

**Oregon Township and Concow Township, Butte County, Ca Timeline -  
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Date	Place	Last Updated By TM 8-1-16 <b>Timeline Butte County History Focusing on Oregon and Concow Townships</b>	Source	Copy In Archives Y/N	Record ID
	<b>California</b>	Native Americans came to California about 10,000 BC, probably from Asia, migrating down from the North. Native Americans established villages near major sources of water which also provided food. Migration was very slow; the average Native American didn't travel more than 5 to 10 miles from their homeland. Most villages were from 50 to 200 people. As the tribe grew, a group would break away and form a new village nearby.	A Time of Little Choice-Randy Milliken		
	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	500 AD: Migration into the Concow Valley was probably after 800 AD. Villages consisted of several grass huts with the floor dug out in a circle. If they were to support multiple families, they could measure 18 to 20 feet in diameter. In the mountainous areas, there were more sprawling communities than in the lower areas. The tribe would migrate back down to the lower elevations in the winter, sometimes as far as 25 miles if needed, following the water supply.	Konkou Valley Band of Maidu web page & History of Butte County 1918 & History of Butte County by McGie Vol#1		
1812.00.00	<b>Fort Ross</b>	Establishment of Fort Ross, a Russian fur trading post. Later Canadian and European traders would travel south to California.	YHHS Research		
1833.00.00	<b>Butte County</b>	As a result of contact with Euro-Americans, a malaria epidemic swept through the Concow villages killing an estimated 800 people. Note: This area included more than the Concow Valley. It is estimated 99% of the Concow Indians died between 1828 and 1880. Peter Ogden passed thru in 1830 on his way to the San Joaquin Valley. John Work, a fur trader, was in the area in 1832. Work reported the Indians in the area were sick. Michael LaFramboise, part of John Work's party, returned in 1837, 38 & 39 with approximately 27 trappers each time. He stated at the time the Feather River area was the only area with any beaver left in California. Bidwell reported that before he arrived in 1841, the Indians in the area were sick with Cholera.	Research by Larry Mauch and Konkow Indian web page		
	<b>Concow</b>	Winter of 1845:Yo he ma (Katie Clark), Chief of the Concow, was born in Concow Valley. Katie Clark died April 19, 1909 in Yankee Hill. She is buried in the Clark family cemetery in Yankee Hill. Note: Katie's mother was a member of the Yankee Hill tribe (Che-es-sees) a division of the Concow Indians located near Shields Gulch (rounded up in 1863)	Research by Larry Mauch see Clark family information		
1849.00.00	<b>Oregon City</b>	The largest early settlement in the area. The first quartz mine, called the Smith Ledge, was established near here. In 1851, the J.M. Smith and E.M. Sparks Mine (later in 1879 called the Banner Quartz Mine) was established near Oregon City with 20 investors---this was a large mine with twelve stamping mills. In 1854, Oregon City had three large hotels. In 1856, Oregon City was laid out in town lots by Colonel Richard Rudolphus, but by 1857 Oregon City was in decline with only one large store in operation. Several fires and the cost of quartz mining forced many of the mines to shut down.	History of Butte County, McGie & History of Butte County 1882, Diggins Vol 35 #1 1991.		
1849.10.01	<b>Oroville</b>	First settlement established at Ophir, now Oroville	1918 History of Butte County		

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1850.02.18	<b>Butte County</b>	Butte County created; did not organize until June	1882 History Butte County	
1850.06.00	<b>Butte County</b>	Vote cast in county ballot for officers; Stringtown 132, Long's Point 146, Ophir City 62, Veazie City 38, Brown's Bar 55, American Bar 46, Adams 58, Stony Point 58, Middle Fork 35, Bartee's Ranch 72, Hamilton 83, High Rock 30, Pleasant Valley 74, St. Louis 34, Bidwell's Bar 311, Total 1234 votes.		
1850.07.10	<b>Rich Bar - Gold Lake</b>	Gold discovered while searching for Gold Lake in what is now Plumas County. This brought many people north to the West Branch of the Feather River and beyond. Gold Lake was a story circulated by Tom Stoddard, a miner who had become lost in the mountains who stumbled into Marysville and claimed to find a lake in 1849 whose shores were lined with gold. Many miners would try to find Gold Lake but to no avail. The "Gold Lake" story was responsible for an influx of miners coming to the Rich Gulch, Frenchtown, Spanishtown, Rich Bar and Quincy areas. Rich Bar and Indian Bar were written about in the famous "Shirley Letters" a gold rush classic. It is a true story about life in the gold mines that is worth reading.	History of Rich Bar A Blue Ribbon Gold Camp by Jim Young 1983. "Shirley Letters" by Dame Shirley.	
1850.10.01	<b>Big Bend</b>	Mining on Shields Gulch located on the big bend of the Feather River - James Shields, born in 1826 in England from 1850 census Butte County. Note: there was a large Indian population on top of the hill above the big bend in the Feather River. By the 1870s that area on top would be referred to as Big Bend.	<b>Mining claims were not formally recorded by the Recorders Office in Butte County until 1852.</b> This information for this claim is based on the 1850 census and the 1862 County maps.	
1850.10.01	<b>Big Bend</b>	Mining on Lattimore's Bar located on the big bend of the Feather River - Robert (born 1820) & William (born 1825) Lattimore, brothers from Pennsylvania from 1850 census Butte County. Wm Lattimore would later become Treasurer of Butte County. Robert Lattimore would be secretary for a nominating committee in 1853 at Bidwell Bar for the Whig Candidate. Note: there was a large Indian population on top of the hill above the big bend in the Feather River. By the 1870s that area on top would be referred to as Big Bend.	<b>Mining claims were not formally recorded by the Recorders Office in Butte County until 1852.</b> This information for this claim is based on the 1850 census and the 1862 County maps.	
1850.10.01	<b>Big Bend</b>	Mining at Hough's Bar located on the big bend on the Feather River - Giles Hough (born in 1824) and Barton Hough (born in 1832) are listed as miners from Indiana in the 1850 Butte County census. The site is listed on the 1862 map of Butte County. By 1877 the site on the map was called Whiskey Town. It appears the Hough brothers left the area before the 1860 census. Note: there was a large Indian population on top of the hill above the big bend in the Feather River. By the 1870s that area on top would be referred to as Big Bend.	<b>Mining claims were not formally recorded by the Recorders Office in Butte County until 1852.</b> This information for this claim is based on the 1850 census and the 1862 County maps.	
1850.10.01	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	Benjamin Nelson was born in 1825 in New York. He mined at Longs Bar in Sept 1850 and at (Nelson Gulch) Nelson Bar in Oct 1850. His partners in both places were Asa Wheeler and James White, both from Mass. It appears Wheeler and Nelson left California before 1852. James White would be a partner in the Virgin Quartz Mine at Yankee Hill until about 1858 when he moved to Iowa Hill, Ca. By 1870 he was in Connecticut and married, working as a house mover, a profession he was still working at in 1900.	<b>Mining claims were not formally recorded by the Recorders Office in Butte County until 1852.</b> This information for this claim is based on the 1850 census and the 1862 County maps.	

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1850.10.01	<b>French Creek, Berry Creek, Wild Yankee Bar</b>	In late 1850 there were several small mining operations along the big bend of the Feather River. French Creek, Wild Yankee Bar and Berry Creek Bar were also early mining sites along the big bend of the Feather River. In the 1850s these were primarily summer mining sites due to the rising of the Feather River in winter and the fast currents. The winter months allowed miners to venture inland where the streams were flowing with water and miners could pan for gold. Water was essential to all mining operations. But by the late 1850s, like most other early mining sites in the area, the easily attained gold started to play out. But a few of these river sites continued to be mined off and on for years. By the mid 1850s hard rock mining or blasting and tunneling was becoming the main process for mining. This required more capital and more men to successfully mine.	<b>Mining claims were not formally recorded by the Recorders Office in Butte County until 1852.</b> This information for this claim is based on the 1850 census and the 1862 County maps.		
1851.00.00	<b>California</b>	Wozencraft Indian agent declaration "To the people living and trading among the Indians in the state of California"			<b>Y</b>
1851.00.00	<b>Rich Gulch</b>	The first store opened in the area in 1851. Note: The area that would later become Thompson Flat also was referred to as Rich Gulch for several years. There were many mining claims there as well. This may cause some confusion as to who was where, which Rich Gulch at that time. (See 1-22-1853)	1882 History Butte County, Diggins Vol 28 #2, Old Days in Butte		
1851.00.00	<b>Rich Gulch</b>	A.B. Clark came to Rich Gulch per article by Wm. H. Mullen (see also 1-22-1853).	Oroville Register 2-26-1903		<b>Y</b> <b>Filed by Date</b>
1851.04.10	<b>Butte County</b>	Article talks about visiting Morris Ravine, Longs Bar, Oregon Gulch, Rich Gulch and Butte Creek and looking at mining prospects. The author visited Morris Ravine, Rich Gulch (a new place lately found) and Butte Creek and reported the miners are returning to the above places in large numbers from adjacent counties (probably because of the availability of water after the rains). Also mentions Oregon Gulch and a lump weighing 15 ounces being found there. It was of the finest quality gold. it was weighed at Jas Hooper's store in Marysville. (I believe the Rich Gulch mentioned here is at what would later be Thompsons Flat)	Marysville Daily Herald 4-10-1851		<b>Y</b> <b>Filed by Date</b>
1851.05.05	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about population in Butte County. Estimated at 25,000. Big Grass Valley, Hopkin's Poorman's, Nelson Creeks, Onion Valley and the Middle Fork, 10,000. The North Fork at Spanish Ranch, Rich and Smith's Bar, 8000. West Branch, Oregon Gulch, 1000. Wyandotte, Bidwell's Bar, Stringtown and Stoney Point, 2000. Tolle's Dry Diggins and Hamilton, 400. Ophir and Longs Bar, 1000.	San Francisco Herald 5-5-1851		<b>Y</b> <b>Filed by Date</b>
1851.08.01	<b>Chico</b>	Meeting at Bidwell's Ranch in Chico to sign "Treaty of Friendship" with the local Indians. 10 tribes, 300 Indians, met with representatives of the Federal Government (O.M. Wozencraft, Indian Agent, Edward Fitzgerald, Brevet Major First Dragoons, George Stoneman, Lt. First Dragoons, Thomas Wright, 2nd Lt. Second Infantry were present) to establish a reservation that stretched from Chico to Nimshew, then to Cherokee, and finally just north of Oroville. Nine tribes signed the agreement; the Concow Chief, Kulmeh, refused to sign. The Concows wanted to keep their village Taiyum Koyo and their hunting territory. Bidwell remarked later that jackets had been brought as gifts for the Chiefs. The Chiefs also wanted shirts and pantaloons which were not available, so they threw the jackets on the ground. Bidwell also stated that the Chiefs were not very much different from the other Indians. The Federal Government never ratified the treaty. See Sept 15, 1859	The Indians of the Chico Rancheria by Dorothy Hill, John Bidwell & California by Gillis & Magliari 2004		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1851.08.06	<b>Butte County</b>	Six townships created; Hamilton, Oregon, Ophir, Oro, Quartz, Mineral (Quartz and Mineral later became part of Plumas County).	1882 History Butte County		
1852.00.00	<b>Oregon Gulch / Morris Ravine</b>	Two of the original investors, Mr. Smith and Mr. Sparks, bought out the other investors in the Banner Mine property. A stamp mill was installed in 1854. Between 1856 and 1859 \$640,000 was produced from the mine. (Note: Located In Morris Ravine, this was the first large quartz mining strike in Butte County; they continue to operate the mine until 1859. Several attempts were made to reopen the mine throughout the years but with minimal success. See Nov 26, 1859) Editors note: Oregon Gulch was the area between Oregon City and Long Bar, along today's Oregon Gulch Road north of Oroville. Oregon Gulch mining helped support the founding of the once prosperous town of Oregon City.	History of Butte County 1882		

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1852.04.20	<b>Concow</b>	Letter home by John Silva printed in the Clinton Democrat, Philadelphia talks about living in Concow with Dr Thompson and settling on 160 acres among the Indians. The Indians work for clothing.	Clinton Democrat, Philadelphia 4-20-1852	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1852.06.00	<b>Butte County</b>	Bidwell Township was created from a portion of Oro Township	1882 History Butte County		
1852.07.03	<b>Chico</b>	More Indian difficulties - The Indians on Chico Creek have recently been committing depredations, stealing stock & etc. On Saturday Major Bidwell and a company of men started in pursuit of the Indians, who made for the mountains.	Daily Alta California 7-3-1852	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1852.12.00	<b>Frenchtown</b>	Frenchtown is established on the hill above Nelson Bar Gulch, later called Nelson Bar. (The original Frenchtown site is at the corner of Nelson Bar Road and Lunt Road)	Based on YHHS research		
1853.00.00	<b>Oregon City</b>	Phoenix Quartz Mine operated South of Oregon City	Oroville Register 4-1-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1853.00.00	<b>Pence Ranch</b>	Tiger Indians came to the valley and stole cattle from Clark's Ranch. A company of seven men, with Mr. Pence as Captain, chased the Indians. In time, several Indians were hung by the group. Later, the main camp was found and 25 Indians were killed. (This tribe's village, Tigres or Tagus, was located near Magalia in a canyon leading to the West Branch of the Feather River) See 1-22-1853 below	History of Butte County 1882. Granville Stuart Journals and Reminiscences, Arthur H Clark Company 1925. Names and Locations of some Ethnographic Patwin and Maidu Indian Villages, Robert Heizer and Thomas Hester 1970		
1853.00.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	40 Indians died at Rancheria near Cherokee from pneumonia. It is estimated there were 50 Rancherias in Butte County in 1853. It is estimated up to that time that 800 Indians died in all of Butte County on Rancherias.	Konkow Valley Band of Maidu web Page		
1853.00.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	Rich veins of gold discovered by Sol Potter, a school teacher in the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, and mined by Cherokee Indians who accompanied Mr. Potter west in search of gold. Later that year, the whites heard of the discovery and moved to the area. The output in gold averaged \$20 to \$50 per man, per day. Squire Glass was the first white settler in Cherokee. The first store was started by E.A. Pearsons, Thomas McDaniel and Mr. Moore. The population was up and down until, in mid 1870s, the mining operations took over the town with most of the population being employees. In 1882, a large company store and several hotels serviced the town. A Masonic lodge was established there, which previously had been in Oroville. Cherokee flourished until 1888 when the Spring Valley Mining operations closed. By 1906 the town was in serious decline.	1882 History Butte County, Diggins Vol 35 #1 1991, Diggins Vol 10 #4 1966		
1853.01.22	<b>Frenchtown / Rich Gulch</b>	Frenchtown - New and rich diggings have just been discovered between the West Branch and the North Fork of Feather River. Cayote Diggings at Frenchtown and Flat Diggings at Rich Gulch, one mile from Frenchtown, which have been opened less than a week, yield from one to four ounces per day, to the hand. One lump of pure gold, taken from Cayote Diggings at Frenchtown weighed \$129. Some very rich quartz veins are in the neighborhood, which have never been worked.	Daily Alta California 1-22-1853	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1853.01.22	<b>Pence Ranch / Frenchtown</b>	More Indian Difficulties - Death of a Chief: Article written at Lyon's Ranch, Messilla Valley, Butte County, Ca (Later named Pence's Ranch) Article in The Marysville Herald dated Jan 15th gave an account of an affray with the Indians which resulted in the death of eighteen or twenty. Yesterday evening information was received that the old Chief was at Frenchtown, a mining settlement across the West Branch, four or five miles distant, openly threatening vengeance upon the whites for the severe castigation they had received. A party of eight was immediately formed, and at 6 o'clock set out from Hastings Ranch, crossed the river, arrested and brought back the old chief, arriving at 11 o'clock. After binding him, a strong guard was placed over him to prevent the possibility of his escape, until the next morning. He was removed about a mile to Lyon's Ranch, and after a short deliberation, it was unanimously resolved to hang him at once. Arrangements were soon made and the redoubtable old brave, who has figured so conspicuously in every Indian affray of importance in this region, since the introduction of the whites, after calmly surveying the preparations made for his execution, met his fate with consummate bravery. He was suspended by the neck to a limb of an old oak in the neighborhood. The vote deciding upon this course was unanimous, but there is at least one who strongly doubts the policy or justice of the proceedings. Time will show. There are still two chiefs remaining, and a tribe that can muster at least 250 fighting men, in the immediate neighborhood of a small scattered population of exposed and defenseless whites. What course they together with their allies, the Tigres and Nimshews, will prevail remains to be seen. (It is supposed the Indian Chief was the Concow Chief, Kulmeh, who didn't sign the treaty in 1851. See 8-1-1851)	Daily Alta California 1-22-1853	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1853.02.19	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	The Marysville Express says that the miners on the Feather River in the vicinity of Long Bar and Oregon Gulch are doing well. Many claims which have been reworked pay as well as they did in 1849..... The roads from Tehama to Shasta are good, and many migratory miners scattered along them, provisions along the route are plenty and cheap.....They report a very severe winter at Yreka. Provisions are still scarce, though a supply had been received from Oregon. Several teams are now on their way by the Sacramento route.....The mining intelligence, so far as reported, is favorable. Three men took out \$6,000 in one week in Yreka, from dirt they had thrown up during the dry season.	Weekly Alta California, San Francisco, 2-19-1853	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1853.07.00	<b>West Branch</b>	Indians killed 10 Chinese miners on the West Branch. A pursuit was made and the Indian camp was found 1 mile away. 40 to 60 Indians were killed by the white and Chinese pursuers. (Granville Stuart also talks about this in his journals. He indicated that 2 Chinese were killed on the West Branch by Concow Indians; 16 whites and 12 Chinese went after the Indians. Several of the Chinese had shotguns, but they didn't know how to shoot, so they would close their eyes when they used them and shot both barrels at once. He thought only a few Indians were actually killed. He also stated the Indians did not like the Chinese because they thought they were another tribe of Indians)	History of Butte County 1882. Granville Stuart Journals and Reminiscences, Arthur H Clark Company 1925.		
1853.11.12	<b>Bidwell Bar</b>	First newspaper in Butte County, the "Butte Record", started at Bidwell Bar. The paper later moved to Oroville in 1856. The equipment was purchased by C.W. Stiles who was not a printer by trade but attempted the business venture with L.P. Hall, Harry DeCoursey and James Kerr. Unfortunately, DeCoursey and Hall did not get along. Decourcey ended up in jail after stabbing Hall the day before the first issue was printed. C.W. Stiles sold the paper to George Crossette in Feb, 1854. See 2-4-1854 and 1856 Spanishtown for more about C.W. Stiles.	1882 History of Butte County, 1918 History of Butte County. Butte Record 11-12-1853	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1853.11.19	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	Article about the need for a post office at Oregon Gulch. Residents have been trying to get a post office over a year. It can take a month to get a letter from Marysville and cost from \$1.00 to \$2.00. "Hooper's", or what is now called "Simmons Store", is centrally located. Also, reference to Decourcey and Hall no longer associated with the Butte Record.	Butte Record 11-19-1853	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1853.11.19	<b>Rich Gulch</b>	Article mentions Rich Gulch and Morris Ravine averaging \$16 to \$20 per hand, where there is water. Oregon Gulch and Spring Valley have also paid well, some big lumps taken out near Simmons' store. (I believe this is the Rich Gulch later called Thompsons Flat)	Butte Record 11-19-1853	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1853.11.19	<b>Butte County</b>	Ad for Everts, Snell & Stage Co., lists all the stage stops for the Feather River Express; none across the West Branch of the Feather River.	Butte Record 11-19-1853	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1853.12.10	<b>Oregon City</b>	Article about mining on South Fork mentions Oregon City. All the mining areas need water to continue mining.	Butte Record 12-10-1853	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1853.12.24	<b>Bidwell</b>	Decourcey-Hall trial report. The trial ended in two hung juries and the defendant was released.	Butte Record 12-24-1853	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.00.00	<b>Tehama County</b>	Nome Lackee Indian Reservation founded in Tehama County. Located 60 miles northeast of Round Valley and southwest of Red Bluff. Mendocino Indian Reservation also started near Fort Bragg. Both reservations were 25,000 acres each.	"Killing for Land in Early California" by Frank Baumgardner 2005		
1854.00.00	<b>Butte County</b>	Thirteen quartz mines were operating.	1882 History Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.00.00	<b>Oregon City</b>	Anna Morrison and her mother Mary Elmira Morrison arrived in Oregon City, joining the father and husband Guy Morrison who had been mining in the area since about 1850. In the late 1850s, Mary Morrison built a stone wall around their property about 3 ft tall with the help of an Indian named Charlie Morrison, who was from a Table Mountain tribe called the Wyamis which was massacred by the Picas Indians in 1853. (The Picas were a mountain tribe and very warlike; they were called the "Tigers" by the locals). Charlie was informally adopted by Guy Morrison after his parents were killed. Apparently Charlie Morrison, his wife and two children were among the Indians rounded up in 1863 and sent to the reservation by M.G. Wells and Mr. Marquis. The two children died on the reservation, after which Charlie and his wife ran away and returned to Butte County. Charlie's wife died several years later. Charlie Morrison died in December 1917 and is buried in the Oregon City Cemetery.	Excerpted from the book "Anna Morrison Reid" 1849-1921, available at the Butte County Historical Society		
1854.00.00	<b>Frenchtown</b>	Supply depot started for French Canal and Mining Company.	1882 History Butte County		
1854.01.14	<b>Butte County/Cherokee Ravine</b>	Article about mining in area and the need for water. Encourages the water companies to supply water to the mining areas asap. Areas mentioned are; Forbestown, Wyandotte, Wymans Ravine and Cherokee Ravine.	Butte Record 1-14-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.02.04	<b>Bidwell Bar</b>	First issue of the Butte Record with George Crosette as Editor and Owner. Letter from Stiles explaining why he sold the paper to George Crosette---hard to get enough circulation with the area being so sparsely populated and scattered. He hopes the new editor will have more patronage. For more about Stiles see 1856 Spanishtown.	Butte Record 2-4-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.02.25	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about filing declaratory statement regarding filing pre-empt land claims to protect the owner. Costs \$15 to file a statement, which can be filed at Benicia, Ca.	Butte Record 2-25-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.03.04	<b>Frenchtown</b>	Meeting at the store of J.I. Stewart in Frenchtown to address the problem of some miners taking advantage of Indian women who come to their cabins cold and starving. Some are as young as 12 years old. F.Y Johnson is elected President and Edward Pope Secretary of a committee called "Friends of Humanity" to write a resolution that was printed in the Butte Record. The resolution states that anyone aware of such actions by friends of human nature will contact the Justice of the Peace and ask the District Attorney to seek prosecution. If the law cannot handle the issue, the miners will take justice into their own hands. L.C. Goodman, James McKay, James Cannon and T.E. Cannon were also committee members.	Butte Record 3-4-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.03.04	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	Constable sale of assets to pay judgment in favor of James Hooper against Gold Quartz Mining Company in Oregon Township near Oregon Gulch, about 1/4 mile from Quartzville. Assets consisted of one steam engine and quartz mill---along with water rights, and ground under and around said mill. Sale to the highest bidder to be held on premises between 9 & 5 Friday, March 3, 1854.	Butte Record 3-4-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.04.01	<b>Butte County</b>	Long article about mining. Reports on various areas, including Oregon Gulch. White Rock Company to change name to Oregon Claim.	Butte Record 4-1-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.04.08	<b>Butte County</b>	Ad for stage routes shows two different stage lines in area. WE Singer & Co., and Everts, Snell & Co. Both were called the Feather River Express.	Butte Record 4-8-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1854.04.08	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	Article about mining mentions Oregon Gulch. One man took out \$250 in five days.	Butte Record 4-8-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.04.15	<b>Frenchtown, Rich Gulch, Blairtown</b>	These diggings are doing well making pay, although not reporting any big strikes. Also, Tom Neal's, or Big Brick Diggins, have been making big pay.	Butte Record 4-15-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.04.29	<b>California</b>	List of state approved text books for schools	Butte Record 4-29-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.05.06	<b>Cherokee</b>	A pig tailed celestial picked up a quartz specimen weighing two pounds at the head of Cherokee Ravine recently. A large proportion of it was pure gold. He ought to be compelled to pay his foreign miners tax or have his tail cut off close to his ears.	Butte Record 5-6-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.05.06	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about more miners using the pipe hose to mine rather than picks and shovels. The water wears away the banks with astonishingly rapidity. Article states one man can do as much as three or four with pick and shovel. (These were small hoses, not like those used later)	Butte Record 5-6-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.08.12	<b>Frenchtown</b>	Article mentions W.H. Barrow seeing rain falling at Frenchtown during a sunny day. Refers to rain in other areas.	Butte Record 8-12-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.08.12	<b>Oregon Township</b>	Article in the paper describes the boundaries and voting places for Butte County Townships. Oregon Township includes Cherokee and Oregon Gulch, and extends over the West Branch of the Feather River, one mile past Nelsons Bar (which means in 1854, it did not include the areas later known as Frenchtown, Spanishtown, Concow Valley or Yankee Hill). The voting places in Oregon Township were: French's Store at Dup Digging, El Dorado at Morris Ravine, Pinney's Store at Oregon Gulch, Moore and Berry & Co. Store at Cherokee Flat, Bequettes on Nelson Bar W.B. (West Branch), White & Nutter's on Potters Bar North Fork, at Rich Gulch W.B. (West Branch). (This implies that Rich Gulch had no established business to declare as a voting place)	Butte Record 8-12-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.08.17	<b>Cherokee</b>	Post office established at Cherokee, Thomas McDaniels was the postmaster. A post office was also established in Oroville the same year, with Peter Garlow the postmaster.	Butte County History 1918, Diggins Vol 10, No 4		
1854.08.00	<b>Butte County</b>	County redefined into nine townships; Bidwell, Ophir, Mountain Spring, Oro, Hamilton, Chico, Benton, Oregon, Nimshew.	1882 History Butte County		
1854.11.25	<b>Cherokee</b>	New stage route from Marysville to Cherokee. Gives a more detailed schedule.	Butte Record ad 11-25-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.12.06	<b>Frenchtown</b>	The ditch of the Frenchtown and Rich Gulch Mining Company is now complete. The canal runs through a rich mining section.	Sacramento Daily Union 12-6-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.12.06	<b>Butte County</b>	Two articles same paper: One talks about the school districts in Butte County with a total population of children attending 237. Second article talks about 2 post offices have recently been established, one at Oroville and the other at Cherokee Flat. Peter Garlow is postmaster at the former, and Thomas McDaniels at the latter (Cherokee Flat). Article also references Butte Record being delivered to Sacramento via Adams & Co. Express.	Sacramento Daily Union 12-6-1854	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1854.12.12	<b>Concow</b>	Article about Wm. H. Mullen (Aug 1829-May 1911) who buys land with his father Chas Mullen (1804-Sept 1863) in Concow area; relocates here the following Fall of 1855.	Oroville Daily Register 2-26-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1855.00.00	<b>Dixon Ravine/Oregon Gulch/Oregon City</b>	Anna Morrison Reed wrote an article in 1920 about Dixon Ravine, a one mile long area near Oregon Gulch (Oregon City). She stated, that in 1855 the community consisted of about 1500 people. The nationalities represented were Chinese, Russian, French, Greek and Americans. I could not find any reference to Dixon Ravine in other county histories.	Excerpted from the book "Anna Morrison Reid" 1849-1921		

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1855.00.00	<b>Big Bar</b>	John Gramps, a German immigrant, arrives at Big Bar and starts mining. He never married but mined at Big Bar most of his life, dying in 1903. (Note: His brother Martin arrived several years later. They mined together at Big Bar. No formal mining claims were filed with the county until 1874. Martin died in 1915. Martin married Elizabeth Jenny a Pulga Indian about 1865; they had many children who lived in the Pulga area. Martin's son Henry Gramps married Mollie F Cayanne about 1887, an Indian from French Creek area. David E Gramps married Margret Cayanne, Mollie's sister, about the same time also from French Creek area)	John Gramps Obit Sept 3, 1903, Butte County Records		
1855.00.00	<b>Butte County</b>	12 sawmills in the county	1882 History Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1855.02.06	<b>Butte County</b>	Eureka Township created from Oregon Township	1882 History Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1855.02.24	<b>Cherokee</b>	Ad for new stage route from Marysville to Cherokee Flat, Frenchtown, Ophir, Thompsons Flat, Oregon Gulch, Spring Valley. The ad was first created November 22, 1954	Butte Record 2-24-1855	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1855.04.21	<b>Cherokee</b>	New stage route from Marysville to Cherokee. Leaves Marysville at 6:00 a.m. and arrives at 3:00 p.m. Stops at Ophir, Thompsons Flat, Oregon Gulch, Spring Valley. Proprietor W.E. Singer & Co.	Butte Record 4-21-1855	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1855.04.25	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee Flat cast 124 votes for supervisor, Rich Gulch cast 51 votes, Nelsons Bar 32 votes. (Note: Yankee Hill did not exist as a place at this time. It was part of Rich Gulch)	Butte Record 4-25-1855	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1855.05.11	<b>Concow</b>	Article about the Concows inviting Neal's Indians to visit them on the West Branch of the Feather River. While regaling (entertaining) themselves with the Chemuck presented them by their hosts a fight ensued, three of the guests were decapitated. This it seems was a modest attempt on the part of the Concows to exercise the <i>Lex talionis</i> and square accounts with their guests, who, on some former occasion, paid them a similar compliment.	Sacramento Daily Union 5-11-1855	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1855.06.00	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	Charles Stubbs Curtis is living on Pentz Road above Nelson Bar Gulch and establishes a ferry across the West Branch of the Feather River to reach Frenchtown. (Curtis had spent the previous three years at Butte Creek Canyon)	Butte Record 5-31-1862	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1855.06.30	<b>Lime Saddle</b>	First lime kiln in Butte County started near Nelson Bar by William Gwynn. He would establish kilns throughout Northern California. He sold his lime at Cherokee Flat.(The area where the kiln was would later be called Lime saddle). Note: Ad first ran 6-25-1855.	Butte Record 6-30-1855	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1855.06.30	<b>Oroville</b>	Ad for laborers wanted: 100 men wanted to work on the Feather River and Ophir Water Co's ditch; wages \$60/month	Butte Record 6-30-1855	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1855.06.30	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	Ad: C. A. Simmons has discontinued business at his old stand in Oregon Gulch	Butte Record 6-30-1855	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1855.06.30	<b>Lime Saddle</b>	Ad for West Branch Lime Kiln "first quality lime...lime constantly on hand"	Butte Record 6-30-1855	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1855.06.30	<b>Long's Bar</b>	Shares of the Banner Quartz Mining Co to be sold at Long's Bar to pay assessments.	Butte Record 6-30-1855	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1855.11.17	<b>Butte County</b>	Butte County population & wealth ranks highest county of the state	North Californian 11-17-1855	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1855.11.24	<b>Oregon City/Cherokee Flat</b>	Ad for butcher shops opening at Oregon City and Cherokee Flat, E. D. Clark	North Californian 11-24-1855	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1855.12.01	<b>Con Cow</b>	We hereby claim the water of the East Branch of the West Branch of the Feather River from the head of the valley to the lower end for irrigating the farm and other purposes as soon as we can get our ditch dug. A. W. Thompson and Wm. H. Mullen. Note: this was recorded on Feb 1, 1860 in Oroville, notice spelling of Con Cow. The words were officially combined sometime later. (Claims were filed with a local jurisdiction, at this time probably Frenchtown or Cherokee and later recorded with the county which may be days, months or years later)	Claims Book A Page 380 12-1-1855		
1855.12.08	<b>Pence's Ranch/Oregon Gulch</b>	Ad thanking the citizens of Oregon Gulch and vicinity for their patronage by Dr. J. R. N. Owen as he is moving to the western side of Table Mountain to his place near the Cold Spring Ranch at the residence of Mr. Benner. The Cold Spring Ranch lies at the foot of Table Mountain between the Cottonwood Ranch and the Ranch of Mr. Goodrich and near the road that leads from Pence's Ranch and Marysville. Also ad for Evans, Brass & Co. by O. M. Evans, Jas. H. Brass and Wm. Perry, Jr.	North Californian 12-8-1855	Y	Filed by Date
1855.12.15	<b>Cherokee Ravine</b>	Mining in Butte: Talks about 3 prospecting companies formed in Cherokee Flat with \$50 lumps being taken out in the vicinity of Beef Ranch; Table Mountain, Thompson's Flat, Morris' Ravine, Mr. Durett and Mr. Robinson.	North Californian 12-15-1855	Y	Filed by Date
1855.12.29	<b>Cherokee Flat</b>	Notice to contractors ad: sealed proposals will be received for running a tunnel near Cherokee Flat.	North Californian 12-29-1855	Y	Filed by Date
1855.12.29	<b>Cherokee Ravine</b>	Letter to editor about Cherokee Ravine: Country around the head of Cherokee Ravine has been prospected and worked successfully every winter since '49 but the great difficulty has been the great scarcity of water. If the Feather River and Ophir water company could furnish enough water to wash down these hills by hydraulic pipes, there would be employment for hundreds of the industrious portion of the miners who are now roaming about the country in quest of diggings.	North Californian 12-29-1855	Y	Filed by Date
1855.12.29	<b>Messilla Valley/Oregon City/Cherokee</b>	Messilla Valley is a delightful place bounded on two or three sides by mountains, watered by a beautiful stream with trees enough for shade and with a soil which is unsurpassed in fertility; it is one of the most desirable places for a residence in the county. Joe Balcom has built a large commodious house and Pense (Pence) is building another. At Cherokee, Moore McDaniels & Co. have erected a very large store. At White & Nutter, Oregon City, quite a village has sprung up; they also have made extensive additions to their store and dwelling.	North Californian 12-29-1855	Y	Filed by Date
1856.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	A.W. Thompson was already a resident of Concow (See 4-20-1852) as was William Mullen and his father Charles Mullen, all were farmers. G.G. Marquis (1821-Mar 1898), came to California in 1850 (first settled at Stringtown and Thompson Flat) and then settled in Concow in 1856. He was one of the early investors in quartz mining. Marquis later expanded to 160 acres in area now known as Camelot. Sold property in 1883 after wife died and purchased 70 acres at south end of lake. In 1856 it is estimated about 700 Concow Indians lived in the greater Concow area when the white settlers arrived. As more whites settled in the valley, they would soon move north to Flea Valley and beyond. (It is assumed Thompson, Marquis and Mullen are the ones that named the Valley Con-Cow after the local Indian tribe.)	1882 History Butte County, 1861 Butte County Tax Records, 1860 Census Records		
1856.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	In 1856, a mill was erected for the Virginia Company (quartz mining). In 1882, Yankee Hill had one store and one hotel.(Many of the miners had left for Nevada and the Comstock load)	1882 History Butte County		Filed by Date
1856.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	Steam powered lumber mill started at the head of Spring Gulch in Concow area by William Leonard.	History of Butte County Vol#1 McGie		
1856.00.00	<b>Butte County</b>	35 tunnel mines were in operation on Table Mountain.	1882 History Butte County		
1856.00.00	<b>Chico</b>	Per the 1918 history, some Indians went to Bidwell's Rancho for the purpose of fighting Bidwell's Indians. They had taken charge of the Indian houses, and in attempting to dislodge them, Major Bidwell was fired upon. Mr. Schaeffer, his miller, was shot through the lungs and lived but a short time. Five Indians were killed. Bidwell later stated about this incident, that the valley Indians made their own arrows but purchased their bows from the mountain Indians. This time the mountain Indians actually entered his Rancheria and went into the homes of the Indians and would not leave. He used force to remove them.	History of Butte County 1918, John Bidwell & California by Gillis & Magliari 2004		

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1856.00.00	<b>Spanishtown</b>	A small mining community just south of the present Concow School. The 1860 census lists 11 cabins (identified as Spanishtown), all unoccupied. In "Old Days in Butte", the author states the old Pines Store that burned down was on part of the Spanishtown site. See May 26, 1882	1860 Census, 1882 History of Butte County, "Old Days in Butte"		
1856.00.00	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Peyton Russel, born in 1818 in Ohio, lived in Spanishtown for three months in 1856.	Davis, Hon. Win. J., <i>An Illustrated History of Sacramento County, California</i> . Pages 524-525. Lewis Publishing Company. 1890.		
1856.01.05	<b>Cherokee Flat</b>	The Ureka Tunnel Company have been sinking a shaft in Table Mountain near Cherokee Flat and have contracted to have a tunnel run into the mountain 400 ft through solid rock at great expense. This company is composed partly of old miners and partly of businessmen from this place and Marysville.	North Californian 1-5-1856	Y	Filed by Date
1856.02.26	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Virgin Quartz Mine established---second quartz mine in Yankee Hill. (Article by Wm H Mullen) See Oct 1861 and March 1867	Oroville Daily Register 2-26-1903	Y	Filed by Date
1856.03.01	<b>Oregon Gulch/Long's Bar</b>	Quartz mining: Talks about old quartz mine revival and erecting arrastras with a mule or 2 for power and a half dozen Chinamen for stampers. Messrs. Smith & Sparks near Long's Bar is the largest and most complete and one of the most successful quartz mills in the county; they have 4 arrastras which pulverize 6 tons of quartz per day. There are 4 or 5 other quartz mills on Oregon Gulch: Mr. Tatem's, Beaumont's, Nesbit's, Derrick's and 1 or 2 others and all are doing well.	North Californian 3-1-1856	Y	Filed by Date
1856.04.00	<b>Butte County</b>	Part of Butte, Colusa, Shasta Counties, became Tehama County	1882 History Butte County		
1856.04.19	<b>Oroville</b>	Oroville was established as the County Seat. Prior to that, the County Seat was first at Hamilton and in 1853 it was moved to Bidwell Bar.	1918 History of Butte County		
1856.05.00	<b>Butte County</b>	Wyandotte Township created.	1882 History Butte County		
1856.05.23	<b>Frenchtown</b>	Frenchtown canal: 5 miles of the lower end of the ditch and several reservoirs were built 1 or 2 years ago at a cost of about \$10,000; it extends about 12 miles further to receive a supply of water from the tributaries of the North Fork and the West Branches of Feather River. When completed, it will be one of the best paying ditches in the State and will have a capacity of 50 sluice heads.	North Californian 5-23-1856	Y	Filed by Date
1856.06.00	<b>Mendocino County</b>	Nome Cult Farm, consisting of 5,000 acres, started by Simmon Storms to support the Nome Lackee Indian Reservation near present day Willits. Located in Round Valley, the area had a population of about 12,000 Indians before Nome Cult Farm was founded. Population of Nome Cult Farms was about 2100 Indians in 1857. Note: This would later become the Round Valley Indian Reservation when Mendocino and Nome Lackee Indian Reservations were closed. (See 1854).	"Killing for Land in Early California" by Frank Baumgardner 2005		
1856.06.01	<b>Butte County</b>	List of Post offices in California. There are 10 in Butte County: Bidwells Bar (P.W.Worstrum - Post Master), Brush Creek (D.G. Martin), Cherokee (T.M. Danel), Charley's Ranch (J. Evans), Chico (J. Bidwell), Forbestown (Nathan Plum), Hamilton (R. Davis), Lassen's (W.P Mayhew), Oroville (P.S. Garland) and Pea Vine (D. Whipple)	San Francisco Evening Bulletin 6-1-1856	Y	Filed by Date
1856.06.06	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	Quartz operations: Briggs, Crawford & Co. discovered a quartz ledge near Wilmot's Store in Oregon Gulch a few days ago. Captains Williams & Packard are opening a lead in Oregon Gulch. Granger & Wilmot are erecting 2 arrastras on a ledge near Oregon City. Nesbit & Simmons, proprietors of the old Buffalo ledge, are just completing 4 new arrastras. The Spring Valley Quartz Mining Company has the only Steam Quartz Mill in the county. There is another quartz mill near Cherokee Flat and the mill of Beaumont & Gummett on Oregon Gulch near Phinney's store and the mills of Smith & Sparks at Columbiaville.	North Californian 6-6-1856	Y	Filed by Date

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1856.08.09	<b>Foothills</b>	Article states Thompsons Flat, Cherokee, Morris Ravine, Oregon City, Messilla Valley and Pence's Ranch are all in a most flourishing condition. There is plenty of tillable soil and the mining region is rich. Many families are among the newcomers. The great difficulty is the lack of water which will be coming soon by the ditch from Little Butte Creek.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 8-9-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.08.13	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	Oregon Township established District #1 for School district. School known as Oregon School.	1882 History of Butte County		
1856.08.13	<b>Oroville</b>	Article about the miners and the money they spend in town. They are a fine class of citizen, some are the best dressed in town. They recognize the authority of the courts and make the best of jurors. They would patronize churches, if we had any.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 8-13-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.08.14	<b>West Branch</b>	Indian fight between a tribe who have their rancherie down the river and a tribe from the West Branch.	Daily Butte Record 8-14-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.08.22	<b>Chico</b>	Article about Indian fight six miles from Chico between Bidwell's Indians and a tribe that belonged across the river. It seems to be a periodical affair with these savages. They fought on an appointed day at the spot named and with such as much system and regularity as their more civilized brethren. The struggle was carried on for several hours and with a savage fierceness equal to any contest that has been witnessed for a long time. There is a peculiarity in this mode of warfare that we presume is not generally known. It is that when in the heat of a conflict - arrows flying as thick as hail - and the air is rent with the hideous war cry - little children, by mutual consent, are sent into the ranks of the enemy to pick up the poisonous arrows that have missed their mark, and return them to the quiver of the hostile parent to again be sent whizzing into the enemy's ranks. There were 10 or 12 injured and 2 killed.	Daily Butte Record 8-22-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.08.22	<b>Chub Gulch</b>	A thriving little town is springing into existence located near Spanishtown. Hotels, stores, saloons, shops and all other branches of business necessary to the commencement of a town are in progress. Note: The activity mentioned above regarding construction is probably in Spanishtown.	Butte Record 8-22-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.08.22	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Situated near the West Branch of Feather River, Spanishtown has new and very promising diggings; 30 or 40 new houses have been erected; stores, hotels and saloons are multiplying rapidly.	North Californian 8-22-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.08.29	<b>Oroville</b>	Ad for Pioneer Circus	Oroville Daily Butte Record 8-29-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.01	<b>Cherokee</b>	The most extensive mining in the area is done by Mr. McCarger, who some two or three months ago, bought the store in Cherokee Ravine known as the Bean Store. Mr. Bean and Company are underway with their quartz ledge which yields from 15 to 18 cents per pound of quartz processed.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-1-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.02	<b>Oroville/Cherokee</b>	Article about the need for the railroad because of the activity in mining around Oroville, especially Table Mountain. Also talks about the telegraph coming to Oroville within three months. Adjacent article talks about marriages in Cherokee and their need to continue as they are scarce in this area.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-2-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.04	<b>Spanishtown/Chub Gulch</b>	Stage driver returns to Oroville with a beautiful sample of gold. He says Helltown, Spanishtown and Chub Gulch are improving rapidly.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-4-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.10	<b>Concow/Yankee Hill</b>	Article about Frenchtown Mining Company well underway with their ditch. Mr. Fargo, the former owner, sold his interest to the above.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-10-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1856.09.10	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Article in the North Californian describes Spanishtown. Thirteen new buildings in the last three weeks went up in Spanishtown. There is no sawmill within 14 miles, but they have made arrangements with Mr. Nance of Dry Creek to establish a lumber yard. One American lady is in the area --- Mrs. Marquis. She washed out one pan of dirt and got \$1.37 in gold. This is a new place a company of Chilenos and Mexicans first struck diggins last winter. The town is one mile from Frenchtown and twenty miles from Oroville. Mr. Snyder, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Reed have been sinking a shaft on what is called Yankee Hill.	North Californian 9-10-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.11	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Article in the paper entitled Spanishtown. Our friends Tom Bissett and John Miller took a trip to Messilla Valley and thereabouts, and were delighted with the country as a mining region. They bought or dug some of the most beautiful coarse gold they had ever seen. They did not disclose the exact location where they got it but said there is plenty more.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-11-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.11	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article about robbery at Cherokee Ravine. Lone man stole wallet and gun from another on the road and then beat him insensible.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-11-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.12	<b>Frenchtown</b>	Frenchtown Mining Co. will convey waters of the North of Feather River to Spanishtown, Frenchtown, Chub Gulch, Yankee Hill, Rich Gulch and the entire country below to the junction of the West Branch and North Fork of Feather River. Work is to be completed this fall.	North Californian 9-12-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.13	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	Article about how the community has been quiet for six months due to lack of water. They have made good money when they had water.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-13-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.19	<b>Pence</b>	Article and ad about a dance at the Pence Hotel to raise money to build the Messilla Valley School. Notes the hotel is building a 36 x 50 dance hall. Lists all the managers who are responsible for raising money for the school. J.S. Nance and Jos. Balcomb from Messilla Valley, Sam'l Glass and Cap Moore from Cherokee Flat, H.J. Morrison and Geo Wilemont from Oregon Gulch, Geo Crosette and Chas Lincoln from Oroville, C. Wheeler and Sam'l Neal from Neals Ranch, E.B. Kinson and Chas Chamberlain from Butte Mills and J.S. (should be J. I.) Steward and F. Johnson from Frenchtown. trustees are Manoah Pence, Geo Rothrock and S. Burnham.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-19-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.20	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Philus Junius writes how Spanishtown is progressing very rapidly. "I think we have the best diggins here in the county, when we get water. The ditch, so long talked of, will be in full operation next week when they will employ 100 men." A company of Chillinos and Mexicans took out three hands from 3 to 5 ounces per day. A colored man took from his claim a little over \$700 in 3 weeks. There is but one lady in the place and she washed out \$175 yesterday from one pan of dirt; some 8 new buildings are going up and this town is beginning to look like a young Oroville.	Weekly Butte Record 9-20-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.23	<b>Butte County</b>	New Express---Dyer to run a daily express to Pence's Ranch, Messilla Valley, Helltown, Dogtown, Spanishtown and other points on the West Branch. (Note: Yankee Hill was not a town yet)	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-23-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.23	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Ad for Dyer's Daily Express: A new stage line from Oroville to Spanishtown and Frenchtown. Agents, Wm. C. Payne in Oroville and Dr. Waldron, in Spanishtown.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-23-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.23	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Mr. Dyer of Dyer's Express, informs us that a quartz lead has been discovered within 1/2 mile from Spanishtown. The whole area is known to be rich in quartz.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-23-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.25	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Article about the constable and a supervisor from Oroville, heading to Spanishtown to arrest someone. They decided to rest awhile under a tree along the way and were so fatigued by their arduous task that they gave up the search.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-25-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.25	<b>Butte County</b>	Mining News in Butte County, including the Montezuma Claim. The Steamer "Sonoma" sailed with \$2,084,752 in gold.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-25-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1856.09.27	<b>Pentz</b>	Ball and Barbecue - Article states the dance at Pence went off smoothly, all had a good time. We saw a delegation of our young gentlemen who style themselves "Lunch Eaters" who seemed in high glee after their night of fun.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-27-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.27	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Our esteemed friend, Craige, has left Oroville to take up residence for a few months. He figures to superintend the building of the West Branch and Spanishtown ditch.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-27-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.30	<b>Messilla Valley/Oregon City</b>	Ads for Valley Exchange, formerly Joe Balcom's Ranch and White & Nutter in Oregon City.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-30-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.09.30	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Mr. Van Dyke, formerly of Oroville, was stabbed by a Mexican during some kind of game when he tried to take Mr. Van Dyke's money.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-30-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.10.13	<b>Spanishtown</b>	We learn from Mr. Gaston the stage driver, that a fight occurred in a dance house between two Mexicans. One shot the other dead.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 10-13-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.10.18	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Gen. P.H. Harris and A.M. Zabriskie will address the citizens of Spanishtown to discuss the political issues of the day.	Butte Record 10-18-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.10.18	<b>Deadwood</b>	Mr. Lattimore states the rise in the river has not shut down the Deadwood Claim. The head of the claim is very rich and they are expecting a rich harvest. (Note: There was a Lattimore's Bar near Island Bar below Big Bend. Robert and Wm Lattimore are listed in the 1850 Butte County Census along with James Shields. All were listed as miners and located near each other when the census was taken. Wm Lattimore went on to become Butte County Treasurer in Oct 1857 until Jan 1860)	Butte Record 10-18-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.10.18	<b>Oroville</b>	Need for cemetery in Oroville to bury their dead. "With as much level ground as there is in this vicinity, that will never be required for mining purposes, there is no reason why a suitable spot should not be selected, and enclosed as a cemetery."	Weekly Butte Record 10-18-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.10.18	<b>Oroville</b>	Article about Lola Montez, the distinguished lady, is under a 2 month engagement to perform in the principle towns of the state. Reports to the effect that she was coming to Oroville have been in circulation for the last 6 weeks, but she hasn't made her appearance yet.	Weekly Butte Record 10-18-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.10.21	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Letter written to the Record by Mr. Stiles describes fighting and robbery in Spanishtown between a party of Peruvians and Mexicans. Two men and one woman were killed, about seven or eight were injured. There have been several fights between them before. Nearly 100 shots were fired. Also mentions Golden Gate Hotel in Spanishtown is run by Carry & McClellan.	Oroville Daily Register 1-22-1904 & Oroville Daily Butte Record 10-21-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.10.22	<b>Oroville</b>	We learn that Messrs Gwynn and Stockton have perfected arrangements for the extension of the telegraph to Oroville, and will proceed immediately to construct the same.	Daily Butte Record 10-22-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.10.22	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Four Chilianians concerned in the shooting affray at Spanishtown on Sunday evening were arrested last night on the opposite side of the river by Deputy Sheriff McLaughlin and Mr. Cary. They will undergo an examination as soon as witnesses can be subpoenaed from Spanishtown.	Daily Butte Record 10-22-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.10.23	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Letter written by unknown (later identified as C.W. Stiles); talks about the town and how they have formed a citizen's police to drive away the Peruvians and Chileans. Also, talks about the Black Republicans sending the miserable curse, the Hon. John Dick, to talk in the town about the presidential race. (Fremont was eventually their candidate). After the meeting they took a straw poll for President and 46 votes were cast.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 10-23-1856 & Oroville Daily Register 1-22-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.10.25	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Caucus at Spanishtown: Stiles received the nomination for office of Justice of the Peace by the citizens of Spanishtown.	Butte Record 10-25-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1856.10.28	<b>Butte County</b>	West Branch Ditch---Mr. Meacham informs us that the head dam of the above named ditch has been entirely completed and the water turned into the race. This is an important step towards the immediate construction of the ditch. When complete, the ditch should be 50 miles long and the largest in the state. (Note: Meacham had previously been the contractor for the Feather River and Ophir Water Company, building the ditch that brought water to Ophir (Oroville) which was finished in April 1856)	Oroville Daily Butte Record 10-28-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.11.01	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Rebuttal by C.W. Stiles to a letter written by John Dick regarding comments Dick made about the superior N - - - - (black race). Also talks about new buildings going up in Spanishtown, including a steam sawmill. There are six respectable families living there, plus the miners. The road to the ferry is being repaired---it is the steepest stage road he has ever seen. Three stages per day are running to the town, the fair is \$2.00.	Butte Record 11-1-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.11.06	<b>Spanishtown / Frenchtown</b>	Election Returns - Election Returns for President of the United States. Spanishtown - 135 votes for Buchanan, 120 votes for Fillmore and 3 votes for Fremont. Frenchtown 64 votes for Buchanan, 62 votes for Fillmore and 7 votes for Fremont. Oroville 858 votes for Buchanan, 622 votes for Fillmore and 210 votes for Fremont. Forbestown 130 votes for Buchanan, 41 votes for Fillmore and 83 votes for Fremont. (Note: Yankee Hill was not established yet so residents voted as part of Frenchtown or Spanishtown.)	Sacramento Daily Union 11-6-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.11.07	<b>Oregon Township</b>	Charley Stiles lost contest for Justice of the Peace	Oroville Daily Butte Record 11-7-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.11.08	<b>Concow/Yankee Hill</b>	Starting construction on the Frenchtown Canal; 200 to 300 men are at work digging a ditch (to bring water from the North Fork of the Feather River to the top of Deadwood, down Dark Canyon and to Yankee Hill. This brought needed water to the mining operations and Yankee Hill) See 1858 tax records	Butte Record 11-8-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.11.10	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Letter to the editor: The election is over and the town is quiet. Calf & Butcher are putting in a market. The Pioneer Hotel is full and the ditch is in process. The President, Addison, O.M. Evans, the trustee and others, are on the grounds. A chunk of gold worth \$84.50 was taken from the ravine by a Mexican the other day. Three stages from the white settlements are arriving daily. The jolly, but not polite, George Green, Agent, wakes this town every morning conversing with Uncle Billy Clark. They stand at opposite ends of town and whisper at each other. (Note: The letter is not signed but it is by C.W. Stiles)	Oroville Daily Butte Record 11-10-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.11.12	<b>Spanishtown</b>	C.W. Stiles was seen the other day with a jackass loaded with grub and blankets, leaving town and asking the directions to the richest diggings. The paper referred to him as an old friend "The Judge" and wished him well. (Note: Stiles had just lost the election for Justice of the Peace of Oregon Township and had been the source of controversy over a letter he had written. See 11-1-1856 & 11-10-1856)	Oroville Daily Butte Record 11-12-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.11.14	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Nov 14, 1856, the 49 & 56 ledge was established by M.H. Wells and his partners, which produced \$800,000 before it burned down in 1868. Wells sold his shares on Sept 18, 1866 for \$15,992.	Diggins Vol 28 #2, available at Butte County Historical Society		
1856.11.14	<b>Rich Gulch</b>	Yankee Hill - 10 claims of 150 ft each known as the Rich Gulch Quartz Ledge near Yankee Hill in Oregon Township. Said claim commencing at T.P. White and Co. claim known as the Virgin Claim then running 1500 ft. in a Southerly direction. Filed by M.H. Wells, J.C. Johnson, F.H. Pratt, J.D. Pollard, E.G. Green, J. Anderson, G.L. Dockler, John Conner, Dan'l Ring, H. Marco Filed Nov 14, 1856	Mining Claims Book A page 129		
1856.11.15	<b>Spanishtown, Frenchtown, Oregon Gulch, Thompsons Flat</b>	Article about Butte County mentions the mineral wealth in the area. When water is finally supplied, it will be a very popular place. Refers to Thompsons Flat, Oregon Gulch, Frenchtown and Spanishtown. Says the area has been occupied since 1850.	Weekly Butte Record 11-15-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.11.15	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about the roads to Marysville and Chico in need of repair.	Butte Record 11-15-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1856.11.21	<b>Spanishtown/Jordan Slide</b>	Article about Curly the stage driver; informed everyone that they are digging a shaft at Jordan Slide nearby and have struck bedrock at 67 feet. They are now digging a tunnel from the bottom of the hill to the bottom of the shaft to further investigate. The area had been prospected before but not to any great depth because they struck water a few feet below the surface.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 11-21-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.11.22	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Fight occurred on Sunday between an American and an Irishman, with both parties severely injured. One had a large piece bitten out of his chin. Article ends with, "Nice, moral place, that Spanishtown".	Butte Record 11-22-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.11.25	<b>Oroville</b>	Indian boy found drunk, unable to walk; said he obtained liquor from Chinaman	Daily Butte Record 11-25-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.11.28	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about the miner's possible strike over the cost of water from the owners of the ditches. The strike did not happen.	Butte Record 11-28-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.11.28	<b>Cherokee Flat</b>	Stage coaches running weekly for mail between here and Cherokee Flat.	North Californian 11-28-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.11.28	<b>Cherokee Flat/Oregon Gulch</b>	There is a vast and very rich mining country on the West side of the river including Cherokee Flat, Oregon Gulch, Morris Ravine and Thompson's Flat. Miners are getting their claims ready to work as soon as the rain fills their ditches. Messrs. Hart & Bro. have contracts for fluming in the amount of \$320,000 within 5 miles of Oroville.	North Californian 11-28-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.11.29	<b>Spanishtown/Jordan Hill</b>	Article in Union talks about visiting Spanishtown. Two buckets of dirt washed out with \$7.80 each. Last July was not one house or five Americans here. Now 300 votes were cast, mostly for "Buck". Now there are some eighty-five houses, one hotel -- the Pioneer, four large stores and quite a number of billiard parlors. 200 men are digging a ditch that should be finished the last part of January. Four stages pass daily from Oroville. New organized company to prospect Jordan Hill, they sunk a shaft 60 ft. Three months ago nobody lived here, now over 500 residents.	Sacramento Daily Union 11-29-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.12.03	<b>Bidwell</b>	Article entitled "The Last of Bidwell" talks about Mr. Bancroft arriving in Oroville with a load of lumber from the National (Hotel), which he ran in Bidwell, one of the last houses to be torn down. It also talks about Bidwell's past glory as the County Seat. Another article on 12-31-1856 talks about inspecting the new bridge at Bidwell, which was built by Capt Murray, costing between \$30,000 to \$40,000.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 12-3-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.12.08	<b>Yankee Hill/Oregon Gulch</b>	A new town is springing up near Spanishtown known as Yankee Hill. Rich diggings have been discovered at this locality and considerable amount number of lots have been claimed and staked off. As well, there are four quartz mills in successful operation at Oregon Gulch with average yield about \$60 per ton.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 12-8-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.12.08	<b>Frenchtown</b>	Brief article states the Frenchtown Ditch Company has increased their capital stock to \$60,000.	Butte Record 12-8-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.12.08	<b>Sacramento/Butte County</b>	Article about the miners threatening to strike the ditch owners because the price of water was \$.40 per inch and they wanted the price dropped to \$.25 per inch, although they might accept \$.30 per inch. (The strike did not happen and the prices stayed the same)	Oroville Daily Butte Record 12-8-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.12.12	<b>Concow/Yankee Hill</b>	Report about the Frenchtown Canal Mining Company and the ditch to Frenchtown, Spanishtown, Chub Gulch and Rich Gulch (this area was later named Yankee Hill). Stockholders have increased the capital stock from \$30,000 to \$60,000 so they can complete the entire work. The contract was let to Mr. A.S. Hart; the work should be done by the first of June, 1857. The reservoir and several miles of ditch will be completed in four to six weeks.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 12-12-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.12.13	<b>Cherokee Flat</b>	David Smith showed several pieces of coarse gold taken from his claim near Cherokee Ravine. It appears the diggings are rich because of the blue dirt and the pitch of the bedrock into the hill.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 12-13-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1856.12.13	<b>Oregon Gulch/Long's Bar</b>	There are 4 quartz mills in successful operation at Oregon Gulch averaging a yield of about \$60/ton. At Honcut race course, John Mullen's horse, Bald Hornet, and Clark's horse, Fool-catcher, ran a very spirited race of 700 yards.	Weekly Butte Record 12-13-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.12.16	<b>Oregon City</b>	A piece of gold weighing 11 oz was taken from the Barton, Jones and Meeks claim at Nelsons Flat near Oregon City. There would be many rich diggings in the area if they had water.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 12-16-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.12.18	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Long article about Oroville's need for a bridge to reach Thompsons Flat and the rich diggings at Spanishtown.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 12-18-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.12.19	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Article about the abundance of water at Spanishtown from the recent rains. Mr. Cary of the Pioneer Hotel in Spanishtown, says the miners are going back to their claims; some have set idle for months because of the availability of water. The most beautiful coarse gold is taken from this region. There are several companies of Mexicans and Peruvians in the town who, before the water came, had to take sacks of dirt 300 yards to use muddy water to claim 2 oz. of gold a day. The town now presents a most prosperous and lively appearance.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 12-19-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.12.19	<b>Long's Bar</b>	Patrick Keely, who injured his spine a few days ago by the caving of a bank at Long's Bar, has injuries that are of such a serious nature as to render his recovery doubtful.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 12-19-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.12.23	<b>Oregon City</b>	Brief article says that Mr. Nutter has informed the editor that Oregon City has plenty of water and the mines are taking out gold.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 12-23-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.12.24	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Announcement that Phil Ripley and John Staniels of Oroville have opened the Union Hotel at Spanishtown. The California Stage Company will make their headquarters there.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 12-24-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1856.12.27	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Article talks about specimen of quartz taken from claim of Mr. Pratt of Spanishtown. It was one of the richest specimens seen taken from a ledge. The area is sure to become an important mining district.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 12-27-1856	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	The Fuller Quartz Mill operated from 1857 to 1860 when it burned down.	1882 History Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.00.00	<b>Frenchtown</b>	R. Shipley, born in 1827 in Tennessee, lived in Frenchtown for about a year.	<i>History of Butte County, California: From its Earliest Settlement to the Present Time - Vol. II - Harry L. Wells &amp; W. L. Chambers - 547 Clay Street, San Francisco, Cal., 1882.</i>		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.00.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	More mining now done by hydraulics	Diggings Vol 10 #4, available at Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.00.00	<b>Butte County</b>	Note: Mining was no longer an affordable venture for the individual miner. Larger operations required large amounts of capital because of equipment and labor requirements.			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.01.01	<b>Dixon's Ravine/Oroville</b>	A piece of coarse gold weighing 4 ounces was taken out of a claim in Dixon's Ravine near the store of Messrs. White & Nutter last Sunday. Ad for Frank's Restaurant in Oroville, board per week without wine \$10, single room per night \$2.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 1-1-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1857.01.06	<b>Cherokee</b>	Messrs. White and Netter of Oregon City have started the project of building a road to Cherokee via Longs Bar and Oregon Gulch. The direct road to Cherokee from Oroville is of considerable importance. Currently, there are no direct communications between the two points available to teams and carriages. Currently, the entire travel to Cherokee passes by Pence's Ranch to Marysville, avoiding Oroville completely. The estimated cost is \$2500 of which White and Nutter have contributed \$250; \$800 has been pledged by others. The interests of the town of Oroville should prompt others to subscribe.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 1-6-1857; Diggins vol 10, no 4	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.01.06	<b>Oroville</b>	Article encouraging the people of Oroville to support the efforts to build a road to Cherokee. Article suggests the local authorities have been reluctant to support any new road that does not use the bridge owned by the County Judge (Judge Lewis). At the current time it is as easy to go from Bidwell to Marysville as it is to Oroville (implying the current route is not convenient to Oroville).	Oroville Daily Butte Record 1-6-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.01.13	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	Two ads appear for bridges, one to be built at Nelson Bar by Charles Curtis (later called the Nelson Bar Bridge) and another by OM Evans at the place known as the "natural crossing" 1 1/2 miles below Nelson Bar (later called the West Branch Bridge). Proposals to be presented at the Feb meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Curtis announces he will also renew his ferry permit at Nelson Bar.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 1-13-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.01.22	<b>Spanishtown/Yankee Hill</b>	Mr. O.M. Evans came to area and graded a road from Cherokee to Yankee Hill (article by Wm. H. Mullen). Apparently, he also operated a toll crossing over the West Branch of the Feather River at that time. Reference is made to it in the 1859 Butte County Tax Records as currently being owned by O.M. Evans and S.D. Baldwin. In 1874, the land and improvements were owned solely by S.D. Baldwin and valued at \$1,000. (Note: The 1860 census lists O.M. Evans' occupation as a miner. A Jan 1856 ad states he operated a provisions store with partners, Jas. H. Brass and Wm. Perry in Oroville. Previous partner was J.W. Woodman. Jan 1857 notice in paper says bridge will be located 1 1/2 miles below Nelson Bar at a place known as "Natural Bridge".	Oroville Daily Register 2-26-1903, Butte County Tax Records 1859, 1874/75, Butte Record 1-13-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.01.23	<b>Indian Rancheria</b>	A lead of gravel yielding one to five cents to the pan discovered this week at the old Indian Rancheria about 2 miles below Oroville on the opposite side of the river.	North Californian 1-23-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.01.24	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Letter to the editor of the Butte County Record by Phelin states, that since the Judge (C.W. Stiles) was gone there have been no letters telling of the area. He felt it was worth keeping up the correspondence so people would be informed. The town has been quiet; recent rains have supplied plenty of water and the ditch will soon supply water to the highest hills in Spanishtown. Mr. White's company of three men took \$180 out the last three days. Mr. Rafell has tested his quartz lode near Jordan Hill and it yielded \$55 to \$250 per ton. It is the richest quartz section in the area.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 1-24-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.01.29	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Robbery in town with the boldness of Joaquin or Bell. Three men break into the Pacific Express Office at 2:00am. The express agent, Mr. Crammer, was asleep with the money under his head. The White Claim took out 14 oz. last Saturday. The Spanish, Darby's and Grun's Claim continue to pay well. Messrs. Murphy & Co., of Concow, have recently struck rich pay dirt. Yours in haste, Phelix.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 1-29-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.01.30	<b>Spanishtown</b>	The cabin of a 60 to 70 year old man was entered by a man suspected of being a Spaniard. The old man was struck on the head and \$18 was stolen. The man was named Mortimer McKinnon and he was seriously injured. Should the thief be caught he will receive rough treatment.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 1-30-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.01.30	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Ad for California Stage Company, John S. Graham, Agent, Oroville. Stages leave the California Stage Company office at 7am, 12 noon and 4pm for Marysville. Stages leave at noon for Spanishtown and everyday at 10 o'clock am for Shasta.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 1-30-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.02.03	<b>Frenchtown</b>	Post office established in J.I. Stewart's store. The post office moved in Oct 1858 to Yankee Hill. See 10-19-1858	Diggins Vol 24, no 1, available at Butte County Historical Society	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1857.02.04	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Ad for Union Hotel & Stage House in Spanishtown. Also, ad for Merchants Hotel in Marysville, now run by O.M. Evans (he built the road to Yankee Hill).	Oroville Daily Butte Record 2-4-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.02.04	<b>Jordan Ravine/Thompsons Flat</b>	While working at his diggings at Jordan Ravine, Francis Buckingham died due to a stump falling from the bank of his claim. He was 26 years of age. A man and a woman were arrested at Thompson's Flat for gambling contrary to law and were fined \$100 and then jailed.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 2-4-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.02.05	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Letter by Philus Julius to the editor about the recent events in Spanishtown. The Spanishtown ditch should be complete by the first of June, then Spanishtown will be Oroville's sister city. The residents feel they can beat Oroville or any other location in the County. Hoping the coming Grand Jury will inflict fines on every gambling house in town to help drive out the Mexicans and thieves.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 2-5-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.02.07	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Letter by Phelix trying to rebuff the letter sent the day before by Philus Julius downplaying all the violence. Also talks about the White Claim paying \$20 to \$50 per day. The miners on Blair Ravine are averaging \$2 per pan of dirt. Dr. Waldron's Claim had \$2 and is said to have 2 feet of pay dirt. The ditch is complete to Dark Canyon and will be complete in three weeks.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 2-7-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.02.10	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Article by Philus Julius is paraphrased to describe the town. Last July there were no frame structures, now there are three hotels, eight billiard saloons, four dance houses, three stables and numerous stores and private residences. A number of worthy ladies, the wives and relatives of the better class of citizens, now abide in Spanishtown. A number of people have now pulled up stakes to go to the rich diggings of Helltown and Dogtown. Also in this issue, the California Stage Co. will start a stage from their office at the St. Nicholas Hotel every day at 12 o'clock for the above diggings, which are reported to be exceedingly rich, and situated about 14 miles north of Pence's Ranch.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 2-10-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.02.10	<b>Indian Rancheria/Thompson's Flat</b>	About a half mile below Oroville near the old Indian rancheria, one of the richest sections of diggings in this region of the country was discovered a few weeks ago. The ground for 2 or 3 miles below the rancheria has been staked off at intervals and 200 people were present at a meeting held yesterday. Water is supplied to the miners from the ditch which runs through Thompson's Flat.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 2-10-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.02.11	<b>Dogtown</b>	Article in paper about Dogtown being renamed "Mill City". A large volume of laws have been passed for the government of the mines in the area. The Mill City Diggings are reported to be unusually rich. The same issue has an ad for the new Dogtown Stage operated by the California Stage Company.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 2-11-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.02.12	<b>Spanishtown</b>	California Stage Company with 5 passengers broke down in Spanishtown without injury to anyone. The cause was the miserable condition of the roads.	Sacramento Daily Union 2-12-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.02.12	<b>Spanishtown</b>	The mining camp in Butte County seems to be quite flourishing. Many strangers had arrived there drawn by the reported discovery of quartz ledges and new placer diggings are being constantly found. Withall, any amount of fighting, gambling, robbing and prostitution were rife, according to information received by the Butte Record.	Sacramento Daily Union 2-12-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.02.18	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Letter to editor from Clipper about less fighting in Spanishtown. It is said the ditch will be completed to Bartie's Creek in 3 weeks. Messrs. Pike & Co. of Spring Gulch took out a chunk weighing 5 pounds, about \$100 in fine gold. Mr. Peterson of Benam and Burnam Ravine took out a nugget weighing \$80. The tunnel of the Jourdon (Jordan) Hill diggings is progressing finely.	North Californian 2-18-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.02.19	<b>Dogtown/Mill City</b>	Article about mining in Mill City and the lumber industry not wanting all the miners in the area.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 2-19-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.03.00	<b>Thermalito</b>	1500 Chinese workers at the Rancheria mining operations			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.03.20	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	Messrs. Nesbit (Nisbet) & Simmons of the old Buffalo Quartz ledge Oregon Gulch found a lump a few days ago worth \$900 gold. There are 1500 Chinamen working at the Rancheria.	North Californian 3-20-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1857.04.15	<b>Spanishtown</b>	The Virgin Quartz Mine near Spanishtown has installed new machinery and will be up and running in several weeks. The mill will run twenty stampers. They spent 6 months prospecting the site and have reached a rich deposit at 220 feet.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 4-15-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.04.16	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	We the undersigned Virgin Quartz Co. claim 900 ft. of the quartz ledge with all its spurs and angles. Commencing at the line 1200 ft. from an oak stump and running in a Northerly direction towards Spanish or Frenchtown. Claimed and occupied this 8th day of April, 1857, B.V. Cortez, P. Barney, E.L. Conley, G. Hertis, John Barney, D.H. Barney	Mining Claims, Book A Page 154, 4-16-1857		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.04.17	<b>Spanishtown</b>	The Butte Quartz Mining Company Claims are located near Spanishtown on Rich Gulch Quartz Ledge and joins on the North the Virginia (Virgin) Quartz Company's Claim. The prospects are found to be of superior richness. The company was incorporated April 15th, 1857.