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April 23-1887

Acata

"The Fraternity" of "Soiled Doves" have come to grief this week - Gussie Meyer and Aggie Smith, each the keeper of a house of prostitution have been arrested and brought before G. W. Hopkins and each paid a fine of \$30. Fred W. Allen, one of their attachés, was tried in the same court today + has gone down to show the hospitality of Sheriff Brown for 30 days. Another, Pete Peasree, will have his bearings in the same court for the same offense next Saturday. The law-and-order part of the community have borne long enough with that kind of stock + have no further use for them.

Ramber

April 14, 1887

Jan 10-1929 - Mrs. Abbie Neal, a former resident of Arcata, died in S.F. on Sunday after an illness of 3 weeks, following an attack of flu. Deceased was 75 years of age and was born in Calais Maine.

She came to Arcata in 1884 +

conducted a restaurant on G street, adjoining the old Munson Hotel and after a few years residence here, moved to Siskiyou Co. - Her husband, Arvin Neal, died in S.F. three years ago.

She is survived by two brothers -

C.C. Buck of Arcata

Seth Buck of Eureka +

two daughters - Mrs. Katie Smith and Mrs. Jean Richards of S.F. with whom she made her home. C.C. Buck + daughter, Mrs. Mudge Johnson + Seth Buck left for S.F. Sunday to attend the funeral.

Seth Buck married Charlotte Seaver, sister of Nora Harpst

1877 - { a mouse lot lot 27x15ft at sw corner bl. 166
 { lot 1? Mrs. Nora Harpst said lot not on
 extreme corner lot

~~Then this restaurant must have been lot 2?~~

John G. Chapman
 Lumber business 1860-1862 Acata

July 1-1886-Contractor Gartman
 has the organ block well under way
 8 carpenters are employed

A. Wiley is block his printing
 office on N. between A.
 Brigards Store + E. A.
 Deming's shop

May 1870 - A. P. Murphy + D. L. Simpson
pid F. B. Herrick stables west
side of Plaza Arcata

Aug 20 - 1870 - Murphy + Simpson
prop of Arcata Sivery Stable

Sept 22 - 1877 - John Halley has pid a half
~~oct 6~~ interest in Arcata Stables +
firm will be Colgrove + Halley

W.A. Preston } Business Locations in 1903 255
1903 F.M. Sisson Jr } gen. Mdse. Notions, groceries, Hdw
corner H + 9th

1903 - Pioneer Meat Market - John C. Bull
D.W. McGowan } Proprs
North side of Plaza - bet G + H

1903 - L. Person - (Merchant Tailor) Rest + shop South
side of Plaza - between G + H

1903 - Pearl Restaurant + Siding House (Mrs Richard
Fielding prop.)
H street between 9th + 10th

1903 - Pioneer Meat Market - Archie Nicholson, prop
9th street between H + I.

1903 - Opera Hall - (S. Jackson proprietor)
S side Plaza - bet G + H

1903 - John Dolson (Furniture + Undertaker) West side
Plaza - between 8th + 9th streets

1903 - Diamond Fruit Co (J. B. Robb, mgr.) E side Plaza
between 8 + 9

1903 - Sam T. Darden (O. H. Robb - mgr.) Furniture, etc
East side Plaza - between 8 + 9

1903 - Crawford Dry good store - West side Plaza - ~~8 + 9~~
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1903 - Robt. Bahmanson Pharmacy - H street between
9th + 10th

1903 - Geo. Beck - Icecream - store + res. H + 10th

1903 - Bank of Acata - West side of Plaza (8 + 9th)

1903 - Bank Exchange - James E. Roe - liquors

1903 - Averell + Greenwood - West side of Plaza near 8

1903 - Acata Postoffice - Austin Wiley P.M.
East side Plaza - near 9th

1903 - Acata Hdw - H street between 9 + 10

June 1 - 1901

a. Strobel has sold the restaurant side of his business to John Randle

C. T. Watson recently built a cabin at Brigard's barn for the use of tea packers, who come down from the mts.

Nov 3 - 1900 - a lease from Robt. Burns of S.F. to J. E. Rose of Acata of the saloon + fixtures at the new corner - block 174 - for 5 yrs - from Sept 1 - 1900 at monthly rental \$40

Mar 2 - 1901 - The new store of L. T. Barden on the (left) side of plaza is about completed. The big plate glass windows have arrived + will be put in very shortly. This will be the best furniture store in N. Calif

Mar 2 - 1901 - The contract for the new bandstand on the plaza has been awarded to Reese Bros

Nov 6 - 1899 - Thos. Worth, a former resident of Acata, came up from S.F. last week to take charge of the Tilley drugstore in Acata

Oct 18 - 1902 - Jas. Averell + Mose Greenwald pd clothing store of Mr. Louis Seary of Acata

Oct 4 - 1902 - Charles Daniel who has been in the grocery business in Acata for the past year and a half, has sold out to Edward Dary + Wm. Preston

Before Fire

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1872 - (Minor + Harpet) to
(Bull + Yocum) lot 4 - Bl. 194

\$3,000

1872 - new firm at Acata
(Harpet + McKenna)

1900

Little Crabtree about 12 yrs of age played
in the old hall that stood where
Masons + odd Fellows Hall now stands.
(Mundlocke Hall)

meat market

Jan 4-1879

Dissolved - firm of Adams + Co. meat market

May 20-1855

Payson Dering
 corner of the co.
 until next general
 election

Harry White of Union
 Township - Road Supervisor

Jul 5-1855

G. Lee - M. S. -
 office in Williams Bldg
 new corner of plaza

K. J. Rosgen =

Deputy Marshall of Arcata
 in 1874

July 1885? Union column
 Hays + Spring are con-
 sulting the erection of
 a new Bldg along side
 their store, the same
 size as the one they are
 now doing business in.

Aug 25 1900 Last week att. Beuchard of Arcata filed articles
 of incorporation of the Thomas Devlin Tannery Co.
 with the county recorder. The authorized capital stock
 is \$125,000 with \$50,000 subscribed + paid up. The
 business will be carried on as formerly + will do a
 general tanning + leather business. The new
 company is composed of the founder of the business,
 Thomas Devlin + his four sons, William,
 Thomas, Bruce + Wallace.

SALE OF PROPERTY FEATURED IN EARLY HISTORICAL ARTICLE

By MRS. EUGENE FOUNTAIN

The NEWKIRK and McNAY building is another of the group which the fire of 1875 destroyed. It probably stood near the middle of the block between K and H streets, on the north side of Ninth Street (Lot 5-Block 194).

On November 1, 1854 Charles H. DAVIDSON sold to the two above men, lot 5 for \$725.00 which indicates that the building was erected before 1854, as bare lots were not that valuable.

Mr. Davidson had advertised in the first issue of the Humboldt Times, on September 2, 1854, that he was engaged in gunsmithing and repairing on the north side of the public square. He had purchased lot 5 of that year from John BURMAN. In frontier communities the gunsmith was nearly as essential as the physician, so that after gunsmith Davidson departed, his successor H. McNAY was no doubt welcomed.

