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W. P. LYNCH IS CALLED

The funeral of W. P. Lynch, prominent Butte Co. politician and business man who died at his Chico home Saturday night, will be held Tuesday at 10 a. m. in the Chico Catholic church. Interment will be in that city, it was announced today.

The death of Mr. Lynch did not come wholly unexpectedly, but yet was a shock to the entire county. Many friends gave expression of regret when they heard of the news of his death. He had been in failing health for some time and had consulted San Francisco physicians for an ailment to his heart. Last Friday he was on the streets of Chico conducting his business and Saturday night at 7 o'clock, surrounded by members of his family, he passed away.

Born in 1861

Since his boyhood days Mr. Lynch had been active in the affairs of Butte county. Born at the

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old mining town of Oregon City, near Oroville in 1861, he maintained his residence within the county all his years. He was the sixth and last child of James and Mary Lynch, both natives of Ireland, who came to California in the gold rush in 1853.

The opportunities for education with Mr. Lynch were limited. He never went beyond the common school of one teacher and a few pupils maintained at Oregon City yet he became a cultured, educated man, especially well grounded in the political history of his country.

Elected Assessor

When but twenty-six years of age, Mr. Lynch was appointed deputy county assessor, and later was elected assessor for two terms serving with distinction and ability. Retiring from office he plunged into business, leasing, owning and dealing in lands, mining and timber properties and water rights. His abilities attracted men of capital and

he soon acquired a competency. When The Diamond Match Company came to Butte county in 1902, Mr. Lynch became associated with the company and rendered valuable service in that concern's early development work. When Stirling City was established, he organized the Stirling Mercantile Company, became its president, became president of the Stirling City Bank, and otherwise participated in the activities of the new town.

In 1914, desiring to give his family better educational advantages, he purchased a home in Chico and removed there, and in 1915, in partnership with J. H. Lucas and G. R. Snow, established the Chico Meat Company, which concern maintains markets in Chico and Oroville and has large stock and land interest.

Interested in Politics

Mr. Lynch always manifested a deep interest in political affairs. A Democrat all his life he was sent as a delegate to national and state conventions and numbered among his friends many distinguished leaders of both parties. He loved the county of his birth and was ever willing to give of his time and abilities for what he considered its good. Deeply loyal to his friends, he in turn was able to marshal

them whenever an issue in which he was interested was at stake.

The Survivors

Surviving Mr. Lynch leaves his widow, Mrs. Kathryn Lynch, to whom he was married in 1897; two daughters, Kathleen and Muriel; and two sisters, Misses Maggie and Mary Lynch, all of Chico. His only son, William P. Lynch, Jr., died last year, inflicting a blow from which he never recovered.

Mr. Lynch was a member of Chico Lodge of Elks and a member of the Catholic church.

Note: The Chico Meat Company was founded with the purchase of the old Pence Ranch from Christian Mortensen's widow. Mortensen was the ranch's second owner.

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PIONEER OF EARLY BUTTE PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Johanna Thunen, a pioneer of early Butte county days passed away Sunday at the age of 92 years. She died at the home of her son, Edward Thunen in Oakland.

A native of Germany, Mrs. Thunen spent most of her life in California. She came west across the Isthmus of Panama 64 years ago when this state was still a land to be wrested from the Indian and wilderness.

Settling in Oroville, she with her family, later removed to Flea Valley a region then infested with wild bands of Indians. Mrs. Thunen at one time in 1865 witnessed the results of an Indian massacre and at her home was organized the band of frontiersmen who broke up the tribe responsible for the massacre.

Later she moved again to Oroville and for years, up to a short time ago resided in this city. She spent her last days at her son's home in Oakland.

The deceased had a wide acquaintance and friendship among the older settlers of Butte county and also among those who later enjoyed the fruits sown by the pioneers. Her passing will be mourned by many.

Mrs. Thunen is survived by the following children: Fred W. Thunen and Charles G. Thunen of Oroville, William Thunen of Weed, John A. Thunen of Nome, Alaska; Edward G. Thunen of Oakland and Frank Thunen of Berkeley.