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 4-17-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.04.25	<b>Oregon City</b>	Mining operations: Oregon City, Cayote Ravine, Cherokee Flat, Lime Kilns	North Californian 4-25-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.04.28	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Our town has been very dull for the last few months; but that our town possess resources which are bound to make it a point of business and importance none can doubt. We have as rich surface diggings in this section as there are in the state. But unfortunately they are of the class which require water to work them successfully. Yet after months of promise we are about to be furnished with quantity of that very welcome and necessary clement to our property, as we are positively assured that on the first day of June the ditch will be completed. We are also in the process of erecting several quartz mills, and several new leads are being opened.....The Virgin Company have their mill ready for machinery, which will be up in a few days. This company deserves the rich harvest that awaits them as they are the pioneer company ..... The 49 & 56 and Butte Quartz mining companies are opening their claims on the same ledge. The Raffell ledge, near Jordan Hill, has been bought by a Marysville company for \$4200, they are making preparations for working..... The gentlemanly proprietors of the Pioneer Hotel, Messrs. Pollard, Derby & Co. have withstood the hard times, and is the only hotel out of several that survives..... Clipper	North Californian 4-28-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.04.30	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Yesterday we were shown some specimens of quartz rock from a newly discovered ledge near Spanishtown, which show fair for richness of the claim from which they were taken. Gold is visibly scattered throughout the rock. We were told that quartz from the ledge, only four feet from the surface, had projected from 5 to 15 cents to the pound. Several new ledges have been taken up in the vicinity, and considerable excitement prevailed in the neighborhood. There are now some half a dozen ledges within a short distance of each other, all of which are believed to be rich.	North Californian 4-30-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.05.12	<b>Frenchtown, Spanishtown, Concow, Flea Valley, Yankee Hill</b>	Article about traveling through the foothills. Mentions Frenchtown, Spanishtown, Concow, Flea Valley and the mines at Yankee Hill--the Virgin Company, the 49 & 56 Mine to the south and the Butte Quartz Mining Company. Also mentions Mr. Sanford and Mr. Fairbanks have taken a ranch at Flea Valley and are about to open a public house (Hotel). There is a great deal of travel through the valley all summer.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 5-12-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.05.19	<b>Oroville</b>	Drunken Indian - an Indian was navigating our streets yesterday, in a beastly state of intoxication. It appeared he had procured a bottle of "O be joyful" from a "collud gemman" at Thompson flat, who had fallen desperately in love with Mohala! He was set at liberty.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 5-19-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.05.19	<b>Cherokee</b>	Pioneer Quartz Ledge-This ledge situated in Cherokee Ravine, distant about two and a half miles from Oroville, produces some very rich specimens, now in the possession of R.L. Patton, ESQ. Preparations for working the ledge are now being made, and judging from the specimens shown us, will not fail to prove a profitable investment.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 5-19-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.05.28	<b>Pentz</b>	Long article about a convention held in Oroville to establish a road to Honey Lake via Pence's Ranch. Major John Bidwell was named President of the convention. Marysville had a similar convention and proposed a different route. Representatives from Butte, Plumas, Tehama and Colusa Counties were represented in Oroville. Manoah Pence was also present.	Sacramento daily Union 5-28-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1857.05.29	<b>Butte County</b>	List of number of ditches to carry water in various counties including Butte County which has 6 ditches valued at \$626,000. Only 3 counties ditches are valued higher, Yuba County with 21 at \$806,300, Amador County with 33 ditches valued at \$888,400 and Nevada County with 100 ditches valued at \$1,500,000.	Daily Butte Record 5-29-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.06.02	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Constable McConkey of Spanishtown furnished details of a murder at Spanishtown. Three Spaniards were in town trying to sell two horses. It was presumed they were stolen. That night one approached the home of Mr. Cary and asked if he was saying the horses were stolen. He tried to put him off and sent him away. Later that night the Spaniard returned and stabbed Mr. Cary in the heart. Before he fell he stabbed the Spaniard. All three Spaniards are in custody and the Constable has the two horses.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 6-2-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.06.06	<b>Butte County</b>	List of representation allocated for each precinct in the Butte County Democratic Convention; Oro 30, Spanishtown 5, Forbestown 5, Bidwell 3, Frenchtown 3, Nelson Bar 2, Pence's Ranch 3, Cherokee 1, Cherokee Flat 3, Dogtown 3, Chico 3.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 6-6-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.07.07	<b>Butte County</b>	List of names of the delegates to the Butte County Democratic Convention; (Frenchtown-Simpson, Fairhawks, I. Stewart); (Spanishtown-Ripley, McLelland, Wells, Derby, Hussey, proxy for Evans); (Cherokee Flat-Campbell, Maxwell, Orr); (Cherokee Ravine-Bead); (Pence's Ranch-Burnham, Rothrock, McCauly).	Oroville Daily Butte Record 7-7-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.08.00	<b>Butte County</b>	Cascade Township created	1882 History Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.08.08	<b>Butte County</b>	List of elected officials for the various townships; (Cherokee Ravine- A. Smith, Inspector, D. Grosvenor, H. Chicester, Judges) - (Spanishtown P. Riley, Inspector, Pratt and O.M. Evans, Judges) - (Frenchtown F.F. Johnson, Inspector, J.I. Steward and J. Banell, Judges) - (Nelsons Bar J. Curtis, Inspector, C. Smith and Nolen, Judges).	Oroville Daily Butte Record 8-8-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.08.25	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Ad for the 49 & 56 Mining Company notifying the stockholders they have assessed their stock at 1%, due by August 19th, Joseph Rodgers, Secretary.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 8-25-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.08.26	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Ad for 2 shares of stock for sale for the Magnum Benum Quartz Lead near Spanishtown. Shares priced at about the actual labor cost to date. Machinery will be erected soon. Owner to arrive by steamer the 20th with his family. Inquire with D.H. Barney, Secretary for the Company (filed as the Virgin Quartz Company)	Oroville Daily Butte Record 8-26-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.08.31	<b>Spanishtown/Balsam Creek</b>	Article about diggings being found at Balsam and Kimshew Creek, 15 miles above Spanishtown.	Daily Union 8-31-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.09.04	<b>Butte County</b>	Democratic vote results for District Judge by precinct. Pence's Ranch, total of 31 votes; Chico, 97 votes; Spanishtown, 90 votes; Cherokee Ravine, 14 votes; Frenchtown, 30 votes; Bidwell, 109 votes; Concow Valley, 17 votes; Oroville, 1350 votes.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 9-4-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.09.14	<b>Pentz</b>	Article about emigration to Big Meadows and Butte Creek. Up to the 18th of August, 400 head of cattle and 300 horses and mules have arrived at Honey Lake via Pence's Ranch.	Daily Alta California 9-14-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.09.17	<b>Oroville</b>	Article about Mr. Titus, sub-agent from Nome Lackee, visiting Oroville at the request of citizens to assist in the removal of Indians in the area because they were a general nuisance. After touring the area, a surprising number of encampments were observed, women being in quite the majority. The women were complaining about their boys being taken by whites and they begged and pleaded for their return. Six wagons were brought in and filled with Indians and their stuff. The bucks in high glee were pushing them, stopping every now and then by a signal from Old Walkatow to stop and give three cheers, which were always given with vigor, aided by the stimulated vigor of a large bottle of Minie-Gin. At Meyers Ranch there was a halt and many a melon found its way into the wagons, thanks to the generosity of the proprietor. They stopped at Butte Creek where Mr. Titus had the precaution to have beef and flour conveyed from Major Bidwell's. There being wood and water in abundance, their fires were soon kindled. After preparing a meal, they sang and sung into sleep to dream of beef and red shirts.	Daily Butte Record 9-17-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1857.10.13	<b>Butte County/Monte Vista</b>	Article gives the length, capacity and value of the various ditches in Butte County. The Frenchtown Mining Canal -- 20 miles, 1200 gallons, \$23,000. 21 ditches completed or in process. Also gives value of quartz mills. Virgin Quartz Company paying \$30 to \$40 per ton. Located at Monte Vista, using steam power. Assessed value of machinery and improvements, \$9,000. 49 & 56 Quartz Company at Monte Vista, using steam power. Assessed value of machinery (recently put up) and improvements, \$10,000.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 10-13-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.10.14	<b>Big Bar / Frenchtown / Spanishtown</b>	Long article about mining in the area, especially Big Bar. Several Canadians succeeded in obtaining handsome returns for a few weeks labor on a small bar in the area which induced them to erect a saw mill and engage in extensive damming operations. The dam was completed in August since which they have been working their claim with very fair success. Some other companies in the area have utterly failed chiefly because of the depth of the gravel and the difficulty of drainage. The gold there is of fine quality, but of the very lightest description. Claims above and below Big Bar has proven exceedingly rich. The ditch by which water has been brought to Spanishtown and Frenchtown has given a new impetus to operations in that part of Butte County.	Sacramento Daily Union 10-14-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.10.16	<b>Butte County</b>	Official report by butte County Assessor's Office on taxes. States Frenchtown ditch is 20 miles long and valued at \$25,000; 49 & 56 mine at Monte Vista (later called Yankee Hill) whose equipment was recently put up is assessed at \$10,000. Virgin Quartz Company, steam powered, at Monte Vista (later called Yankee Hill) reported to pay \$30 to \$40 per ton. Value of equipment and improvements \$9,000. Curtis Ferry at Nelson Bar, income of \$1,500 to \$2,000 annually, assessed at \$600 notes bridge in process. Notes there are 16 saw mills in Butte County, 7 ferries, 1 toll bridge with another in process at Nelson Bar.	Sacramento Daily Union 10-16-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.10.24	<b>Rich Gulch/Yankee Hill</b>	Ad for stock sale for the Rich Gulch Steam Mining Co. A 10% assessment has been made upon capital stock. Lists stock numbers that will be sold at auction at the Oroville Court House. Also, ad for sale of stock for the Phoenix Prospecting Company belonging to Henry Miles, William Schake and James Taylor will be sold at the tunnel in Messilla Valley.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 10-24-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.10.28	<b>Spanishtown/Yankee Hill</b>	Ad for sale of stock in the 49 & 56 Quartz Mining Company located at Yankee Hill near Spanishtown. You can buy 1/4 share or 1 full share. Mine is currently working sixteen steam powered stamping mills. Apply at the office of R. Marchella on Montgomery Street, across from the Empire Hotel.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 10-28-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.10.30	<b>Frenchtown</b>	H.A. Fairbanks of Frenchtown takes out a mortgage with C.H. Simpkind of Marysville for \$500 on Flea Valley Ranch	Mortgages Book B Pages 482-483	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.11.16	<b>Spanishtown/Yankee Hill</b>	Ad for sale of stock for the Virginia (Virgin) Quartz Mining Company. One share will be sold at auction. The mine is located on Yankee Hill near Spanishtown. Agent Ham Light for details.	Oroville Daily Butte Record 11-16-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1857.12.12	<b>Frenchtown</b>	Postal Accommodations Wanted -The Butte Record states that portions of that county are sadly in want of postal facilities, especially Spanishtown, Frenchtown and other important settlements on the West Branch and Butte Creek. The accommodations for sending mail matter to Plumas are represented as particularly bad.	Sacramento Daily Union 12-12-1857	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.00.00	<b>Dark Canyon</b>	Steam powered sawmill erected in Dark Canyon, burned in 1859.	1882 History Butte County	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.00.00	<b>Nelsons Bar</b>	Toll bridge constructed across the West Branch of the Feather River by Charles Curtis. The bridge washed out in 1863 & 1865 but was rebuilt. Prior to that, Curtis operated a ferry at that point. In 1883, a public highway was constructed and a new covered bridge was built. That bridge washed away in 1903 when the Concow dam failed. A steel bridge replaced it which was dismantled in April 1967 when the Oroville dam flooded the site.	Images of America Paradise published in 2006."Nelsons Bar its Covered Bridges" by Mildred Forester, June 1967 Tales of the Paradise Ridge Vol #1, available at Gold Nugget Museum	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.00.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	First school built. By 1864 the school had 70 students. In 1866, it burned down.	Diggins Vol 10 #4, available at Butte County Historical Society	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1858.00.00	<b>Butte County</b>	Part of Nimshew Township, the West Branch of the Feather River to Plumas County was added to Oregon Township (included Concow and Yankee Hill).	1882 History Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	The following people owned land in the Concow area. Flea Valley: O.F. Ayers, S.P. Cooper, Rock Spring House 4 mi above Flea Valley. Concow Creek area: Albert Brown 160 acres, E.P. Green 160 acres, Chas Mullen 160 acres, Thompson and Mullen 320 acres. Spanishtown: Lawrence Fasty, V. Miller, E.R Dodge, Allen Elliot 80 acres, James Naddy, B. Sanquinette Jordan Hill: Edward Teller. Yankee Hill: J.P. Ripley, Butler's saloon, J.B. Stewart, Pioneer Hotel at French Town. Note: the list on Yankee Hill is not complete. M.H. Wells who owned a store and ran the post office in Yankee Hill is not in the 1858 Tax Records, he is listed in the 1859 records but does not own property at that time. In April 1863, he purchased the lot and Union Hotel on main street for \$1,000 from W.W. Hobart	1858/59 Butte County Tax Records, 1863 record of Butte County Deeds, County Clerks Office		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	Concow School District organized --- included Yankee Hill. School house not built in Yankee Hill until 1868, in Concow in 1875	1882 History Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	Joseph Burr Mullen came to California and lived with father Charles W. Mullen and older brother William H. Mullen in Concow, near the current site of the Concow Reservoir. The reservoir did not exist at the time. Later Joseph moved to Santa Clara and married, returning to Concow in 1870. Mullen family first home in Concow was a log cabin. Note: Charles Mullen purchased 320 acres near the current Concow Reservoir. Wm. Mullen was a partner with his dad.	Various census records, also see 1861 Butte County Tax Records		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.00.00	<b>Concow/Yankee Hill</b>	Frenchtown Canal Mining Company owns water ditch following the shoreline from North Fork Feather River to head of Deadwood then to Dark Canyon and on to Yankee Hill. It is valued at \$10,000 for tax purposes and includes flumes, dam and reservoir.	1858 Butte County Tax Records		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.01.01	<b>Yankee Hill/Monte Vista</b>	Stock sale of 49 & 56 mine shares. G.F. Whiteman, President, Joseph Rogers, Secretary. In Aug that year, Jonathan L. Veen was Secretary. Meeting to be held at Monte Vista (Monte Vista was the name given the area for a proposed new town; this name also shows up prominently on the 1862 map of Butte County, Yankee Hill is located just below).	Daily Butte Record 1-1-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.02.02	<b>Yankee Hill/Spanishtown</b>	Man shot at Yankee Hill, William Fuller shot near Spanishtown and Jake Butler suspected of firing the shot. Dr. Vrooman said Mr. Fuller is dangerously wounded in the left side.	Daily Butte Record 2-2-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.02.19	<b>Spanishtown</b>	The great reservoir of the Frenchtown canal at Spanishtown, being rendered weak by the recent rains burst on Friday, and its large body of water swept everything before it as it ran down the hills. The loss to the company was large. Same article was in Daily Alta California 2-22-1858. Also separate article announcing O. M. Evans Esq. appointed Justice of Peace for Oregon Township.	Daily Butte Record 2-19-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.03.02	<b>Frenchtown</b>	The entire mining region from the Table Mountains to Inskeeps (Inskip) is fast being developed and is revealing remarkable richness. Claim of J. J. Dickey & Co. in Buchanan Hill near Frenchtown yielded \$20 from a pan of dirt. Ten car loads of dirt from the same claim contained gold to the value of \$110.	Daily Butte Record 3-2-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.04.15	<b>Tehama</b>	Chas. W. Stiles and Simon L. Snyder started new paper The Valley Yeoman.	Daily Butte Record 4-15-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.05.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Tax records show H.A. Fairbanks owns 160 acres more or less in Flea Valley. Improvements assessed at \$1500, land \$266 and other assets \$189. (Note \$1500 is a lot of improvements, a house was usually valued around \$100 - \$200, other assets would normally be a wagon at \$35, a horse \$50, etc. This may have included the grading of the road. I suspect the sole purpose of Fairbanks' investment was as a hotel, the area below his property would have been better for a ranch)	Butte County Tax Records Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.05.08	<b>Oregon City</b>	District #2 of Oregon Township established to support school in Oregon City. Oregon School in Pentz became known as Messilla Valley School.	1882 History of Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1858.05.10	<b>Butte County</b>	Discovery of rich and extensive placer diggings at Inskip, near the northern boundary line of Butte, will do much to bring the route from Oroville to Honey Lake into consideration. It is felt that an excellent wagon road to Inskip will be completed during the present summer.	Daily Butte Record 5-10-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.05.10	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Quartz specimens from 49 & 56 quartz mining Co. near Spanishtown yield one piece about as big as a man's fist and is half gold.	Daily Butte Record 5-10-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.05.11	<b>Cherokee Ravine</b>	Mary's Quartz Lead averages to \$40/ton; \$15/ton warrants the erection of quartz machinery.	Daily Butte Record 5-11-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.05.11	<b>Plumas County</b>	Pah-Utahs, Pit River and Kimshew Indians are all at Big Meadows (now Lake Almanor) and work against the whites at Honey Lake and Humbug Valleys.	Daily Butte Record 5-11-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.05.12	<b>Concow</b>	Same story as below reprinted by the San Francisco Alta about the two miners missing for six weeks	SF Daily Alta 5-12-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.05.12	<b>Concow</b>	Red Bluff Beacon - Two men known as Italian John and John Kennedy, left Concow Valley near Spanishtown six weeks earlier, both miners headed for the North Fork of the Feather River (going to Big Bar, 15 miles from Spanishtown). They have not been seen by any white men since. The Concow Indians say they have been murdered by the Kimshew Indians. The people of Concow feel the murders have been done by the Kimshew and the tribe should be exterminated immediately. Article from The Daily Butte Record 5-8-1858.	Red Bluff Beacon 5-12-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.05.13	<b>Spanishtown</b>	49 & 56 mine so rich need iron door with lock & key	Sacramento Daily Union 5-13-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.05.15	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Major Young writes about '49 & '56 quartz lead (Yankee Hill) yielded \$8000 from 250 pounds of rock. Also talks about "rich hill diggings" on Big Butte above the forks; "Yellow Jacket claim" 1 1/2 miles from Lovelock making from \$8 to \$10 per day to the hand.	Daily Butte Record 5-15-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.06.08	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	So-called Gold Ledge, principally in the hands of O. M. Evans and G. T. Grisse, promises to yield fabulous riches. A ton of quartz prospected yielded \$350 and the deeper they go, the greater the yield. They have been offered as high as \$4,000 per share but have refused all offers.	Daily Butte Record 6-8-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.06.09	<b>Chico</b>	Indian difficulties: A party of Chico Indians, known as Ned's tribe, frequently noticed and arming themselves with guns, bows and arrows. It is believed that Ned's Indians has been the source of the late troubles.	Red Bluff Beacon 6-9-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.06.16	<b>Concow</b>	Mr. Patten informs us that an Indian fight occurred opposite White Rock (four miles above Oroville) between the Hollilupe Indians and the Concows. The Hollilupe were fishing in the river and were surprised by the Concows who had guns. One Hollilupe was killed, several others injured. The Concows were frightened away by the appearance of a white man with a gun on the opposite bank.	Daily Butte Record 6-16-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.07.29	<b>Concow</b>	Miners are doing magnificently at Concow Valley. At Forks of Butte, money is plenty and teams are daily going through heavily laden with supplies for that point. Also a man named Alabama struck dirt so rich, over \$100, on Bull Creek near the Chapparral House about 5 miles from Inskip.	Daily Butte Record 7-29-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.07.31	<b>Concow</b>	Article about mining in Butte County mentions Concow	Sacramento Union 7-31-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1858.08.02	<b>Inskip/Dogtown/Round Valley</b>	Two page article by W. S. Watson talks about the mail line route from Salt Lake to Placerville vs. through the Sierras into California. He took a trip from Honey Lake on Friday, July 16, 1858 and describes in detail what he encountered and what condition the roads are in. The trip from Oroville to Dogtown was 4 hours 45 minutes via Concord wagon. From Dogtown to Inskip by way of Lovelock and Dr. Carter's ranch took 2 hours 55 minutes. From Inskip through Round Valley and on to Downer Summit, distance of 50 miles, took 9 hours.	Daily Butte Record 8-2-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.08.03	<b>Butte County</b>	Two page article talks about Mr. Hart's wagon road and Railroad Act.	Daily Butte Record 8-3-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.08.04	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	The 49 & 56 quartz ledge is paying more to the ton than any ledge heretofore worked in Butte County. The treasurer of 49 & 56 Co. brought \$6-8,000 of beautiful dust. The quartz has paid in the vicinity of \$200 per ton.	Daily Butte Record 8-4-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.08.12	<b>Oregon township</b>	List of inspectors and judges for Spanishtown, Yankee Hill, Nelson Bar, Frenchtown, Cherokee Flat, Messilla Valley, Oregon City, Lindsay Bar, Concow Valley, Big Bar, Chapparel Hill. G. G. Marquis, Judge for Concow Valley.	Daily Butte Record 8-12-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.08.31	<b>Frenchtown</b>	We the undersigned do claim twelve claims of this ledge of one hundred and fifty feet each (1800) feet including all its spurs dips and angles. Said claim to commence at an opening made on the ledge by J.J. Stuart in 1857, and run each way on the ledge 900 feet to a stake making in all 1800 feet. The above ledge is known as the Frenchtown Ledge is situated and lies about one half mile North of Frenchtown. Signed S.D. Masey, John Jones, Samuel Glap, Wm. Page, H. Davenport, Wm. Jones, J.M. Brown, Wm Leyon, James Henly, John More, Dan'l Partons ?, John Young, Frenchtown Aug 31st 1858, filed for record 23 Sept 1858 at 1/4 past 4 o'clock PM at request of M Geiss. (See Mar 4, 1854 for more about Stuart)	Mining claims Book A, Page 278		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.08.31	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	49 & 56 stockholder meeting on 10-6-1858	Butte Record 8-31-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.09.11	<b>Butte County</b>	The Daily Butte Record suspends daily paper and starting next Saturday will become a weekly paper. Since July 14, 1856, the Record was issued in Oroville as a daily and was the first and is the last daily published in the mines of California. The decline in business is due to a decrease in "free white male population" by more than one half in two years.	Daily Butte Record 9-11-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.09.25	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Spanishtown ditch now terminates at Monte Vista. The company proposes extending ditch to as far as Thompsons Flat.	Weekly Butte Record 9-25-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.10.19	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Post office established at Yankee Hill, James J Billings was postmaster. Hiram Clemens became postmaster Mar 1859, Michael Wells became postmaster in Feb 1864. The Post office moved to the Lunt home in 1913. The Post Office in the Lunt home finally closed in 1951. The postal window is in the Butte County Historical Society Museum in Oroville. (Note: the post office reopened in the 1980s in the Yankee Hill Hardware store run by the Miller family.)	1918 History of Butte County, display at the Butte County Historical Society. Postal Records		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.10.23	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	A grand ball is to be held at Yankee Hill by Danielson & Dicky at their new Hall.	Weekly Butte Record 10-23-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.10.3	<b>Hock Farm</b>	Letter to the Sacramento Union by John Sutter; talks about his court battles with the United States. Letter dated October 19, 1858 at Hock Farm.	Weekly Butte Record 10-30-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.12.04	<b>Yankee Hill/Yreka</b>	The 49 & 56 quartz mine took out about 800 pounds of gold in 3 days last week. Also the Humboldt Times announces that another battle had been fought with the Indians on Yager creek in which 3 rancheries were stormed, 6 Indians killed and 5 warriors and 21 squaws and papooses made prisoners. They were to be sent to Yreka where Col. Henley promised to provide for them on some reservation.	Weekly Butte Record 12-4-1858	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1858.12.09	<b>Flea Valley</b>	H.A. Fairbanks takes out a mortgage with A.J. Foster for \$760.23 on the 130 acre Flea Valley Ranch. The terms are repayment in one year. The loan was considered repaid in full when he turned over 80 acres to A.J. Foster in June 1860.	Mortgage Book C Page 220, dated 12-9-1858		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1859.00.00	<b>Whiskey Flat/Magalia</b>	Wooden bridge constructed across the West Branch of the Feather River. The bridge was in use until 1934 when the West Branch Bridge was constructed one mile up stream below Magalia. Note: I believe this was a narrow walking/horse bridge until 1904. See July 18, 1904.			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.00.00	<b>Big Bend</b>	1884 Article mentions the Che-es-sees Indians known as the Yankee Hill Indians who were not rounded up by the soldiers in 1859. They lived 12-14 miles East of the Concow Indians. They looked very similar to the Concows and in fact are a branch of the Concows. The tribes Chief was Uh-Le-Ma. Note: About 40 individuals from this group were the Indians who hid out in the basement of Wells' store in Yankee Hill trying to escape capture in July 1863. They numbered about 400 people total and later a portion of them (about 220) voluntarily joined the Indians at Chico for the 1863 roundup per Wells' suggestion because of his fear for their life and he felt he could not protect them. Wells was the Justice of the Peace at the time for the area. See 9.03 1863 below.	1884 Interview with the Concow Chief by A.G. Fassin at Round Valley	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.01.01	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Spaniards near Yankee Hill found a 7 to 8 lb nugget	Weekly Butte Record 1-1-1859	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.01.03	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Some Spaniards working near the 49 & 56 Company found a lump of pure gold weighing between seven and eight pounds (Butte Record).	Sacramento Daily Union 1-3-1859	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.02.03	<b>Big Bend</b>	A B Clark & Co We the undersigned claim six (6) claims of one hundred feet each six hundred (600) feet of a mining claim situated on the North Fork of the Feather River about two (2) miles above the forks of the West Branch of the North Fork and what is commonly known as Islands bar running from a notice posted at the upper end of Laurence Blank and Co claim up the bar which we intend to work as soon as practical to do so. We also claim the water running from Shields Gulch near said bar for mining purposes. And we hereby forbid any person or persons from trespassing on either of our rights in said premises. AB Clark, LL Clark Wm Told, O Told E Buckstone, L Blank February 3rd 1859 Oroville Butte County, Cal Filed for Record 3 July 1859 Note: AB Clark married (no record of formal ceremony) Yohema Clark, daughter of a Chief in 1859, I believe she was a Che-Es-Sees Indian, a sub group of the Concow Indians. The tribes chief was Uh-Le-Ma.	County Clerk Butte County book of Mining Claim Book A Page 310	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.04.16	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article about Cherokee Flat gold. Also ball to be held with Oregon City.	Weekly Butte Record 4-16-1859	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.04.23	<b>Pentz</b>	Road being built by Manoah Pence from his place to the road built by Mr. Evans that goes to Yankee Hill.	Weekly Butte Record 4-23-1859	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.04.30	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	Picnic to be held by the ladies of Oregon Gulch on Table Mountain	Weekly Butte Record 4-30-1859	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.05.27	<b>Spanishtown</b>	A man named Downs, living in Spanishtown, Butte County, is causing great disturbances among the Digger tribe, located in the vicinity of Shields Gulch (1 mi East of Dark Canyon) in Butte County. So much so, that the miners at that place have petitioned to the Indian Agent for his intervention. The Indians are at present, kind to the miners and disposed to be friendly. But there is fear that may change. It appeared Downs was married to an Indian squaw and had a child by her. She afterwards left him and returned to her tribe and married another Indian. Downs wants her back and swears he will kill the whole tribe, if needed, to get her. The Indians have asked the miners for help. Several days ago the miners went to the camp to keep Downs from taking her. They were compelled to hide her and her (Indian) husband in one of their own cabins. The whole matter is very annoying and they desire it remedied. Note: These were the Che-es-sees Indians known as Yankee Hill Indians living on top of Big Bend.	Marysville Daily National Democrat 5-27-1859	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1859.06.25	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Article about suicide by Mr. James Murdoch of Yankee Hill. He took Laudanum.	Weekly Butte Record 6-25-1859	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.07.16	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about mining operations in Butte County. Includes Forks of the Butte, Oroville, Dogtown, Inskip	Weekly Butte Record 7-16-1859	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.07.29	<b>Oroville</b>	A correspondent writing in the Butte Record of August 6, 1859, from the Forks of the Butte dated July 29, 1859, states: The most brutal and atrocious wholesale slaughter of Indians that has occurred in Butte County for many days was perpetrated at the Indian Rancheria yesterday. The Rancheria is situated about 2 1/2 miles from this place. The Rancheria was attacked about daylight, when an indiscriminant slaughter commenced. Nine Indians were killed--five bucks, two squaws and two children, and four others were wounded, two perhaps fatally. The camp was plundered of rifles and money. The perpetrators of this inhuman and bloody crime are unknown. They were white men no one doubts. They say they were disguised, their faces being blacked, and they came from the direction of the valley. These Indians have been here since the whites and are known to be peaceable. However, there were two or three bad ones among them, one in particular called Malo Jo. He seems to be a particular object of revenge, having been shot four or five times and his scalp taken by his bloody murderers.	History of Butte County 1918	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.08.20	<b>Oroville</b>	Ad for "The Great Elephant Show and Circus" Oroville. Admission \$1, reserved seat \$1.50, Children 1/2 price. Show August 25th, for families and children 2 1/2 o'clock, Second performance at 8, doors open 7 1/2 o'clock	Butte Democrat 8-20-1859	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.09.15	<b>Concow/Round Valley</b>	S.D. Johns, Commissary Officer, as part of General Kibbe's campaign to round up all the Indians in Butte and Tehama Counties and remove them to the reservation, makes a pass down the West Branch of the Feather River from Butte Valley south. He gathers several hundred Kimshews, Concows and Tiger Indians and takes them to the reservation. Among them were three Concow Chiefs; Tippee, who was said to be daring, Moolah and Yumyan (also known as William Pete). At least six others under Kibbe's direction, headed campaigns in the two counties, (Jordan, Lt. Bailey near Hat Creek), (Capt. Byrnes, Lt. Van Shell near Red Bluff) (Coon Garner near Centerville) and ( Lt. McCarthy near Honey Lake).	"Kibbe's Campaign" by Steve Schoonover Dogtown Territorial #20 Winter 1994	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.09.17	<b>Oregon Township</b>	Elected officials for Oregon Township: Spanishtown, Neddy, inspector; Yankee Hill, George F. Geisse, inspector; Nelson's Bar, S. C. Curtiss, inspector; Frenchtown, A. B. Clark, inspector, J. Simmons, Capt. Buxton Judges; Cherokee Flat, S. Simmons, inspectors, T. McDaniels, John Bassett, Judges; Big Bar, Messilla Valley, M. Pence, inspector, J. M. Cleary, J. C. Hasty, Judges; Oregon City, W. Hendricks, inspector.	Butte Democrat 9-17-1859	<b>Y</b>	
1859.09.21	<b>Pentz</b>	Article about a proposed road from Oroville to Honey Lake. The route, about 100 miles, will go past Pence's Ranch and Balsam Hill. Also mentions the extension of the Sacramento Valley Railroad to Oroville.	Sacramento Daily Union 9-21-1859	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.09.21	<b>Concow</b>	Article about Capt. Byrnes traveling to Concow Valley (around Sept 10th). He succeeded in capturing 3 Concow Chiefs, Tippee, Moolah and Yumyan. Tippee was said to be dangerous and daring. Yumyan, also know as Wm. Pete, spoke fluent English and stated he was head Chief of all the Concow Indians. Others had said he had never been hostile towards the whites. Yumyan estimated the population of Concow Indians at 1,000. Yumyan was overheard saying to Capt. Byrnes "Now Captain since you got me, you won't have much difficulty in getting all the other Indians. They will all follow me to the reservation".	Red Bluff Beacon 9-21-1859	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.10.05	<b>Red Bluff</b>	Article about Kibbe's expedition being a success. The Concow, Kimshews and Tiger Indians plus children, captured by Commissary S.D.Johns (under Capt. Byrnes command) on the headwaters of the Feather River, arrived at Tehama on Sunday, the 2nd of October.	Red Bluff Beacon 10-5-1859	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.11.05	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Lawsuit about 49 & 56 mine stock. Man named Smith sues over ownership of 2 shares of stock. He did not pay taxes and forfeited the stock to W. Whiteman of Sacramento. Smith later sued for it back.	Weekly Butte Record 11-5-1859	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1859.11.12	<b>Cherokee Flat</b>	Butte Table Mountain mining company has discovered very rich rock in their main tunnel assaying from \$60 to \$1500 to the ton. If Cherokee Flat contained a few more such leads as the one above, Washoe would be nowhere.	Butte Democrat 11-12-1859	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.11.19	<b>Oroville</b>	Notice that J.M. McDuffie, Supt. of Indian Affairs, California, is coming to Oroville on Monday, December 5th, to inquire about depredations committed by Indians upon citizens of Butte County. All persons upon whom the said depredations were committed, and who hold a claim against the Government in consequence thereof, will then present themselves.	Oroville Butte Democrat 11-19-1859	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.11.26	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	Two miners, David Shine & F.G Mathews, are trapped deep in the Smith and Sparks Mine (later named the Banner Mine) after a cave in 265 ft below the surface. The men had set off a dynamite charge to open the shaft deeper. There had been a heavy rain storm recently which aided the mine's collapse. Much of the equipment in the mine was also lost. Rescue attempts were futile, the bodies would be discovered 20 years later when the mine was reopened. It appears the miners survived the collapse but died from lack of oxygen several days later. Their equipment was neatly stacked in place along with their bodies in an open chamber when they were discovered. See 1879.	History of Butte County 1882		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1859.12.07	<b>Concow</b>	Article in the Red Bluff Beacon about Gen. Kibbe expedition to round up the Indians. Talks about the group being split into 3 companies headed by Capt. Byrnes, Lt. Bailey and Lt. VanShell. Each company focused on a different area in Butte and Tehama Counties. Note: Capt. Byrnes had a group led by (S.D.) Johns proceed to Concow to round up the Indians there and along the West Bank. See 9.21.1859	Red Bluff Beacon 12-7-1859	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1860.00.00	<b>Butte County</b>	1860: Population was 12,106. 1870 population was 11,403. In 1880 the population was 18,721. In the mid 1870s Oroville served 10,000 Chinese in the area, by 1878 the number was less than 2,000.			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1860.00.00	<b>Chico</b>	1860: Census states 50 Indians lived on Bidwell's Rancheria at Chico. Indian labor was very important to Bidwell. The Maidu Village of Mechoopda existed before Bidwell acquired the property. Later the Chico Rancheria was called Bahapki by the Indians.	The Indians of Rancho Chico by Hill 1978		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1860.00.00	<b>Butte County</b>	1860: Map shows "Cold Spring" off West Branch Feather River.			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1860.00.00	<b>Frenchtown</b>	1860: About this time John Pringle buys 20 acres on Nelson Bar Road and builds a small ranch house.	County Records		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1860.00.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	1860: Cherokee - J.I. Steward, formerly of Frenchtown operates a hotel in Cherokee	1860 census		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1860.00.00	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	1860: White and Nutter Mine. Mine was established near the residence of Col. Derrick. The mine was soon abandoned and the equipment moved to Nevada. In 1864, the mine was started again by a group of eight individuals from Marysville. Ten stamping mills were in operation. Renamed the Oregon Gulch Mine, the mine closed 16 months later. The investment was \$53,000 and the income was \$33,000, a net loss of \$20,000.	Oroville Daily Register 3-18-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1860.03.10	<b>Cherokee</b>	Tom Tipton writes about Cherokee in Butte Democrat	Butte Democrat 3-10-1860	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1860.03.10	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	E.B. Phipps, who was an employee of the Virgin Quartz mine, had a fight the week before with a man named Pope resulting in Mr. Phipps' death.	Weekly Butte Record 3-10-1860	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1860.03.31	<b>Oregon Township</b>	Election results for inspectors, Judges for all the towns in Oregon Township	Weekly Butte Record 3-31-1860	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1860.04.07	<b>Cherokee</b>	57 ounce nugget found in Spring Valley by George Houghton. Article talks about Hutchings Reservoir and Smith's Reservoir giving way in rain. Article submitted by Tom Tipton.	Butte Democrat 4-7-1860	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1860.04.14	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Article about 49 & 56 Quartz Mine finds large deposit. Estimated value \$150,000 --- 80 lbs in gold found so far. Mr. J.W. Moore was a stockholder. Mine losing money until this strike.	Butte Democrat 4-14-1860	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1860.06.19	<b>Yankee Hill/Spanshtown</b>	Census lists 10 empty cabins at Yankee Hill and 12 empty cabins at Spanishtown. Large number of Chinese miners.	1860 Federal Census.		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1860.06.25	<b>Flea Valley</b>	H A Fairbanks sells half of Flea Valley Ranch, 80 acres for \$800, to A.J. Foster	1860 Butte County Book of Deeds E pg 775-776		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1860.07.17	<b>Flea Valley</b>	H.A. Fairbanks takes out a mortgage with A.L. Fairbanks, his brother for \$500 on 1/2 interest in Flea Valley Ranch, 80 acres. The terms are repayment in three years. The loan was considered paid in full on July 3, 1861. (Fairbanks used money from sale of 1/2 of Flea Valley property to Hiram Clemons.)	Mortgage Book C Page 441, dated 7-17-1860		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1860.07.21	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	1860 Census shows A.W. Thompson (age 38) and W.H. Mullen as farmers, apparently farming together in Concow. Chas. W. Mullen is living with them. Census shows William H. Mullen & Charles W. Mullen have Yankee Hill post office address. Net worth \$6,000. 3 laborers and 1 Indian servant lived with them. Many miners were in the area in the 1860s.	1860 Oregon Township Census		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1860.08.02	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Foster sells his 1/2 of Flea Valley Ranch to Manoah Pence for \$770, includes a ranch in Messilla Valley as well which H.A. Fairbanks buys in Sept 1862. (Foster left the area and moved to Santa Clara, Ca where his net worth was listed as \$100)	Butte County Clerks office Book F pg 31		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1860.10.1	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Manoah Pence sells 1/2 of Flea Valley Ranch, 80 acres to Hiram M. Clemons, 80 acres with house and barn for \$1,000. The house may have been Sanford's cabin mentioned earlier.	1860 Butte County Book of Deeds F pg 117		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	In 1861, the Pioneer Quartz Mill was built on the Virgin Ledge. The mill later burned down (see Oct 1861).	History of Butte County 1882		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.01.01	<b>Rag Dump/Flea Valley</b>	List of schooners and steam boats on the river between San Francisco, Sacramento and Marysville. The steamer "Defiance", an independent boat out of Marysville; Captain-Gibson, tonnage-48 tons, 197 foot keel, 18 foot beam, built by Daniels and Reed in June 1860 at the mouth of the American River, just above Marysville and fitted with a calliope, or steam organ. The first (and we hope the last) ever heard on the river. Her machinery was made at the Sacramento Iron Works. Editors Note: legend has it the boilers from this steamer were used to power the mill at Flea Valley (Rag Dump) in 1873. See Flea Valley Nov 1873	Sacramento Daily Union 1-1-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.01.19	<b>Cherokee</b>	Gentlemen by the name of Harrison, who was in charge of the Lime Kiln just beyond Cherokee, was robbed of \$400.	Butte Democrat 1-19-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.02.09	<b>Round Valley Reservation</b>	Warning that the Indians in Round valley are likely to cause problems for settlers because they are nearly starving and will probably go after settler's cattle.	Butte Democrat 2-9-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.02.23	<b>Chico</b>	Indian Battle fought at Dry Creek between a band of Mountain Indians and Neal's Ranch Indians. The Mountain Indians retreated and were pursued by Neal's Indians. Each side lost one Indian. Neal's Indians took the body of the slain Mountain Indian on their return to the battleground and cut off his arms, legs and head.	Weekly Butte Record 2-23-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.04.06	<b>Cherokee</b>	A large amount of gold is being taken out from Cherokee Flat. The mines are yielding more liberally this season.	Butte Democrat 4-6-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.04.06	<b>Cherokee</b>	Mr. John S. Bassett of Cherokee Ravine found a diamond in his mining claim; Also S. Glass Esq found two stones which he sent to New York and were determined to be diamonds.	Butte Democrat 4-6-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.04.27	<b>Butte County</b>	Announcement by Pony Express that the Civil War was beginning. Long article talks about Fort Sumpter and California being attacked to the North.	Butte Democrat 4-27-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1861.05.25	<b>Cherokee</b>	Meeting by the people of Cherokee to pledge their alliance with the North and Abraham Lincoln. Mr. B.P. Hutchinson was called the Chair, Mr. Jas. G. Whitlaw was appointed Vice President and J.B. Smith Secretary.	Butte Democrat 5-25-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.06.01	<b>Cherokee</b>	Meeting at Cherokee passing resolutions to support the Union. Only the stars and stripes will be flown in Cherokee. The Union Club of Cherokee is formed, 67 people signed the Constitution and attached themselves to the club.	Butte Democrat 6-1-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.06.01	<b>Cherokee</b>	Diamond worth \$15 found at mining claim of Mr. Pierson in Cherokee.	Diggins, Vol 10, No. 4, available at Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.07.03	<b>Flea Valley</b>	H A Fairbanks sells remaining half of Flea Valley Ranch, 80 acres for \$1300, includes hotel to Hiram M. Clemons	1861 Butte County Book of Deeds Page 613-614		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.07.13	<b>Oroville</b>	Election of officers for Oroville Guard, volunteer military company. Also article on list of officers elected of the Cavalry Company, organized to assist in guarding the Overland Mail under Col. Templeton.	Butte Democrat 7-13-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.07.27	<b>Oregon City</b>	The quartz mill erected by Messrs. White & Nutter at Oregon City is being removed to Washo to be used as a custom mill.	Weekly Butte Record 7-27-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.08.24	<b>Butte County</b>	County assessor's office report with statistics regarding agriculture, mining and other ventures in Butte County along with acres of land, types of crops.	Butte Democrat 8-24-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.09.14	<b>Rogue River</b>	Rogue River Indians---a large group of Indians have left the reservation to return to their homeland in Jackson County.	Butte Democrat 9-14-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.09.21	<b>Red Bluff</b>	McCarthy was murdered by Indians on the trail from Red Bluff to Shingletown. He was shot in the head with a rifle and numerous arrows. It is assumed the deed was caused by numerous Indians.	Butte Democrat 9-21-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.10.12	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Virgin Quartz Mill at Yankee Hill burned on the night of the 4th. It is thought to be the work of an incendiary as the mill had not been running for 2 weeks. Certain parties are suspected of the act but no proof has been found.	Butte Democrat 10-12-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.10.19	<b>Humboldt County</b>	Three men accused of selling 5 Indian children were arrested in Colusa County. Laurie Johnson, alias Lewis, James Wood and James Frank had tried to sell the children in Yuba City. It appears they had already sold 4 of the lot. The children were supposedly kidnapped in Humboldt County. Authors Note: Research shows the going price for Indian children was from \$50 to \$200 each. Indian children could be indentured until age 18 for females and 21 for males if they had no means of support.	Butte Democrat 10-19-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.10.26	<b>Tehama</b>	Mr. Clark, Special Indian Agent, says 108 Indians were killed 8 miles from Nome Cult Farms (Round Valley Reservation) for stealing horses and hogs. None of the reservation Indians were engaged in the robbery.	Butte Democrat 10-26-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.11.01	<b>Round Valley Reservation</b>	Concow Chief Tome-Ye-Nems is asked to help Captain Charles H. Bourne find and kill Wailaki Indians who were stealing cattle and causing unrest in the area. At first the Chief refused, but later agreed. The event became known as the Horse Canyon Massacre. The Wailaki tribe was nearly destroyed.	"Killing for Land in Early California" by Frank Baumgardner 2005		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.11.00	<b>Butte County</b>	Concow Township created from Oregon Township (Cascade Township was abolished). Boundaries described as beginning at the mouth of the west branch, running up said stream to Round Valley, thence East on the Kimshew Township line to Plumas County line; thence Southerly on said line to the North Fork of the Feather River; thence Southerly along said stream to the place of beginning.	History of Butte County 1882 & 1918		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1861.11.16	<b>Pence Ranch</b>	Ad for ball at Pence's Ranch on Friday, November 22, 1861. Old friends and the public are invited.	Butte Democrat 11-16-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.12.21	<b>Concow/Butte County</b>	Two bridges on the West Branch of the North Fork of the Feather River were carried away by the recent floods.	Butte Democrat 12-21-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.12.21	<b>Magalia</b>	The name of the Butte Mills post office has been changed to Magalia and Dr. A. Buffum appointed Postmaster.	Butte Democrat 12-21-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.12.27	<b>California</b>	Letter written at Rancho de las flores December 18, 1861 by a man named Hubbell. Talks about the various travels mentioning Nome Lackee reservation and Indian superintendent Henley. Also talks about Humboldt County.	Red Bluff Independent 12-27-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.12.28	<b>Humboldt County</b>	Gen. Wright to send troops to Humboldt County to aid settlers with the Indians. Additional troops may be needed.	Butte Democrat 12-28-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1861.12.28	<b>San Francisco</b>	Author John R. Ridge, author of the thrilling story of which Joaquin Murieta is the hero, has obtained additional information of the life of the outlaw and is about to issue a third enlarged edition.	Weekly Butte Record 12-28-1861	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1862.00.00	<b>Frenchtown/Spanish-town</b>	Map from 1862 indicates structures with small dots. If correct, it implies communities on the West Branch were sized in the following order: Spanishtown 7 dots, Yankee Hill 5 dots, nearby Quartz 2 dots, Frenchtown 4 dots, Cherokee Flat 12 dots, Oregon City 5 dots.	1862 Butte County Map		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1862.00.00	<b>Feather River</b>	Central Pacific Railroad (CPRR) surveys route for train travel on the Middle Fork of the Feather River. The railroad would not be built until 1902 by the Western Pacific, following the North Fork of the Feather River---a route first explored in 1859.	CPRR web page		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1862.00.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	William Thunen and his wife Johanna Tebbe, settle in Flea Valley. They later settled in Cherokee and then Oroville.	"Old Days in Butte" by Florence Danforth Boyle, available at Butte County Historical Society and Meriam Library, Chico		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1862.00.00	<b>Lime saddle</b>	Chatham Baltimore, who used to work for William Gwynn, purchases 160 acres at Lime Saddle and starts lime kiln (See 1870)			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1862.01.18	<b>Magalia</b>	Article about how town was renamed Magalia from Dogtown and Butte Mills by Postmaster Buffum. Magalia is Latin for cottages. At first the town was renamed Mill City, see Feb 11, 1857	Weekly Butte Record 1-18-1862	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1862.02.01	<b>Cherokee</b>	Knife fight at Weaver's Saloon. Jack Hunter and Mar. Schultz were playing cards. Schultz was backed by money provided by Mr. Weaver and Mr. Fitz. When the spoils were divided, Schultz divided the money between himself and his backers. Jack Hunter felt he had some money due him and lunged at Schultz, getting cut in the process. Dr. Beatson treated the wound.	Weekly Butte Record 2-1-1862	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1862.05.31	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	The home of C.S. Curtis on Nelson Bar was entered on the night of the 25th and plundered of various articles. The room occupied by Mr. Curtis was entered while he was asleep, and the pockets of his pantaloons which lay by his bedside relieved of their contents. A trunk in the same room was opened and its contents scattered over the floor and a purse of money taken away. Another room occupied by his son was also entered and plundered of a few dollars. Mr Curtis has resided on the bar since June 55 and this is the first burglarious act that has occurred in that vicinity.	Butte Record 5-31-1862	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1862.08.23	<b>Frenchtown/Flea Valley</b>	Lucy B. Buxton of Frenchtown marries Hiram M. Clemons of Little Kimshew at Flea Valley Ranch. The service was performed by M.H. Wells of Yankee Hill. (Note: Clemons was partner with Snow in Snow & Clemons mine on Little Kimshew and he owned the Flea Valley Ranch which he acquired in 1860 and 1861, he went broke in 1865. see 3/1/1865).	Weekly Butte Record 8-23-1862	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1862.08.23	<b>Butte County</b>	Article lists elected Judges and Inspectors for Butte County. Oregon City, Wm. Hendricks-Insp, E.W. Morrison & J.L. Williams-Judges. Cherokee Flat, P. Oliver-Insp, Ed Tyler & Sam Glass-Judges. Messilla Valley, Geo Rothrock-Insp, M. Pence & L. Burnham-Judges. Forkners Ranch, Wm. Jamison-Insp, Eli Conrad & G. Winter-Judges. Concow Valley, A.W. Thompson-Insp, G.G. Marquis & John Riley-Judges. Yankee Hill, Mike Wells-Insp, O.M. Evans & Clark-Judges.	Weekly Butte Record 8-23-1862	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1862.09.24	<b>Concow Valley/Round Valley</b>	Concow Chief Tome-Ye-Nems (AKA George Burchard) decides to leave the Nome Lackee Farm (Round Valley) reservation for 1 year because there was not enough food to feed the Concow Indians. The Chief talked with the reservation Supervisor James Short and told him they were leaving the reservation to see their homeland again. Tome-Ye-Nems stated "500 strong" lined up to leave. The Indians, mostly Concow and Hat Creek, started their march back to their homeland (Concow Indians called it Wel-Lu-Da) near Chico in Butte County. During the 80 mile march near the Sacramento River, they were met by California Indian Superintendent Hanson in a carriage, who wanted to know why they left the reservation. The Concow Chief said they were not going back to the reservation because there was no food. Because they were "good Indians" on the reservation, the Superintendent allowed them to continue on. They ended up about 5 miles from Chico near present day Hamilton City where they tried to find work on local ranches. See 1863 8.01 below	"Killing for Land in Early California" by Frank Baumgardner 2005, Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs 1862, published 1863, The Overland Monthly Vol IV July 1884 interview with Concow Chief Tome-Ye-Nems		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1862.09.26	<b>Pentz</b>	Manoah Pence sells 160 acre ranch known as the Vaness/Luster Ranch near the Hastings claim to H.A. Fairbanks for \$1,000.	1861 Butte County Book of Deeds G pg 332-333		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1862.12.27	<b>Cherokee</b>	Ad for Cotillion Party at Oak Hall, Cherokee, on Dec 31st. Wm. A. Grimes, Proprietor.	Weekly Butte Record 12-27-1862	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.00.00	<b>Oregon City</b>	1863: Anna Morrison and her mother Mary Elmira Morrison arrived in Oregon City, joining the father and husband Guy Morrison, who had been mining in the area since about 1850. In the late 1850s, Mary Morrison built a stone wall around their property about 3 ft tall with the help of an Indian named Charlie Morrison, who was from a Table Mountain tribe called the Wyamis that was massacred by the Picas Indians in 1853. (The Picas were a mountain tribe and very warlike, they were called the "Tigers" by the locals). Charlie was informally adopted by Guy Morrison after his parents were killed. Apparently Charlie Morrison, his wife and two children were among the Indians rounded up in 1863 and sent to the reservation by M.G. Wells and Mr. Marquis. The two children died on the reservation, after which Charlie and his wife ran away and returned to Butte County; Charlie's wife died several years later. Charlie Morrison died in December 1917 and is buried in the Oregon City Cemetery.	Excerpted from the book "Anna Morrison Reid" 1849-1921		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.00.00	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	1863 Lime Saddle - Curtis opens a lime kiln at Nelson Bar which later shut down due to access to the site for transportation of the product (probably in Dec 1865 when the bridge was washed out. The family focus turned to gold mining in April 1866 at Nelson Bar Gulch see 1866 4.17)	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.03.07	<b>Pence Ranch</b>	The Indians in the area are again becoming troublesome. A man named George Hayes was herding cattle six miles from Pence's Ranch when he discovered Indians had broken into his cabin. Mr. Hayes headed them off, but was shot thru the arm and thigh. Mr. Bidwell, with 20 men, has left Chico in pursuit of the Indians.	Weekly Butte Record 3-7-1863	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.04.18	<b>Oregon City/Long's Bar</b>	Copper has been found near Long's Bar 30 ft wide and another lead discovered near Oregon City.	Oroville Union Record 4-18-1863	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.05.01	<b>Chico</b>	A letter dated May 1863, indicates Bidwell had Indians working on the Chico-Humboldt Road. Another letter indicates they were paid \$1.00 per day.	The Indians of Rancho Chico by Hill 1978		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1863.04.09	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	M.H. Wells buys Union Hotel and renames it Yankee Hill Hotel from Wm. W. Hobart for \$1,000. The hotel was located across the street from his store which was also the post office and his home next door. The entire area (Frenchtown, Spanishtown) would commonly be known as Yankee Hill after this. Wells would expand the hotel in 1883 by adding a second building.	County Recorder Deeds Book G page 521		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.05.09	<b>Butte Valley</b>	Established the Stoneman School District from the West half of Messilla Valley District	1882 History of Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.06.10	<b>Pentz</b>	H.A. Fairbanks marries Charlotte Whitelaw, daughter of James and Sarah Whitelaw of Cherokee. (This may have been why Fairbanks sold all his holding at Flea Valley. The site was too remote for his future wife and her family lived in Cherokee). H. A. Fairbanks would later be investor and Secretary for the Sugar Pine Lumber Company See July 15, 1876	Genealogy.com census		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.05.11	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Bones of dead man, J. D. Hogan, found	Sacramento Daily Union 5-11-1863	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.06.17	<b>Chico</b>	Letter by G.M. Hanson to Office Of Indian Affairs in San Francisco. Talks about the number of Indians from Hat Creek and Concow tribes, numbering only 350, currently at Chico. The cost for the last year to sustain the Indians was less than \$2,000. The Indians were allowed to work on farms and public roads while at Chico.	Report of The Commissioner of Indian Affairs for 1863 page 93		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.07.25	<b>Pence's Ranch/Littlefield's Ranch</b>	The Concow and perhaps other Indians shot and seriously wounded John Hayes at the forks of the Butte Creek in this county. They also killed 2 or 3 domesticated squaws at same place. On the same day they shot John Strommer near Jaggard's Mill a little above Dogtown. Last Monday they shot and killed Richard Morrison, a miner, while at work on the West Branch about a mile from Dogtown. Last Tuesday they shot Mrs. Plume near Reservoir House about 3 miles from Pence's Ranch and killed her child. Last Wednesday they killed the daughter of Mr. Lewis (see 8.01 same paper for correction) on her way to school near Littlefield's Ranch. At end of article one of the 3 captive children, a girl of 11, escaped from the Indians and returned safely home.	Oroville Weekly Union 7-25-1863	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.07.25	<b>Butte Creek</b>	Indian difficulties in the vicinity. Article mentions 5 Indians killed at Helltown (they were hung) may have caused the recent problems. Indians from the area should be taken to the reservation, problems are occurring too often in the area. Very briefly talks about Richard Morrison, Mrs. Blum and the three Lewis children who lived near Pence's Ranch. Mentions 40 to 50 men are tracking down the Indians. States 40 to 50 Indians came to Yankee Hill for protection. Four Indians were singled out who did not belong to the tribe and were taken out to be disposed of when two escaped.	Weekly Butte Record 7-25-1863	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.07.27	<b>Chico</b>	5 Concow Indians were killed at Missouri Bend, about 8 miles from Chico in open daylight. The Indians were hired out as part of a crew to former Senator Isaac Allen, working as part of his threshing crew. The Indians wore safe conduct passes, which were issued to Indians working off the Rancheria. Despite the passes, three boys, a woman and a 10 year old girl were murdered. (They were apparently part of the Indians that had left the reservation in Oct 1862.) Also, mentions Mr. Wells brought 60 Indians from Concow Valley today.	John Bidwell & California by Gillis and Magliari 2004, Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs 1863 Page 96		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.08.01	<b>Pence Ranch</b>	Meeting held regarding Indian troubles. Six resolutions were passed and printed in the paper basically stating that in 30 days the Indians still in the area will be at risk of being killed. They will guarantee the safety of the Indians for 30 days while they are transported to a designated location far away. If any Indians return after that date, they do so at their own risk. They want every Indian removed from the area. Mr. Wells from Yankee Hill and Thomas McDanel from Cherokee, are among those assigned the task of rounding up the Indians in this area. Mr. Marquis from Concow, Mr. Pence from Messilla Valley, B.P. Hutchison (Hutchinson) from Cherokee Flat, and John Chapman from Cherokee Ravine, are those from the area assigned the job of collecting funds to pay for the removal.	Weekly Butte Record 8-1-1863	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.08.01	<b>Pence's Ranch/Dogtown</b>	Two children of Samuel Lewis were killed by Indians, Johnny and Jimmy Lewis, age 7 and 13 years. His daughter, Thankful Lewis, escaped. Two days earlier near Dogtown, Richard Morrison was also killed by Indians.	Oroville Weekly Union 8-1-1863	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1863.08.01	<b>Pence's Ranch</b>	Mrs. Plume shot through the thigh by an Indian near Pence's Ranch but is recovering. She ran nearly a mile to Kunkle's after being shot. Also house of Mr. Thomas Know near Pence's Ranch burned last week. The family fled fearing danger from the Indians.	Oroville Weekly Union 8-1-1863	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.08.01	<b>Pence's Ranch/Chico</b>	People held a mass meeting at Pence's Ranch and adopted measures for the speedy removal of all the Indians from this county. Over one hundred and forty Indians have surrendered themselves to leave for the Reservation and are at Chico.	Oroville Weekly Union 8-1-1863	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.08.01	<b>Pence's Ranch</b>	Body of the murdered 13-year-old son of Samuel Lewis found in Mr. Nance's field, a few miles from the spot where he was captured. Thankful Lewis, age 11, showed her father and others where the Indians left him. The 7-year-old son was also shot. This paper was in error in stating last week (7-25-1863) that 3 sons of Mr. Lewis were killed and captured. There were 2 sons and the daughter, who escaped.	Oroville Weekly Union 8-1-1863	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.08.01	<b>Butte County</b>	Forty men of Company F. Second Cavalry under command of Capt. Starr have been sent into this county to assist in quelling Indian disturbances. Their headquarters are in Chico.	Butte Record 8-1-1863	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.08.01	<b>San Francisco</b>	Arthur Walter Keddie (1842- 1924) immigrated to the United States from Canada, settling in San Francisco. He would later survey the Feather River.	Western Pacific History Web Site by Frank Brehm		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.08.10	<b>Chico</b>	Letter by Augustus Starr, Captain Commanding Company F, 2nd Cavalry, about the citizens of Butte County being very bitter against the Indians. Mentions the Indians causing the depredations are from Mill Creek and now located at Deer Creek. Between 500 and 600 Indians need to be transported to Round Valley from Chico.	Report of The Commissioner of Indian Affairs for 1863 page 98		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.08.15	<b>Pence Ranch</b>	Mentions meeting held on the 27th of July to discuss the removal of the Indians to Chico Landing. Another meeting will be held August 28th to further discuss the matter with reports on the funds collected to finance the operation.	Weekly Butte Record 8-15-1863	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.08.21	<b>Chico</b>	George Hanson submitted a report about the Indians at Chico, numbering 600, he now has to bring to Round Valley.	Report of The Commissioner of Indian Affairs for 1863 page 97		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.09.03	<b>Yankee Hill/Big Bend</b>	461 Indians were rounded up and held near Chico (per a report filed by Michael Wells); 220 were from Yankee Hill (Big Bend, Che-es-sees Indians, last large tribe in Concow & Yankee Hill area. See 2-29-1864), the largest group, and per Thomas McDanel, 53 from Cherokee. Wells made at least two trips gathering up Indians, the last was made up of mahalas, children and old, decrepit bucks) On 9-3-1863, they were sent back to the Round Valley Reservation where they had left a year earlier--many were sick with chills and starving. 150 sick and elderly Concow Indians were scattered along the trail dying at a rate of 2 to 3 per day. Several sources reported the Indians were treated badly (whipped or even shot) along the way, especially those slowing the progress due to sickness or their young age. Included among the captives was Suwomine, the daughter of the Concow Headman and her Hawaiian husband, Keaala. See July 1884 for more detail from the Concow Chief. (Suwomine and Keaala were later allowed to leave Round Valley after he proved he was actually Hawaiian. They had a son named Hiram, named after a local rancher, Hiram Black, who befriended them. They returned to the destroyed Concow round house and found some food. A local white rancher, Hiram, also left some food for them to survive on.)	History of Butte County 1882 & 1918, The Nome Lackee Indian Reservation 1854-1870 by Hislop 1978, The Indians of Chico Rancheria by Hill, A Maidu Story by Ann H. Currie 1963		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.09.04	<b>Chico</b>	Captain Star and 23 men led Indians from Chico to Round Valley. Trip takes two weeks. On their return his report stated "In compliance with Post Orders No. 6 & 7, left Camp Bidwell, Butte, California, September 4, 1863, having under my command, twenty-three men and horses of Company F, Second Cavalry, California Volunteers, and four hundred and sixty-one Indians, to remove to Indian reservation at Round Valley, Mendocino County, California, arriving there September 18, 1863, with two hundred and seventy-seven Indians. Left one hundred and fifty on east side of the mountains, they being unable to travel. Thirty-two died en route and two escaped"			<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1863.09.05	<b>Cherokee Flat</b>	Mining notices: Butte G&S Mining Co. holding annual meeting of stockholders at Cherokee Flat. California Gold & Silver Mining Co. Cherokee: Assessment of 50 cents on each share of stock was levied.	Weekly Butte Record 9-5-1863	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.09.05	<b>Pence Ranch</b>	Report of meeting at Pence Ranch on the 28th. A communication was received from Mr. Hanson, Indian Agent, advising the removal of the Indians of the foothills and mountains, without disturbing the ranch Indians of the valley. A number have already been collected, many of whom are sick with a kind of bilious intermittent fever. Hanson stated he will begin their removal early next week.	Weekly Butte Record 9-5-1863	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.09.19	<b>Concow</b>	Charles W. Mullen, native of New Jersey, died Sept 12, age 60. In 1850 he joined the great tide of emigration that flowed to the Pacific shores. All his life he was a pioneer, was a resident of Ohio, Illinois and Iowa, when the forest and prairies of those states yet resounded with the Whoop of the Indian and the howl of the wolf. In later years was one of the many thousand pioneers who developed the riches of the golden state. For the past six years he has resided in Con-Cow Valley, Butte County. To him may appropriately be applied the proverb "An honest man in the noblest work of God." S. Muscatine and Wapello (town) papers, please copy.	Oroville Weekly Union 9-19-1863 The Indians of the Chico Rancheria by Dorothy Hill	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.09.19	<b>Pence Ranch</b>	Report by Thomas Wells of mass meeting held at Pence's Ranch on the 28th of August. Mr. Wells was asked to secure help rounding up the Indians in the area by the military. He visited San Francisco and obtained an interview with Col. Drum on the 10th of September. Col. Drum and Maj. Hanson, Indian Agent, agreed the citizens were to round up the Indians in the area and hand them over to Major Hooker in Chico, to be held as prisoners of war. Two committees headed by Capt H.B. Hunt and J.G. Moore are to raise a force of 75 men each, to hunt Indians and collect expenses from citizens to cover the costs. (Bidwell was able to keep some Indians at his reservation in Chico, later this would lead to some whites feeling they were acting as spies. Considering the treatment of the Indians by most whites, this is a possibility). This article also appeared in the Weekly Butte Record same date.	Oroville Weekly Union 9-19-1863 The Indians of the Chico Rancheria by Dorothy Hill	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.09.29	<b>Jordan Hill</b>	We, the undersigned incorporated a company known as the Porter Gold and Silver Mining Company and have located and claim all the land in a circle of one mile from this notice including all the springs and water on this land and timber for company purposes. This notice will be placed at a point on the company's ledge where the present tunnel will strike and be located on Jordan Hill between the East Branch and West Fork of the Feather River near Spanishtown, Butte County. 29 Sept 1863, J.L. Porter, Superintendent. See Porter Mill entries	County recorder, Claims Book A, page 523		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.10.01	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Martin and John Gramps, German immigrants, register as available for military service at Yankee Hill.	Butte County list of individuals eligible for military service - Ancestry.com	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1863.10.03	<b>Concow</b>	New copper discovery on the East Branch in Con-Cow Valley.	Oroville Weekly Union 10-3-1863	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.00.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	The winter of 1863/64 is reported as the driest in history. Many miners in Cherokee abandoned their claims to go to Virginia City, Nevada.	Diggins, Vol 10, No 4, available at Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1864: Saw mill burned; water powered	History of Butte County 1882		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.00.00	<b>Quincy</b>	1864: Settling in Quincy, Ca. Arthur Walter Keddie worked as a surveyor. He was known for his accuracy and attention to detail.	Western Pacific History Web Site by Frank Brehm		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.01.08	<b>Pentz</b>	Post office established at Pentz with Manoah Pence as postmaster. Closed in 1912 (see 1912)	History of Butte County 1918		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1864.01.09	<b>Oroville</b>	1/6th interest in the Spring Valley Ditch and Mining Company for sale. Also, seven full shares in the Eureka Tunnel and Mining Co. stock. Apply to subscriber at W.M. Elliott's Saloon, Oroville. H.B. Lathrop, Jr.	Union Record 1-9-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.01.09	<b>Oregon City</b>	George Duensing 75 acre ranch under fence for sale. Located a half mile from the Feather River with good house, barn, stable, garden and water privileges. Will be sold at a bargain.	Union Record 1-9-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.02.06	<b>Concow</b>	Rock Creek reports 15 wintered there and are mining. Regret they only receive mail during the summer. Satirical article about the Turpentine industry.	Union Record 2-6-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.02.20	<b>Butte County</b>	The excitement over copper mining has somewhat subsided. Many operations have closed because of high costs.	Union Record 2-20-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.02.29	<b>Concow/Flea Valley</b>	Letter from B.B. Brown sent to Gen. Bidwell; the folks in Concow Valley told a party I sent there yesterday that there was a large crowd of Indians up, in, or about Little Nimshew, somewhere near Flea Valley, and that a party was going to start in pursuit this Monday.	The Indians of the Chico Rancheria by Dorothy Hill.		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.03.05	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Mexican named Raphael was confronted in woods about a mile from here by four masked robbers inquiring about the wealth in the area. When he refused to talk he was tortured by castration. Another Mexican approached and scared off the assaulters. This is the fourth incident in the area. The residents of Frenchtown, Spanishtown and Yankee Hill have resolved they will not bother the authorities with the matter if it occurs again (implying they will take care of it).	Union Record 3-5-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.03.05	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about the number of delegates each township will have at the Union State Convention. One vote is allowed for each township and an additional vote for every 30 voters registered. Oregon City-2 delegates representing 36 voters, Cherokee Flat-3 delegates representing 58 voters, Messilla Valley-2 delegates for 31 voters, Yankee Hill-2 delegates for 30 voters, Concow-1 delegate for 9 voters.	Union Record 3-5-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.03.05	<b>Cherokee</b>	Stabbing at the saloon of Vel. Goode at Cherokee flat when two men got into a discussion about the merits of Abraham Lincoln and Jeff Davis.	Union Record 3-5-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.03.05	<b>Butte County</b>	Indian Troubles - Indians returning from the reservation. The Indian agent at the reservation has sent word to look out for the Indians---that they are about to return. We learned that the Indians are becoming numerous again in the mountains, in the vicinity of Dogtown and Nimshew.	Union Record 3-5-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.03.12	<b>Butte County</b>	Honorable A.C. Buffum, Sacramento. Permit me to inform your readers that I have received a petition from many citizens of Butte County asking me to lay the matter before the proper men, who have power to assist and protect them. I have called on the Governor and General Wright and received a promise from the latter, that he would order the company now stationed at Chico to protect the people against further Indian depredations.	Union Record 3-12-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.03.12	<b>Concow</b>	New road being graded by Nat. Brothers, road overseers. The route will be around the side of the hills up Deadwood and Spanish ravine to Yankee Hill and Frenchtown Road. The old road over the hills is impracticable for heavy hauling. The new one is on a regular and easy grade. It would seem that where mining interests failed, the pitch industry is opening good roads in the mountains. Also, article about equipment order for distilling turpentine in Dogtown.	Union Record 3-12-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.03.19	<b>Concow</b>	The preliminary meeting of this precinct appointed G.G. Marquis as the delegate to the County Convention, and it was resolved to support Abraham Lincoln for reelection as President.	Union Record 3-19-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.04.04	<b>Concow</b>	Long article about visit to Concow Valley. New road is being graded and the article suggests it should be extended via Little Kimsheew and Balsam Hill to the Dogtown and Honey Lake Road. Over 20,000 pine trees in Concow are being tapped for pitch for turpentine. Mining in the area is all but suspended.	Union Record 4-4-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1864.04.09	<b>Cherokee</b>	Two mining company owners, the Horris and the Cherokee Company, almost in serious fight over water rights.	Union Record 4-9-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.04.16	<b>Rock Creek</b>	Article about Rock Creek and KimsheW. Mentions "Mikes Diggings" and states the snow at KimsheW is three feet deep. Mining should be good because of the water that is available. Also mentions Joe Willit has built a house at Rock Spring where accommodations can be had.	Union Record 4-16-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.04.16	<b>Cherokee</b>	Reopening of old quartz ledges in Cherokee and Oregon Gulch. J. McKinstry Smith is engaged upon his old ledge (Oregon Gulch), and shipped last week the machinery for a new mill.	Union Record 4-16-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.04.23	<b>Butte County</b>	Turpentine: rebuttal to an article about pitch gathering; letter from J. N. Gibson	Union Record 4-23-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.05.28	<b>Oroville</b>	Work on the Union Hotel is rapidly progressing. Diagram of first story showing saloon, office and hall, stores, dining room and kitchen.	Union Record 5-28-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.05.28	<b>Cherokee Flat/Concow</b>	Another rich quartz discovery near Cherokee Flat but the parties who made the discovery do not reveal the location. As well, the new road out of Concow Valley is completed. Good roads are the avenues to wealth.	Union Record 5-28-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.06.11	<b>Cherokee Flat/Messilla Valley</b>	While Thomas Morgan of Messilla Valley (about a mile from Pence's) was not at home, his wife noticed Indians creeping towards the house and one with a gun. She took her 3 little children out the back door to Mr. Merrithew's house about a mile off but no one was home. She then went to Mr. Knox's a half mile further and found protection. A party of men hurried to Mr. Morgan's but the Indians had fled having taken all the clothing and nearly all the bedding and destroying the furniture. Several stones were thrown through the windows and there is no doubt but the Indians would have butchered the family. "Cannot some way be devised to rid Butte county of these pests?" Also the dead body of a Frenchman was found in Potter's Ravine below Cherokee Flat, Several arrows were found in his side and he had apparently been dead about 4 days.	Union Record 6-11-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.06.25	<b>Concow</b>	Several heavy showers of rain with heavy thunder with lightning striking a large tree breaking off the top and scarifying and tearing the bark and limbs off to within 40 ft of the ground. Mr. C. Beyerle made a narrow escape.	Union Record 6-25-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.06.25	<b>Cherokee</b>	Diamonds found at Cherokee flat.	Union Record 6-25-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.06.25	<b>Concow</b>	John Mullen, a famous young nimrod of Concow Valley killed a California lion within 1/2 mile of his mother's residence. Measured 7 feet in length and weighed 100 pounds. It is very rare that the most expert hunters have been able to kill one of these animals.	Union Record 6-25-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.08.15	<b>Concow</b>	Article about 15 troops from Chico traveling in Inskip, Dogtown, Concow and Spanishtown looking for Indians, rich diggings and developments.	Sac Daily Union 8-15-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.09.01	<b>Round Valley</b>	Population at Round Valley Indian Reservation is: Concow and Yankee Hill Indians, 125 males, 200 female, Pitt River 100 male, 225 female, Eukas 85 males, 215 females. Total 977 Indians.	California Superintendence Indian affairs report of 1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.11.05	<b>Concow Valley</b>	John Mullen, a famous young nimrod of Concow Valley, along with his faithful dog, killed a large and ferocious panther with a five inch revolver. This is the third panther killed by young Mullen during the past 6 months. Nimrod & Co. report a "cinnamon" bear and 3 deer as trophies of a day's hunt since the above affair. Game is said to be unusually fat this year.	Union Record 11-5-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1864.12.03	<b>Cherokee Flat</b>	Miners here have remained idle for the past 2 years due to lack of rain. \$30,000 to \$50,000 have been invested in running tunnels for working the different claims and now 12 hydraulic claims are being worked using from one to six hundred inches of water and yielding from two to six hundred dollars per day. Cherokee is rich in gold and should the rains cease at present, there will be enough water for two weeks to supply the miners here.	