On May 22, 1856, Mr. McNay married Elizabeth DANSKIN, daughter of prominent Union pioneer. In July of that year, McNay was a member of the committee arranging the Fourth of July dance to be held at Union. January first of that year, McNay had assumed the duties of Treasurer of Humboldt County. The following year he sold his interest in the building under discussion to his partner, Isaac Newkirk. The latter was mentioned in Murdock's "A Backward glance at Eighty", but not by name.

Charles Murdock explained that his father was an inveterate trader. "When my father, in one of his numerous trades, bought out the only tinshop and put me



in charge he changed my life and endangered my disposition. The tinsmith left the county and I was left with the tools and the material, the only tinsmith in Humboldt County. "How I struggled and bungled!"

From the Court House records the preceding statement is verified, for on June 1, 1858 Isaac J. NEWKIRK deeded to A. H. Murdock, lots 5, 6, 7, block 194 for \$2,000. About the same time Mr. Newkirk became the owner of the Valley Hotel in Hoopa Valley with a farm and ferry in connection, which must have been acquired in payment for the Tinshop, since Charles Murdock said it was a trade. The Tinshop business seems to have been moved to the Murdock Building on the northeast corner of 9 and G streets, and the "Northern California", in which Murdock, Senior, had the controlling interest, occupied the west half of the building illustrated herewith, in place of the Tinshop.

After McNay became County Treasurer, Charles SCHUMACH-

ER became the Union gunsmith.

The Times announced on October 25, 1856, that he was dealer in rifles, shot guns, pistols, powder, lead, caps etc., and that his shop was in the building next to Bowls and Codington Store. (This store was on the corner now occupied by the Arcata Hotel.) In December, 1856, C. Schumacher moved to the east side of the plaza, when he purchased lot 7 in block 166 of R. J. WINDERS. GEORGE OUSLEY then moved into the east half of this structure, vacated by Schumacher and ran a saddlery and harness shop for Murdock, who owned the building. In May, 1859 he purchased the business, continuing in the same location until February 1860, when he moved to the northwest corner of 9th and H streets.

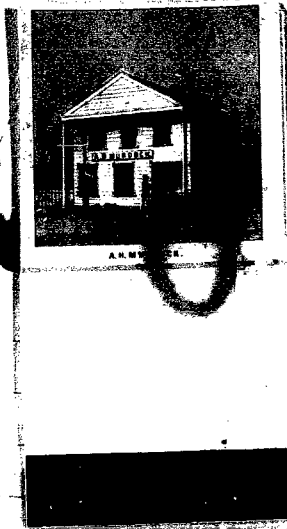
In September, 1865, the U. S. government paid NEWKIRK and Almonzo Norton \$13,206 for their property in the Hoopa Reservation which may have been the hotel property and farm there. Norton subsequently settled at

Blue Lake.

The Arcata Union in its December 26, 1896 issue carried the following obituary of Isaacs J. NEWKIRK. "Thomas Vann has handed the Arcata Union a copy of the St. Helena Star of December 4, which contains an account of the death in Honolulu on November 21 of I. J. NEWKIRK. Deceased came to Arcata in the spring of 1854 and opened a Tinshop and store about where Bull's butcher shop now stands. He was successful in business and two years later the young lady to whom he was engaged came out and they were married here.

Accumulating considerable money, Mr. NEWKIRK moved to

Hoopa a few years later, where he resided for some years and left in 1864. Locating in SOLANO County, he invested in land when prices were low, and acquired considerable wealth. He owned a nice farm near Napa, where he resided of late years, and where his wife died two years ago. The couple never had any children. Mr. NEWKIRK was a member of "St. Helena Lodge F. & A.M." He was a native of Ohio and about sixty-nine years of age at his death.



Murdock's Store

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lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 - Block 195

March 14 - 1851 - Thomas Sebring to A.H. Murdock - lots 11 + 12

Sept. 22 - 1851 - Julius W. Graham for \$100 to A.H. Murdock, lot begin 50 ft. east from corner 9 + G on 9th street, thence 25 ft. east - then 115 ft. north - lot!

Sept. 10 - 1853 - Thomas Sebring to C.L. Barney + J.C. Johnson - \$250 - lot 15 -

Dec. 5 - 1853 - H.L. Barney + J.T. Johnson to A.H. Murdock - \$250

Febr. 1 - 1867 - Albert H. Murdock + wife of S.F. to Charles Murdock - lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Sept 16 - 1867 - Charles Murdock to Austin Wiley - above

Jan 22 - 1869 - Austin Wiley to Isaac Parry, a portion of block 195, begining at sw corner, north 50 ft, east 125 ft - \$1,000

Nov. 28 - 1872 - Isaac Parry to Alex Brigard lot 125 x 50 - \$1,350

1875 - Fire burned this bldg.

Aug. 29 - 1896 - Contract for new Acasta odd Fellows + Mason bldg. awarded to A.A. Redmond for \$8,045.

July 10 - 1895 - A. Brigard - loss \$25,000 Insured \$10,000

June 20 - 1896 - Alex Brigard sold City Hall Bldg. committee - on corner of plaza

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SITE OF PRESENT LIBRARY BUILDING.

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Murdock was proprietor of one of the first stores in Arcata, and also was first postmaster for Arcata. His son, Charles, is author of the book, "A Backward Glance at 80".

Murdock was seeking information which was missing from this book, and had come to Arcata hoping to uncover the information he lacked. He found this information in one of the historical series of articles in the Arcata Union written by Mrs. Eugene Fountain of Blue Lake.

Murdock, an insurance man living in Castro Valley, said he would take the information to a family reunion to be held at Ross, Marin Co., California. The reunion will be marked by the 76th birthdays of his father, Hamilton Murdock, and a twin sister, Laurilla Schlesinger.

The visitor to Arcata said that Osgood Murdock, son of Charles Murdock who wrote "A Backward Glance at 80" is now publisher of a farm periodical and a mining magazine. He also said the name Hamilton has been

passed through five generations. His great grandfather was Albert Hamilton Murdock, his grandfather was George Hamilton Murdock, his father was Hamilton Murdock, he is George Hamilton Murdock, and his son is also George Hamilton Murdock.

