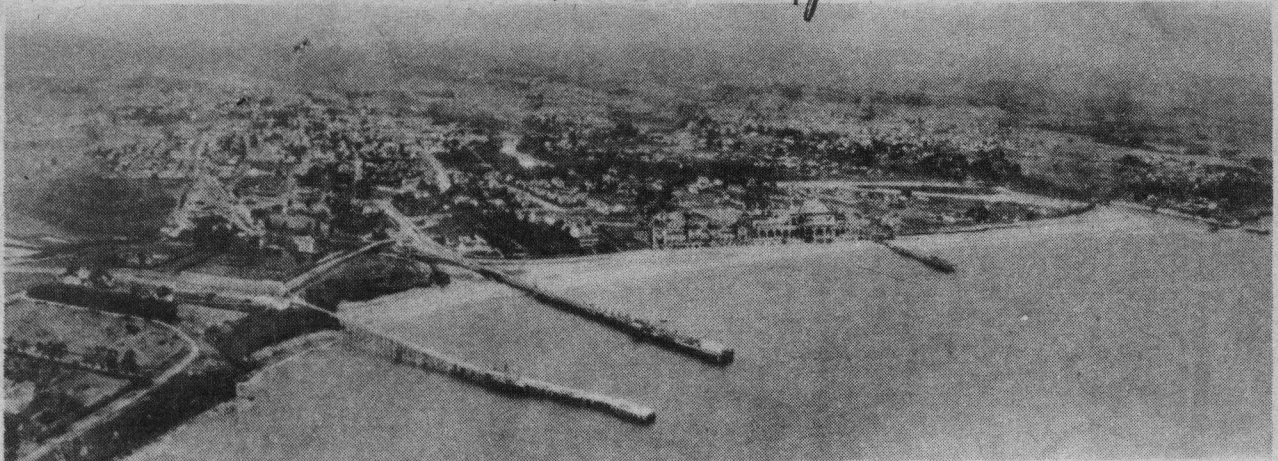


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YES, THIS IS THE SAME PHOTO THAT RAN LAST WEEK. No, it's not a mistake. Read the column to see why it's here.

interest and response...the time just wasn't right is all.

ABOUT REPEATING THAT PHOTO. No, no, no I'm not running out of old timey Santa Cruz photos, it's just that fabled old historian Sandy Lydon wrote me a letter about this photo and it was so interesting that I thought I'd run it again so you'd know what Sandy was referring to. I quote Mr. Lydon: "Twas taken from a balloon...first aerial photo of Santa Cruz actually. It was taken sometime between the casinos...first one burned down June 22, 1906, second one completed May 1, 1907, so picture was taken sometime between those dates." (I assume Mr. Lydon's book on the history of the Chinese in the Monterey Bay Area, which is "75% complete" will be punctuated in a more traditional manner.) "Theory is that Fred Swanton wanted to use the photo in his (and Southern Pacific's) hype for tourists during late Spring and Summer of 1907, and he couldn't wait for the casino to be finished for a photo so drew it in. Note that the actual casino (#2) does not look like the one drawn in the photo, which helps lend weight to the idea that it was drawn in *before* the second one was finished." Sandy mentions that his book, with some luck, will be finished by early January. I'm not sure if he's joking, but he wrote on to say that he may do the history of Joao Rodrigues Cabrilho, then after that the history of the County. I will ask him if he's serious, because if any County deserves a history book, it's this one. Doing a book on Cabrilho would seem to be next to impossible, given that so little is known about the old silly, but we'll just have to wait and see I guess.

ON THE SUBJECT OF ALCOHOL AND DRIVING. I-