Union Record 12-3-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1864.12.17	<b>Jordan Hill/Pence's Ranch</b>	Meeting held at Pence's Ranch in Messilla Valley to organize a branch of the Soldier's Aid Society; officers: M. Pence, President; Thos. Harrison, Treasurer; John Peairs, Vice President; Dr. G. F. Glick, Secretary. Also the company owning the quartz ledge recently struck on Jordan Hill in Concow township were transporting the machinery for a mill to be erected. Owing to the bad condition of the roads in the mountains, the hauling of the machinery to the claim was a tedious job.	Union Record 12-17-1864	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.00.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	1865: William Thunen and his wife Johanna Tebbe, settle in Flea Valley (probably on Flea Valley Ranch, see 3.01 1865). (Mrs. Thunen is Gerhard Tebbe's sister.) They later (1870) settled in Cherokee and then Oroville.	"Old Days in Butte" by Florence Danforth Boyle, available at Butte County Historical Society, History of Butte County 1918		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.02.11	<b>Butte County</b>	Board of supervisors met on Monday last; W. H. Mullen appointed Road Overseer and Road Tax Collector for Concow Road District. The Board passed an order to the Road Overseer of Ophir township to notify the Ophir and Feather River Water Ditch Company to remove certain obstructions caused by the water from their Ditch on the public highway known as the River Road leading from Oroville to Marysville.	Union Record 2-11-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.02.11	<b>Jordan Hill</b>	From correspondent writing from Jordan Hill, yesterday began the history of quartz crushing on Jordan Hill by Porter & Co. The caliber is 20 HP, 8 stamps and capable of crushing from 18 to 20 tons in 24 hours. The company's tunnel strikes their ledge at the depth of one hundred feet, which averages about four feet in thickness from top to tunnel and rock assays from \$25 to \$30 to the ton.	Union Record 2-11-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.03.01	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Butte County Sheriff sells 320 acre Flea Valley Ranch to settle debt owed J.C. Orr by Hiram M. Clemons. Gerhard Tebbe buys the ranch for \$1098. I could find no official record other than this entry claiming the Flea Valley Ranch was 320 acres. I think the adjacent property was also being claimed by Clemons as his but it appears he never officially filed a deed for it. The lower property would have been better for farming.	1865 Butte County Book of Deeds H pg 487-488		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.03.11	<b>Feather River</b>	On Saturday of last week, a large number of the Digger tribe assembled near Thresher's Ranch. The vast number present indicated that all the campodies must have been loose. The Bidwell and Neal Indians came down, of whom many were riding fine horses and others, in carriages and express wagons, dressed in flying colors. The Yubas and Sutters were also present in large numbers. The soups, sweetmeats, yard greens such as clover, mustard, etc., were indulged in freely throughout the dance. The music was of course, tasty, their fiddle being a hollow log, and the bow a large billet of wood. The dance lasted two days.	Union Record 3-11-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.03.11	<b>Thompson Flat</b>	Judge G. G. Marquis and Capt. Michael Wells were guests from the mountains at the ball at Thompson Flat. Entertainment was in honor of the marriage of an old resident, A. K. Hall Esq and one of the most social and pleasant of parties.	Weekly Union Record 3-11-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.03.27	<b>Concow</b>	Article about cave in at Rock Creek, Concow Valley. George Snape writes that C Beyerle and John Baker were badly hurt while working their claim at Rock Creek when several large boulders fell on them	Sac Daily Union 3-27-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.04.08	<b>Butte County</b>	School apportionment of school funds for county; includes Cherokee \$35.50 with 71 students; Mesilla Valley \$27.00 with 54 students; Morris Ravine \$13.50 with 27 students; Oregon City \$17.50, 35 students.	Union Record 4-8-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.04.08	<b>Bidwell Bar</b>	Traveling from Quincy by way of Berry Creek and Bidwell Bar, Russ Johnson with about 50 other Indians were working on the road digging down a very high bank. Per Russ "The Supervisors of this county have appropriated from one to five thousand dollars to every other road in the county but this one. They want to make the Dogtown road the main thoroughfare from Oroville to Indian Valley and Honey Lake...but I'll make this a better road than the Dogtown road."	Union Record 4-8-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.07.08	<b>Concow/Little Kimshew</b>	Article about Louis Smidt has found gold in Concow Township in what is known as the Gravel Range. Also William Ramsey and George were injured at their claim at Little Kimshew when a blast accidently went off. William will probably lose both eyes, George suffered injury to his arm.	Sac Union 7-8-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1865.07.12	<b>Concow Valley</b>	L.A. Snow and J Dowden claim the water in this creek and all of the water in this line of the ditch, said ditch running into the head of the East Branch of the West Branch of the Feather River to be taken out below Concow Valley. Together with all the water of the East Branch at a point designated north thence running to a point on the West Branch of the Feather River below Nelson Bar for mining purposes. Rock Creek July 1, 1865	Butte County Book of Mining Deeds 7-5-1865 page 560		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.07.22	<b>Oregon City</b>	Two large quartz mills, owned by Mr. Nesbit and Teegarden and parties from Marysville, are in successful operation. The Nesbit claim yielded the sum of \$600. Specimens of this kind are said to be numerous on this ledge.	Union Record 7-22-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.07.22	<b>Dogtown</b>	Dogtown distillery; extensive pitch and turpentine establishment owned by W. G. Jones and superintended by J. W. Dunbar, has over \$3,000 worth of pitch ready for distilling. The distillery is in operation day and night and averages about 170 gallons of turpentine and 18 barrels of rosin per day. Connected with this is a cooper shop at which there is at present over 300 barrels ready for use and workmen in constant employment. This distillery is the life and business of Dogtown.	Union Record 7-22-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.07.22	<b>Oregon City</b>	Reprint from Union Record of same date about two large quartz mills in successful operation as well as turpentine distillery in Dogtown. A. L. Dewey has contracted to furnish water from the West Branch of Feather River to the Thompson Flat ditch, which will give the miners of that vicinity an abundance of water the year round. Also within the last 10 days, over 90 tons of freight have been shipped from Chico Landing for Owyhee over the Chico and Humboldt Wagon Road.	Marysville Daily Appeal 7-22-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.07.24	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Joseph Dowden & L.A. Snow take out claim for water in creek to be turned into the East Branch of the West Branch of the Feather River at Flea Valley for mining purposes	Butte County Book of Mining Deeds July 29, 1865 page 561		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.08.09	<b>Concow</b>	Oroville 8-8-1865 rumors that Indians made a raid on Concow Valley six miles above Yankee Hill yesterday. They killed a man named Scotch John and wounded Mrs Workman. Miss Smith, sister of Mrs Workman, was first reported missing. Later she was found behind the house with her throat cut from ear to ear. The house was robbed of \$2,000 gold coin, two gold watches and other valuables. As there were only three who made the attack, there is a suspicion here that it was white men disguised as Indians. Concow Valley is 2 1/2 miles long by 1 mile wide. There are 8 to 10 families residing there.	Sac Daily Union 8-9-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.08.10	<b>Concow</b>	Murders at Concow probably committed by Indians from Mill Creek east of Tehama. They are making their annual raid in this country. This year they have come down the ridge between the West Branch and North Fork of the Feather River, being further south than heretofore. Joseph Miller of Frenchtown left here yesterday. He drove some beef cattle and when near home was shot at by two Indians and slightly wounded. A party of five Indians burned the house of Neil Sutherland, situated between the west Branch and the North Fork of the Feather River, on the road to Frenchtown, about sixteen miles from Oroville. Residents from that section attending the Union Convention have returned home provided with ammunition.	Sac Daily Union 8-10-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.08.10	<b>Sacramento-Pentz</b>	M. Pence has been elected coroner of Butte County at the Union Convention in Sacramento.	Sac Daily Union 8-10-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1865.08.12	<b>Concow</b>	Indians visited the home of Robert Workman at the north end of the Concow Valley (Now known as Camelot). Mr. Workman was not home but his wife and Miss Smith, her sister, were there. The Indians attacked and cut the throat of Miss Smith killing her. Mrs. Workman was severely beaten. A hired hand, John Banks (also known as Scotch John), was also shot and killed. Three thousand dollars was taken from the house. Mrs. Workman revived and was able to go to the residence of G.G. Marquis some 40 rods (650 ft) distance. A man was dispatched to the Porter Quartz Mill (Jordan Hill) to round up help. Fifteen men were dispatched to the home of Wm. Mullen (Concow) to define a course of action. (Robert Workman was an Englishman born about 1820, his wife died 2 months later, his 3 week old daughter died 1 week after Mrs. Workman. He was living with James Mullen in Concow in 1870. His first name was listed as Richard in the census. In 1875 he married Susan (Edwards) Belden, born in 1845, a widow and Native American with two sons. They had a son, William Workman, in 1876. They were in Plumas County in the 1880 census. Robert died in April 1896 at the county hospital in Plumas County. William, a miner by trade, died in June 1898 at Long Bar near Oroville.	Union Record 8-12-1865. Also 1850, 1870, 1880 census & Ancestry.com family tree, Old Days in Butte. Union Record 10-7 & 10-14 1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.08.12	<b>Cherokee Flat</b>	The only drawback to miners of Cherokee Flat is the lack of water, which they are only supplied with during a few months of the rainy season. Wm. McGines (McGinnes) and Wm. Lefaire have a drift claim in Cherokee Flat which has paid from \$100 to \$125 to the hand when sufficient water could be obtained.	Union Record 8-12-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.08.19	<b>Concow</b>	Nine Mill Creek Indians were killed and several others injured who were responsible for the Concow killings. A dress and several other articles were found with the Indians.	Union Record 8-19-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.08.20	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Large meeting at Spanishtown on Saturday last, adopted the following resolutions. (1) Resolved that this meeting will guarantee protection to no Indian after the 1st day of September next, and those living with squaws must govern themselves accordingly; provided that no peaceable Indian be disturbed until after the 1st of September. (2) That this meeting appoint a Captain and entrust him to raise sufficient men for protection. (3) We appoint a committee of five as a committee of observation, whose duty shall be to report to the Captain all matters pertaining to the general protection of the community in regard to Indians. (4) That a committee of three be appointed to consult with the Indians of this community, to leave as soon as possible and certainly by the 1st of September.	Union Record 8-20-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.08.20	<b>Concow</b>	Long report on the search and killing of the Indians responsible for the Concow killings. A group of 25 Indians was attacked, at least five were killed and left there. A half dozen more seriously injured and would surely die, the rest were injured. Artifacts were found from earlier robberies in the area. Also, meeting at Spanishtown to discuss the Indian issue.	Union Record 8-20-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.08.20	<b>Pentz</b>	Distillery at Pence's ranch in full production making turpentine.	Union Record 8-20-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.09.02	<b>Concow</b>	Wm. Mullen of Concow has found three bee trees. One was fallen and a large amount of honey was recovered. Also, three bears came upon the scene and were killed. Family well stocked in bear meat.	Union Record 9-2-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.09.02	<b>Concow</b>	The Indian hunt for the Indians responsible for the Concow outrages was probably the most successful ever made in this state---12 of 16 Indians were killed.	Union Record 9-2-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.09.15	<b>Round Valley</b>	Indian population at Round Valley includes; 240 Concow, Pitt River 320, Wylackies 80, Ukies 300. Total 940.	Report of the commissioner of Indian Affairs for 1865		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1865.09.23	<b>Concow</b>	The Indian Raid - A Mahalia who had escaped to Big Meadows, stated that there were but 5 Indians who committed the murders, robberies and caused destruction of the property at Concow Valley. They made the trip from Mill Creek in five days. The stolen property, money, watches and jewelry, were buried in the ground floor of the cave at the time they were attacked by the party of whites in pursuit. Several of the Indians returned two days later and dug up the treasure and carried it off. It is also stated that the party (later attacked) contained 16 bucks, 8 of whom were killed. The Mahalia states she was in tall grass but a short distance from the slaughter scene and witnessed the whole affair, after which she made her escape.	Union Record 9-23-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.09.23	<b>Concow/Cherokee</b>	Families leaving Concow, except for one, because of recent Indian attacks. Also, R. W. Smith's wife gave birth to a daughter Sept 18, 1865 in Concow. Levi Thomas of Cherokee Ravine delivered grapes to the newspaper office from his vineyard.	Union Record 9-23-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.09.30	<b>Concow</b>	Information obtained from Indian mahala, murders committed by 5 Indians;	Quincy Union 9-30-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.10.01	<b>Oregon Township</b>	10 PM Oct. 1, 1865, wife of Robert Workman died. She had an infant child born 1 week earlier. The loss of her sister Miss Rosanna Smith in the Indian massacre at Concow Valley on the 7th of August last, and her own escape, caused such mental anguish and were to blame. Note: she is buried in an unmarked grave in the Oroville Cemetery in the Catholic section on Feather River Blvd.	Oroville Union Record 10-7-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.10.07	<b>Butte County</b>	School census lists 280 students for Oroville, 199 for Chico, 138 for Dayton, 92 for KimsheW, 71 for Cherokee and 54 for Messilla Valley.	Union Record 10-7-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.10.14		3-week old infant daughter of Robert Workman dies	Union Record 10-14-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.10.21	<b>Butte County</b>	Votes cast in election, Oroville 321, Chico 336, Cherokee Ravine 20, Bidwells Bar 26, Messilla Valley 31, Yankee Hill 21, Cherokee Flat 96. Paper reported the turnout was light with a total of 1600 votes compared to 2361 last September.	Union Record 10-21-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.11.04	<b>Oregon City</b>	Rev. John J. Powell, a highly intelligent and experienced miner, is erecting a new quartz mill near Oregon City. He has sunk a shaft some 80 feet upon the lead with evidence of richness the entire depth.	Union Record 11-4-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.11.14	<b>Jordan Hill</b>	Porter Gold and Silver Mining Company takes out claim for water rights from the East Branch of the Feather River and Griffens Gulch between the Con Cow Valley and the West Branch. They will build a ditch or flume to transport water to their mill.	County Recorder Book A, page 570		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1865.12.02	<b>Concow/Yankee Hill</b>	Long article about the flooding and land slide at Oregon City on Nov 22nd at 5:00 am. E.W. Slater discovered his barn and four horses had disappeared. The mud slide started a 1/2 mile above the barn taking with it trees 2 feet in diameter and traveled another 1/2 mile to the North Fork of the Feather River. Evans bridge (see 1-22-1857) over the stream on the road to Yankee Hill was swept away and the Curtis ferry boat on the road a few miles above was dashed to pieces. Concow Valley was flooded to a greater extent than ever before. Miner's flumes and sluice boxes were lost in the deluge.	Union Record 12-2-1865	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1865.12.09	<b>Lime Saddle</b>	This indenture made on the 9th day December 1865 between Chatham Baltimore and William Gwynn in consideration of \$687. A certain tract or parcel of land bound and described as follows. Commencing on what is known as the Walker & Wilson ditch where it empties its water into a reservoir and follows up said ditch eighty rods (1320 feet) thence in an easterly direction 80 rods (1320 feet) thence in a southerly direction fifty rods (825 feet) to a certain black oak thence in a westerly direction to the place of beginning (about 160 acres). Together with the lime kiln, quarry and other fixtures on the land. Excepting a certain barn on the property that only 1/2 interest is included and 2/3rds interest included in the lime production. (It appears Gwynn was trying to retain 1/3rd of the lime production and 1/2 interest in a barn on the property to store lime. William Gwynn never filed any paperwork initially claiming the property with the county in 1855 so Baltimore stopped making payments and claimed the land himself. Gwynn filed a law suit but it appears he didn't succeed in collecting anything as the indenture was noted as satisfied in May 1868 by the County Clerk.) See Jan 5, 1869	Book D pages 461-463		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.00.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	1866: Augustus L. Fairbanks, brother of Henry A. Fairbanks is farming in Flea Valley. (possibly land adjacent the Flea Valley Ranch)	Genealogy.com voter registration records for 1866 Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.00.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	1866: Cherokee School burned when students were playing with matches	Diggins Vol 10 #4, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.00.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	1866: Diamond found by Mike Maher. Several more were found by others in the next several years. In 1907, a diamond mine was started in Cherokee, it lasted for several years.			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1866: School building erected across from Wells home. The school was built and donated to the community by M.H. Wells	Diggins Vol 28 #2		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.01.06	<b>Jordan Hill/Cherokee</b>	Porter Mill - large stamps added, it is now a 12 stamp mill. The rock is good and the prospects encouraging. Another article talks about visiting the Cherokee area and seeing evidence of the prosperity there.	Butte Record 1-6-1866	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.01.20	<b>Cherokee</b>	Assemblyman Smith showed two rings with diamonds from Cherokee Flat. So far, 20 to 30 diamonds have been found. Same issue of the paper talks about mine mishap, two miners almost drowned.	Butte Record 1-20-1866	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.02.10	<b>Concow</b>	Articles suggest the Concow Valley be purchased and turned into a reservoir.	Butte Record 2-10-1866	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.02.24	<b>Clear Creek</b>	Article about 5 Indians killed near Deer Creek between Cherokee and Wicks Ranch. 2 believed to be responsible for the Workman murders last year (Dog skin and his son, Oregon City Charley); an Indian from Berry Creek, and another from Cherokee, were also killed. The squaw of Oregon Charley was shot in the face but not fatally wounded. A large party later carried off the dead. We have good authority for the statement that Indians go to and from the Nome Lackee Reservation (I think they mean Round Valley aka Nome Cult Farm) and mixing with Indians who remain in the County. It is said the Concow Indians taken to the reservation for a second time two or three years ago are now nearly all back here and mixed through the different tribes who remain on the south side of the river (article goes on and speculates about future Indian problems). Note: There were no serious problems between whites and Indians in Butte County that I could find evidence of after this time. Probably because Big Foot, a Mill Creek Indian, with a band of about 60 followers had been killed earlier. Similar to Shave Head in 1859, they both were responsible for many of the raids in Plumas, Butte and Lassen County.	Union Record 2-24-1866	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.03.21	<b>Magalia</b>	Jones & Dunbar to resume distilling turpentine. Article talks about turpentine shipments from there in last two years. 1,839 barrels of pitch, 7,222 cases of Rosin, 1,183 barrels of turpentine 1,146 cases of turpentine.	Butte Record 3-31-1866	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.03.31	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	Article about newly discovered diamond mine in the area. Location is not disclosed; also mentions turpentine manufacture in Magalia.	Butte Record 3-31-1866	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1866.03.31	<b>Quincy</b>	Two bills were passed by the California State Legislature to create a wagon road from Oroville to Beckworth Pass in Plumas County and another from Indian Valley in Plumas County to Quincy. The route was to be either on the North Fork of the Feather River or the Middle Fork. Plumas County was authorized to assist in creating these roads and determining the route in Plumas County. Plumas County created a bill to sell bonds to finance the project.	Western Pacific History Web Site by Frank Brehm		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.04.14	<b>Cherokee</b>	Old Folks of Cherokee fund raiser, concert and fair for new school.	Butte Record 4-14-1866	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.04.17	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	Charles S Curtis and Henry Sewell Curtis with 7 partners calling themselves R.W. Packard & Co file a mining claim known as the "Golden Gate Ledge" on the south side of Nelson Bar Gulch totaling 1800 feet of ledge. Charles A Curtis, Frank E Curtis, Frederick A Curtis and Joseph G Curtis filed a second claim adjacent the Golden Gate Ledge Claim on an additional 1400 feet of the ledge.	Mining Book A, Page 585, 4-17-1866 County Records		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.04.21	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about quartz prospects in the area, mentions failed copper mining operations.	Butte Record 4-21-1866	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.04.21	<b>Messilla Valley/Nelson Bar</b>	Article about Burnham & Co. quartz discovery at Messilla Valley and Nelsons Bar. (Joseph Curtis family was part of this claim and the Curtis family filed a second claim without Burnham)	Butte Record 4-21-1866	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.07.07	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Theodore Busch of Rock Creek buys house, barn and 15 acres fenced in from Lorenzo Feist in Spanishtown, a mile above Frenchtown on Nelson Bar Road. Also 1000 feet of mining claim starting at Chub Gulch and running up Spanish Ravine, along with 40 sluice boxes and associated tools. \$500	Book H Page 936-937, 7-7-1866		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.09.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Michael Henry Wells sells his shares in the 49 and 56 Mine to H.N. Tilden for \$15,992.02.	Diggins Vol 28, #2 1984, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1866.12.24	<b>Concow/Cherokee</b>	Article about bear killed in Concow Valley weighed 350 lbs. Also mentions dead body found Cherokee Ravine of man named Albert Doorman from Vermont who died of intoxication.	Sacramento Daily Union 12-24-1866	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1867.00.00	<b>Little Kimshew</b>	1867: 30 male voters registered in Little Kimshew voting district, a mining district. 34 in Yankee Hill and 20 in Concow. There was a town for a time called Little Kimshew. Among the 30 registered voters in 1867 were Augustus L Fairbanks, Wendelin Miller and Lucius A Snow (Note: Wm Ramsey is not mentioned but he was in the area in 1865, see above, when he was hurt in a powder blast at his mine which nearly blinded him on the Little Kimshew and again in 1872 when he filed a water claim, see below; in 1867 he instead registered to vote in Cherokee.)	1867 Voter registration		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1867.02.00	<b>Quincy</b>	In Quincy Arthur Keddie was hired by the newly formed Oroville Beckworth Pass Wagon Road Company to survey a possible route for a wagon road from Quincy to Oroville. He would explore two routes, one down the Middle Fork of the Feather River and the other down the North Fork of the Feather River.	Western Pacific History Web Site by Frank Brehm		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1867.03.02	<b>Oroville</b>	Keddie and his crew made a two week trip to Oroville thru the mountains via the North Fork, arriving on March 2nd. The group left two days later to make the return trip to Quincy via the Middle Fork Route.	Western Pacific History Web Site by Frank Brehm		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1867.03.22	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Abandonment of claim to the Virgin Mine at Yankee Hill filled by M.H. Wells, A.B. Clark, Joel Wilson and S. Bliler; the Virgin mine was next to the 49 & 56 Mine. The abandonment was filed by G.F. Whiteman	1867 Butte County Book A of mining deeds, page 622		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1867.03.22	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Mining claim filed by G.F. Whiteman, Ed Goldman, John Rutherford, Mike Walsh, John Harold, John A Gallagher, C Cookley, Wm Lyon, Joel Wilson, S Bliler and Pat B Turnean. The claim to be known as the Venus Ledge consists of 10 150 ft claims known as the Virgin Ledge. The claim is next to the 49 & 56 mine at Yankee Hill. See Dec 1945	1867 Butte County Book A of mining deeds, page 622		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1867.03.26	<b>Quincy</b>	Keddie recommended a route down the North Fork. The North Fork was the longest route but at its highest point was lower than the Middle Fork Route. The North Fork route closely followed the Feather River so there was a concern for flooding. The concern with the Middle Fork route was dealing with the snow. The North Fork route had more twists and turns but it would have far fewer issues with snow. It was estimated the cost for the road would be about \$150,000. Keddie also noted the route had fewer grades so it would be suitable for a railroad, noting the North Fork route was nearly 2,000 feet lower than Donner Pass at its highest point. The investors in the wagon road project dropped their interest in the wagon road and turned their attention to a railroad.	Western Pacific History Web Site by Frank Brehm		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1867.03.26	<b>Quincy</b>	Oroville Virginia City Railroad Company is formed; the intent was to build a railroad route from Oroville to the Nevada border through the North Fork of the Feather River. While there was some hope the State of California would help finance the venture, the thought was with only two major towns on the route it would have to be financed independently from the state. The company was to be financed by the sale of \$5,000,000 in stock at \$100 per share and headquartered in Quincy. A map was created stating the route surveyed by Keddie and that grading was to begin in June 1868.	Western Pacific History Web Site by Frank Brehm		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1867.04.01	<b>Flea Valley</b>	G. Tebbe sells Flea Valley Ranch to J.M. Arbuckle and A.L. Fairbanks, 1/2 ownership each, 300 acres for \$500	1867 Butte County Book of Deeds pg 248		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1867.08.20	<b>Round Valley</b>	Population at Round Valley Indian Reservation is; Concow Indians, 90 men, 108 women , 18 boys, 20 girls. Pitt River 81 men, 78 women, 19 boys, 20 girls, Nylackee and Trinity River 96 men, 114 women, 21 boys, 14 girls,	Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for 1867		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1867.09.30	<b>Concow</b>	Cabin of miner John Riley burned. Note:as well Keddie's survey party at work for the Oroville & Beckwourth Pass Wagon Rd Co expect to be down to Concow next week.	Sacramento Daily Union 9-30-1867	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1867.11.16	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee ditch project; the gravel is as extensive as at Gold Run, Sucker Flat or La Porte; there are peculiar difficulties about getting water to Cherokee.	Weekly Butte Record 11-16-1867	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1867.11.16	<b>Butte County</b>	Butte County, so names because the "Buttes" are not within its limits.	Weekly Butte Record 11-16-1867	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1867.11.16	<b>Oroville</b>	California Northern Railroad ad, leave Marysville at 11:30 a.m., leave Oroville at 6 p.m.	Weekly Butte Record 11-16-1867	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1867.11.16	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	Ad for "Simpson's Old Stand" (hotel & ranch) in Oregon Gulch on the Cherokee road from Oroville is offered for sale on reasonable terms.	Weekly Butte Record 11-16-1867	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1867.11.16	<b>Oroville</b>	Mr. Keddie engaged in locating the Oroville and Beckwourth Pass Railroad. His party was at work near Cherokee and Pence's ranch.	Weekly Butte Record 11-16-1867	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1867.11.16	<b>Bloomer Hill</b>	Storm carried away the Mohican flume at the foot of Bloomer Hill on the North Fork of Feather river.	Weekly Butte Record 11-16-1867	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1867.11.16	<b>Cherokee</b>	Notice of Cherokee Flat Blue Gravel Company meeting with list of shareholders.	Weekly Butte Record 11-16-1867	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1868.00.00	<b>Butte County</b>	1868: County Lumber output 6,000,000 board feet	History Hutchinson Lumber Company by Barnes		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1868.00.00	<b>California</b>	1868: Government sets a price of \$2.50 per acre for railroads to buy up land along proposed railroad routes as long as it did not affect private property. Basically they could buy government owned land for \$2.50 per acre.	CPRR web page		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1868.01.00	<b>Quincy</b>	Arthur Keddie obtained his US citizenship in 1868. He was elected surveyor for Plumas County.	Western Pacific History Web Site by Frank Brehm		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1868.01.21	<b>Frenchtown/Yankee Hill</b>	John Adams Clark was born at Frenchtown. His mother was Kit-Yohema (Little Flower), daughter of Chief Bucchi who ruled the Concow Tribe during the gold rush. Frenchtown had a population of 500 in 1868. In 1901, Clark married Arila Petteys at Yankee Hill.	Memories by Mary Ellen Brown 1994		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1868.03.10	<b>Flea Valley</b>	James M Arbuckle sells his half of Flea Valley Ranch to A.L. Fairbanks for \$300 includes rents from any tenants. Fairbanks now has full ownership of 320 acres? (The title still technically would remain as two separate parcels of 160 acres each) (Note: the actual legal Government Patent for the property was not applied for until May 1882 under the name of Augustus L. Fairbanks for 160 acres. Dixie Rd now runs thru the property. The 1877 map of Butte County shows a house at the intersection of Dixie Rd and Concow Rd)	1867 Butte County Book of Deeds pg 594-595		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1868.03.10	<b>Flea Valley</b>	A.L. Fairbanks takes out a mortgage with James Arbuckle for \$300 on the 160 acre Flea Valley Ranch. The terms are 1/2 due in 1 year and the balance in 2 years. The record does not indicate if the loan was repaid.	Mortgage Book D Page 745, dated 3-10-1868		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1868.03.23	<b>Quincy</b>	A new bill was drawn up by the County officers in Quincy to offer bonds for the railroad at \$1,000 each at 10% interest per year, payable yearly and to be redeemed in 20 years. Taxes were to be raised in Plumas County to cover the interest. In addition 30% of the County's revenue would be applied to the railroad fund. When the plan was made public, the voters revolted. Meanwhile in Butte County not much had been done to move the project forward as many considered the venture folly. The project proceeded no further.	Western Pacific History Web Site by Frank Brehm		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1868.06.13	<b>Thompson's Flat/Bufalo Springs</b>	Letter from John C. Shepherd of Beckwourth Valley to Joseph Lee of Thompson's Flat states a man by the name of Bronson and his wife and daughter were recently killed by the Indians near Buffalo Springs. Letter also states Dave Patterson, formerly of Oroville, had been killed by the Indians. Total annihilation of the Indians is requested from the military authorities.	Weekly Butte Record 6-13-1868	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1868.06.20	<b>Cherokee</b>	The Blue Gravel Co. has attached a whistle to their engine, which can be heard over the hills and far away. Other Cherokee Flat correspondence.	Butte Record 6-20-1868	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1869.01.00	<b>Quincy</b>	Keddie was appointed United States Deputy Surveyor. He traveled back to Canada and married Margaret Douglas Barnes, returning to Quincy where they had four children between 1873 and 1881. Over the next 30 years Keddie would be approached by several groups seeking his services who were interested in building the railroad.	Western Pacific History Web Site by Frank Brehm		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1869.01.05	<b>Lime Saddle</b>	Chatham Baltimore registers a promissory note from H.A. Moore for \$450 for the purchase of a house and lime kiln located as follows. A certain tract or parcel of land bound and described as follows. Commencing on what is known as the Walker & Wilson ditch where it empties its water into a reservoir and follows up said ditch eighty rods (1320 feet) thence in an easterly direction 80 rods (1320 feet) thence in a southerly direction fifty rods (825 feet) to a certain black oak thence in a westerly direction to the place of beginning. Together with the lime kiln, houses and all other fixtures on the land. The note was for \$450 at 2% per month due in full by May 1, 1869. (It appears Baltimore built several houses on the property. This place was known as Reservoir House) See Dec 9, 1865	Book E Pages 127-128		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1869.01.08	<b>Butte County</b>	Old miners mining old mines; as well Kennedy Flume Co. has 40 acres of diggings and Messrs. Wardwell & Co. near Table Mountain is producing large quantity of rich blue gravel.	Butte Record 1-8-1869	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1869.03.03	<b>Butte Valley</b>	People petitioned for land to be taken from Stoneman School District and create the Butte Valley District with a proposed school east of Butte Creek.	1882 History of Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1869.09.20	<b>Concow</b>	Battelle of Sierra Valley has been awarded the contract to survey Concow Valley and Inskip. He will undoubtedly also survey Humbug Valley. The land is to be laid out in quarter sections	Sac Daily Union 9-20-1869	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.00.00	<b>Santa Clara</b>	1870 census shows Joseph Burr Mullen (Aug 1842-Nov 1934) living in Santa Clara, works as carpenter. (see 12-17-1870 entry)	1870 Federal Census		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1870.00.00	<b>Chico</b>	1870: Chico starts to outgrow Oroville. Population of Chico 3,714; Oroville 2,430—largely due to shift towards ranching. In 1875, Butte County produced 3,170,500 bushels of wheat. In 1879, Chico went after the trade that Oroville was enjoying, supplying freight to the mountain areas.	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.00.00	<b>Frenchtown</b>	1870: Frenchtown - Anton Hodapp from Germany and his family starts a ranch on Nelson Bar Road.	Patents Book 152 Page 165 & 479		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.02.10	<b>Butte Valley</b>	Stoneman District rallied to have the land in Butte Creek returned to the Stoneman School district.	1882 History of Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.02.19	<b>Cherokee</b>	The valuable placer mines of this area have lain almost dormant the present winter because of lack of water. One fourth of a million dollars should have been thrown into circulation if there were water.	Butte Record 2-19-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.03.26	<b>Cherokee</b>	New stage line from Oroville to Cherokee, John McEldowney Proprietor. He is running a four horse coach. Same issue mentions petition to raise money to repair the road from Oroville to Cherokee.	Butte Record 3-26-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.03.26	<b>Cherokee</b>	Sudden death of Levi Thomas, an old and respectable citizen of Butte, died suddenly at his home on Cherokee Ravine yesterday.	Butte Record 3-26-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.03.26	<b>Cherokee</b>	Miner name Cushman employed by the Cherokee Mining Co. was buried by a cave on Tuesday morning; he was doing well at last accounts	Butte Record 3-26-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.03.26	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee-Oroville Stage runs daily. Leaves Cherokee at 7 a.m. and arrives at Oroville at 3:00 p.m. Stops at Oregon City and Oregon Gulch. Fare is \$1.00. John L. Lewis, Proprietor.	Butte Record 3-26-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.04.09	<b>Butte County</b>	Quarterly appropriation of county school funds for Butte County 4-6-1870; mentions Cherokee \$23.54, Chico 73.48, Messilla Valley 7.48, Oroville 62.48, Oregon City 8.14, Rock Creek 9.14	Butte Record 4-9-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.04.16	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about mining in Butte County. Mentions the White & Co claim, as well as gallingers, Moore's, Young's and others, all along the bluff. Also mentions the Kennedy Flume Company who purchased 40 acres from Mr. Ord, the owner of the Fernandez Grant. They have extended the flume through the 40 acres via an open cut and tunnel. They believe this is the only claim in the state where the miners are working a placer claim to which they own the title in fee..... and with the introduction of water into Cherokee Flat, Butte County must soon exceed all former annual products of Gold Dust.	Butte Record 4-16-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.04.16	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley Canal and Mining Company incorporates with \$600,000 of capital stock at \$500 per share. Trustees are Egbert Johnson, Geo. C. Perkins, Bartlett Doe, Richard Alby and H.B. Lathrop. Offices in San Francisco. Intend to bring water to Cherokee for placer mining.	Butte Record 4-16-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.04.23	<b>Cherokee</b>	I.O.O.F. Anniversary to take place at Cherokee on Tuesday the 26th, the 51st anniversary of the introduction of the order into America.	Butte Record 4-23-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.04.23	<b>Cherokee</b>	Large ad for I.O.O.F. Celebration at Capt. Moore's new Hall. Tickets \$4.00 M.H. Wells from Yankee Hill was part of the reception Committee	Butte Record 4-23-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.04.30	<b>Cherokee</b>	Odd Fellows Anniversary at Cherokee. The 51st. anniversary was celebrated with bands from Chico and Oroville. 200 people sat down for an extended dinner.	Butte Record 4-30-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.04.30	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	List of honor students for the month, Messilla Valley School District: Emma White, Clarence White, Augusta White, Watt Pence, Bell White, Carter Vanness, Wm Applegate, Fanny Pence, Gertrude Heckart, Eugene Vanness, Frank Knox, Wm Snyder, Samuel Dewey.	Butte Record 4-30-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1870.05.14	<b>Butte County</b>	Obituary for Capt. H. A. Good (Hi Good) recently killed by Indians on Deer Creek. A pioneer Indian fighter, his body was riddled with bullets and his head smashed to jelly. He is known for his arrest of robbers of the Magalia Wood's Stage several years ago. Note: Hi Good participated in tracking down the Indians who killed the Robert Workman family in Concow. He only participated in Indian raids when he felt their death was appropriate. He did not like the Mill Creek Indians which he felt caused most of the problems in Butte and Tehama Counties. He supposedly had 40 Indian scalps hanging from a tree outside his cabin in Vina. Hated by the Indians for his brutality, he was killed by his longtime Indian companion, Ned. See 8-7-1865	Weekly Butte Record 5-14-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.05.14	<b>Cherokee</b>	It is reported that the iron pipe for the Spring Valley Water Co at Cherokee is to be brought from San Francisco by the California and Oregon Railroad and landed in the vicinity of Dry Creek at four dollars per ton. There are several hundred tons of it.	Butte Record 5-14-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.05.14	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	The other day a Frenchman engaged a Spaniard in the discussion of politics, which continued until both parties became greatly excited. The Frenchman picked up a double barrel shot gun and discharged it into the Spaniards side, another Mexican was shot in the head, but the shot was high riddling his hat. The Spaniard shot in the side is thought to be mortally wounded. The Frenchman was put in jail. It is stated the Frenchman accused the Mexicans of being a cowardly race, and the Mexican retorted by saying that the French had been kicked out of Mexico. Whereupon the Frenchman boiled over and began shooting. It was later shown that the Mexicans were the aggressors, and as they were deemed sufficiently punished, all parties were discharged. One Mexican has been sent to the County infirmary and the other is still in Oregon Gulch but presented a ghastly appearance.	Butte record 5-14-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.05.28	<b>Cherokee</b>	Partners have been examining the country between Cherokee and Nelsons Station on the California and Oregon Road with a view of locating a wagon road for hauling the iron pipe for the Spring Valley Canal and Mining Company. Same issue, talks about seventy workers starting work on the canal for the water to Cherokee (from the proposed dam site).	Butte Record 5-28-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.05.28	<b>Cherokee/Oregon City</b>	Cherokee Flat exhibition got great praise and attendance. In addition to Mr. Halstead's quartz mill in Oregon City, the Derrick mill will start soon. Report that M. H. Wells of Yankee Hill had been burned at the stake in an Indian fight proves to be false. Oregon City school has one of the best lady teachers in the County.	Weekly Butte Record 5-28-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.06.04	<b>Cherokee</b>	The wagon road from Oroville to Cherokee is in a better condition than ever before. Laborers are working at several locations removing rocks and smoothing the road. It will be one of the best mountain roads. Same issues talks about the increase in strangers traveling thru Oroville.	Butte Record 6-4-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.06.04	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article about water to Cherokee and the impact it will make upon the local area's and Butte County's economy.	Butte Record 6-4-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.06.04	<b>Cherokee</b>	Letter from Traveler - published about a play in Cherokee with actors dressed up as statues. Well written long article about the play. "Goddess of Liberty", "Faith" and "Sweet Recollections of Childhood" as well as others were depicted..	Butte Record 6-4-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.06.18	<b>Cherokee</b>	30 carloads of pipe are now at the Oroville station for the Spring Valley Water Company. Enough for four miles of pipe.	Butte Record 6-18-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.06.18	<b>Cherokee</b>	Travel between Oroville and Cherokee is increasing rapidly. Both stages start off loaded down with passengers every day. Cherokee will soon be the liveliest town in the state.	Butte Record 6-18-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.07.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Mining was no longer an affordable venture for most individuals. Operations required large amounts of capital.	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1870.07.00	<b>Concow</b>	Census relabeled Yankee Hill, Rich Gulch, Frenchtown, Spanishtown, Flea Valley and Pulga as part of Concow Township. Prior years they were part of Oregon Township which included Cherokee, Oregon City, Pentz and Messilla valley.	1870 Federal Census		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.07.00	<b>Oroville</b>	Census shows William H. Mullen (brother to Joseph Burr Mullen who moved to the valley later that year) & Charles W. Mullen (father) have Oroville post office address?	1870 Federal Census		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.07.30	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article about water to Cherokee Flat. Should have been done long ago, will generate business for Oroville.	Butte Record 7-30-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.09.10	<b>Cherokee</b>	Work progressing on Spring Valley Canal & Mining Co. ditch	Butte Record 9-10-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.09.24	<b>Cherokee-Concow</b>	Article about Spring Valley Mining Company pipe laying progress. Four teams of horses used to carry the pipe from Oroville to Cherokee. Four more teams deliver it to the actual site of the work. The ditch extends to the Concow Valley.	Butte Record 9-24-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.10.01	<b>Cherokee-Concow</b>	Article talks about visit to Cherokee to see the progress of the Spring Water Mining Company. Mentions previous to this effort, the mines could operate for three to four months with water collected in reservoirs in a three mile area in the direction of Oregon City. Now with the two and one half miles of 30" pipe and the new ditch, the added 30 miles will keep the water flowing. About 200 men are working on the project. The Concow Creek will supply 200 to 300 inches of water.	Butte Record 10-1-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.10.15	<b>Concow</b>	Spring Valley Water Company has almost finished laying the existing pipe. Will extend the ditch 12 to 15 miles past the Concow area to guarantee water flow all year around.	Butte Record 10-15-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.10.25	<b>Lime Saddle</b>	Augustine Parrish buys Baltimore's 160 acre lime operation at Lime Saddle for \$400. He operates three kilns. It takes about 1 week to burn a single batch of lime. He marries Martha Bunnell in 1871. Parrish had several mining claims in the mid 1860s in Butte County. (see Curtis family 1934 sale to Arthur Bunnell)	Book K, Page 134-135		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.10.29	<b>Concow</b>	Population listed as white male - 185, female - 56, colored (Chinese) male- 237, female - 14, total population - 492. Foreign born male - 309, female -19, real property value - \$10,700, Personal property - \$51,300.	Butte Record 10-29-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.10.29	<b>Cherokee</b>	Pipe delivered to Cherokee was 400 feet short. It was assumed the pipe missing had been shipped to the Spring valley Water Company of San Francisco by mistake. The pipe was reshipped to Cherokee. The pipe will soon be in place and then the pipe laying will cease for a time. The ditch from the upper end of the pipe is complete to Concow, which will furnish a supply of water for use during the winter - Concow creek being a living stream of several hundred inches.	Butte Record 10-29-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.11.12	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article talks about the Spring Valley Mining operations. Mentions that a new nozzle has been purchased that will throw 800 feet of water with 150 lbs pressure. It is hoped it will soon be undermining Sugarloaf and Table Mountain, dumping the tailings in the Feather River.	Butte Record 11-12-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.11.12	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	Tunnel being built from foot of mountains in Messilla Valley to mining operations at Cherokee. It will be 1 1/2 miles long and be used to drain the placer diggings. Compares it to the Suro Tunnel and talks of importance of the Cherokee operations.	Butte Record 11-12-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.11.12	<b>Cherokee</b>	Ad for Cherokee Hotel; Chambers & Diamond, Proprietors.	Butte Record 11-12-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.12.10	<b>Cherokee</b>	Ten car loads of pipe arrive for the Spring Water Company to be used in their dams at the reservoirs.	Butte Record 12-10-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.12.10	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	M.S. Wells passed through town on his way to his old home in Philadelphia. Of course he will bring back with him a Philadelphia belle.	Butte Record 12-10-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1870.12.17	<b>Cherokee</b>	Hydraulic Pressure - Accident at Spring Valley Water Co. during a test of the new pipe due to defective iron on a manhole in the deep ravine of the West Branch which is the thickest portion of the pipe because of the high pressure generated there.	Butte Record 12-17-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.12.17	<b>Concow</b>	Wm. Mullen writes letter to Butte Record complaining about brother's (Joseph) luggage and household goods being mis-handled at the Nelsons Station upon arrival. Joseph Mullen had a wife and one year old child at that time.	Butte Record 12-17-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.12.24	<b>Cherokee</b>	Long Article about the Spring Water Mining Company testing the 30 inch round pipeline, some sections 3/8 inch thick, from Concow to Yankee Hill and across the West Branch burying it in a depression up and down a 800 ft drop through a trench to Cherokee. A test three weeks earlier had failed. Large crowds line the route to see the sight and witness its success or failure. Forty minutes passed before the water successfully reached Cherokee.	Butte Record 12-24-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.12.31	<b>Spanishtown/Cherokee</b>	N. Pinckston, 18 years old, saw a California lion in the act of devouring a wild hog weighing 150 lbs. He then had his dog tree the lion and later shot the "monster" through the head with his rifle. The California lion weighed about 200 lbs, measured 8 feet 4 inches in length from snout to end of tail. The fat around the kidneys alone produced a gallon of pure oil. Also Mr. George C. Vinton married Miss Martha Evans in Cherokee Flat. Note: The August 1870 Census states Martha's last name was Edwards and she was Mr. Vinton's maid at that time.	Weekly Butte Record 12-31-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1870.12.31	<b>Cherokee</b>	New hotel opened by David Johnson. Grand ball the following Friday.	Butte Record 12-31-1870	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.01.01	<b>California</b>	Stephen Powers spends 2 years among the California Indians and tries to identify the various tribes. A series of articles appear in the Overland Monthly written by Powers. In his later book, he mentions General Bidwell's assessment that the Concow are the largest tribe in the area. Powers doesn't disagree but has some comments on that statement. He did visit the Feather River area, including Concow Valley. He compares the dialect of the Concow Indians and Chico Indians with the Indians of Auburn and Lathrop. He publishes a chart showing the similarity in pronunciation of numbers between the Concow, Yuba, Nishinam and Wapumni Indians. In 1877, he publishes "The Tribes of California".	Tribes of California by Stephen Powers edited by Robert Heizer 1976		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.00.00	<b>Butte County</b>	Between 1871 and 1883 Butte County had the largest hydraulic mining operations in the world.	YHHS research		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.01.05	<b>Deadwood</b>	First burial at the Tebbe family cemetery--- Ida Tebbe born 9 March 1865, daughter of Gerhard & Ellen Tebbe. This cemetery is near the Deadwood Cemetery.	Paradise Genealogical Society, Sites & Cemeteries Book 5		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.01.07	<b>Cherokee</b>	Water again running thru pipe at Spring Valley Water & Mining Co.	Butte Record 1-7-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.01.07	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article in the Scientific Press about hydraulic mining in Cherokee. Graph gives profile of hydraulic pipe laid in Butte County. It further explains how the pipe was made and the principle of the water moving up and down grades through the pipe to achieve pressure at the nozzles used in Cherokee.	Scientific Press 1-7-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.01.07	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	Atrocious murder of William Reese. See Obituaries.	Weekly Butte Record 1-7-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.01.14	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	Man charged for William Reese's murder is Robert Donald, the countryman of his unsuspecting victim. Also California Northern Railroad trains are now running as follows: Leave Oroville at 11 a.m. returning, leave Marysville at 2 p.m. This takes Cherokee and Chico passengers through to San Francisco in one day.	Weekly Butte Record 1-14-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.01.14	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article about the excitement and new businesses at Cherokee, including new hotel run by Mr. Bligh and Mr. Johnson. Also in separate article, Spring Valley Water Mining Co. has 3-4 hydraulic chiefs that can throw 1000 inches of water	Butte Record 1-14-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1871.03.11	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley Mining Company has found a rich deposit of blue gravel running under Table Mountain and is bound to soon become rich. Cherokee Flat "most flourishing & important mining locality in the state".	Butte Record 3-11-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.03.25	<b>Cherokee</b>	Various ads, one for J.M. Brock hardware store, Oroville and another ad for Dr. France drug store, Cherokee.	Butte Record 3-25-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.04.01	<b>Cherokee</b>	Ad for Eagle Hotel, recently constructed, D. Johnson proprietor, and Cherokee Hotel, John Chambers proprietor, both in Cherokee	Butte Record 4-1-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.04.22	<b>Cherokee / Nimshew</b>	The ditch carrying water of the Cherokee Mining Company will be extended to Nimshew. Mining interests in Nimshew are excited about the prospects, several new claims are filed. Also article about Ex Senator Hendricks of Indiana soon visiting Cherokee, (he is currently running for President.).	Butte Record 4-22-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.04.29	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	Camp meeting is to be held in the vicinity of Pence's Ranch, Messilla Valley, today. Rev. Mr. Briar, Jr. has been invited to preach there on Monday.	Weekly Butte Record 4-29-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.04.29	<b>Cherokee</b>	Ads for Cherokee businesses, Dr France Cherokee Drug Store, U.S. Mail Line Oroville to Cherokee, T.A. Van Norden Watches and Jewelry. Also Park & McCurdy Druggists, Oroville, Rideout, Smith & Co. Bankers, Oroville.	Butte Record 4-29-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.04.29	<b>Concow</b>	Mullen sawmill burned April 7th. Wm. H. Mullen looking for investor to rebuild. Mill surrounded by sugar pine timber. Note: The mill was built in 1869. Wm. H. Mullen lost everything after the mill burned, including his half of the property (160 acres) left him by his father Charles W. Mullen at Concow Reservoir. (The property was acquired by Wm. Farley). For the next three years Wm. Mullen was a team driver hauling lumber from Flea Valley.	Butte Record 4-29-1871, Oroville Daily Register 1-13-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.06.03	<b>Cherokee</b>	Miss Susan McDanel, daughter of Thomas McDanel, murdered with a knife by George Sharkovich, an Austrian age 30 to 35 years, when Miss McDanel refused to marry him. A five thousand dollar reward was offered for his capture.	Butte Record 6-3-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.06.10	<b>Cherokee</b>	Capture and Death of the Monster - First thought to be held up on Bloomer Hill, Sharkovich was captured at the toll house of the Bidwell Bridge three days later. While trying to disarm Sharkovich, he was shot three times by a Mr. Bendle and killed. Later his body was returned to Cherokee where an angry crowd dowsed it in kerosene and burned it on a pile of wood. (3 page article)	Butte Record 6-10-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.08.12	<b>Oregon City</b>	Quartz mill owned by Mr. Nesbit burned. The property was insured for \$8,000.	Butte Record 8-12-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.09.02	<b>Cherokee</b>	Judge Samuel Glass passes away from dropsy. He was 71 years and three months old. He immigrated to this state in 1849 and lived in the area ever since.	Butte Record 9-2-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.09.16	<b>Cherokee</b>	John Williams, formerly employed on the Hendrick's Ditch, stabbed Thomas Moran in a local saloon. Williams entered the saloon challenging anyone to a fight. Morgan would have died but Williams knife blade broke.	Butte Record 9-16-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.09.23	<b>Cherokee/Concow</b>	Rough mining area is being girdled with canals. Huge piles of pipe are now at the area once known as Reservoir House above Pence's ranch. These are believed to be for the Hendrick's Ditch. Three or four ditches are being extended to the West Branch and Butte Creek area.	Butte Record 9-23-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.09.23	<b>Inskip</b>	New quartz mill being established by R.F. Derrick of Oregon City. Four stamps are being installed.	Butte Record 9-23-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.10.07	<b>Cherokee</b>	Barber and Ragan of Cherokee Flat are now engaged in the pipe making business for the Indiana Hydraulic Company's ditch. The pipe is being made on the spot of use and measures 40 inches in diameter.	Butte Record 10-7-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1871.10.07	<b>Morris Ravine/Cherokee</b>	Ex-Senator Hendricks of Indiana passed through town on Tuesday morning on his way to Morris Ravine to observe the progress made upon the Hendricks Ditch. The company expects to do considerable mining the present season.	Butte Record 10-7-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.10.18	<b>Pentz</b>	Burglary and arson 1 mile from Pence's Ranch, Messrs.. Ensbury & Brown; 2 gold watches and \$70 in coin	Sacramento Daily Union 10-18-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.10.21	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley Mining Company sells the ditch and mining property to an English company for \$1,200,000. George C. Perkins who owned 1/6th interest will make \$200,000.(Note: Perkins was a store owner in Oroville)	Butte Record 10-21-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.11.11	<b>Cherokee</b>	New school district. The people of Butte Creek had a meeting to raise funds at the Cherokee Ditch Company building opposite Helltown on Butte Creek for the new school. They raised \$90.	Butte Record 11-11-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.11.20	<b>Concow</b>	W.H. Mullen sent us a 15 lb cabbage with the outside leaves removed to show us the products of the valley.	Sac Daily Union 11-20-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1871.12.30	<b>Concow</b>	Article about the dam. Spring Valley Company has just finished their dam making the Concow Valley into a reservoir. It is 80 feet high and holds several hundred acres of water. The reservoir holds enough water to support mining into July. The ditch running to Thompsons Flat is running with water.	Butte Record 12-30-1871	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.00.00	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	School district organized. 1872 tax voted in to build a school house. (Original school now in Concow-- was this the Oregon School built in 1865 which was moved to make room for a larger school and rebuilt?) The school was moved in 1879.	History of Butte County 1882		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.00.00	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	School moved from first site to midway between Pence's ranch and the ranch of E.J. Davis at the crossing of Deer Creek	1882 History of Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.01.13	<b>Concow</b>	Concow Dam, 80 ft high and built last summer, is partially cut away because it is about to overflow. The resulting water flow washes away about 30 feet of the dam.	Butte Record 1-13-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.01.13	<b>Cherokee</b>	Superintendent at Spring Valley Mining and Canal Company of Cherokee, H. B. Lathrop, Sr., brought down a bar of bullion weighing \$8,600. The gold dust of Cherokee Flat is the purest and best on the coast and is worth \$20 per ounce. Miners at Cherokee are all busy after the storms supplied every ravine with a sluice head of water.	Butte Record 1-13-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.01.20	<b>Oregon City</b>	Meeting held at P.C. Foster's saloon to propose revising the mining laws for the district. E.A. Halstead was called to the Chair, P.C. Foster acted as secretary. It was moved that W.C. Hendricks, H.C. White, John Winford, Thomas Gallvan and John Nisbet be appointed a committee to revise and amend the laws of the district and report on the third Saturday in February. On motion the former committee was discharged and the meeting adjourned till the third Saturday in February. P.C. Foster Sec. Oregon City Jan 20th 1872	Letter in County Clerks office Book #2 Oregon Gulch District. Copy in Yankee Hill Historical Society archives.		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.02.17	<b>Nelson Bar Ravine</b>	Antoine Williams, of Portuguese decent, was found in the ruins of his burned cabin. He had been stabbed and the body was badly burned. It was assumed he was in a quarrel and died from the stabbing. The cabin was burned to destroy the evidence.	Butte Record 2-17-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.03.02	<b>Cherokee</b>	Patrick McGuire, a miner for some time in Cherokee, was injured in a cave in. His foot and leg were severely crushed and he had chest wounds. The doctor wanted to amputate the leg but Patrick would not allow it. He was sent to San Francisco, where he had relatives, in an attempt to save his leg. It was felt the prospects were dim.	Butte Record 3-2-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1872.03.09	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article about the local paper staff visiting Cherokee. The article gives a favorable view of the community, mentions there are 30 members of the local church. A nice school and the people are friendly. Mr. Eppinger is the superintendent of the operations of the Spring Valley Mine. The water, however, is not yet running in the Hendrick's ditch because of slides and other damage. Water is essential to the operation being successful.	Butte Record 3-9-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.03.09	<b>Cherokee</b>	Temperance lecture - Mrs. Felton, a successful temperance lecturer, has been making the tour of the lower counties. Last Saturday evening she lectured at (at) Gridleys, and on Sunday evening at Biggs. She plans to lecture at Chico, Tehama, Oroville at the Court House, then Cherokee. The lectures are free, contributions being taken up at their close.	Butte Record 3-9-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.03.14	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Entry into M.H. Wells store ledger for \$75.00 for use of a team for 27 1/2 days to Wm. H. Mullen for bridge.	Ledgers in Butte County Historical Society Archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.03.16	<b>Cherokee/Messilla Valley</b>	Long article about lawsuit by farmers along the line of Dry Creek which passes through Messilla Valley, because of possible damage from the Cherokee mining operations. Mentions damage done by the 1861/62 high waters and the damage done then in Yuba County. Talks of concern that the damage that could be done by the mines here with their new operations which could be much worse.	Butte Record 3-16-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.04.20	<b>Oregon City</b>	Mentions there is no correspondent for the paper in Oregon City since Mudsil passed away who signed his articles as "M". This writer signs off as Solo. Article talks about their one quartz mill, "Buffalo", being in operation at that time. On the 12th they had a ball in their new school house. Talks about the food that was served and the dress of the men and women at the ball. The ball was held to raise funds to liquidate the debt of the new school house-- they raised \$230. A cake donated by an Oroville firm was raffled off several times, once for \$20 and another time by the buyer for \$16. A book of Moores Poems was sold for \$22. Mentions their respect for good, moral, competent teachers (implies they need one)	Butte Record 4-20-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.04.20	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article about May Day Calico Ball to be held at Cherokee by H.P. Morrison. Article states Cherokee is becoming known for its social parties. Second announcement about Groves' El Dorado saloon to be found elsewhere in the paper.	Butte Record 4-20-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.04.20	<b>Oregon City</b>	Article about raising \$300 or \$400 for a new school house at Oregon City.	Butte Record 4-20-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.04.20	<b>Cherokee</b>	Legal notices - Spring Valley Mining Co vs Gregory has been tried and is under advisement.	Butte Record 4-20-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.04.20	<b>Butte County</b>	Various ads from Oroville, Ralzemond Parker Drugs and Medicines, Grand Ball United States Hotel, Rideout, Smith & Co Bankers, Dr. James M Vance Druggist. Ad from Cherokee for the El Dorado Saloon, George Grover Proprietor	Butte Record 4-20-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.04.27	<b>Cherokee</b>	One of two safe robbers in Shasta County was captured at the Cherokee Hotel. He registered as Boyd. The robber was transported to Chico by train but escaped when the deputy loosened his handcuffs because he complained they hurt. The robber then asked to go to the closet (toilet) and never returned.	Butte Record 4-27-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.04.27	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee Gravel Deposits - Article talks about gravel deposits at Table Mountain that the Spring Valley Mining Co. is working. Superintendent was Mr. Effinger.	Butte Record 4-27-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.05.04	<b>Chico</b>	The robber who escaped last week named Boyd has been caught. He jumped from the train and rendered himself senseless. He thinks he was unconscious for several hours. They are transferring him to Shasta and think they will have no more trouble from him.	Butte Record 5-4-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1872.05.06	<b>Big Bend</b>	A notice received in Oroville from Judge M.H. Wells of Yankee Hill, states that on Tuesday, April 30th, D.W. Hall, of Big Bend, North Fork Feather River, while out hunting found the dead body of William E. Clark, who was last seen alive on the previous Sunday. It is not stated how his death occurred; Clark was a native of Vermont and aged about fifty-one years.	Sacramento Daily Union 5-6-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.05.07	<b>Little Kimshew</b>	Wm Ramsey, W.J. Ryan, John Phalen and James Phalen file claim on Rim Creek for 2000 feet of tailings	Butte County Clerks office Book A Pg 738		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.05.18	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article about the need for a daily mail service from Oroville to Cherokee. Article mentions Captain Lewis has performed the service for years but only gets paid for 1 trip per week. People think this should be corrected.	Butte Record 5-18-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.05.18	<b>Cherokee/Oregon City</b>	The Hendricks ditch bringing the water around Table Mountain to his claims at the head of Morris Ravine was finally put through. The ditch will be extended next season to the West Branch. When the Cherokee Company shall have their ditch completed, Oregon Township will be the richest township in the state.	Butte Record 5-18-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.05.22	<b>Cherokee</b>	Joseph Miller Jr. buys butcher shop from Mathew Schwein for \$1,000. Lot size was 18 x 100 ft. (Joseph Miller's father, Joseph Miller Sr and his oldest son Wendelin Miller would arrive in the area by 1874 and eventually settle in 1883 on Nelson Bar Rd., they would also buy land in Cherokee)	Butte County Clerks Deeds book L page 282-83		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.06.07	<b>Butte County-Tehama County</b>	4 page article by Dan Delaney on Hi Good the "Indian Hunter" and history of his life. Note: Hi Good was a very controversial figure in the history of the relationship of the settlers and the Indians. See Obituary 5-14-1870	Northern Enterprise 6-7-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.06.22	<b>Oregon City</b>	Another article by Solo about Oregon City. The Mayor of Oregon City, Charles P. Fosten, was married to Mrs. E. Simpson of Cherokee by Squire Jones. Talks about music by the Cherokee Flat amateur musicians.	Butte Record 6-22-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.06.22		New mining law passed by Congress provides that on all claims located before May 11, \$10 worth of work shall be performed for each 100 feet of the claim until the patent is issued, but when claims are held in common, the whole amount may be expended on any part of the claim. On all locations made after that time, not less than \$100 per year must be expended. Limits the length of a claim on a ledge to 1,500 ft whether taken by an individual or a company.	Butte Record 6-22-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.06.29	<b>Cherokee/Concow</b>	Long article about the three mining companies working the Cherokee area. Mentions the Cherokee Flat Blue Gravel Company spending \$160,000 on improvements, the Cherokee Mining Company realizing about \$100,000 each season from their efforts, and the Spring Valley Mining Company who are completing 60 miles of ditch for water. About ten miles are finished and the rest will be complete by next season; they employ 80 people. The article also talks about the dam (Concow) which covers 350 acres with water, not being repaired yet. The company has still washed out \$200,000 in gold. The Hendricks ditch and mine should have water running by the 4th of July which will allow them to expand their operations.	Butte Record 6-29-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.07.06	<b>Thompson Flat/Cherokee</b>	Article about how rich the area would be if they had water. Mentions Cherokee as well.	Butte Record 7-6-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.07.13	<b>Butte County</b>	Article giving populations in Butte County. Notes drop in many areas such as Bidwell Bar from 1097 people in 1860 to 337 in 1870. Oroville dropped from 2429, of which 942 were Chinese in 1860, to a total of 1425 in 1870. Chico grew by 30% during this period. (In general, agriculture was growing as a business and mining was declining. That is also why Cherokee was given so much attention in the Oroville papers because it represented possible growth in the area because of hydraulic mining.)	Butte Record 7-13-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1872.07.13	<b>Cherokee/Messilla Valley</b>	Eagle Hotel ad in Cherokee. Also meeting of trustees of Cherokee Flat Blue Gravel Co in Cherokee Flat. Messilla Valley School teacher, Mrs. Curtis announces honor roll for June: Misses Mary Stewart and Ida Horn; Masters Eugene Van Ness, William Applegate, Watt M. Pence, Willie Stewart, Charles Hiatt.	Butte Record 7-13-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.07.27	<b>Oroville</b>	Long article about early mining days in the area. Talks about miners paying 50 cents per inch of water for their operations. Mines employed thousands of people in their day and could do so again if they had water for hydraulic mining.	Butte Record 7-27-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.07.27	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	The Messilla Valley School District to vote on August 17th on a \$550 tax to build a new school.	Butte Record 7-27-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.08.05	<b>Concow</b>	Rev J.W. Brier with his son Kirk from Cherokee bag two bears above the Concow Valley	Sac Daily union 8-5-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.09.07	<b>Concow</b>	Board of Supervisors approves the rerouting of Concow Rd based on site visit by M.H. Wells, G.G. Marquis and W.H. Mullen. The road was rerouted from an area near Rufus North's house north to the cabin of Rorabough, a distance of about 1 mile. (This rerouted the road near the lake about from where the lake caretakers house is today to a point 1 mile north, probably because of flooding.) See also 10-10-1967	Board of Supervisors minutes dated Sept 7, 1872 located in County Clerks Office		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.10.12	<b>Messilla Valley School</b>	Lists honor students for the month from Messilla Valley School. Mary Stewart, Eugene Van Ness, Fay Van Ness, Watt M. Pence, Clarence White, Frank Knox, Nora Knox and Euphemia Jones.	Butte Record 10-12-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.10.19	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about voting districts in Butte County, lists voting places. Cherokee voting to be held at Chambers Hall, Pence's voting to be held at Pence's house, Oregon city voting to be held at school house, Yankee Hill voting to be held at Wells store.	Butte Record 10-19-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.10.26	<b>Oroville/Cherokee</b>	Runaway wagon belonging to Tom Vinton of Cherokee caused some excitement in Oroville. The wagon was loaded with groceries for that place. The wagon ran down Myers Street and then up Bird Street and collided with a mule, killing the mule.	Butte Record 10-26-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.11.16	<b>Butte County</b>	Voting record for the individual precincts in Butte County, gives total number of votes per precinct. Oroville 297, Cherokee 142, Oregon City 46, Pence's Ranch 36, Bidwell Bar 29, Yankee Hill 44, Chico 305.	Butte Record 11-16-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.12.14	<b>Cherokee/Concow</b>	Telegraph line completed from Cherokee to the Western Union line at Wick's Ranch. The line extends along the Spring Valley canal to Concow Valley. The cost for ten words is 25 cents.	Butte Record 12-14-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.12.14	<b>Cherokee</b>	Masonic Elections - Table Mountain Lodge, no 124. F.A.A.M. Cherokee Flat, held its annual elections. The following were elected: M.H. Wells, E.J. Davis, D. Tryer, A. Burt Treas. H.M. Clemons Sec., A Thompson, T. Belew, M. Pence, O.P Powers, O. Cushman, W. Reese.	Butte Record 12-14-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.12.21	<b>Butte County</b>	Ad for hotels in Oroville, The Union Hotel , St Nicholas Hotel, United States Hotel, Louis W. Hoops Proprietor, Commercial Hotel, Charles St. Sure Proprietor. Also ads for Cherokee Hotel, John Chambers Proprietor and Eagle Hotel, H.M. Clemons Proprietor. Ad for Planters Hotel in Biggs, Philip Grein Proprietor and Union Hotel in Chico, B.F. Allen Proprietor..	Butte Record 12-21-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.12.21	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley Hotel to reopen under the management of H.M. Clemons. The facility has been completely refurbished. Ad in same paper. See Hotel ads 4-5-1873	Butte Record 12-21-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.12.21	<b>Butte County</b>	Various Ads - Spring Valley Hotel Cherokee. Ad for Grand Concert School Exhibition and Ball, for benefit of the Cherokee public schools. Ad for U.S. Livery Stable, Louis Hoops proprietor, Oroville. New lumber yard on Huntoon Street opposite Court House, George Miller owner. Ad for Henry Bird undertaking, Oroville.	Butte Record 12-21-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1872.12.21	<b>Cherokee</b>	Sugar Loaf Hydraulic Co. in Cherokee had meeting on 12/3 with assessment of \$5 per share levied upon the capital stock payable immediately; Charles Waldeyer, Secretary.	Butte Record 12-21-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.12.28	<b>Cherokee</b>	Nicholas Willoughby, long time manager of the Chambers Hotel in Cherokee, will open a boarding house in that place. John Chambers of the Cherokee Hotel drives a fast horse to an express wagon, and sends him over Table Mountain at a rate of \$2.40. The Eagle Hotel, Cherokee, will give a grand New Years ball at Vinton's Hall, on Wednesday evening next. See Hotel ads 4-5-1873	Butte Record 12-28-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1872.12.28	<b>Butte County</b>	List of major tax payers in Butte County. General Bidwell pays \$10,010.68 in State and County taxes. Judge Pratt's tax amounts to \$6,074.35, Geo W. Gridley pays \$3,227.20, D.M. Reevis pays \$3,016.53. The California and Oregon Railroad is taxed in the sum of \$17,150.67, The Hendricks Mining Company pays \$1,580.67, The Spring Valley Canal and Mining Company \$2,289.10, and the Cherokee Company paid \$2,283.60	Butte Record 12-28-1872	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.00.00	<b>Butte County</b>	1873: County Lumber output 62,000,000 board feet	History Hutchinson Lumber Company by Barnes		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.00.00	<b>Round Valley Reservation</b>	1873: Round Valley Indian Reservation holdings increased to 102,000 acres. However, the government was not able to make the white squatters leave the land.	"We Were All Immigrant Workers Here", William Bauer 2009		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.01.04	<b>Concow</b>	The Concow dam failed on Dec 27th because of water pent up from the recent heavy rain. The dam was the largest in the mountains, backing water up the Feather River 7 miles. Timber from the dam shortly thereafter, was found in the main channel of the Feather River all the way past Oroville. The damage---the original dam cost \$80,000 to build, the repair is estimated from \$60,000 to \$70,000.	Butte Record 1-4-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.01.04	<b>Concow</b>	Long report to the Board of Supervisors that will be forwarded to the State Controller on expenses incurred by the county. Wm. Mullen of Concow submitted a report of the condition of the roads in Concow as Road Overseer. The report was accepted by the Board. Mr. Mullen was paid \$36.77 for the year for his services in that position.	Butte Record 1-4-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.02.01	<b>Cherokee</b>	Lawsuits filed - Against Cherokee Flat & Spring Valley mining has attracted attention by mining interests around the state. Talks of visitors to the mines lately.	Butte Record 2-1-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.02.01	<b>Cherokee</b>	Consolidation of mining interests, Spring Valley and Cherokee Mining Company. Also article about accident at Cherokee.	Butte Record 2-1-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.04.05	<b>Cherokee</b>	Ad for Cherokee Hotel, Spring Valley Hotel and Eagle Hotel	Butte Record 4-5-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.04.14	<b>Flea Valley</b>	In the Certificate of Incorporation of the Sugar Pine Lumber, Flume and Mining Company approved March 28, 1872 and April 14, 1873, the company business was described as follows"...united and associated themselves together; and of buying and constructing ditches flumes, roads and bridges to be used in the transporting of lumber and other articles of merchandise for the business of said Corporation, and for the purpose of said mining for the precious metals. That amount of Capital stock of said Corporation shall be six hundred thousand dollars. The stock shall consist of 6,000 shares of \$100 each. David R. Daniels held \$250,000 in stock, Eugene McGrath held \$100,000 in stock, H.P. Hobbs held \$100,000 in stock, Joseph Willet held \$50,000 in stock, and David R. Jones held \$50,000 in stock. The affairs of said Corporation shall be managed by a board of three trustees. The names of the trustees who shall manage the concerns of the company for the first twelve months and until their successors are elected, are as follows, to wit: David R. Daniels, residence, Cherokee Flat, Eugene McGrath, residence Cherokee Flat, and Hans P. Hobbs, residence Flea Valley"	Per State of California Articles of Incorporation 1878		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1873.04.26	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley is working all their men to enlarge the ditch to bring water to Cherokee. Contract for 30 inch pipe should be complete by June 15th.	Butte Record 4-26-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.05.10	<b>Cherokee</b>	Gold brick weighing 25 lbs was delivered to Oroville, valued at \$25,000. Work on the ditch from Butte Creek is continuing. The pipe is being manufactured for conveying water from Dogtown Ridge to Cherokee hills and should arrive soon.	Butte Record 5-10-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.05.24	<b>Morris Ravine/Cherokee</b>	The road from Morris Ravine over Table Mountain to Cherokee was declared a public road. It is considered the most favorable route. Also William Stempel ranch for sale in Oregon Gulch.	Butte Record 5-24-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.06.07	<b>Oregon City</b>	Fire destroys the business of Mr. Cohn & Tabor. Fire was started by an oil lamp that Taber was lighting when he fell. The building and contents were destroyed.	Butte Record 6-7-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.06.07	<b>Cherokee</b>	Fire destroys James Diamond Saloon, the grocery store of Mrs. Jones, and the home of John Joseph. These buildings were located on the main street opposite the Eagle Hotel which is known as Lower Town. The fire started in the saloon. Diamond's loss was heavy but the building was insured for \$1,400. There was no insurance for the residence of Mr Joseph. Mr Diamond was severely burned in the fire.	Butte Record 6-7-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.06.07	<b>Cherokee</b>	John Henderson, the village blacksmith, suffered a broken leg when he jumped out of a wagon being driven by Mr. Morrison of Oroville who lost control. The accident happened between Cherokee and Oregon City.	Butte Record 6-7-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.06.28	<b>Cherokee</b>	Fire at Cherokee destroyed the saloon and dwelling of Harry Delph. Loss is estimated at \$3,000. Same issue talks about finding more diamonds. Also talks about how quiet it is in Cherokee because all the men are working on the ditch.	Butte Record 6-28-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.06.28	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	This school closed for the summer vacation with its third monthly entertainment. The members of this school have developed a high order of musical talent. Among the excellent things of the evening the following songs are especially deserving of mention: "Forget me not" by Miss Leonora Knox; Duet "Meet Me by the Running Brook" Miss Ida Horn and Mrs Curtis; "A Farmer's Wife I'll Be" Miss Helen May Patterson, and "Ten Thousand Miles Away" by Merton Knox. The comical face "The Man With A Demijohn" was given in a most comical style by Eugene Van Ness, Watt M. Pence, Charles A Heitt and William Stewart. The following is the Roll of Honor of the school: Georgia Comstock, Eugene Van Ness, Watt M. Pence, Willie Stewart, Charlie Hiet, Louis Carr, Samuel Hiet, Eugene Carr, Clarence White, Wayette Van Ness, Leonora Knox, Henry Davis and Merton Knox.	