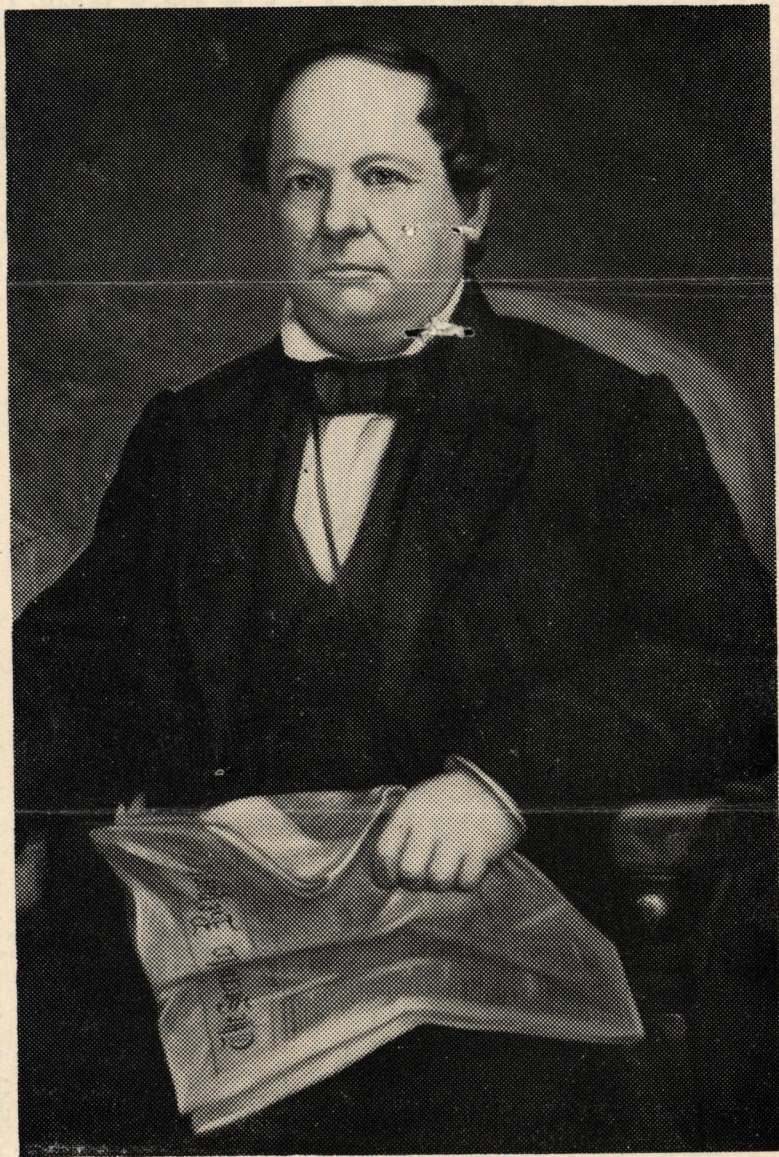


Tulare County Centennial

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1952



GOVERNOR JOHN BIGLER

Bigler was born in Pennsylvania in 1806. As a young man he was an editor and publisher. Admitted to the bar in 1840 he practiced in Pennsylvania and Illinois until he came to California in 1849. Member of the Legislature, 1850-51. Elected governor in 1851, and reelected in 1853 he was defeated for third term in 1855. He was Minister to Chile, 1857-61. Died at Sacramento, November 29, 1871.

On April 23, 1852, he signed act creating Tulare County.

