

promotion ~~is~~ for Monday, April 24, and Tues a.m.

Visalia High School commencement issues of the Oak, ~~student~~ high school annual, for the years 1910 and 1911, serve to recall the ~~burning~~ destruction by fire in 1912 of what was then known as "the new high school building." This building was constructed in ~~1911~~ 1911 and was in use less than a year when gutted by a night fire.

The building was reconstructed and is the central building of the present high school and junior college.

The old Oaks were submitted by Arthur Hatfield.

The Oak of 1911 was dedicated "to the old high school which will live in the memory of its many graduates."

The staff of the Oak in 1911 included Emily Stewart, editor; Helen ~~Burland~~, ~~xxxxxxx~~ Burland, ~~xxx~~ Jean Walker and Margaret Hannah, associate editors; Lester Small, exchange editor; Vera Gannon, ~~j~~ osh editor; Ray Townsend, assistant josh editor; Virginia Perkins, society editor; Marvin Heberling, athletics editor; Kathleen Small, alumni editor; Leona Jones, senior class editor; Anna Fikenscher, junior class editor; Rita Gosney, sophomore class editor; Edwin Gannon, Freshman class editor; Ethel Few ell, Marie Southard and Ria Anderson, staff artists; Justus Ostrander, business manager, and Ar lington Smith, assistant business manager.

Among the seniors of 1911 were Marjorie Swain, Leona Wayte, Helen Wallace, Florence Weatherhead, Goldie Garnett, Lucia Hurt, Kathleen Small, Charles Togni, Mildred Spaulding and Clara Swanson.

Ella Rath was editor of the 1910 Oak and her staff included Emily Stewart, literary editor; Leona Jones, assistant literary editor; Arlington Smith, business manager; George Tschumy, assistant manager; John Muller, subscription agent; Florence Weatherhead, society editor; Lester Small, exchange editor; Genevive Flynn, alumni editor; Russell Townsend, boys' athletics editor; Maud DeVall.

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### Only Walls Remained

Photo shows what remained of the Visalia High School, constructed in 1911 and destroyed by fire after it had been occupied for less than a year. The building later was reconstructed and today is the central building of the high school structures. The school was built to replace the school then situated on what is now the Lincoln Oval.



promotion for Tues., apr. 25 and Wed. a.m.

Visalians wanted a pictorial record of their flood periods, it is indicated by the number of flood pictures being brought to the offices of the Visalia Times-Delta and the Morning Delta ~~for possible use in the Anniversaries Edition~~ for possible use in the Anniversaries Edition of the Visalia newspapers which will be published the latter part of May.

Floods as early as 1865 are recorded in pictures which will appear in the Anniversaries Edition others showing conditions in 1885, 1890 and 1903 . Many familiar faces appear in photos of the latter flood, one of them being Bert Williams, now fire chief, wading through the waters near the court house.

The Anniversaries Edition will produce any number of other old photos which will be received at the office of the newspapers until April 30. A prize of \$5 will be given for the best picture submitted. Contributors are asked to bring the photos in between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m.

The Anniversaries Edition will ~~mark~~ mark the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Visalia newspapers, the 87th anniversary of the chartering of Tulare county, the 86th anniversary of the founding of Visalia, the 65th anniversary of the chartering of Visalia as a city and the 50th anniversary of the Visalia Chamber of Commerce.



promotion for Wed., Apr. 26 and Thurs. a.m.

Many subscribers ~~have asked whether~~ of the Visalia Times-Delta and the Morning Delta have asked whether there will be an additional charge for the Anniversaries Edition of the newspapers which will be published the latter part of May.

There will be no added charge for those whose names are on the subscription list of either newspaper. The tabloid sections of the Edition, containing accounts of historical events in the city and county from the earliest records will be delivered to all subscribers without additional charge. Those desiring copies, however, who do not subscribe to either newspaper will be charged more than the five cents ordinarily charged for a copy of a newspaper.

In order that the circulation department may estimate the number of Anniversaries Edition likely to be demanded by the public, rates and details for obtaining copies of the Edition by those not subscribing to the newspapers will be published ~~soon~~ soon.

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promotion for Thurs., Apr. 27, and Fri. a.m.

A history of the Visalia Fire Department from the days of the hook and ladder and volunteer fire eaters down to the present modern department is ~~under~~ being prepared by Assistant Chief Walter Wood and will be one of the features to appear in the Anniversaries Edition of the Visalia newspapers just prior to the opening of the Visalia Rodeo next month.