Butte Record 6-28-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.07.07	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee Flat, new canal of Spring Valley finished, cost \$75,000	Sacramento Daily Union 7-7-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.09.06	<b>Cherokee</b>	Two gold bricks from Cherokee are brought to Oroville. One weighed 142 lbs and another 27 lbs. They were valued at \$50,000. This is the first month's run since securing permanent water (from Concow dam) at the mine. Note: the value of gold was then \$18.49 per ounce, at \$1,000 per ounce this shipment would have been worth \$2,272,000	Weekly Butte Record 9-6-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.09.27	<b>Cherokee</b>	Fatal accident at the Cherokee Mine. Two men, one named McNeveitt and the other Michael Whalen, were buried by a cave in. Mr. Whalen died when a pipe hit him on the head.	Weekly Butte Record 9-27-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.09.27	<b>Cherokee</b>	Ad for Barber & Ragan makers of iron pipe at Cherokee Flat. Sheet iron and tin on hand at all times.	Weekly Butte Record 9-27-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.11.08	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Messrs. (John H) Richie, (Eugene) McGrath & Co., have commenced the erection of a sawmill, probably the largest in the county, situated about 17 miles from Cherokee at Flea Valley. The equipment is being purchased in Marysville. (The project was called the Flea Valley Lumber Mill site and included four partners, John H Richie, Eugene McGrath, J.G Orr, H.P. Hobbs all were from Cherokee. This site would later - late 1930s? - be called Rag Dump Circle)	Weekly Butte Record 11-8-1873	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1873.11.10	<b>Flea Valley</b>	J.G Orr of Flea Valley sells 1/6 interest in land known as Flea Valley Mill site to D R Daniels of Cherokee Flat for \$400	County Clerk Book of Deeds, Book M p 674		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.11.22	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article about cleanup (end of month) at the Spring Valley Mine. Should be sending a large brick down soon. Company declaring a dividend of \$40,000 per month on capital stock of \$4,000,000. They are purchasing the water rights of L. Dewey in Inskip for \$15,000 to acquire more water for mining. They are looking into purchasing rights farther up from there. They are also purchasing ranches in the Rio Seco for a dump for their tailings. These actions should guarantee the operations of the mines year round. (Note: Before the Spring Valley Co started purchasing water rights and building dams, the Cherokee mines operated about three months per year.) Mr. Pullman has announced his intention of paying \$500 for a bridge across Dry Creek at Crum's Ranch so the public will no longer condemn the actions of the mines at Cherokee.	Weekly Butte Record 11-22-1873	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.11.29	<b>Cherokee</b>	Long report on the gold production in Butte County. Since the Spring Valley ditch has been completed in July, the mines in Cherokee have produced \$175,000 in four months. The entire Butte County produced \$1,036,000 in four months. Same issue article about the Spring Valley Co., sending a \$62,000 brick of gold down to Oroville from Cherokee for 1 month's work.(Note: large bricks were produced to try and discourage theft during transportation.)	Weekly Butte Record 11-29-1873	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.12.06	<b>Cherokee</b>	Fire at Cherokee. A Chinese laundry in Middletown caught fire destroying the building and the barn belonging to Mr. Waldeyer.	Weekly Butte Record 12-6-1873	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1873.12.06	<b>Magalia</b>	Eugene McGrath of Cherokee sells 1/2 interest in the Leonard (Also known as the Empire) mill 8 miles above Magalia to Benjamin Casey of Flea Valley. For payment of \$2325 includes all the equipment.	County Clerk Book of Deeds, Book N p 61-62		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1874/75 tax rolls list the following land owners at Yankee Hill. From North to South along Yankee Hill Rd., Anton Hodapp (160 acres), W.H. Sweetman (80 acres), M.H. Wells (40 acres), A.B. Clark (40 acres), Caleb Nix (160 acres), Sam Knowlton (160 acres), James Smith (10 acres). See map. The Venus Quartz Company is also listed as in Yankee Hill with M.H. Wells as the agent. The 49 & 56 Company (quartz mine) was listed as in Yankee Hill (formerly owned by M.H. Wells, see 1866).	1874/75 tax rolls in Butte County Historical Society Archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.00.00	<b>Jordan Hill/Spainishtown</b>	1874/75 tax rolls list following property owners. A.W. Thompson is listed as owning 160 acres 1 mi South of Jordan Hill, Gerhard Tebbe is listed as owning 40 acres at Deadwood Gulch, Michael Linnin is listed as owning 10 acres 1/2 mi North of Spainishtown with a Vineyard. Theodore Busch owned a lot and house in Spainishtown.	1874/75 tax rolls in Butte County Historical Society Archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1874/75 tax rolls list following property owners at Concow Reservoir, Robert Wirst (160 acres NW end of lake), G.G. Marquis (160 acres NE end of lake), Wm Fasley (160 acres NE side of lake), Joseph Mullen (160 acres NE side of lake below Fasley), and Rufus North (320 acres SE end of lake). Wm Mullen (40 acres) is listed as owning property at Big Bend. See map.	1874/75 tax rolls in Butte County Historical Society Archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.00.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	1874/75 tax rolls list following property owners. Sugar Pine Lumber, Flume and Mining Company, located 2 1/2 mi above Flea Valley, owned 160 acres valued at \$200, 3 wagons valued at \$275 and 14 oxen valued at \$700, implements and engine valued at \$1500. A.L. Fairbanks owned 160 acres at Flea Valley. (Note: I believe he started a hotel at Flea Valley for the lumbermen and miners, see 1886)	1874/75 tax rolls in Butte County Historical Society Archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	The following mining claims in the Concow area not mentioned previously, paid taxes in 1874/75. Wm. H. Mullen mining claim at East Chauci - \$100. G.F. Scott, and the estate of Alex Campbell, 10 mining claims at Gravel Rouge known as the Scott & Campbell Claims - \$2,000. Wm. Ramsey & Co., Mining Claim on Little Kimshew known as the Ramsey Claim - \$400. Gravel Rouge Mining Co., owned by Morris & Co., known as the Kappmeyer Claim - \$2,000. J.V. Good, 8 mining claims at Sugar Loaf, bounded by the A. Campbell quartz ledge. The claim is known as the Louisiana.	1874/75 tax rolls in Butte County Historical Society Archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1874.01.07	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Eugene McGrath of Cherokee sells 1/6 interest in the land known as the Flea Valley Mill site 2 miles above the Flea Valley Ranch to David R Daniels for \$425	County Clerk Book of Deeds, Book N p 81-82		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.01.08	<b>Flea Valley</b>	H.P Hobbs of Flea Valley sells 1/6 interest in the land known as the Flea Valley Mill site and the machinery now on the road to Eugene McGrath for \$300	County Clerk Book of Deeds, Book N P 289		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.02.07	<b>Cherokee</b>	Ad for the US mail line between Oroville and Cherokee, John Lewis Proprietor. A daily stage, a fine Concord Coach, will run between the two places. The stage leaves Cherokee each morning and arrives in Oroville in time to connect with the cars to San Francisco. On Saturday the stage leaves Oroville after the arrival of the stage from Susanville.	Weekly Mercury 2-7-1874	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.02.09	<b>Flea Valley</b>	J H Richie of Cherokee sells 1/6 interest in land known as the Flea Valley Mill site on Fall Creek for \$500 to John Daniels. Note: 1874 tax records show Richie's only assets were \$300 in cash	County Clerk Book of Deeds, Book N p 190		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.02.23	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley Co. had cleanup valued at \$73,000 for a month's run	Sacramento Daily Union 2-23-1874	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.03.05	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Joseph Willet of Cherokee sells his cabin and mining claim on Fall Creek running north 1/2 mile known as the Rowbore & Stanley claim to Flea Valley Lumber Company for \$75.	County Clerk Book of Deeds, Book N Page 288		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.04.01	<b>Flea Valley</b>	About this time the new owners (D.R. Daniels, John Daniels, Eugene McGrath) incorporated the Flea Valley Lumber Company as the Sugar Pine Lumber and Mining Company and began to seek additional investors. It appears the sales were done by Richie and the others because the scope of the project enlarged when it was decided to build flumes to Pentz. Flumes for lumber was a fairly new concept developed in Nevada. Plus the financial panic of 1873 must have been a concern.	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.05.01	<b>Cherokee</b>	Eugene McGrath of Cherokee sells house in Cherokee for \$350. Note: 1874 tax records show McGrath's assets as house at Cherokee bounded on North by Wellington Hotel, lot \$50, Improvements (house) \$100, Furniture \$50, wagon \$50, horse \$75, watch \$75. Tax records note the assets were sold to the state (settle tax lien?).	Butte County Tax Records located at Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.05.28	<b>Rock Creek</b>	Water claim by Sugar Pine Lumber Co for 1,000 inches, miners measurement, of the water from Little Rock Creek and all its tributaries for lumber and mining from the mouth of mining company flume to be conducted in a flume or ditch on an ordinary ditch grade conducted around the west side of the ridge to Fall Creek to said company mill. H.P. Hobbs, Sect of said claim.	Butte County Clerks Office Mining Claims Book B Page 120 May 28, 1874		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.06.09	<b>Flea Valley</b>	"The Sugar Pine Lumber, Flume and Mining Company had a place of Business at Cherokee Flat in Butte County, California. The capital stock was \$600,000 with a total of 6,000 shares. The names of trustees were David R. Daniels, Eugene McGrath, Hans P. Hobbs. The date of filing was June 9, 1874"	Butte County Articles of Incorporation, 1852-1897 Vol 1 194-195 - certificate copy of Secretary of State Certificate filed May 4, 1878.		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.07.25	<b>Rock Creek</b>	Water claim by Sugar Pine Lumber Flume and Mining Co for 1,000 inches measured under a 4" pressure the water from Little Rock Creek and all its tributaries for the purpose of running lumber in a flume to our dumping place near Pence's Ranch to be taken out at or near the posting of this notice at the lower end of Wright Damas Flume to be conducted in a ditch and flume sufficient to carry the same on an ordinary ditch grade to Fall Creek to said company flume. H.P. Hobbs Secretary at the request of D.R. Daniels July 25, 1874 Recorded March 29, 1875 Editors Note: (The lumber dump was at Sinclair Flat, in 1854 a ditch was cut from Little Butte Creek to Sinclair Flat, In 1880 Thomas Lewis Vinton had a hydraulic mining operation near there as well)	Butte County Clerks Office Mining Claims Book B Page 182 July 25, 1874, History of Butte County 1882		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1874.10.14	<b>Flea Valley</b>	On October 14, 1874, a promissory note was written between Sugar Pine Lumber Flume and Mining Company to Daniel Hilton. The note promised to pay Daniel Hilton \$5,000 in gold coin with a rate of one and one quarter percent per month in like gold coin. This promissory note was secured". . . with the saw mill known as the "Defiance Mill" together with all the machinery tools etc., and also all the land upon which the same is situate with a (?) space around the same situate in Concow township in the County of Butte State of California North about three miles above "Flea Valley" in said township also all of the lands timber or otherwise situate in said Concow township...said lands being situate adjoining and adjacent to the saw mill aforesaid containing two thousand acres more or less... Also all of the water rights or privileges from the West Branch of Feather River or otherwise now owned or claimed by said party of the first part connected with said corporation in said County of Butte. H.P. Hobbs Secretary, Eugene McGrath President. (indenture satisfied on 3-28-1876)	Butte County Mortgages, Book H, Page 301-305		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.10.19	<b>Flea Valley</b>	... "claim all the waters of the West Branch of Feather River to be taken out or near the point where a copy of this notice is posted, it being about one mile below Dogtown in Butte Co Cal., said waters to be diverted by means of flumes and ditch of a capacity sufficient to carry three thousand inches miners measure, on ordinary ditch and flume grade the terminus of said ditch is to be at or in the vicinity of St. Clair Flat in said County, and said waters to be used for mining irrigating and manufacturing purposes" E. McGrath; H.P. Hobbs, D.R. Daniels, J.H. Richie, and J. Willet were listed as stockholders in the Flea Valley Lumber Company	Butte County Water Claim, Book B, Page 151		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1874.12.07	<b>Big Bar</b>	John and Martin Gramps, brothers of German descent file a water claim on Dobsco Creek in Bidwell Township with said water to be sent through a flume about 1 mile to the base of Dutch Hill, opposite Big Bar on the North Fork of the Feather River for mining and irrigation purposes. (Note: The Gramps brothers had been in Butte County since the 1850s.)	Mining Claims Book B Page 153		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.00.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	1875: When the Cherokee, Eureka, Table Mountain and Welch mining claims are added to the Spring Valley Mining operations, the name is changed to the Spring Valley Mining & Irrigation Company and new capital stock is issued worth \$5,000,000.	Diggins Vol 25 #4 1981, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.00.00	<b>Deadwood</b>	1875: Gerhard Tebbe moved into family home at Deadwood. Deadwood Sanitarium started one mile West a short time later. New Tebbe home established at the sanitarium site. Dr. Ah Sang, a miner at Yankee Hill who arrived in California about 1850, establishes the sanitarium with the help of Gerhard Tebbe. Dr. Sang was born about 1825 in China. He married Gong Foulk at Yankee Hill on May 26, 1882. The Tebbe family sold the facility to Dr. Sang about 1886/87. Dr. Sang moved to Chicago around 1891. In 1902, Dr Sang was judged to be insane and later died in March, 1903. The Deadwood Sanitarium had as many as 150 patients at one time.	1964, Vol 8 #2, Diggins, Butte County Historical Society & Genealogical Goldmine Vol 39 printed by the Paradise Genealogical Society in 2006		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.00.00	<b>Big Bend</b>	1875: Samuel Knowlton starts farming at Big Bend. He homesteads 160 acres. By 1880 Knowlton had company at Big Bend, Horatio Legget (father-in-law to Wm Pinkston) was farming 160 acres, David Hall farmed 158 acres and Eli Piper farmed 120 acres.	Knowlton, Leggett, Hall land patents, 1880 census		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.01.01	<b>Cherokee Flat</b>	Claim to Board of Supervisors by Joseph Willet of Cherokee Flat filed a claim due to carelessness and neglect of the Road Overseer to repair and keep in a safe condition a certain bridge situated near the residence of W. H. Farley in Concow Valley; the claimant with horses and wagon was thrown into the stream and was seriously injured in his back and otherwise was made lame and sick so that he is unable to work. He is asking for damages in the sum of \$4,845.50; one horse was killed and wagon damaged.	Weekly Mercury 1-1-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.01.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	1874/75 tax rolls list following property owners. Sugar Pine Lumber, Flume and Mining Company, located 2 1/2 mi above Flea Valley, owned 160 acres valued at \$200, 3 wagons valued at \$275 and 14 oxen valued at \$700, implements and engine valued at \$1500.	1874/75 tax rolls in Butte County Historical Society Archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1875.01.01	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Mining in the North Fork: A miner from some 15 miles above Yankee Hill reports difficulty getting food and lumber down to the river but few miners are now at work. Grampz (Gramps) and brother are still at work on the old claim having bought out the rest of the company. The claim pays \$10 a day to the man and all the lumber they use for fluming is cut out with a whip saw. When the Feather River Wagon Road is built, it will be one of the most populous mining districts in the State.	Weekly Mercury 1-1-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.01.01	<b>Clear Creek</b>	E. D. Clark of Clear Creek gave a ball at his Clear Creek hotel on Christmas night.	Weekly Mercury 1-1-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.02.04	<b>Concow</b>	School erected near Spanishtown, two miles North of Yankee Hill. (Not sure who donated the school and property, possibly A.L. Thompson, an early settler who owned a 160 acre ranch nearby)	History of Butte County 1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.02.06	<b>Concow</b>	Fatal accident at Dana's mining claim in Concow. John Kernan went to work on a stump at the claim and was crushed when it fell against him crushing his head against a ledge. He was a native of New York, 34 years of age.	Sac Daily Union 2-6-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.02.12	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	Long two column article by Mrs L.A.B. Curtis (wife of J.G. Curtis of Nelson Bar) school teacher at Messilla Valley School about proposed changes to text books. As a teacher she is opposed to the new changes. Talks about commencing the study of Latin when she was ten or eleven. Also mentions the value of great literature. Apparently these areas were affected by the changes.	Weekly Mercury 2-12-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.02.12	<b>Butte County</b>	Ad for new remedy, Dr. Radcliffe's great remedy, to be sold by Wm. H. Mullen. He proposes to visit each town and mining camp in the county with his new medicine and introduce it. Bottles 50 cents and \$1.	Weekly Mercury 2-12-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.02.12	<b>Cherokee</b>	The suit of Creed Haymond against the Spring Valley Canal and Mining Co. for \$9,700 was settled by arbitration. The matter was referred to Judge Sexton, Judge I. S. Belcher and P.O. Hundley and the sum allowed was \$3,500. New arrivals in town were Creed Haymond and wife of Sacramento and M. R. C. Pulliam of Cherokee.	Weekly Mercury 2-12-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.03.12	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Article about Sugar Pine Lumber Company mill is located in one of the best timbered areas in the state. Last Fall the company started a flume that when completed will dump the lumber at a point near Pence's ranch. After building a mile they had to stop because of the weather. A gang of men is now put to work to finish the flume. The company treasury has the resources to finish the project. The flume will be complete about the first of September.	Weekly Mercury, 3-12-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.03.29	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Water claim by the Sugar Pine Lumber Company for water from Camp Creek and all tributaries of said creek for 1,000 inches measured under a 4" pressure for the purpose of running a flume to our dumping ground near Pence Ranch in a ditch and flume to carry same on an ordinary ditch grade to Fall Creek to said flume. Daniel Hilton, Superintendent, March 29, 1875.	Butte County Clerks Office Mining Claims Book B Page 182, 3-29-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.04.02	<b>Dry Creek/Cherokee</b>	We learn the Shear Ranch on Dry Creek was sold to the Spring Valley Canal and Mining Company on Tuesday for the sum of \$10,000. This was the last of the ranches on this creek to be bought by the company. Mr. Shear had commenced a suit against the company for damages for covering up his ranch, but the company preferred to buy the ranch. They now own the entire creek down as far as the railroad, and below that they have let a contract for building 18 miles of levee, so that thereafter we shall not hear of any more ranches being covered up by their tailings.	Weekly Mercury 4-2-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.04.09	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Brief article about the hardware house of J.M. Brock in Oroville sending 4 tons of nails to be used to build a flume. He has sent 12 tons of materials in the last two weeks most of it to be used at Flea Valley. The article states the parties living in the mountains and on ranches do their trading at this house because the prices are as cheap as anywhere in the area.	Weekly Mercury 4-9-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1875.04.09	<b>Cherokee/Longs Bar</b>	Proposal for a road from Longs Bar to reach Cherokee. The people at Longs bar are now stranded due to a road alignment by the County. A road from there to Hendrick's Road would connect the people with Cherokee. A bridge, costing a few hundred dollars, would have to be built across Morris Ravine. Article suggests the county pay for the bridge.	Weekly Mercury 4-9-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.04.09	<b>Cherokee</b>	A detachment of men from the Spring Valley Company, at Cherokee armed with rifles and shot guns, and under the command of Gen Gregory, came into town last Friday, bringing with them results of a clean up after running five weeks. They had 3 large bars of gold, one small one, all valued at \$73,000. The returns the company gets from the mine are about the same each month, they usually bring \$60,000 when they run a month.	Weekly Mercury 4-9-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.04.09	<b>Oroville</b>	William H. Mullen put his horse in the stable of C. T. Topping for the night. The saddle and bridle were taken off and put in another part of the stable. When he went to feed his horse at 9 o'clock, he discovered the stable door open and found the saddle and bridle were gone. The horse was young and would permit no one to enter the stall except the owner and probably this was the reason the thieves did not take and old soldier's coat.	Weekly Mercury 4-9-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.04.16	<b>Pentz Nelson Bar</b>	The home of J.G. Curtis was entered the other day, in the absence of the family and thoroughly ransacked for valuables. A purse containing six or eight dollars was emptied and papers were evidently examined in search of bonds or greenbacks. A savage Bulldog will immediately mount guard on the Curtis Ranch.	Weekly Mercury 4-16-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.04.16	<b>Flea Valley/Cherokee</b>	Members of the Good Templars Lodge at Cherokee have discontinued their "mite meetings". These gatherings were very attractive and successful in gathering young men from the low haunts and encouraging them in forming good habits and seeking good society. Also man from Flea Valley was thrown from a Spanish mustang and got his face badly bruised.	Weekly Mercury 4-16-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.05.00	<b>Kimshew</b>	L A Snow mine tax assessment 316 acres Township 24 4e sec 32 and 360 acres in Township 24 4e sec 31, \$1398. Improvement sect 32 \$480, Sect 31 \$700. Mining ditch at Little Kimshew \$300, mining claim on the Little Kimshew \$400, improvements \$300. Merchandise \$300, 1 wagon \$75, 2 harnesses \$70, 2 cows \$50, 1 calf \$8, 18 cattle \$15, jackass \$40, hogs \$25, watches \$15, furniture \$50, 40,000 shakes \$120. Total value \$4266 taxes \$85.32 (2%)	1874/75 tax rolls in Butte County Historical Society Archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.05.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	A.L. Fairbanks Flea Valley Ranch taxes assessed value 160 acres \$200, Improvements \$300 (note: typically a house alone was \$100), 1 wagon \$25, Tools \$12, 2 horses \$60, 4 cows \$80, 6 cattle \$70, 6 hogs \$15, Furniture \$100, Poultry \$8. Taxes paid \$17.40 Record notes property has not been surveyed. (questioning the actual acreage? Fairbanks may have abandoned the other 160 acres to avoid taxes)	Butte County Tax Records located at Butte County Historical Society	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.05.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	Henry A Fairbanks 1874 taxes paid on a house in Cherokee bounded by Mrs. Howard, lot \$50, improvements (house) \$100, Notes owed to him \$400, 1 cow \$20, Watch \$15, furniture \$40	Butte County Tax Records located at Butte County Historical Society	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.05.18	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	First burial at the cemetery in Yankee Hill. Charles Smith, 60 years, died at Nelsons Bar, resident of Concow.	Paradise Genealogical Society, Sites & Cemeteries Book 5	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.05.28	<b>Jordan Hill</b>	Almost everyone has heard of the Porter gold mine at Jordan Hill. For a long time this mine has been in court, but now we believe it is owned by an English company who are engaged in repairing the old tunnels and drifts with a view of again having it worked. Last year the men in the tunnel struck the ledge at a depth of 250 feet and found it to be as rich as any of the owners could wish. There is an old 12 stamp mill near the mine that has not been used for some seven years, and the building is in a dilapidated condition. The new owners will repair the stamp mill. The ledge formerly paid well, but pinched out. Now that they have struck it so deep they think it will last.	Weekly Mercury 5-28-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.05.28	<b>Concow</b>	A small cinnamon bear was shot and killed last week by Aaron Burt of Cherokee near the flume of the Sugar Pine Lumber Co in Concow Valley.	Weekly Mercury 5-28-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1875.07.16	<b>Cherokee</b>	The Spring valley Mining Company, Cherokee Flat, sent the banking house Rideout and Smith & Co. on Thursday three bars of gold weighing 200 lbs, avoirdupois, and which were valued at \$63,000. The company has about 12 golden harvests each year, the amounts varying from \$60,000 to \$22,000 each clean up.	Weekly Mercury 7-16-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.07.16	<b>Cherokee Flat</b>	W. H. Williams of Cherokee nominated for Supervisor at an adjourned meeting of the Republican Convention held in Boyer's Hall, Cherokee Flat. John Nisbet, Secretary Convention.	Weekly Mercury 7-16-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.08.15	<b>Big Bar</b>	John and Martin Gramps file individual mining claims on the North Fork of the Feather River at Big Bar, located on 20 acres. The claims were witnessed by Wm Duensing.	Mining Claims Book B page 246-47		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.08.20	<b>Cherokee/Pentz</b>	Figures reported on the Spring Valley Canal and Mining Company operating expenses. Dividends amount \$235,000, Expended upon ranches \$328,550 (cost of buying ranches on Dry Creek and surrounding area to handle slickens, mud runoff), Expenses on ditches and pipe \$143,381, Claims incurred during this time \$96,647. Total expenses \$801, 588, income \$1,617,157.	Weekly Mercury 8-20-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.08.27	<b>Flea Valley</b>	County Assessor's report gives statistics about businesses in Butte County. There are 19 saw mills, 15 are steam and 4 are water powered. Lumber sawed was 48,700,000 feet, shingles made were 1,600,000. Mentions a comparatively new enterprise of using flumes to convey lumber from the mountains. There are two at this time but only the Butte Flume and Lumber Company is in operation as of this date, moving lumber from the head of Chico Creek in Tehama County to the valley near Chico, it can carry about 100,000 feet a day and transport all types of wood including posts, cords of wood, shakes, etc. The Flea Valley Mill Company flume is under construction, it is complete to the Concow Valley, a distance of about 10 miles. The flume will cross the West Branch by means of a wire suspension. Also notes there are 11 mining ditches in the county totaling 330 miles using about 8,000 inches of water a day. There are 4,713 registered voters in the county. (another article mentions the population at about 20,000)	Weekly Mercury 8-27-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.08.27	<b>Butte County</b>	Population of Butte County 20,000	Weekly Mercury 8-27-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.09.03	<b>Pentz</b>	A.E. Crum offers his ranch for sale on the road leading to Pence's ranch at a bargain. It is a rare chance for a farmer that does not wish to carry on the business largely. (Crum's ranch was a well known stop at the time and served as the voting district voting place)	Weekly Mercury 9-3-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.10.01	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	Those in want of lime will be pleased to learn that work has been resumed at the old Curtis lime quarry, at Nelsons Bar, on the West Branch and C.S. and J.G. Curtis have just burned a kiln of the finest lime to be obtained in the state. This lime was well known and justly celebrated for its superior quality ten or twelve years ago, but owing to the difficulty of getting it across the river, work was suspended. The proprietor has commenced the business again this summer, however in an enterprising manner, has built a store-house on the old West Branch ferry road, and is now prepared to furnish lime, which experts pronounce unsurpassed.	Oroville Mercury 10-1-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.10.01	<b>Pence Post Office</b>	Ad for lime. Having repaired the old Nelson Bar Lime Kiln, we are now ready to furnish the best article of Lime in the State. Orders to be sent to C.S. & J.G. Curtis at Pence's post office.	Weekly Mercury 10-1-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.10.02	<b>Cherokee</b>	Add for Nelson Bar Lime Quarry, orders to be sent to C.S. & J.G. Curtis at Cherokee.	Butte Record 10-2-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.10.02	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	Brief History of Nelson Bar. At one time had a hotel, store, saloons and numerous dwellings. At this time there is one solitary Chinaman digging for gold there. Also mentions Curtis Ferry and the lime deposits there.	Weekly Butte Record 10-2-1875	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1875.12.13	<b>Pentz</b>	Henry Sewell Curtis and Joseph Gould Curtis purchase 20 acres near their father's home on Pentz Road. Joseph Gould Curtis and his wife Lucy Beal Curtis arrived in California about this time.	Indenture book B, page 219-220	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1876.00.00	<b>Chico</b>	1876: Alvinza Howard and a partner, multi-millionaires, former Great Lakes lumbermen formed the Sierra Flume and Lumber Co.	Matches, Flumes and Rails by Kent Stephens		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1876.00.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	1876: Rock Creek Mill Constructed 2 1/2 miles North of Fall Creek	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1876.00.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	1876: A.L. Fairbanks marries Margaret Kenyon, they have three children, Mabel in March 1876, Willard in 1878 and Monroe Sanford Fairbanks in Dec 1879, all born in Flea Valley	Genealogy.com		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1876.02.12	<b>Cherokee</b>	Ad for sale, G.W. France Drug Store at Cherokee, Butte County. Doing a good business and capable of being greatly increased.	Weekly Butte Record 2-12-1876	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1876.03.00	<b>Pentz</b>	It was reported that raisins were being cured at Durbin's Ranch at Pentz	History of Butte County 1918		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1876.03.03	<b>Flea Valley</b>	On March 23, 1876, Sugar Pine Flume Lumber and Mining Company indentured their holdings to H. and S. Cohn for the sum of \$10,156.67, and"... was to be repaid in gold coin with a monthly interest of one and one-quarter per cent per month. The indenture covered all parcels or tract of land premises property, mill engine, boiler and machinery, water rights and privileges, and lumber flume situate lying and being in Concow Township. All the lands and premises claimed owned...T23N, R4E, North held of Section 13. Also the steam saw mill located thereon known as and called the "Defiance Mill" together with the engine, boiler, saws, machinery, tools, and appurtenant thereto and used in or connected in any manner with the working or use of said Mill and also land upon which the same is built or constructed with a convenient and necessary space around and about the same for its use and purposes and all the timber lands adjacent and adjoining thereto belonging to or claimed by the said party of the first part containing about two thousand acres in T23N, R4E. Also all of the water rights and privileges taken from the West Branch of Feather River or any other source, now owned and claimed by the said party of the first part". At this time, David R. Daniels was President and Eugene McGrath was Secretary of Sugar Pine Lumber Flume and Mining Company. The note indicated their occupations were milling and mining. The Cohn's by occupation were merchants. This indenture was satisfied in full on Sept 31, 1876.	(Butte County Mortgages, Book I, Page 627-631		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1876.05.20	<b>Pence</b>	The Federal Point Mining Company in Nimshew Township Butte County are at work driving a tunnel of 600 feet by which they expect to fully open up their claim; they are now at 300 feet. They have already had several streaks of good paying gravel. A "gang of Chinamen" are at work at Farnham & Co. claim near the Oroville depot and are taking out \$500 worth of dust each week. Dr. Stearns took out \$1200 of the "celebrated" Willard quartz claim in Butte County. Severe hail storm 2-3" at Pence's	Sacramento Daily Union 5-20-1876	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1876.07.12	<b>Kimshew</b>	L. A Snow claims 2000 inches of water at the fork of Rock Creek that runs from the Spring Valley Lake to be taken in a ditch about 1 1/2 miles more or less to below the lake and runs in a southwest direction to Kimshew. I claim all the Rock Creek water above said ditch. Ditch to be 4 ft on top and 2 ft on bottom 2 1/2 ft deep.	July 18, 1876 Book of mining claims pg 260		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1876.07.12	<b>Kimshew</b>	L.A. Snow claims the lake known as Spring Valley Lake for a reservoir to be used for mining and milling purposes at Kimshew. Also the right to raise the water of said lake 10 feet higher with a dam and hold the same back until the dry season	July 18, 1876 Book of mining claims pg 260		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1876.07.15	<b>Little Kimshew</b>	Water claim by the Sugar Pine Lumber Company for water from Little Kimshew and all tributaries of said creek for 1,000 inches at a point about 1/2 mile from (William) Ramsey, (William Doall) Ryan & Co mining claims, for the purpose of running a flume to the head of Fall Creek for the Defiance Mills. July 15, 1876, H.A. Fairbanks - Secretary, J.M. Brock requested filing	Butte County Clerks Office Mining Claims Book B Page 260 July 18, 1876		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1876.09.23	<b>Chico</b>	Article about Sierra Flume and Lumber Co completing its lumber mill. Progress has been at an amazing rate. Lumber has been received at the mill at a rate of 900,000 feet a week for the last several weeks. Crew primarily Chinese but promises to hire whites in the near future. (Sierra Lumber Company was Flea Valley Lumber Company's biggest competitor, eventually putting Flea Valley out of business). Same issue an ad for the mill announces locations in Chico and Red Bluff	Weekly Butte Record 9-23-1876	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1876.11.03	<b>Flea Valley</b>	On November 3, 1876 a promissory note was written between Sugar Pine Lumber Flume and Mining Company and George M. Taylor and Benjamin F. Allen of the banking house of Rideout, Smith & Company of Oroville, for the sum of \$33,500.66. This note was to be repaid in gold coin within one year and had an interest rate of 1.25% per month. G.M. Taylor was listed as President and H.A. Fairbanks Treasurer. (It's interesting to note here that the indenture to George M. Taylor & Benjamin F. Allen was sold the following day to J.M. Brock. J.M. Brock was a principal stockholder of the Oroville Lumber Company. After the tax lien sale to J.M. Brock, Oroville Lumber Company became the owners of the Sugar Pine Lumber, Flume and Mining Company holdings. No transfer or sale of these holdings to the Oroville Lumber Company by J.M. Brock was located.)	Butte County Mortgages, Book J, Page 244-247		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1876.12.00	<b>Flea Valley/Concow</b>	Sugar Pine Lumber, Flume and Mining co had a 23 1/2 mile long water flume for transporting logs built by the Sugar Pine Lumber, Flume and Mining Company from the head of Flea Valley (Rag Dump) through the upper portion of the Concow Valley to Saw Mill Hill, ending at Sinclair Flat near Pence's Ranch. Cost \$3,000 per mile to build for flume, \$4,000 per mile for ditch	History of Butte County 1882, 1918		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1876.12.21	<b>Big Bar</b>	Big Bar claim - We the undersigned claim 13 claims of 100 yards each on the North Fork of the Feather River and extending back to the center of the hill. Said claims are located commencing at the lower end of what is known as the Gramps Boys Claim and extended down said river 3900 ft and located for the Big Bar Hydraulic Gravel Co. C. Waldeyer, B.P. Hutchison (Hutchinson), Geo Dyer, D. Powell, J.C. Logan, D.K. Perkins, John J Smith, J.W. Burt, John C Gray, J.M. Brock, O.W. Fogg, J. Sivley, A. Fitts.	Book B Page 284 Mining Claims, 12-21-1876		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1877.01.00	<b>Chico</b>	Sierra Flume and Lumber Co. in Chico was the largest single lumber co in the world. They had 10 sawmills and 156 miles of flume, 23 miles of tramway (peeled log rails), 250 miles of telegraph lines. They employed 1200 men and sold over 43,000,000 board feet of lumber at \$10 - \$12 per thousand feet	Matches, Flumes and Rails by Kent Stephens, History of the Hutchinson Lumber Co 1920 -1927, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1877.01.09	<b>Big Bar</b>	Filed - Articles of incorporation of the Big Bar Hydraulic Gravel Company. Capital \$2,000,000 in shares of \$100 each. Directors - Charles Waldeyer, B.P. Hutchison (Hutchinson), James C Logan, J.M. Brock and John J Smith. The principal place of business will be in Oroville.	Sacramento Daily record 1-9-1877	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1877.03.16	<b>Pentz</b>	Article about Pence mentions the beautiful valley and the beautiful works of art in the region. The Flea Valley lumber flume crosses the river about three to four miles below Dogtown and is a grand piece of work. It can be seen winding its way gracefully around the bluff, running fifty to a hundred thousand feet of lumber daily to enrich and beautify the country. Davis & Company's ditch running parallel a few hundred feet above, is a splendid piece of work. It will carry an immense quantity of water, and will be completed in a short time.	Weekly Mercury 3-16-1877	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1877.04.07	<b>Cherokee</b>	A Chinese flume robber was killed by Mr. James Beatson, watchman on the upper flume of the Spring Valley Mining and Flume Company, on Wednesday morning last. The company has been running this flume for several weeks and toward the head it was rich in amalgam. The robbers reached the flume and climbed over the side where they were seen by Beatson. The three robbers ran and Beatson fired two shots from a shotgun and two shots from a pistol. One robber ran about a 100 yards and pitched over the side of the flume landing on a rock about 10 feet below and crushed his head, the others escaped. A track of blood suggests another robber was hurt. A set of tools for flume robbing was found on the dead robber.	Butte Record 4-7-1877	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1877.05.08	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Sugar Pine Lumber Flume & Mining Company mortgaged title to holdings in the town of Oroville to Thomas Callow and George W. Stevens for the sum of \$2,000 in gold coin to be repaid with interest of one percent per month. The collateral for the mortgage was: .all that certain piece or parcel of land known described on the official map on Plat of the Town of Oroville Lot number three and a part of lot number four in Block Number twenty one and bounded as following commencing at the South East Comer of Bird and Huntoon Streets one hundred and thirty five feet and six inches three at right angles one hundred and thirty two feet southerly. Thence at right angles westerly fifty six feet, thence northerly thirty three feet thence westerly at right angles eight feet to the East line of Huntoon Street thence northerly thirty feet then westerly at right angles Eighty feet to the East line of Huntoon Street ninety eight feet nine inches to the place of beginning and now recorded as the Benner Stable property..." G.M. Taylor was listed as President and R.H. Allen as Secretary.	Butte County Mortgages, Book J, Pages 677 - 678		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1877.05.08	<b>Oroville</b>	Sugar Pine Lumber Company buys 1 1/2 blocks in Oroville. Property borders Bird and Huntoon streets. Price paid was \$2,000 to Callow & Stevens	County Clerk book of deeds, Book Q Page 230		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1877.06.14	<b>Rock Creek</b>	Rock Creek Lumber, Flume and Mining Company issues a mortgage assigning the assets as collateral to Abram Wolf & Co. for three loans of \$4328.33 each. Wolf was the President of the Corporation at the time the loan was made. H.A. Fairbanks was the Secretary. Wolf died in April 1878. See 4/12/1878. The assets were later mortgaged to George Parry for \$5,000 see 2/1/1879	Butte County Mortgages Book J Pages 727,728,729,730		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1877.07.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Flume for lumber industry in Flea Valley collapses, seven injured, two die.	History of Butte County 1918		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1877.07.06	<b>Flea Valley</b>	On July 6, 1877, an article of a fatal accident with 200 yards of the flume falling at the Flea Valley in the <i>Weekly Mercury</i> . Patrick Bacon, Richard Watson, Charles Campbell, Stevens and a Chinaman were trying to fix a log jam on the flume about 75 feet in the air. They had been shaking several log jams loose when Watson cried out "Run boys, for Gods sake, the flume is falling". Watson and the Chinaman ran up the flume while the others ran down the flume. Watson was killed when a large timber hit him in the head. Bacon was crushed under the timber and died. Bacon was from Ireland and 30 years old, Watson was from Kentucky and 28 years old. The article claims the V-flume was the Flea Valley Flume, it in fact was V-flume of the Sugar Pine Lumber Flume and Mining Company. The article provides a rare glimpse of how logjams were moved and the danger of working on the flume held.	Weekly Mercury 7-6-1877	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1877.08.08	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Sugar Pine Lumber Flume and Mining Company mortgaged their holdings to J.M. Brock of Oroville. This mortgage was for the sum of \$14,763.40 dollars to be repaid in gold coin in one year with interest in gold coin at the rate of 1.25% per month. The mortgaged holdings included: all those certain pieces parcels or tracts of land premises property mills, engines, boilers and machinery, water rights and privileges ditches and lumber, flumes situate lying and being in Concow and Oregon Township of Butte... Also all the lands and premises claimed held or owned by the first party in Township 23 North, Range 4 East particularly the North half of Section thirteen in said Township on which is situated the Steam Saw Mill called and known as the Defiance Mill, with the engine boilers, saws, machinery and tools belongs thereto and used in connection therewith and in running and using said mill, and the land on which it is situated and also all the timbered lands situated in said Township 23 North Range 4 East and 'all the other timbered lands adjacent and adjoining...Also all the water rights and privileges taken from the West Branch of Feather River, Swamp Creek, North Valley Creek and Little Rock Creek or any other creek or source of water owned or claimed by Sugar Pine Lumber Flume and Mining...also the V flumes to the terminus of said Companies work at or near Pence's Ranch: also the South East quarter of the North East quarter and the East half of the South East quarter of Section 24 Township 21 North 4 East and containing 120 acres...is known as the Flea Valley Mining Co. claims together with all the improvements, mill, barn, lumber, dump flume, pipe for hydraulic pressure, machinery for mining said mill and mining claims, and all the tools and appliances used in connection therewith with the right of way for water ditches and flumes and iron pipes over any lands leading to said premises, also all the lumber upon said premises or to be delivered thereon by means of said flumes and ditches during the lifetime of this mortgage, also all the manufactured material made by said Mill and machinery located on said premises: also all the oxen, or work cattle in use or belonging to said first party in connection with said mills, also all the trucks, wagons, logs, chains, ox-yokes, harness and horses in use by or owned by said company in connection with its mills, yards or works: also all the lumber manufactured by said Company at the Defiance Mill...also all the right title, interest claim and possession in and to the North half of Block number 21 in the town of Oroville..." G.M. Taylor was listed as President and R.H. Allen as Secretary.	Butte County Mortgages, Book K, Pages 6-9		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1877.08.17	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	Lime from Curtis brothers lime kiln at Nelson Bar used in building the United States Hotel. It makes the whitest and best finish that we have ever seen.	Weekly Mercury 8-17-1877	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1877.09.01	<b>San Francisco</b>	Bank of America fails and financial panic sets in. The lumber industry sees a big drop off in demand, for Sierra Lumber co the demand went from 40,000,000 board feet to 10,000,000 board feet per year and the company was \$600,000 in debt	History of the Hutchinson Lumber Co. 1920-1927, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1877.10.02	<b>Flea Valley</b>	the Sugar Pine Lumber Flume and Mining Company mortgaged to H. Cohn & Bro. and Perkins Logan and Company of Butte County: "... all pieces, parcels on tracts of land, premises and property and being in the Concow and Oregon Township County of Butte...also all the lands an premises claimed, held or owned by Sugar Pine Lumber Flume and Mining Company in Township 23 North, Range 4 East and particularly the North half of Section Thirteen...Situated the steam saw mill called and known as the Defiance Mill, and also all the timbered lands situated in said Township 23 North Range 4 East and all the other timbered lands adjacent and adjoining thereto belonging to or claimed by [Sugar Pine Lumber Flume and Mining Company] either in said Township or any other adjacent Township, also all the water rights and privileges taken from the West-Branch of Feather River, Swamp Creek, North Valley Creek and Little Rock Creek or any other creek or source of water owned or claimed by [Sugar Pine Lumber Flume and Mining Company]...also the V flumes of said Company extending down from the said Defiance Mill to the end of the same and thence the flume and ditches leading on and in connection with said V flumes to the terminus of said Company's works at or near Pence Ranch; also the South East quarter of Section 24 Township 21 North Range 3 East...containing 120 acres and is known as the "Flea Valley Mining Company's claims together with all the improvements thereon. Also all the right, title, interest claims and possession in and to the North half of Block 21 in the Town of Oroville occupied by Sugar Pine Lumber Flume and Mining Company Flea Valley Lumber Company" G.M. Taylor was listed as President and R.H. Allen as Secretary.	Butte County Mortgages, Book K, Page 114-116		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1877.12.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	C.M. Duret, constable of Oregon Township, had a fight with a maniac held up in a cave near Cherokee. Duret showed up with a posse. He had to go in after the man, Jacob Kraise, who shot at him twice. Duret was able to apprehend the man who had previously been released from the asylum for the insane at Stockton.	History of Butte County 1918		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.01.01	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Sugar Pine Lumber, Flume and Mining Co has property assessed, on Mill and Machinery value \$5000, Wagons \$900, Horses \$600, Oxen \$3240, Lumber \$3,000, 14 miles of flume \$14,000. States buildings are located Fall Creek.	Butte County Tax Records 1877-78		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.01.11	<b>Cherokee</b>	Letter from Cherokee: The Spring Valley Hotel formerly kept by George Parry was purchased last fall by A. Woft & Co. who immediately converted the former saloon into a fine dry goods and grocery store. Talks about Sabbath school.	Weekly Mercury 1-11-1878	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.01.18	<b>Butte County</b>	Listing for the funds awarded to county school districts in Jan 1878. Gives numbers for each school district. Cherokee \$611.44, Concow \$203.80, Kunkle \$203.80, Messilla Valley \$203.80, Oregon \$203.80, Oroville \$815.24, Rock Creek \$203.80, Chico \$1,630.44	Weekly Mercury 1-18-1878	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.01.18	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	Article about Messilla Valley School lists students Ida Horn, Abbie Burt, Nora Knox, May Patterson, May Vinton, Mary Fairbanks, Nellie Patterson, Alice Gould, Ettie Esman, Wm Elkins, David Vinton, George Vinton, Fay VanNess, Harry Horn, Mert. Knox, Willie Sewall, Willie Esman, Charles Willet, Albert Patterson, Fred Burt and Mrs. Curtis, teacher	Weekly Mercury 1-18-1878	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.01.18	<b>Oroville</b>	Ad for local businesses including Parkers Drug Store, D.F. Fryer's Drug Store, Union Hotel in Oroville, Oroville Soda factory - E. Higgins proprietor, Schneider and Heintz brewery.	Weekly Mercury 1-18-1878	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.01.18	<b>Butte County</b>	Describes Butte County benefits as a place to live	Weekly Mercury 1-18-1878	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.02.12	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	Lucy Augusta Beal Curtis is a teacher at Messilla Valley School.	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1878.02.23	<b>Flea Valley-Pence</b>	Obit for Frank W. Day who died at Pence's Ranch after a lingering illness of several years. He had been employed for some time in the capacity of Superintendent of the Flea Valley Lumber yard at Pence's Ranch. He had visited Colusa Springs about a year ago in hopes that their waters might be beneficial but returned without hope to linger on until relieved by death. He had also been a sheriff for four years starting in 1863.	Weekly Mercury 2-23-1878	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.03.08	<b>Pentz</b>	Ad for quartz mill for sale. May be seen at Pentz lumber dump. Ad run by J.M. Brock	Weekly Mercury 3-8-1878	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.04.12	<b>Cherokee</b>	Abram Wolf Dies, he was the President of the Rock Creek Mill, owning 25% of the stock. A lawsuit against the company would be filed by John Davis in Feb 1879. Davis claimed Wolf deeded the Rock Creek mill to him as collateral in exchange for 3 loans totaling \$12,984. It appeared Wolf did not have the consent of the Board of Directors to use the mill assets as collateral so the suit was thrown out. See 2-18-1879 for more information.	Transcript of appeal #6481, Supreme Court of California. Copy of transcript located at Meriam Library, University of California Chico		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.04.26	<b>Butte County</b>	Again we call attention of our friends in the mining regions to the absolute necessity of having boundaries of their claim so well defined that a stranger searching for claims can find them. It will not do to locate a claim by defining it as the northeast quarter of section four. Lines must be marked upon the ground so that those who run can see them and follow them from corner to corner. As case after case arises in court, we see this question brought up and discarded as we have set forth above. Then keep up your boundary lines.	Weekly Mercury 4-26-1878	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.04.26	<b>Cherokee</b>	Telegraph operator Bob Smith has a telephone and concerts between Oroville and Cherokee are held nearly every evening. Also the Spring Valley Mining and Irrigating Co. filed an answer in the case brought by Messrs. Green, Boyles & Evans for damage to lands west of Gridley	Weekly Mercury 4-26-1878	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.05.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Rock Creek Mill 320 acres located 2 1/2 miles North from Fall Creek. Mining claims and trucks \$350, oxen \$700, engine \$2,000 assessed value taxes \$107. Based on the value of oxen they should have had about 20 at Rock Creek and four to five wagons. So it was about half the output of the Defiance Mill operation at Rag Dump. The mill was built in 1876	Butte County Tax Records located at Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.05.00	<b>Pence Ranch</b>	Manoah Pence's tax records indicate he was assessed for four adjoining parcels of land (abt 480 acres total located on both sides Durham Pentz Rd) and 4/10 interest in a mine, Big Belt Quartz Ledge, 1 mile from Inskip, wagons \$170, harness \$60, library \$50, utensils \$40, horses \$480, cows \$500, cattle \$892, hogs \$100, hay \$105, furniture \$500, organ \$160, wines \$125, poultry \$18, firearms \$25, mower \$75, grain \$25	Butte County Tax Records located at Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.05.04	<b>Flea Valley</b>	The Sugar Pine Lumber, Flume and Mining Company had a place of Business at Cherokee Flat in Butte County, California. The capital stock was \$600,000 with a total of 6,000 shares. The names of trustees were David R. Daniels, Eugene McGrath, Hans P. Hobbs. The date of filing was June 9, 1874	Butte County Articles of Incorporation, 1852-1897 Vol 1 : 194-195 - certificate copy of Secretary of State Certificate filed 5-4-1878		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.06.01	<b>Flea Valley</b>	J.M. Brock of Oroville files suit against the Sugar Pine Lumber and Mining Company for unpaid bills. J M Brock Plaintiff against Geo L Perkins, David K Perkins, James C Logan, Thomas Callow, George W Stevens, N Cohen and S Cohen the defendants. All property and equipment was sold to Brock for \$94,716.67. (I believe Brock was also a stakeholder, so this probably was to satisfy the debt owed him as he owned a hardware store in Oroville). Recorded Feb 20, 1879. (It was common to wait 6 months after a judgment for payment to allow the defendants time to try and settle the debt first. Brock retains the property and rents to Oroville Lumber Company). Note: this appears to have been a pre-arranged sale of assets as some assets, property, were returned to the defendants	County Clerk Office Book R pg 636		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1878.06.13	<b>Chico</b>	Sierra Flume and Lumber Company suspended operations. This was the largest lumbering operation in Butte County. The company was \$52,000 in debt in Chico. Taking into consideration all the claims in other areas the amount may be \$200,000. The assets are worth \$2,100,000 to \$2,200,000.	Weekly Butte Record 6-13-1878	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.06.13	<b>Chico</b>	Sierra Flume and Lumber Company employees assemble to discuss wages due.	Weekly Butte Record 6-13-1878	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.06.14	<b>Oroville</b>	...that said plaintiff J.M. Brock do have and recover of and from said defendant the Sugar Pine Lumber Flume and Mining Company, in gold coin of the United States the sum of \$88,237.09 and the costs of this action together with and including counsel fees in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars. It is further ordered...that said mortgaged premises be sold for gold coin of the United States and according to the law That said sales be made in the following order: first said personal property, second all part of said real property not covered by the mortgage of said Thos Callow and Geo W. Stevens; third all that part of said real property covered by said mortgage of Callow and Stevens, to wit, the North half of Block number twenty-one in the Town of Oroville... That the proceeds of the sale of all of said property, except said north half of Block number twenty-one in said Town of Oroville, be applied to the payment of the expenses of the sale, and the amount due to plaintiff to wit \$88,327.09, on his said judgment and costs and counsel fees in the sum of \$2500. That the proceeds of the sale of said north half of block number 21 be applied to pay the expenses of the sale thereof and the amount due said Thos Callow and Geo W. Stevens to wit the sum of eleven hundred thirty two dollars, with legal interest thereon from the date of this decree...The premises and property hereby ordered sold is situated in Butte County...described as .follows: Section 13 in Township 23 North of Range 4, including saw mill thereon known as the Defiance Mill, with the engines, boilers and all other machinery belonging thereto, with all other buildings improvements and property on same land or ascertaining thereto. Also the south east quarter of the north east quarter and the east half of South East quarter of Section 24, Township 21, North of Range 4...together with the mill buildings, improvements, flumes, ditches, water rights and mining implements thereon as ascertaining thereto said premises being generally known as the Flea Valley Mining Company's claims.	filed an affidavit with the District Court of Butte County on June 14, 1878 against the Sugar Pine Lumber Flume and Mining Company as follows		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.06.21	<b>Cherokee</b>	Joseph Denson, about whose arrest on suspicion of having been implicated in the burglary of a house at Cherokee some time ago, was taken before Judge Leonard of this place a few days ago for examination. He concluded to waive further preliminary proceedings and let his case come up before the grand jury. He was committed to jail to await the action of that body.	Weekly Mercury 6-21-1878	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.07.06	<b>Chico</b>	Concern is expressed about the possibility of the Indians returning to the Chico area. Lassen County is having issues and the fear is the Indians will soon return to this area. If the situation gets worse, the Chico and Red Bluff Guard will surely be pressed into service again; mentions the number of old Indian fighters who would take up the cause again if needed.	Weekly Butte Record 7-6-1878	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.08.03	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Ad for Lumber, C.H. Holbrook has leased the property of the Sugar Pine Lumber Company and is selling lumber.	Weekly Butte Record 8-3-1878	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.08.17	<b>Chico</b>	Ad for Sierra Flume and Lumber company. They were an aggressive competitor of the Oroville Lumber Company (formerly the Sugar Pine Lumber Company)	Weekly Butte Record 8-17-1878	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.08.17	<b>Flea Valley</b>	C.H. Holbrook states he has lately made some very large and advantageous sales of lumber. He is confident of his season turning out a profitable one. Mr. Holbrook is the leasee of the Flea Valley Company's works. Charley is well known in the lumber business in Northern California.	Weekly Butte Record 8-17-1878	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.09.21	<b>Chico</b>	Although reports to the contrary, Sierra Lumber company has a large force of men working in the field cutting lumber. Before long 3,000,000 feet of new lumber will be ready for shipment.	Butte Record 9-21-1878	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1878.09.28	<b>Butte County</b>	Article gives description of the mountain schools in Butte County by Jessie Woods. Concow is one large school district with its school house at Yankee Hill. Notes the school house is one of the best school houses in the county. Has over 40 pupils with eleven half breed Indians. The school has excellent teaching in arithmetic, grammar and other teachings. States he was surprised and pleased that the Indian boys were as bright and ready as any other students.	Weekly Butte Record 9-28-1878	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1878.11.00	<b>Butte County-Flea Valley</b>	Lumber industry experiences severe losses. Sugar Pine (Flea Valley) & Sierra Lumber (Chico, had flume from Saw Mill Hill to Pentz) fail because of too much supply. (Demand dropped 75%)	History of Butte County 1918, History Hutchinson Lumber Company by Barnes		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.00.00	<b>Jordan Hill</b>	1879: McGrath Mill built at Jordan Hill. (Need to verify this information)	1976 Golden Feather Yearbook	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.00.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	1879: Oroville Lumber Company is formed with a capital stock of \$200,000	History of Butte County 1882		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.00.00	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	1879: Joseph French of San Francisco acquired the Smith and Sparks mining property in the 1870s and formed the Minerva Gold and Silver Mining Company. In 1878 Mr. French reopened the mine, French died in 1879. In 1879 the assets of the Minerva Gold and Silver Mining Company are purchased, including the old Smith and Sparks mine, from Mr. French's estate, a new company is incorporated called the Banner. The Banner Mine was operated until 1881 when it was shut down and sold under foreclosure. W.E. Duncan of New York purchased the mine. (Not sure how long the mine was operated by the new owner after 1881, see Nov 19,1895)	History Butte County 1882		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.02.01	<b>Rock Creek</b>	George Parry assumes the assets of the Rock Creek Lumber, Flume and Mining Company for non payment of a \$5,000 debt at a Sheriffs sale. See 2/18/1879 for the list of the assets in John Davis's law suit.	Mining Deeds Book B Page 388		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.02.13	<b>Concow</b>	Petition for new road, follow up May 6th.			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.02.18	<b>Flea Valley</b>	John Davis of Cherokee sues the Rock Creek Lumber, Flume and Mining Company along with Eugene McGrath for \$12,984.99 for defaulting on three loans, asking the sheriff to sell all the assets to cover the debt. The case goes to the California Supreme Court where the suit is denied because the loans were found to be made with no legal claim to the assets of the Corporation. The filing lists five stockholders in the corporation, Abram Wolf, 990 shares, A McGrath 990 shares, Chauncey Wright 990 shares, John Francis Dana 990 shares and H.A. Fairbanks 40 shares. The listing of the assets of the corporation are given as a steam milling operation consisting of a boiler and engine along with all other machinery and 21 mining claims; 19 of the mining claims were formerly known as the Georgia Boy claims and 2 were known as the Wright & Dana Claims. Also noted were the water rights on Little Rock Creek and Little Kimshew Creek. All the claims and the mill were located along Little Rock Creek. Abram Wolf was acting President in Feb 1877. H.A. Fairbanks was Secretary. In one of the sworn briefs, John S. Bassett is listed as President in November 1877. In another brief it is stated there is a flume running from the Rock Creek Mill to the Sugar Pine Lumber Company flume. By Nov 1878 George Parry was a majority stockholder. The case would be appealed but the verdict stood. (Note: It appears McGrath's main focus had changed from milling lumber to mining.)	Transcript of appeal #6481, Supreme Court of California. Copy of transcript located at Meriam Library, University of California Chico		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.02.19	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Oroville Lumber Company is formed with a capital stock of \$200,000. Daniel Hilton first Superintendent still holding the position in 1882. Two large mills in Flea Valley, planning mill at dump near Pence's ranch, 3,000,000 feet annually cut by the company. J.R Buffington keeps a store nearby the dump at Pence	History of Butte County 1882		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.03.01	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee stage robbed with Harry Morrison driving while on its way between Pence's and Cherokee. Two masked men with shotgun and rifle got \$6.50.	Weekly Butte Record 3-1-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1879.04.18	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Article about Yankee Jim, a Kanaka (Hawaiian) who was brought to California in 1844 by General Sutter, stabbing his squaw in the right breast because she would not stay home, she died from the wound and Jim turned himself in to the authorities.	Weekly Mercury 4-18-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.06.08	<b>Chico</b>	Ad for several lumber wagons for sale cheap plus a gold metal separator and rice straw burning engine. (There was a surplus of lumber on the market and Sierra Lumber Co was using flumes to transport lumber to Chico so individual teamsters were hurting.)	Weekly Butte Record 6-8-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.07.11	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	McConnell and Duret Quartz Mining Company have started a 10 stamp mill at their mine, 1/2 mile northeast of Yankee Hill; obtained a 15 ounce bar of fine gold after running for four days. Ad for mining machinery for sale by Fred Wellington, Yankee Hill: one 20 HP engine and boiler, 12 stamp mill to be sold cheap for cash.	Weekly Mercury 7-11-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.07.11	<b>Oroville</b>	Ad for S. S. Boynton's variety store in Oroville. He is the editor of the Oroville Mercury.	Weekly Mercury 7-11-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.07.25	<b>Yankee Hill/Cherokee</b>	Charley Wilcox, the surveyor, laid out a new grade from the top of the West Branch Hill. Mr. Wells has a force of men employed in grading. Mr. Wells is sending down from the Defiance Mill the material for a new bridge, which will be finished in November. The Spring Valley Mining Company of Cherokee improved the canyon on their side of the river and it is wide enough for teams to pass each other. Dave Hays and railroad men holding a meeting at Flea Valley on 28th.	Weekly Mercury 7-25-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.07.25	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	New mining company: Buena Vista Mining Co. directors are James Rowe, George Medanich, C. M. Durett, Eugene McGrath and Chauncey Wright. Property is located within about 2 miles of Yankee Hill and is believed to be very rich. In same issue, Buena Vista Quartz Mine is putting up 5 more stamps right away. A 5 ft vein is reported. The old '49 and '56 company will put up a mill next year.	Weekly Mercury 7-25-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.08.23	<b>Oregon City</b>	Nesbit Quartz Mill with 16 stamps, owned by Perkins and Brock was destroyed by fire. New the mill cost \$35,000, there was no insurance and had been idle for some time. Thought to be the work of an incendiary.	Weekly Butte Record 8-23-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.08.29	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee Notes: Pupils of Miss M. A. Walsh gave a musical and dramatic entertainment in Chamber's Hall; about 30 children ranging from 5 to 15 years of age presented Cinderella. The Cherokee Skidmore Guards, a squad of boys, also performed. In same issue, Amos Howard sold the diamond that was recently found near Cherokee to a San Francisco dealer for \$70.	Weekly Mercury 8-29-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.08.29	<b>Flea Valley/Yankee Hill</b>	Oroville Correspondence: Long article which talks about M. H. Wells of Yankee Hill, who owns and runs a giant line of jackasses in the transportation business and in order to keep his rolling stock in complete repair, he must, of necessity, have them manufactured at home; therefore, he has them of all ages running about the hills.	Butte County Register 8-29-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.08.29	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Long article about S.S. Boynton, candidate for County School Superintendent traveling to the Hill Precinct. He went to Doon's Mill which had 15 to 20 people working. Rock Creek Mill, Defiance Mill, which had 40 men working producing 30,000 feet of lumber daily, then on to Flea Valley. Had dinner at Fairbanks' place. (Note: Boynton would later purchase the Defiance Mill site)	Butte County Register 8-29-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1879.09.20	<b>Yankee Hill / Concow / Deadwood</b>	Sickness has reduced our ranks considerably at the (Concow) school. (The honor roll was also given.) M.H. Wells has six men at work on the new Yankee Hill road, making a new grade. The lumber for the West Branch Bridge is on the ground and it will soon be constructed. The Yankee Hill Quartz Mine has stopped for a month, but they are now working the ledge again. A road has been made to the mines and they are now hauling quartz. The owners have found a good prospect lately. Mr. Feist and his son are cutting lumber for the Buchanan Hill Mine. Mr. Lafferty is cutting brush from the ditch. The mining company at Buchanan Hill is very busy. They are sinking a shaft at the top of the hill to get air into the tunnel and are cleaning out the old incline, there is a good deal of water in it. they have to work the engine night and day to be able to accomplish anything. The Rock Creek Saw Mill (Flea Valley) has shut down for the present, but the Defiance Mill at Flea Valley is still running. Mr. Lafferty, the gentlemanly superintendent of the Spring Valley ditch has forbid the Concow school boys from bathing in the ditch, so boys must go dirty now. There has been a new hospital erected at Deadwood City. It is under the immediate supervision and sole management of Ah Sang, the celebrated Chinese physician. Ah Sang, who we are indebted for this information, says he has 43 patients under his treatment, all of whom are in a fair way to recover. Among these are Mr. & Mrs. Richards and Mr. Shaw of Gridley; Messrs. Pierson and Henderson of Chico: Mrs. Peterson of Plumas: Mrs. Updyke, Mr. and Mrs. Gilett and others.	Weekly Butte Record 9-20-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.10.04	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Ad for the Oroville Lumber Company C.H. Holbrook is superintendent. Company is leasee of the Sugar Pine Lumber company property at Flea Valley. (In 1867 he worked at Clipper Mills in Butte County. In 1900 he is listed as manager of a lumber mill in Siskiyou County.)	Weekly Butte Record 10-4-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.11.09	<b>Cherokee/Yankee Hill</b>	Board of Supervisors approves acceptance of the new West Branch Bridge. M.H. Wells, Justice Of The Peace from Yankee Hill submits a bill of \$1575 to cover the costs. A recommendation is made to consider covering the bridge. (See July 1881 and Aug 1883)	Weekly Mercury 11-9-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.11.15	<b>Concow</b>	Ad for auction for 2 mowers, 3 header beds, 1 wagon and rack, 8 single plows, 2 rakes, 3 harrows, 2 freight wagons, 7 sets harness, 2 springer wagons, 3 hay racks, 1 corn sheller, 1 fanning mill, 33 mares and horses, lot fencing, 2/3 interest in 25 mule colts, 2/3 interest in 15 horse colts, 1/2 interest in jack known as the Kentucky Jack, 2/3 interest in 20 sows and pigs, pasture claim near Concow. Sale will take place on Saturday Nov 29th 1879 at the ranch of Daniel Bidwell assignee of J.M. Decker. (Joseph Decker was a farmer in Oroville and Daniel Bidwell had a farm in Chico. Decker must have had an option to lease a pasture at Concow)	Weekly Butte Record 11-15-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.11.15	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Ad for both the Sierra Lumber Co and the Oroville Lumber Co. The Sierra ad announces they are dropping the price per thousand feet of lumber from \$18 to \$15.	Weekly Butte Record 11-15-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.11.22	<b>Chico</b>	Dave Cohn has commenced the erection of a neat cottage house on the corner of flume & wall street. Dave says it is not for himself, but that a young man by the name of Marcus Breslauer is expected to go into a life partnership about the middle of January, and he will probably occupy it. Mr. M. Breslauer is partner with M. Goodday.	Weekly Butte Record 11-22-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.12.06	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	School moved to new location near lumber dump, (1/2 east of Pence's ranch). It was moved on 12 rolling logs. \$40 was raised to give the house a general burnishing before the opening of school.	Weekly Mercury 12-6-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1879.12.06	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article about the Cherokee baseball club. It takes exception to an earlier article about the club. Apparently the editor of the Mercury emphasized the team was the Sugar LOAF base ball team.. Accuses the editor of having a bias against Cherokee.	Weekly Butte Record 12-6-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1879.12.27	<b>Flea Valley/Chico</b>	Article about damage to Sierra Lumber flumes in Chico and Blue Ridge Flumes in Tehama County, implies from recent weather. Goes on to state that the lumber flumes are proving to be too costly to maintain and are hurting the industry's profits. States old process of teaming the lumber (via horse and wagon) is actually less costly.	Weekly Butte Record 12-27-1879	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.00.00	<b>Butte Valley</b>	1880: Stoneman School house which was in poor shape burned but was rebuilt.	1882 History of Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.00.00	<b>Chico</b>	1880: Sierra Lumber Co. is sold to John C and Edward Coleman of San Francisco. The 1880s were profitable years and by 1891 the Red Bluff plant was the largest pine manufacturing plant in the world	Matches, Flumes and Rails by Kent Stephens		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1880: Census shows Joseph Burr Mullen who owned 160 acres of property (formerly owned by his father Charles W. Mullen) lived with wife (Nancy Longford) and 4 sons and 1 daughter. Brother William Mullen lived with family along with 2 servants. Ezra Morse is listed as a boarder.	1880 Federal Census		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.01.05	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Oroville Lumber Co has property assessed, Mill and Machinery value at \$2500, 10 Wagons \$750, 14 Horses \$800, 40 oxen \$1400, 14 miles of flume ?.	Butte County Tax Records 1880		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.01.13	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Eugene McGrath files a mining claim for 1500 feet on a quartz ledge to be known as the Home Stake Ledge in Gold Ravine one mile east of Yankee Hill. The claim was not recorded until Feb 4, 1882	Mining Claims Book C page 32, 2-4-1882		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.02.21	<b>Butte County</b>	Change in California law to outlaw corporations from hiring Chinese. It is a misdemeanor with fines from \$100 to \$1,000. (Note: because of the large numbers of Chinese released from work by the railroad and later the building of levees, this was an issue for debate for several years)	Weekly Butte Record 2-21-1880	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.03.01	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	Mill at Banner Mine burns	History Butte County 1918		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.03.19	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley Mine purchased by Havermyer Syndicate of New York and made first payment of \$100,000 on Monday last. Louis Glass took formal possession for the new company. Rumor is that Chas. Waldeyer, Esq. will be the new superintendent. Price paid for entire property including the Waldeyer ground and tunnel was \$880,000. Transfer includes all the mining land and all that portion of the agricultural land lying north of the Oroville and Chico road.	Weekly Mercury 3-19-1880	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.03.20	<b>Cherokee</b>	Fire at Cherokee destroys considerable property. Among them Miller's Meat Market, a saloon, and the Chambers Hall which was also used as a school.	Weekly Butte Record 3-20-1880	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.03.28	<b>Cherokee</b>	Long article about Spring Valley Hydraulic Gold Mining Company and the quality of its people. Article praises company for their efforts, lists Board of Directors.	Weekly Butte Record 3-28-1880	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.04.03	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about Edison coming to the county from back East to establish mining operation named Edison Ore Mining Company. The company has \$350,000 capital. Frank McLaughlin was supposed to be the Superintendent; the project was abandoned by years end. McLaughlin later became involved with the Spring Valley Hydraulic Gold Company.	Weekly Butte Record 4-3-1880. Diggins, Vol 10, No 4	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.04.10	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about the taking of the new census, gives wages and talks of difficulties in taking the census. Gives insight into the issues with the census.	Weekly Butte Record 4-10-1880	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.05.30	<b>Concow</b>	Reservoir School District formed two miles North of Concow School. School built near Mullen hotel in sight of the Spring Valley Reservoir. School had 17 pupils in 1882. The school closed in Aug, 1924. (The school and property were probably donated by Joseph Burr Mullen, which was the practice at the time)	History of Butte County 1882		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1880.06.12	<b>Cherokee</b>	Superintendent Waldeyer wants to continue operations at Spring Valley Mine until July 1st before stopping for cleanup. Expects big showing this year. However, stockholders may desire a monthly dividend because of a great deal of labor spent on repairing the sluice boxes.	Weekly Butte Record 6-12-1880	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.06.21	<b>Oroville</b>	Eugene McGrath and L H Ayers file water claim for the spring in the ravine for the Keystone mine. The water to be conducted to the Banner Mills about 1/2 mile east of this location. Recorded at the request of Simon Neuman Banner Mine, June 21, 1880. (McGrath may have reached an agreement for the Banner Mills to process his mining efforts.)	Mining Claims book B page 560, 6-21-1880		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.06.21	<b>Oroville</b>	Eugene McGrath and L H Ayers take out a mining claim 1/2 mile west of the Banner Mine also claiming all water rights within the claim area. The claim 1200 ft x 300 ft and shall be known as the Keystone mine.	Mining Claims book B page 561, 6-21-1880		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.06.26	<b>Cherokee</b>	G.W. Colby of Nord, files lawsuit against Spring Valley Mining and Irrigation Company claiming \$41,250 in damages for lost crops the last three years due to tailings ruining his land. Indicates there have been several suits filed in the last two years.	Weekly Butte Record 6-26-1880	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.08.14	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley Mine shipped two large bricks of gold, valued at \$75,000 to \$100,000. New York syndicate now owns the mine. Mr Chas Waldeyer, mine superintendent, expects another large clean up in four to six weeks.	Weekly Butte Record 8-14-1880	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.09.01	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Justina (Farnham?) Ditton, widow of George L Ditton from England, files land patent for 40 acres adjacent to and above the Fairbanks claim, the hotel site in Flea Valley on Concow Rd. Records indicate she returned to Iowa shortly afterwards. (I think she may have been related to Mrs. Fairbanks)	County Clerk Land Patents Book C, P 238		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.09.04	<b>Butte County</b>	Recap of 1880 census. Bidwell and Concow combined had 1,230 people. Oregon Township (includes Cherokee) had 1,911 people.	Weekly Butte Record 9-4-1880	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.10.02	<b>Cherokee</b>	Portion of President Hayes party visits Cherokee with a large party from Chico. Mrs. Hayes tries her luck in panning, finds several hundred dollars worth of gold dust. There was a strong wind all day so it was very dusty. General Bidwell provided food, but the delivery driver missed the turn in the road and got lost. (General Sherman also visited Cherokee with the President and operated a hydraulic monitor. The group stayed at the Bidwell Mansion. They were in Cherokee for about 4 to 5 hours)	Weekly Butte Record 10-2-1880 see Diggins Vol 25 #4 1981, Diggins Vol 24, No 3	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.10.16	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Quartz Mill (Jordan Hill) and adjacent buildings of Porter Mine burned. Claim a short distance from Yankee Hill. Owned by D.K. Perkins; Fred Wellington in charge. Only Mrs. Wellington was home at the time. Loss estimated at \$1500. A mill also burned near Enterprise owned by E.N. Wagner, it was totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$1800, it was insured for \$800.	Weekly Butte Record 10-16-1880	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.10.16	<b>Butte County</b>	Population of Butte County 18,734; Bidwell and Concow townships 1,230; Oregon township 1,911	Butte Record 10-16-1880	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.12.03	<b>New Haven, Conn</b>	12 match companies meet and form Diamond match Co.	Matches, Flumes and Rails		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1880.12.04	<b>Concow</b>	Mr. Sweetland became Concow road overseer. ( There is no Sweetland in the 1880 census. I believe the name is misspelled in the paper and it is actually Sweetman, probably William or his son Thomas)	Weekly Butte Record 12-4-1880	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1881.00.00	<b>Pentz</b>	1881: Oroville Flume and Lumber Company listed in 1881 directory located at Pentz.	1881 Oroville City Directory		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1881.00.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	1881: Brock sells Oroville Lumber Company 3/4th of section 22 Township 23 N R 4 E \$1600	County Clerk		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1881.00.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	1881: Mrs. Emma C Farnham buys land in the area (1/4 section in 22 and 1/4 section in 23 all in township 23 N R 4 E) presumably for the timber. Her husband, S.C Farnham, was a banker in Vallejo, Ca. E.P Farnham, the brother of S.C. was a lumber dealer in Oroville. The Farnham family would later add more land purchased from the RR thru 1901. RR owned alternate sections in the area as well in 1886 thru 1901. Diamond Match would buy many of the RR sections in 1902.	County Clerk		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1881.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1881: Two lumber mills are operating in Concow area. The Defiance Mill at Flea Valley built in 1873 and the Rock Creek Mill built in 1876.	