

TEMECULA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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\$4500 Church for Temecula

Temecula is at last to have a church building. For some years it has held the undesirable distinction of being the largest community in the state without a house of worship. Fr. J. J. Burri, who was in Elsinore over Sunday, showed the Press the plans for the new building which will be erected the coming spring. The walls will be constructed of granite, which has all been donated from the abundance in the quarries nearby. The stones will be sawed for the corners and rough boulders used for the sidewalls, and faced. The plans call for an auditorium 30X40 with a 10-foot gallery, a sanctuary 13X50, and a vestry 10X13. The church will have a square tower at one corner and will be an ornament to the town, as well as serving to fill a long-felt want. The cost of the building will be about \$4500.

Temecula Feb. 14

G. D. Armstead is making this his headquarters for a few weeks while he is securing deeds for a right of way for the railroad to San Diego. Every person concurs in the proposition that such a railroad will be of inestimable value to this entire country and will wish it success.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Barton went to San Bernardino Wednesday, to attend the funeral of Mr. Barton's father.

Another fine rain is a source of rejoicing to all our citizens.

Miss Lucile Tretheway, whose school below town was having vacation this week, on Friday afternoon visited our school and gave a very interesting talk on birds.

March 24, 1911

About two dozen members of the Angel City Baseball Club, including Capt. F. E. Dillon, Bert Delmas, Elmer Thorsen, Thomas Daily and Dr. Alex Finley of Scotland, who have been spending a fortnight at the Murrieta Hot Springs, enjoyed a pedestrian excursion to our town on Monday and enjoyed the walk and the fine scenery.

Virgil Hudson, a Colorado capitalist, who resides in Los Angeles, has been in town this week with a view of looking up some investments in land for fruit culture.

Grant Howard and family enjoyed a drive with some visitors to Vallecitos last Sunday, and on returning home he found that his house had been entered by a burglar and many valuable articles stolen.

April 14, 1911

Temecula April 10

W. J. Haslam of Winchester visited last Friday evening with B. F. Young, who accompanied him on Saturday, via Rainbow, to San Luis Rey River valley. They report the country looking fine and a large acreage being seeded to alfalfa. They returned Sunday morning.

At the school election Friday William T. Barton was re-elected to the office of trustee for the term of three years, and in the lower district Robert McGee (Magee?) and Charles McVicar were elected.

Dr. Roripaugh of Auld was autoing around town a few days ago.

Eli E. Barnett shipped a carload of hay to market last Thursday.

George Friedemann took a flying trip to San Bernardino on his motorcycle Saturday afternoon, returning Sunday.

R. J. Welty, the Temecula gardener, is succeeding well on his fertile land and his vegetables are making a fine growth.

Miss Elsie Inns is organizing a piano class and will soon have the juvenile music talent in course of development.

Miss M. A. Welty is having an attractive new coat of paint put on her Phrono Hotel.

Tom Kolb and A. Freeman are plowing for the Elsinore Eucalyptus Company which is setting about 300 acres.

April 21, 1911

Temecula, April 17

Miss Lucile Tretheway, the teacher of the school three miles down the valley, is enjoying a visit from her brother, Wilfred, who is spending a few weeks with her.

Miss Fannie Lawrence, a former resident, now of San Diego, has been visiting old neighbors and enjoying the scenes and association of former days, during the past fortnight.

William H. Thorne of the United States geological survey has been promoted to the position of inspector and ordered to Alaska. His many friends here and at Fallbrook congratulate him on his advancement but regret his departure.

Ole Larsen, who has been Mr. Thorn's assistant, has returned to his father's home near Rainbow.

Mrs. Grant Howard with her two little daughters drove from their ranch ten miles down the valley to Murrieta to church last Sunday.

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Temecula, April 24.

Herman G. Vogel, who traded his butcher business here for a ranch near Fresno, was here last week, having sold his ranch and moved to San Diego.

G. W. Pursel, who is constructing an electric road from San Diego to Escondido, which will soon be finished, was here Saturday. He made a thorough investigation as to the products of this region of the country and the amount of freight shipped, and made it evident that he was planning an extension of his electric line from Escondido via Temecula to Riverside. This is just what this section of the country needs.

A bouncing boy arrived at the home of Mr. Felix last Monday.

William Friedemann went to San Diego Saturday.

The Temecula baseball club gave a popular dance at the Swanguen hall Friday night.

Mrs. Lemon, who has been visiting with friends in Los Angeles, returned last Saturday to dispel the loneliness from her home.

Mr. Markel, of Los Angeles, who has grown up with the city, was inspecting property here a few days ago.

Miss Fronie Welty, who has been visiting her sisters in San Bernardino and Los Angeles, returned Saturday.

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May 12, 1911

Tramp Horse Thief Caught

Late Saturday night a young man stopped at the ranch home of A. Rush, in Temescal canyon and was given permission to sleep in the barn. Sunday morning the man and the rancher's horse and buggy were gone.

Deputy Sheriff Niemann was notified and it was found that the rig had been seen at Wildomar, where the thief tried to exchange horses, but was frustrated. Duncan Ingraham and William Friedemann went down on a motorcycle and traced the thief to the Santa Rosa Ranch. Later in the day the outfit was captured at Temecula by Deputy Sheriff Ryan and the thief was taken to Riverside.

He proved to be Byron Pickering, who had escaped last Thursday from the state school at Whittier to which institution he was returned.

August 25, 1911

Big Stubble Fire at Temecula

Over 600 acres of hay and stubble ground was burned over Friday afternoon near Temecula, one rancher losing over 50 tons of hay. The fire was started by someone throwing a lighted cigar into a stubble field. Thirty telephone poles on the Pacific line between Los Angeles and San Diego were burned.

At 3:45 p.m. J. D. Sayre, general foreman, and Henry Henson, wire chief, received a message that the wire was down. They jumped into an auto and in a little over an hour were at the scene of the fire, 37 miles from Riverside, and an hour later the half mile of wire had been restrung and was working O.K. This is a wonderful record.

No buildings were burned and the total loss will be only a few thousand dollars. -Riverside Press.

August 31, 1911

William Friedemann married Jessie Swanguen source: Riverside County Recorder's Office

November 10, 1911

Riverside, Nov. 6 - Sheriff Wilson this morning hauled to the county jail four barrels of beer and four cases of assorted liquor, the latter being selected for varied tastes.

The sheriff found it necessary to explain to the crowd that assembled to watch the unloading that the liquor represented a haul made by himself and Constable Baird at Temecula, where the barn of Joe Winkels was found to be a bar with all accessories. Winkels was fined \$100 a few weeks ago for illegal liquor selling and if he returns will have to answer to a similar charge.

December 8, 1911

Temecula, Dec. 5 - A fire, which had been burning for several days in the Temecula canyon, was swept by Tuesday's high winds over many acres of timber in the Santa Rosa range. For a time the fire threatened the ranch house and the Swanguen ranch, but was finally checked.

Eli E. Barnett returned Tuesday from a business trip to Los Angeles.

Miss Ada Streete is visiting Mrs. Adrian B. Barnett.

Mrs. William Barton returned Wednesday from Los Angeles, where she has been visiting for the past week.

A dance was given last Saturday night at Swanguen hall.

Temecula: Angelo Cantarini, a prominent rancher of Armada and Temecula, has a large quantity of hay on hand that he carried over from last year and he believes that the present upward tendency of grain and hay prices will enable him to realize a good profit on his hay crop.