The article will be well illustrated by photos most of which have been preserved by the fire department and will show the crude equipment of the early days as compared to the mechanized equipment provided for the department today.

The Visalia newspapers today are publishing a photo of members of the fire department taken in 1910. The photo is owned by Fred Huffaker. Faces of most of those in the photo are familiar to many Visalians today.

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### Fought Visalia Fires Years Ago

Photo shows members of Visalia Fire Department in about 1911.

In top row (left to right) are Austin Foucht, Jim Hutchins, Gus Bequette, Will Dollner, Ray Whitt, Charles Togni, Earnest Wood and Billy Lewis; second row: Forsyth Bradley, Austin Grant, Carmen Wenn, ---Mades, Robert Board, Harry Locey, Ray Townsend and ---Brown; bottom row: Bert Williams (present chief); Sam Vucovich, Al Pennebaker, Ras Warner, Frank Williams, Tom Hall, Morley M. Maddox and Mike Togni.

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promotion for Fri., Apr. 28 and Sat. a.m.

Early settlers in Visalia and Tulare county often found it necessary to take up arms against unfriendly Indians although the tribes generally were inclined toward friendliness, it is revealed in stories of early day history which will appear in the Anniversaries Edition of the Visalia newspapers, to be published the latter part of next month.

The Indian War of 1856 and other battles with the braves will be reviewed as will other events of major importance in the development of this city and county.

Days when hogs were grown in the Tulare lake area and the biggest problem of the owners was to to keep the animals from gorging themselves on clams also will be recalled in the Anniversaries Edition.

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promotion for Sat. April 29 and Mon. A.M.

Two more old issues of the Visalia High School Oak have been submitted to the Visalia newspapers for review in connection with the forthcoming Visalia Newspapers' Anniversaries Edition which will be published just prior to Homecoming Day which precedes the annual Visalia Rodeo.

The Oak of May 1904 lists the following on its staff:

Clyde Keener, editor; Mabel White, assistant editor; Nadine Dozier, literary editor; Elsie Crowley, assistant editor; Virginia Chilson, acorns editor; Leila Lawrence, exchange editor; Robert Brown, athletics editor; Cristina Bradley, assistant athletic editor; Anna May Bell, faculty adviser; Ralph Walker, business manager, and Ed Farrow, assistant business manager.

The 1904 Oak is owned by Clyde Keener.

Harvey Aulman has submitted an Oak in June 1906, which lists the following staff members:

Aikin Laird, editor; Eda Colvin, literary editor; Ethel Glass, assistant literary editor; Laura Cairns, acorns editor; Arthur Becker, athletics editor; Pearl Baker, exchange editor; Floyd Byrnes, locals editor; Genevieve Bradley, alumni editor; Ruth Maddox, senior reporter; Sallie Noel, junior ~~editor~~ reporter; Elsie Stoltz, Hazel Brown, sophomore reporters; Roy Brooks, Wilbur Stewart, freshmen reporters; Anna May Bell, faculty adviser; Ray Jordan, business manager, and Donald Graham, assistant business manager.

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do you remember      ed page, Mon. Apr 24, and Tues a.m.

"Do youx remember the good ol days of horse draw fire equipment?" asks John N. Hicks. After a horse became too old for fire service, he was sold to some farmer for light work. On one accasion, one of these horses came into possession of a Ch<sub>h</sub>inese vegetable peddler who did not know the history of the animal. One day, the C<sub>h</sub>inese was driving on a north side street when the fire whistle blew. The horse knew the call, turned aro nd in the street and beat the fire department to the scene of the blaze! "

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From the Tulre C<sub>o</sub>unty Record and F<sub>r</sub>esno Examiner, June 25, 1859:

"A number of our citizens met at the Brick church on Sunday evening last for the purpose of taking into consideration the pro- priety of having a public celebration in Visalia on the F<sub>u</sub>rth of July next. A.H. Mitchell was called to the chair and Dr. S.G. George was appointed secretary."

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From the Tulare C<sub>o</sub>unty Record and Fresno Examiner, June 25, 1859:

"A grand ball will be given by the citizens of Tulare county at the court house in Visalia on M<sub>o</sub>nday evening, July 4, 1859, in aid of the Mt. Vernon association. Dancing to commence at 7 o'clock p.m. The price of tickets, admitting gentleman and ladies, including supper, has been fixed at \$7. Tickets can be had by applying to Wmc C. Poer, Esq.