Severin
Jacobsen /
Saloon

Pastime
Theatre /

Marken
Post master

Union Hotel
Perham Barber Shop

Brizard Store

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Eighth Street

Wahl & Rosel
Saloon

Lentoni Humboldt
Manufacturing
Company

H Street

L-Bank
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Mellinger
barber shop

Mellinger
jeweler

Andrew - Restaurant - Skinner
Duprey

Ninth Street

Waite
Building
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Garage

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Banducci

Charles
Leveque
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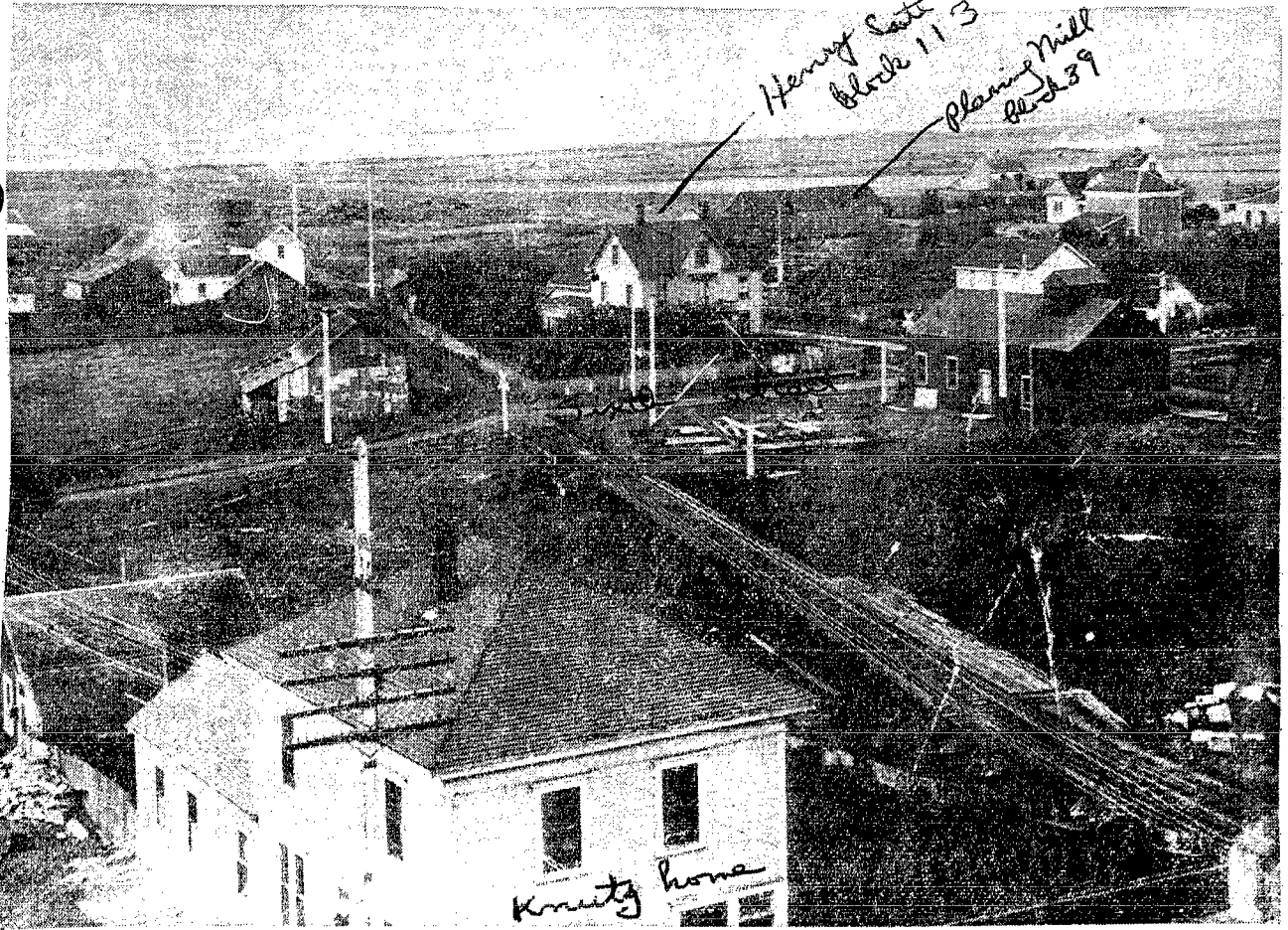
G Street

Robert Bernard
McGowell Johnson
Furniture confectioner

Park House
Mrs. Lydia
Wyatt

Arcata
Union
Wiley

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Saalon	Swap	Ernie Knutz	The Delta Smith meat market	Bull	Arcata Hotel	Arcata Hotel	William Hughes



View of old Arcata and Mad River depot?

Sewell Street

Block 128 - Between (4th and 7th) and H + I

1864 - James Titlow owned block 128, except N.E. corner - Henry Knutz⁽²⁵⁾ (X115)
 sister Manheim + Stern owned "

May 30 - 1895 - B. F. Stern to Annie "Knutz" - lot 37 x 12.5 ft - Block 128
 (Perhaps Mrs. Knutz bought additional land adjoining the lot)

Dec. 1907 - Charles Spaulding & wife have moved their rooming house bldg
 over to the Knutz Bldg, 7 + H.

Aug 6 - 1952 - Knutz Bldg demolished for Berard Parking lot

May 1888 - Knutz has torn down the old building opposite the rr depot,
 corner 7 + H, + will erect a new bldg on the lot

Arcata had two thriving Chinese settlements '84

By MONICA HADLEY

Many are familiar with the story of how the Chinese were driven out of Humboldt county in 1884 and how, for over 65 years, Orientals gave the county a wide berth. Newspapers record the story of how some white men "refused to mind their own business" and ventured into Eureka's Chinatown while a tong war was in progress. One white man was killed.

The next day all Chinese were loaded up and shipped to San Francisco. There was one exception. That was Charlie Moon, a cook at the Tom Bair ranch at Redwood Creek. This was considered "too great a distance to go" for just one Chinese.

Byron Smith, who was six years old at the time, recalls Arcata's two Chinese settlements well.

"My, but the Chinese were thick in Arcata. I was scared of them — that was because my mother had cautioned me against them. I remember one time when one of them was flying a kite and it got caught in a tree. He called to me to help him, but I was so afraid that I ran."

One settlement of Chinese — there must have been 50 of them, Byron recalls — was in what we now call north Arcata.

"There were eight houses, all two stories, right in a row. They were built by Ben Spalding (Mrs. George Castner's father). "Byron explained. *Block 368*

These houses were located on the west side of H street between 18th and 19th streets.

The other Chinese settlement was downtown on the south side of 9th street between I and J streets, right where the Purity parking place is today. Byron says there must have been 50 Chi-

Block 169



THIS IS the only building still standing in Arcata, which was a part of the Chinese settlement before the mass exodus of Chinese from Humboldt county in 1884. Located at 848 I St., it belongs to Wes Downing and is due to be razed in the near future.

nese or more living there too.

One house, in which Byron says the Chinese lived, still stands. It is located at 848 I St., and is now owned by Wes Downey, whose plumbing shop is next door. The building is due to be torn down any time.

Byron says that he doesn't know why, but this was the only house on this side of the street, in which Chinese lived.

Byron remembers watching the events after the man was killed in Eureka's Chinatown.