History of Butte County 1882		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1881.00.00	<b>Butte County</b>	1881: The county was set up in supervisorial districts. Concow, along with Mountain Spring, Oro, Bidwell, Wyandotte, Lovelock, Pine Grove, Lomo, Inskip, Powellton and NimsheW, became part of District #3 with a total population of 3,841 people.	1882 History Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1881.02.03	<b>Flea Valley</b>	The Oroville Lumber Company cut 2,700,000 feet of lumber last year in Flea Valley	Sac Union 2-3-1881	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1881.02.08	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Dan'l Hilton files land patent for 160 acres adjacent property acquired by J Brock. 1/4 section township 23, section 22	Butte County Clerk Land Patents Book C, page 229		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1881.03.01	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley Mining Company acquires the Cherokee Flat Blue Mountain Gravel Mine, the last large competitor. The company was renamed the Spring Valley Hydraulic Gold Company.	Diggins Vol 23 #4 1981, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1881.07.15	<b>Nelson Bar/Flea Valley</b>	A new bridge has been built at Nelson Bar on the road from the dump to Flea Valley. S.I. Farnham of the Oroville Lumber Company donated the wood. 1,700 feet of lumber was required at a cost of \$20 per thousand feet, total over \$1,000.	Sac Union 7-15-1881	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1881.12.20	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	Oroville Lumber Company pays taxes on 2 miles of ditch in KimsheW district, iron pipe from Reservoir Hill to dump and 1 1/2 miles of V flume from Reservoir Hill to dump. Value of improvements at dump site office fixtures \$100, machinery \$1000, 3 mules \$150, 32 oxen \$612.80., 75 tons of hay \$500, 5 wagons \$500, harness \$100, 13 horses \$650, lumber \$12,000. Total tax paid \$382.08	Butte County Clerks Office Page 110 assessment book for 1881		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1881.12.20	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Oroville Lumber Company pays taxes on 12 1/2 miles of V Flume from Flea Valley to the West Branch of the Feather River. Improvements at Flea valley, engine, machinery & boilers valued at \$2500. Total tax \$182.40	Butte County Clerks Office Page 172 assessment book for 1881		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	From the 1882 History of Butte County: Concow township has had five saw-mills. The first was erected in 1856, by William Leonard, near the head of Spring gulch. It was propelled by steam. Two years later another was put up at Dark canyon, run by water-power, which was burned in 1859. Another water-power saw-mill was in Concow valley, which was burned in 1864, and a fourth, the Defiance, was built in 1873, and is still running. The last one, the Rock creek mill, was built in 1876.	From the 1882 History of Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.00.00	<b>Concow/Yankee Hill</b>	Joseph Burr Mullen (Concow) and M.H. Wells (Yankee Hill) Biographies are included in 1882 History of Butte County.	History of Butte County 1882		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1882: Reservoir owned by the Spring Valley Hydraulic Gold Company of Cherokee. Joseph Burr Mullen hotel within 200 yards of reservoir.	History of Butte County 1882		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.02.27	<b>Big Bend</b>	The Big Bend Tunnel and Mining Company, a corporation formed under the laws of the State of New York, and operating in California, has filed with the Secretary of State its certificate designating N.A. Harris of Oroville, California, as its agent.	Sacramento Daily Union 2-27-1882	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.03.00	<b>Butte County</b>	One of the heaviest rainfalls in history hit Butte County followed by a hurricane. At Nelson, telegraph poles, trees and wires were blown down.	History of Butte County 1918		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1882.03.25	<b>Deadwood</b>	The Heathen Healer - Article about Ah Sang at Deadwood. A gentleman from Deadwood told the Biggs Recorder that the doctor has erected a large and comfortable hotel and hospital at Deadwood. He has been known to cure cases that had been abandoned by some of the leading physicians of the country. A man from San Francisco had been with a disease of the eye for a number of years and had tried unsuccessfully all remedies known to the most celebrated and accomplished medical men of Europe and America. The eye most seriously involved was the right eye and the left had been affected by sympathy. No remedy used by him did him a particle of good... when one day he found a Chico paper containing an account of the remarkable success attained by the Chinaman at Deadwood in his treatment of the most desperate cases....After examining the patient, a cure was promised but though the Doctor was successful in remedying the left eye, no improvement was noticeable in the right eye. As a last resort, the Doctor cut out the right eye and put it in his pocket where he kept it for a week until the inflammation was down after which he replaced the eye in the socket. The man can now see as good as ever. Nearly all the cures by the Chinaman are of this nature and we doubt any civilized physician can perform such an operation successfully.	Butte Record 3-25-1882	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.04.01	<b>Cherokee</b>	Long article about the use of a new tunnel by the Spring Valley Company in Cherokee. A tunnel 10 feet x 10 feet and 3000 feet long was started a year ago. The mouth of the tunnel is located at Saw Mill Ravine just below the crossing of the Miocene ditch. The tunnel was driven from 5 different places. At a distance of 1804 feet from the mouth of the tunnel a shaft was sunk to a depth of 140 feet, and the tunnel driven in both directions. At another point 2,963 feet from the mouth another shaft was put down 104 feet and work was begun in both directions. The upper end of the tunnel is nearly 93 feet below the surface of the worked ground in Sawmill Ravine and 41 feet in the bedrock - gravel at this point being 55 feet deep....Each shaft has an air compressor of sufficient capacity to drive four drills and a pump. There are now two flumes laid through the entire length of the tunnel, one 5 feet wide and another smaller one.	Weekly Butte Record 4-1-1882	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.04.01	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley Hydraulic Gold Company has financial problems because of heavy expansion costs, cannot pay its miners which resulted in a strike. Financial problems continued to plague the company until the mine closed in August, 1887.	Diggins, Vol 10, No 4, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.04.15	<b>Pentz</b>	Dan'l Hilton files land patent for mining 120 acres at Pentz. Township 21, E 1/2 of SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of NE 1/4. This property was listed as sold to J. Brock in sale of assets of the Sugar Pine Lumber Company in 1879. Brock must have agreed to release title so Hilton could claim a land patent. Dan'l Hilton was manager of the Sugar Pine Lumber Company. Note: Frank Day was manager of the lumber dump and mill located there, Day was an old friend of Hilton's and former partner in mining claim.	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1882.04.22	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Oroville Lumber Company sold to S.C. Farnham of Solano County, the following described property: All of Section No. 22; NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 24; N1/2 of NE 1/4 Section 28; all in Township 23, Range 4 East. Also SE 1/4 of NE 1/4; and East 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 24, Township 21 North, Range 4 East (Pentz lumber dump site). Also the North half of Block 71 in the Town of Oroville, Butte County according to the Official map of the Town site of Oroville. Also Defiance Mill on Section No. 13, Township 23 North, Range 4 East (It appears he only bought the mill equipment not the land, in 1884 the land was vacant with no listed owner on the tax records). Also a certain canal, ditch and flume conveying water from Rock Creek to said Defiance Mill with all water rights and privileges belonging to or in anywise connected therewith. Also the Williams and Vinton Ditch: also a certain "V" flume and ditch conveying water from said Defiance Mill to the Dump at or near Pence's Ranch with all water rights and privileges ascertaining thereto or connected therewith..." Daniel Hilton President, F.D. Mead Secretary of Oroville Lumber Company. (Note: S.C. Farnham was a banker in Vallejo and the brother of E.P. Farnham of Oroville who purchased a 1/2 interest in a saw mill at Mountain House in 1864 with Joshua Turner and later opened a lumber yard in Oroville. He then purchased the Lumpkin Sawmill which had previously been built in 1870 and later sold by Farnham in Nov 1882 to Wm Kitrick. The mill hit financial hardships in 1892 when it attempted to build a flume and was financially overextended. Kitrick committed suicide in San Francisco. Farnham was also involved with the Merrimac Mill in 1883, Merrimac had a post office from 1883 to 1902. He sold those assets in Apr 1889 to the Merrimac Mill Company, a corporation, for \$30,000. E.P. Farnham died in Feb 1905 in Oroville. S.C Farnham died in 1899.)	Butte County Deeds, Book U, Page 370, Diggins Vol 35 #3 Fall 1991, Ancestry.com database. A History of the Hutchinson Lumber Company Oroville, California 1920-1927, Butte County tax records 1884		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.05.05	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	Daniel Hilton, manager of the Pentz lumber yard transferred deed for 5 acres to the Messilla Valley School District for \$1.00, at this time the current home for the school. SE 1/4 of Section 24, T21 NR3E. The school was adjacent the lumber yard. (Note: This was because the lumber yard was sold to S.C. Farnham by the Oroville Lumber Company. Hilton was President of The Oroville Lumber Company at the time)	Butte County Clerk Deeds Book U, page 525		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.05.08	<b>Concow</b>	Post Office established at Concow Joseph B Mullen Post Master	Daily Alta California 5-8-1882	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.05.26	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Visit to Spanishtown reveals there are a few cabins left at the former town site. Sam McClellan hauled the first load of lumber to the site and opened a hotel (Golden Gate Hotel, see 10-21-1856). M.H. Wells, now of Yankee Hill opened the first store. Trees eight and ten inches in diameter now grow over the town site. It was considered one of the toughest places for cutting and shooting that ever sprang up in this state. (Note: 1860 census lists 11 cabins unoccupied at Spanishtown site)	Weekly Mercury 5-26-1882	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.05.26	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Article about new equipment, including new boilers, ordered in San Francisco due in two weeks for the Flea Valley sawmill. Large crew at Flea Valley to cut lumber for a new contract with the Oroville Lumber Company. Equipment was ordered by S.A. Bernard of Bernard and Company.	Weekly Mercury 5-26-1882	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.05.26	<b>Yankee Hill/Flea Valley/Frenchtown</b>	M. H. Wells building a fine residence at Yankee Hill. He has the best appointed library in this section of the state complete files of nearly all of the newspapers published in Butte county. Flea Valley: William McMillen employed at Flea Valley mill had a painful accident. He is now at the hospital at Deadwood. Frenchtown: Mrs. Smith and daughters at Smith Hotel in Frenchtown are ready for summer boarders.	Weekly Mercury 5-26-1882	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.05.26	<b>Concow/Yankee Hill/Thompsons Flat</b>	The Weekly Mercury is the best advertising medium for reaching outside customers. New subscribers for the past week: Yankee Hill 5, Cherokee 2, Thompson's Flat 1, Concow 1, Nimshew 1, Sacramento 1, San Francisco 1, Magalia 8.	Weekly Mercury 5-26-1882	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.05.27	<b>Chico</b>	Article about Indian Sally having her shoes shined at Malbone's stand. She offered to pay with a kiss but instead payed him \$.25. She is a local character who works for several families for food or old clothing.	Weekly Butte Record 5-27-1882	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.06.09	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Robert McGregor an old resident of Cherokee Flat was killed by a cave in Flea Valley while running a tunnel for the Rock Creek Flume and Lumber Company. He leaves a wife and 7 children.	Weekly Mercury 6-9-1882	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1882.06.09	<b>Big Bend</b>	Major Frank McLaughlin and Dr. Ray V. Pierce of Buffalo, New York are both interested in the Big Bend tunnel. Mr. McLaughlin has consented to be Grand Marshal on the Fourth of July.	Weekly Mercury 6-9-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.06.10	<b>Cherokee</b>	While playing with an old rusty pistol, 13-year-old Johnny DeBuck (DeBeck) was shot in the bowels and lived only 24 hours. See Obit file.	Weekly Butte Record 6-10-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.06.10	<b>Pentz</b>	Manoah Pence died of sudden chills, he was 63 years old. See Obit file.	Weekly Butte Record 6-10-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.06.16	<b>Concow</b>	Ad for Concow Hotel "the finest hunting and fishing in immediate vicinity. Situated near a small lake, upon which are pleasure boats." Located on Flea Valley Road 25 miles from Oroville, 30 miles from Chico, \$6 per week board and lodging.	Weekly Mercury 6-16-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.06.16	<b>Deadwood</b>	John A. Martin the shoemaker, who was partially paralyzed last week, has gone to Deadwood and placed himself in the hands of the Chinese doctor there for medical treatment.	Weekly Mercury 6-16-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.06.16	<b>Pentz, Cherokee</b>	Funeral of Manoah Pence. His remains were escorted by about 12 Masons from Oroville and 20 from Chico and Table Mountain Lodge of Cherokee until they reach Cherokee cemetery. Mr. Pence left no will. Leaves wife and son Watt. Same issue talks about Mr. Watt Pence and his mother will continue to run the hotel; Watt has dispensed with the bar in the house and it will be conducted on strictly temperance principles. Mr. Watt Pence has shown noble traits of true manhood and is averse to profane language.	Chico Enterprise 6-16-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.06.16	<b>Cherokee</b>	Coarse gold is being found in large quantities with nuggets worth \$20 per the new Superintendent of Spring Valley Mine, Mr. Williams. A shaft is being sunk to reach the head of the new tunnel, about 2600 ft from the mouth, through which they can run all the large rocks. Same issue talks about John McCarty was taken from Cherokee to Oroville to be examined as to his sanity. After a few hours talking with Undersheriff Patten, he was discharged.	Chico Enterprise 6-16-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.06.17	<b>Cherokee</b>	Many residents of Chico improved the occasion of their visit to Cherokee yesterday to take a view of the extensive mining works of the Spring Valley Company... many of them had never before visited the mine or witnessed the wonderful power of hydraulic pressure when directed by the little giants in use in this section.	Butte Record 6-17-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.06.17	<b>Cherokee</b>	Funeral of M. Pence	Weekly Butte Record 6-17-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.07.29	<b>Chico</b>	Article about brawl at Chico Rancheria. Chico and Redding Rancherias had a football game that broke out in a brawl. Captain Jack, Chief of the Chico Warriors, restored order.	Weekly Butte Record 7-29-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.08.05	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about new temperance group called California Total Abstinence Society. This, along with the Good Templars, Sons of Temperance and Champions of the Red Cross, makes four different groups. It appears the field of temperance is about full.	Weekly Butte Record 8-5-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.08.05	<b>Concow</b>	Accident on way to Concow: Mr. J. M. McElroy and wife and J. B. Shorts and wife and Clark Storts and wife were approaching the bridge across the west branch of the Feather River when the brake of their wagon became loosened and the wagon began to press upon the horses as they were going down the hill. They were able to continue their journey.	Weekly Butte Record 8-5-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.08.08	<b>Frenchtown</b>	In 1882 Joseph and Wendelin Miller, Enoch Miller's brothers, purchase 120 acres (One 80 acre parcel and one 40 acre parcel; the 40 acre parcel was later bought by Butte Williams in 1907) on Nelson Bar Rd from the Central Pacific Railroad. (See 1855)	Book U Page 711-13 & 713 - 715		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1882.08.26	<b>Butte County</b>	Published school budgets for all Butte County School districts. Gives state and county allotments. Cherokee \$252.52 from State, \$52.00 from County. Oregon City \$65.00 from State, \$13.00 from County. Concow \$65.00 from State, \$13.00 from County. Reservoir \$65.00 from State, \$13.00 from County. Messilla Valley \$65.00 from State, \$13.00 from County. Oroville \$325.00 from State, \$13.00 from County. Chico \$780.00 from State, \$156.00 from County.	Weekly Butte Record 8-26-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.08.26	<b>Nelson Bar/Flea Valley</b>	Article reports the minutes from the Butte County Supervisors meeting. Report on various roads. \$600.00 was approved to finish the road and bridge at Nelson Bar. Also talks about the need for a road from Pence's Ranch via Wilson's Bar (requires a bridge) to Concow and Flea Valley.	Weekly Butte Record 8-26-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.09.09	<b>Concow</b>	Report and resolutions from the Temperance Camp meeting at Concow Reservoir. (24 new subscribers at \$1.25 per year.) Campgrounds were dedicated to the perpetual cause of Temperance by Rev. C. A. Bateman and renamed the Oak Temple Campgrounds.	Weekly Butte Record 9-9-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.09.09	<b>Big Bend</b>	Article about the Big Bend Tunnel as a possible source for water to irrigate fields.	Weekly Butte Record 9-9-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.11.25	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about pending suit against the North Bloomfield Mining Company in US Circuit Court, to stop hydraulic mining and how this will affect Butte County (specifically Cherokee). Butte County has spent at least \$12,000 to \$15,000 in extra taxes on this issue because of the 5 cent state debris tax.	Weekly Butte Record 11-25-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.11.25	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about the positive contributions of hydraulic mining to Butte County. If the suit passes, it will cost Butte County.	Weekly Butte Record 11-25-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.12.09	<b>Butte County</b>	Two men from Sacramento were in Chico to discuss the pending Woodruff suit, on debris from hydraulic mining, in the US District Court.	Weekly Butte Record 12-9-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.12.16	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about a meeting by area farmers over the debris from hydraulic mining. Judge W.S. Messick spoke about the history of the debris issue. General Bidwell also spoke. Committees were formed to solicit funds for the anti-debris cause.	Weekly Butte Record 12-16-1882	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1882.12.26	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Oroville Lumber Company is taxed on land in Flea Valley on sections 2, 22, 23 & 28 in Township 23, totaling 1120 acres. Shows no ownership in Defiance Mill or the land it was situated on in section 13 or the Pentz lumber dump. No equipment is listed or taxed. It is still taxed for 12 1/2 miles of flume in Flea Valley area. Total taxes \$153	Butte County Tax Rolls Dec 1882, Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.00.00	<b>Shasta County</b>	1883: H.A. Fairbanks and his wife moves to Shasta County, dies in Anderson in 1902	See May 1896		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1883: M.H. Wells builds a new hotel next door to the first hotel.	Diggins Vol 28 #2, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.00.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	1883: Hydraulic mining starts to decline in California because the runoff from hydraulic mining is regulated, it cannot affect the rivers or surrounding land owners.	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.00.00	<b>Big Bend</b>	1883: School district is established	Butte County Office of Education flier		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.01.23	<b>Big Bend</b>	George E Carman starts post office at Big Bend. Operates until Jan 1891	Butte County Postal Records		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.02.08	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Augustus L. Fairbanks sells land (Flea Valley Ranch) to David K Perkins for \$1200. Consists of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 24, NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 25, N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 section 26 all in said township 23 NR4E MDM. Recorded at the request of Milton J Green, employee at Perkins store in Oroville. Fairbanks moves back to Pentz. Editors Note: David Perkins is a businessman and investor in Oroville, His brother is George Perkins, Governor of California at the time.	Butte County Clerk Deeds Book V, page 405		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1883.02.24	<b>Flea Valley</b>	May Fairbanks, wife of A.L. Fairbanks buys back original 160 acre Flea Valley Ranch with hotel from D.K. Perkins for \$1050. She does not buy the second 160 acres located below.	Butte County Clerk Deeds Book V, page 462		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.03.03	<b>Butte County</b>	The Good Templars (Temperance group) are on the streets (of Oroville) from Wyandotte, Moore's Station, Hansonville, Union School House, Concow, Paradise and other places, to see a presentation of song and literary exercises by the Northern Star Lodge at the offices on Bird Street. The attendance measured 130 people.	Oroville Daily Mercury 3-3-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.03.03	<b>Deadwood</b>	The Deadwood Hotel is filling up with boarders---currently there are 46 and more are coming.	Oroville Daily Mercury 3-3-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.03.05	<b>Concow/Cherokee</b>	A 4 1/2 lb catfish was caught in the pond at Cherokee. The fish traveled down the ditch and through the pipe from the Concow Reservoir. Mr. (J.B.) Mullen had planted fish in the Concow Reservoir 6 or 7 years earlier.	Oroville Daily Mercury 3-5-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.03.07	<b>Big Bend</b>	A large Mining Tunnel - Elmer S Smith, of Buffalo, N.Y. was in the city yesterday and went to Oroville in the afternoon in connection with the Big Bend Tunnel and Mining Company, which is largely owned in Buffalo. The company are running a tunnel two miles in length from the North Fork of the Feather River, just above the Big Bend mountain, fourteen miles from Oroville, to Dark Canyon, which empties into the West Fork of the river below the mountain. The tunnel, which was only recently commenced, is cut in solid rock, and has now been excavated a distance of about 1,000 feet. About 80 feet per week is made in tunneling. The tunnel is 15 feet wide by 8 feet high in the clear. When completed the new course thus provided for the river, it is expected, will be of capacity to receive the entire river flow during about nine months in the year, and able the company to sluice mine the river bed of the North Fork for a distance of thirteen miles between the tunnel and the mouth of the West Fork.	Sacramento Daily Union 3-7-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.03.15	<b>Concow</b>	Wm. H. Mullen marries Rowena Blake at Yankee Hill. W.B. Wells (probably M.H. Wells) performed the services. (See Sept 1895)	Oroville Daily Mercury 3-16-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.03.16	<b>Concow</b>	William Mullen and his new wife are going to Santa Clara County for a visit, along with his brother Joseph Mullen and his wife. The visit shouldn't last long as the busy season for the Mullen's Hotel (at Concow) should start soon.	Oroville Daily Mercury 3-16-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.03.21	<b>Big Bend</b>	The contract for grading the Big Bend Road has been let to a company of Chinese. It leaves the Cherokee Road about a half mile from the Smith brothers and goes direct to the head of the Spring Valley Ravine, then down the side of the West Branch of the Feather River. A bridge will be built about a half mile above the junction of the West Branch with the North Branch. It will then go around the southern end of Big Bend Mountain to the flat, where the town of Big Bend will be built. The road avoids Cherokee and Yankee Hill, shortening the trip to Big Bend--the entire length is about 16 miles.	Oroville Daily Mercury 3-21-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.03.21	<b>Cherokee</b>	Ad for Fryer's Cherokee and Oroville Drug Stores.	Oroville Daily Mercury 3-21-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.03.22	<b>Cherokee</b>	Ralzemond Parker sold his drug store to John M. Rogers, who previously owned the Cherokee Drug Store. Prior to owning the Cherokee Drug Store, Rodgers operated the drug store in Oroville that he just purchased from Parker for seven years.	Oroville Daily Mercury 3-22-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.03.26	<b>Rock Creek</b>	Eugene McGrath and his partners Oscar M Coy, George Davis, F.E. Gooch and Thomas Davis take out a water claim on Little Kimshew Creek for mining purposes near Ramsey & Ryan mining claim. The firm is known as the McGrath and M Coy claim. They sign the claim at Rock Creek Mill.	Mining Claims Book C page 104 dated 3-26-1883		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1883.03.30	<b>Cherokee</b>	Charles Bader Obituary. He arrived in San Francisco in 1847 before the discovery of gold, when San Francisco was a small port. He was a miner around the site of Captain Sutter's sawmill at Colma for several years. In 1852, Bader came to the Feather River. He resided in Cherokee but was in San Francisco when he died.	Weekly Mercury 3-30-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.03.30	<b>Cherokee/Big Bend</b>	Bridge on Dry Creek near Pence's at the Daniels place was washed away. The Spring Valley Company's levee there was also broken by the flood. Rumor in town yesterday that the West Branch bridge had been washed away by the flood but was not true.....the non-arrival of the Big Bend mail was caused by the washing out of one end of the bridge across Dry Creek. Also Christopher Lynch of Cherokee who turned suddenly blind was found to have hemorrhage of the optic nerve so his sight will probably be restored.	Weekly Mercury 3-30-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.04.09	<b>Big Bend</b>	Big Bend Tunnel is now in the mountain about 1575 feet.	Oroville Daily Mercury 4-9-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.04.16	<b>Butte County</b>	Postage on October 1st to be 2 cents per half ounce anywhere in the United States. Money orders in sums of \$5.00 can be purchased for 3 cents.	Daily Mercury 4-16-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.04.18	<b>Big Bend</b>	New road to Big Bend is complete. Also article about accident at the tunnel. Train drawn with one mule hauling seven carloads of rock was traveling down Dark Canyon to the dumping place when the track settled and the train went into the canyon.	Daily Mercury 4-18-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.04.23	<b>Butte County</b>	Central Pacific Railroad (C.P.R.R.) filed claims for 19,797 acres in Butte County yesterday. This is the largest single claim in County history.	Daily Mercury 4-23-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.04.30	<b>Yankee Hill/Cherokee</b>	Ad for Morrison's Stage---runs from Oroville to Deadwood via Pence's and Yankee Hill. Also, direct from Oroville to Cherokee.	Daily Mercury 4-30-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.05.05	<b>Little Kimshew</b>	Wm Ramsey, John Frishman, H.D. Ryan and John Phalen file claim for water.	Butte County Clerks office Book C Pg 109	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.05.25	<b>Merrimac</b>	Article about the startup of the Merrimac saw mill by E.P. Farnham and John Rowell. The mill should be in operation about August 20th. The mill will have two 62 inch saw blades run by a 75 horse power steam engine and housed in a building 32 x 110 feet. The capacity will be 50,000 board feet per day. The plant is expected to cost \$30,000 and employ 40 people. Currently they have secured the right to 2,000 acres of timber which should keep the plant busy for a couple of years. The contractor has his plans for the equipment with the Fulton Iron Works in San Francisco and it should arrive at the Oroville depot by July 20th. The Lumpkin mill located on the Mooretown Ridge last year cut two million feet of lumber and is scheduled to cut three million feet this year. (Note: Merrimac post office was closed Mar 23, 1934)	Weekly Mercury 5-25-1883, Butte County Post Office ledger	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.05.25	<b>Paradise</b>	B. J. Jarboe was jerked by a horse and sustained internal injuries. Note: He later settled in what is now known as Jarbo Gap.	Weekly Mercury 5-25-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.05.28	<b>Butte County</b>	Real estate transactions: D. K. Perkins to F. Wellington, Porter Mine on Sec. 17 and 20, T22N R4E, \$1; Mortgage recorded: F. Wellington to D. K. Perkins, Porter Mine \$800 1 year 12 per cent.	Daily Mercury 5-28-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.06.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	Office of Spring Valley Mine Company moved. \$500 in gold dust recovered from the dirt below.	History of Butte County 1918	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.06.09	<b>Big Bend</b>	Special service (mail) discontinued from June 30th at Big Bend, Butte County	Sacramento Daily Record 6-9-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.06.11	<b>Cherokee</b>	The Spring Valley Hydraulic Gold Mining Company is being sued by Sutter County because of debris in the Yuba and Feather Rivers.	Daily Mercury 6-11-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.07.02	<b>Concow</b>	Mail contract has been let to Henry Morrison to make mail runs from Yankee Hill to Concow on Mondays and Fridays.	Daily Mercury 7-2-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1883.07.02	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley Mine pays \$2.50 per day in wages for steady work in summer and winter	Daily Mercury 7-2-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.07.03	<b>Deadwood</b>	Between forty and fifty persons are stopping at Deadwood, most to see the Chinese doctor.	Daily Mercury 7-3-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.07.06	<b>Oroville/Concow</b>	Meeting of the Executive Committees of the I.O.G.T in the offices of Joe. P. Leonard last evening, to plan the arrangements for the Grand Temperance Convention to be held at Concow.	Daily Mercury 7-6-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.07.09	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Fred Wellington living near Yankee Hill, is the owner of a fine quartz lead from which he says 10,000 tons of \$15 milling ore can be taken. The ledge is 8 ft wide. The cost should not exceed \$2 per ton. The problem is, there is no mill in the area.	Daily Mercury 7-9-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.07.11	<b>Cherokee</b>	An attempt to burglarize the residence of Henry Morrison. Man entered the house after everyone was in bed and was in the daughter's room when he was surprised by Mrs. Morrison. Mr. Morrison had left his pistol on the seat of his stagecoach or he would have shot the man. The man escaped.	Daily Mercury 7-11-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.07.11	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Currently surveying route for the C.N.R.R. (railroad).	Daily Mercury 7-11-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.07.11	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	Letter from Messilla Valley about the lack of reporting on the events July 4th in Oroville, to support the Good Templars Home in Vallejo.	Daily Mercury 7-11-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.07.12	<b>Concow</b>	Second annual camp convention of the International Order of Good Templars (I.O.G.T.) will meet at Concow Campgrounds the 14th of August. (Mullen and Marquis were members)	Daily Mercury 7-12-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.07.16	<b>Concow/Deadwood/ Frenchtown</b>	Article states the hotel at Deadwood is full and twenty people are in tents at the Concow Campground. The lake is well stocked with catfish and trout. Joe Miller is building a two story frame house at Frenchtown (See Aug 3, 1883).	Daily Mercury 7-16-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.07.20	<b>Concow</b>	Speakers at the Concow Good Templars Convention are B.W.G.T of the World (organization), George B. Katzenstein, Hon. W.O. Clark of Amador, Col. George Babcock of San Francisco, Rev. J.E. Cohenour of Yolo County and Rev. C.A. Bateman.	Daily Mercury 7-20-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.07.20	<b>Concow</b>	Concow mail route changes: Stages for passengers and mail now leaves Oroville Wednesdays and Saturdays, and leaves Concow on Thursdays and Mondays. Passengers between the two points will be conveyed any weekday.	Daily Mercury 7-20-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.07.30	<b>Concow</b>	Mrs. G.G. Marquis has a stroke on way to Temperance meeting at Frenchtown. This is her third stroke, it is feared she will not make it. (She died 7/31) See Obit 8-20-1883 Daily Mercury.	Daily Mercury 7-30-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.08.03	<b>Nelson Bar Rd</b>	Joseph Miller, a butcher, farmer and land speculator acquired 120 acres from the Central Pacific Railroad for \$270 in Frenchtown on Nelson Bar Rd. In May 1886 he along with his son Wendelin Miller would purchase an adjacent 120 acres for \$360. In 1886 Miller and Antoine Hodapp were the largest land owners in Frenchtown. Edwin R Lunt owned 120 acres in nearby Spanishtown. (In 1870 the railroad was given special terms to buy large chunks of land, no money down and delayed interest on the loan, in order to help finance railroad projects. The railroad sold off the land thru the 1890s.) See July 16, 1883	Butte County Clerk Deeds Book W, page 330, Book Z, page 512, 1886 map of Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.08.04	<b>Deadwood/Concow</b>	The Chinese Doctor at Deadwood now has a full compliment of patients. Fire in Oregon Gulch headed towards Oregon City. Number of campers in Concow.	Daily Mercury 8-4-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.08.08	<b>Nelson Bar Road</b>	Edwin R. Lunt buys 40 acres on Nelson Bar Road from the Central Pacific Railroad for \$90 and builds a home that still stands in 2015. (In 1870 the railroad was given special terms to buy large chunks of land, no money down and delayed interest on the loan, in order to help finance railroad projects. The railroad sold off the land thru the 1890s.)	Deeds Book W page 717-719		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1883.08.10	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	Charles Curtis and Joseph Curtis request additional reimbursement by the county for bridge and road work at Nelson Bar. Costs include labor to grade road \$2024, lumber for road work \$612, lumber for bridge \$640, labor to build bridge \$1200. Apparently it was denied. (Note: Only \$600 was originally approved to finish the project, O.M. Evans had built a bridge 1 1/2 miles south of Nelson Bar and graded a road to Yankee Hill a year before the Nelson Bar Bridge was first built. Evans was an Oroville Merchant which is where the Butte County Supervisors met, Butte County recognized the Evans bridge (West Branch Bridge) and road as the main road and bridge across the Feather River.	Florence Styles Collection, Roads of Butte County Vol 46, Paradise Genealogical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.08.10	<b>Concow</b>	J.B. Mullen records deed granting a lot 600 ft x 200 ft across from his hotel and along Concow Rd., to trustees of the Reservoir School District to be used for school.	County Clerks Records Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.08.11	<b>Concow</b>	Mr. Mullen has built a large dining room and otherwise improved his hotel for the accommodation of his guests. He also built a large boat, 20 feet long, that will carry fifteen persons. There are now five boats on the lake. The ground is all in ready for the meeting of the Camp Convention.	Daily Mercury 8-11-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.08.15	<b>Deadwood</b>	Article mentions the people staying at Deadwood (E.L. Garriepy, Nick Zambellich, Clarks from Yuba City). Also states the Camp meeting at Concow is in full swing.	Daily Mercury 8-15-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.08.16	<b>Concow</b>	The District Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars met the 14th at 10:00 am at Concow. This being the last meeting of the year, District Deputy J.B. Mullen welcomed the group. There are now twenty-one tents on the property besides some dozen others scattered in the woods. This is the largest gathering of Good Templars in Northern California ever held. Article gives names of speakers and new officers.	Daily Mercury 8-16-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.08.16	<b>Concow</b>	Large ad for Camp Convention at Concow.	Daily Mercury 8-16-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.08.17	<b>Concow</b>	Important business bearing on future work for the Temperance movement. J.B. Mullen has donated 10 acres to the temperance group currently located at the campground to establish a permanent temperance camp.. The group will attempt to sell 1000 shares at \$5.00 to raise money to improve the campground. Members from Butte, Yuba and Sutter Counties have established a committee to promote the Temperance movement. (Note: The deed was recorded July 30, 1884 and consisted of 6 acres across from the Mullen Hotel and Concow Rd., near Ishi Trail Rd. The deed contained a clause that the property reverted back to the grantor if the property was not used for two consecutive years. The property later reverted back to Caleb Scott who deeded it to his daughter Mary R. Simmons)	Daily Mercury 8-20-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.08.21	<b>Concow</b>	Officers and members of Concow Lodge No. 213 of the I.O.G.T. have drafted a resolution of respect to the memory of our sister, Mrs. G.G. Marquis who passed away July 31, 1883. Mrs. Marquis was a devoted member of the lodge.	Daily Mercury 8-21-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.08.21	<b>Concow</b>	Camp convention of Good Templars at Concow; resolutions	Daily Mercury 8-21-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.08.22	<b>Flea Valley</b>	David Wilson, an employee of the Flea Valley Mills stumbled while standing on top of a pile of lumber. He caught his foot and fell to the ground breaking his thigh, wrist and three ribs. He is a young man who has parents living between Cherokee and Oregon City and was married last winter. Note: He died in 1889 and is buried in Cherokee. David Wilson, a miner, had a large family in Cherokee that moved away after their son David Jr. died in 1889	Daily Mercury 8-22-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.08.22	<b>Concow</b>	Concow Hotel ad	Daily Mercury 8-22-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.08.23	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Article lists unusual names of places in Butte County. Mentions a saloon near Yankee Hill called Belly Wash Castle.	Daily Mercury 8-23-1883	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1883.08.25	<b>Concow</b>	Article clarifies the intent to sell 1000 shares of stock at \$5.00 to make improvements at the Concow Campground. The intent is to divide the ten acres into about 100 campsites. They then will sell the lots by public notice. (Apparently there was some concern expressed that only the Templars would be offered the lots. I do not believe this plan was ever carried out).	Daily Mercury 8-25-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.09.03	<b>Big Bend/Cherokee</b>	G. E. Carmen of Big Bend returns; Charles Waldeyer of Cherokee has gone to New York on mining business	Daily Mercury 9-3-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.09.19	<b>Deadwood</b>	Letter to editor about prospecting various and numerous quartz mines in vicinity "within a very short space of time this section of country within a radius of 6 or 8 miles of Yankee Hill will resound to the drop of the stamp pounding out the precious metals." This prospector visited Mr. Wellington's mine, 135 ft deep. There is \$15 or \$20 ore enough in sight to run a ten stamp mill for two years.	Daily Mercury 9-19-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.12.02	<b>Frenchtown</b>	Henry Sewell Curtis marries Ella Elizabeth Smith (Daughter of James Monroe Smith of Frenchtown who died in 1886 at Deadwood. Her sister is Nancy F Smith who married Edwin R Lunt of Frenchtown)	Ancestry.com		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.12.06	<b>Yankee Hill/Deadwood</b>	Ad for Morrison's Stage Line from Oroville to Deadwood via Pence's Ranch and Yankee Hill, runs daily.	Daily Mercury 12-6-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.12.15	<b>Flea Valley/Oroville</b>	Article about lumber in Butte County. Oroville is the leading shipping point for sugar pine lumber. It takes 15 to 20 men a day to produce a carload of lumber. Oroville has shipped 400 carloads in 1883. Each car holds 10,000 feet of lumber. Costs range from \$23 to \$25 per thousand feet. The cost to haul the lumber by wagon is \$9 to \$10 per thousand feet. On Monday 5 teams drove in lumber from Flea Valley, 12 teams drove lumber from the Lumpkin Mill. Next year the Merrimac mill at Peavine will produce 400 carloads.	Pacific Rural Press 12-15-1883	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.12.15	<b>Concow Township</b>	Central Pacific Railroad was taxed on 34,000 acres of land in Concow Township. Note: Much of this land would be sold to the Diamond Match Company by 1902	Butte County Tax Rolls Dec 1883		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1883.12.26	<b>Pentz</b>	Oroville Lumber Company is taxed on land at Pentz lumber dump site. 2 miles of ditch, 1 1/2 miles of flume & iron pipe to Sinclair Flat valued at \$1500, 6 mules \$450, 6 wagons \$600, harness \$100, 12 horses \$600, 20 oxen \$600, 30 tons of hay \$300, 110,000,000 ft Lumber \$11,000.	Butte County Tax Rolls Dec 1883		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.00.00	<b>Concow/Yankee Hill</b>	1884: Article appears in the Overland Monthly about the Concow Indians and their history. The article quotes Tome-Ya-Nem, Chief of the Concows. Tome-Ya-Nem was the son of the previous Chief. He was directed by his father to assume his father's name (about 1864). So there are two Chiefs named Tome-Ya-Nem. Article also mentions a group of Indians from Yankee Hill known as the Che-es-sees. Their Chief was Uh-le-ma; the tribe numbered between 220 and 400 Indians. Wells reported 220 Indians from Yankee Hill were sent to the reservation in 1863. Tome-Ya-Nem stated the number in the tribe at around 400. Note: I believe John Clark received much of his information quoted in the 1918 history of Butte County about the Concow Indians and Michael Wells assistance to them from this article. The article was mentioned in the Oroville papers.	Overland Monthly Vol 4, July 1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.01.03	<b>Butte County</b>	Wicks Road - Is there a road in the county more deserving than any other of the name county road it is the one from Wicks Ranch to Oroville. It is traveled by a large number of citizens. Five townships namely, Oregon, Concow, Kimshew, Chico and Dayton pass over it. Four stage lines use the road carrying US mail. This road is 6 miles in length. (There was a plea for the Board of Supervisors to help maintain the road with money from the general fund.)	Daily Mercury 1-3-1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.01.04	<b>Deadwood</b>	First burial at Deadwood Cemetery---Jessie Sang, born 18 Dec 1883, daughter of Ah Sang & Lizzie Sang. This cemetery is near the Tebbe family cemetery.	Paradise Genealogical Society, Sites & Cemeteries Book 5		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1884.01.11	<b>Pentz</b>	The lumber company at Pentz has ceased hauling for the winter and turned their oxen out. They have hauled a large amount of lumber to the depot this season for shipment below. Necktie party at Pentz Good Templars Hall.	Oroville Daily Mercury 1-11-1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.01.14	<b>Butte County</b>	Judging from the tone of our mountain exchanges, the decision of judge Sawyer, which puts an end to hydraulic mining, is not regarded as the death blow to prosperity in the region heretofore prominent, only for their hydraulic mines. If hydraulic mines are abandoned entirely, capital will turn its attention to drift and quartz mines, give employment to more men than formerly, and thus inaugurate an era of prosperity in the mining regions; article goes on to discuss other means of income for the area.	Daily Mercury 1-14-1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.01.14	<b>Frenchtown</b>	Lorenzo Feist buys 80 acres from Central Pacific Railroad for \$129 (See 1893)	Deeds book 37 pages 737-741		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.01.21	<b>Pentz</b>	Jas Van Ness of Pentz is in town today. He sold his ranch at Pentz several months ago intending to seek a home elsewhere. But like all others who spend a long time in Butte, he failed to find a section as attractive as this, and purchased a piece of land adjoining that he sold and intends to remain in Butte.	Daily Mercury 1-21-1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.01.23	<b>Wicks Ranch</b>	I wish to make it known to all the public that the Spring Valley Mining Company is secretly working a plan by which they soon expect to be able to abandon or rather to close that part of the road lying between Wicks Ranch and the Clarks for the purpose of having that portion of the country to hold their slickens, and which will compel all settlers and teamsters living along the road to go to Oroville by way of Pence's Ranch, making an additional distance of 6 miles on every trip to the county seat and back home. (article elaborates on this issue)	Daily Mercury 1-23-1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.01.25	<b>Pence Ranch</b>	Mrs. M. Pence has more than 500 oranges on orange tree at Pence Ranch. In every nook and cove along our foothills where the place is sheltered from cold currents, this luscious fruit can be grown to perfection.	Weekly Mercury 1-25-1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.02.05	<b>Paradise</b>	Petition from citizens of Paradise to restrain Spring Valley Company from obstructing the Clark Road.	Daily Mercury 2-5-1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.02.06	<b>Jordan Hill</b>	Long article about Fred Wellington's mine at Jordan Hill. One and a half pounds of rock were taken from an eight foot quartz vein for evaluation. I have no hesitation saying that it is one of the very best pieces of quartz property in Northern California. Here is a good mine without a mill, here is an eight foot vein at surface, an eight foot vein one hundred and thirty feet in depth, and good milling paying ore enough to keep a twenty-stamp mill running for years. Mr. Wellington will contract to furnish five or ten thousand tons of ore that will assay over twenty-five dollars a ton. He will furnish the same to mill for two dollars per ton. Mr Wellington is anxious to get a good mill on the property. (signed) A Prospector	Daily Mercury 2-6-1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.02.08	<b>Pentz</b>	Ad for Holbrook & Phelps manufacturers and dealers in mountain and sugar pine lumber, principal depot at Pentz. A full line of moldings and shingles, dressed flooring, building and fence lumber.	Weekly Mercury 2-8-1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.02.08	<b>Concow</b>	Joseph Mullen's son shot Edward Derrick by mistake while hunting thinking he was a wild hog. Mullen's son was 15 years old, Derrick had a wife and 4 children.	Daily Mercury 2-8-1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.02.15	<b>Cherokee</b>	Mr. Louis Glass of Spring Valley Mine sent statement to Board of Supervisors for the right to run their tailings through the Sacramento valley. The prevailing idea seems to be that of abandoning the Clark bridge and have people on the north of the Chico and Pentz Road turn to the west at the point where the Clark Road crosses the Chico and Pentz Road and cross Dry Creek on the bridge at the old Crum ranch thence down the Chico Road to Oroville.	Weekly Mercury 2-15-1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.02.23	<b>Cherokee</b>	Mr. G. P. Williams retiring and Louis Glass taking position of Superintendent.	Weekly Butte Record 2-23-1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1884.07.01	<b>Concow/Yankee Hill</b>	Article appears in the Overland Monthly about the Con Cow Indians and their history. The article quotes Tome-Ya-Nem, Chief of the Con Cows. Tome-Ya-Nem was the son of the previous Chief. He was directed by his father to assume his father's name (about 1864). So there are two Chiefs named Tome-ya-nem. Article also mentions a group of Indians from Yankee Hill known as the Che-es-sees. Their Chief was Uh-le-ma, the tribe numbered between 220 and 400 Indians. States this tribe was not sent to the reservation when the earlier tribes were rounded up in 1859. (Michael Wells reported 220 Indians from Yankee Hill were rounded up and sent to the reservation in 1863. Tome-Ya-Nem stated the number in the Yankee Hill tribe at around 400). Very interesting article.	The Overland Monthly Vol 4 #2, July 1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.07.12	<b>Concow/Yankee Hill</b>	Brief mention of the July 1884 Overland Monthly article in the Oroville paper about ConCow Indians. Does not mention the article was provided by the Chief of the Konkows, Tome-Ya-Nem. Does not talk about the Che-es-sees. It mentions Michael Wells from Yankee Hill as being a defender of the Indians against the whites who wanted to exterminate them.	Weekly Butte Record 7-12-1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.08.08	<b>Concow</b>	Two page article describing Concow and the lake.	Chico Enterprise 8-8-1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.08.26	<b>Concow</b>	First burial at the Concow Cemetery---Willie G. North, born 11 May 1879, son of Rufus North and Avarilla North.	Paradise Genealogical Society, Sites & Cemeteries Book 5	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.12.01	<b>Pentz</b>	Mrs. E.C. Farnham taxed for land at old lumber dump site. 2 miles of ditch, 1 1/2 miles of flume and iron pipe to Sinclair Flat. No mention of equipment or cut lumber at site.	Butte County Tax Rolls Dec 1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.12.01	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Future Johnson cabin site is owned by John McClean White. Listed as 40 acres. White died in 1888 and his parents inherited the land, later they deeded the land to John's brother Henry William White.	Butte County Tax Rolls Dec 1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1884.12.01	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Old Oroville Lumber Site is listed as owner "unknown" on tax records. Listed as 40 acres. Henry William White purchased the land in 1904. See 7/23/1904	Butte County Tax Rolls Dec 1884	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	City Directory for Butte County in 1885 lists Alfred Burr Clark as a boot maker, Wm Cahill as a carpenter, Edward Derrick as a lumberman, Mrs. M. Fairbanks as a hotel keeper (Flea Valley), L. Fritas as a mill man, Louis F. Geisse as a clerk, James James as a carpenter, Chas Lambert as a lumberman, Edwin Lunt as a teacher, Samuel McCool as a carpenter, Eugene McGrath as a mill man, J.B. Mullen as a proprietor, postmaster and stock raiser, Wm Mullen as a stock raiser, Wendelin Miller as a butcher, Daniel Moore as a carpenter, Michael Nix as a sheep raiser, B.F. North as an engineer, Ed Pinkston as a rancher, Wm Pinkston as a hunter, Geo. Ridley as a butcher, J.A. Ryder as a carpenter, A.H. Sang as a physician, Robert Strong as a ditch tender, Geo. Taylor as a lumberman, Geo Tebbe as a bookkeeper, Herman Tegrunde as a stock-raiser, Fred Thomas as a saloon keeper, J.W.H. Wartman as a ditch tender, M.H. Wells as a general merchandise, postmaster, justice of the peace and telephone operator, David Wilson as a mill man and Edgar C. Wilson as a lumberman. All others are listed as miners or farmers. There are 132 entries total for Yankee Hill and Concow.	1885 Butte County Directory - on line.	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.00.00	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	1885: Wooden covered bridge built across the West Branch of the Feather River, replacing the earlier bridge. See 1858	Images of America Paradise published in 2006	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.00.00	<b>Oroville</b>	1885: R.M. Green, a druggist in Oroville, started manufacturing on a large scale, a patent medicine called "Abietine", which was sold as a cough balsam. First discovered in 1864 while manufacturing turpentine, the medicine was made from the pitch of the pine tree "Pinus Sabiniana". Later D.F. Fryer, another Oroville druggist, also started making the product. The medicine was sold well into the early 1900s. The hills above Oroville were the only known source for the pitch in the world. It had a characteristic of boiling at 180 degrees instead of 220 degrees (different species due to higher altitude) like normal pitch, and it produced a pleasant odor. At one time the area where the concentration of trees and a distillery were located was called Balsam City.	History of Butte County 1918.	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1885.02.04	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	Petition signed by local residents for request for reimbursement of expenses on Nelson Bar Road and Bridge to C. S. Curtis and sons. Signed by 37 residents of Frenchtown, Spanishtown, Flea Valley, Concow, Deadwood, Yankee Hill and Big Bend (See 8-10-1883)	Curtis Family Files YHHS archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.03.14	<b>Big Bend</b>	Article about agriculture in Butte County - Gives description of Samuel Knowlton's ranch and crops. "I give you a few notes, exact facts, from the place of Samuel Knowlton, situated about two miles North of Big Bend, 18 miles North of Oroville in the Sierra Nevada mountains, at an altitude of 2,660 feet. The ranch comprises in all 200 acres, 40 acres being under cultivation; four acres in vineyard, the remaining in hay, vegetables and fine nursery. Apples are the principal fruit, of which only the choicest varieties are grown, viz Swans, Spitzenburg, Pearmain, Sweeting, Winesap and Newton Pippin, the last mentioned being the favorite for late winter use, keeping until the last of February or later. Apples grown on this place are as good as those grown anywhere in the world. The flavor is perfect, the texture fine and the quality excellent. The surrounding country affords a ready market and many orders are received from Vallejo, Oakland and other places, as these apples are so far superior to any grown in the valleys.....(The article describes other fruits grown there.)	Pacific Rural Press 3-14-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.03.20	<b>Cherokee</b>	2 large gems were found at Cherokee weighing 107 and 130 lbs.	Mercury 3-20-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.03.20	<b>Cherokee</b>	Ad for Morrison's Stage from Oroville to Cherokee, Deadwood, Pence's and Yankee Hill	Mercury 3-20-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.03.20	<b>Paradise</b>	James Van Ness of Pentz purchased 60 acres of land ear Paradise and intends to make a splendid home. He also intends to plant an orchard and vineyard. Mining ditches flowing through the community will supply water for irrigation.	Weekly Mercury 3-20-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.04.03	<b>Yankee Hill/Big Bend</b>	Long article - It is said that Colonel George Babcock, the prohibition champion, is engaged in developing a rich mine near Yankee Hill. We hope he'll make a million out of it. There is no doubt that there are yet many rich mines in the mountains of Butte. In the vicinity of Yankee Hill, Big Bend, Magalia, Forbestown and other places, rich finds are frequently made, and when mining operations become more skillful, much gold will surely be found..... Editors Note: Both the development of new equipment and increased skills made it possible to visit old mining sites and find new mines or reopen old mines.	Daily Mercury 4-3-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.04.03	<b>Deadwood</b>	Dr Ah Chang was arraigned in Justice Bliss's Court today, charged by the people of the state of California with violating the statute governing the practice of medicine in California, inasmuch as the said Dr. Ah Chang is practicing medicine in Butte County, without a license to do the same.	Daily Mercury 4-3-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.04.04	<b>Deadwood</b>	Dr. Ah Chang was released by Judge Freer yesterday afternoon on habeas corpus. This is equivalent to a discharge. There was not sufficient evidence introduced to hold the defendant, as it was not proven that he has practiced medicine within the past year.	Daily Mercury 4-4-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.04.09	<b>Oroville</b>	Telephone service extended to Oroville from Marysville, the lines were put up in twelve days by Mr. King of Marysville. It was built by Messrs. Readout and Binney, for the conveniences of their businesses. There is an office at Moore's Station, and one in the Bank of Rideout, Smith & Co. in Oroville.	Daily Mercury 4-9-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.05.08	<b>Concow</b>	Article about the May Day picnic at Concow camp ground. About twenty people attended; there were three legged races with prizes. The women participated in a wheel barrow race. Fishing and swimming were enjoyed by some. A baseball game at 3:00 p.m. was played for 3 innings between the Concow and Yankee Hill men before the game was called because of a passing shower. Later dinner was served at the Concow hotel operated by J.B. Mullen with dancing afterwards.	Weekly Mercury 5-8-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.05.08	<b>Concow</b>	J. B. Mullen, the proprietor of mountain resort, intends to put up a skating rink this summer. Major McLaughlin will go to Big Bend prior to leaving for New York.	Weekly Mercury 5-8-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1885.05.29	<b>Cherokee, Big Bend, Yankee Hill</b>	The various towns in Butte County will soon be connected with the telephone lines. From Oroville we can communicate with Moore's Station, Cherokee, Big Bend, Yankee Hill, Hurlerton, Woodville, Brownsville and Marysville. In a few more days Chico and Gridley will be attached to the net work of telephone lines.	Weekly Mercury 5-29-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.06.12	<b>Cherokee</b>	Long article about Cherokee. The town supports about 800 people, 4 hotels, two stores, three saloons, a livery stable, shoe and a blacksmith shop. The mines employ about 500 workers.	Weekly Butte Record 6-12-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.06.19	<b>Butte County</b>	List of School districts with money apportionment for each. Big Bend \$11.40, Chico \$277.80, Cherokee \$80.40, Concow \$15.00, Messilla Valley \$16.80, Oregon City \$15.00, Oroville \$100.80, Reservoir \$12.80	Oroville Mercury 6-19-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.06.26	<b>Concow/Cherokee</b>	Concow Camp Convention meets on August 18th. Cherokee to be lighted with electricity on the 4th	Oroville Mercury 6-26-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.07.03	<b>Cherokee Concow</b>	Mr. J.H. Hogan the Oroville photographer recently finished some from the Cherokee mines. Various beautiful ones along the Con Cow road and has a most beautiful one of the large reservoir at that place. Mr. Hogan expects to visit many noted places this summer, and will make a large number of views.	Oroville Mercury 7-3-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.07.10	<b>Concow/Cherokee/Pentz</b>	The people of Concow had a nice little picnic last Saturday. Dan Williams lost a child last night, the little one had been sick for some time. Fresh Lime available from A. Parrish. A good 8 horse wagon for sale, contact W.M. Pence	Oroville Mercury 7-10-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.07.10	<b>Oroville</b>	Miocene Mine to commence operations tomorrow. Long article, E.J. Davis was the superintendent of the mine and they had just installed a Martin Elevator to handle the debris from the mine. The article gives details about the operation of the elevator. (The Miocene mine was a hydraulic mine similar to the Cherokee mine. See Aug 7, 1885)	Oroville Mercury 7-10-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.07.17	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	T.D.M. Slaven, teacher of the Yankee Hill School came to town yesterday evening and related the following very sad story. Josie E, only daughter of Jos. Miller of that place was a bright young girl, seventeen years of age and has attended school there since she has been old enough for such. Yesterday morning, as usual, with books and bucket in hand, accompanied by her young and happy companions, she left her father's house and proceeded to school. She talked with her classmates about the day's lessons, after a little while, took a book and saying that she desired to study alone for a few moments, walked several rods from the schoolhouse and laid under one of the magnificent pines. It was then just before nine o'clock, and in the mean time, Mr. Steven arrived at the school house. Just at nine he was called by one of his pupils and told that Josie wanted to see him. Being surprised that she would send for him, he hastened to her side, and was horrified to find the bright, amiable and lovely young girl, gasping in death. It was indeed a sad and terrible reality to Mr Stevens and the large number of children who clustered about their dying companion. When spoke to, she faintly uttered the name of her teacher and died.....	Weekly Mercury 7-17-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.07.17	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Florence Gold Mining Co. near Yankee Hill is putting two of Paul's americanized arrastras in the Wellington mine. There are plenty of good quartz mines in Butte just waiting for skill and coin to open them.	Weekly Mercury 7-17-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.07.31	<b>Cherokee</b>	The new tunnel at Cherokee has reached a length of about 800 feet. We hope it will pay big..... N. Willoughby of Cherokee is now on a visit to Arizona, and it is reported will remove his family there in a short while. We are sorry to lose such a good man from Butte. E.A. Pearson is the only survivor of the first settlers of the mines at Cherokee.	Oroville Mercury 7-31-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1885.07.31	<b>Pentz</b>	While roads generally leading from Oroville are in fine condition, the one from here to Pentz is terrible. It is one of the most difficult in the country to keep in good condition, but with a little attention could be kept in much better order. When cattle or stock pass over it they knock loose rocks into it, and when a team passes over it the bumping is fearful. The road overseer should exercise a little more care with the road.....L.W. Lee of Pentz has taken his family to Humburg for a few weeks and will spend the time at P.R. Welch's hotel. Oh, such water, trout and buttermilk!	Oroville Mercury 7-31-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.08.07	<b>Cherokee</b>	L.L. Robinson, President; W.A. Redford Secretary, and D. Stokes Superintendent of the North Bloomfield mine, came Thursday evening, and yesterday visited the Cherokee and Miocene mines. The gentlemen were delighted with the Martin Elevator, at work in the Miocene and Mr. Robinson thinks it is the finest application of waterpower that he has ever seen. He likes it so well, that he thinks he will immediately put one in the North Bloomfield, as he is positive that the most rabid anti-miner could not object to it as it would be an easy matter to retain all the debris in the mine, by that process. He considers it a great invention	Weekly Mercury 8-7-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.08.07	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley Hydraulic Mine solves debris problem. They have 16 miles of the tule land west of the Marysville Buttes and from their mine to this place, a distance of 40 miles, they have constructed a canal at a cost of \$700,000 through which they convey the debris of the mine. The land they will make filling up the tule in a few years will be the most valuable in the state. The company is now building a dredger at Stockton to keep the canal clear.	Weekly Mercury 8-7-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.08.07	<b>Merrimac</b>	John Wagner, the popular proprietor of the Merrimac Hotel, called to see us today. Things are booming about that place. The mammoth saw mill there owned by Farnham & Bowell, is cutting from forty to fifty thousand feet of fine lumber per day and there are several mines in that vicinity The people there don't forget to have a good time occasionally. They have a large new hall, and last Monday night celebrated the marriage of Mr. Johnson of that place, and Miss Hartman, by having a splendid dance, on the return of the bridal party. (I believe the equipment from the Defiance saw mill at Flea Valley (Rag Dump) was moved to Merrimac by Farnham who purchased the assets. See 9-11-1885, the property at Flea Valley is for sale)	Oroville Mercury 8-7-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.08.07	<b>Concow</b>	Good Templars' Camp Convention at Concow will be a week in the mountains. J. B. Mullen keeps a good hotel there and has abundance of horse feed. The Spring Valley Company's reservoir contains many trout and is a fine place for boating. The Good Templars' exercises will refresh the intellectual man. W. S. Read, dentist, will attend the Camp Convention at Concow. Excelsior Brass Band will not be in attendance this year.	Weekly Mercury 8-7-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.08.12	<b>Big Bend</b>	The tunnel at Big Bend, by which the Feather River is to be turned is now at 10,000 feet. It is to be 11,200 feet in length and will dry the bed of the river for 12 miles. It is expected very rich diggings will be developed.	Sacramento Daily Union 8-12-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.08.14	<b>Nelson</b>	The Cherokee dredger is at work on the company's canal just below Nelson. W.M. Bowers who was over there the other day, informs us that it is a gigantic institution, run by an engine of about fifteen horsepower. It scoops the slickens from the channel of the canal by means of buckets attached to a large chain working on pulleys over the end of timbers extending at a given angle from the end of the institution. The mud is scooped, and by means of slides is deposited on the levees. The Cherokee Company has always taken care of its debris, as far as possible, and when the land of anybody has been injured, it has paid the owner his figures for the injured land. Time will demonstrate, that the Cherokee canal is a blessing to the county through which it runs.	Oroville Mercury 8-14-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.08.14	<b>Pentz</b>	Some good work is being done on the Pentz road just this side of Dry Creek bridge. Pity such cannot be done through the entire lane....G.W. Lewis of Pentz is opening a drift mine just above that place, which prospects well, and bids fair to turn out a bonanza. We hope George will get rich out of it.	Oroville Mercury 8-14-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.08.14	<b>Cherokee</b>	A man named Burns was killed in the Cherokee mine this morning, by a piece of pipe clay falling on him. Coroner Bliss went up to hold an inquest.	Oroville Mercury 8-14-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1885.08.14	<b>Big Bend</b>	N.A. Harris Superintendent of Big Bend Company was in town yesterday. He informs us that the tunnel was lengthened 395 feet last month and if the rock remains as it now is, they will make 400 feet this month.	Oroville Mercury 8-14-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.09.11	<b>Flea Valley</b>	The Flea Valley lumber property is for sale. We should like to see some enterprising lumber man purchase it, as it is a fine property.	Weekly Mercury 9-11-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.09.11	<b>Cherokee</b>	The dwelling house of John D. Jones of Cherokee was burned yesterday, and nearly all its contents destroyed, though there was some insurance on the building....N. Willoughby of Cherokee, desires to dispose of his hotel and other property in that town.....	Weekly Mercury 9-11-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.12.11	<b>Cherokee</b>	Rich strike in Cherokee: Cherokee Company has one of the finest channels of gold-bearing gravel ever found in this State. Superintendent Glass expects grand results from his drifting scheme.	Weekly Mercury 12-11-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1885.12.27	<b>Cherokee</b>	Johnston Glass, uncle of Superintendent Glass, was blown from Spring Valley Mining Co flume at Concow Valley on Christmas eve and instantly killed.	SF Daily Alta 12-27-1885	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1886.00.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Flea Valley Hotel operated by Betty Duensing from 1886 to 1907. Betty and her husband George F. Duensing had lived in Flea Valley for some time before operating the hotel. The first hotel was established by Gus Fairbanks in 1857 (see 1857). Other early day residents were Mr. & Mrs. William Thunen.(See 1862 above). Appears Duensing did not actually own the hotel, perhaps rented it? Note: Betty Duensing filed a land patent in 1894 for 40 acres adjacent the hotel in Flea Valley. Betty Duensing also filed for divorce in 1894. She married Jacob Miller Hottman in Nov 1895, they lived at Flea Valley with two of the Duensing children (Doretta and Adolph) until Hottman's death in 1907.	Old Days in Butte by Florence Danforth Boyle, available Butte County Historical Society and Mariam Library, Chico		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1886.00.00	<b>Arizona/Big Bend/Concow</b>	1886: Joseph Burr Mullen sells campground and hotel and moves to Arizona. Older brother William Mullen stays behind in Big Bend.	1900 Census, Family tree maker file		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1886.02.06	<b>Big Bend</b>	Nice article in the Scientific American about the Big Bend Tunnel which was supposed to drain the Feather River at Big Bend for gold mining. The article cover has nice drawings of the tunnel opening, power plant, overall tunnel map and Shields Gulch. Second page gives detailed explanation about the tunnel progress that was funded by Dr. Pierce of patent medicine fame.(See later articles about this project which was a financial bust costing \$2,000,000. Eventually, in 1907, the tunnel was sold to supply water to the Las Plumas Power House.)	Scientific American 2-6-1886	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1886.03.27	<b>Big Bend</b>	The mining enterprise known as the Big Bend Tunnel, located on the Feather River, sixteen miles above Oroville, is one of the most gigantic schemes undertaken in the state for many years. Superintendent N.A. Harris who was in the city Tuesday states the tunnel lacks but 200 feet of completion, and the work is carried on with the Burleigh drills at a rate of 100 feet per week. The company expects, therefore, to have daylight through the mountain by the 4th or 5th of next month. The tunnel will be 1200 feet in length, 16 feet wide by 9 feet high... (note: the tunnel ended up having to be enlarged, see later articles) .....The nature of the ground has heretofore prevented working in this canyon, as the river could neither be wing-dammed nor flumed. When the tunnel shall have been completed, a dam will be built across the Feather River 16 feet in height by about 160 feet in length. This will turn all water into the tunnel that it can carry, and whenever all the water in the river is sent through it, the fourteen mile bed of the river will be open for mining. In stages of high water, the surplus will flow over the dam and mining operations below will necessarily cease. The company has been three years and four months in building the tunnel at a great expense.....	Sacramento Daily Union 3-27-1886	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1886.05.08	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Wm. Mullen (1847-1886), teamster, dies when wagon brakes fail in Flea Valley. (This is another Mullen family. This Wm. Mullen was from Ireland and his family was not living with him in Flea Valley, per the 1880 census. Afterwards, the family split up and moved to different areas. Several brothers, including Andy Mullen (Dec 1879-Apr 1955), settled in Chico. Interestingly enough, Joseph Burr Mullen's brother, John Merritt Mullen (Dec 1844-Nov 1944) and his son, also settled in Chico in the 1930s.)	Butte Record 5-8-1886. 1880 Census	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1886.05.08	<b>California</b>	Article talks about mining soon to stop because of legislation.	Butte Record 5-8-1886	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1886.05.20	<b>Frenchtown</b>	In 1886 the Millers bought an additional 120 acres on Nelson Bar Rd. This makes the Miller brothers the largest cattle ranchers in the area. Wendelin Miller died in Oct 1901 and Joseph Miller in Aug 1908. 80 acres of the property would later be bought by Lyman Brown, in 1917. Mary Ellen Brown was a Cousin.	Book Z Page 512 - 515		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1886.05.24	<b>Big Bend</b>	Dr R.V. Pierce of Buffalo, N.Y., writes to the Chico Enterprise, protesting the statement that the "energy and capital" of any other man than himself is due the building of the Big Bend Tunnel. Of the 200,000 shares of stock issued by the company, Dr. Pierce holds 163,017. If the enterprise proves a success, the millionaire pill maker will add a handsome sum to his fortune.	Daily Alta California 5-24-1886	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1886.07.03	<b>Butte County</b>	Two page description of Butte County in the Pacific Rural Press.	Pacific Rural Press 7-3-1886	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1886.07.16	<b>Concow</b>	Caleb Scott (Jan 1843-1917) purchases Mullen property Oct 10, 1885 for \$4500, including campground (County Clerks records). Scott, a member of the Templars, holds 1886 convention for Templars at campground.	Weekly Mercury 7-16-1886	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1886.07.23	<b>Big Bend</b>	The following postmasters were appointed for California yesterday: Edward Harkins, Big Bend, Butte County; Lewis Glass, Cherokee, Butte; J.H. Skinner, Durham, Butte; J.R. Annelly, Paradise, Butte; J.R. Buffington, Dentz (Pentz) Butte. (Note: Edward Harkins was born in 1853 in Mo.)	Daily Alta California 7-23-1886	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1886.12.10	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	Lucy Beal Curtis published "An Episode of Chub Gulch" in Overland Monthly.	Weekly Mercury 12-10-1886	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.00.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring of 1887: Spring Valley Mine was shut down. Mine reopened for two years then closed again in 1889. For the next 10 years several attempts to reopen the mine were made but failed. Mine reopened in 1900 and operated until 1906. In 1920, the mine was reopened again but closed in 1922. In 1931, the mine was again opened but closed again in 1934. In 1944 another attempt was made to mine the tailings from the mine, but only lasted one year.	Diggins Vol 10 #4, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.03.03	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article about Spring Valley Mine lists expenditures and profits from July 1870 to July 1886. Ditches, reservoirs and pipe cost \$510,820. Mining plants and tunnels cost \$199,780. Purchasing property \$461,435. Cost of debris canal \$270,821. Mining expenses, including repair of ditches \$1,759,853. Total expenses \$3,622,198. Total value of gold recovered \$5,008,108. Net profit \$1,386,010. Estimated \$5,000,000 was taken from area before 1870. (Mine closed in Spring 1887, after this article was published, due to litigations over the tailings in the Feather River from hydraulic mining.)	Oroville Register 3-3-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1887.03.21	<b>Magalia</b>	Mining Notes - The Magalia gravel mining district, familiarly known as Dogtown, twenty-four miles from Oroville, on Little Butte Creek, is again coming into notice. The town of Magalia consists of two hotels, two saloons, two stores, a feed stable and quite a number of comfortable residences. It is an old camp, but the mining was formerly confined to creeks and gulches. These deposits were rich. A nugget weighing 54 lbs was found in the creek below Magalia in the golden era of the past.....The old Perchbaker mine began to be worked in 1856 and has been worked nearly all the time since. Last year an injunction was served on the mine and the work suspended. The gold in this mine is all coarse, pieces worth as much as a thousand dollars being found: Lumps weighing from one to five ounces are common.....(article mentions the Aurora mine and the Golden drift mine three miles from Magalia. Article states the owners of the Golden drift mine are Eastern people - the same who are engaged in the Big Bend tunnel)	Daily Alta California 3-21-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.04.21	<b>Big Bend</b>	Large article about tunnel; also interviews several old miners from the area and talks about their history. One account by John P. Leonard, an accountant for A. S. Hart in 1857/58 who contracted to build wooden flumes on the river, mentions wages and prices. Lumber was \$40 to \$50 per thousand feet. General labor was \$4 day. Bosses got \$6 to \$10 per day. The bookkeeper made \$300/month and the superintendent made \$500/month. The article also talks about the Oroville mining claim selling shares for \$500 each and returning \$1100 each in three months. The article states that current wages are half what they were in earlier times. (In general all the other accounts were small mining operations, realizing about \$8.00 per day in gold dust per man. They were limited to the shallow areas of the Feather River at Big Bend and only mined during limited periods of the year due to water levels rising. So the theory is, when the tunnel opens and the water bypasses Big Bend draining the river bed, large amounts of gold will be exposed at the bottom. Ultimately, the operation failed because of the size of the rocks at the bottom of the river. Note: this article is 9 pages long	Oroville Register 4-21-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.05.18	<b>Big Bend</b>	The Big Bend Mining Tunnel - W.M. Bowers, of Oroville, passed through from San Francisco on his way home yesterday. He states among other things concerning that interesting section of our matchless citrus belt, that the work of enlarging the Big Bend mining tunnel, situated sixteen miles above Oroville, on the Feather River, is being pushed forward rapidly and will be completed some time in the approaching July. The capacity before the present work of enlargement was 100,000 miner's inches, which will now be more than double.	Sacramento Daily Record-Union 5-18-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.05.19	<b>Oregon City</b>	Two new quartz mines in operation, third being built. Near Yankee Hill, several rich ledges---one will soon build a new mill.	Oroville Register 5-19-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.07.07	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Fourth of July Ball with a large number present from Concow, Chico, Oroville, Big Bend, Cherokee, Pentz, Magalia and Dayton. Article lists attendees. C.G Marquis and his wife, Fred Kirby and his wife and Miss Hazel Wood attended from Concow.	Oroville Register 7-7-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1887: Stage fair to Chico was \$.50 and Oroville was \$.75.			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.07.25	<b>Butte County</b>	Mining Notes - Mining excitement in Magalia and Inskip ridge is still increasing. It is said the Morgan and Salisbury mine yielded several thousand dollars in one day and a half last week. The woods are full of prospectors, and new developments are being made daily. The Eagle Point Gold and Silver Milling and Mining Company, situated a few miles above Pentz, on the West Branch of the Feather River, is terribly mixed.....the Cherokee Mine is paying a handsome profit, and in the next cleanup there will be about \$20,000 applied in liquidation of the laborer's liens.....Superintendent Harris and Secretary Harkness of the Big Bend Mine were in town yesterday and reported satisfactory progress in the great mine.	Daily Alta California 7-25-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1887.09.01	<b>Oroville</b>	Another big ditch to deliver water 16 miles to Oroville. Land without water worth \$10 acre, land with water worth \$50 per acre.	Oroville Register 9-1-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.09.08	<b>Big Bend</b>	The Big Bend Tunnel, the most stupendous mining enterprise that has ever been undertaken in Northern California is nearly complete. Within the next three weeks the tunnel will be freed from rock and debris, the tracks will be taken up, the machinery all removed and every preparation made for turning the river. It is so late in the fall, however, that but little work can be accomplished in the river bed as there are many things to be done after the river is turned, but such progress has been made that early next spring, the water will be taken out of the river, the bed laid dry, the flumes put in, wheels built, motors run to furnish electricity, and during the summer of 1888 we may expect to see the long canyon of the Feather River one of the busiest places in the state. That mine will prove enormously rich we have not the slightest doubt.	Oroville Register 9-8-1887	<b>y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.09.08	<b>Thermalito</b>	Mr. E. W. Fogg, manager of Bank of Rideout, Smith & Co., with Major Frank McLaughlin and Senator A. F. Jones, bought a 1760 acre tract of land with water right from Jenkin Morgan and later organized Thermalito Company.	Oroville Register 9-8-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.09.10	<b>Big Bend</b>	Mining Notes - Among the important enterprise of Butte County, that will be placed in successful operation another spring, will be the extensive mining operations of the Big Bend Tunnel and Mining Company. The work of enlarging the tunnel from 9 x 16 ft to 12 x 16 ft has been completed, and the work of cleaning out the debris, removing railroad track and trucks is now in progress, and will be completed by Oct 1st. There are places in the tunnel requiring mason work to prevent damage by action of the water, although almost the entire length of the tunnel has been run through solid rock.....Nothing in the way of mining in the river will be attempted this Fall or Winter. ....From former attempts to force the water through the flume as first constructed (9X12) and careful measurement and calculation of the surplus that was carried in a flume, it is believed that no further failure will occur.....The company will, we understand, construct extensive works for mining the bed of the river, and for this purpose will utilize the vast water power that the completion of the tunnel has placed at their command, in hoisting and removing from the bed of the river the rock which will be encountered in mining operations, and gravel that must be lifted from the bed of the river into a sluice to be worked, and for driving pumps for draining the claim....By putting in a plant of waterwheels and through the medium of dynamo-electric machines converting the power obtained into electricity, it will be a simple and not very expensive undertaking to distribute the power to the different points on the river where it can be used to great advantages.....	