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History

# **Century- Old Echoes**

**from The Sentinel  
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(Being a perusal of The SENTINEL'S columns of ten decades ago—which few current California publications can offer).

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The regular Saturday morning Sentinel of October 10, 1857, seemed to be short on local happenings to spread before its readers.

However they did pretty well in a general sense, as to variety in out-of-town news. About the extent of local news was as follows:

"We understand that a new wharf is soon to be built at Soquel."

"We were visited on last Thursday by a slight shower of rain; also by an organ grinder."

"The attention of our readers is called to the new advertisements in today's paper."

"**Ball.** — There is to be a ball at the Pacific Exchange, Watsonville, on next Thursday evening. It promises to be a splendid affair."

A local news dealer, obviously a personal friend, came in for a bouquet or two:

"Charley Williams has our thanks for many favors rendered during the past week.

Charley can always be found at his old stand, next door to the post office, where he keeps for sale all kinds of newspapers, magazines, stationery, etc. Our thanks are extended for a copy of the Daily Town Talk."

"**Next State Fair.** — The next Annual State Agricultural Fair and Cattle Show will be held in Marysville."

"The telegraph line between Shasta and Red Bluff has been commenced."

## **Plug for Advertiser**

"We would call attention of all farmers to the ad in another column, about Hunt's Portable Fence. We have examined the specifications, and would recommend it to all farmers who wish to use a portion of their land for pasture."