"All the Chinese in Arcata were loaded into gravel wagons and hauled to the depot. That's right where the post office is now. There they put them on the Ar-

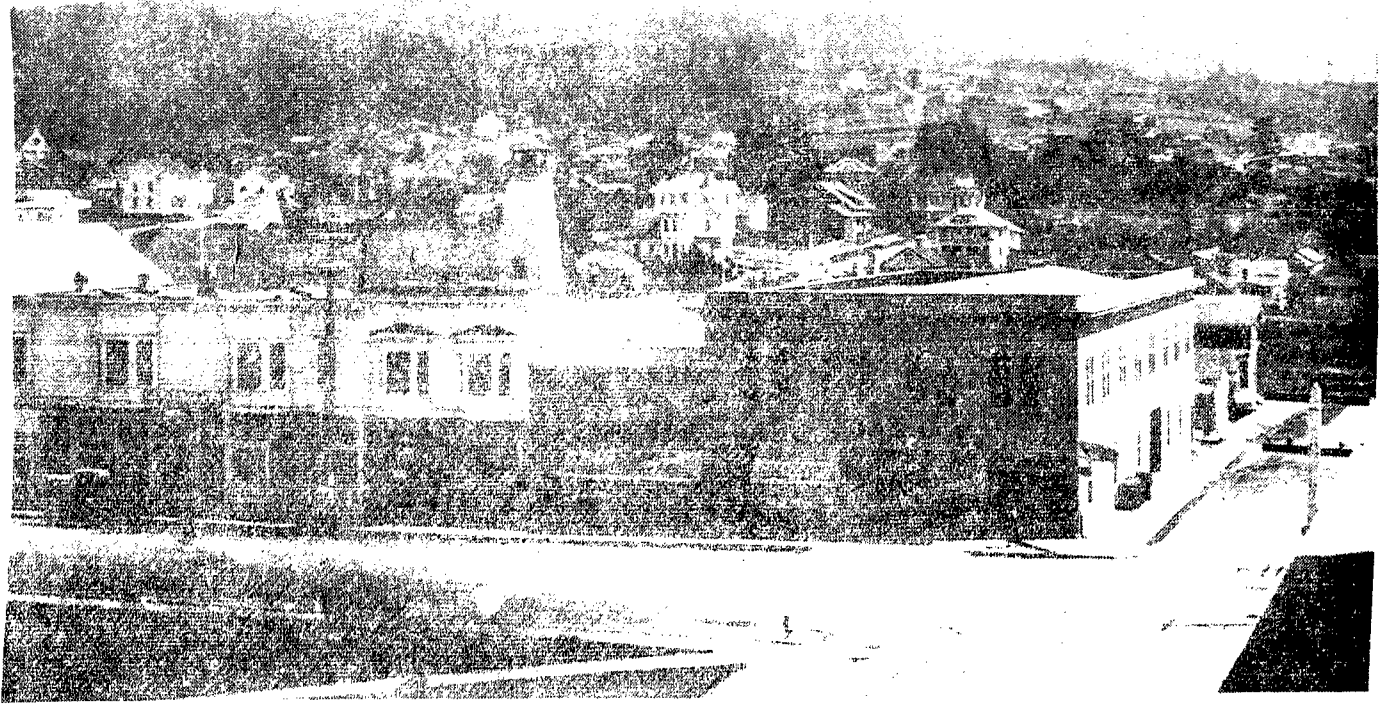
nie and Mary, took them out to the wharf and shipped them to San Francisco."

"I was just a little boy, but, oh, I remember it well!"

The Chinese had been brought in to work in the mines. However, they gradually left this work to become cooks and do household work and laundry.

Newspaper stories of the day recall that those who used Chinese help in the home, really missed them, particularly the children.

Ed's Note: This is the second in a series of early days in Arcata related by Byron Smith, oldest native Arcatan, who was born June 8, 1878.



1912 Garage on corner of 10th and G

April 19-1882 - T. M. Brown, Sheriff, to J. C. Preston - lots 1, 2, 3 - Block 166

#13 505

Febr. 1888 - Arman is progressing with the new bldg being erected by Mrs. Preston on the southeast corner of the plaza



10th street, early 1900's

DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS

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Down through the years the Arcata Post Office has had several faces. Above you may see the Post Office as it stood next to the Union Hotel on 8th Street about 1920. Then in 1951 the present Post Office was built and dedicated on the spot where the old Arcata and Mad River Railroad, (Annie and Mary), station stood for many years. The dedication of the new Post Office created facilities to care for the tremendous growth of Arcata mail service. In 1921 gross receipts of the Arcata Post Office were \$17,162. 10 years later they had grown to \$19,000 dollars during the Great Depression. 1941 showed \$23,660 gross receipts which by 1950 had grown to \$71,879. In the ten years since the opening of the Post Office in its present location the service has been increased by 197% and in 1960 Arcata gross receipts totaled \$213,000. Air mail service came to Arcata in 1946. Today there are five dispatches daily connecting Arcata and every conceivable corner of the world.

Down through the years Arcata has had several names. The White City and Union Town both were names by which our community was known throughout the California Northwest area. In 1858 a young Hollander by the name of Van Rossum introduced a friend of his, one Alexander Brizard to his employer, Mr. Roskill. Mr. Roskill was impressed and offered Alexander a position in his Union Town firm known as Roskill and Company. In a few years Roskill retired and the firm of Spencer, Manheim and Stern secured the popular pair of clerks. This firm dissolved and in the same location Alexander Brizard and J. A. C. VanRossum opened business as "Forwarding and Commission Merchants". The date was June 8th, 1863, ninety-eight years ago. In 1879 Brizards moved to their present location and since that time has "always been actively interested in the community and in helping the betterment of the area." So spoke Paul Brizard, President of A. Brizard, Inc. from 1942 to 1952.

Down through the years, Brizards has been associated with the Post Office in Humboldt county. From the founding of A. Brizard, Inc. in 1863, until the present, it has been a basic policy to "help the community in any way we can, and we are happy to have served in this new development." The above spoken by Paul Brizard in 1951 at the founding of the previous Post Office facility, may well be our statement at this time of dedication of our modern Post Office Mr. Paul Brizard and Robert Matthews Sr., now President

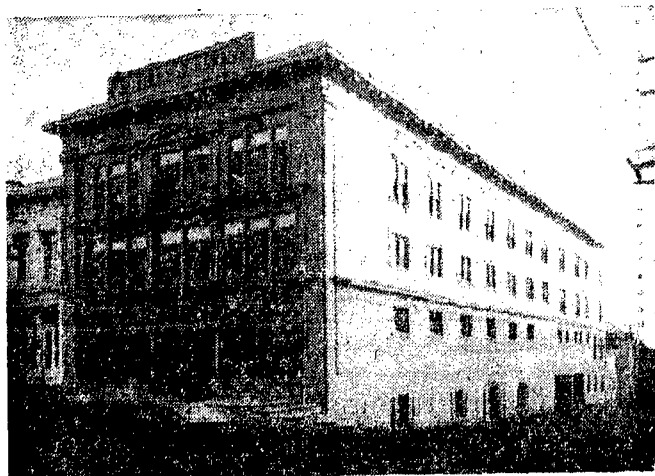
of the firm, were in earlier days in charge of the pack trains between Arcata, Blue Lake, Hoopa, and other mountain communities. They shared the honor of delivering the first Parcel Post between Sawyers Bar and Hoopa. So integrated is the Brizard history with the postal service of this area, that at one time, Paul A. Brizard was Post Master of the Willow Creek, (then China Flat), Denney Hoopa, Weitchpec, Orleans, Somes Bar and Klamath (then Requa), Post Offices simultaneously.