Daily Alta California 9-10-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.09.10	<b>Pentz</b>	Jesse Wood of Pentz purchased one of the Wheeler canneries and has put up several thousand cans of choice fruit. This week he purchased the peace crop of J. G. Curtis.	Weekly Butte Record 9-10-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.09.14	<b>Big Bend</b>	The water has been successfully turned through the Big Bend Tunnel. This lays dry 13 miles of the main Feather River never worked by miners and it is thought that the ground will be immensely rich. The tunnel is 2 1/2 miles long, is 13 x 16 in size and about 100,000 inches of water is flowing through it. A force of 100 men has been employed on the work, day and night, for four years and cost exceeds \$1,000,000	Los Angeles Herald 9-14-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.09.15	<b>Thermalito</b>	Article about Methodist College possibly coming to Thermalito.	Oroville Register 9-15-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.09.15	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article about the prosperity in Cherokee. Mentions Wm Gregory superintendent of the Spring Valley Mine using strict economy in all departments of the mine. The flumes are running to their utmost capacity. Mr Goodyday, former merchant of Cherokee, is prospecting the situation and talks of opening a store here again. Simon Hessel is also in town looking for the same. Jas. O'Hair has his store rebuilt, and intends opening a grocery and dry goods store immediately. It takes two barbers to shave the people and the Justice and Constable have to work for a living. The women are all busy drying and canning rich fruits grown in Cherokee.	Oroville Register 9-15-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1887.10.22	<b>Big Bend</b>	Brief note - Several hundred men will be worked in the bed of the Feather River, where it is drained by the Big Bend tunnel, during the coming season.	Daily Alta California 10-22-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.11.06	<b>Big Bend</b>	Long article about the Big Bend tunnel being done. The work was begun five years ago and has cost \$1,000,000 to date. The tunnel is 12,000 feet or nearly two and one third miles long. The New York corporation's capital stock is valued at \$20,000,000. (Dr Pierce of patent medicine fame was the major stock holder). Approximately 100 men have been working on the tunnel night and day. On Oct 16th the tunnel was opened and the river bed (at Big Bend) laid bar, samples have shown the ground to be very promising. The tunnel was first completed a year ago but was only 9 x 16 feet, it had to be enlarged to 12 x 16 feet to handle the water volume. The water of the river as it comes from the tunnel (at Dark Canyon) is at a height of 300 feet above the river below and this tremendous fall will be utilized to generate electricity via copper wires which will be conveyed to various pumps. The pumps will be installed during the winter under the supervision of the Superintendent M.A. Harrison and be ready for next season's work.	Daily Alta California 11-6-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.12.15	<b>Oroville</b>	Paper devoted to the development of this part of Butte County, plays up the agricultural potential.	Oroville Register 12-15-1887	<b>N</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.12.15	<b>Big Bend</b>	The Gridley Herald's mathematician is badly mixed and questions the math behind the big ditch.	Oroville Register 12-15-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.12.22	<b>Thermalito</b>	Article about the prospects for Thermalito shows artist rendition of area. Large hotel is built. In same issue, list of exhibitors including Big Bend, Concow Valley, Yankee Hill, Cherokee, Pentz, Bidwell Bar.	Oroville Register 12-22-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.12.31	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	Article about Jesse Wood place called "Eyrie Villa". He homesteaded 160 acres in 1881. He has since cleared 20 acres, he built a house and has 15 acres for orchards. His display at the fair consists of oranges, lemons, persimmons, limes, apples, walnuts, almonds, olives, and several kinds of grains and grasses. Jesse Wood also made a plow for his display made of oranges and apples. Note: His place was just north of the intersection of Pentz and Messilla Valley roads.	Pacific Rural Press 12-31-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1887.12.31	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about Butte County Citrus Fair mentions exhibits from Bangor, Berry Creek, Bidwell's Bar, Big Bend, Biggs, Bloomer Hill, Chico, Central House, Cherokee, Clear Creek, Concord, Enterprise, Forbestown, Gridley, Hurlton, Magalia, Messilla Valley, Morris Ravine, Mud Creek, Nimshew, Oroville, Paradise, Spanishtown, Sundale, Thompsons Flat, Wyandotte, Wyman's Ravine and Yankee Hill. Gives some detail of General Bidwell's exhibit and the exhibit of Jesse Woods from Messilla Valley. He calls his place Eyrie Villa.	Pacific Rural Press 12-31-1887	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1888.00.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	1888: Rapid decline of Cherokee because of lack of work since the Spring Valley Mine closed in Spring 1887.	Diggins Vol 10 #4 1966, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1888.01.01	<b>Pentz</b>	Joseph G Curtis and Frank Elden Curtis, his brother, file mining claim at Pentz	Book C page 436-37, 1-1-1888		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1888.02.04	<b>Big Bend</b>	Long article by Wm Mullen about growing citrus and walnuts at Big Bend. Talks about rain and snow in the past. Comments at the end of the article that he sees that Lane County, Oregon has too many Chinese and states they should send some down here. "I am sure they would do well here in the foothills and mountains, and they would not destroy the wheat either. Our Government ought to procure a stock of them and distribute them as they do the fish" W.H.Mullen, Big Bend, Butte Co., Jan 23rd. (Note: Wm Mullen first came to the Concow Valley with his father in the early 1850s. They had a 160 acre farm in Concow Valley. Wm acquired another 160 acres adjoining the farm and operated a sawmill until it burned down in the early 1870s and he had to sell his 160 acres. Soon after Wm Mullen acquired 40 acres at Big Bend. He sold out and moved to Arizona in 1905)	Pacific Rural Press 2-4-1888	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1888.02.04	<b>Pentz Nelson Bar</b>	J.G. Curtis has erected on his farm near Pentz a handsome and commodious residence. When furnished with the verandas, which are yet to be added, it will be the most sightly residence in this part of the country. Mr. and Mrs Curtis are also improving their place by planting olives. Two hundred trees were set out last year. The finest peaches in all the county grow on this ranch. (Note: The orchard still exists along Pentz Road in 2015)	Chico Chronicle Record 2-4-1888	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1888.02.25	<b>Butte County</b>	Long article about "The Debris Question" from hydraulic mining. Mentions North Bloomfield hydraulic mines and problems there. (North Bloomfield had the largest hydraulic mine in the state and was a test ground for legal battles about mining debris and the effect on rivers and streams. The outcome of the legal battles was closely watched in Butte County and Cherokee area)	Pacific Rural Press 2-25-1888	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1888.02.25	<b>Big Bend</b>	Endorses The Resolution - W H Mullen of Big Bend writes: "I heartily endorse the resolution of the Santa Rosa Grange in regards to taxing liquor and tobacco. I do not see why the Granges and the Good Templars and the prohibitionists do not join issues on that very important question, and we would soon put an end to the abominable traffic". (The Mullen family as well as the G.G. Marquis family in Concow were members of the Good Templars, an anti liquor organization. For several years in the mid 1880s the Templars from all over Butte County met at the Concow Campground, the Mullen family farm, operated by Alfred Burr Mullen, William's brother)	Pacific Rural Press 2-25-1888	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1888.07.01	<b>Cherokee</b>	Fire destroys eight buildings. Loss estimated at \$31,700. Miss May O'Donnell, age 20, dies in the fire.	History of Butte County 1918		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1888.07.21	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Hiram Simmons is seriously hurt at the Flea Valley sawmill. He was caught in a belt breaking his collar bone and his abdomen torn open exposing his intestines.	Sacramento Daily Union 7-21-1888	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1888.07.28	<b>Big Bend</b>	North fork of the Feather River turned into Big Bend Tunnel	Pacific Rural Press 7-28-1888	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1888.08.18	<b>Concow</b>	Long article about Concow Indians and Hel-lo-ki, Concow word for devil. Also discusses yearly burning ceremony to the Hel-lo-ki.	SF Daily Alta 8-18-1888	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1888.08.19	<b>Big Bar</b>	John Gramps, brother of Martin Gramps, files a homestead for 160 acres near Brush Creek in the hills above Big Bar. (Note: it was not uncommon to file deeds for land long after the party had moved onto the property. Per the 1862 Homestead Act, a homestead required you to live on the property for at least 5 years and you had built a living structure that was at least 12' x 14' in size.) See 2-14-1891, 12-07-1874	Homesteads Book D page 288-89		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1888.08.25	<b>Big Bend</b>	Article about agriculture in Butte County. Mentions Wm Mullen at Big Bend is growing some choice fruit without irrigation. We lately saw some of the largest and finest Hungarian prunes we have yet seen in the Sacramento Valley. Mr Mullen's orchard has an altitude of nearly 2000 feet above sea level.	Pacific Rural Press 8-25-1888	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1888.10.26	<b>Big Bend</b>	A stamp mill is in successful operation at Big Bend, Butte County, which is operated by the transmission on copper wire of power generated 14 miles distant.	Sausalito News 10-26-1888	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1888.11.10	<b>Flea Valley</b>	May (Mary) Fairbanks sells land in Flea Valley at sheriffs sale. Now divorced and remarried, her name is Mary Cowan. (Mary remarried around 1886-87 so she may have left in 1886 as she remarried in 1886-87. There is no divorce record in Butte County records so she probably sued for divorce in another county. Oroville businessman sues Mary ( Fairbanks) Cowan for \$1175 money owed. Land involved was SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 section 24, NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 section 25, NW 1/2 of NE 1/4 section 26 all in Township 23 4 E M D M.	County Clerk Deeds Book 31 P 27		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1888.12.15	<b>Big Bend</b>	Agricultural Notes - Editors Press: Just think of it! Away up here in Butte, at 1800 feet elevation and with no irrigation, I now have green tomatoes, green string beans, green and ripe watermelons, figs on trees just getting ripe, green sorghum and Egyptian corn - second crop from same roots - ready to cut again or turn cows on - Wm Mullen, Big Bend, Dec 2nd	Pacific Rural Press 12-15-1888	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1889.01.17	<b>Thermalito</b>	Ad for Thermalito Land Colony, mentions land selling for \$50 to \$150 per acre. 3,500,000 gallons of water flow per hour. Water will be free the first three years. Sites development progress in last year, 300 acres of orange groves, 12 miles of graded avenues, 9 miles of water mains. Terms of sale 1/3 cash, 1/3 in one year, 1/3 in two years with 7% interest. Thermalito Colony Company, Middleton & Sharon, 22 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, Cal. (Note: Thermalito Irrigation District would buy Concow Lake from PG&E in 1923. See 3-22-1923)	Oroville Register 1-17-1889	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1889.01.17	<b>Palermo</b>	Ad for Palermo Land and Water Colony, mentions land selling for \$75 and \$100 per acre. Can buy five, ten and 20 acre lots. Water free for three years. We claim for this colony, Superior Over All Others, and invite comparison. Palermo Land and Water Company, T.B. Ludlum, Oroville, Cal. and Mafee & Baldwin, 10 Montgomery St, San Francisco.	Oroville Register 1-17-1889	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1889.03.28	<b>Butte County</b>	List of post offices and a list of school districts. Also gives a list of the first 49ers in Butte County. G.G. Marquis is listed.	Oroville Register 3-28-1889	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1889.05.02	<b>Morris Ravine/Thompson Flat</b>	There are some valuable beds of clay in the vicinity of Morris Ravine and Thompson's Flat.	Oroville Register 5-2-1889	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1889.07.14	<b>Nelson bar</b>	Second petition signed by local residents for request for reimbursements of expenses on Nelson Bar Road and Bridge to C.S. Curtis & sons. Signed by 31 residents.	Florence Styles Collection, Roads of Butte County - Paradise Genealogy Society & YHHS Archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1889.09.06	<b>Big Bend</b>	At the Big Bend tunnel and mine, near Oroville, a project that has for years attracted attention, nothing is being done at present. It is reported that much disappointment has been experienced in the richness of the gravel uncovered. The water supply diverted through the tunnel is valuable, and will be used to irrigate the country that lies south and west, between the foothills and the Sacramento River.	Daily Alta California 9-6-1889	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1889.09.22	<b>Big Bend</b>	The Virginia Chronicle says that the Feather River has been diverted from its course near Oroville, at the Big Bend mining location, leaving the original bed of the river free from water for nearly a mile....The river was diverted from its bed by the construction of a dam which has formed a lake behind it two miles in length, the shores fringed with giant firs, pines and tamarack trees	Daily Alta California 9-22-1889	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1889.09.26	<b>Big Bend</b>	Complete Collapse of the Big Bend Mining Company - Eastern Investors Sink a Pot of Money in the Feather River Scheme - (Long article similar to others shown here). The capital stock of the company was \$20,000,000 of which \$2,000,000 has been paid in and is sunk beyond redemption. Dr Pierce's brother-in-law Dr. L.H. Smith, the treasurer of the company, said last night that the mine was practically a failure....the only revenue that will be got out of the property will come from the sale of a tract of land, some of which is valuable, including hundreds of acres of good timber....	Daily Alta California 9-26-1889	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1889.09.26	<b>Big Bend</b>	Collapse of Big Bend Mining Scheme - Two Million Dollars Sunk - A Times special from Buffalo, N.Y. says: One of the largest mining enterprises of late years has collapsed, and the net loss is \$2,000,000. the enterprise alluded to is the Big Bend Tunnel and Mining Company, with its principal office in this city, and a branch at Big Bend, Butte County, California. Dr Pierce is at the head of the enterprise and owns 60% to 70% of the stock. (Long article discusses the plan and why it failed due to large boulders in the river bed)	Los Angeles Herald 9-26-1889	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1889.09.27	<b>Big Bend</b>	The Big Bend Fizzle - President Pierce Denies That the Company Has Collapsed - The Whole Affair Claimed to Be a Scheme to Concentrate The Stock - Valuable Water Rights - Dr. Pierce reports "Since the issue of bulletin #1, September 29, 1888, there has been no material change in the prospects developed by our mining operations last year at Big Bend." The vast quantity of boulders uncovered completely handicapped our operations and made them so expensive as to prevent a realization of profit. In fact, in view of the adverse developments of last season's work and further experience of this season, it is doubtful if our mines ever can be worked at a profit-certainly not at present prices of labor, nor unless some more economical method may hereafter be invented for handling the vast quantity of boulders which exists in the river bed. The total output from our mines last year was \$17,832. This did not pay the cost of actual mining operations. Some of the ground washed out was quite rich, and everywhere gold was found to exist in sufficient abundance to have paid largely but for the unexpected obstacles. (This is a long article with more particulars)	Daily Alta California 9-27-1889	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1889.09.29	<b>Big Bend</b>	All mining men who know anything about the matter agree there is something mysterious about the reported failure of mining prospects at the Big Bend Tunnel, in Butte County. The explanation given out in a late circular to stockholders by Dr. R.V. Pierce, of Buffalo, is considered somewhat singular. That boulders are in the river channel was expected. A smooth river bed would be a bad indication for gold purposes. The boulders act as riffles and catch the gold that is washed down. Again, it is argued that this discovery of obstructions must have been made when the river was first diverted, about a year ago. Mining has been going on steadily for several months. Then Superintendent of the mine brought a few weeks since, a lot of gold to Oroville valued at about \$3,000. The immense water flow through the great tunnel remains of value, even though the mining should not pay. .... It is estimated by local men that the work performed at Big Bend has already cost \$800,000....	Sacramento Daily Union 9-29-1889	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1890.00.00	<b>Butte County</b>	Editors note: In the 1890s a number of the old mines were opened up in this area and restarted because the technology available at that time allowed the mines to be dug deeper. Mines that were 200 feet deep in the 1850s and 60s and 70s could be taken down to 500 feet and in some cases deeper.	YHHS Research Larry Mauch	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1890.03.13	<b>Pentz / Nelson Bar</b>	Charles S Curtis dies at his home near Pentz. He was 91 years old. Rev. Jessie Woods, his friend and neighbor, performed the services. (Note: Curtis operated a ferry at Nelson Bar in 1856 and later built a bridge in 1857. He also operated a Lime kiln there for many years.) See Jan 1857 bridge notice.	Oroville Register 3-13-1890 YHHS Obituary File	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1890.03.15	<b>Pentz / Nelson Bar</b>	Article in Chico Chronicle Record about Charles Stubbs Curtis death. States he was familiarly known as Father Curtis. During the last 18 years he has lived with his families (Joseph G Curtis and Henry S. Curtis) at Nelson Bar near the site of his original home. He came to the area in the early 1850s and operated a ferry. Henry S. Curtis, his son, now resides at Concow (Nelson Bar Road); Joseph G. Curtis resides near Pentz. A daughter lives in Maine. Another son is a Captain in the United States Army. (Note: Charles Curtis came to Nelson Bar, Pentz area in June 1855. He was in the Butte Creek Canyon area near a place called Rich Bar before that for three years per a local provisions store receipt. Diamondville would later be founded in the same area in 1857)	Chico Weekly Chronicle 3-15-1890 YHHS Obituary File	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1890.03.20	<b>Pentz/Cherokee</b>	Ad for Olivet Ranch for sale, 140 acres by J. G. Curtis in Pentz. Also David Wilson's residence near Cherokee was burned with all the contents.	Oroville Register 3-20-1890	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1890.08.21	<b>Pentz</b>	Frenchman Louis Phillippe Billard murdered on ranch near Pentz	Sacramento Daily Union 8-21-1890	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1890.09.05	<b>Concow</b>	Charles Miller, an old miner of Concow disappeared last January. He lived alone and it was supposed he wandered away while drinking and was lost in snow drifts. Last week his bones were found bleaching in the sun not far from his house.	Sausalito News 9-5-1890	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1890.11.01	<b>Merrimac</b>	Eugene McGrath files a mining claim for 1500 feet on a quartz ledge to be known as the Bonanza Quartz Mining Claim. Located in SE 1/4 of sec 32, township 23 R6E. Claim was not filed until Feb 13, 1891. Note: This claim is located approximately 2 miles north of Merrimac.	Mining Claim Book C page 638, dated 2-13-1891	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1891.00.00	<b>Table Mountain</b>	1891: Grub Flat reservoir on Table Mountain is drained.	Diggins Vol 10 #4, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1891.00.00	<b>Morris Ravine</b>	1891: Infant Child of Henry Sewell Curtis dies at Banner Mine. The 1850 mine was being reopened about that time. Henry Sewell Curtis may have worked there at that time.	Ancestry.com		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1891.02.14	<b>Big Bar</b>	Martin Gramps, brother of John Gramps, filed a homestead of 320 acres near Upper Stoney Creek above Big Bar. (Note: it was not uncommon to file deeds for land long after the party had moved onto the property. Per the 1862 Homestead Act, a homestead required you to live on the property for at least 5 years and you had built a living structure that was at least 12' x 14' in size.) See 8-19-1888, 12-07-1874	Homesteads Book D page 488		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1891.07.09	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	M.H. Wells passes away at home. See Obituary	Oroville Register 7-9-1891	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1891.07.23	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley Mine may reopen as a drift mine. Could employ 100 to 200 men. Mr. Chas Waldeyer, former superintendent, has done a study and will present findings to investors. Mr. Louis Glass and Mr. Pichoir have reviewed the report and agree.	Oroville Register 7-23-1891	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1891.07.23	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about the various stage drivers in Butte County and their routes. Mentions Tom Dooley, Frank Morse, Finnicum, Charley Heitt, Sam Woolever and H.J. Langdon,	Oroville Register 7-23-1891	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1891.07.30	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about mining in 1849 and how to use a rocker.	Oroville Register 7-30-1891	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1891.12.05	<b>Butte County</b>	Lists the top 100 land owners in Butte County. Full page covers 1875, 1880, 1885 and 1890. In 1875 and 1880 the top 100 land owners had more than 500 acres each. By 1885 and 1890 the top 100 land owners had over 1,000 acres each. Lists name, acres and value.	Sacramento Daily Record 12-5-1891	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1892.00.00	<b>Round Valley Reservation</b>	1892: Round Valley Indian Reservation holdings decreased to 46,650 acres. The government removed the squatters that still occupied the reduced land holdings.	"We Were All Immigrant Workers Here", William Bauer 2009		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1892.00.00	<b>Jordan Hill</b>	1892: Several promising quartz veins were opened on Jordan Hill.	California Gold Camps, UC Press 1975		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1892.01.29	<b>Pentz</b>	Cap F.M.Williams dies. Headed a company of citizens to go after band of Indians who had been committing depredations in the area. Native of Missouri, age 64. Remains taken to his ranch on Clear Creek near Pentz.	Chico Daily Enterprise 1-29-1892	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1892.01.29	<b>Oregon City</b>	W. C. Hendricks dies, age 67, native of Pennsylvania. He was a pioneer of Colusa but afterwards came to Butte County and engaged in mining in Oregon City and built the famous Hendricks ditch, a stream of water which was later secured by Major McLaughlin.	Chico Daily Enterprise 1-29-1892	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1892.02.06	<b>Pentz</b>	Court order for Sheriff sale of Pence Ranch to settle debt on 24 June 1891. Final papers filed Feb 6, 1892 (there was a customary 6 month waiting period to finalize sheriff sales). Francis A Wilcox plaintiff, Sophia S Pence, Watt M Pence, E. W Fogg, H C Bell, Chas Waldeyer, R Diller and the Bank of Rideout & Smith the defendants. The ranch sold for \$6180.38, land sold was SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 sect 24. Also a strip of 16 acres of the south end of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of sec 24 bought from Vaness and wife. Also strip of about 6 acres of the west side of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of section 24 bought from D Hilton. Also E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of sec 25. All in Township 21 N R 3 E. containing 422 acres. (Note: this did not include the lumber dump site from Flea Valley saw mill which was adjacent to Pence's land just off Messilla Valley Rd. Sophia Pence and her son moved to Paradise after the sale.)	County Clerks office Book 36 page 117 - 120		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1892.09.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Attempt to survey a path for a railway from Oroville to Yankee Hill never completed due to lack of funds.	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1893.00.00	<b>San Francisco</b>	1893: Another financial panic hits the area that lasted several years	History of the Hutchinson Lumber Co 1920 -1927		<b>Filed by Date</b>
18933.01.04	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Henry W. White inherits 40 acres at Rag Dump, (Johnson Cabin site) and 80 acres in Cherokee from his parents (Henry C & Francis White)	County Clerk Book 37, P 118		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1893.01.12	<b>Butte County</b>	Proposals for road contract - Article about setting up contracts for certain road districts in Butte County. District 9, proposal Sect 1 road from Wicks place to Pentz connects with the Cherokee road. Sect 2 commencing at St Clair flat running westerly a distance of 8 miles. Sect 3 from Wicks to Paradise road and Clark's bridge a distance of 10 miles. Article goes on to describe District 10, 17 and 6 with a total of more than 20 sections. Contracts are let for bid for maintaining the roads. Require at least 100 yards of fine gravel available at the road sites for repairs and the repairing of any damage to the roads.	Oroville Register 1-12-1893	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1893.02.02	<b>Oroville</b>	List in paper of the largest land owners in Butte County. Merrimac Lumber Company had 11,713 acres valued at \$22,410, Lumpkin Mill had 8,912 acres valued at \$20, 970, Spring Valley Gold Company had 6,943 acres valued at \$70,010.	Oroville Register 2-2-1893	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1893.02.23	<b>Oroville</b>	Eugene McGrath of the Palo Alto Mine at Merrimac was in town (Oroville) today. J.C. Morgan of Cherokee, L.L. Myers and wife of Cherokee, Wm James and T.L. Vinton of Cherokee were also in town. L. Cohn of Magalia was also in town.	Oroville Register 2-23-1893	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1893.03.09	<b>Cherokee</b>	Party at Cherokee for Miss Josie Meyers, sister of Mr. Meyers, article gives details about party and lists over 45 guests by name.	Oroville Register 3-9-1893	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1893.03.09	<b>Big Bend</b>	Talks about the Big Bend tunnel and a related ditch. The ditch carries 5,000 inches of water and has a fall of 300 feet. The water flow could develop 3,000 horse power which is sufficient for very extensive factories, mills , etc. The distance is about ten miles from Oroville which would result in a very small drop in power over that distance. The owners of the Big Bend property should take steps in this matter which would greatly benefit Oroville. (This is an early proposal that would eventually materialize as the Las Plumas Power House by Great Western Power Co, later purchased by PG&E. See 1-18-1908)	Oroville Register 3-9-1893	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1893.04.13	<b>Pentz</b>	Long article, the following are a few highlights: J.G. Curtis clears more land for more olive trees as the locality has proven to be especially adoptive to olives. Mr Parish has a crew of men at work on the road. Mr Graves is taking care of the Pence Ranch. W.O. McCloud is similarly employed at Evrie Villa, while the Knox ranch is rented to Portuguese. These three ranches are for sale. Another large track of good land is lying idle, owned by the Farnham heirs. Miss Lizzie Potter has left to teach at the Nimshew school. The Good Templars lodge still flourishes and Mrs. E.S. Potter is the superintendent of the Sunday school.	Daily Register 4-13-1893	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1893.05.20	<b>Big Bend</b>	Oroville - An important meeting will be held tomorrow to take action concerning the construction of irrigating works to cover a large section of country east and southeast of this town. The Butte County Land and Water Company proposes to construct a canal from the Feather River, at the Big Bend Tunnel, through by Miner's Ranch to Wyandotte and thence to the Honcut, bringing sufficient water for irrigation of all lands contiguous to the canal and east of the river. The capitalist that F. Walker has enlisted to construct this ditch demand that the owners of 15,000 acres of land agree to take water when it is brought to their lands.	San Francisco Call 5-20-1893	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1893.07.06	<b>Pentz</b>	J. C. Curtis of Pentz has 10 acres of olives and some of his trees were planted on lava covered land that would be discouraging to any other fruit bearing tree. Mr. Curtis attributes their unusual growth to the warmth of the soil, the rock retaining the heat so that the trees grow all winter. He planted 200 young olive trees. Mr. Curtis and his brother cut down the pine trees and counting the rings, it shows the trees to be 100 years old.	Oroville Register 7-6-1893	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1893.07.06	<b>Cherokee</b>	Fire at Cherokee near midnight, July 4th. The Drug Store of Wm Rapp caught fire and was burned to the ground. Also two dwelling houses owned by Mrs. F. Nix and Jas Nisbet and family burned. The Rapps loss is about \$2,000, insurance on the stock was \$700. Mrs. Nix and Jas Nisbet had no insurance. It is not known how the fire started.	Oroville Register 7-6-1893	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1893.07.13	<b>Butte County</b>	Outlook for Mining in Butte County - The demand for gold has stimulated all classes of miners to renew efforts in discovering mines.....A new mill was lately completed at Nimshew for working quartz. Coleman and Paxton at Yankee Hill will erect a new quartz mill during the present season and the rock is said to be exceedingly rich. Colonel Frank McLaughlin and a New York company are sinking on the famous Banner mine near Oroville, which at one time was one of the richest ledges in California, and is believed to contain a large quantity of rich quartz below where work ceased. D.K. Perkins will erect a new quartz mill at the Golden Summit mine, which has an altitude of 6300 ft.	San Francisco Call 7-13-1893	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1893.08.10	<b>Oregon City</b>	C.C. Belding who has been instrumental in bringing large amounts of mining capital into the county, this week succeeded in getting a prominent English mining company, through their representative Mr. Rodda, to examine the Nisbet Mine at Oregon City. Mr. Rodda was so impressed that he obtained a working bond for a year. A force of men will at once be employed in making extensive developments and opening the mine to its full capacity. This is one of the most extensive mining deals that has occurred in the county for many years. This means much to Oroville as the mine is within ten miles of the town which will be the base for supplies.	Oroville Register 8-10-1893	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1893.08.10	<b>Butte County</b>	Mining outlook - the mining outlook in this county is constantly growing brighter as the mines about Bangor, Forbestown and Hurleton are attracting many men. Those in the gravel region are also attracting attention and paying well, the quartz mines at Oregon City are making a fine showing. Many valuable mines are being opened in the county and these are pouring fourth gold every week that adds to the wealth of the state.	Oroville Register 8-10-1893	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1893.08.25	<b>Frenchtown</b>	Frenchtown - Andrew Armbruster buys the Lorenzo Feist 80 acre ranch on Nelson Bar Road for \$5.00 and operates it until 1935. I believe Andrew was a nephew of Lorenzo Feist	Deeds book 37, pages 741-742		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1893.08.31	<b>Oregon City</b>	The Standard Mine at Oregon City is proving so good that the owners will shortly begin the erection of a new mill to crush the quartz. The shaft is now down 240 feet and the levels being run show excellent rock. 15 men are employed beside the number of men cutting wood. We learn that the money paid for wood alone each month amounts to quite a large sum and this, as well as the wages paid the miners, is benefitting the people of Oregon City.	Oroville Register 8-31-1893	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1893.09.07	<b>Oregon City</b>	The recent development in quartz at Oregon City calls to mind the many mines in that locality which have been worked to some extent, and others which have been merely prospected. The first quartz mill built in this county was erected at Oregon City on a ledge now owned by George Strang. This was in 1853 and it cost \$50 a ton to get out the rock and crush it in the mill. Among the ledges in the district, which extends over a tract about 1 1/2 miles wide x 5 miles long, are the following: Louisiana, White & Nutter, Rock River (the latter was sunk upon 200 feet and the former 300 feet), Hitchins, Gold Blossom developed by a 60 foot shaft, Buffalo, Reese, Table Mountain. White & Crawford, Charles Retson's ledge, James Lynch ledge, Little Jewel, Bloomingdale, opened by a 120 foot shaft, and Smith Bros ledge. In addition to these are the Mascot, Standard and Nisbet ledges, which are being worked. Many of the others paid well and the ledges did not pinch out but in some there was too much water to work without machinery; and in others there was a lack of capital to fully open and develop the mine. When capital takes hold of these mines, Oregon City will become a noted district, and there will be a dozen paying mills at work.	Oroville Register 9-7-1893	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1893.10.28	<b>Concow</b>	Article about growing hops in Sutter and Butte Counties. Mentions Caleb Scott of Concow growing a large crop of fine hops.	Pacific Rural Press 10-28-1893	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1893.11.16	<b>Oroville</b>	David King Perkins dies after an accident, wagon with mining supplies tumbles over him; he dies several days later at home.	Oroville Register 11-16-1893 YHHS Obituary file	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1893.12.07	<b>Cherokee/Concow</b>	Mrs. J.Tuhey of Cherokee has been seriously ill and fears are she will not survive her present sickness. Concow Valley will spread itself in hops next season.	Oroville Register 12-7-1893	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1894.04.14	<b>Pentz</b>	J. G. Curtis' horse has lymphangitis, writes letter to "The Veterinarian", Pacific Rural Press, for advise.	Pacific Rural Press 4-14-1894	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1894.04.19	<b>Cherokee/Oregon City</b>	Six thousand pounds of powder was received for the miners of Cherokee. A good deal of powder is used at Cherokee each month for use in blasting the pay rock in the old Spring Valley mine. Oregon City: W. L. Sharp and Miss Clara Hedge of Oregon City were married. Mr. Sharp is an experienced miner and is foreman of the Mascot mine.	Oroville Register 4-19-1894	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1894.05.10	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article talks about Andrew Rapp and Rufus Moore planting crops on land covered by slickens (mud runoff) from Spring Valley Mine. Both were surprised at the yield of the crops when they expected very poor results. Those partials of land had the highest yield. References Garrett Keppel; his land is covered with slickens on average of 10 feet deep and this year yielded a wonderful crop of grain.	Oroville Register 5-10-1894	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1894.05.10	<b>Cherokee</b>	Residence formerly occupied by Chas Waldeyer at Cherokee caught on fire but was extinguished before any serious damage was done. Article also mentions Mascot mill at Oregon Gulch has been shut down for repairs.	Oroville Register 5-10-1894	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1894.10.04	<b>Concow</b>	School teacher named Julia Ward at Concow school.			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1895: John Clark founded the Clark Placer Mine near Concow, which he mined for 12 years earning \$38,000.	Konkow Valley Band of Maidu Web Page		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.05.08	<b>Flea Valley</b>	William P Lynch sells land to Charles S Campbell (born 1853 in Cherokee, Ca) for \$140 South 1/2 NE 1/4 and North 1/2 of SE 1/4 of section 26 Township 23 N R 4 E 160 acres, (south and adjacent to the old Fairbanks property)	County Clerk Book 40 P122		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.05.16	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Article about local ranchers sending cattle to the West Branch for the summer for grazing. Article lists the following ranchers sending cattle to the high country: Retson brothers 300 head, Miller brothers 600 head, Jones brothers of Oregon City 200 head, Charles S Campbell 150 head, H.C. White 150 head, D.C. Morgan 125 head, W.H. McKay 150 head, Elliot, Thompson and Stokes 100 head each, for a total of 2,000 head. The stock fatten on the rich grass and sweet latch. The seeds of this shrub are very fattening. Only four or five men remain to look after the cattle in summer and few head are ever lost or stolen. Once in a while a bear gets away with one or a California lion makes a meal of a calf. The animals are sent to the range in May and brought back in October.	Oroville Register 5-16-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.06.01	<b>Big Bend</b>	Article about a visit to the Pinkston ledge at Big Bend by a writer for the Mining and Scientific Press. Discusses the samples that were tested and the overall geology of Big Bend. Article mentions the town of Big Bend which was vacant at that time.	Mining and Scientific Press 6-1-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.06.06	<b>Cherokee/Big Bend</b>	Brief articles on local events - Henry Hunan of Cherokee was brought down and took the train with his brother Will to San Francisco, Henry will visit Dr H.G. McGill to have an operation on his back. Henry was hurt when he fell from a tree. W. Glover of Cherokee was in Oroville Sunday. Mr Glover is proving himself one of the most capable teachers in Butte, his class of six who took the examination were successful. Superintendent Hawkins of the Big Bend property and his family have returned from a five month trip through the East. Mr Hawkins will make Yankee Hill his home.	Oroville Register 6-6-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1895.06.13	<b>Cherokee</b>	Henry Thunen had a successful operation in San Francisco to repair a bad back which occurred when he fell from a tree. He was unable to walk after the accident but should make a full recovery.	Oroville Register 6-13-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.06.13	<b>Oroville</b>	Telephone Connection - The Oroville Register newspaper now has a telephone connection. Anyone wanting a connection to the register should ring up the central office at Oroville and ask for #6	Oroville Register 6-13-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.06.20	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Monday the Flea Valley Saw Mill started operation for the season. The cut this year will be mostly sugar pine which will be hauled here by teams and then shipped by rail to San Francisco. The yellow pine lumber will be handled by R.S. Kitrick of this town and also some of the sugar pine. About thirty men will be employed running the mill. Five, four and six horse teams are now engaged in hauling lumber here and more will be employed in a short time.	Oroville Register 6-20-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.06.20	<b>Chico</b>	Ah Toy, the heathen Chinese of Chico with his smile so childlike and bland, was caught some days ago selling liquor to one of the aborigines. Judge Gray thought best to impose a three year sentence in hopes of effectively breaking up the practice among Chinese of furnishing liquor to the Indians.	Oroville Register 6-20-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.06.20	<b>Concow</b>	Residence of Pet Simmons totally destroyed by fire. Mr. Simmons on waking started a fire and went outside to do chores when he noticed the roof on fire. He only had time to awaken the inmates and little was saved.	Oroville Register 6-20-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.06.20	<b>Cherokee/Enterprise/Oroville</b>	The whole mountain section for thirty or forty miles north and east of this town (Oroville) is filling up with miners who are taking out large sums of gold. They need supplies and send here for them. The hotels are crowded. The Goldbank, Banner, the Standard and Mascot and many other mills are pouring out gold to swell the stream that rolls into this town.	Oroville Register 6-20-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.06.27	<b>Cherokee/Oregon City</b>	Some of Butte's criminals at San Quentin are working; Jerry King the colored man was working in the jute mill; Young Johns who was sent down from Cherokee for stealing cattle is at work in the blacksmith shop and Eldridge was in the jute mill. Young Jones who killed his father during a row between the father and mother is a barber. There are 1,280 prisoners. Gold mining promises better returns than almost any other occupation a man can engage in and men with money are on the alert for paying quartz and gravel mines.	Oroville Register 6-27-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.06.27	<b>Concow</b>	Concow Cullings, items of interest from Concow. Fred Kirby was down from that mountain Valley on Saturday and said the hop crops there were looking unusually well. Stone and Scott, the two leading growers had both leased their hop yards. The Big Reservoir of Concow Lake is nearer running over this season than ever before and all the streams are high. There is more water than known in any June for 15 years. Stone and Scott are doing well at their Murphy Hill Mine. In all the ravines leading into Concow Valley, men are at work mining and most of them are doing well. They have at least more money than anyone else.	Oroville Register 6-27-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.07.04	<b>Cherokee/Concow/Yankee Hill</b>	The Spring Valley quartz mine will start up again in a week or so. A thousand cords of wood are to be cut for the Standard Mine in Oregon City. Fifty-seven acres of hops are under cultivation in Concow. Messrs. Beach, Morrow, Farwell and Henry, owners of the Standard Mine recently visited their property and made a careful examination of it. Mr. Golden rented the Marquis place this year. E.B. Lunt of Concow has moved to the Smith place. Dr Jones has charge of the hospital at Deadwood, while Alexander Carpenter is running the hotel there.	Oroville Register 7-4-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.07.11	<b>Yankee Hill/Oregon City</b>	Messrs. Francis and Knapp went to Yankee Hill yesterday where Mr. Knapp has had Patterson & Savage running a hundred foot tunnel on the Christie Mine. It is thought that Mr. Knapp will at once go ahead with work on his ledge. It has been reported several times that when Mr. Francis came up from San Jose this time he would come prepared to open the Louisiana Mine at Oregon City.	Oroville Register 7-11-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1895.07.11	<b>Oregon City</b>	Energy, enterprise and capital have at last proven that quartz mining in Butte County is as rich in gold as in any part of the state. For example take the Banner, Standard and Mascot mines, which are now in operation. These mines are among the first worked in the state and were sunk to a depth of 150 to 200 feet when they were abandoned. It was claimed the body of ore was exhausted, this was in or about the year 1859. Two years ago Colonel Frank McLaughlin undertook the general management of the once famous Banner Mine four miles from Oroville, and by his energy and expertise has proven to the people of this section of the country that by sinking down five or six hundred feet that the gold bearing quartz is as good as any in the state of California. In time these mines will out rank those at Grass Valley, or Nevada City. The Standard is located at Oregon City where there are 30 men employed..... There are other ledges in the locality known by the name of the Louisiana, Rock River, Nisbet and Blooming Dale; they will also prove to be rich in gold as the above when once developed.	Oroville Register 7-11-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.08.01	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Antone Hodapp, his wife and two children were out for a wagon ride when Mr. Hodapp was adjusting the harnesses and the horses bolted knocking over Mr. Hodapp. The horses ran for two miles before they were stopped by a gentleman riding on the road. One of the horses stepped on Hodapp's arm tearing the biceps from the bone.	Oroville Register 8-1-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.08.01	<b>Oregon City</b>	Early mines: John Nesbit formed a company called the Nesbit Co. in 1853 for the purpose of quartz mining on the Buffalo Ledge. The Phoenix was operated by Dr. Smith & Co. south of Oregon City. In 1857 White, Nutter & Derrick operated a quartz mine known as the Oregon City. Grummet erected a mill in 1852 or 53 on what is now known as the Mascot.	Oroville Register 8-1-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.08.01	<b>Cherokee/Oroville</b>	Mrs. O. A. Campbell of Cherokee is another pioneer lady of Butte. She reached Oroville in the fall of 1851 and there were but two other women here then.	Oroville Register 8-1-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.08.08	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley Mine started up Saturday and ran for about 5 hours, then Tuesday ran for 36 hours with the object to crush some 20 tons of ore as a test of the rock. If this ore proves satisfactory, then the mill will be run permanently. Reid Brothers of San Francisco have a bond on the mine and have made some recent developments. Wm. Wilson Jr. is Superintendent.	Oroville Register 8-8-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.08.08	<b>Big Bend</b>	Tuesday night a fire occurred at the Big Bend Mine which swept away the place of everything in the way of a building. Not a timber about the place was left standing. There were 8 or 9 buildings in all including a boarding house, bunkhouse and outbuildings. The Secretary's residence and office met the same fate. the office was neatly furnished and the secretary's house was being used to store furniture.	Oroville Register 8-8-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.08.15	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Article in the paper about Flea Valley Saw Mill run by Jas. (James Alexander) Hutchinson, employing about 25 men, not including the teamsters. The mill is sending lumber to Oroville, Chico, Palermo and other locations. The mill is located in a fine grove of sugar pine. Several orders from San Francisco are now being filled. The cut for the season is 400,000 feet. Also states the following people are spending the summer at Flea Valley: Mr. & Mrs. Turner of Portland Oregon, Mesdames Brown and Frazer of Biggs, Messrs. Beard, Heffner and families and Mr. Simms from Oroville, James Hedge and family from Enterprise, Miss Ainstead from Canton, Ohio, Mrs. Peachy from Los Angeles and Mrs. Thomas from Yankee Hill. (Note: Hutchinson had a saw mill at Berry Creek in 1901 where he lived until about 1916, he died in 1923)	Oroville Register 8-15-1895, Hutchinson Obit 1-2-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.08.22	<b>Cherokee</b>	Ed. J. Campbell and Miss Josie Hynen of Cherokee were married in Chico.	Oroville Register 8-22-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.08.22	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Article about Flea Valley mill shutting down for a week to allow the logging teams to catch up	Oroville Register 8-22-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1895.08.22	<b>Yankee Hill / Flea Valley / Jordan Hill</b>	Letter by "Witch Hazel" - Long article about Yankee Hill and talks about the prospects of Yankee Hill being incorporated and becoming the business center for Butte County because of its central location and the possibility of it becoming the county seat. Also mentions the saw mill run by Mr. Hutchinson at Flea Valley steadily running four teams of horses delivering goods and supplies from Oroville. Also states the Duensings and Clarks have put in the ditches to run water for their Big Bar mine. Also states that Francis and Knapp are prospecting work on their ledge, the Q.H.L. on Jordan Hill. They are reported to be putting in a 10 stamp mill next summer. Ira and Frank Rowe are returning to their home on Jordan Hill, they spent some months in Sacramento. Several ladies were frightened by a panther at Flea Valley one night. Very strange story about several men (Witch Hazel?) leaving a party one night and ending up at Vinton's Cherokee Savon and seeing strange sights (must have been drunk) resulting in them going to Oroville the following day to seek capital to run an electric railroad from Oroville to Yankee Hill and Merrimac and on to Plumas County.	Oroville Register 8-22-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.09.05	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Letter by the regular Yankee Hill correspondent "Witch Hazel". The fire at Big Bend has been confined to a limited space by back firing much to the relief of many settlers in the vicinity. John Clark, of the D.C. Mining Co. at Big Bar went to Marysville last Friday to have a steel nozzle cast for the hydraulic pump which they use to throw the immense volume of water from their mine. He said they have 13 men employed in the mine and expect to work two months more this season. It is a gravel mine and they are nearly down to bedrock with fair paying dirt. Long article mentions several local families including the Clarks and Duensings.	Oroville Register 9-5-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.09.12	<b>Concow/Flea Valley</b>	The saw mill of Jas. Hutchinson is running steadily. Mike Gramps at Big Bar has a gravel mine that is paying handsomely, Clark Brothers in their river mine are taking out good pay regularly. A Good deal of lumber is being hauled from the mill down to Oroville and other places. Hop picking is progressing, and thirty hands are at work in the field of Mr Scott. The crop is heavy.	Oroville Register 9-12-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.09.19	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee Chips - Brief article about local family events. Mentions Eva Lott, Rev. A.S. Parsons, H.F. Bader and the Cherokee School house repairs. Every home is occupied and there are still quite a number of campers who have come in for the winter.	Oroville Register 9-19-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.09.24	<b>Concow / Chicago</b>	Mrs. Wm. Mullen of Big Bend dies while visiting relatives in Chicago. Traveling with daughter and sister. (See Mar 1883)	Oroville library obit card file		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.09.26	<b>Oregon City</b>	Col Frank McLaughlin is one of the leading mining men in this state. The Golden Feather Mine, Banner Quartz Mine (below Oregon City) and Golden Butterfly Gravel Mine are some of the valuable properties under his management. He has started to reopen and develop the old Rock River mine in Oregon City, formerly run years ago by the French banker Pioche, who extracted \$150,000 from the mine in a time when 20 stamp mills were running in the area. A force of men will be employed to clean out the old shaft that was run to a depth of 250 feet.	Oroville Register 9-26-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.09.26	<b>Oregon City</b>	Oregon City Items by Gossip. A column written periodically about Oregon City happenings states the following. Our town grows more prosperous every day, preparations are being made for the starting of the Rock River Mine under the management of Major McLaughlin. Several other local items are also mentioned.	Oroville Register 9-26-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.09.26	<b>Oregon City/Concow</b>	The Post office changed the name of Con Cow post office to one word "Concow". Another new building is being put up in Oregon City and lumber is on the ground for still another. Charles Hines of Oregon City was splitting wood using powder when his hand was badly burned.	Oroville Register 9-26-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.09.26	<b>Cherokee</b>	Lee and Dan Isaacs had accident working in a shaft on the Ayers' place about 2 1/2 miles from Cherokee	Oroville Register 9-26-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.10.03	<b>Cherokee</b>	See article dated 9-26-1895. Narrow escape for both of R. Isaac's sons from giant powder smoke.	Oroville Register 10-3-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1895.10.03	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Witch Hazel: Yankee Hill School gets organ. Mr. Mullen's wife died in Chicago en route to Boston. Clark Bros. are whip-sawing lumber to replace flume that washed out. Mrs. Ellen Durett died at her parent's home, Mr. & Mrs. B. J. Jarboe	Oroville Register 10-3-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.10.03	<b>Yankee Hill/Oregon City/Cherokee</b>	Information wanted on the whereabouts of Henry Jarboe, who was last heard from in Placer and El Dorado counties. Jay Blaisdell of Cherokee is seriously ill. Miss Jennie Davies of Oregon City has been quite ill but is improving. C. S. Spangler and W. S. Williams, Superintendent and foreman of Standard mine visited Cherokee.	Oroville Register 10-3-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.10.10	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Long article about local family events in Yankee Hill. Mentions Mr Simmons of Concow is rebuilding his house that caught fire. Dr Henrich of Cherokee was visiting patients and is thinking of relocating here. Henry Jarboe and Ira Row have gone to the Summit Mine to work. Several other families also mentioned.	Oroville Register 10-10-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.10.10	<b>Oroville</b>	The Mercury changes hands; Mr. Hart Downer ran the paper for past 3 months; reverted to the owner, Mrs. Price Lawrence. Mr. Frank R. Meyer, who has been foreman of the office, will assume position of editor and manager.	Oroville Register 10-10-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.10.17	<b>Concow</b>	Concow Cullings - Messrs. Scott and Stone have been at work most of the season at their mine at Murphy Hill, one of the biggest peaks in the region and their mine paid very well during the time they had water. They will extend a ditch this fall so as to have a longer season to work in next year. Three men besides the two owners were employed in the mine. David Jones came down from the Jones Brothers mine at Gravel Range and reports the mine as doing as well as ever. Four carpenters are repairing the big dam at the lower end of Concow Reservoir and it will take from ten to fifteen days to complete and get the dam in shape for the winter.	Oroville Register 10-17-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.10.17	<b>Oregon City</b>	Oregon City News - The Standard mine is running full blast: the Rock River mine is rapidly getting there. There are other items related to local citizens in the article.	Oroville Register 10-17-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.10.24	<b>Oregon City</b>	Oregon City News - Several local families mentioned. Mentions George Castle of Flea Valley visiting the town.	Oroville Register 10-24-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.11.07	<b>Flea Valley/Cherokee/Big Bend</b>	W. H. Brown of Flea Valley mill said there were 8 inches of snow; several teams are hauling lumber from Flea Valley to Oroville for shipment by rail. H. S. Thatcher and Ed. Smith were hauling hay this week from Pentz. Col. McLaughlin received telegram yesterday announcing the death in San Quentin of Allen Presley. Many will recall him at Cherokee and Big Bend.	Oroville Register 11-7-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.11.07	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	The gas well at Madrone Farm is of the best quality and seems to be unlimited. Pipes have been laid to nearly every house in and around Concow and Yankee Hill and all the streets are lit by gas.	Daily Register 11-7-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.11.07	<b>Oregon City</b>	Oregon City News - Will Strang's new resident is nearly complete, he will be moving his family to this town in the near future. Major McLaughlin, wife and daughter, Miss Agnes, and a party of friends visited the Rock River Mine this week. The painters and paper hangers are busy working on Mr. James' new home. It will soon be complete and the family will move in soon. Article mentions other families as well.	Oroville Register 11-7-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1895.11.08	<b>Cherokee</b>	The productive Cherokee gravel mine of Butte County, one of the oldest and largest hydraulic mines in the state, may pass into the hands of a receiver to-day.... In an affidavit made by attorney Blakeman for the bondholders, it is charged that C.W. Cross while acting as the attorney for the mine, has relocated, or in mining parlance, "Jumped," in his own name and in that of his two sons, the entire unworked portion of the lead to the mine. It appears the mining company 15 years ago purchased some 800 acres of mining land adjoining its property from a man named Charles Waldeyer, now deceased. Attorney Blakeman less than a month ago learned for the first time that Waldeyer never had a valid title to the land he sold the company. As the land is where the lead of gold now runs, the peril of the situation alarmed him. For seven years the bondholders have been vainly seeking to foreclose their lien on the mine, but their attempt has so far been successfully opposed by the Bank of California and N.D. Rideout, the Northern California banker, both being unsecured creditors against the mine. The Bank of California has been in possession of the mine since 1888. The flumes of the mine have all been ripped out, many of the "Chiefs" sold and now Attorney C. W. Cross suddenly, and in his own name "Jumps" one of the most valuable assets we have been fighting for. In many ways the mine has been despoiled of its assets and we ask that you take it into your own care pending this litigation.	San Francisco Call 11-8-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.11.14	<b>Big Bend</b>	Article about new irrigation ditch. In the summer, water rights were located in the Big Bend country by a prominent surveyor. Six surveyors began working near the Spring Valley Quartz mine working towards the West Branch. They expect to put in six weeks on the survey..	Oroville Register 11-14-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.11.20	<b>Concow</b>	Concow shooting: A man named Col Laney of Concow was out hunting on the 31st of October and Eb Wright, who attends to the Concow ditch, was eating his dinner on the bank of the stream. A shot was fired and struck the ground between Eb's feet. He saw no one, heard no voice and does not know who fired the shot.	Oroville Register 11-20-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.11.24	<b>Butte County</b>	News of the Week - The tunnel at the Golden Butterfly mine is now in over 500 feet. The big shaft is down in the Magalia Mine 380 feet. Work on the Standard Mine at Oregon City is steadily being pushed. Everything is progressing rapidly at the Rock River Mine in Oregon City. A full force of men is employed at the Standard Mine. Twelve men are at work on the Rock River mine in Oregon City.	Oroville Register 11-24-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.11.24	<b>Yankee Hill / Concow / Deadwood</b>	Letter from Witch Hazel - Mr. B.J. Jarboe is making improvements on his farm and is clearing. Dr Jones rented the Deadwood property and it is stipulated in the lease that he repair the fences and roof some of the buildings. Wm Mullen's fruit farm is producing a wide variety of prunes. Article mentions several other families including Croghan, Duensing, Fletcher, North and Josephson.	Oroville Register 11-24-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.12.10	<b>Flea Valley</b>	The saw mills at Flea Valley are getting in a glorious run	Oroville Daily Register 12-10-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.12.19	<b>Flea Valley/Spanshtown</b>	Mountain Correspondent: Miss Minne Hodapp returned to her home last Sunday; Mr. Hodapp is improving. Messrs Fred and Sidney Wellington and Will Cox have moved over from Jordan Hill to Bachelorville about half a mile above Spanshtown. The wagon run by Fred Duensing broke down last week. Oliver Josephson came down from Flea Valley on Saturday with a six horse load of lumber. Dance at Oregon City.	Oroville Register 12-19-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.12.19	<b>Butte County/Oregon City</b>	Article about Col Frank McLaughlin selling his mining interests in Butte County, including the Rock Creek Mine at Oregon City to an English concern as well as the Banner Mine. McLaughlin will retire in Santa Cruz where he will tend to his orange and olive groves. (McLaughlin had been intimately involved with mining in Butte County for many years bringing in capital from other areas to support the development of the mines. He was involved with the Big Bend Tunnel in the mid 1880s where nearly \$2,000,000 was spent and the results a failure. In November 1907 McLaughlin shot and killed his daughter and committed suicide by poisoning in Santa Cruz. He was having serious financial problems from later investments at the time)	Oroville Register 12-19-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1895.12.24	<b>Butte County</b>	Colonel Frank McLaughlin, who has for the past sixteen years managed several mines owned by himself and an English syndicate, has disposed of his entire interests to the syndicate and resigned. Edmund Harvey of London has succeeded Colonel McLaughlin, and George H. Evans will be appointed resident Manager, with headquarters at the Banner Mine. "I have sold to my English associates all my interest in the River Claim, Butterfly, Banner and Rock River, and also my interest in the Mineral Slide Mine, which property they propose to open if certain negotiations are carried through." ... "My control of the Miocene ditch and its great possibilities for irrigation and power for electric light and railways, is in itself sufficient inducement to attract me outside of my interest in citrus lands and a firm faith in their growing values." ....	San Francisco Call 12-24-1895	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1895.01.11	<b>Yankee Hill / Flea Valley</b>	Yankee Hill Letter - Mr. Hutchinson was up last Saturday to look after his interests in Flea Valley. He said there was about a foot of snow there. Last week a fire caught in the roof of Mr. Jarboe's cottage and bid fair to destroy it. Mrs. Jarboe discovered the flames and called her husband who was near by and he fortunately threw a bucket of water on the flames, though he thought at first we (he) would carry out his house hold goods. The effect of the water gave him courage and his neighbor Mr. Croghan hearing the alarm came to his assistance in time to save the house. Thos Sweetman will spend the winter mining at Cherokee. Mr Darge moved his family from Placer County to his homestead on the old Lafferty place in Big Bend last week.	Oroville Register 1-11-1896	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1896.01.15	<b>Oregon City</b>	Richard Uren and Jas Kendall were down from the Mascot Mine in Oregon City last night. They report excellent ore which they think will mill \$20 per ton. The pay rock averages 15 inches width and they think the ledge will soon widen out. They will continue prospecting and getting out ore for a month or more before they start up the mill	Oroville Register 1-15-1896	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1896.01.27	<b>Oregon City</b>	Kendall and Company who have lately been prospecting the Mascot Mine at Oregon City are making arrangements to start the mill. There is an abundance of water and they have engaged an experienced mill man who will begin work in a day or two. The ledge prospects well and is about 3 feet in width. The ore deep on the Standard ledge led to the renewed work in the Mascot.	Oroville Register 1-27-1896	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1896.01.28	<b>Big Bend</b>	Big Bend Blarneyings by William Mullen - Talks about the rain and the trouble with freshly plowed land washing away. He has set aside a day to butcher his hogs three times but has had to reschedule because of storming. The roads are in horrible condition because of washouts and some bridges are down. The warm rains are bringing the fruit buds too early and his commercial almonds are already in bloom. Mullen gives rainfall for the season as Sept 6.85 inches, Oct nothing, Nov 1.7 inches, Dec 6.2 inches and Jan 20.56 inches. He closes with the feed and grain is always growing and the fields are green and lovely. He is losing money by not being able to have several acres of olives set out.	Oroville Register 1-28-1896	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1896.02.14	<b>Oregon City</b>	Visit to the Banner mine. The mill is not running but the shaft is being driven down and will reach the 1,000 foot level. We lived for years in a quartz mining locality but never entered any works where things are kept in such perfect condition as they are at the Banner hoisting works. The buildings are in fine condition, houses, barns, and all other buildings are pretty and attractive and shows that close supervision is kept over the whole premises. Vast sums of gold have been taken from the mine and when the ledge is open at the thousand foot level, we hope to see the ore richer than ever before.	Oroville Register 2-14-1896	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1896.02.25	<b>Big Bend</b>	Olaf Erickson was found in a starving condition in a cabin near Big Bend today. The man had been taken sick, and being unable to leave his bed, had become so weak from lack of proper nourishment that he was delirious. The sufferer has relatives in Oakland who are in comfortable circumstances. The chances for his recovery are doubtful.	San Francisco Call 2-25-1896	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1896.03.05	<b>Frenchtown</b>	Henry Sewell Curtis's wife, Elizabeth Smith Curtis dies at Frenchtown. The three young daughters move to live with Joseph G Curtis at Pentz, Eva born 1886, Mabel born 1891 and Vera born 1895.	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1896.03.14	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Yankee Hill Items - The mines are looking up and every business moves through an easy channel, and the man who says Yankee Hill is dead better mind his. Frank Clark today showed us a specimen of quartz from his ledge about the size of our hand which fairly bristles with gold and is estimated to be worth about \$30. As the snow is gone from the Bend, they have resumed operations on their mine and will be ready to run their arrastra in two weeks. James Campbell told us yesterday afternoon that he had 21 passengers to take down from Cherokee to attend the Oregon City dance last evening.	Oroville Register 3-14-1896	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1896.04.16	<b>Big Bend</b>	W.H. Mullen of Big Bend was in town last night and said his crop of prunes would be about 1/2 the regular quantity; there would be few almonds, pears would be good, cherries plentiful, peaches, however, will be 1/4 of the usual crop. The apple trees are in bloom while the walnuts are not yet in blossom. The Clark brothers at Big Bend have their arrastra running and have made one cleanup. The arrastra is run by a 10 horsepower engine.	Oroville Register 4-16-1896	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1896.04.24	<b>Butte County</b>	Article gives gold and silver production for California and details on Butte County. The state gold and silver production in 1895 was \$15,934,107.30. This is nearly \$1,000,000 more than Colorado. Butte County yielded \$697,260, Yuba \$111,482, Plumas \$602,951, Lassen \$25,000, Tehama, Sutter, Glen and Colusa no gold or silver, Sierra \$694,469, Amador, Calaveras, Nevada, Placer and Trinity each show over \$1,000,000, Nevada stands first at \$1,789,815. The seven counties of Southern California combined yielded about three quarters of a million dollars.	Oroville Register 4-24-1896	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1896.04.29	<b>Cherokee/Chico</b>	Chico: The Indians of the rancheria are preparing themselves for a grand fete where the Indian dances, songs and marches will be illustrated in a strikingly original and primitive manner. Cherokee: Dr. Finch has located to Cherokee.	Oroville Daily Register 4-29-1896	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1896.05.06	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee chatterings: The Cherokee debating society goes to Yankee Hill. A Portuguese miner was asphyxiated with powder smoke in a drift in the Vinton mine. (see Oroville Register 5-7-1896).	Oroville Daily Register 5-6-1896	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1896.05.07	<b>Cherokee</b>	A boy named John Jacinto age about 17 entered a tunnel at Cherokee too soon after a blast was set off and before the powder had time to escape. He was overcome by the smoke and perished before he could reach fresh air. (see Oroville Daily Register 5-6-1896)	Oroville Register 5-7-1896	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1896.05.20	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee Items - H.A. Fairbanks and his wife, who moved away from here 13 years ago (1883), have returned and are visiting friends. Lee Miller, Joseph Miller's son, is ill. Cherokee debating society debate included Bert McCloud, Will Johnson, Mr. Denny, Miss Annie Glover, Will Thunen and Will Darby. Mr Thomas, son-in-law of Wm. James, is visiting in Cherokee.	Oroville Register 5-20-1896	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1896.05.23	<b>Pentz</b>	Joseph G Curtis's wife, Lucy Augusta Beal Curtis, is elected as an officer to the "Womens Christian Temperance Union" at Chico. Lucy's sister, Ellen Potter is also elected. Ellen is living at Pentz at the time. She later moved to Paradise, Ca. Annie Bidwell is also an officer in the temperance group.	San Francisco Call, 5-23-1896	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1896.10.19	<b>Big Bend</b>	Sarah DeMott sues Allora Bohannon, formerly Allora Knowlton for possession of property at Big Bend. Case names L.L. Bohannon, Henry Wise and Geo. M. Sparks as codefendants with Allora Bohannon. Sam Knowlton owned the property until his death in 1888. Sarah DeMott bid \$1670.48 at auction on 16 April 96 on the courthouse steps at Oroville, a common practice to settle debts owed a claimant. If the claim was not settled after several months, the property officially changed hands.	Deeds Book 44 Pages 48-49	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1896.11.21	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley Mine was sold under foreclosure for \$275,000. It had been in litigation for 10 years—including the Supreme Court. Among shareholders represented were Louis Glass (Secretary of Spring Valley Mine Company in 1880) and David Gage.	1918 History of Butte County	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1897.03.10	<b>Butte County</b>	Mining Revival in Butte - The county from Oroville to Forbestown - Mines about the latter place. Long article discusses the mines near Oroville, some with great detail. Discusses the Bader Mine in Magalia, Gold Bank Mine on Forbes Ravine, The Golden Queen, New Oregon, The Missouri ledge, the Carlisle Mine, the Monarch of the West, the Eureka, the old Honcut load, the Jessie James, the Davis mine all around Forbestown. Article mentions there are 45 quartz mines and 33 drift mines with one hydraulic mine employing less than 50 men. States there is plenty of mining ground partly opened and developed, and a large number of claims both quartz and gravel, upon which no work has been done.	Sacramento Daily Record - Union 3-10-1897	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1897.08.25		James Pearce, of Banner mine, and wife given a surprise party. Bride and groom were formally addressed by Mr. Sidney Wellington (son of Fred Wellington) on behalf of the company.	Oroville Daily Register 8-25-1897	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1898.00.00	<b>Pentz</b>	1898: Christian and Jennie Mortensen buys Pence Ranch from Bank of Rideout, Smith and Co for \$9,000, \$7,500 was paid in cash.	Must verify, research sale in county offices		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1898.01.07	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Louis L Green (brother of Milton Green who was the son in law of Joseph Brock) living in Oroville acquires a portion of David Perkins assets for \$1.00 so he can sell them on behalf of the family.	County Clerk		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1898.01.17	<b>Oregon City</b>	Theodore Fischer of Oregon City died on Saturday. He was born in Kiel, Prussia and was 72 years, 2 months and 7 days old. He came to California about 1850 and lived in Butte County most of the time. He left a widow and 5 children. He was paralyzed three years ago.	Oroville Daily Register 1-17-1898	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1898.01.28	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about early pioneers in Butte County. Mentions Gen. Bidwell started mining in March 1848, just 2 months after discovery of gold. Also mentions Judge Lott in Oroville.	Oroville Daily Register 1-28-1898	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1898.01.29	<b>Butte County</b>	Lists additional names of pioneers. John Thornton of Cherokee landed in California in 1849. G.G. Marquis of Concow came from Ohio in 1849. Chas. Duret of Yankee Hill landed in 1849.	Oroville Daily Register 1-29-1898	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1898.02.11	<b>Pentz</b>	Pentz Pickups - Mr. J. Curtis has finished making olive oil. He pressed his own olives and those from Dr. Mack's orchard and J. Hedge's orchard Paradise. The children of Pentz have started a Sunday school with 8 students. Mr. Hodapp of Frenchtown passed away; he was highly esteemed and respected and had many friends at Pentz. The mining interests at Pentz are looking up; the mine on the Parish place is reported to be sold. Frank Coy and Booth, both have good paying mines on Dry Creek from which they can take out \$3.00 a day to the man. The home talent on Friday night made a great success and had a crowded house, afterward a dance was held at Pentz Hall and 100 attended.	Oroville Daily Register 2-11-1898	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1898.03.08	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	G.G. Marquis Obituary. He crossed the plains from Ohio in 1849. He was working in the vicinity in 1852. He first settled in Concow and later (after the death of his first wife in 1883) moved to Yankee Hill. He had been suffering from paralysis the last three or four years. E. Tucker, Buck Lamb, L.F. Parlin, E.A. Halstead, B. Russel and S. Eicher were pallbearers.	Oroville Daily Register 3-8-1898	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1898.03.17	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Mrs. G.G. Marquis will move to Oroville. (husband had just died)	Oroville Daily Register 3-17-1898	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1898.06.21	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow/Pentz</b>	Ad for Lakeview Sanitarium at Deadwood Springs "Experienced physician, perfect service, moderate charge, malaria unknown". Schools of Yankee Hill, Concow and Reservoir will join together this year for a fourth of July picnic. They will have literary exercises and other features and it is probable that a dance will be given in the evening at Lakeview Sanitarium.	Oroville Daily Register 6-21-1898	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1898.06.21	<b>Pentz</b>	J. D. Campbell has leased a mine from Williams & Johnson near Pentz, often called the old "Ed Davis." The tunnel on the mine is 600 ft. It is the belief of practical miners that this mine will pay well.	Oroville Daily Register 6-21-1898	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1898.06.28	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Paradise notes: W. M. Pence has gone to Siskiyou county. Mrs. M. H. Wells of Yankee Hill and others did business in Paradise. R. W. Smith of Banner Mine paid a visit to Oroville.	Daily Register 6-28-1898	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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188.06.29	<b>Big Bend</b>	Dave Atkins took 10 Chinamen up to Big Bend, the mouth of Berry Creek, where a Chinese company will mine the river this summer. A head dam will be built to turn the river and 100 Chinese will be employed in operating in the bed of the stream.	Daily Register 6-29-1898	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1898.07.14	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee mine litigation suddenly compromised; the bondholders agreed to bond the property to Mr. C. W. Cross for six months.	Oroville Mercury 7-14-1898	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1898.11.23	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Louis L Green sells land to Charles S Campbell and Thomas for \$500 SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 24 and NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 section 25 and North 1/2 of the NE 1/4 section 26 all in township 23 4N R 4 E (The old Fairbanks Ranch at Flea Valley 160 acres)	County Clerk Book 52 P 8		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1899.09.15	<b>Concow</b>	Large fire burns 3 days in Concow and Magalia Ridge. Burns hotel in Concow owned by man named Blair (Hugh M. Blair rented the old Mullen's Hotel from Caleb Scott). Smoke from fire looks like clouds in Sacramento.	Oroville Daily Register 9-15-1899	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1899.09.29	<b>Cherokee</b>	San Francisco - A Large Mining Deal - W.P. Lynch, formerly the Assessor of Butte County, is at Lick for the purpose of seeing various interested parties in this city and winding up a great mining deal which will result in the famous Cherokee mine, which is situated 5 miles above Oroville, near the North Fork of the Feather River, changing owners and becoming the property of a Pittsburgh syndicate. The property now stands in the name of T.Z. Blakeman who was the attorney for the bondholders, and who, after 13 years of almost continuous litigations won for them their suit against the Bank of California. The property is principally owned in the East, as out of 140 shares of the capital stock only 24 are held in California. What the price will be is a secret but some idea can be obtained from the fact that at a sale held some time ago the 140 shares, of a par value of \$1,000 were bid in by the bondholders for \$275,000.	San Francisco Call 9-29-1899	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1899.10.11	<b>Big Bend</b>	Morten T Clark and his son Claude E Clark file mining claims on adjoining property at Big Bend near Hough's Bar on the Feather River. They were John A Clark's cousin and his son.	Mining Deeds Bk F, pages 280-281		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1899.11.00	<b>Pentz, Yankee Hill</b>	Application for a franchise line to a proposed electric railroad in Oroville to run from Oroville to Pentz then on to Yankee Hill and Concow. It appears it never developed.	History of Butte County 1918		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1900.00.00	<b>Big Bend</b>	1900: John Mullen, his wife and two children, return to Concow from Arizona to live on the farm with his brother Wm. Mullen at Big Bend. Wm Mullen owned 40 acres at Big Bend after the sale of his property in Concow.	1910 census, 1920 census, 1930 census		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1900.00.00	<b>Lime Saddle</b>	1900: Parrish sells his property and lime kiln at Lime Saddle, 480 acres. He retires to Chico and continues to sell lime in Chico. Parrish dies in 1917 and is buried in Chico.	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1900.00.00	<b>Arizona</b>	1900: Census shows Joseph Mullen family lives in Arizona, occupation farmer. William Mullen still lived at Big Bend.	1900 Federal Census		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1900.00.00	<b>Sacramento</b>	1900: A.L. Fairbanks lives with daughter Mabel Heim in Sacramento dies shortly afterwards. Census for 1900 lists him both in Sacramento and Pentz	1900 census Butte County & Sacramento		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1900.01.02	<b>Deadwood</b>	Ad for Dr. C.S. Cheung, Chinese Medical Company, Sanitarium at Deadwood, Butte, Ca. This famous Chinese Physician and Surgeon has made a study of the diseases of the human body, and is of the sixth generation of doctors and chemists having practiced in Canton hospitals six years. He has but one class of remedies that consists of roots, barks and herbs. Ad gives long list of things he cures.	Oroville Register 1-2-1900	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1900.00.00	<b>Concow, Yankee Hill, Cherokee, Pentz</b>	1900: Businesses registered with Dun Mercantile Agcy in 1900-(Concow-pop not given); E. Stone, blacksmith (Yankee Hill-pop 75), Jas A. Hutchinson, sawmill, Miller & Bros, butchers, Mrs. Dora Wells, gas station & hotel, (Cherokee-pop 700) Henry Brader, gas station and brewery, L.L. Cheshire, blacksmith, Wm. Fitch, saloon, H. McCloud, livery stable, Miller Bros, butchers, John M. Silverman, drugs, Jacob Sturman, hotel, Thomas I. Vinton, gas station, Wm. White, blacksmith (Pentz-pop 100) Joseph Davis, blacksmith, E.C. Wilson, hotel.	R.G Dun Mercantile Agcy, Businesses, Manufacturers, Merchants and Tradesman, published 1900. This was the forerunner to Dun and Bradstreet business directories		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1900.01.31	<b>Pentz/Yankee Hill</b>	Communication from Pentz regarding "slur" upon the people of Pentz. Clark Brothers of Yankee Hill who are mining at Big Bend, discontinuing washing gravel for the present time due to shortage of water.	Oroville Mercury 1-31-1900	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1900.02.05	<b>Cherokee</b>	The famous Cherokee Flat hydraulic gold mine, from which \$13,000,000 in gold has been taken, and comprising 100 miles of water ditches, 30 miles of "debris" canals and 1,500 acres of patented channels has been sold. The purchasers are a syndicate of Pittsburgh and Washington capitalists, headed by I.B. Hamilton of Pittsburgh. The price paid was over \$250,000.	Los Angeles Herald 2-5-1900	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1900.02.10	<b>Cherokee</b>	The Cherokee Mine is Sold This Time - The Cherokee Mine is sold at last. W.P. Lynch returned from San Francisco Monday, where he had been for a week past to negotiate the sale. Everybody is happy and preparing for the prosperity which is to come, All the vacant cellar holes are being put under barb wire to hold them until the boom fairly hits the town when they will become building sites for saloons to refresh the thirsty miners. The new company has not incorporated yet and may not for a month or more. The company will go to work repairing dams, etc. as soon as they organize, but it will be useless for anyone to seek work until then.	Oroville Mercury 2-10-1900	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1900.02.23	<b>Oregon City/Phillips Corner</b>	Two articles: Fire at Phillips Corner, residence of L. H. Phillips destroyed by fire while Mrs. Marquis was watching his house. In same issue, ad for Ranch for Sale: 300 acres near Oregon City with house, barn, etc., wagons and horses, everything for conducting the ranch, Mrs. D. L. Fisher.	Oroville Mercury 2-23-1900	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1900.02.23	<b>Concow</b>	The telephone line between Cherokee and Concow is being put in order for the Cherokee Mining Company, by Pat Curran and a couple of helpers.	Oroville Mercury 2-23-1900	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1900.03.22	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Letter to editor from C. M. Duret of Yankee Hill about him being a Mexican War veteran. As well, he mentions E. R. Lunt and H. F. Rudd are Mexican war vets. Rudd is a '49er and came overland from Missouri in 1849. Charles Simmons of Concow is a '49er and came from Ohio and Duret mined with him in 1850 in Yankee Hill.	