

Century- Old Echoes

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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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Apparently rain was not falling in Santa Cruz 100 years ago this equivalent weekend. But there had been some precipitation, according to the weather story appearing in The Sentinel's weekly edition, which ran as follows:

"After having a bountiful supply of rain, for a time, we are again blessed with fine and beautiful weather, giving the farmers a splendid time to do their plowing and put in their seed for their next crop.

"The past week has been one of unusual coldness at night; we have had heavy frosts, and ice of considerable thickness has been formed."

At the same time, rain and snow was reported across the bay around Monterey.

EARTHQUAKE!!

"Yesterday morning we experienced two severe shocks of an earthquake, the first between 5 and 6 o'clock, a.m., and the other about 8 o'clock a.m., which lasted for several seconds and caused a shaking of things generally; as yet, we have heard of no damage resulting from them."

ROAD WORK

"On passing to the beach yesterday, we were pleased to notice the repairs which the road in that direction, is undergoing.

"Many parts of it during the late rains have been almost impassable with loaded teams, making it necessary for the road overseer for that district, Judge Blackburn, to call out the citizens to work the allotted time the law requires of them, to repair it.

"They appear to have responded to this call with a hearty good will, for we found a large party at work.

"It is to be hoped that they will whilst at work improve the grade of the hills and make them of more easy ascent than they are at present."

In Durance Vile

"Francisco Perez was arrested last Monday, under the Act entitled, 'An Act to punish vagrants, vagabonds and dangerous persons', and sentenced to fifty days in the county jail."