Brizard store and employees at the present site before the turn of the Century



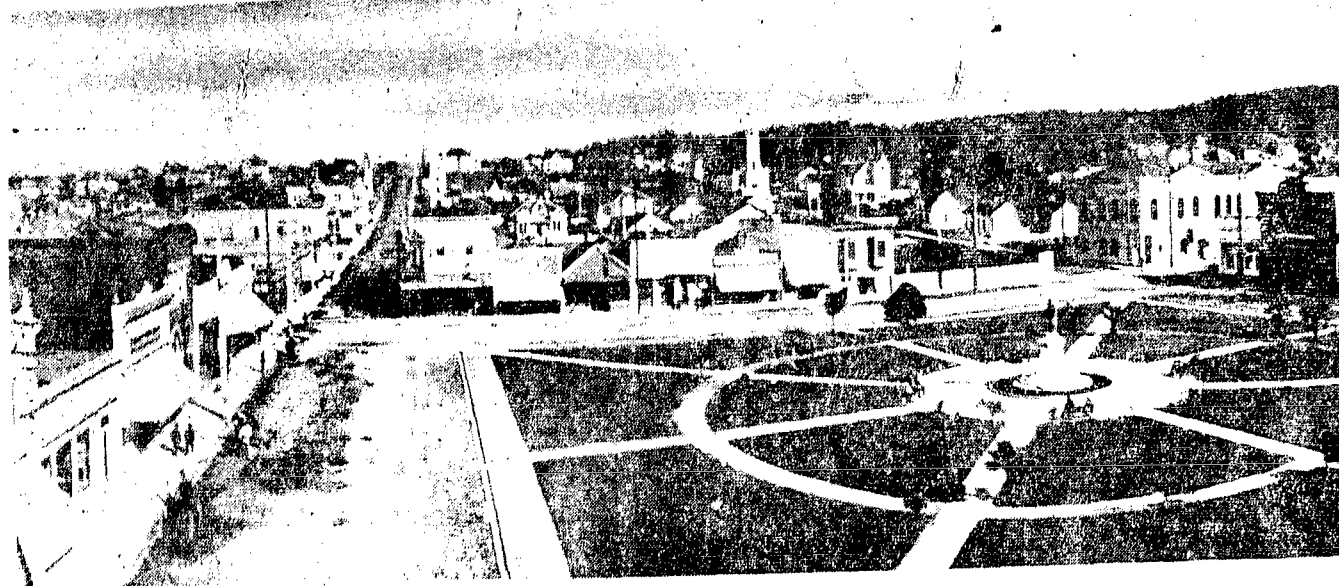
The new Post Office at 8th and H Arcata



Brizards as it looked in 1908.



The New Workroom Has 5418 Square Feet of Work Space.



Overlooking the Plaza about 1913



Along 8th street, showing the old Post Office. About 1913.

June 1857

New flag pole raised

113 ft high

1897? The flag staff in the Arcata plaza blew down with the wind last Friday afternoon. This was the 4th pole erected in the plaza since 1857. The one that succumbed to the wind last Friday is the same staff that once stood in the plaza in Eureka & was removed to make room for the court house.

1860 - Ordinance - (Northern California)

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The Board of Trustees of Town of Union do
ordain as follows;

The following described parcels of land
are set apart and lawfully declared a
Public Graveyard

Blocks, numbered on the plot of said Town,
as 371, 370 and west half of 369
and in addition the following;

commencing at the NW corner of Block 371,
running thence north 300 ft - east 600 ft
south 300 feet to north line of Block 369.
Passed, this 1st day of March, 1860

J. A. Boutelle, President

H. Stein, Clerk - pro tem.

March 21 - 1860 - A committee comprising
Messrs. Beck, Barton, Averill and Boutelle
were appointed by the Board of Trustees
at their last meeting to solicit subscriptions
to build a fence around the public graveyard.

Apr 14
1906

The old band stand, which for years has graced the center of the plaza has been moved out to make room for the McKilley monument which will soon be put up. It has been moved to one side temporarily & the flag pole is also being taken down. The latter was a somewhat difficult task. Quincy Jones did the climbing act. The flag pole will be moved to the grammar school grounds.

April 21. 1906. The granite for the base of the McKinley monument arrived on the last trip of the steamer North Fork. The pieces are already being put in place. Some of them are very large, one piece weighing 6 tons.

May 12 1906. Haig Patigian, the sculptor of the McKinley statue at Aniak, left on the steamer Pomona Sunday for S. F. to return when the monument is formally unveiled, either Decoration Day or the 4th of July. Mr. P. was greatly impressed with the scenic beauty of Humboldt + while here was shown some of the choicest redwood groves by Walter Pratt of Samos, with whom he visited several days.

Dec 24
1948



AROUND OUR TOWN

by SCOOP BEAL

IKE CULLBERG, pioneer Arcatan, took a look at the President McKinley statue in Arcata's plaza all dressed up like Santa Claus - - nodded his head and said, "That's just right, President McKinley was Santa Claus to the whole United States when he was president." - - - the statue of President McKinley became Santa Claus a couple of weeks back when the plaza was decorated for the Christmas season - - the base of the statue was covered to represent a chimney and McKinley was dressed up in a Santa Claus suit - - - replete with whiskers - - - while in his extended hand was hung a big sack full of toys - - - it is not the first time the statue has been decorated - - pranksters over the years have adorned it with mustaches and fastened an empty bottle to the extended hand - - and, we believe, that once before an Arcata-Eureka High football game some Eureka painted McKinley red and green - - - the history of the statue dates back to around the time of the San Francisco earthquake - - - a stout Arcata Republican named George Zehnder decided that Arcata should have a statue of McKinley - - - he hired an Austrian sculptor named Hagopian to model the statue and it was cast in bronze in San Francisco and made ready to ship to Arcata - - - the big SF shake came and tumbled down the building in which McKinley's statue was housed - - - the statue was moved out onto the sidewalk and laid there on its back, hand extended upwards for a couple of months - - - citizens walking along the street would stop and "shake hands with President McKinley" - - - finally the statue was shipped to Arcata (the reported cost for the statue was \$16,000) and it was set up in the Arcata plaza - - - it was dedicated on July Fourth, 1906, with fitting ceremonies - - - McKinley was elected president of the United States in 1896 defeating the Democratic candidate William Jennings Bryan - - - he was re-elected again in 1900. On September 6, 1901, he was assassinated at Buffalo by Leon F. Czolgosz, an anarchist, and he died there eight days later.