Oroville Register 3-22-1900	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1900.12.06	<b>Cherokee</b>	Accident at Cherokee: W. R. Jones badly hurt by being run over by his wagon. Ransome Clark went to San Francisco last week, has considerable talent. (Original newspaper article is very poor quality).	Oroville Mercury 12-6-1900	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1900.12.13	<b>Oregon Township/Big Bend</b>	George O. Griggs is charged with robbing the grave of Cap. Doyle, an old miner who lived at Hubbard's Flat about three miles this side of Big Bend, taking a gold watch and chain and other valuables.	Oroville Register 12-13-1900	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1900.12.31	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee Dam Reported Safe - Article about a dam on Dry Creek (about 1800 feet wide, sixteen feet tall with a spillway eighty feet wide) was recently built by the Cherokee Mining Company. It was built of brush and fine gravel, heretofore washed to this point from the Cherokee Mine. The dam was examined and declared safe. The people along the Cherokee canal will be safe. The mine is just starting up after an idleness of about 10 years except for tribute mining on a small scale. The mine is in the hands of a new company consisting primarily of eastern capitalists. It has been found necessary to put in 2500 feet of 22 inch pipe and 1800 feet of 15 inch pipe entirely new as the old pipe had been so weakened that it was considered unsafe. New derricks, new implements and tools have been required, a new flume was built 1600 feet long through the main drawing tunnel and an extension of the flume 600 feet outside the tunnel to undercurrents is under way. The Cherokee mine is one of California's best known gold mines and has a record of \$13,00,000 in virgin gold	Oroville Daily Register 12-31-1900	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.00.00	<b>Chico</b>	1901: After six years of success the Sierra Lumber Co had logged nearly 50% of its 55,000 acres of available lumber supply. Most of the better lumber was already harvested. It had to invest in more land and equipment to survive	History of the Hutchinson Lumber Co 1920 -1927, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.03.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	Dick Johnson killed three men at Cherokee after a gambling game. All three were Indians, Waldo Wardo, Billy Parker & Joe Brown. Johnson entered a plea of self defense and after a second trial was found innocent.	History of Butte County 1918		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.05.16	<b>Pentz</b>	Pentz pencilings: A number of young people of Pentz and Cherokee attended the party at Magalia which was last Saturday evening at Bader's Hall.	Oroville Register 5-16-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.05.20	<b>Pentz</b>	Pence Hotel Burned - The home of Chris Mortenson of Pentz was burned on Saturday about noon. Mrs Mortenson had been burning an unusually hot fire in the kitchen stove. Some of the furniture was saved.	Oroville Daily Register 5-20-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.05.22	<b>Pentz</b>	Long article about the burning of the Pentz Hotel - Saturday afternoon about three-thirty the large Pentz Hotel owned by Mr. C. Mortenson who recently bought the place was burned to the ground. The hotel was a large structure built many years ago by W.M. Pence. The fire started in the back portion of the house and it is thought that a spark must have blown from the chimney into the kitchen onto a pile of wood. Mrs Mortenson was alone in the house at the time.....The family moved into another house in Pentz until they can rebuild.	Oroville Daily Register 5-22-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.05.26	<b>Cherokee - Big Bend</b>	Butte County Diamonds - Butte County diamonds are again attracting attention. For some time a man named Thompson has been at Cherokee searching for precious gems. Lately he shifted the scene of his operation to Big Bend where he believes he has found unmistakable evidences of diamond deposits which, if he is correct, occupy a strip extending diagonally across country and including Cherokee, where gems have been discovered occasionally for several years.	San Francisco Call 5-26-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.05.26	<b>Big Bend</b>	The mine of William Pinkston at Big Bend is to be further developed by sinking deeper. Saville Bros. will drive the shaft down. At Clark mine, near Big Bend gravel is being drifted and washed as rapidly as possible with the scant supply of water.	San Francisco Call 5-26-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.05.30	<b>Swede's Flat</b>	Oldest Indian resident in the county, believed to be 100, Chas Sivils worked for Charley Sivils and took his name. This was when Mr. Sivils came to California and worked at Yankee Flat. He was married ten times and all his children and grandchildren have passed away; Mr. Jas. Nelson of Rackerby is his nearest living relative; Chas was a brother to Mr. Nelson's grandfather. His remains were buried at Swede's Flat where he lived nearly his entire life. Mr. Nelson said Chas worked for the late John Bidwell at Bidwell Bar when gold was first discovered there.	Oroville Register 5-30-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.06.06	<b>Pentz</b>	Pentz pencilings: Mr. R. Duggan, miner of Kunkle district, killed a large California lion last week	Oroville Daily Register 6-6-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1901.06.19	<b>Pentz</b>	The funeral for Chris Mortenson (of Pentz) will take place this Wednesday from the Odd Fellows Hall.	Oroville Daily Register 6-19-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.06.19	<b>Pentz</b>	W. B. Heckart stepped out of a high door and fell 12 feet. He broke two of his ribs and dislocated his shoulder. The accident occurred when he stepped out an open door in his storeroom in the dark.	Oroville Daily Register 6-19-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.06.23	<b>Oroville</b>	Much Controversy Arising Over The Gold Dredging Operations Along The Feather River - The Colusa Sun states "As the gold will have been taken out, Oroville will have a big hole, a pile of boulders, and a burrowing place for badgers, skunks, rattlesnakes and owls." The Woodland Democrat says that "about 4,000 acres of the most productive bottom land has been acquired by mining companies, some of the finest orchards in the state are disappearing and the dredger is sterilizing land that has heretofore produced enormous crops of hay and grain. Wherever the dredger operates, the soil disappears and there is not earth enough left to sprout the hardiest plant known" "... 'an acre of land that is worth \$300 to \$400 today may be absolutely valueless next month. The gold that is washed out of the soil is not invested in local enterprises..." the Oroville Mercury presents the other side of the story. "There are 200 men employed in and about the dredgers in this vicinity and they receive an average of about \$100 per month each. The total salaries paid by these dredgers is about \$20,000 per month....during the last two years, there has scarcely ever been a vacant dwelling in the town and new ones have been built all the time....The building has not been confined to residences alone....They stand as monuments to the faith our businessmen have in the future of the town".	San Francisco Call 6-23-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.08.01	<b>Messilla Valley-Flea Valley</b>	Ranch for sale: Mrs. C. L. Durban of Pentz offers her ranch of 500 acres in Messilla Valley for sale. Also New sawmill: James A. Hutchinson has purchased the machinery in the Flea Valley sawmill and will move the mill this fall to Galen Creek, a mile and a quarter above Berry Creek Hotel.	Oroville Register 8-1-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.10.21	<b>French Creek</b>	French Creek dam to be built as soon as spring opens, by Bay Counties Power Company; 15 or 20 men still at work.	Oroville Mercury 10-21-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.10.24	<b>Big Bend</b>	Article written by Geo. W. Weeks, editor of Alameda Encinal, about Big Bend. Cherokee, Oroville and Yankee Hill are mentioned.	Oroville Register 10-24-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.10.25	<b>Concow/Flea Valley</b>	Twenty-five quartz mining locations were filed with the county recorder yesterday with the claims in the neighborhood of Concow and Flea Valley. Mrs. Ophelia Campbell, whose dwelling and contents near Cherokee were burned about 10 days ago, was paid in full by her insurance without any deduction or discount.	Oroville Mercury 10-25-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.10.31	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Machinery is now being hauled from Flea Valley to Berry Creek where Aleck Hutchinson, son of James A. Hutchinson, is to build a new mill.	Oroville Register 10-31-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.10.31	<b>Cherokee</b>	Wendell Miller, a respected citizen of Butte, died on his ranch 5 miles from Chico on the 23rd, 79 years of age and native of Germany. Brother of Joe Miller of Yankee Hill. He had been ill with brain fever for about a month.	Oroville Register 10-31-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.11.07	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee chips: Salmon fishing in the West Branch is a popular sport just now. Lee Mortenson, a young man of Pentz, has diphtheria, and the Mortenson home is quarantined. A marriage license was issued today to George Charles Duensing and Marie N. C. Hansen. Mrs. Hansen is the widow of the late Neils C. Hansen, who drowned in the Feather two years ago.	Oroville Mercury 11-7-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.11.07	<b>Cherokee</b>	The estate of Wendell Miller is one of the largest estates of Butte and valued at from \$50,000 to \$75,000. J. M. McGee is the attorney for the executor.	Oroville Register 11-7-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.11.07	<b>Pentz</b>	Ranch for sale in Pentz: 500 acres in Messilla Valley by Mrs. C. L. Durban. Dr. Moffitt of Cherokee has sold his practice to another physician who will locate to that place.	Oroville Register 11-7-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.11.07	<b>Flea Valley/Kimshew</b>	Ten men employed at Kimshew mine. Mr. Tegrunde states residents are now using the new road via Flea Valley and find it more convenient than the road by way of Lovelock.	Oroville Register 11-7-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1901.11.14	<b>Cherokee</b>	Salmon fishing is just now all the rage. Parties from Cherokee go over to the West Branch of the North Fork in the evening and are provided with torches.	Oroville Register 11-14-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1901.11.14	<b>Cherokee</b>	A. E. Boynton appointed attorney for the absent heirs of Wendell Miller.	Oroville Register 11-14-1901	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1902.05.29	<b>Big Bend</b>	After two years of negotiations the most extensive power company in California has been formed. Final details were settled and papers of incorporation were filed today. The corporation will be known as the Feather River Power Company. The properties are located at Big Bend of the Feather River, twenty miles from Oroville, and within one year the company will furnish 20,000 horsepower in San Francisco. The officers of the company are men of wealth. The President of the company is Charles Webb Howard. Charles L Fair is the Vice President and the directors are J. Downey Harvey, W.J. Dingee and Major Frank McLaughlin. The capital stock of the company is \$5,000,000. Within the last few days the new company has purchased from the Big Bend Tunnel and Mining Company of Buffalo, N.Y. all properties of the Big Bend tunnel, its United States patent rights on the Feather River, which extend for fourteen miles and which were granted in 1881, and some 4,000 acres. Work will commence at once to tunnel from the terminus of the Big Bend tunnel, which is 2 miles in length, through a small mountain to the Feather River, 1/2 mile distant. When this is completed and water rushes down the steep canyon, the officers of the company feel assured that they will easily generate 40,000 horsepower. ...the company decided it will only serve power to San Francisco....the cost of the plant could be estimated at \$2,000,000	Los Angeles Herald 5-29-1902	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1902.06.08	<b>Cherokee</b>	Mapping Ancient River Channels - Hope to Find Gold Under Lava That Once Flowed From Mt. Lassen - Fred H. Dakin, the Redding - Berkeley mining man is here directing what is perhaps the most ambitious mining scheme ever attempted in Northern California. With a corps of assistants, he is visiting every mine in Butte County, obtaining data as to the depths reached and what is shown by the strata. All this information is being used to compile a map, which it is hoped will, when completed, show at least in portions the ancient river channels of the county..... When the ancient channels are found, they are easily identified by the round pebbles of the old wash of a geological formation entirely different from any pebbles of the surrounding country. The theory is that the fine gold now dredged from along the river at Oroville left the channels as nuggets, which were broken and ground up in transmission. The famous Cherokee mine, from which \$13,000,000 has been taken by washing down a bank with stream from pipes comprise 4,000 ft of an old channel. The Magalia mine, which has yielded \$2,000,000 was in a lateral channel running into that of Cherokee.	San Francisco Call 6-8-1902	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1902.07.01	<b>Feather River</b>	William H. King (founder of Pulga) files over a hundred mining claims along the North Fork of the Feather River for the "Northern California Mining Company". <u>The mining company claimed 24,500 acres on the North Fork of the Feather River.</u> Large tracts of timber were also tied up by the company. In total over 200,000 acres were tied up in various land claims.	Butte County Mining Records	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1902.07.01	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee Gold Dredging operation put a dredge in service.		<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1902.07.02	<b>Big Bend</b>	Railroad May Stretch Along Placer Claims - Oroville, what may prove the first step toward building a long expected railroad up one of the branches of the Feather River, connecting with the overland at either Reno or Boca, is the filing in Butte County Recorders office yesterday and today of 84 placer mining locations. The locations are all signed by the same persons and embrace a tract lying along the North Fork of the Feather River. The filing of the locations has caused much speculation as to the probable objective of the locators, but the theory that the object is to gain possession of land suitable for a railroad building is generally accepted. This theory is strengthened by the fact that a large surveying party is at work on the North Fork near Big Bend.	San Francisco Call 7-2-1902	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1902.07.18	<b>Big Bend</b>	Marysville - Though a large force of surveyors has been in the canyon between Big Meadows and Oroville for weeks, the purpose of their work cannot be definitely learned. The purchase of several thousand acres in Butte Valley and Big Meadows over a month ago was taken to mean the construction of an immense reservoir and power plant. While this has since learned to be true, the surveyors refuse to say whether they are picking out a route for a railroad or a power line, with San Francisco as an objective point. In either event, it is given out of good authority that men high up in the Standard Oil Company are the backers of the enterprise, and that Major Frank McLaughlin, on a secret trip to the east, got them to also purchase the Big Bend Tunnel, in the construction of which Dr. Pierce sank over \$1,000,000. He will get \$500,000 for his property.	Los Angeles Herald 7-18-1902	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1902.08.16	<b>Pentz</b>	Displays at state fair, Butte County is showing off displays of olives by Ehmann Olive Co of Oroville and from Curtis & Co from Pentz	San Francisco Call 8-16-1902	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1902.09.27	<b>Big Bend</b>	An assignment of an indenture and bond executed by the Big Bend Tunnel Company to Frank McLaughlin, whereby Guy C. Earl, Frank McLaughlin and Milton Green transfer their interests in that instrument to the Western Power Company, was today filed in the office of the Recorder of Butte County. The assignment is attached to the original bond that was given to McLaughlin by the Big Bend Company, and shows that the purchase price of the property is \$500,000. A \$10,000 payment was made upon the execution of the instrument and the balance to complete the purchase is to be paid in March and April 1903. An arrangement was made some months ago for the erection of a large power plant and transmission of electricity to San Francisco, but the death of Charles L. Fair, one of the projectors, it is understood, blocked the proceedings to a certain extent. Articles of incorporation of the Western Power Company were filed in the office of the County Clerk at this place several days ago. The capital stock of the concern is \$5,000,000	San Francisco Call 9-27-1902	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1902.11.08	<b>Oroville</b>	Long article in Scientific American about the use of dredgers in Oroville. Shows pictures of the dredger Indiana. The gold found is known as washed river gold appearing as small grains and flakes of exceeding purity, realizing \$18.50 to \$18.60 an ounce. Experimental efforts at dredging were not successful until 1898. The amount of earth handled by a dredger is between 1,000 and 3,000 cubic yards per day depending on the size of the dredger. The monthly capacity of the largest dredger is 1 acre to a 30 foot depth per month. The bucket chain carries 32 heavy buckets with 5 yard capacity driven by a fifty horse motor. The cost to run a dredger of first class is from \$1800 to \$2,000 per month, with a cost of \$.05 per yard. The average yield from the area is \$.30 per yard.	Scientific American 11-8-1902	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1902.12.09	<b>Big Bend</b>	Gridley, Ca - The Stockton and Beckwith Pass Railroad Company has begun suit to condemn lands for a right of way up the North Fork of the Feather River from Oroville. The company asks for a strip of land 148 ft wide, extending to Big Bend. Most of the land is owned by the Northern California Mining Company, which recently was organized and acquired the land, presumably for mining, but really for railroad purposes.	San Francisco Call 12-9-1902	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.01.05	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article about how electricity is replacing water as a power source for mining because it can be made available easier at the mine site.	Oroville Daily Register 1-5-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.01.09	<b>Butte County</b>	Population figures by Township. Chico Township 4739, Concow Township 377, Oregon Township 841, Ophir Township 2804, Butte County Total 17,117.	Oroville Daily Register 1-9-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.01.10	<b>Butte County</b>	Estimated population figures for the rural towns. Uses 3.5 people per registered voter to calculate population of smaller areas, Yankee Hill area 269, Oregon City 149, Cherokee 273, Pentz 245, Paradise 353, Magalia 248, Thermalito 735, Oroville 2819.	Oroville Daily Register 1-10-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1903.01.20	<b>Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley Quartz Mine to be sold. Numerous tests show gravel values of \$5 to \$10 per yard. Work can start in 60 days to open the mine and can continue 150 days in the year. Fifteen hundred yards per day can be worked. Expenses should not be over \$20 per day so a net profit of \$7,000 to \$14,000 per day should be realized, or \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 for six months operations per year. The property includes a house, barn, blacksmith shop, shaft house, laboratory and office building. Electricity can be purchased from the Big Bend Power Company 1 mile away, whose plant cost over \$2,000,000.	Oroville Daily Register 1-20-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.02.19	<b>Deadwood/Chicago</b>	Article about Dr. Sang's wife leaving him in Chicago. Dr. Sang was formerly with the Deadwood Sanitarium. His wife left him for a Chinese cook and took \$13,000 and some jewelry with her. Article talks about the torture that would have been inflicted on his wife, ultimately leading to her death, if she had left him in China.	Oroville Daily Register 2-19-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.02.24	<b>Concow/Cherokee</b>	Spring Valley sells reservoir and water system to Bay Counties Power. All the mining property, owned by Pittsburg, PA. capitalists, totaling 4500 acres of land, was sold to W.P. Lynch of Cherokee who leased the reservoir as part of the deal. The mines had yielded \$15,000,000 in gold in the past.	1918 History of Butte County, Oroville Daily Register 2-24-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.02.24	<b>Big Bend</b>	John Mullen had samples of French walnuts. His brother Wm. H. Mullen planted the trees some years ago. He now has thirty-five trees.	Oroville Daily Register 2-24-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.02.26	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	Wm. H. Mullen writes letter to editor of Oroville paper about early history of the area. States A.B. Clark was here in 1851, "I came in 1857 (Note: should be 1855). The first quartz mine was the 49 & 56 started in 1856, the second was the Virgin started in 57. A ditch was started in 1857 to bring the waters from Swamp Creek. Mr Fargo started the ditch but did not last long, Mr Judge McGrew took hold and finished it but did not pay his men. In 1857 O.M. Evans came and graded a road to Yankee Hill. There was company of surface miners working on Rich Gulch and they worked up to near the mill (49 & 56). The (mill) company sued the surface company but the court decided in favor of the surface company and they cleaned up \$18,000. Mr Wells started his store in 57 or 58 and my father, Charles Mullen, built the brick chimney to the store. I bought in Concow in December 12, 1854 and then in the fall of 55, I came here and been here ever since." (Note: A.W. Thompson was in Concow in 1852. Wm H. Mullen purchased land near Thompson and they were partners in several ventures. Wm. H. Mullen later moved to Big Bend where this was written. There was series of articles run during this time by old residents of Butte County)	Oroville Daily Register 2-26-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.02.26	<b>Concow/Pentz</b>	Describes Concow location, climate; Concow is a great fruit, nut and vegetable country per Charles Bunnell. The mining resources of Pentz are being developed by Pat Nagle and William Huff. Pat mines on one side of the road and William on the other; William is 78 years old and still industrious.	Oroville Register 2-26-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.03.21	<b>Butte County</b>	Bay Counties Power Company and five other power companies form the California Gas and Electric Corporation. (forerunner to PG&E). The new company will sell \$10,000,000 in bonds.	Oroville Daily Register 3-21-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.03.31	<b>Concow</b>	Heavy rains and snow cause Concow Dam to fail, washing out the wooden covered Nelson Bar Bridge. Replaced the bridge with a steel structure. T.J. Kelley reported the Concow Lake was three miles long and one mile wide when the dam broke. See 5-2-1904 & 9-24-1904	Nelsons Bar and its Bridges by Mildred Forester June 1967, Oroville Daily Register 3-31-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.04.01	<b>Oregon City</b>	Article about early quartz mines in Butte County. Mentions the Phoenix south of Oregon City near the junction of Oroville Road (now called Cherokee Road) from Cherokee to Oregon City, operated by Dr. Smith. Also mentions in 1857, White, Nutter & Derrick Mine in Oregon City.	Oroville Daily Register 4-1-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.05.05	<b>Lime Saddle/Pentz</b>	Newsy items from Pentz and Vicinity - Some merry girls and boys formed in a party Thursday evening and visited the lime kiln. Every year a party of young folks watch the kiln burn, and the scene is a great novelty to those who see it for the first time in this locality as any new invention.....Article also talks about election of officers at the I.O.G.T.(International Order of Good Templars, a temperance group); mentions the Bunnell family, Curtis family, Graves family, Sparks family, Potter and Boyd families. Article discusses the Pentz baseball team playing the Durham team as well, Durham won 12 to 11.	Oroville Daily Register 5-5-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1903.05.08	<b>Big Bend</b>	Gridley, Ca - W.H. Morrell, who is promoting a ditch and power plant scheme of great magnitude, contemplates the use of water of the Feather River, where it pours through a tunnel, which was put in at Big Bend by R.V. Pierce of Buffalo. Morrell has a proposition for building a dam which is startling, and which is viewed by many who live below the proposed works with some alarm. He proposes to build a dam at a point on the Feather River where the banks slope up to the top of a considerable mountain, and instead of using cribbing or concrete he will charge the face of the mountain with dynamite and when all is ready will blow a great mass of rock into the bed of the stream, thereby making a dam which will retain the water at a considerable height above the present level of 350 feet. A lake several miles long will be formed and there is likely to be much opposition to the scheme as the fear is expressed that such a dam will not safely hold back a large flow of water.	Los Angeles Herald 5-8-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.05.25	<b>Concow</b>	Hulbert (Bert) Wright shot and killed Henry C. Farley (Farley was separated from his wife at the time) at Mrs. Farley's home in Concow where he was having dinner when Farley unexpectedly showed up and threatened Wright because he felt Mr. Wright was paying too much attention to his wife. Wright went outdoors and Farley followed with a gun and fired a shot at Wright. Wright returned fire killing Farley. Wright was found guilty and sentenced to 10 years in prison. H.C. Farley is buried in the Concow Cemetery. He was 59 at the time of his death.	Oroville Daily Register 5.25-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.05.25	<b>Big Bend</b>	Big power plant near Big Bend. It is the intention of Mr. Morrill to build a dam of solid masonry 150 ft high instead of 350 ft. The dam will be located just below Big Bar and if carried out to its full extent would furnish 225,000 horsepower.	Oroville Daily Register 5-25-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.05.26	<b>Concow</b>	Dr. E. A. Kusel did the autopsy of the late H. C. Farley and found that his back was turned.	Oroville Daily Register 5-26-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.05.27	<b>Pentz</b>	Mrs. Elizabeth Heckart of Pentz passed to the Great Beyond. Came to California in 1865 and made Pentz her home for the past 38 years. Funeral at family residence near Pentz and burial at Clear Creek Cemetery.	Oroville Daily Register 5-27-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.05.29	<b>Oroville/Pentz</b>	Ad for Dr. W. S. Ling of Oroville Sanitarium with praises by J. B. Gerholdt of Pentz where the tumor in the palm of his right hand is "well and good as ever".	Oroville Daily Register 5-29-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.09.14	<b>Cherokee/Concow/Yankee Hill</b>	Two loads of lumber are now on the ground for the West Branch bridge after waiting many months for the building of the bridge. There is a dearth of water at Cherokee and the orchards and gardens are drying up. No water has come through the pipes and even some wells are beginning to dry up. The big well near the Vinton store got so low that people had to stop watering stock there.	Oroville Daily Register 9-14-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1903.09.14	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee Dredging Company has built a large machine shop 40 x 80 feet down at the dredge and are now getting machinery for it.	Oroville Daily Register 9-14-1903	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.01.01	<b>Cherokee</b>	Lou Vinton of Cherokee owned many of the houses in town as the population started to leave the town after realizing mining was dead. Same article mentions author's mom (Olive Hannis) was born in Flea Valley when the family went there on a camping trip. Birth was recorded as being in Cherokee.	Helen Pearl Koehl, Butte Remembers 1973		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.01.01	<b>Concow</b>	Population 459.			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.01.13	<b>Concow</b>	Oroville Daily Register is running articles about old timers in Butte. Wm. Mullen relays his story. Talks about his father being robbed by Joaquin Murrieta and seeing the head on display. Separate section mentions Mr. Mullen came down for the Odd Fellows Ceremony.	Oroville Daily Register 1-13-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.01.22	<b>Spanishtown/Butte County</b>	Long article relays past history from earlier Butte County papers. Mentions Spanishtown articles referred to earlier in this timeline.	Oroville Daily Register 1-22-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1904.02.06	<b>Concow</b>	Wm. Mullen relays brief history of Indian troubles in Butte County in the Spring of 1852. Mullen was mining at Stringtown. The Yubas, located just South of the Middle Fork of the river and the Picas, located just north of the river in the Spring of 1852, were fighting each other. One of the Yubas was injured and the fighting stopped. Later that Spring, a white man was killed at his cabin near Stringtown by a Picas. The Yuba Chief was captured with his wives and a papoose. The Chief was let go and his wives and baby held captives until the murderer was turned over to the people of Stringtown. The Yuba Chief turned in the supposed Picas Indian and he was hanged. The Yuba's Chief's family was then released.	Oroville Daily Register 2-6-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.02.08	<b>Butte County</b>	Follow up article about Indian troubles. Also describes Indian dress. The author claims the Indians near the North and West side of the Feather River were called Lillipies, including the Indians near Oroville, on the Bidwell Ranch and near the Sam Neal Ranch on Butte Creek. These and the Yeats Indians near Gridley along with the Yuba Indians all assembled together for dances and games. These Indians didn't get along with the Mooretown Ridge Indians and were always more or less in trouble.	Oroville Daily Register 2-8-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.02.12	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Reminiscence of an early settler: James McGrannahan recounts he came to Long's Bar to mine. From there he went to Bidwell Bar and then to Morris Ravine. He mined at Yankee Hill in 1856 and again in 1872 and got the nickname "Paper Jim".	Oroville Daily Register 2-12-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.02.25	<b>Concow</b>	Chas. Duret of Concow, describes his experiences in the early 1850s in San Francisco, Tuolumne County, Placerville and Butte County. He also was present at a Joaquin Murrietta robbery, which he describes. Duret died in 1910 and is buried at Cherokee. Nice article, 3 pages long.	Oroville Daily Register 2-25-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.02.27	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article mentions recent mine cave-in at the Cherokee Mine and reflects on the past output of the mine from 1870 to 1886. The first year the mine produced \$81,000 and employed 35 men. When the hydraulic monitors were put in, the output climbed to \$400,000 per year. The preceding years the lowest output was \$235,000 per year. The total from 1870 to 1886 was \$5,000,000. Article states that if the monitors could still be used, the mine would be the richest in the area.	Oroville Daily Register 2-27-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.03.02	<b>Butte County</b>	California Gas and Electric Company acquires the Standard Electric Company of California and the United Gas and Electric Company. This gives the company the monopoly on electricity in 20 principal counties in California. See 3-21-1903 (Note: Concow Reservoir is part of the holdings of California Gas and Electric Company)	Oroville Daily Register 3-2-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.03.05	<b>Butte County</b>	Butte County Mining Dredgers are Leaders - A registry of the mining industry of Butte County has just been issued by the state Mineralogist. One statement that it contains in the introductory matter will attract attention wherever there are mining interests. "There are more gold dredgers in operation in the vicinity of Oroville" it says "than in any other similar area in North or South America". The gold product of Butte County in 1902 amounted to \$916,251 and the silver value produced was \$2219. About 35% of the business of Butte County is connected with mining. Lumbering, fruit growing and stock raising constitute the remaining 65%. Article lists 24 dredgers in operation at the time.	San Francisco Call 3-5-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.03.18	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	Article about a man by the name of Hedge recently finding a gold nugget worth \$110.50. Nice nuggets were common in the past. Talks about early history of the mine owned by White & Nutter and later a Marysville Company consisting of eight men claimed the mine when White and Nutter abandoned the mine in 1864. The new company installed 10 stamping mills and the mine was taken 310 feet deep. After 16 months, the mine was abandoned again. The equipment was sold and moved to another mine. The new company had spent \$53,000 on the mine and sold the assets for \$20,000, a loss of \$33,000, two of the last owners were still alive, Judge L.T. Crain and T.J. Sherwood.	Oroville Daily Register 3-18-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1904.04.28	<b>Oroville</b>	Article about dredger mining. A well run dredger operates about 80 to 90 percent of the available time, including time down for maintenance. The capacity of dredgers varies, but a dredger with 40,000 to 45,000 cubic yards per month is the easiest to maintain. The labor cost is about 1/3 the total cost. Dredgers with a capacity of 70,000 to 80,000 cubic yards per month starts to reach their economical limits. Soon it is expected a dredger with a capacity of 100,000 yards per month will be economical. A 40,000 cubic yard machine costs about .065 cents per yard to operate. The maximum water depth is about 60 feet. In Oroville, there are now 26 dredgers operating, 5,000 to 6,000 acres of land have been, or are being dredged, and estimated production is about \$4,500,000.	Oroville Daily Register 4-28-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.05.02	<b>Cherokee</b>	25 men employed by the Cherokee Mine. Expect to run out of water about mid-July. Talks about the Bay Power Company putting in a cement dam at Concow, 1000 feet below the dam that was washed out (see 3-31-1903). This will again restore water to Cherokee Mine.	Oroville Daily Register 5-2-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.05.05	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Ad for land and houses for sale in rural areas around Oroville. 40 acres, 18 miles Northwest of Oroville and Quincy Road, Altitude 1800 feet, excellent water, 5 room house, large barn and other outbuildings, small orchard, 25 acres fenced and cleared, balance heavy lumber. All in good repair, cost \$800. Lot nearby with 80 acres and 5 room house, plus post office and store building with a small stock of merchandise, nice income. Large well-built barn. Cost \$2,500. (I believe this is the Wells home in Yankee Hill)	Oroville Daily Register 5-5-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.05.11	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about resort areas in Butte and Plumas Counties. Briefly mentions Yankee Hill, Concow, Flea Valley and the "famous Deadwood".	Oroville Daily Register 5-11-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.05.13	<b>Pentz</b>	Albert Smith is bonding lands around Pentz. It is reported the Parrish place has been sold. Bonds have been placed on the Lee, Hiatt, Braselton and several other large tracts. It is reported an attempt has been made on the W.J. Lockerman place. It is speculated it is for mining purposes, as several ranches in the area are reported to contain gold deposits.	Oroville Daily Register 5-13-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.05.28	<b>Butte County</b>	School tax apportionments---broken into county fund and library fund. Cherokee: County \$129.58, library \$18.05. Concow: County \$25.50, library \$12.05. Messilla Valley: County \$7.25 (typo??), library \$15.30. Oregon City: County \$111.00, library \$16.55. Reservoir: County \$44.50, library \$13.05. Yankee Hill: County \$16.00, library \$11.55.	Oroville Daily Register 5-28-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.06.08	<b>Butte County</b>	School census of 1903 compared with 1904. Cherokee 1903 - 45 students, 1904 - 40 students. Concow 1903 - 21, 1904 - 19. Messilla Valley 1903 - 31, 1904 - 36. Oregon City 1903 - 41, 1904 - 34. Reservoir 1903 - 20, 1904 - 18. Yankee Hill 1903 - 23, 1904 - 15.	Oroville Daily Register 6-08-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.06.14	<b>Oroville</b>	Major fire in Oroville, worst in over 30 years. Full page headline reads "Terrible Calamity". Estimated losses are \$130,000---it destroyed much of the mercantile establishments. Started in the rear of the Palace Restaurant.	Oroville Daily Register 6-14-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.06.29	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Obit for Mrs. Henry Duensing. She died while in Slate Camp near Nimsheew. She will be brought to her home near Yankee Hill. She leaves a husband and several grown children, Mrs. A. Armbruster and Mrs. D.C. Morgan.	Oroville Daily Register 6-29-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.07.18	<b>Concow/Flea Valley</b>	The new bridge across the West Branch, eight miles above Nelsons Bar Bridge, (designed by O.W. Jasper) is complete. The bridge is in round numbers, 100 feet long with one approach 16 feet and one approach 35 feet. It is 12 feet 10 inches wide. There has always been a bridge for pack animals, this time when constructed it is wide enough for wagons. To make the bridge effective for wagon travel, a road of eight miles would have to be built. This road would then enable people living on the Magalia Ridge to cross over to Concow and Flea Valley without having to come down to the Nelson Bar Bridge. We do not know when the road will be built, but it would be to the advantage of many people.	Oroville Daily Register 7-18-1904 See photo in Matches, Flumes and Rails, page 104 by Kent Stephens	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1904.07.21	<b>Butte County</b>	Annual report of the school superintendent for the year ending July 1, 1904. Number of white children over 5 but not over 17 years of age, 2298 boys, 2292 girls for a total of 4590. Negro children, 8 boys, 5 girls for a total of 13. Indian children, 32 boys, 31 girls for a total of 63. Native born Mongolians, 9 boys, 2 girls for a total of 11. Number that did not attend school 879. Number of children under 5 years, white 1538, Negro 3, Indian 31, Mongolian 7 for a total of 1579. Number of teachers 108, 16 male, 92 female. Number of teachers holding high school certificate 3. Number holding grammar school certificate 104. Number of primary schools 17, number of grammar schools 53. SEE ARTICLE FOR MORE STATS	Oroville Daily Register 7-21-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.07.21	<b>Pentz</b>	Flames ravage Pentz; fire originates at Mrs. Kroeger's Ranch, which was unoccupied at the time. It spread to the neighboring ranch of Mrs. Jennie Mortenson and headed toward town. Firefighters from Cherokee and the surrounding area were summoned to help. From 50 to 100 firefighters fought the blaze which burned between 300 and 400 acres. It reached within 1 1/2 miles of the town of Pentz.	Oroville Daily Register 7-21-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.07.23	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Henry W. White acquires the old mill site, 40 acres, at Rag Dump from A. E. Boyington for \$10	County Clerks office Book 80 page 262		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.07.29	<b>San Jose/Butte County</b>	Article in local paper first appeared in San Jose paper states there is little doubt that oiling of county roads and graveled city streets will soon become general practice instead of water sprinkling. Some have complained about the nuisance of spoiled shoes and dresses and bicycle tires, but the process is improving.	Oroville Daily Register 7-29-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.08.13	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	Mrs. Joe Azvedo of Oregon Gulch was struck in the back by a stray bullet while walking around her house, she was severely injured. A Hedge also heard a bullet whiz by him and strike a tree. The shots were randomly fired from a ravine nearby.	Oroville Daily Register 8-13-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.08.17	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Dick Johnson threatens to kill his wife. It is feared he will carry out his threat; a warrant is issued for his arrest. A couple of years ago, Johnson had murdered three Indians at Cherokee with his knife. He was set free at that time. He threatened Mrs. Johnson last evening at their home. Mrs. Johnson was staying at the Yankee Hill Hotel under the protection of Mrs. Wells waiting for the sheriff to arrive. It is assumed Johnson is at the family home about 1 1/2 miles from the Wells home.	Oroville Daily Register 8-17-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.08.18	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Long article about Dick Johnson, the notorious murderer and all around bad man, who attempted to shoot his wife. He was arrested in Yankee Hill. Mrs. Johnson was in the corral of the Yankee Hill Hotel, where she had taken up residence when Johnson showed up. The deputy sheriff who had a warrant for Johnson also showed up and arrested Johnson in the hotel where he had a rifle on his shoulder looking for Mrs. Johnson. A \$1,000 bond was set.	Oroville Daily Register 8-18-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.08.30	<b>Big Bend</b>	J. M. Mullen and his wife went to Oroville this week to accompany Mrs. Mullen's brother, Ernest Clanton and her nephew Wm. Wiley, who are returning to Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Clanton, father and mother of Mrs. Mullen, will also return to Phoenix. Mr. J.M. Mullen is proving to be a crack shot at venison. Lately he had three shots at a fine deer and did not touch a hair.	Oroville Daily Register 8-30-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.09.05	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Mrs. Dora Wells is planning on going to San Francisco during the Conclave and will probably leave today. (Knight Templar in the United States of America Twenty-Ninth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Held in the City of San Francisco, California September Fourth to Eleventh 1904.)	Oroville Daily Register 9-5-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.09.05	<b>Big Bend</b>	Wm. H. Mullen writes long letter to the local paper from Tempe, Arizona where he has moved. He states he arrived June 20, 1904. Note: His brother, John Merritt Mullen stays behind at Big Bend on family farm (see 8-30-1904). John Mullen eventually ends up in Chico. (John apparently sells the property some time between 1910 and 1920 and moves to Chico where he buys an apartment building.)	Census records, Oroville Daily Register 9-5-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1904.09.13	<b>Pentz</b>	Miss Mary Freydt of Pentz died at the home of her brother, Joseph Freydt. She had been ill for some time. Her brother tried to get her to see a doctor but she replied "It's no use brother, I am like a worn-out wagon. The doctor can mend me up in one place, but I will break down in another, and it's no use to have a physician or to take medication. I am just worn out". The deceased was 80 years old and 7 months. Robert Lyte said he lived as a neighbor to the brother and sister for 27 years and in that long period she had only been once to Pentz and once to Cherokee and to no other place. Both places are within five or six miles of where the family lived. Note: in another section it mentions Robert Lyte was in Oroville to buy a coffin for the late Mary Freydt of Pentz.	Oroville Daily Register 9-13-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.09.19	<b>Cherokee</b>	Chinaman murdered at Cherokee. Body found in cabin near Cherokee. The man, Ah Leo, alias Stanford, had been working on the North Fork of the river for D.C. Morgan. Upon investigation it was found he had been shot in the back. Article implies it might have been some Indian.	Oroville Daily Register 9-19-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.09.20	<b>Butte County</b>	The State and County tax rate for the coming year approved by the Board of Supervisors will be \$2.73 per \$100. The tax rate for the schools is \$.55 per \$100. The Union High School rate is \$.23 per \$100. Last year the State and County tax rate was \$2.05 plus \$.20 for schools for a total of \$2.25. This year is a \$.48 increase.	Oroville Daily Register 9-20-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.09.23	<b>Concow</b>	Bail bond for Hulbert Wright has been filed. The sureties for the \$5,000 bond are H. Wright, T.L. Vinton, E.W. Morgan, C.S. Campbell, E.H. Jones, J.M. Mullen, and H.W. White. Wright's conviction for murdering H.C. Farley was overturned by the Supreme Court and he is awaiting a second trial.	Oroville Daily Register 9-23-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.09.24	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Well known character at Yankee Hill is Uncle Billy Rudd, as he is familiarly called. He is 79 years old and is a veteran of the Mexican war. He lives on a pension of \$12 a month. He owns a claim and a little cabin which he keeps in good order. He does his own work, he cooks his own food and lives alone. He drops into the store or post office or hotel during the forenoon and usually manages to find a few cronies like himself who are fond of pedro. They get up a game and generally have about time to finish it before the mail arrives from Oroville. He was 21 years old when he enlisted in the Mexican war in 1846. He is hale and hearty and bears the weight of the years well. An Indian woman, wife of a Mexican, lives near Yankee Hill. Like Mr. Rudd, she draws a pension from the Government.	Oroville Daily Register 9-24-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.09.24	<b>Concow</b>	Position open in Concow as postmaster. The job pays \$1.00 per week. The current postmaster didn't want the job because of the low pay. There is one person interested in the position but he cannot work on Saturdays because he is a Seventh Day Adventist. There is concern the office will have to be closed.	Oroville Daily Register 9-24-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.09.24	<b>Concow/Yankee Hill/Cherokee/Big Bend</b>	Orchards, vineyards and vegetable gardens in the area are dying because of a lack of water. When the water in the Cherokee ditch was sold to the Magalia Ridge, the ground in the area started to dry up due to lack of moisture. There is some water from Concow available to run the mines in Cherokee but not enough for irrigation. There is some talk about people in the area trying to rebuild the Concow Dam which could hold enough water for the area. (see March 31, 1903)	Oroville Daily Register 9-24-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.09.24	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Geo. W. Weeks, editor of the Alameda Encinal, and his wife, came down from Yankee Hill and will go back to Alameda. Mr. Weeks left Alameda for a rest but has spent most of the time at Yankee Hill where he was sick. He is by no means well, but his health did not improve at Yankee Hill so he wants to return to Alameda to be near a Physician. Mr. Weeks has also in the past been associated with the San Francisco Chronicle.	Oroville Daily Register 9-24-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.10.18	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	J.M. McClung tells of prospector, Jim Smith, finding \$800 of yellow metal in pocket at Yankee Hill. The gold is mostly in large leaves, the size of a man's fist. The leaves were thin and light weight, there were almost two hatfuls of them. Pockets of gold are not uncommon in the area but this was an unusually large find.	Oroville Daily Register 10-18-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1904.11.16	<b>Concow</b>	Hulbert (Burt) Wright is granted a retrial by the Supreme Court in the murder of Henry Farley on the grounds that certain evidence should have been allowed to be introduced at the first trial.	Oroville Daily Register 11-16-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.11.17	<b>Concow</b>	Witnesses being examined in Hulbert Wright manslaughter case. Eight witnesses were placed on the stand. These were County Surveyor Polk, who had drawn up a plan of the residence and of the grounds where the tragedy took place. The second was Dr E.A. Kusel, who was called to examine the body. Other witnesses were Joseph Miller, ex-Sheriff Wilson, Justice of the Peace Frank Spencer, and three others. The principal witness was Joe Farley, a son of the deceased.	Oroville Daily Register 11-17-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.11.17	<b>Oroville</b>	Article about the ability of dredgers to work anywhere. It is possible to have multiple dredgers work a single tract of land each operating at different heights. At this rate all the bald hills south of Oroville and almost to Palermo is liable to become dredging ground.	Oroville Register 11-17-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.11.23	<b>Concow</b>	Wright case is turned over to the jury. There are two sides to the story; one is self defense, the other is he was having an affair for quite some time with Farley's wife, and this caused Farley to become hostile. It is not clear if Farley fired first shot. (It sounds like Farley may have been shot while turned away from Wright).	Oroville Daily Register 11-23-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.11.25	<b>Concow</b>	Hulbert Wright is found guilty a second time of manslaughter. Jury deliberates 42 hours, first vote was split 7 for conviction, 5 for acquittal. Later all voted for conviction.	Oroville Daily Register 11-25-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.11.30	<b>Concow</b>	Hulbert Wright is sentenced to eight years in prison. The jury asks for leniency for Mr. Wright because of the unusual circumstances. His attorney says he will again appeal. The article gives details of the appeal notice and the judge's findings.	Oroville Daily Register 11-30-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.12.06	<b>Cherokee</b>	Obit for Maggie Nix, born Jan 22, 1848 in Ireland, wife of Fred Nix of Cherokee. Maggie married Fred Nix in 1869. They had seven children.	Oroville Daily Register 12-06-1904 YHHS Obituary archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.12.06	<b>California</b>	The State Board of Roads reports that there are 2223 miles of oiled roads in California. The board is of the opinion that the oiling of roads can be so managed that to produce a solid Bitumen surface on country roads. Similar to those Bituminized in cities. They believe by tamping the surface while oiling the rock, the road can sustain wet weather. The Bituminous rock is only found in California.	Oroville Daily Register 12-06-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.12.07	<b>Big Bend</b>	Big Bend Tunnel Company deeded rights to the water and 4,000 acres of land to the Eureka Power Company. The water flowing thru the tunnel could be used to generate large amounts of power. Diverting the water would lay bare 12 to 14 miles of river bed that could be mined. The Western Pacific would also be interested in the availability of power.	Oroville Daily Register 12-07-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.12.08	<b>Oroville</b>	There are 27 dredgers working in the area. The dredgers require 130 electric horse power day and night to run. At first the dredgers were run by steam, requiring 5 cords of 4 ft wood a day to run; 27 dredgers would have burned 135 cords of wood per day. Each boat digs from 1500 to 2500 cubic yards per day. The 27 boats average 54,000 cubic yards per day. A man with a pick and shovel averages 10 yards a day. The electric power comes from the Bay Counties Power Company.	Oroville Daily Register 12-8-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1904.12.08	<b>Butte County</b>	Western Pacific Railroad President, Walter J. Barnett, states "California will have its promised railroad with the least possible delay". Large core of Engineers are rushing to survey the final route from Oroville to Beckwith (Beckwourth). President Barnett adds in his telegram that E. T. Jeffery, President of the Denver and Rio Grande, who was recently elected a director of the Western Pacific, will be elected Vice President of the company at the next Board of Directors.	Oroville Daily Register 12-8-1904	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1905.01.01	<b>Pulga</b>	Community started on the opposite side of the Feather River at a place that was first known as Big Bar. The town site was along the proposed new railroad line through the Feather River Canyon. William King moved there around 1904. King worked for the Northern California Mining Company and was in charge of the company's mining claims along the Feather River. The mining company acquired the claims in an effort to secure a route for a railroad. Miners and lumbermen filed suit against the company stating they were not legal claims because there was no mining being done. Half of the claims were declared illegal. The Western Pacific Railroad Company would buy up the remaining mining claims. The building of the railroad and in the late 1920s the building of the highway and the Poe Powerhouse in 1953 kept the community thriving for many years.	Research by Yankee Hill Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.02.21	<b>Pentz</b>	Newsy Letter From Our Pentz Reporter - A gentleman who stopped at Pentz this week appeared to be looking over the ground and making tests. Other mineral tests which were made by W.P. Lynch were reported unfavorable, but if appearances stand for anything, the first test was but the beginning of many, and it is thought there will be not a little work in the mining line done on land owned by W.P. Lynch in the near future. A social dance was held here Saturday night. A large crowd from Clear Creek and Oregon City attended. At J.G. Curtis they will soon finish the work on the olives for the year. It has been a tedious task to get the olives picked this year as help is very scarce and the rainy days are often. Sam Hiett took a party of miners up above Flea Valley Saturday, where they intend to mine.	Butte Record 2-21-1905	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.04.29	<b>Bartee's Bar</b>	Body of Rufus Weeks recovered on the Feather River about two miles below where the drowning occurred and first seen by William King of Big Bar. His fiancé was Miss Eva Moak, who was murdered about a year before.	Oroville Daily Register 5-18-1905	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.05.15	<b>Yankee Hill/Bartee's Bar</b>	John Buehrer's body found on a hillside along the Feather River canyon in the neighborhood of Bartee's Bar. He was a prospector, native of Switzerland and age 45. He had been in the area for about a year "looking for a mythical gold lake in the hills." Article on 5-17-1905 states his body was found by James R. D. Moak and T. S. Linebarger on a trail near Bartee's Bar.	Oroville Daily Register 5-15-1905	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.05.15	<b>Concow</b>	Correspondent from Concow writes about Charles Simmons, one of our best known old timers of northern Butte County. He was one of the early owners of Buchanan Hill gravel mine. C. E. Boswell is prospecting a quartz seam not far from Concow post office. Charley Campbell and M. Thomas of Cherokee passed through on their way to Flea Valley. Increased traffic due to railroad surveyor's camp in the North Fork and the North California Mining Company.	Oroville Daily Register 5-15-1905	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.06.24	<b>Pentz</b>	In order to increase water supplies Oroville Water is surveying the West Branch.....It is rumored, too that the water will be used to generate electricity. However that may be, the ditch talked of and the electric plant discussed are some distance in the future yet, as the company is now simply running lines in the vicinity of Pentz, Parrish's, and over toward the West Branch.	Daily Register 6-24-1905	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.06.30	<b>Pentz</b>	Long article about the Oroville Water Company project. The company is preparing for a large electric plant, which will be put up in a very short time. Little by little we have gathered information from no one individual but from a dozen. The company has been increasing the size of its ditches and putting in larger pipes.... The company purchased the Kunkle Reservoir and it will be enlarged so as to hold a great water supply. The new flumes constructed from the head dam to Thermalito are six feet wide and nearly three feet deep totaling 1600 feet. It is supposed the electricity will be generated for Oroville. It is likely a large force of men will be put to work and before the rainy season sets in, the new plant ought to be in operation.	Daily Register 6-30-1905	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.06.30	<b>Cherokee</b>	T. L. Vinton, owner of the Cherokee gravel mine, is cleaning up the mine after a long run. This has been the longest run ever known in the history of the mine with natural water.	Oroville Daily Register 6-30-1905	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.07.31	<b>Oroville</b>	Article about the need for more power for Oroville to grow manufacturing. Let us work to make Oroville a manufacturing town. It is factories that pay steady wages and steady wages make a rich town.	Daily Register 7-31-1905	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1905.08.01	<b>Pentz</b>	Oro Light and Power Company was formed and built a power house near Pentz. In 1911 the Oro Electric Corporation was formed and assumed control of the Oro Light and Power Corporation. In 1908 the assets were acquired by PG&E.	History of Butte County 1918		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.08.19	<b>Pentz</b>	New power plant to be built near Pentz; it will be constructed by the Oroville Light and Power Company and will have a capacity of 5,000 horsepower. The new plant will be constructed near Parrish's ranch above Pentz. The dredger company of which Mr. J.W. Goodwin is president, will have five dredgers in operation that will consume about 50 horsepower. The other 4500 horsepower will be sold to either dredgers or for manufacturing, lighting or other purposes. When Oroville becomes a manufacturing town, this plant ought to furnish a good deal of the power.	Daily Register 8-19-1905	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.08.28	<b>Oroville</b>	A gigantic deal in valuable properties came to light Saturday, when articles of incorporations were filed in the office of the Butte County Clerk..... The incorporation is a combination of the Oroville Light and Power Company, the Lava Bed Dredging Company, and the Marigold Dredging Company. The capital stock of the corporation is placed at \$3,500,000, divided into 35,000 shares of \$100 each, of which \$5,000 has been subscribed by the following named directors: J.A. Kretchmer, R.C. Medcraft, J Alexander, A Redlinger and A. Harvey. Prior to this, a mortgage of \$750,000 was filed in the recorder's office by the Oroville Water, Light and Power Company to the Union Trust Company of San Francisco, all properties formerly owned by Oroville Water Company, Lava Beds Dredging Company, Marigold Dredging Company and the Rio Rancho Company, the object being to secure 750 mortgage bonds \$1,000 each.	Daily Register 8-28-1905	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.09.11	<b>Pentz</b>	Power Plant Near Pentz - The Oro Light and Power Company has started work here on the projected improvements involving the construction of a large reservoir, a power plant, with other necessary buildings, and the taking of the water from the Miocene Ditch on the Ed Merrifield place, and conducting it through a pipe on the present pipeline near the north boundary of land owned by Mrs. W.J. Lockerman. Only 16 men under the supervision of C.E. Hickok are at work at present (due to a lack of room and board for the workers). A large frame cookhouse is being put up and until this is finished, Mrs. W.J. Lockerman will be furnishing meals for the men. Two large frame bunk houses will be put up as soon as possible, and then the force will be increased to 100 men. The lumber necessary is already on the ground containing 130,000 feet, at the Parrish place. On the J.G. Curtis land between the power plant site and the Parrish place, a tunnel 1,000 feet long will have to be driven through the ridge that crosses the canyon nearly at a right angle with the line. It may be the formation may require that the water shall be carried through this in a flume.	Daily Register 9-11-1905	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.10.06	<b>Pentz</b>	Newsy Notes From The Pentz Section - A force of 75 men in the employ of the Oro Light and Power Company have been boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Lockerman, was transferred yesterday to the new quarters provided by the company. The new cook-house is finished. It is a large frame building conveniently arranged. Fitted up in an elaborate manner with tables sufficient to accommodate about 100 men..... Quite a number of Chinamen are employed by the company, but will furnish their own board and sleeping accommodations..... The contract for running the 1000 foot tunnel on the J.G. Curtis place was let to Walter McDowell of Paradise at \$4.25 per foot. See article for more details.	Daily Register 10-6-1905	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.10.06	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	A. A. Hedge of Oregon Gulch shot a prize buck weighing 366 pounds and 243 pounds when cleaned and dressed.	Oroville Daily Register 10-6-1905	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.10.14	<b>Pentz</b>	The Oro Light and Power Company have undertaken a big piece of work putting in their new electrical plant near Pentz. They will have to put in a new pole line, a distance of 12 or 14 miles, to transmit the electric power to Oroville and vicinity. They have had to put in considerable new flume, to dig a new ditch and to run a tunnel. The tunnel is 800 feet long and is through rock. .... There are now 50 Chinamen and 125 White men employed. They have up a number of buildings for the men, and the eating and cookhouse. It takes 4 cooks to do the work of providing food for the men. The digging of the tunnel will go on day and night until it is completed.	Daily Register 10-14-1905	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1905.10.16	<b>Pentz</b>	About 175 men are reported last week as being at work on the power plant, ditch and tunnel of the Oro Light and Power Co. Yesterday some 15 or 20 more men were taken to Pentz to go to work.	Daily Register 10-16-1905	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.10.16	<b>Pentz</b>	At the Camp Of The New Powerhouse - Under the management of Supt. C.E. Hickok, the extensive work is progressing at Camp #1 of the Oro Light and Power Co very quickly. Mr Hickok has the boarding house all completed with a seating for 125 men. A lodging house with a sleeping capacity of 150 is also finished. He has now started in 25 carpenters, framing timber for the 2000 foot flume, the average height to be 50 feet..... H.C. Murphy, with his trained force of Chinese in the ditch, is throwing out yard after yard of hard rock and dirt. He certainly is a wonder at handling them. The Celestials swear by him and follow him around like lambs. Supt. Hickok makes a point to be at the boarding house at every meal and sees that every man is properly taken care of. On Friday W.H. Durbrow and President Goodwin viewed the work and expressed themselves as well satisfied.	Daily Register 10-16-1905	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.10.30	<b>Pentz</b>	New power plant will benefit Oroville - Long article restates many of the facts from previous articles. Does mention the work force is now 175 men. Also states the power house itself and other buildings will be constructed during the winter and everything should be ready for operation in May 1906. The company is paying out about \$2500 a week or \$10,000 a month for labor and supplies. To this must be added the cost of the pipe lines, the new flume and the machinery at the power plant.	Daily Mercury 10-30-1905	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.11.06	<b>Pentz</b>	Three sections of flumes are being built, one of twenty-seven 16 foot boxes, one of twenty-eight boxes of the same length and one of sixty-three boxes of the same length. The shortest span of the flume is 48 feet above the ground. A tunnel 802 feet in length is being constructed. From the reservoir, a pipe line 5700 feet long will convey water to the powerhouse. The ditch for this pipe has been completed except for 400 feet. On Friday G.H. Chick and G.M. Mott, who are the contractors on the work, went to the location to begin work on the dam. This dam is at the lower end of Kunkle Flat, which will form a reservoir covering 30 acres. The dam will be of concrete and will be between 800 and 900 feet long. A part of the pipe will be 36 inches and the rest will be 40 inches in diameter. The pipe is made in San Francisco. The headwater will fall 480 feet and as a usual manner of calculations gives one horsepower per 400 feet of fall. It will be seen that the horsepower generated will depend upon the quantity of water used. It is estimated the plant will generate 2500 horsepower.	Daily Register 11-6-1905	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.11.27	<b>Pentz</b>	Hugh Murphy, who is in charge of the Chinese employed at the works of the Oro Light and Power Company near Pentz where a big power plant is being put up, was the victim of a serious accident and one that it is a miracle that he did not lose his life on Tuesday last..... Mr. Murphy stepped out on a flume on which the flooring was being laid, the planks being not nailed down as yet, and owing to circumstances on the part of someone, a plank was allowed to project over a cross beam, and when he stepped upon it, down he went, a distance of 28 feet. For two hours Mr. Murphy was unconscious, and it was feared he was dead. A medical examination disclosed the fact that nearly every rib was broken loose from its fastening. Under the care of Dr. Wilson he was able to go back to work on Sunday and resume his duties in some way.	Daily Register 11-27-1905	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.12.11	<b>Pentz</b>	The New Power Plant Being Built at Pentz - Nearly all the ditch is completed and it is nearly 2 miles long. It is 6 feet wide at the bottom and 3 1/2 feet deep and nine feet wide on the top. The flume will be 4 feet deep and 6 feet in width. The excavation for the powerhouse are now being made. This will be 36 feet x 66 feet, and the foundation of the building will be of concrete; 3/4 of a mile of new wagon road has been built from the county road to reach the new powerhouse. The pole line from the powerhouse to Oroville will be 15 miles long.	Daily Register 12-12-1905	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1905.12.21	<b>Big Bend</b>	In a powder explosion on the Western Pacific Railroad at Big Bend, twenty miles above Oroville, this afternoon several Japanese were severely injured and two were killed.	San Francisco Call 12-21-1905	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1906.01.08	<b>Pentz</b>	The work at Kunkle Flat by the Oro Light and Power Co. is progressing well. Already the 880 foot tunnel is half completed. The bunk houses, cook house, etc were moved a day or two ago from their former location up to the site of the dam, where the big reservoir is being built.....	Daily Register 1-8-1906	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1906.01.19	<b>Pentz</b>	Work on the Oro Light and Power Company's new power plant at Pentz is progressing splendidly.....On the 30th of December 12 inches of snow fell there..... It will be three to four more months before work is completed on the plant.	Daily Register 1-19-1906	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1906.03.01	<b>Butte County</b>	Seth Sprague Boynton, owner and publisher of Oroville Register, dies from pneumonia, age 59. Leaves wife and son, daughter and two sisters. Also tribute to him as well as regrets of his death next day in same paper.	Oroville Daily Register 3-1-1906	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1906.03.22	<b>Pentz</b>	Surveyor B.L. McCoy has been doing some work out at Pentz on the new power plant of the Oro Light and Power Company, and has returned home. People here in Oroville can hardly realize the importance of work going on at that place.....A project is also on foot to utilize part of the output for running of a large cement manufacturing plant in the immediate vicinity.	Daily Register 3-22-1906	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1906.03.26	<b>Pulga</b>	In 1906 a post office was started with Frank J. Spencer as the first Postmaster, the new name for the area was changed to Pulga. In 1908 Wm King became Postmaster until 1919. In 1922 King's wife Mary became Postmaster until the mid 1930s.	Postal records		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1906.06.25	<b>Pentz</b>	Article talks about a cement plant to be established at Pentz. The high demand for cement has resulted in the material being imported from European countries and the prices rising. The United States produced 35,246,812 barrels of cement in 1905 valued at \$33,245,867. Locally there is a shortage which has delayed the cement sidewalks on 5th street in Oroville. The plant should be up in several months.	Daily Register 6-25-1906	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1906.08.06	<b>Pentz</b>	The new Power plant of the Oro Water, Light and Power Company, which the company has had a large force of men at work on for over a year past has finally been completed and Saturday the power was turned on for the first time. This is one of a number of new electrical power plants that will be installed and put in operation in the near future in this immediate vicinity and one of them, the Big Meadows, if carried out will be the most powerful electric plant in operation in the world.	Daily Register 8-6-1906	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1906.10.30		Picture of Frank McLaughlin, former Oroville mining boss	Los Angeles Herald 10-30-1906	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1907.03.18	<b>Big Bend</b>	Article about the Big Bend tunnel and the prospects for a power company. Among the prominent arrivals of the week was Frank L. Brown, the well known backer and promoter of San Francisco and New York and member of the firm Brown, Wilson and Company, which engage in the development of great electrical power plants on the North Fork of the Feather River, says the Chronicle. The ultimate purpose of the company is the development of 420,000 horse power of electrical energy from the stream. The company is now actively employing 500 men at a point known as Big Bend, some twenty miles north of Oroville, in completing a great tunnel through which the entire flood of the river will be conducted. (The company purchased the right to the Big Bend tunnel, see 1883 April 9th, and wanted to drill an additional 3000 feet from Dark Canyon where the old tunnel exited to the site of their new power house). The completion of the railroad made the project possible. The company is now lining the inside of the tunnel with concrete. The machinery has been ordered from San Francisco and will be in place as soon as the power house is ready. Funds for the project have been secured by the sale of \$25,000,000 in bonds. The president of the Great Western Power Company is Edwin Hawley who is also a director of the Western Pacific Railroad. There has been some discussion of working with other power companies in the state. See 1908 Feb 2nd	Oroville Daily Register 3-18-1907	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1907.04.09	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	Butte Williams purchases 40 acres on Nelson Bar Road from Wendel Miller for \$10. It appears Butte Williams may have been working for Miller as a butcher so he was given a special price. Butte builds a two story home with lumber from the old Big Bend hospital at site #6. The Williams family still lives on the land in 2015	Deeds Book 94 Page 173		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1907.04.11	<b>Concow</b>	Concow School burns down, suspected vagrants.	Oroville Daily Register 4-11-1907	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1907.04.22	<b>Cherokee</b>	Table Mountain diamond mine operation was started by the United States Diamond Mining Company. The company also preempted 125 acres in Cherokee, basically the entire town. Included is 25 acres owned by James Lafferty. It appears no formal land deeds were filed when Cherokee land was sold in the past, which had the benefit of avoiding county taxes. The company wanted all the mineral rights so they filed formal claims and declared the settlers squatters. The company was going to search the land in question for possible mining sites and if no diamonds were found, would return title to the land to the present occupants.	Diggins Vol 10 #4, available Butte County Historical Society, Oroville Daily Register 4-22-1907	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1907.04.23	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about farmers and miners reaching agreement on dredging. Dredgers to build 150 foot wide rock walls with tailings to restrain the debris.	Oroville Daily Register 4-23-1907	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1907.06.01	<b>Pentz</b>	Skeleton of little girl found while excavating a reservoir near Pentz. Believed it was the skeleton of Jessie Smith who had been captured by Indians in the early 1850s along with her sister May Smith. May Smith escaped but Jessie was never found.	History of Butte County 1918	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1907.07.12	<b>French Creek/Big Bend</b>	Oroville: French Creek Power Plant to be Built - Project Supposed to Have Been Dropped Will Be Pushed Through - It has been learned from authentic sources that the work of developing the French Creek power plant will be begun shortly. Nearly four years ago a large amount of money was spent in Surveys, road building, machinery, etc., with the object of establishing an immense power plant at French Creek, a tributary of the North Fork, about 28 miles from Oroville. The Pacific Gas and Electric Corporation which is a merger of the Bay Counties Power Company, was behind the proposition and after a great deal of preparatory work had been done, the project was given up and it was thought abandoned. The plant as originally proposed was intended to generate from 16,000 to 20,000 horsepower but the new project is said to be of greater magnitude and it is thought may rival the plant at Big Bend.	San Francisco Call 7-12-1907	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1907.10.09	<b>Big Bend</b>	Giant Powder Blows Five Men to Pieces - By an explosion in the new tunnel of the Great Western Power Company at Big Bend Saturday evening five men were killed and three injured. The dead are Diovanni Mareldi, John Oliveira, Antonio Varzia, Paul Peoolkoyek and an unknown Mexican. All eight were experienced powder men and were making their way into the tunnel to connect the electric wires for a second shot. They were carrying a box of giant powder to put into other holes to be fired. The concussion from the first explosion resulted in detonation of the box the men were carrying. The bodies were frightfully mangled.	San Francisco Call 10-9-1907	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1907.11.03	<b>Big Bend</b>	To Turn River Into Big Bend Power Tunnel - San Francisco to Receive 53,000 Horsepower From the Plant - Every effort is being made by the Great Western Power Company to finish the immense power plant at Big Bend. Between 1,200 and 1,500 men are employed constantly. They are divided into seven camps, one of which numbers 400 men. A trolley line 5 miles long is being built to transport materials and men from one part of the works to the other. Three giant rock crushers and as many cement mills are being erected to mix the product of the rock crushers. The entire river will be turned into a 18 foot tunnel for use in generating electricity for the Big Bend system. The flow will measure 70,000 miners inches with a fall of 400 feet. The work now going on will enlarge about 11,00 feet of the present Big Bend tunnel to an 18 foot tunnel. The bore will be lined with concrete throughout the 16,000 feet of length. Dams are being built and foundations laid for the great power houses.	San Francisco Call 11-3-1907	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1907.11.10	<b>Big Bend</b>	Ralph Raye Killed and Three Men Injured Seriously by Caving of Walls - One man was killed and three seriously injured in an accident at Jumbo Camp #9 of the Great Western Power Company at Big Bend. Ralph Raye of San Francisco was killed and Thomas Williams of Morris Ravine was seriously injured. The men were at work in a tunnel when the walls caved. Raye was hit on the head by a stone and his skull fractured. The others were hit by falling dirt.	San Francisco Call 11-10-1907	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1907.11.17	<b>Santa Cruz</b>	Frank McLaughlin Kills Daughter and himself at Santa Cruz - McLaughlin carries out plan formed months ago. Shoots daughter as she sleeps after mass. The wife and mother died two years ago. McLaughlin poisoned himself after killing his daughter. (He wanted to protect his daughter from poverty which was looming because of bad investments and a lavish lifestyle. McLaughlin was instrumental in many Butte County mining deals for over 25 years before retiring); very long article gives more details.	San Francisco Call 11-17-1907	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1907.11.18	<b>Santa Cruz</b>	Local article about Major Frank McLaughlin and his daughter, Agnes. Talks about the McLaughlin Building in Oroville and all his operations: Miocene mine, Golden Gate Mining Company, Big Bend Tunnel Company, The Golden Feather, Thermalito Colony Company, Banner Mine, Rancho Golden Grove, Great Western Power Company and Magalia Ridge.	Oroville Daily Register 11-18-1907	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1907.12.25	<b>Oakland</b>	An entire block in East Oakland at White and Prospect Streets has been purchased for a substation by the (Great) Western Power Company. A High voltage line will run from the power plant at Big Bend on the Feather River to the substation. The high voltage currents brought over the cables will be reduced in voltage at the substation for commercial purposes.	San Francisco Call 12-25-1907	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.01.01	<b>Rag Dump</b>	Located on Concow Road about seven miles past Concow Reservoir. Started out in a tent as a place to stop and have a drink for the Western Pacific railroad crews traveling from Sterling City to job site. Later several cabins were built.	Paradise Ridge Map published in 1966 by Paradise Fact and Folklore. Inc. Gold Nugget Museum		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.01.01	<b>Las Plumas</b>	Post office established, operations were ceased from 1909 until 1912. It finally closed in 1967 when the town was abandoned because of the filling of Lake Oroville.	Durham, David L. (1998). <i>California's Geographic Names: A Gazetteer of Historic and Modern Names of the State</i> . Quill Driver Books. p. 264		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.01.02	<b>Big Bend</b>	Big Bend Stage Line sold to Charles Lovelett. Purchased from previous owners, Bedell and Jones.	Oroville Daily Register 1-2-1908	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.01.02	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Ad for official directory of mails, trains and lodges; Mail schedule shows Oroville to Yankee Hill daily at 6 a.m. and arrives Yankee Hill to Oroville at 4:30 p.m. daily.	Oroville Daily Register 1-2-1908	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.01.02	<b>Big Bend</b>	Wages are cut at Big Bend Plant from \$2.25 per day to \$1.75 per day. A number of men quit. The great majority however, accepted the cut.	Oroville Daily Register 1-2-1908	<b>N</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.01.13	<b>Big Bend</b>	Power Plant to be soon started at Big Bend by the Great Western Power Company. The plant will produce 160,000 volts when complete. There will be eight 20,000 horse power generators carrying power over 130 foot towers carrying the lines.	Oroville Daily Register 1-13-1908	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.01.21	<b>Big Bend</b>	Power Company Granted Franchise - Great Western Power Company was granted a general franchise today by the Board of Supervisors (Alameda County) to install and maintain on the county roads poles and wires for electrical current transmission. The franchise runs for 50 years. Under the terms 2% of the gross income collected for the current sent over the lines under the franchise shall be paid into the county treasury after five years of operation. A new auxiliary plant of 20,000 to 30,000 horsepower will be built in East Oakland to transform the power.	San Francisco Call 1-21- 1908	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.02.01	<b>Butte County</b>	\$45,000,000 merger of the Bay County Power Companies and the Valley County Power Companies. Numerous small independent electric companies will be acquired as well. After the merger, all assets will be turned over to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. \$45,000,000 in bonds will be issued at 5% annually, maturing in 1937.	Oroville Daily Register 2-1-1908	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.02.19	<b>Big Bend</b>	Cave in at big tunnel kills one man named Edward Naylor, about 30 years old, and injures another. Men were working in tunnel #7 when a rock slide fell on them.	Oroville Daily Register 2-19-1908	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1908.02.20	<b>Big Bend</b>	Second man at cave-in at Big Bend dies after leg amputation. His name is Robert Agnew. He was about 36 years old.	Oroville Daily Register 2-20-1908	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.02.20	<b>Oroville</b>	Two dredging companies merge. The Nevada and the Ophir Dredging Companies merge. The combined companies have 200 acres of dredging land to be worked by two boats.	Oroville Daily Register 2-20-1908	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.03.13	<b>Big Bend</b>	1100 workers are working on the Big Bend project. It is expected the power will be turned on next October. A large cable has been stretched across the Feather River to facilitate the handling of freight. Carloads of freight are being moved across the Western Pacific tracks. (Pressure was probably felt to complete the project quickly because of the recent merger of power companies).	Oroville Daily Register 3-13-1908	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.03.24	<b>Oroville</b>	Western Pacific passenger service should be started in 12 months between San Francisco, Oakland and Oroville. Rapid progress is being made below Oroville. The gap between Stockton and Sacramento has now been closed. The work of piercing the Sacramento levee started yesterday. Track laying will start soon from the present location, 2 miles south of Marysville (to Sacramento). Niles Tunnel in progress, will probably be graveled by June.	Oroville Daily Register 3-24-1908	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.04.08	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Claim for water rights on Grizzly Creek filed by John Clark to be diverted for mining about 300 yards to a site below Camp 6. From there to be conveyed by a pipe and ditch 1.125 wide at the top and 1.00 ft wide at the bottom and 1 ft deep.	