The body will arrive here Wednesday and funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. from Hamilton and Rileys. Interment will be in the Cherokee cemetery.



Johanna (Tebbe) Thunen

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FUNERAL IS HELD FOR MRS THUNEN

Mrs. Johanna Thunen, former Oroville resident, who died Sunday in Oakland, was laid to rest in the Cherokee cemetery this afternoon.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. at the home of Hamilton and Riley. Rev. W. J. Johnson, of the Congregational church, read the burial service. Sacred solos were sung by Mrs. J. H. Miles. Mrs. George N. Westwood was the accompanist.

Pallbearers were: C. C. Crowe, Herbert Taylor, J. F. McDonald, William Johnson, M. W. Wells, E. D. Brereton. Scores of friends attended the services at the funeral home and the graveside.

ROUND VALLEY NEWS

COVELO, Aug. 25.—James Robertson, who has been engaged on the Johnson ranch for some time, met with a rather serious automobile accident Saturday. He met another car on the narrow grade east of the valley. He attempted to back down hill in order to make room to pass, when his car left the grade and turned completely over. Mr. Robertson was badly shaken up and received a cut in the face.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Kent, Mrs. Kent Sr., and Miss Mary Palmer have returned from a camping trip at Lake Tahoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Lowry arrived Saturday after a two weeks trip to Humboldt County.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McCarthy came in from the hills Thursday and left Saturday for their home in the bay city.

A bad fire broke out Monday on the Henley range west of Covelo. It burned over about 2000 acres of land during the week. The Henley range, the J. S. Rohrbaugh range and the O. G. Long range were burned over. All buildings and fences on the Long place were destroyed the loss amounting to about \$1000. The house and fences on the Dalley range were also destroyed.

Miss Helen Hoghead left Friday for Petaluma to resume her work in the high school at that place.

Henry Bucknell and son, Joe Montgomery and Gerold Durnford are in attendance this week at the Ferndale rodeo.

Miss Abba C. Bowler, executive secretary of the Indian Defense Association of Central and Northern California, is in Covelo this week in the interest of the dependent old people.

Mrs. Mabert Lovell is again away for medical treatment.

Mrs. Charles Hemenway and Miss Venus left Wednesday for Oakland where the latter is a member of the teaching force. Mrs. Hemenway will stay for a time with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Van Dyke, Sr., broke camp the first of last week and returned to their home in Ukiah, after a rest of several weeks in the country.

Miss Eunice Conner and Mrs. Hen-

G. R. Redwine returned Saturday from an extensive campaign trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren McCombs are on a camping trip in the hills. Mr. McCombs is taking a month's vacation from his poisoning work during the hunting season.

WALTER CLARKE DIES

Round Valley folks were shocked and grieved this past week to hear of the sudden death of Walter Clark, one of the older residents of the reservation and a man possessed of many friends in all classes.

In preparation for hop picking, Walter had gone to the hop ranch on Tuesday and made camp not far from Frank Whipple. When he failed to come to breakfast on Wednesday the Whipples though he was sleeping late making the discovery that he had died in his sleep.

Hardening of the arteries was probably the immediate cause of his death but he passed away as most of us would prefer to go, quietly, with no prolonged suffering to agonize his friends.

Mrs. Clark had gone to Lake county to pick beans. She immediately returned to Covelo and made arrangements for the funeral which was held on Thursday, August 19th at Pine Ridge cemetery. Rev. Schilling, officiating.

Walter E. Clark was born in Sacramento valley 54 years ago but had dwelt in Round Valley township most of his life.

here for the funeral and his widow, Ing near Chico, both of whom were here for the funeral and his widow, Flora, who has the sympathy of every one.

They had no family and the tie between them was singularly close.

Walter was a great hunter and the remotest trails of these mountains were well known to him. His services were greatly in demand as a guide and Flora frequently accompanied him even on bear hunts.

One of the old-style Indians, Walter possessed the good traits for which they are noted.

Generous and kindly, faithful friend and helpful neighbor, keen tracker and good sportsman, we shall miss you sorely! Peace to your ashes.