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PLAZA DECORATIONS

Arcata is ready for Christmas — at least as far as decorating the Plaza is concerned. Last Saturday night when the lights were turned on, trees hung with metallic icicles, and silver ornaments reflected the colors from a row of lights strung around them, and flood lights illuminated the central figures of Santa Claus, the Manger scene, wisemen and shepherds.

Credit for the decorations, of which any town could be proud, must go to a committee of merchants who executed a nebulous idea someone had about doing something different this year. After the idea was formed, it was taken up with N. Reese Bullen, HSC art instructor, who carried out with originality and beauty the paper plans.

As lovely during daylight hours as at night, the figures and tree ornaments, Santa Claus and even the star of Bethlehem above the manger, all immediately spell Christmas to the shopper.

The Plaza this year is the scene of all community-Christmas programs, and Santa Claus visitations. Last Saturday night, and this, there will be carols and music by groups from the High School, and College, and the Christmas shoppers on those evenings when the stores are open will know definitely that the Yuletide is upon us.

Because of the lavishness of plaza decorations, there will be no prizes offered this year for home decorations, because all were concentrated on giving the townspeople something they all could enjoy, when they came down town. However citizens are urged to decorate their homes anyway.

HE'S ONLY SANTA TWO WEEKS



Santa To Become McKinley Again

With the Christmas holidays over for another year, the statue of William McKinley on the Plaza will once again resume his "regular" role of bronze statue, and cast off his Santa Claus suit and chimney for another year.

The statue has won much favorable comment this season as the symbol of Christmas giving, but there have been those who felt that it was alright for two weeks of the year, but not such a fine idea as a steady thing.

The costuming of the statue won nation-wide publicity when it was mentioned on a coast-to-coast hookup recently on the Alka-Seltzer newspaper of the air.

Dec.
1959 **A Statue's Fate**



Arcata Has A Shepherd

ARCATA — The statue of the martyred president William B. McKinley, which at one time held a dignified place in a world's fair, underwent transformation this week (so did the English language, i. e. "Shepard" for "Shepherd"), when the members of the Downtown Merchants Association dressed up the Sculptor Haig Patigian's first major work for the Christmas holiday. Here it is, before, in dignified form, and below, masquerading with less dignity.

DIVIDER

CREAMERY

Febr. 3-1906 - on Monday work commenced on a modern large creamery to be built by Isaac Minor. Location is on land just north of Eastern Redwood Lumber Co's lumber yard. Mr. Minor recently disposed of his McKeelyville Creamery to M. Graste of Montana.

Harpet Oct 20

1900 - Maria L. Weston has leased to John A. Urquhart the S 1/2 of sec 29 - T 7 N - R 5 E + total for 1 yr

~~July 21-1891 - 1/2 sec 29 - T 7 N - R 5 E - 1/2 sec 29 - T 7 N - R 5 E has sold his South Fork mt. ranch~~

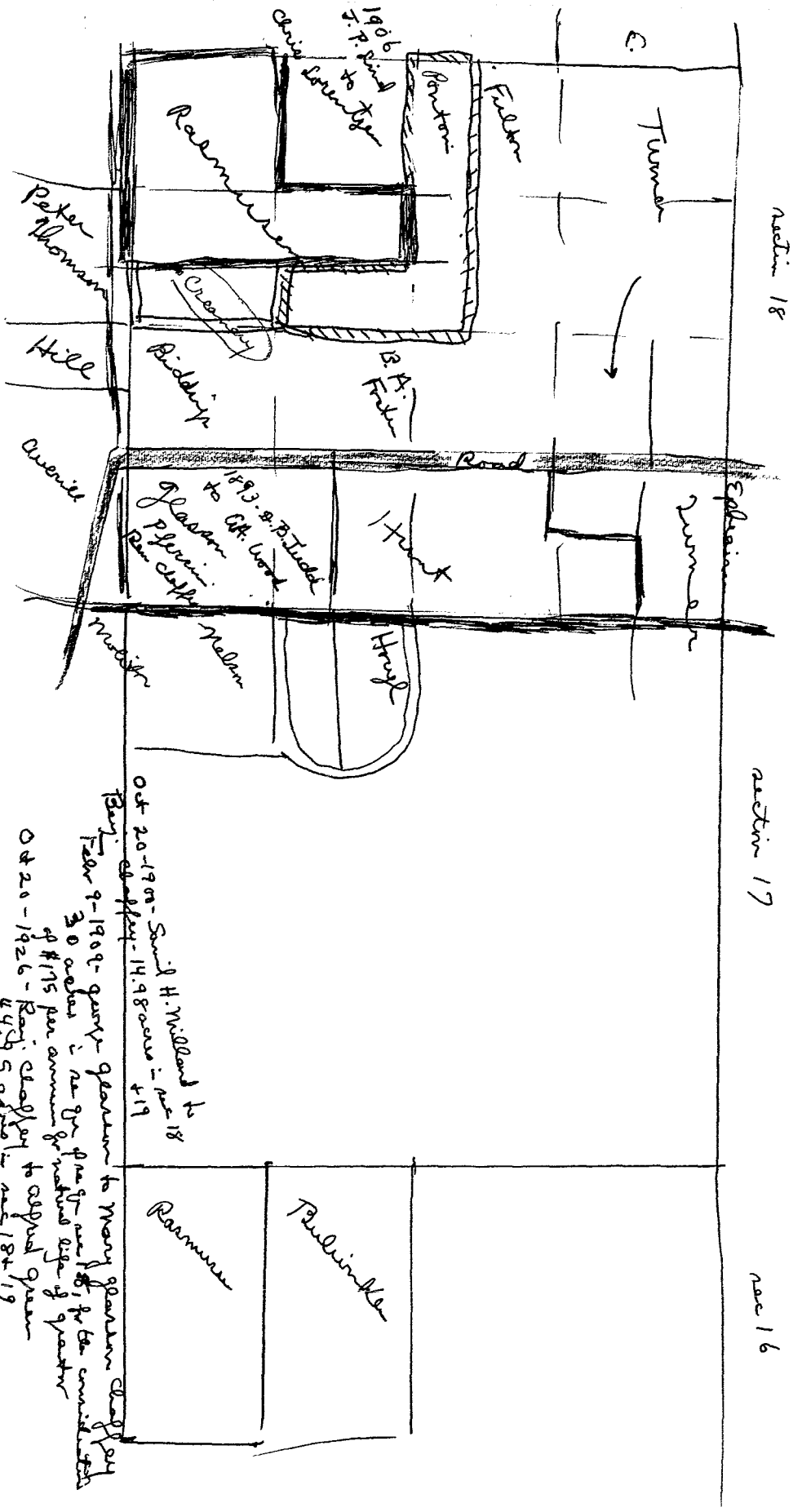
Febr 26-1898

Harpet + Spring's creamery is now receiving about 4 1/2 tons of milk daily, but will double that amount in the summer

Mar 28-1902 - Mr. Foxe of Quebec Boston
 aded dis 11 5 1/2 acres dairy farm to Mr. Canadian Rasmussen of Sletta, who will lease it.