An Act creating Tulare County and to provide for its organization. The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows: Section One: The County of Mariposa is hereby subdivided as follows: Beginning at the summit of the Grand Range at the corner of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties thence running in a southeasterly direction to the ridge dividing the waters of the San Joaquin and Kings Rivers thence along said ridge to the summit of the Sierra thence in the same direction to the State line thence southeasterly along said line to the County of Los Angeles thence South westerly along the line of Los Angeles County to Santa Barbara thence along the summit of the Grand Range to the place of beginning Section Two: The southern portion of Mariposa County so cut off shall be called Tulare County, the seat of Justice shall be at the Log Cabin on the South side of Kawsan Crull near the bridge built by Dr. Thomas Payson and shall be called Treviso. The seat of Justice shall be at Treviso until changed by the People as provided in said Section Three: Tulare County shall be attached to Mariposa County for general election purposes Section Four: The County organization shall be made during the second week of July next Section Five: During the second week of July next there shall be chosen for Tulare County one County Judge one County Attorney one County Clerk one Recorder one Sheriff one County Coroner one Assessor one Coroner and one Treasurer Section Six: The County Judge chosen under this Act shall hold his office for two years from next October and until his successor is elected and qualified. The other officers elected shall hold their respective offices for one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. The successors of the officers elected under this Act shall be chosen at the general elections established by law which take place next preceding the expiration of their respective terms Section Seven: James C. Savage, John Poling, W. B. Lewis and O. B. McMillen are hereby appointed and constituted a Board of Commissioners to designate the election precincts in the County of Tulare for the election of said officers at the first election and to appoint the Inspectors of Election at the several precincts designated to receive the returns of the election and to issue certificates of election Section Eight: The provisions of the Act entitled an Act to regulate elections passed March 23^d 1850 shall apply to the County elections ordered by this Act except that the Board of Commissioners shall designate the election precincts appoint the Inspectors of Election at each precinct receive the returns of election and issue the several certificates to the persons elected Section Nine: For the purpose of designating the several precincts in the County the said Board shall meet on and previous to the day of election and at said meeting shall designate the precincts of the County and appoint the Inspectors of Election at each precinct The said Board shall appoint one of their number as President and one as Clerk. A record of their proceedings shall be kept The attendance of two thirds of the members of such Board shall be necessary for the transaction of business of any nature of such precincts and Inspectors by notices posted at each of said precincts Section Eleven: If precincts be not established according to the provisions of this Act the election may be held at any place or places where there are not less than thirty resident electors present Section Twelve: Sealed returns from the officers of Election may be delivered to any member of the said Board The Board shall meet in the County within five days subsequent to the election and the returns shall then be opened and read and under their direction and in their presence a Tabular Statement shall be made out showing the vote given at each precinct of the County or if precincts be not established at each place where the Polls were opened at each person and for each of the offices to be filled at the election and also the entire vote given in the County for each person The statement thus made out by said Board shall be signed by the President and Clerk Section Thirteen: As soon as the Statement and certificate is made out by the Board the President shall declare the result and communicate the same and a true or correct copy to each person chosen a certificate of election signed by him as President of the Board of Commissioners and attested by the Clerk Section Fourteen: Each person chosen shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of the duties of his office within twenty days after the receipt of his certificate of election The person elected as County Judge shall qualify before the President of the Board of Commissioners of the County persons elected to the other offices may qualify before the said President or before the County Judge Section Fifteen: The President of such Board shall transmit without delay a copy of the Tabular

Statement prepared as provided in Section Twelve to the Secretary of State. The election returns of said County and the Tabular Statement shall be retained by the said President of the Board of Commissioners of the County until the person elected as Clerk of such County has qualified and entered upon his duties after which they shall be filed in the office of said Clerk.

Signed April 20. 1852.

Richard Hammond

Speaker of the Assembly

Given April 20. 1852

Michael R. Lundy

President of the Senate

Approved, April 20. 1852

L. H. R. R. R.

(Facsimile of law creating Tulare County. Each page of original in State Archives at Sacramento is about 18 x 22 inches, written on lined paper.)

One hundred years ago Governor John Bigler signed the bill creating Tulare County. Such a Century of Progress! Help observe it by attending the meeting to be held at the Visalia Municipal Auditorium. At 1:30, the Visalia Charter Oak Chapter, Native Daughters of the Golden West, will serve a box luncheon (Home fried chicken, etc.). Tickets for the luncheon cost \$1.25 each and must be purchased by April 15th. They may be obtained from the people listed below.

Dr. Robert E. Burns, President of the College of the Pacific, will be our principal speaker. Dr. Burns is one of the younger men in the history movement in California, is an excellent speaker, and we are fortunate in obtaining him. A quartette from the Exeter Kiwanis Club will sing several songs popular in 1852. The program will be at 2:15.

Box luncheon tickets may be obtained from the following or ordered by mail from the Society:

ALPAUGH: L. L. Ellis,
DINUBA: A. L. Dickey, Clarence Fraser,
DUCOR: Henry Owens,
EXETER: Joseph Doctor,
FARMERSVILLE: Don Hildebrand,
LINDSAY: Mack Moore, Harold Schutt,
OROSI: Mrs. A. D. Wrought,
PIXLEY: Mrs. Charles Olsson, Mrs. Kitty Hanawalt,
PORTERVILLE: W. L. Richardson, Bill Rodgers,
THREE RIVERS: Mrs. Ray Buckman,
TULARE: Mrs. Oscar Duemlar, J. G. McMillen,
VISALIA: Roy Brooks, Mrs. James Burke, Mrs. Pearl Relander, Gareth Houk, Annie Mitchell, Walter Sunkel, Tulare County Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets must be obtained by April 15th. The public is invited. Come to program at 2:15 if you cannot attend luncheon.

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