

AROUND TOWN

"EL CAMINO SIERRA"

Bishop Items

Mrs. Boland, of Keeler, is visiting in Independence.

A. P. Mairs was a Lone Pine visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Harry Wilson, of Keeler, was in Independence this week.

Assessor W. W. Yandell came down from Bishop Tuesday evening.

Chas. Walter left by auto Friday on a business trip to Los Angeles.

Sheriff Naylor is in the southern part of the county this week on business.

Oscar B. Burkhardt, of Lone Pine, was an Independence visitor last Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred G. Wood left for San Francisco last Saturday where she will visit with relatives.

Upton Tracy, of Big Pine, was in Independence over Sunday on business connected with his establishment here.

F. N. Fletcher, who has been inspecting the Reward mine for several weeks past, left for Reno yesterday morning.

Mrs. John Shepherd arrived from San Francisco Monday evening for an extended visit to friends and relatives.

The county clerk's office has been receiving a much needed coat of paint this week. Frank Furness is doing the work.

The Independence school started last Tuesday with an enrollment of 25 pupils. Miss Katherine Walter is the teacher.

Mrs. Chas. Houle has been quite ill for a couple of weeks. Her many friends are wishing her a speedy recovery.

Miss Edith Gorman left for San Francisco last Tuesday morning where she will spend several weeks visiting with friends.

Mrs. H. Levy, who has been in San Francisco for several months past, returned to her home in Independence last Monday evening.

Independence was visited by a light rainfall Friday evening. People returning from the mountains report a light fall of snow on that day.

What a fine place Owens Valley would be with fine roads from one end of the valley to the other. Did you ever think of the number of people who would travel them every year?

Sheriff Naylor and District Attorney Scherrer returned from Olancho Friday

Toast Responded to By W. G. Scott At Recent Banquet Tendered Gov. Gillett and Party

On the evening of the dedication of El Camino Sierra, August 31st, a supper in honor of the event was given at the Hotel Istalia in Bishop.

There were present Hon. J. N. Gillett, Governor of California, A. G. Briggs of Pacific Motor, the automobile journal of the Pacific coast, Hon. W. E. Dennison State Harbor Commissioner, Col. Gaillard Stoney Aid to the Governor, Sidney Sprout the eminent electrical engineer, J. L. Wittenmyer Chief Engineer of the Construction Corps of the new transcontinental railway line from Mojave, Harry Carr of the Los Angeles Times and about seventy-five members of the Inyo Good Road Club.

Dr. G. P. Doyle, President of the Club presided as Toastmaster with emgrace and ability.

The affair extended over a period of nearly four hours and was marked by a series of speeches that for intellectual brilliancy would lend distinction to a State banquet. The speakers were L. C. Hall, W. G. Scott, W. B. Sollender, Col. Gaillard Stoney, W. E. Dennison, A. H. Swallow, A. G. Briggs, Fred Eaton, I. B. Potter and Walter O. Quayle.

Following the Governor's feeling and elegant response after being presented with the great key of the Inyo Good Road Club, L. C. Hall in responso to the toast, "Our Guests," delivered an able and appropriate address of welcome to the visitors.

The next toast proposed was "El Camino Sierra," to which W. Gillett Scott was asked to respond. In view of the marked prominence of the subject, and a possible future historic significance, the responso thereto is here given verbatim. Mr. Scott said:

Mr. President, our guests by whose presence we are honored, and members of the Inyo Good Road Club.

El Camino Sierra is a name beautifully expressive. Literally translated it means "highroad range of the mountains," a liberal rendition of which is "mountain highway."

The question that most naturally presents itself is, - what is this road, and what is its purpose? The projected road of El Camino Sierra as roughly outlined is intended to connect with both the Sonora Pass and the Tioga Pass roads. It will extend from Bridesport

A Man Accidentally Killed In Bishop Creek Canyon--Others Injured

Bishop Creek canyon has added one more to its roll of dead. The victim this time was a Swede named Forseman, who was thrown from a tree at South Lake by the breaking of bent under the track. The acting Coroner's inquest showed that Forseman and two other men were running several cars of stone out on the dam now being built by Russell & Williams. A huge stone dumped from one of the cars fell against the supporting timber and broke it, allowing the track to drop on that side. Forseman fell on a stone nearly thirty feet below, and was injured so that he died on Friday, 20 hours after being hurt. Both of the other men were badly hurt, and are in the hospital, but will recover.

Our streets are a bit less gay than they were last week, for the decorations have come down. The effect still remains, and people are talking yet about the success of the efforts at entertaining the first real live Governor who ever invaded our sacred soil, and his attendant party. The affair, as your columns set forth last week, was without a hitch or a disappointment. The reception every community gave to the distinguished visitors unquestionably made a great hit with them, and won more sincere boosters for Inyo.

Four horses stolen from an Indian at Queen were recovered near here this week. The officers think they have the thieves spotted; no arrests yet.

High school began this week, its five teachers having about 70 students at the beginning. The number will increase.

Some land deals are on, and inquiry for investments continues at an average gait. None of large importance are reported this week as yet.

Local excitements being over, residents here who are willing to accept the honors and emoluments which go with county officeholding are beginning to scatter out to interview voters.

Mrs. Stevens of Bishop has been engaged to teach the school at Owensyo this winter. R.B.T.

Attends State Convention

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Sheriff Naylor and District Attorney Scherrer returned from Olancha Friday night. They were called there in connection with the shooting of George Black recently by Oscar Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Naylor and daughter left for the southern part of the state Friday on a three weeks vacation. They will spend most of their time in Los Angeles and San Diego.