Feb 24-1883 - J. A. Biddings to J. A. Biddings survey of ac 3 ac 18. \$ 2,250
 Nov 20-1920 - M. Seim to J. A. Biddings road

Nov. 27-1878 - P. Graham to B. M. Stokes \$ 1,130 - No. gr of ac 3-6 m-1 w - (No gr of ac for ac 18) + a strip 20 ft wide along east line of ac for ac 18



Oct 20-1901 - Saml H. Willard to
 Bary - 14.98 acres - ac 18
 Feb 9-1908 - gary - gary to Mary gary
 30 acres - ac 18 for the consideration
 of \$175 per annum for natural gas of gary
 Oct 20-1926 - Bary - gary to gary
 44.5 acres - ac 18 + 19

Febr 16-1888 - Peter Anderson to S. H. Millard - Cal - Cucate Botton \$300

Aug 25-1905 - Samuel H. Millard agrees to sell Clarence Searle + wife - land in sec 20 for \$2,400 - payable in installments

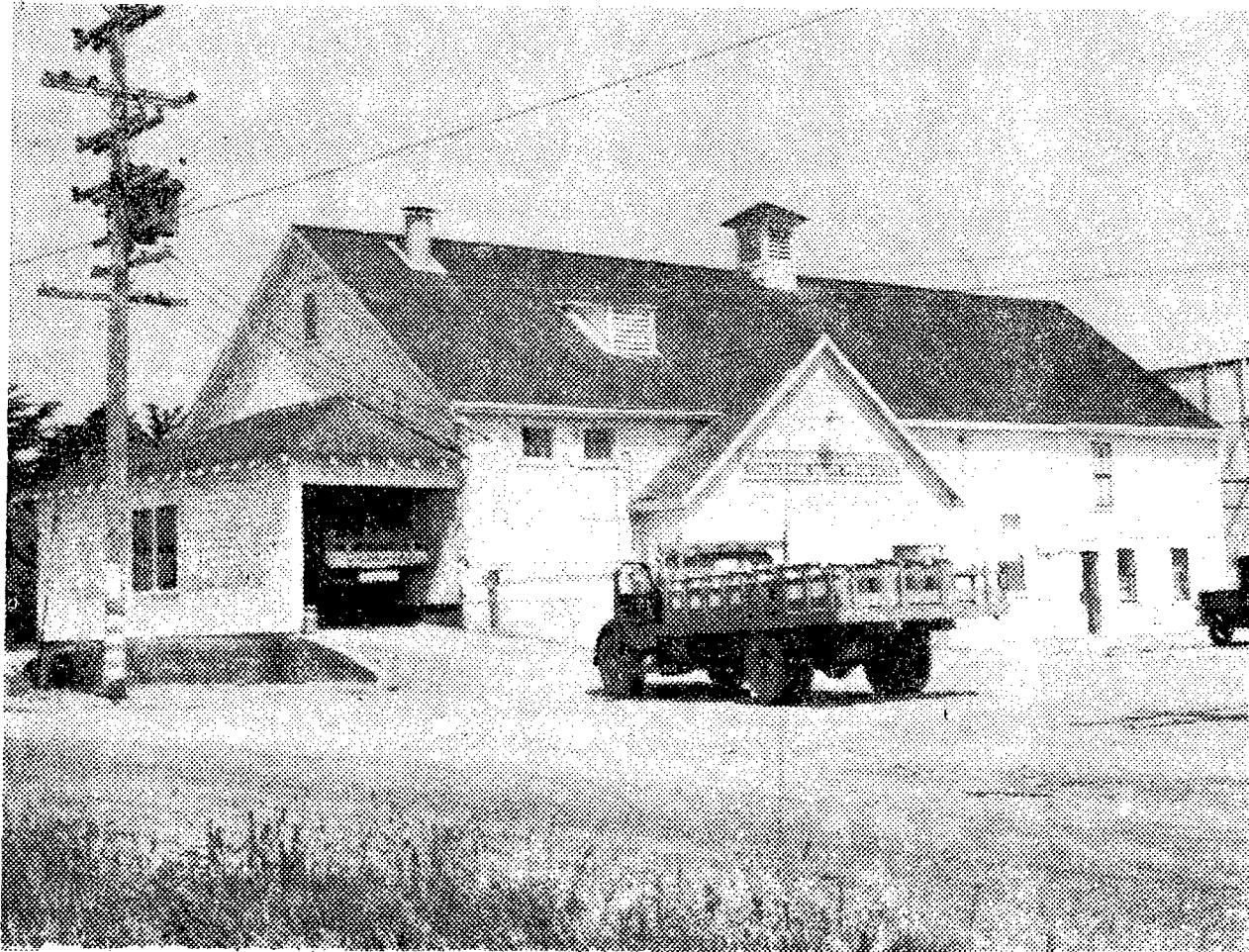
A New Creamery to Be Built

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on Johnson Land?

The creation of the Arcata Creamery two years ago has been the signal for improvements of all kinds in this neighborhood. Spurred on by the profits of the dairyming business as compared with other branches of farming, ranchers have increased their acreage of clover and put on a large number of cows with the object of disposing of the milk at the creamery. A company was soon formed for the purpose of reclaiming the tide marsh lands, and during the present year several miles of dyking have been built which will result in bringing into use about 600 acres of valuable land. All of this points to the erection of a new creamery to provide for the increase of the amount of milk. So large have been the receipts of milk at the Arcata Creamery that it will be impossible to handle much more than they are now receiving without increasing the plant.

One of the most enterprising farmers of the Arcata bottom is George Zehndner, who in addition to his brick block of stores in town owns a fine ranch just outside of the city limits. Last week Mr. Zehndner leased 120 acres of this place to John P. Silvia, but took the precaution to reserve an acre of ground, or more if it is required, for the purpose of erecting a creamery. Mr. Zehndner intends to consult with other men of means in the town and vicinity, particularly those who have the reclamation work under way, with the purpose of securing capital in addition to his own, sufficient to erect a new creamery in the spring, or as soon as in their judgment it will be advisable to do so.



The old United Creamery on the Arcata Bottom is one of the local dairy industry's landmarks. In recent years, it has been merely a receiving point.

swttheast corner
★ ★ ★ Dec 3-1891

CREAMERY DECIDED. — The matter of establishing a creamery on Arcata bottom has been settled. At a meeting of those interested, on Saturday last, the business was completed, and work will be commenced at once. The organization is for \$10,000 capital stock, of which \$7000 has been subscribed. The subscription is enough to establish the plant, the remainder to draw upon if necessary for incidentals.

A board of directors, consisting of Jacob Zehnder, J. G. Dolson, A. N. Hunt, S. Foster and W. L. Dickerson were elected. The officers selected by the board are A. N. Hunt, president; J. G. Dolson, secretary and Jacob Zehnder, treasurer. The place selected for the creamery is on the southwest corner of the Doe place, on the lane leading west from the Janes school house. For drainage and temperature the selection is a good one, but we have some doubts about the water being what it should be.