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do you remember      ed page, Tues. Apr. 25, and Wed. a.m.

"Do you remember," asks Claud Patrick, "when East street was covered with willow brush; when the combination engine and passenger car operating between Visalia and Goshen was called ~~the~~ 'Old Betsy'; when a yellow bus used to haul passengers from the depot in the western part of town to the Palace hotel; when, in 1885, the water was so deep on Main street that the wood sidewalks floated away and were used by boys for rafts?"

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From the Tulare County Record and Fresno Examiner, July 2, 1859:

"FIRST OF THE SEASON:--Mr. T.J. Goodale, the enterprising horticulturist of this place, has left at our office some fine ripe apricots such as would tickle the palate of Epicures himself. Mr. Goodale is deserving of great credit for his laudable enterprise in the cultivation of fruit; he has demonstrated the fact beyond a doubt that Tulare county will challenge comparison with the world in this branch of agriculture. At some future time, we design giving a full and minute description of Mr. G's grounds, &c."

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From the Tulare County Record and Fresno Examiner, July 2, 1859:

"A CARD:--A quantity of flour having been consigned to me for sale at this place, I take this means of informing my consignor and the public that I shall not offer the same to the public, believing the sale of imported produce to be injurious to the home producer. My design is to give my patronage to the farmers of Tulare County--D.R. Douglass."

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do you remember      ed page, Wed. Apr. 26 and Thurs. a.m.

"Of course, you don't remember when Injuns were both numerous and ~~as~~ vicious out Venice hill way," remarks A. Prothero. "In the early 1850's we used to watch for an Injun to stick his head over a protective stone wall--then someone fired. That would scare the rest of 'em away for awhile, anyway."

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From the Tulare C<sub>o</sub>unty Record and Examiner, July 9, 1859:

"SELECT SCHOOL:--W.A. Brown will commence his first term of select school at this place in the Brick church on Monday next, July 11. Terms--\$3 per month, due at the end of each month."

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From the Tulare C<sub>o</sub>unty Record, August 27, 1859:

"The new court house is now receiving its first coat of paint, which decidedly improves its outward appearance."

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, November 5, 1859:

"'Venice' is the name of the new town s upposed to be building near the old site of Woodsville by Mr. James. "Brigham" is building a new brick storehouse and making other improvements-- a petition is in circulation for a postoffice which is becoming needful as that portion of the valley is rapidly improving. Success, say we, to the new town of Venice."

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, November 26, 1859:

"Father Mora will hold divine worship in accordance with the rites of the Catholic church on Sunday next at 11 o'clock in the court house in ~~Visalia~~ V<sub>i</sub>salia. The public are invited to attend.

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do you remember ed page, Thurs. Apr. 27 and Fri. a.m.

"Do you remember," asks a subscriber, "when milk shakes used to be made by a 'hand machine?' Ice and flavoring were put into a metal container which was placed in the 'machine.' By means of a wheel, the container was whirled in a circle until the 'shake' was considered ready. No ice cream was used and this was before anyone in Visalia ever had heard of a malted milk shake."

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, December 17, 1859:

"Previous to the departure of Rev. F. Mora, the Catholic clergyman who has been visiting this place for some weeks past, a meeting of the citizens was held in the court house for the purpose of devising measures for the erection of a Catholic church in this vicinity. The following named gentlemen were elected as a committee to aid in the undertaking: Wiley Watson, Thos. Baker, Judge John C<sup>U</sup>tlar, Wm. Gouverneur Morris, W.I. Powell and D.R. Douglass."

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, December 24, 1859:

" NEW BRIDGE:--The new bridge across Mill creek on C<sup>H</sup>urch street is progressing rapidly toward completion. The bents and heavy timbers are all up and in place and have the appearance of being well and substantially constructed. This will be a valuable improvement to the town when completed."

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do you remember ed page, Fri. Apr. 28, and Sat. A.M.

"Do you remember," asks John Hicks, "when you could come to Visalia from the country, buy a pair of the best overalls for 50 cents, a fine pair of shoes for \$2 or less, good shirts for 40 cents and a nice hat for a dollar? If you were hungry, you could step into a saloon, buy a big glass of beer for a nickel and get all you wanted to eat free."

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From the Tulare Times, June 15, 1871:

"It must be warm up about Mariposa. The Free Press says "the ~~th~~ temperature has been ranging from 90 degrees to hell, with an upward tendency for three days. The change takes most of our people by surprise and light apparel crops out with oaths appropriate to the temperature."