G. T. Fitzhugh, manager of the Coso Mining Company at Darwin, was in Independence yesterday. Mr. Fitzhugh reports things rather quiet in Darwin, although several leasers are at work on the Coso property. Last month they shipped two carloads of good ore, and so far this month one carload has been shipped.

Charles Gilmore returned to his home in San Francisco last Tuesday after a two months stay in this city. Mr. Gilmore is employed by the Forest Service and is kept on the road most of the time. During his stay at Independence Mr. Gilmore made many friends and they regret to learn of his departure.

The board of trustees have received word from the state authorities that the law compelling all school children to be vaccinated must be rigidly enforced. As soon as Dr. Woodin receives a supply of vaccine virus all children who have not been vaccinated will be compelled to undergo that pleasant experience.

The preliminary examination of Oscar Burke, accused of assault with a deadly weapon for shooting Geo. Black at Olancha was heard before Judge A. V. Davison today. P. W. Forbes defended Burke and District Attorney F. C. Scherrer conducted the prosecution. After hearing the testimony Judge Davidson discharged Burke, it appearing it was merely a drunken row with all parties to blame, with small chance for conviction.

come and get the shine. While the boy was at work, Mr. Briggs asked his name and was told "Ed." Then Mr. Briggs asked if he did not think Teddy was a better name.

"You mean for Teddy Roosevelt," asked the boy.

"Yes, replied Mr. Briggs, "he used to be a boy just like you."

"But he never had to black boots."

"Oh, maybe he did, you can't tell," answered Mr. Briggs.

The boy studied for a little while and finally said, "Well, I'll bet if he did he did a good job."

sents itself is,—what is this road, and what is its purpose? The projected road of El Camino Sierra as roughly outlined is intended to connect with both the Sonora Pass and the Tioga Pass roads. It will extend from Bridgeport, Mono county, to Independence, Inyo county, thence to Bakersfield, Kern county, by way of Mojave. This makes a connection of three county seats. This is in direct harmony with and a part of the plan for the creation of a State highway system as outlined by Hon. J. N. Gillett, Governor of California, in a message devoted to the subject.

Gentlemen, this is the most important measure ever submitted to California. It means world-wide prominence for the Golden State. It carries with it benefits that would require a volume to recount and a master pen to describe. It is a measure that entitles its author to a place in California's Hall of Fame.

I come not here to talk of the commercial, social, and other benefits of good roads. A recital, thereof, would be telling what you already know. I will hint only at one. That is the traffic of tourists. Switzerland, but a fraction larger than Inyo county, derives from its tourists alone each year the sum of two hundred million dollars.

With the construction of the Gillett State Highway System of which El Camino Sierra would form such an important part, it is conservative to say that ten thousand automobiles would annually visit this part of California, and it is equally conservative to say that this would mean an increase of local revenue each year to the extent of at least one million dollars.

Gentlemen, El Camino Sierra is an ambitious project and it is therefore befitting that it be born in Inyo.

Inyo, a county larger than either New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland or the entire group of Hawaiian Islands.

Inyo, a county within whose boundaries can be placed the entire state of Massachusetts, Delaware and the District of Columbia all combined, and still have remaining area sufficient to create a state larger than Rhode Island.

Inyo, a county within whose borders can be placed the great state of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Delaware and the District of Columbia with all the government buildings and the National Capital and all the statesmen therein contained, and still have remaining area sufficient to give a farm of twenty

Mr. J. Cooley is in Sacramento this week attending the Republican State Convention, and incidentally the State Fair. He writes that he attended a meeting of the representatives of the different Chambers of Commerce of the state last Tuesday and they are lining up for a great campaign of publicity in the near future.

Mr. Cooley met Gov Gillett in Sacramento after his return from Inyo. The Governor said regarding his trip here, "You have a great country over there. Your people treated me so nicely, and I had such a good time I will never forget it."

Mr. and Mrs. Cooley will visit the southern part of the state before returning home.

acres to each of 18,280 people.

Inyo, where the hills are stored with buried treasure, where the deserts are strewn with mineral earth, where the fields are clad with verdure, where the mountains are cleft with rushing torrents, where the thickets resound with the melody of singing birds.

Inyo, where morning is joy, where noon is good cheer, where evening is a symphony of bliss.

Inyo, the county that is nearer heaven than any county where flies our flag.

Inyo, the one spot in all California that is first each day to receive the greeting of the sun, and the last each day to receive its parting salutation as it quits the western sky.

Inyo the Peerless. The home of the regal Whitney, senior monarch of all the mountain kings, on whose crown last night the Inyo Good Road Club, through its clansman of the south, placed a ruby gem that shines brighter than the stars. A salutation to our Governor, such as no Governor of any State ever before received in the history of the Republic,—an illumination of the topmost pinnacle of the United States of America. It is indeed, befitting, gentlemen, that Inyo should be the birthplace of El Camino Sierra.

El Camino Sierra! On this thine day of christening, it is the most appropriate that in liquid diamonds distilled in Nature's laboratory, we pledge alike thy name and that of the great, towering, majestic Sierra range which claims thee as its own and which at each close of day spreads gently o'er thy fern, the mystic mantle of its shadow. To California, the people of the lowlands gave El Camino Real, a highway for kings with a glorious past.

And now your Excellency, we, the people of the uplands, give to California through you, and in the presence of our distinguished guests, a highway not for kings with a glorious past,—we give El Camino Sierra,—a highway for freemen with a glorious future.