★ — November 26, 1891

CREAMERY FOR ARCATA. — Mr. S. Clark of Arcata was in town yesterday and says the creamery question is being agitated in his section in a thoroughly live manner, and we soon expect to hear that definite arrangements have been made and that work is being pushed forward. Messrs. Judd, Foster, Seeley, Hunt, Dolson and Sidell as a committee, have the creamery under consideration and are looking around for a suitable site on which to begin operations. They have no difficulty in finding good locations, it is only a matter of selecting the best of those which are offered. Arcata is earnest about a creamery, and when the people of the place take up an idea we may expect it to assume tangible form in a short time.

James Baird Hill - born in
Bald Hill - March 8-1862

When 15 - joined with father (Neal Hill)
Later partnership with father 3 yrs.

Rented Nixon ranch 7 years

Then paid 40 acres unimproved land
2 yrs. after he paid his home place
Creamery Co. by United Cream
Co. Built

Aug 26-1893

C. A. Woods + father H. S. Woods
to buy D. B. Judd ranch
near Creamery + about
2 1/2 miles from Arcata - 30
acres

Arcata - Aug 25 1892

THE ARCATA CREAMERY — From J. G. Dolson of Arcata, it is learned that the creamery there is proving and has been from the start a success. It is now making about 500 pounds of butter a day. The creamery has a capacity of a ton or more of butter per day and as the farmers thereabout now appreciate the benefit of the establishment to them and are making preparations for supplying increased quantities of fresh milk, the output of butter will be corresponding increased.

The late John Vance once remarked that the Arcata bottom is fit for nothing but a dairy ranch. Since the building of the creamery the consequent impetus given to dairying pursuits has proven the success of this industry and farmers now realize the truth of Uncle John's words. Every indication at present points to the fact that the dairying interests of Arcata bottom will soon rival those of Eel River Valley.

One of the benefits derived from the creamery by the farmers is that they are paid cash for their milk. This enables them to save money in the purchase of supplies by paying cash for them instead of exchanging their butter upon which they get no profit. At the Arcata creamery they are allowed 21 cents per pound for the butter contained in their milk, the amount being ascertained by a Babcock tester. A sample is taken from each man's milk every morning and once a week the milk is tested by the Babcock process. From the results obtained the farmer is paid on the 15th of each month for the actual amount of butter contained in the milk delivered by him.

July 15 - 1893 - Fairman south
of the mainland ~~land~~ will be
pleased to learn that the
Superior have at last
ordered the road graded
thru to Haffron place,

- so that the creamery can
be reached without coming
around by town. That road
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July 15-1893

Dairymen route of the Kneeland Lane will be pleased to learn that the Supervisors have at last ordered the road graded thru the Heffron place, so that the creamery can be reached without coming around by town. That road was opened several months ago but it has never been passable for wagons & has been of no use to milk men south of it. We doubt if grading the road will make it passable after the rainy season sets in, as the nature of the soil is such that it will assume the consistency of mush when rain begins to fall. It should be made passable for all seasons, for it needs to be traveled every day of the year.

1898
 Drainage of the new Arcata Creamery is complete, being carried to the Daniel Slough thru a V shaped sewer. The log pen is located 2000 ft. from the plant on the same slough, the milk being forced to the pen thru $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch pipe by a steam pump.

C. F. Spencer, who so successfully managed the work of the Arcata Creamery from the time it was started up last week, will have charge of the new Creamery & has already occupied with his family, the cozy cottage home of the new plant.

Crawford Notebook

Arcata Creamery No. 2

Arcata Creamery
 No. 2

March 22-1894

Geo. Zehnder to Arcata Creamery Co

1 acre in NW qr of SW qr sec 29

+ 1 acre in SE qr of SE qr sec 30, 6 N-12

also 1/4 of way 1 rod wide along east side of SE qr of SE qr sec 30

Arcata Creamery Co - No. 2

June 25-1898 - John Silva, an old experienced butter maker, has purchased the Turner place, opposite George Zehnder, and is preparing to build a creamery nearly opposite Creamery No. 2 of Arcata Creamery Co.

Acata Creamery Co
 John Silva, an old experienced butter maker, has
 purchased the Turner place, opposite George Jehndner,
 + is preparing to build a creamery nearly opposite Creamery
 no. 2 of the Acata Creamery Co.

May 22 - 1894

Geo Jehndner + Acata Creamery Co no 2
 1 acre in NW qr of SW qr sec 29
 + 1/2 acre in SE qr of SE qr sec 30
 also rt. of way 1 rod wide along east
 side of SE qr of SE qr sec 30-62-12

March 11 - 1878 - F. Dodge to J. Jehndner
 10 or 19.98 acres adj. W. H. Stuffer's farm
 near Acata - #15,373

Nov 17
 1906

Acata - The premium Creamery (near Acata) property
 has been sold to Patrick Samson. Creamery

March 2-1945- Miller Wood Products Plant
 Blaine- owned by Ed W. Miller
 Located over the hill from Arcata High School
 on the site of the old Creamery on Alliance
 Road. Main Unit of Mill lot and the
 old Creamery Bldg - used in conjunction
 with the plant.

(In Arcata mills)

Jan 1906? - ^{at} On Monday morning workmen began to break ^{Minor} ground for a new creamery plant located on the triangular piece of land where the two railroads cross, north of the city limits. The plant is being built by Isaac Minor and will be known as the Minor Creamery. Charles Peterson is doing the carpenter work & Peter Tracy the concrete work.

Old Creamery on Alliance Road

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March 2 - 1945

The ^{Ed. W.} Miller Wood Products Plant Blaze gave Arcata firemen one of their busiest fire fighting experiences in history early Wed. aft. The mill is located over the hill from A.H.S. on the site of the old creamery on the Alliance road. A strong north wind fanned the conflagration from wild sparks set fire to roofs of the high school pump house, John Cochran home at 15 + Mad to Danish Hall at 16 + L. Practically the entire main unit of the mill was lost and the old creamery building, used in conjunction with the plant, levelled to the ground.

Union

Aug 11 - 1961

may remember
Dalea Dobson asked "How ~~about~~ the old Creamery on Alliance Road (where Archie Smith's mill is now) where all the Hobos used to stay. They used to call this "Hoover's Hotel".

Creamery
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MOVE CHURNS

The California Central Creamery announced that it was moving its churns and stated that henceforth it would make butter in the White City instead of Eureka. They said, however, that they would continue to make cheese at their local plant in Eureka.

Feb 23-1918 - one of the old landmarks of Arcata was destroyed yesterday, when the crew of men employed on the new creamery tore down the old bldg on the site, which in the early history of Uniontown was used as a hostelry for the Indians when they came down from the mts for supplies.

—April 9, 1903

ARCATA—Schulz, Niggle & Company of San Francisco took possession yesterday under lease, the Laurel Dell Creamery of Arcata.

In the future the product of the creamery will be known in San Francisco as Diamond Crystal butter. The name of the brand is selected after the Diamond Crystal Salt, for which the firm is the Pacific Coast agent.



