

CEMETERY IS OVERCROWDED.

VENTURA CITY OF THE DEAD SURROUNDED BY LIVING.

**Town Trustees Will Take Action
to Remedy the Trouble—County
Roads in Poor Condition—Cattle
Thieves Plead Guilty to Charge.**

VENTURA, Jan. 13.—The overcrowding of the Ventura Cemetery is again agitating the people. The cemetery, when first laid out, was nearly a mile from the town proper. Since the town has grown rapidly toward the east until now the city of the dead is all built about by a city of the living. The cemetery has but little more room for the depositing of bodies unless a great wash, or barranca, which runs through its center is filled up, and the question of doing this was discussed by the town trustees last night. With the filling of this ditch accommodations for many more bodies could be had.

But there is a difference of opinion as to whether it would be advisable to fill the ditch. Mayor Lewis does not think the plan would be advantageous, as it would take the filled ground too long to settle. His idea is that the cemetery should be moved further eastward and back toward the hills, where a good-sized tract of land could probably be secured. It is not known just what steps will be taken in the premises, but it is evident that something will have to be done at an early date, as the cemetery is really becoming crowded.

ROADS IN BAD CONDITION.

Protests long and loud and deep are coming in over the condition of the Telegraph road, the main highway between this place and Saticoy and Santa Paula, and farmers who are compelled to drive over it to reach the county seat say that they will stop coming to Ventura altogether unless the roads are sprinkled and kept in better condition. One well-known farmer said yesterday that the road between this place and Saticoy is in a deplorable condition, but from Saticoy to Santa Paula the road is well kept, and that in the future, unless something is done with the road leading to Ventura, he will go to Santa Paula instead.

CATTLE THIEVES GUILTY.

The three Mexican cattle thieves, who had been shooting the Strathearn cattle on the Simi rancho, pleaded guilty today in the Superior Court. They will be sentenced by Judge Ewing on Thursday next. It is not definitely known how many prime head of beef these men have appropriated to their own use, but all during the olive-picking season they have been eating the choicest of porterhouse steaks and sending fine cuts to their friends at Oxnard and other places.

MINOR NOTICE.

Announcements are out for the wedding of Miss Lucy Ruiz of this city to Charles Elwell of El Rio on Wednesday, January 20, at 1:30 p. m. at the Catholic Church here. The contracting parties are well known and popular residents of this county and belong to old-time Spanish families.

Fred Lynn and Fred Kelsey of Oxnard have left the sugar town for Indio. They started on the trip in their own conveyance and are driving stock with them. It is stated that Dozier Lewis will also turn his attention to the Indio section unless rain falls pretty soon in this county. Mr. Lewis farmed lima bean land in the Santa Monica district last year.

Depot Agent Creighton, who has been substituting at Saticoy for some time, will take charge of the affairs of the Southern Pacific at Oxnard, vice Agent Coen, who has been promoted to the post of commercial agent at Santa Ana.