

VENTURA COUNTY.**Scarlet Fever at Santa Paula—Grammar Schools Closed.**

VENTURA, March 7.—[Regular Correspondence.] County Superintendent of Schools George L. Sackett received word yesterday from the trustees of the Santa Paula grammar schools that the schools of that city were closed, owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

A surprise was sprung upon the Town Trustees last night in the shape of two petitions for night watchman. Oliver Somers presented a petition, containing thirty-five signatures, for the position. Charles C. Eason also presented a petition with twenty-five signatures. Rafael Rameriz is the incumbent. The board ordered the petitions returned to the petitioners, as they intend retaining Rameriz.

The Treasurer's report as to moneys in the various funds was as follows: General fund, \$144.06; street fund, \$77.84; library fund, \$653.55; sprinkling fund, \$81.02; cemetery fund, \$529.61; municipal improvement fund, \$237.17.

Property-owners along Oak street were granted the privilege to lay cement sidewalks four feet wide.

VENTURA BREVITIES.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to W. E. Jones, aged 31 years, and Mrs. N. Berry, aged 36 years, both of Santa Paula.

The work of beet-planting is progressing rapidly in the sugar-beet section. The beets first planted are coming up and give every promise of a good crop.

The trial of the suit of Mary Greene et al. vs. the Southern Pacific Railroad Company was commenced in the Superior Court this morning. The entire forenoon was devoted to securing a jury.

AZUSA.**City Trustees Considering the Water Question.**

AZUSA, March 7.—[Regular Correspondence.] The City Trustees met in regular session last night and heard a report from the Committee on Ways and Means for Developing and Owning a Water Supply for the City. The committee asked for further time as the work requires study and examination.

The matter of work on the streets was taken up, and such work will soon begin. All license taxes have been cheerfully paid in, and when the property taxes are due in May next, the city will have a good fund to work with.

The matter of appointing a Health Officer was discussed, and such office will probably be created by ordinance.

The eastern orange market is in excellent condition, being busy and to a very strong point. The shipments continue brisk, and good fruit is coming in.

A runaway team belonging to the Vaughn Packing Company threw the driver to the ground from the top of a load of empty boxes, at the Azusa packing-house on Saturday, and seriously injured him.

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