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From the Tulare/Times, August 4, 1877:

"Mr. John Clark says the Times "is a nasty paper" and he don't like it. We say Mr. Clark is an incompetent judge and leave it to his record."

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From the Tulare/Times, July 21, 1877:

"The tax payers humbug committee, incubated by Granny Dewey of the Delta, could not conclude the little routine business that has been assigned it by its managers at a meeting held in Granny's office in the forenoon of the same day, without exposing its deceit which cropped out in a motion which excluded the Tulare Weekly Times from the publication of the proceedings of that jaundiced body. However, it is well, as the ~~poor~~ poor ~~weak~~ weakly creature could not survive general publicity."

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do you remember      ed page, Sat., April 29, and Mon. a.m.

"Do you remember," asks Claud Patrick, "when the Cohn building, the W.D. James hotel and the Zane Steuben residence were the only buildings ~~maxims~~ in the block where the Security First National bank now stands; when Andrew Belz had a blacksmith shop where the Pacific house now stands; when Jack Wilson had a blacksmith shop where the Theater Visalia recently was torn down; when there was a big stump from which political speeches were made in front of the site of the Cooper furniture store which recently was destroyed by fire?"

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From the Tulare County Times, March 8, 1873:

"A peace has about been concluded with the terrible Modocs and they are to be removed and sent to a warmer and more southern clime. We signify in advance that we don't want to form their acquaintance, and it would please us just as well for them to be sent some distance from this neck of the woods.

"We have worn our own particular scalp for a long time, and we are attached and endeared to it by the oldest, warmest and strongest of ties, and we should dislike very much to see it removed and transferred to the possession of a sanguinary Modoc chieftain to serve as a mere ornament.

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From the Tulare County Times, December 12, 1868:

"We regret to state that Frank McKee, mentioned in a former issue as dangerously wounded by an Indian, is dead."

From the Tulare County Times, December 26, 1868:

"A few days ago, a man by the name of Knox, proprietor of a hotel at Wadsworth, shot and killed an Indian for abusing his (Knox's) wife. Everyone thought he did right and the matter was let drop."

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do you remember      ed page ~~Ext~~ Sat. Apr. 22 p.m. and Mon. a.m.

How many persons remember," asks Fred Huffaker, "when, in ~~its~~ 1884, the following constituted the Visalia Fire department: Billy Hammond, Harry Levinson, Harley Kelsey, Jim Baker, Ed McVeigh, Bert Johnson, Bill Owens, C.F. Johnson, Gusman Mitchell, Dave Anderson, Fred Creighton and Mike Togni."

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, September 29, 1860:

"Today we moved the printing office of the Visalia Weekly Delta to our new office on the corner of Main and Church streets, which we have erected for our own use. Without boasting, we consider this the best specimen of architectural skill in town--and reflects much credit upon the masons, Messrs Jones and Hughes, and the carpenters, Messrs. Douglas and Magary."

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, November 10, 1860:

"Bear and deer are now very plentiful in the foot hills. Some of our sportsmen are enjoying themselves in hunting. One party came in a few days ~~ago~~ since and reported having killed six bear and a number of deer--seven of the latter, they brought in with them."

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, December 8, 1860:

"A ~~xx~~ curious novelty is the production of a Bible which is indexed on the fore-edge, so that the desired spot can be opened at once."

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do you remember      ed page, Fri. Apr. 21, p.m. and Sat. a.m.

"Do you remember," asks Claud Patrick, "when a ditch flowed along Acequia street; when a ditch flowed along Race street; the Meoney br ewery on South C<sup>U</sup>rt street; the old slough and wilderness along Oak street from Encina avenue west, and when the property, south of Mineral King avenue from C<sub>h</sub>urch street east to East street, was covered with willow brush?"

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, September 8, 1860:

"The Visalia Sun, after a hard struggle, has at length made its appearance and shines for the benefit of the benighted inhabitants of the valley. Pecuniarily, we wish it success and welcome it among our exchanges. Politically it is nothing, but gives evidence of the previously avowed intentions, to ~~writing~~ unite, if possible, all the opposing elements of the national democracy, republicans, Douglasites, &c."

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, September 22, 1860:

"We call attention to the call of the citizens and tax-payers of the town for the purpose of forming a "Hook and Ladder Company." All persons interested in the permanent prosperity of the town should attend and render whatever a ssistance they can toward the furtherance of this enterprise. Now is the time to act."

