

Murdoch, Mr. James
Weekly Butte Record
6-25-1859

SUICIDE AT YANKEE HILL.—On Friday evening last, Mr. James Murdoch, of Yankee Hill, committed suicide by taking laudanum. We were not intimately acquainted with the deceased, but we have been led to the conclusion, from what we can gather from those who knew him well, that he was subject to frequent fits of insanity, observable since the death of his wife and two children, which sad bereavement happened about a year since, either just before or just after his arrival from California at his home in the East. The deceased was a highly respectable gentleman. His rash act is much deplored.

Smith, Eleazer

Butte Democrat

11-12-1859

DIED.

At the residence of his brother, J. McKinstry Smith Esq. Long's Bar, Nov. 11th, Eleazer Smith, aged 47 years.

MATHEWS, F. G.
SHINE, David
THE BUTTE DEMOCRAT.

OROVILLE, BUTTE CO., CAL.: SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 3, 1859. 12-3-1859

Two Men Buried Alive!

At 9 o'clock on the morning of the 26th ult., a portion of the tunnel in the quartz claim of Messrs. Smith & Sparks, at Table Mountain, caved in, entombing alive probably, within the tunnel, two of the workmen, David Shine and F. G. Mathews.

On this claim there is a shaft 165 feet in depth, at the bottom of which was the engine which raised the dirt and rock, and drained another tunnel 100 feet below the engine. The two unfortunate men were at work in the lower tunnel, when the earth immediately under the engine caved in filling the outlet of the tunnel, rendering the engine useless, and all efforts to rescue them unavailing. It is supposed that the tunnel must have filled with water within twenty-four hours after the accident. One cannot readily imagine a more horrid death than to be shut up, hopeless of escape, in the very bowels of the earth, 265 feet beneath the surface, in utter darkness, with the water gradually rising, and a lingering death about to ensue, and ensuing.

We understand that it was against the wishes of the proprietors of the claim, that the two men entered the tunnel, on the morning of the catastrophe, as the heavy rains had so saturated the ground, fears were entertained of such an event as happened. But one of the men was extremely anxious to give one more blast, confidently expressing the belief that he would thereby reach a lost vein of quartz.

On the slope of the mountain above the shaft alluded to, four or five acres have sunk three or four feet.

Phipps, E. B.
Marysville Daily Appeal
3-5-1860

HOMICIDE IN BUTTE COUNTY.—We are informed that a man by the name of Phipps, was killed at Yankee Hill, in Butte county, on Thursday last, by an old man by the name of Pope. Our informant states that Phipps, who was a drunken, trifling fellow, annoyed Pope to such an extent, by “pawing around” and punching him, that he was provoked into striking him on one side of his head, knocking him down by the blow. No apprehensions were felt of serious consequences from the blow, but on Friday morning, blood began to ooze out of one ear and shortly thereafter Phipps died. Our informant gave us no further particulars, save that Pope was a man of excellent character, and was greatly grieved at the death of Phipps.

PHIPPS, E. B.

3-7-1860

Daily Appeal.



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THE HOMICIDE AT YANKEE HILL—CORRECTION.—Gentlemen, who are residents of Butte county, and who knew Phipps, the man who was killed at Yankee Hill, the latter part of last week, inform us that our statement (made upon information.) that the deceased was a drunken, trifling fellow, is entirely incorrect. The following letter is from a friend in Oroville :

OROVILLE, March 5, 1860.

EDITOR APPEAL—*Dear Sir:* I noticed in the APPEAL of this morning, a notice of the unfortunate casualty at Yankee Hill, which resulted in the death of Mr. Phipps, at the hands of Mr. Pope. In that notice, you have unwittingly done great injustice to the dead. E. B. Phipps was not a drunken fellow, as you have no doubt been informed, but a very respectable young gentleman; an owner in the Virgin quartz mine, a man well known in this community, and much respected. I knew him well, and merely write this because I am satisfied that you have been imposed on in the premise, and that you will do justice to the dead.

Your truly,

H.

Phipps, E. B.

Weekly Butte Record

3-10-1860

THE HOMOCIDE AT YANKEE HILL.—The fatal affray at Yankee Hill, mentioned last week, was between a man named E. B. Phipps, and another named Pope, and resulted in the death of the former. The deceased was a respectable and highly esteemed young man, and a member of the Virgin Quartz Mining Co.

HOBART, Mrs. Kate P.
Butte Democrat
4-28-1860

DIED.

In this town yesterday afternoon, of consumption, very suddenly, Mrs. KATE P. wife of Wm. W. HOBART Esq, aged about 22 years.

Mrs. H. was a most amiable and estimable lady. Her loss will be keenly felt and deeply deplored not alone by a bereaved husband, but by a large circle of friends and acquaintances to whom she was endeared by her many virtues.

CURTIS, Mrs. Amanda
Butte Democrat
12-15-1860

DIED,

At Nelson Bar, Butte County, California, December 10th, of consumption, Mrs. Amanda, wife of C. S. Curtis, formerly of Hallowell, Maine, aged 50 years. California, Boston and Maine papers will please copy.