to have two more wells put down. The Pauba Ranch Company also contemplates sinking two more. Peter and Jacques Escallier are each planning a well. The water supply is increasing here, as most of these wells will furnish 50 inches of water.

Mrs. Frank L. Fernald's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Van Nest, returned to their home in Los Angeles last Saturday having greatly enjoyed their visit of two weeks here.

Miss M. A. Welty has made several valuable sanitary improvements in her popular hostelry, the Phrono Hotel