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do you remember      ed page, Thurs. April 20 p.m. and Fri. a.m.

"Do you remember," asks Attorney N.F. Bradley, "the six to ten horse lumber wagons with one or two trailer wagons attached, that came down North Court street long before that street was paved? The children used to run out to watch the wagons, which hauled lumber from Atwell's mill near Mineral King into Visalia. The hane bells on the leading and wheel horses rang out merrily and the travelers on the mountain roads knew, when they heard these bells, that the big lumber wagons were approaching."

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, May 26, 1860:

"The Rev. F. Mora of San Juan arrived in town on Tuesday night. On Sunday next at 10 a .m., Cathòlic services will be held at the court house when the public generally are invited to attend."

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, June 23, 1860:

"Mr. D.R. Douglass has commenced the erection of his two-story brick store on the corner of Church and Mill streets, and Mr. Davenport will commence the erection of another two-story brick building on the opposite corner of Mill and Church streets during the present week."

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, June 30, 1860:

"Wells and Hussey's minstrels are playing in Visalia to crowded houses. They will give another of their pleasing entertainments this evening at the court house."

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do you remember      ed page, Wed., April 19 p .m. and Thurs. a.m.

"Do you remember," asks a subscriber, " when Herb Grant had the first bakery shop in Visalia and used to deliver his goods in person? It was reported one of the Delta subscribers ordered his subscription stopped. Asked the reason he said, 'Oh, we get all the news from Herb Grant every day!'"

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, February 25, 1860:

"The Baptist church will hold divine services every fourth Sunday, and Saturday previous, in the Methodist Brick ~~building~~ Church, when not otherwise occupied."

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, March 3, 1860:

"DANCING SCHOOL:--Mr. Smith has commenced another term of his school and will hereafter occupy the court house instead of the hall as formerly. Mr. S. has been ver successful in giving entire satisfaction to his pupils and deserves the encouragement of those desirous of learning the terpsic horean art."

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, March 10, 1860:

"Mr. E. Jacob is about completing a fine brick residence on Court street."

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do you remember ed page, ~~Mon~~ Tues., Apr. 18 p.m. and Wed. a.m.

"I remember the first and only birthday party my mother ever gave for me," says John Lotito, special investigator for District Attorney Walter C. Haight. "The ice cream had been bought, the guests invited and I had been sent on a last minute errand down town. The bell in the tower of the old fire house rang and I followed Old Betsy, the fire engine, to the scene of the blaze. The fire was a large house---a good one as we kids used to classify them---and, of course, I stayed to see it out. By the time I got home the guests had had their ice cream and cake and departed. Perhaps there was a good reason why my mother never repeated on the party business!"

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, February 4, 1860.

"STEAMER VISALIA:--The Stockton Republican of the 28th of January says: The Steamer Visalia, which left here last Sunday for Sacramento, to repair damages to the hull caused by snags while on the trip to Hill's Ferry, returned this morning in fine running trim. The Visalia will not attempt another trip until a rise in the river occurs, when the owners expect to make weekly trips between Stockton and Fresno City."

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, February 18, 1860:

"It is a fact that we have a milk wagon now running through the streets of Visalia. Mr. E. Smith will deliver milk to the citizens of the town every morning and evening. This astonishing enterprise in a 'cow county' should be encouraged."

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do you remember ed page for Monday, April 17 p.m. and Tues. a.m.

"Do you remember," asks John N. Hicks, "the good ol days of the 1890's when the greatest celebration of the year was the Fourth of July and everybody came to town to see the parade and meet their friends?....We kids all had a great time, especially if a firecracker set fire to some shanty in Chinatown, giving us an opportunity to see the fire engine and hose cart in action."

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, January 21, 1860:

"The Steamboat 'Visalia' just completed for navigating the San Joaquin river between Stockton and Fresno City, started on her trial trip this week. We do not doubt but that the result will be entirely satisfactory, even though the water should be low, as she requires less than 12 inches to make her passage certain."

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From the Visalia Weekly Delta, February 4, 1860:

"The matter of finishing the basement of the court house for the accomodation of the county officers will also come before them (the board of supervisors). If means can be provided, these rooms should be completed, both for the accomodation of the officers, and convenience of the citizens. Even though they should have to borrow money, it would cost no more to pay interest upon money than rent for outside buildings, that are inconvenient and inappropriate from location and structure."

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