Butte County mining claims book L page 262		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.04.08	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Mining claim filed by John Clark for the Excelsior #2 mine located in Section 3 Township 21 NR 4E. Located between Yankee Hill and Dark Canyon. Described as a vein located in 1500 ft x 600 ft of ground.	Butte County mining claims book L page 263		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.05.11	<b>Big Bend</b>	Marysville - The Great Western Power Company, which is to operate from Big Bend to Marysville and through to San Francisco, begins work tomorrow installing its line in both directions from Marysville. Steel towers 130 feet high will be used instead of poles.	Los Angeles Herald 5-11-1908	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.06.26	<b>Chico</b>	A probable feature for the fourth of July parade in Chico will be the marching of a band of Indian fighters, now grey haired, old men, who, in the sixties shouldered their muzzle loaders and mixed with the Indians on Mill Creek. Article gives names of those still alive, Robert Anderson, Richard Gore, Thomas Gore, William Van Ness, Jack Reed, Squire McIntyre, Sim Moak, J Moak, H Curtis, John Curtis, Thomas Knox, W. Knox and B McKee. Article mentions two raids that resulted in about 20 Indian deaths. Talks about Robert Workman family deaths at Concow and Charles Hicox daughter's death at Rock Creek as well as Lewis children's death at Clear Creek.	Oroville Daily Register 6-26-1908	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.08.08	<b>Big Bend</b>	The building of the Great Western Power Company at camp 3 in Big Bend were in danger of destruction by a forest fire Friday. The flames burnt several hundred acres of land between camps 3 and 4; 10 or 12 small houses on Pine Crest occupied by employees were destroyed. The fire is still raging but thought to be under control. It is thought to have had its origin in one of the jungle camps used by the workers, considerable timber was destroyed.	Weekly Mercury 8-8-1908	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.08.24	<b>Chico/Cherokee</b>	Death of Joseph Miller, one of the oldest, wealthiest and most highly respected residents of Butte County. Born in Baden, Germany in 1826 and came to the US in 1855. Butcher by trade at Jamison Creek and then to Thompson's Flat. In Oregon City was in partnership with Frank Cannon for a short time. He then went to Frenchtown near Yankee Hill and formed partnership with his brother, Wendell. They had a large business and shop in Cherokee and furnished meat by pack train to several mining camps and sawmills. Joseph was one of the largest land owners in the county and owned several thousand acres of land. Leaves widow and son. Funeral held at Cherokee.	Oroville Mercury 8-24-1908	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1908.12.17	<b>Big Bend</b>	Power Company Soon to Build a Great Dam - Reports here are to the effect that the Great Western Power Company will begin the construction of its mammoth dam at Big Bend as early in the spring as possible. The dam will be 300 feet across and will require train loads of concrete. About a 1,000 men will be employed.	Special dispatch to the Call from Oroville San Francisco Call 12-17-1908	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1908.12.19	<b>Big Bend</b>	Vast Horsepower being developed - Great Western Power Company starts plant costing \$12,000,000. Lines for transmission of electricity already completed to Oakland. The current of the Great Western Power Company was turned on today at the Big Bend plant, said to be the largest in the world. Although the first development will be but 15,000 horsepower, this will be increased during the month of January to a total of 50,000 horsepower making it the largest single plant in the world. Next year the company will begin the construction of a great dam at Big Meadows, more than 20,000 acres of land will be flooded and another power plant will be located here. The capacity of the plant at Big Bend is to be increased to 100,000 horsepower, and when the plant is fully complete, the enormous total of 450,000 horsepower will be developed. It is known that some capital that is backing the Western Pacific is also backing Great Western Power Company. One of the largest stockholders is Colonel Ray of the tobacco trust.	San Francisco Call 12-19-1908	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1909.00.00	<b>Pulga</b>	1909: One room school house is built at Pulga. Mrs King spearheaded the effort. Materials were purchased from Diamond Match at cost. Henry and David Gramps did most of the carpentry work. The school was rebuilt in 1939 40.	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1909.00.00	<b>Ramsey's Bar</b>	1909: Railroad extended from Stirling City to Ramsey's Bar by Diamond Match Company for logging purposes. Small cabins were brought in by train to house the workers. (It appears, based on pictures, there were about 20 cabins located there). The line was shut down in 1915	Matches, Flumes and Rails		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1909.00.00	<b>Chico</b>	1909: Sheriff R.A. Anderson published "Fighting the Mill Creeks", a book about tracking the Mill Creek Indians after the Robert Workman murders in Konkow. Mentions Sim Moak and Hi Good as part of the group.	Fighting the Mill Creeks by R.A. Anderson, The Chico Record Press, 1909, photocopy YHHS archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1909.01.09	<b>Big Bend</b>	Great Western and Pacific Gas Companies agree to extend joint operations. Compact will prevent competition in the San Francisco field at present. The agreement between the Great Western Power Company and the Pacific Gas and Electric for the joint marketing of their products to Sacramento has been extended to include Oakland. It was explained that for the present Great Western will continue to sell at wholesale and not attempt to enter the retail trade. The Great Western expects to be able to deliver power to Oakland in three or four months. The big feed wires will run through Contra Costa hills to the transformer station which will soon be completed. Great Western Power plant on the Feather River has been developed to 25,000 horsepower and will be increased from time to time.	San Francisco Call 1-9-1909	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1909.01.00	<b>Konkow/Yankee Hill</b>	Jan-Mar: F.B. Washington talks about KonKay of Konkows Maidu stock, who lived back of Chico; they were taller than the Nomlaki Indians and in certain ways resembled the Hawaiians in their appearance.	Notes on The Northern Wintun Indians, article in the Journal of American Folklore Vol XXII, Jan Mar 1909		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1909.02.10	<b>Big Bend</b>	The Great Western Power Company at Marysville has changed its original plans and will at once double the capacity of its Big Bend plant, making its capacity 144,000 horsepower. It is announced the company will spend \$5,000,000 during the spring and summer.	Los Angeles Herald 2-10-1909	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1909.04.28	<b>Cherokee</b>	N. A. Harris died of pneumonia in San Francisco; engaged in management and superintendency of extensive mining interests. He came to this county in 1850 with J. MacKenzie (McKinstry) Smith and was employed by Mr. Smith in the Banner mine. He was superintendent of the Big Bend tunnel work under Major McLaughlin. Later he managed the Golden Gate mine and then went to Cherokee Flat and was involved with Spring Valley mine. Leaves a wife, no children.	Chico Record 4-28-1909	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1909.05.23	<b>Big Bend</b>	Bond Formed Between Two Power Plants - Edison Electric Company of Southern California and Great Western Power form a bond. H.H. Sinclair, a Vice President of Edison Electric, will become General Manager of Great Western Power. Edison Electric is capitalized at \$13,000,000, Great Western is capitalized at \$50,000,000. With Sinclair operating with both companies, the danger of invasion of the territory of one by the other is removed. Sinclair built the power plant of the Redlands Electric Light and Power before moving to Southern California. He will relocate to San Francisco.	San Francisco Call 5-23-1909	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1909.07.15	<b>Big Bend</b>	Two men fell from a cage at the cable crossing over the Feather River near the site of the Great Western Powerhouse. John Cook, age 40, and Louis Buck, age 35 were both killed.	San Francisco Call 7-15-1909	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1909.07.20	<b>Big Bend</b>	Great Western Power is fighting a tax assessment increase from \$245,000 to \$2,750,000 for their operation at Big Bend. The company claims the tunnel they completed to supply water to the plant is worth \$400,000. The power plant when completed will be six times as large as the present plant. They have only sold \$7,000,000 of the \$25,000,000 in bonds issued.	San Francisco Call 7-20-1909	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1909.10.18	<b>Belden</b>	Ad for Belden Hotel; fine mineral water and plenty of mountain scenery, R. Belden proprietor.	Oroville Daily Register 10-18-1909	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1909.11.01	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Last spike driven at Spanish Creek Bridge to complete railroad route through Yankee Hill.	1976 Golden Feather Yearbook	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1909.12.01	<b>Cherokee</b>	The Natomas Consolidated Mining Company took over the Cherokee Gold Dredging operation, about 200 acres.	Gold Dredging in California 1908, Bulletins #36 & 57		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1910.00.00	<b>Feather River</b>	1910: Western Pacific Railroad begins operations through the North Fork of the Feather River Canyon.			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1910.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1910: Report on Concow Reservoir. It was constructed with two earth dams, each about 55 ft high. Ditch consists of 52 miles of ditch, four miles in iron pipe. Dug in 1870, the ditch is 5 ft wide x 3 1/2 ft deep.	Practical Treatise on Hydraulic Mining in California 1910 by Bowie		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1910.04.26	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Charles Durett from Yankee Hill was taken to the infirmary Friday with throat trouble. The resident of Yankee Hill is 84 years old and has resided in the county over 50 years. (See 2-25-1904 article and obituary in archives)	Oroville Daily Register 4-26-1910	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1910.12.17	<b>San Francisco</b>	McLaughlin lost wealth, poverty caused suicide. Shares worth \$180,000 sold as valueless. Western Power stock held by Major McLaughlin would make him rich. McLaughlin held stock for eight years before selling it; if he had held on a little longer he would have been financially well off. He received \$22,000 plus the stock for his work with Great Western Power. Two page article.	San Francisco Call 12-17-1910	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1910.12.17	<b>Chico</b>	Famous Bidwell Ranch May Be Sold By Widow - Option on entire 15,000 acres taken by Eastern syndicates representative. Colonel H.T. Alexander, a Washington attorney and relative of Mrs. Bidwell has the option. The syndicate is now negotiating the purchase of the grant. The price asked is said to be \$800,000. The home, orchard and a portion of land around the mansion is not included in the sale.	San Francisco Call 12-17-1910	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1911.04.11	<b>Pentz</b>	20,000 acres between Oroville and Pentz possible prospecting for oil	San Francisco Call 4-11-1911	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1911.07.07	<b>Big Meadows</b>	Great Western Power Company has purchased 800 acres at Big Meadows from Annie Bidwell for \$30,000. 30,000 acres will be submerged when the new dam is complete.	Sausalito News 7-7-1911	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1911.07.30	<b>Big Bend</b>	With a large supply of power available, Great Western Power is making preparations to distribute in the territory of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. It is possible that Great Western could supply power to the Pacific Gas and Electric company for distribution through their system, avoiding a power war. (The two companies were in constant wars to enlarge each of their capabilities by selling large bond offerings).	San Francisco Call 7-30-1911	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1912.00.00	<b>Pulga</b>	1912: William King takes over the company store in Pulga. He later operated a six room hotel. That same year the original King home burned down.			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1912.00.00	<b>Pentz</b>	1912: Pentz post office closed	Wikipedia		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1912.05.21	<b>Belden</b>	Article about Dr. Bullington of Chico acquiring all of Belden by having Susan Belden's homestead revoked. Susan's husband, Robert had settled the property about 50 years earlier as a mining claim. Susan Belden's mother was a Yankee Hill Indian.	Chico Enterprise 5-21-1912	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1912.11.12	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	Old Landmark of the County Razed - Long article about the lime house on Nelson Bar Road torn away after 40 years existence... The building was torn down by J.G. Curtis, whose father erected the structure over forty years ago. Most of the lumber was still in fairly serviceable condition, and will be used in the construction of a large poultry house at Mr. Curtis' Pentz ranch. Article goes on to state the importance of lime in the area which was shipped to Chico.	Daily Register 11-12-1912	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1913.00.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	1913: Diamond Match owns large tracts of land near Flea Valley/Rag Dump. Central Pacific RR still has large holdings as well.	1913 map of Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1913.01.06	<b>Pentz</b>	A. D. Burnside of Pentz charged with choking his 2-day-old infant to death but he denies. Wife backs up his story and that baby was born prematurely.	Oroville Daily Register 1-6-1913	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1913.06.26	<b>Big Bend</b>	Great Western Power Gets Franchise to Enter Three Counties - Great Western Power has been granted franchise to lay power lines to Butte, Yuba and Sutter counties. They will apply for franchises in the incorporated towns of these three counties to supply them power. This is the first time the company has sought entrance into this field, which is now occupied by Pacific Gas and Electric, Oro Electric and Northern California Power. Pacific Gas and Electric does business in all these counties. Great Western Power Company of New York owns all the \$27,500,000 in stock of the Great Western Power Company.	San Francisco Call 6-26-1913	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1913.09.25	<b>Big Bend</b>	In the development schemes of the Great Western Power Company of California, the work of building two additions to the Big Bend plant is to resume early next week. The work was started a year ago but was temporarily halted owing to unfavorable business conditions. The additional units added to the existing four units will give a generating capacity of 60,000 kilowatts, instead of 40,000 kilowatts, the present capacity.	San Francisco Call 9-25-1913	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1913.11.28	<b>Pentz</b>	City man busy ranch: Ole Hesbole of San Francisco buys Pentz Ranch for \$11,000.	San Francisco Call 11-28-1913	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1913.11.29	<b>Pentz</b>	Joseph G Curtis to install new olive press	Pacific Rural Press 11-29-1913	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1913.12.06	<b>Pentz</b>	Seedless persimmon discovered growing in Pentz	Mariposa Gazette 12-6-1913	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1913.12.27	<b>Pence Ranch</b>	Article mentions Pence Ranch has been sold for stock raising purposes and subdivision for olive planting	Pacific Rural Press 12-27-1913	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1914.00.00	<b>Big Meadows</b>	1914: The Great Western Power Company dam at Big Meadows is now complete. (Note the dam was raised higher in 1927 and 1962)			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1914.00.00	<b>Pulga</b>	1914: Dance platform near outdoor toilet site in lower Pulga used until shortly after WWI	Interview Ernie Reynolds whose family lived there by Larry Mauch & Jeff Evans		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1914.00.00	<b>Pulga</b>	1914: Dalton Charles Reynolds Sr. (1861-1929) and his wife Sarah (1870-1931) come to Pulga about this time. Dalton was a heavy equipment operator. He opens a store in Pulga across the tracks on railroad property, across from the King Store (the old company store).	Interview Ernie Reynolds whose family lived there by Larry Mauch & Jeff Evans		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1914.01.01	<b>Pulga</b>	King files a homestead of 61 acres. He installed an irrigation system, electric lights, sawmill, and ran cattle on his land and had a 10 acre garden			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1915.00.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	1915: Forest Service guard station established at Flea Valley. Butte Williams was a guard from about 1915 through 1921. He and his family lived in a cabin in the area. In 1925-26 Kye Brown was a guard at the station.	Tales of the Ridge, December 1998 Vol 39 #2, Gold Nugget Museum		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1915.00.00	<b>Concow/Yankee Hill</b>	1915: 27 full blood Concow Indians from 7 families, living in the area; 4 individuals in 1 family lived in Messilla Valley	Kelsey Survey 1915		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1915.12.20	<b>Big Bend</b>	Moses P Kinkaid (1856-1922) Lawyer and later Congressman from Nebraska, buys land at Big Bend from Central Pacific Railroad for \$6,000 that would later become the Surcease Mine. SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, N 1/2 of SW 1/4, and SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 section 7, Township 21 NR5E, consisting of 159 acres. Recorded May 16, 1916	Butte County Clerks Office, Deed Book 160, Page 59 & 60		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1916.02.04	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee dam goes out during storm -	Oroville Daily Register 2-4-1916	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1916.02.04	<b>Pentz</b>	Mr. Schooling, employee of J. G. Curtis at Mt. Olivet, was taken very sick suddenly with acute indigestion Tuesday night. Dr. Wilson of Oroville was summoned and relieved the suffering man.	Oroville Daily Register 2-4-1916	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1916.02.12	<b>Cherokee</b>	The U. S. Feature Film Company will begin the filming of a one reel white slave drama today. The first setting for the picture will be in the old mining camp at Cherokee and the title will be "Innocence in Wild". Miss Hazel Bess Laugenour, Bob Smith and Clarence Dodge will appear in the leading roles. Manager Laugenour said that with clear weather the film can be completed in two days. When complete, the film will be released through the Associated Film Sales Company of New York. Editors Note: No information on this film, actors or film company was found.	Oroville Daily Register 2-12-1916	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1916.02.16	<b>Enterprise</b>	Buying New Homes For Indians - E.L. Terrell special Indian Agent for the Government, has been spending several days here in the mountain regions in the vicinity of Enterprise and Mooretown. The Government through its special agents, is locating the Indians who are located on land other than that owned by the Government. In cases where it is found advisable, the Government is purchasing the land for the Indians. In many instances the land is owned by the railroad.	Chico Daily Enterprise 2-16-1916	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1916.03.10	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	C. W. Adams in serious mishap, auto goes over mountain grade near Yankee Hill, Blair Ravine curve. The accident was the result of the automobile lights suddenly going out.	Oroville Daily Register 3-10-1916	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1916.03.10	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Edward Odneal has been spending a few days with his parents at Deadwood. Mrs. Frank Taylor of Concow returned from Paradise yesterday, where she visited her father, Caleb Scott, who has been ill for several months. L. H. Pheal of the Sunbeam Mining Company, was a visitor in Yankee Hill today. It is reported the company expects to put on a force of men next Monday and preparations are being made to establish a camp on the premises.	Oroville Daily Register 3-10-1916	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1916.05.12	<b>Big Bend</b>	W.P. Kinkaid of Washington D.C. offers to sell the property and mining claim that would later become the Surcease Mine to John Clark for \$50,000, \$10,000 as a down payment and the balance financed. A second option was made where he would sell the claim for \$40,000 cash. There is existing equipment on the site that is included in the deal. The owner is in the process of having a concentrator and a new cyaniding plant installed. These would be paid for in addition to the sale price by John Clark. Per the letter, it appears John Clark has been interested in the property for some time and the writer states he made the offer because John Clark knows the property better than anyone. The reason for making this offer is that a second individual has expressed interest from New York who is opening a bank in Utah. He wants to explore developing the property and not mine ore.	Photocopy of letter in YHHS archives provided by John Clark's granddaughter JoAnn Bond .		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1916.05.27	<b>Barteas Feather River</b>	Great Western Power Company to build a second power plant above the plant at Big Bend.	Sausalito News 5-27-1916	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1916.09.30	<b>Pulga/Big Bar</b>	D. R. Johnson and the Azvedos with five dogs arrested a monster bear at Cedar Creek; it took the entire day to land him at Pulga Station. Big Bar name in Butte County a thing of the past as there is also Big Bar in Trinity County. Big Bar is now known as Pulga Station. William Stewart of Oakland is operating a chrome mine a couple of miles from Pulga. The Gramps brothers left the hills on a bear and deer hunt for a week.	Oroville Daily Register 9-30-1916	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1916.10.21	<b>Pentz</b>	W. J. Miller Ranch, 2000 acres, sold to Chico Meat Co. for \$40,000.	Mariposa Gazette 10-21-1916	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1917.01.23	<b>Concow</b>	Man named Pitman was found near dead in his cabin by the Rhour boys. The man, who had recently taken up homestead, had fallen in his cabin and had no heat or food for fourteen days. He is now being cared for by Concow residents.	Oroville Daily Register 1-23-1917	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1917.04.02	<b>Cherokee</b>	580 acres at Cherokee said to be leased for hydraulic mining. C.C. Perry, in charge of dredging for the Guggenheims operations, is said to have leased the land. The property was acquired from Wm. P. Lynch by C.L. Cowder, H.K. Sears and O.W. Kay, after Kay completed extensive research over the last year.	Oroville Daily Register 4-2-1917	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1917.05.08	<b>Oregon City</b>	Article about picnic at the Oregon City School. Purpose---to establish a society among Oregon City school students over 21 years old.	Oroville Daily Register 5-8-1917	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1917.05.10	<b>Cherokee</b>	Article about diamond mines from the past that can be visited on an automobile tour.	Oroville Daily Register 5-10-1917	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1917.05.14	<b>Oregon City</b>	Long article about a meeting at Oregon City of classmates from the school there. They established a committee to organize a meeting once a year as a reunion. Anna Morrison Reed gave an eloquent speech about remembering our past and those that came before us. Note: Anna Morris Reed kept a diary about her experiences. In 1978 it was published by her Grandson, John Keller, who also included poems and other writings by his Grandmother. The book is available at the Butte County Historical Society.	Oroville Daily Register 5-14-1917	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1917.05.16	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	John Wells is hauling lumber to the quartz mine near Sawmill Peak. It is reported the company expects to put up a mill on the property sometime in the near future. Also mentioned from the area are Mr. Butte Williams, William Gordon, Susie Miller, S.J. Develter.	Oroville Daily Register 5-16-1917	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1917.06.28	<b>Pulga</b>	Edward W. Batchelor of Sonoma, a soldier stationed at Pulga, marries Laura Reynolds, the daughter of Dalton C. Reynolds Sr. of Pulga. Article states it was the first romance and marriage of the war and was from this area. Batchelor was with Company E of the 5th California Infantry, a small number of which had been temporarily assigned to guard the railroad operations at Pulga. The marriage was held in Oroville.	Oroville Mercury 6-28-1917	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1918.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill/Pentz</b>	1918: M.H. Wells of Yankee Hill and Alfred Duensing of Pentz bios included in 1918 History of Butte County.	1918 History of Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1918.01.26	<b>Big Bend</b>	Power Companies Combine to Save - Long article about Pacific Gas and Electric and Great Western Power and Sierra and San Francisco Power companies, serving thirty-eight counties in Northern California have agreed on a plan to conserve fuel oil used in operation of steam and electric plants by operating as a unit. The companies have agreed to allow all plants to be operated under one head. B.M. Downing, Chief Engineer of the Electric Department of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, will be in charge of all of the plants. The action is a result of a bulletin recently issued by the United States Fuel Administration at Washington and by act of Congress, August last, relating to the conservation, supply and distribution of food products and fuel, and is in continuation of action taken by the Railroad Commission of the State of California. The conservation of oil is so vital to the continued operation of our shipbuilding, industrial and munitions plants. This arrangement will continue for the duration of the war.	Sausalito News 1-26-1918	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1918.03.14	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	Machinery here for Chrome Concentrating Mill at Lime Saddle - Long article about a complete concentration plant is being shipped here.....The price of chrome ore has gone up so that ore that used to command \$10 per ton is now worth \$40 to \$100 a ton. Article talks about the demand because of the war and states there are three plants in Napa County and one in Shasta County, more will be built.	Daily Register 3-14-1918	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1918.07.28	<b>Concow</b>	PG&E to use Concow reservoir for power	Chico Record 7-28-1918	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1918.07.30	<b>Big Bend</b>	Surcease Mine in Big Bend district is closed due to labor conditions and outlook for gold mining not promising.	Chico Record 7-30-1918	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1919.00.00	<b>Big Bend</b>	1919: Report on Surcease mine contained in papers at Meriam Library Special Collections - The Surcease mine is located 1 1/2 miles from Las Plumas on the W.P.R.R., a station 16 miles east of Oroville, Butte Co, Cal. where the 60,000 KW generating plant of the Great Western Power Co. is situated. The property consists of 600 acres of patented lands. A power line connecting Las Plumas and Intake, passes within 4000 ft of the mine workings. The power company has agreed to extend the line to the mine and install all necessary transformers, the cost of which is to be rebated at the rate of 20% monthly of the first power bills. There is an abundance of mine timber on the property, many millions of feet of lumber having been cut in the past years for building purposes from Big Bend Mountain. The particular 160 acres upon which all the workings are found was obtained by deed from the S.P.R.R. as late as Jan 1915, and all the development has been done since that date. This work is shown in tunnels 1,2,3,4 and 5 and from the first three about 1100 tons of ore was extracted and milled in a one stamp mill, operating on the ground. Mine receipts show a bullion recovery of \$5.50 per ton (\$6,050.00 for 1100 tons). In May 1917 the present owners started an incline shaft which was sunk to a depth of 185 ft., reaching a depth of 212 ft below No 1 on the dip of the vein. Our Superintendent (James W. Reno) was formerly employed by the Esperanza Mine at El Oro, Mexico.....	Meriam Library, Chico copy in Yankee Hill Historical Society archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1919.07.12	<b>Flea Valley</b>	George C, August & Adolph Duensing buy 38 acres in Flea Valley on the backside of Flea Mountain from Wm A McKean of Sacramento for \$10 (area is referred to later as Campbell Meadow)	County Clerks office Book 180 page 208		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1919.09.27	<b>Big Bend</b>	Fire burns near Big Bend. The fire jumped the river at Enterprise and is threatening the big Sweetman place. Six thousand acres are in flames in the Big Bend District.	Sausalito News 9-27-1919	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1920.00.00	<b>Oakland</b>	1920: Dalton C. Reynolds Jr. (1892-1958) his wife Annie (1896-1973) and their son William (1914-1987) move to Oakland. Dalton runs a steam shovel for a construction crew. They would later return to Pulga several times. Ernie Reynolds, their son, was born Feb 1930 in Pulga.	1920 census		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1920.00.00	<b>Butte Valley</b>	1920: Stoneman School closes, children transferred to Clear Creek School			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1920.00.00	<b>Flea Valley/Yankee Hill</b>	Drovers would drive their cattle to Flea Valley and Rag Dump for the summer feeding. W. D. Campbell would stop at the Wells home in Yankee Hill while making the trip because there were adequate corrals and accommodations.	Diggins Vol 28 #2, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1920.12.20	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	George Duensing Obit. Age 88, lived in Oregon Gulch for 67 years. Left Germany when 18 years old traveling to California. Born Dec. 8, 1832, he is survived by three sons, George C., August W. and Adolph Duensing. Also survived by one daughter, Mrs. D.C. Morgan. Had two brothers, Earnest Duensing of Lovelock and Will Duensing of Forbestown.	Oroville Daily Mercury 12-20-1920	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1921.01.24	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Charles Campbell dies and all property is transferred to his wife Alice Emma Campbell, including old Fairbanks property	County Clerks office Book 188 page 13		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1921.03.12	<b>Pentz</b>	Butte county increases grape acreage: first commercial raisins made in California were dried at Pentz	Pacific Rural Press 3-12-1921	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1921.08.00	<b>Concow</b>	School Board decides to close country schools with less than 7 pupils the previous year. Reservoir, Forbestown, Kunkle, Little Chico, Mountain House, North Point and Oregon City are all identified for closing.	History of Butte County Vol #2 McGie		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1922.01.00	<b>Big Bend</b>	The Gruss Mining Company, formerly operators of the Gruss Mine near Genesee in Plumas County, have recently taken machinery to the Surcease Mine on the Feather River near Las Plumas and have begun preliminary work.	Mining in California, Vol 18 Jan 1922		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1922.01.07	<b>Concow</b>	Article about rebuilding Concow dam to supply water to Thermalito. Current dam is washed out but there is a ditch that runs from there to the PG&E dam on the West Branch. The PG&E dam currently supplies water to Thermalito for 2,000 acres. Rebuilding the Concow dam would add 8,000 more acres.	Pacific Rural Press 1-7-1922	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1922.03.09	<b>Big Bend</b>	Sales agreement was drawn up between the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Exploration Company of San Francisco and Thomas B Pheby of the city and county of New York, N.Y., the parties of the first part and J.I. Plunkett, (Managing Director Gruss Mining Company), of the city and county of San Francisco, Ca, party of the second part for the Surcease mine. (Kinkaid had sold the 160 acres he owned to Thomas Pheby for \$73,000. on Feb 28, 1917. This brought Pheby's holdings to 600 acres. At the time of this sale, Pheby still owed Kinkaid \$14,000. The Goldfield Company mentioned above purchased two thirds of Pheby's interests and Pheby held the last third. Pheby had agreed to sell George Moak, who I believe was Pheby's mine foreman since 1917, 160 acres of his original holdings for \$2200. This was the old Samuel Knowlton homestead. Pheby retained the mineral rights to Moak's 160 acres below 150 ft. Pheby and the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Exploration Company were now selling their holdings to J.I. Plunkett for \$140,000. Plunkett would pay the \$14,000 still owed Kinkaid at time of sale plus 20% of the net value of the bullion processed to the sellers until the \$140,000 sale price was paid in full. Should Plunkett and the Gruss Mining Company cease operations or not actively work the mine, the contract reverted to a lease which would be terminated with no transfer of deed) Note: The Consolidated Mines Exploration Company was established and owned by Thomas Pheby (A SF lawyer by trade), Louise Pheby, Moses Kinkaid and Arthur L. Williams. It appears Moses Kinkaid took a portion of the \$73,000 due him for his property at the Surcease Mine in the form of stock in the Consolidated Mines Exploration Company.	Papers held by Meriam Library, copy in Yankee Hill Historical Society archives.		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1922.03.13	<b>Big Bend</b>	Sale of the Surcease Mine at Big Bend to a syndicate of capitalists headed by J.L. Plunket of San Francisco. While the price was not disclosed, it is reported the sale was one of the largest deals in Butte County mining property for a number of years. The property was sold by the Goldfield Consolidated Mining Company of Nevada. The plans of the company call for the immediate construction of a mill to be completed by September. The ore will be handled through a ball mill and the flotation process. The ledge is eight feet in width, the ore lying in an amphibolite schist.	Oroville Daily Register 3-13-1922	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1922.07.01	<b>Concow</b>	Concow Reservoir School annexed to Yankee Hill School.	Diggins Vol 28 #2, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.01.01	<b>Butte County</b>	Butte County seventh in state in gold output; \$456,760 output in 1921. Total mineral output for Butte \$669,830. Second largest producer in Butte was misc. Stones.	Oroville Daily Register 1-1-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.01.01	<b>Oroville</b>	Long article mentions possible diamond rush to Oroville and surrounding area. Reported in Oakland Tribune Newspaper because two fine diamonds were discovered in the area. Another hole was sunk at Cherokee in search of diamonds.	Oroville Daily Register 1-1-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1923.01.02	<b>Big Bend</b>	A Christmas present in the shape of striking a new and richer ore shoot than any before discovered in property was the experience of the Surcease Mine, operated by the Gruss Mining Company...After proceeding 40 feet on a new shoot, it is announced by R.J. Burgess, superintendent at the mine, that the shoot is steadily widening and shows very high quantities of gold. The strike it is believed means the larger development of the property which is already employing 25 men and has been operating 24 hours a day.... The new shoot was opened at a depth of 615 feet, which is believed to be a new record for depth of mining in Butte County.	Oroville Mercury 1-2-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.01.22	<b>Thermalito</b>	Bond plan approved. Article about Thermalito Irrigation District selling \$270,000 in bonds to finance water project. Part of the money to finance new dam in Concow Valley. Will be known as Lake Wilenor. The water will flow through the Lime Saddle and Coal Canyon Power Plants and generate \$4,000 from PG & E. for the irrigation district. Article in the same issue by the editor, supporting the project; talks about fruit growing in the area.	Oroville Daily Register 1-22-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.01.23	<b>Thermalito</b>	Editorial: Thermalito's great opportunity (irrigation).	Oroville Daily Register 1-23-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.01.25	<b>Thermalito</b>	Town meeting---100% support for the bond issue.	Oroville Daily Register 1-25-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.01.31	<b>Thermalito</b>	Bond election 2-23-1923 to be held for \$270,000 in bonds for adequate irrigation systems.	Oroville Daily Register 1-31-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.02.06	<b>Sacramento</b>	Anti-dredging measure introduced to force protection of soil suitable for agriculture from harm by dredging.	Oroville Daily Register 2-6-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.02.08	<b>Cherokee</b>	Recalls Cherokee mining boom of 1849. The excitement of diamonds has refueled the boom. All the miners in the area are now looking for diamonds instead of gold. James Sinclair, who two weeks ago lived in Los Angeles, is now in Cherokee.	Oroville Daily Register 2-8-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.02.23	<b>Thermalito</b>	Editorial regarding bonds to create water system. Thermalito would be one of the most intensively cultivated sections in the state had it possessed an adequate water system.	Oroville Daily Register 2-23-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.02.24	<b>Thermalito</b>	Water district bond issue passes by 7 to 1 vote. 134 voted for it, 19 voted against it. The district includes 3100 acres of which 1000 are now planted and bearing. An agreement has been reached with Pacific Gas and Electric to take over an existing system and improve it.	Oroville Daily Register 2-24-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.02.24	<b>Thermalito</b>	Shake, Thermalito. You're All Right! - (Editorial Oroville Register, recent bond passage) Our Congratulations to Thermalito. .... The people of Thermalito believe about 100 per cent strong in Thermalito. They believe that Thermalito is a good place in which to prosper. And they believe it strong enough to back up their opinion with money..... The Register believes they are right.....(In the future) Instead of Thermalito being known as the Pasadena of the North, Pasadena will be called the Thermalito of the South.	Oroville Daily Register 2-24-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.02.26	<b>Cherokee</b>	Owner of first Cherokee diamond visits the area. Mr. John Powers and his wife and son from Oakland, in the area. His father, J.E. Powers, found the diamond when he was 7 years old. The stone is now worn in a ring. Mrs. Powers was the former Mary Vahey of Cherokee. Two diamond experts are now at Cherokee looking over the prospects.	Oroville Daily Register 2-26-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.03.01	<b>Oroville</b>	PG & E to install water meters in Oroville. Water prices \$.24 for a thousand gallons. \$1.00 minimum per month.	Oroville Daily Register 3-1-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.03.01	<b>Thermalito</b>	Editorial about Thermalito's fifteen year struggle to gain water rights. They had to consolidate all water rights to make it happen.	Oroville Daily Register 3-1-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1923.03.03	<b>Cherokee</b>	Next Sunday, S.F. Examiner to feature article on Cherokee diamond mine.	Oroville Daily Register 3-3-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.03.12	<b>Cherokee</b>	Long article on motorlogue to Cherokee featured in San Francisco Examiner	Oroville Daily Register 3-12-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.03.13	<b>Cherokee</b>	Recap of S.F. Examiner article on Cherokee. Mentions town now only a few hundred souls and several houses. Once had 1500 citizens.	Oroville Daily Register 3-13-1923	<b>N</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.03.14	<b>Thermalito</b>	To start selling \$270,000 in bonds on April 4th. \$1,000 Bonds will bear 6% interest. Money to be used for improvements to water system.	Oroville Daily Register 3-14-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.03.15	<b>Cherokee</b>	Diamond hunting in Cherokee now Sunday event. Tom James of Cherokee, says some 50 people were in town from all areas looking for diamonds.	Oroville Daily Register 3-15-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.03.17	<b>Cherokee</b>	Tom James purchased a 2 caret diamond recently found at Cherokee.	Oroville Daily Register 3-17-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.03.21	<b>Cherokee</b>	Alice O'Neal lost her suit against the Spring Valley Mining and Water Company over water rights. Suit claimed she was given rights to water from the ditch when it was created years ago. She could not produce legal documentation to prove her case, although there was reference to it in some correspondence. Also see 3-28-1923 for follow-up article.	Oroville Daily Register 3-21-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.03.22	<b>Thermalito/Concow</b>	Article discusses pamphlet handed out by water district outlining their plans. Concow dam to be 75 feet tall with a width of 240 feet, costing \$48,000 and providing 3500 acre feet of storage. The cost of procuring the old Concow Reservoir site from PG&E, \$10,000. Cleaning out the old Cherokee mining ditch to cost \$28,000. Repairing and expanding ditches in the area to cost \$180,000. Reservoir is about 490 acres. (Note: This appears to be about a 30% increase in water volume over the 1870 dam. The increase in volume primarily extended the North end shoreline)	Oroville Daily Register 3-22-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.03.28	<b>Thermalito</b>	Thermalito and PG&E settle water problem	Oroville Daily Register 3-28-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1923.03.29	<b>Thermalito</b>	PG&E deeds the underground water distribution system belonging to the company and installed in the Thermalito Irrigation District... consisting of mains, valves, connections and appliances which are more particularly specific and set forth in inventory which is thereunto annexed, marked exhibit "A" signed by the parties thereto and made a part thereof; all of the rights of way and easements which the company owns for the installation, maintenance and operation of said system; and all of the contracts which the company has for supplying water to its consumers in said Thermalito Irrigation District by means of the aforesaid system, the location of which is more particularly known and delineated upon the map which is annexed to said agreement..... (The sale price was \$1.00. Partial list includes 6,212 ft of 2" pipe, 4,166 ft of 4" pipe, 16,658 linear ft 4" riveted steel pipe, 20,417 linear ft of 8" riveted steel pipe, 9,052 linear ft of 22" riveted steel pipe, 7,476 linear ft of 4" od screw casting and all valves, fittings, saddles for service connections and right of ways. Deed references agreements signed on July 13, 1922 & March 29, 1923) signed by Raymond A Leonard Secretary, M. Hodgson President Thermalito Irrigation District and John A. Britton VP and General Manager Pacific Gas and Electric Company.	County Clerk Book of Deeds #202, pages 37-39. Filed 4-25-1923	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1923.06.11	<b>Thermalito/Concow</b>	PG&E deeds (to Thermalito Irrigation District for the sum of \$10.00) all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situated, lying and being in County of Butte, State of California.....(1) Beginning at the West 1/4 corner of section 10, Township 22 North, Range 4 East, running 669.2 ft to a point marked by and iron rail driven in the ground: thence north 11 degrees 27 minutes west 413 ft to a point marked by an iron rail driven into the ground.....also East 1/2 of Northwest of section 16.....in Township 22 North, Range 4 East.....(2) also all of the portion of the Cherokee Ditch lying between the northerly boundary of Lake Wilenor (formerly Concow Reservoir) and the West Branch Syphon, but not including any pipe lines.....(3) All the right, title and interest of the party of the first part in and to the waters flowing and to flow in Concow Creek. To have and to hold unto said party of the second part.....subject to the lien of taxes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1923. None of the above described property is necessary or useful to the party of the first part in the performance by it or its duties to the public. Signed by John A. Britton, VP and General Manager Pacific Gas and Electric Company.	County Clerk Book of Deeds #202, pages 464-466. Filed 6-11-1923		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1924.08.06	<b>Concow</b>	Concow man, Frank Salmon, a native of Concow, accidentally shot himself. He fell while carrying a shot gun and died at Yankee Hill.	Oroville Daily Register 8-6-1924	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1924.08.09	<b>Cherokee</b>	Circular sent to relatives of those buried at Cherokee Cemetery to try and raise money for upkeep of the cemetery. Thos. H. James of Cherokee is now ready to receive donations.	Oroville Daily Register 8-9-1924	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1924.08.21	<b>Concow/Yankee Hill</b>	A group of Yankee Hill farmers have protested to stop diversion of the water for Concow Dam. The action was headed by E.F. Hodapp, a Yankee Hill farmer. PG & E also complained that the Paradise Irrigation District was diverting water from the Feather River.	Oroville Daily Register 8-21-1924	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1924.08.29	<b>Concow</b>	Concow Dam is completed. The dam will be slow in filling because of the lack of rainfall. Designed by Lars Jorgensen, the dam rises 90 feet and spans 350 feet. Behind the structure is 8200 acre feet of water. Concrete ditches have been chiseled into sides of perpendicular cliffs, replacing the old flumes. The cost was \$120,000. It will provide water to PG&E for the Lime Saddle and Coal Canyon Power Plants, as well as irrigation water for Thermalito.	Oroville Daily Register 8-29-1924	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1925.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1925: The old Yankee Hill Store located behind the Wells home was no longer in operation but some items were still on the shelving lining the interior walls. The store measured approximately 25' x 40' and had a large brick fireplace. A counter made of sugar pine, 2" thick and 20" wide, stretched half the length of the interior. The porch had a roof and a large bench sat outside. The bench is now owned by the Pioneer Museum in Oroville. (Note: the 1874 Butte County Tax Records listed the merchandise as valued at \$1,000. The merchandise in the Vinton store in Cherokee was valued at \$2,500.)	Diggins Vol 28 #2 1984, Butte County 1874/75 Tax Records		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1925.07.21	<b>Jarbo Gap</b>	Frank Thomas Barton Jr. established two homesteads, one consisting of 132 acres in section 34 near the current Detlow Rd and the other in section 26 consisting of 200 acres at the site of the future Rock House on Feather River Highway. Per the 1862 Homestead Act he had to establish a residence at both sites with a dwelling of 12 x 14 feet minimum and reside there for 5 years. (It appears one site may actually have been registered to his father Frank Barton Sr.)	Homesteads Book I page 142		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1927.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1927: 35 students, total in all eight grades, attended Concow School. Mary Allan Brown was the maintenance person and was paid \$8.00 per month. Duties included; sweeping the room each day, starting the fire on chilly days---including splitting the kindling wood, cleaning the blackboards, dusting the erasers, and, to carry in two buckets of water from the spring, 1/4 mile up Concow Road.	Memories by <b>Mary Ellen Brown</b> 1994, photocopy YHHS archives	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1927.11.01	<b>Big Bend</b>	Thomas B Pheby, a San Francisco Lawyer and founder of "The Goldfield Consolidated Mines Exploration Co", sells George Moak of Big Bend 360 acres next to the Surcease mine property for \$2,187.00. Pheby reserves the mineral rights located below 150 feet. Moak may mine the minerals above 150 feet. The loan was made with \$187.00 down carried a 6% interest rate. George Moak had been living on the property previously while working with Thomas Pheby developing the property.	Deeds Book 97 page 81 & 82		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1927.12.09	<b>Feather River</b>	Article on road conditions in the Feather River region. Oroville to Lake Almanor via Humbug Road. 78 miles paved to Pentz, rough to Inskip. Inadvisable beyond. Other roads mentioned as well.	Mercury Register 12-9-1927	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1927.12.09	<b>Pentz</b>	Electric lights just installed in the Pentz Community Hall will be used for the first time by the Pentz Farm Center at its meeting on Tuesday evening. For the first time in its history of the organization moving pictures will be shown. All center meeting places in the county are now equipped with electric lights. This is considered a remarkable asset to rural communities, as many of the meeting places of centers in other counties are without lighting.	Mercury Register 12-9-1927	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1927.12.13	<b>Big Bend</b>	Mrs Charles A Reno is killed when she gets her dress caught in a conveyor belt at the Surcease Mine. She is left alone in a room with equipment for the mine when the wind blows her dress into the conveyor pulley. Her screams were heard but she had been drug into the pulley. She died near Pentz while being taken to the hospital at Oroville. She leaves behind a 3 year old son and her husband. Her body was returned to her family in Boone, Iowa for burial.	Oroville Mercury Register 12-13-1927	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1927.12.13	<b>Pulga</b>	The Great Western Power Company's new transmission line is nearing completion in the canyon, so the camp will soon be abandoned. A few social affairs have been planned in honor of those who will be leaving as the construction is complete.	Oroville Mercury Register 12-13-1927	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1927.12.20	<b>Pulga</b>	Work on the new Great Western Power Company transmission line connecting Bucks Creek power house and Brighton substation was completed last week and construction crews have left. Before leaving, the men were served hot coffee and lunch by Mr and Mrs W.H. King. Automobiles and trucks of the men made a long procession on going down the road.	Oroville Mercury Register 12-20-1927	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1927.12.26	<b>Big Bend</b>	Big Bend School holds its annual Christmas Party - Las Plumas - The Big Bend School held its annual Christmas party in the Las Plumas theater Friday night. The program arranged by the teacher Miss Camille McCarthy was greatly enjoyed by all the parents and friends. D.B. Ogle was chairman of the committee in charge of the social club entertainment. The program included Greeting by Jack Hansell; Santas Letters by primary grades; piano solo by Dorothy Rozich; wreath drill by six girls; recitation by Florence Toland; piano solo by Nellie Jeanne Ogle; and a play "A Christmas Entertainment Fifty Years Ago" by the school.	Oroville Mercury Register 12-26-1927	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1928.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1928: Big snow storm that lasted several weeks. Mary Ellen Brown's father walked from the Moak Ranch on Big Bend to the Pines Store for some supplies. Mrs. Miller was very sick and her husband Ralph Miller was away at work in Las Plumas. Eventually they managed to get her to the hospital.	Memories by Mary Ellen Brown 1994, photocopy YHHS archives	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1928.00.00	<b>Pulga</b>	1928: Construction starts on new highway following Keddies surveyed route along the North Fork of the Feather River.			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1928.05.26	<b>Big Bend</b>	Agreement between George Brannen party of the first part taking Fred Elder and Arthur Williams in as partners in a lease on the "Surcease Mine" to Brannen by J.(James) W (Wilson). Reno on 25 May 1928. Fred Elder and Arthur Williams agree to work the mine donating all their wages except \$60 per month in exchange for 1/3 interest each in the lease. (Note: Reno lived in San Mateo and had been a miner and a mining equipment salesman in the past)	Photocopy of letter in YHHS archives provided by John Clark's granddaughter JoAnn Bond .	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1928.08.09	<b>Las Plumas</b>	Post office established, Francis W. Cain postmaster. Operated until Sept 29, 1961 Aletha M Presley Postmaster.	Butte County Postal Records		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1929.00.00	<b>Rag Dump</b>	<p>1929: U.S.D.A. Forest Service Guard Station was moved from Flea Valley to Rag Dump between 1928 and 1929. Oscar Carlson was a fire guard at Rag Dump during the summer of 1929. The Rag Dump Guard Station was manned until about 1934. In 1945, there was a small truck crew stationed at Rag Dump (personal communication Oscar Carlson 1998). Oscar and his wife Huldah (Moak) indicated that the guard station (cabin) was located on a little knob between two creeks on the south side of the old road from Stirling City. Huldah recalls the Forest Service gave them a large roll of cardboard to put up on the walls of the cabin to keep warm. Oscar had to buy two horses to perform his work as a guard at Rag Dump. One was to ride and the other was to pack when he went to check out fires. "In those days, the lookout guy would see the smoke, there weren't roads like there are now, and if you see the smoke you had to walk down one of those canyons. You'd pack your horses, ride one and pack one down in there to see if you needed help to put the fire out". Oscar had only one fire call in 1929, and it was a false alarm (Huldah Carlson, personal communication to Bob Colby 1998).</p> <p>Huldah talked about the move to Rag Dump in 1929. Oscar and Huldah drove an old 1922 Grant (touring car with double doors). At that time they could put everything they owned in that car, a big old laundry tub was sitting in the back of the front seat. They even had Huldah's Singer trundle sewing machine in the back of the car (Huldah Carlson, personal communication to Bob Colby 1998).</p>	History Of Defiance Mill, Feather River Ranger District, Plumas National Forest report 11-20-2010, copy YHHS Archives	Y	Filed by Date
1929.09.07	<b>Big Bar</b>	Henry Christian Gramps, son of Martin Gramps, filed a Homestead on Big Bar, North Fork Feather River, of 46 acres. (Note: it was not uncommon to file deeds for land long after the party had moved onto the property. Per the 1862 Homestead Act, a homestead required you to live on the property for at least 5 years and you had built a living structure that was at least 12' x 14' in size.) This property would later be acquired by Cal Trans for a maintenance station. See 2-14-1891	Homesteads Book I page 209		Filed by Date
1929.10.24	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Article about the County Farm Bureau considering setting up a camp at Fall Creek near Flea Valley. The problem of handling the water supply and construction of a permanent building to house cooking and camping equipment will be the principal matters to discuss. Members will visit the site next week. Guy Adams of Thermalito, J.R. Snyder of Wyandotte and A.L. Chaffin of Pentz are members of the camp committee.	Mercury Register 10-24-1929	Y	Filed by Date
1929.10.26	<b>Pulga</b>	Dr. and Mrs W.S. Right of San Francisco made a trip to Pulga Wednesday to examine the jade mine owned by W.H. King. Dr. Rice, who is a mineralogist, has just completed a tour over the country visiting mines en route. He took several samples of the jade with him for further inspection.	Oroville Register 10-26-1929	Y	Filed by Date
1929.11.25	<b>Oroville</b>	Early history of Oroville written by the Mayor consisting of three pages appears in the paper. First known as Ophir, the town was established in 1849; gold was discovered there in Oct 1849. Marysville was also established in the late 1840s. The first newspaper in Butte County, The Butte Record, was published in Bidwell on Nov 12, 1853; it was a weekly paper; 1853 also saw the establishment of the first schools in Butte County. In December 1854, the first post office was established. During 1855 and 1856, Oroville was a fairly wild town with 65 saloons and no churches. On Sept 24, 1856, Oroville was named the county seat. At that time Oroville was the fifth largest town in the state. On Feb 26, 1857, the steamer Gazelle came up the Feather River from Marysville, taking 8 hours. The steamship service was abandoned soon after because of resistance in Marysville. The town of Chico was laid out in 1860. In 1871 the town of Oroville was laid out so that land deeds could be issued. Between 1873 and 1876 there was a large influx of Chinese because of mining operations. In 1873 the first daily newspaper was published, The Oroville Mercury. The Oroville Daily Register followed in 1878; both papers merged in 1927. In 1887 the first citrus fair was held in Oroville. That same year the first olives were planted. In 1892 the Oroville Union High School was established. In 1898 the first gold dredger was operating near Oroville. At one time there were 24 dredgers in operation. Work started on the construction of the Western Pacific Railroad in Oroville in Sept 1905 and completed in August 1910; 1905 also saw the construction of the Northern Electric Railroad which operated between Oroville and Chico, later the line was completed to Sacramento. (This is a long article with more facts about Oroville)	Mercury Register 11-25-1929	Y	Filed by Date

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1929.12.01	<b>Big Bend</b>	J.Wilson Reno buys from the "The Goldfield Consolidated Mines Exploration Co" for \$500 2/3rds of the Surcease Mine at Big Bend.	Book of Deeds 60 Page 9-10 filed 9-30-1930		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1929.12.01	<b>Big Bend</b>	In consideration of the sum of \$1.00 The Goldfield Consolidated Mines Exploration Company turns over to J.Wilson Reno all claims and demands it has to Surcease Mine and the Moak Premises (Moak mineral rights) in Butte County.	Book of Deeds 56 Page 116-117 filed 9-30-1930		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1929.12.06	<b>Cherokee</b>	J. H. Hogan, Dean of city's photographers, recalls pictures taken: took photos of Cherokee fires, mines, etc.	Oroville Mercury 12-6-1929	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1929.12.06	<b>Pulga</b>	California state highway party stationed at Pulga for last 5 months, moving to Merlin (8 miles North of here); mentions Mayaro Lodge	Oroville Mercury 12-6-1929	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1929.12.07	<b>Chico</b>	Dept of Interior will be in Chico and Oroville to obtain applications from persons of California Indian blood under Act of Congress of May 18, 1928. Purpose of enrollment is to ascertain what persons are entitled to share in a judgement against the US which the California Indians are trying to obtain by a suit; a judgment for \$12,800,000 has been asked for in the petition on file.	Oroville Mercury 12-7-1929	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1930.00.00	<b>Rag Dump</b>	1930: Map shows Rag Dump above Flea Valley. Name does not appear in 1913 and 1920 map but is on 1933 map - called Rag Dump Cr. Note: Huldah provided information on how they thought Rag Dump got its name. "They had the sawmill there, and they had a lot of men, of course they put up a big platform (tent platform) and it was covered with a big old tent - that was the saloon, where the old woodchoppers - they all got drunk, it was quite a rowdy place, well it was a rag, and it was a dump, so that's why it was called Rag Dump" (Huldah Carlson, personal communication to Bob Colby 1998). Oscar Carlson suggested that the Rag Dump site was a stopover spot for the teamster hauling railroad building supplies from Stirling City to Pulga. When the railroad was built, it was built in sections. "They had a contractor from Pulga up to maybe 10 miles up the river, then another man took over. But this fellow, there was only one road into Pulga that you could haul anything over. So, he had it shipped on railroad cars to Stirling City then he put it on wagons and hauled it over to Pulga". There were never any buildings at Rag Dump during this time, they just had a sawmill, they all lived in tents. They were loading wagons up pretty heavy, and Stirling City is only seven miles up there, but it's downhill then uphill. When they got to Rag Dump, they stayed overnight then went on to Pulga the next day (Oscar Carlson 1998 personal communication to Bob Colby). At Rag Dump one of the creeks was year round and the other was seasonal. Coming from Stirling City, you crossed the seasonal creek and came to the cabin on the right (south) side of the road. Just past the cabin on the knob was a meadow and the year round creek. There was an old cherry tree in the meadow that Oscar figured was at least 100 years old in 1929. Down the knob to the south of the cabin was the old barn. The cabin was used for cooking and Oscar and Huldah slept in a tent on a tent platform (personal communication from Oscar Carlson to Bob Colby 1998).	1933 map of Butte County, History Of Defiance Mill, Feather River Ranger District, Plumas National Forest report 11-20-2010, copy YHHS Archives	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1930.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1930: Katie Clark Josephson, Yo-he-ma's daughter, writes a brief family history. She stated Yo-he-Ma's father was named <u>Bercha</u> , white name Joe Burchard. Yo-He-Ma's family was taken to Round Valley in 1861. Yo-He-Ma's parents were killed shortly after while picking berries in the woods. Also states brothers were killed (beaten to death) near Yankee Hill just before the family was taken to Round Valley. Yo-He-Ma's two sisters were named <u>Oie-Muck-Na</u> and <u>Ha-teet-na</u> . Also, an aunt who married a white man was killed near the West Branch while her husband was in Magalia. Also states Alfred Burr Clark hid <u>Yo-He-Ma</u> and her son Walter Clark (born 7 Aug 1860) in the house where they watched her family taken away from an upstairs window, she never saw her parents again. Katie Clark Josephson was given the Indian name Ha-teet-na by her mother Yo-he-ma after her Aunt. (see Sept 1863 and 1896) Note: The Clarks second child was William Clark born 29 Mar 1863.	Photo copy of letter in YHHS archives	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1930.10.17	<b>Spanishtown</b>	Mrs. Ralph Miller entertained a number of friends at a camp fire luncheon at her home at the Pines Tuesday in honor of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Laura Miller of Anderson who is visiting the Miller home. The guests were served under the pines where the place gets it name. The older guests toasted marshmallows while the younger guest toured the ruins of Old Spanishtown located on the Miller ranch. It is hard to believe that not so long ago here was the scene of active life, that the forests echoed with men in feverish search for gold, so completely has mother nature reclaimed her own that save for the scars that the hand of time has been unable to erase, the scene is apparently untouched by the human hand.	Oroville Mercury 10-17-1930	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1930.11.01	<b>Pentz</b>	Eva Marie Curtis Park gives right of way to P.G. & E. to put up power lines on Pentz Road.	Book 57 Page 482-83, Nov 10, 1930		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1930.12.23	<b>Big Bend</b>	J. Wilson Reno seeking clarification of ownership on Surcease Mine property at Big Bend	Gridley Herald 12-23-1930	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1931.03.23	<b>Big Bend</b>	J. Wilson Reno files suit against The Goldfield Consolidated Mines Exploration Company consisting of Thomas Pheby, Arthur L Williams and Moses Kinkaid and The White Company consisting of George Moak, J. Moak, John Doe, Richard Doe, Jane Coe, Mary Poe seeking clarification on his title to the Surcease Mine. Notice of summons #13608 posted in Gridley Herald Jan 1931. Court awards full title to Reno. Dated Mar 31, 1931	Book of Deeds 68 pages 309-310		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1932.00.00	<b>Thermalito</b>	In 1932, the Thermalito Water District defaulted on their bond payments that funded the Concow Dam because of a severe freeze. In 1935, a new bond measure was passed.			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1933.00.00	<b>Big Bend</b>	1933: Between 1933 and 1944 the Surcease Lode Mine at Big Bend produced more than \$1,000,000 in gold. (The mine was acquired by the Hoefling brothers around 1933)	California Gold Camps, UC Press 1975		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1933.02.06	<b>Big Bend</b>	Hoefling brothers sign a lease-purchase agreement for the Surcease Mine from J. Wilson Reno.	Deeds Book 99 page 406 2-6-1933		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1933.09.26	<b>Concow</b>	Construction of 4 additional winter camps for the Civilian Conservation Core (C.C.C) has been put under way. Headquarters (Marysville) expects the building of camps at Little Giant, Cohasset, Concow and Middle Creek will be started October 6th. It is expected the costs will be \$10,000 per camp. Big Springs camp will move to Cohasset and North Antelope Camp will move to Concow.	Oroville Mercury 9-26-1933	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1933.10.04	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Yankee Hill CCC Camp to open soon	Oroville Mercury 10-4-1933	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1933.10.06	<b>West Branch</b>	Construction to start next week on the West Branch Bridge. Amoroso and Son of Oakland are the main contractors on the \$59,000 structure. The bridge is to be constructed by the state with federal funds.	Oroville Mercury 10-6-1933	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1933.11.06	<b>West Branch</b>	Excavation for the West Branch Bridge is expected to be complete by Thursday; 24 men from Oroville district, all married, with dependents are employed on the project which was started Oct 12th. The bridge project awarded to Amoroso and sons on a bid of \$60,000 is not an NRA project. The men working on the project are working two 5 hour shifts.	Oroville Mercury 11-6-1933	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1934.00.00	<b>Magalia/Concow</b>	1934: West Branch Steel Bridge constructed, connecting Sawmill Peak and Concow---still in use.	Images of America, Paradise published in 2006 Gold Nugget Museum		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1934.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1934: Mary Ellen Brown lived in a cabin at Miller's Corner (formerly Spanishtown). She and her husband shared an outhouse, 200 yards away near Pinkston Road, with two other families. They had dynamite boxes for furniture and a three legged stove. The rent was \$7.00 per month.	Memories by Mary Ellen Brown 1994, photocopy YHHS archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1934.11.13	<b>Arizona</b>	Joseph Burr Mullen dies in Phoenix, Arizona.	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1934.11.24	<b>Pentz</b>	Eva Marie Curtis Park signs "lease to purchase" on behalf of the family (sisters) for property on Pentz Road to Arthur Bunnell, price is \$27,000 to be paid in full by Sept 12, 1938. (Note: Arthur Bunnell is Parrish's wife's nephew)	Book 132 Page 239, 11-21-1934		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1935.01.08	<b>Chico</b>	Indian Village Fate to be Set - What disposition is made of the Chico Indian Village will depend on a ruling by Judge Harry Deirup. An argument that the property was held in trust in accordance with the wishes of the late Annie Bidwell and should go to some trustees was made by attorney Liking. The executor of the estate Wells Fargo Union Bank and Trust Company does not dispute the Indians' right to the village. However, the attorneys said they believe the bank should get some return for their thousands of dollars paid out in taxes on the property. A compromise was suggested by the executors that the state pay \$4,000 for the village and 43 acres lying south of the Rancheria.	Oroville Mercury 1-8-1935	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1935.01.11	<b>Concow</b>	County repairs Concow bridge	Oroville Mercury 1-11-1935	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1935.01.15	<b>Cherokee</b>	Cherokee canal clearing starts	Oroville Mercury 1-15-1935	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1935.04.03	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	Andrew Armbruster and his wife Mattie sell the family 80 acre ranch to Oliver Lunt for \$1600. Andrew died several months later. The family had been renting out the farm the last several years of his life.	Book 139 Page 449		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1935.04.22		60 CCC boys from Concow Camp attended Mrs. Nancy Frances Lunt funeral	Oroville Mercury 4-22-1935	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1935.11.26	<b>Jarbo Gap</b>	Stephon Detlow (B 1887 Germany, in 1930 he is listed as a produce dealer in Richmond, Ca. It appears he moved to Richmond around 1910) and Esther Detlow (B 1899 Missouri, maiden name Holzem, in 1920 she is listed as a trained nurse in Missouri) acquired both Jarbo Gap properties from Frank Thomas Barton. The Detlow Rd property was sold for \$600 with \$300 down and \$300 due in 2 months). The future Rock House property was \$800 with \$25 down and \$15 per month until paid in full. The deeds stipulated that the Detlows must maintain insurance on the structures and maintain the trees and landscaping on the property until fully paid for.	Deeds Book 160 pages 12-13 and page 205		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1936.00.00	<b>Deadwood</b>	1936: Deadwood Fox Farm on site of sanitarium. Mrs. John Bidwell called Deadwood Dahlia because of the flowers in the garden	History of Butte County 1930s McGie		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1936.03.17	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Dora Elvera Spencer Wells dies. Family retains the property, family home and hotel, with Jennie and Harry Parker as caretakers. Later, Billie Smith, Florence Smith Wilson's brother, is caretaker.	Diggins Vol 28 #2, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1936.09.30	<b>Big Bend</b>	J.W. (John) Hoefling, A.M. (Ambrose) Hoefling and P.M. (Philip) Hoefling form a partnership known as the Hoefling Brothers. See 1947 Sept 30th. Assets were sold to the Hoefling Brothers Corporation on 27 Sept 1937	Deeds Book 966 page 24, 7-25-1958 statement of partnership signed by all three Hoefling Bros.		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1936.10.06	<b>Pulga</b>	William H. King dies and is cremated. His wife, Mary O'Sullivan born in Ireland dies in Oct 1941. Her burial place is not listed in her obituary. The King family owned all of Pulga until about 1980.	Oroville Mercury 10-6-1936	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1936.10.10	<b>Butte County</b>	Personals - Emil Hodapp of Yankee Hill area was patronizing merchants here Friday. Mr. & Mrs. Gus Streubel were here Friday from Yankee Hill transacting business. Mentions others from the area as well.	Oroville Mercury 10-10-1936	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1936.10.13	<b>North Fork Feather River</b>	Two camps will be united to save money - Camp 28 at Pulga and Camp 30 at Rock Creek working on the Feather River Highway will be combined to save money. Camp 28 will be closed and combined with Camp 30.	Oroville Mercury 10-17-1936	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1936.10.23	<b>North Fork Feather River</b>	Article about issues with the opening of the Feather River Highway, Feather River Highway now expected to open Aug 1, 1937	Oroville Mercury 10-23-1936	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1936.12.16	<b>Deadwood</b>	Article about Dr. Sang, the Chinese Doctor at Deadwood	Chico Record 12-16-1936	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1937.00.00	<b>Big Bend</b>	1937: The last wild hog was captured in a log trap. It weighed 800 lbs and had large tusks. The hog had killed several calves and a horse, so it was captured and destroyed.	Memories by Mary Ellen Brown 1994, photocopy YHHS archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1937.01.18	<b>Concow</b>	Article about Fred Johnson, Concow Chief at Pulga, Indian name Ponne Carne (also known as Old Man Smoke). Born around 1850, Fred assumed the role of Chief after his uncle Frank Johnson died. Was a child when round up of Indians occurred years ago; remembers a fight but he did not participate, he was too young (probably 1859 round up). See 1859 Sept 15th	Oroville Mercury 1-18-1937	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1937.03.10	<b>Concow/Pulga</b>	Fred Johnson, 70-year-old Indian chief of the Pulga tribe of Concows, hoping for passage of two bills in congress that would recompense him and his fellow tribesmen for lands taken by the whites when Butte County was first settled. Fred is known as "Old Man Smoke" among members of his race. The bills would provide that Indians can sue for \$1.25 per acre for the limited acreage of land they originally "used and occupied". About 25,000 Indians in California would be eligible as beneficiaries under the bills.	Oroville Mercury Register 3-10-1937	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1937.08.10	<b>Butte County</b>	Highway 40 (later renamed Highway 70 after 1960) opens from Quincy to Oroville. Construction started in 1928 near Oroville. Idea first started with the formation of the Feather River Highway Association in 1914. Total cost 8.5 million dollars for 78 miles of new road.	The History of The Feather River Highway, Video by the Plumas County Museum		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1939.00.00	<b>Flea Valley</b>	1939: Map of Butte County shows Brant Cabin on North West corner of old Fairbanks property about 1/4 mile from old Fairbanks house. (This probably was William Brant born in 1872 in Wisconsin, it is not clear if he was actually living there in 1939)	1939 Map of Butte County		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1939.01.19	<b>Oregon City</b>	Willard Harrington announced the Bumble Bee Mine near Oregon City to install 10 ton quartz mill. Harrington and Clem Baker have taken over the mine from Jack Upton.	Mercury Register 1-19-1939	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1939.01.23	<b>Concow</b>	Campground quarantined because of possible outbreak of Scarlet fever. 14 boys from CCC (California Conservation Core) at the camp ground.	Mercury Register 1-23-1939	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1939.02.21	<b>Concow</b>	Concow School burned, loss valued at \$20,000.	Mercury Register 2-21-1939	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1939.02.23	<b>Concow</b>	A community meeting to discuss plans for construction of a new school. School building was insured for \$800 and the contents, \$400. Classes were moved to the Hendricks property. The fire started at 9:30 am while school was in session. A piano and other articles of furniture were saved.	Mercury Register 2-23-1939	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1939.03.07	<b>Concow</b>	Jay E. Partridge, County Superintendent of Schools, announced a petition is going to be circulated to see about merging Concow and Yankee Hill Schools. The action is the result of the burning of the Concow school.	Mercury Register 3-7-1939	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1939.03.07	<b>Concow</b>	Vote on merging Yankee Hill and Concow school to be held March 21, 1939.	Mercury Register 3-7-1939	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1939.03.22	<b>Concow</b>	Yankee Hill, Concow School merger loses. All 10 votes in Yankee Hill were in favor of a merger. 15 residents in Concow voted against the merger and 3 in favor.	Oroville Mercury Register 3-22-1939	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1939.04.10	<b>Jarbo Gap</b>	Stephen and Esther Detlow, husband and wife, lease 1200 feet along the highway including all improvements "the Rock House" to Oscar Sorenson and his wife Florence Sorenson for 7 years for a total rent of \$8,880. Terms are \$200 down and \$90 per month with increases of \$10 per month in April the following two years. The renters must live on the property and maintain it.	Book 271 pages 437-440		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1939.04.19	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Over 100 attend Eastern Picnic at Yankee Hill. Concow School gives Easter picnic at Lake Concow. There was an Easter egg hunt. Mrs. Allie Swallow was the teacher.	Oroville Mercury Register 4-19-1939	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1939.04.19	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Misc. short articles about local activities in Yankee Hill. Mentions work on the gravel mine on the Hodapp property being short on water, Lyman Brown returning from San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. McQuarrie visiting Butte Williams, Mr. Dawson of Chico starting a Sunday School at Concow, Dixie Johnson looking after business interests in Flea Valley, Ralph Miller of the Pines was in Chico on business, Walter Waggoner who was ill in Oroville returning to the Fox Farm (at Deadwood), Mrs May Baker who recently purchased the old Jarboe Ranch making improvements and Emil Hodapp made a business trip to San Francisco.	Oroville Mercury Register 4-19-1939	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1939.04.26	<b>Concow</b>	Proposal to issue two \$6,000 sets of bonds to erect new schools at Concow and Big Bar	Oroville Mercury Register 4-26-1939	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1939.04.29	<b>Concow</b>	Concow School bond passes. School currently has 15 students but has had as many as 40 in the past.	Oroville Mercury Register 4-29-1939	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1939.07.12	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Article about five new trucks being put into operation by Diamond Match to haul lumber to Stirling City Mill. A trip to haul a load of lumber from Flea Valley to Stirling City takes 1 hour.	Lodi News Sentinel 7-12 -1939	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1940.00.00	<b>Las Plumas</b>	1940: Bids are solicited for new Big Bend School at Las Plumas. School was completed in Jan 1941 at a cost of \$7284. PG&E donates a 200' x 100' lot near powerhouse.	YHHS archives holdings	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1940.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1940: 8 sawmills were in the area. Gene Miller worked for John Willard Scott in his sawmill when Gene was 8 years old in 1940.	<b>Gene Miller interview</b> - Owner of the Pines Store Nov 8, 2007 with Larry Mauch, Yankee Hill Historical Society	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1940.00.00	<b>Big Bend</b>	1940: Managers of the Surcease Mine. Wm Messner, Superintendent salary \$2280, M Horner salary \$2160, K Malone salary \$2280, J Lawton salary \$2100, W Lawton salary \$2100 and J Warren salary 2100. Each received a bonus of approximately \$220 for the year. Note: Total 1939 mill costs were \$68,099.62 of which \$27,079 were total labor. 29,007 tons were milled, the cost per ton of ore was \$7.80, profits were not given in the report. There were two veins mined, the Surcease vein and the secondary Bunker Hill or #4 vein. Note: Per another report the Bunker Hill vein appears to have been the more productive vein yielding \$271,412 from 29 tons of ore between May 1938 and December 1941; the expenses for that same vein were \$214,915 during that same period. (So in 44 months they realized \$1284 per month profit from the Bunker Hill vein. During this time it was still a gold mine. By 1943 they were mining zinc and copper for the war effort at a lower depth of about an additional 125 ft in the mine.)	Memo in the Surcease Mine files at the Butte Historical Society. Copy YHHS archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1940.12.00	<b>Big Bend</b>	Managers of the Surcease Mine. Wm Messner, Superintendent salary \$2280, M Horner salary \$2160, K Malone salary \$2280, J Lawton salary \$2100, W Lawton salary \$2100 and J Warren salary 2100. Each received a bonus of approximately \$220 for the year. Note: Total 1939 mill costs were \$68,099.62 of which \$27,079 were total labor. 29,007 tons were milled, the cost per ton of ore was \$7.80, profits were not given in the report. There were two veins mined, the Surcease vein and the secondary Bunker Hill or #4 vein.	Memo in the Surcease Mine files at the Butte Historical Society. Copies in YHHS archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1941.01.09	<b>North Fork Feather River</b>	Article about realigning part of the Feather River Highway between Keddie and Quincy, work is about 45% complete. Work began Aug 26, 1940 and is expected to be complete next summer. When complete it will provide a standard highway all the way from Oroville to Quincy.	Oroville Mercury 1-9-1941	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1941.03.22	<b>Concow/Cherokee</b>	Picture of Concow School built in 1939 and D.L. Vinton, pioneer store keeper in Cherokee, who found a 1 carat diamond in the Cherokee Diggings.	Oroville Mercury 3-22-1941	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1941.06.06	<b>Big Bend</b>	Letter from the Hoefling Brothers to the Metals Reserve Corporation that they were looking into the possibilities that the Surcease Mine operation at Big Bend could be switched from gold to tungsten as it was one of the urgently needed strategic minerals in the war effort.	Memo in the Surcease Mine files at the Butte Historical Society. Copies in YHHS archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1941.06.12	<b>Big Bend</b>	Response from the Metals Reserve Company to the Hoefling letter dated June 6th asking for more details about the amount of these materials that they estimate will be available for sale, the date of delivery, and the rate at which deliveries could be made. They request complete analyses of the ore and concentrates that can be guaranteed and the price, F.O.B. rail shipping cars, and the nearest shipping point.	Memo in the Surcease Mine files at the Butte Historical Society. Copies in YHHS archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1941.12.18	<b>Jarbo Gap</b>	Esther Detlow grants right of way to Pacific Gas and Electric on her Rock House property. (Note: Esther is now listed as sole owner)	Book 286 page 97		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1942.00.00	<b>Big Bend</b>	1942: Per a report, the Bunker Hill vein appears to have been the more productive vein yielding \$271,412 from 29 tons of ore between May 1938 and December 1941. The expenses for that same vein were \$214,915 during that same period. (So in 44 months they realized \$1284 per month profit from the Bunker Hill vein. During this time, it was still a gold mine. By 1943 they were mining zinc and copper for the war effort at a lower depth of about an additional 125 ft in the mine.)	Memo in the Surcease Mine files at the Butte Historical Society. Copies in YHHS archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1942.08.27	<b>Washington DC</b>	Memo dated 8-27-1942 by the National Headquarters Selective Service System about serious shortage of workers for the production and refining of copper, lead, zinc, manganese and other essential nonferrous metals to support the war effort. Local boards are directed to seriously consider deferments of workers in this activity. (Note: Gold production was not considered for deferment because the government had large supplies to support the gold standard for currency. Ultimately, this resulted in the closing of gold mines that were small or not highly profitable so these workers could be transferred to other mining activities).	Memo in the Surcease Mine files at the Butte Historical Society. Copies in YHHS archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1943.00.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	1943: Fire destroys the Vinton Home.	Diggins Vol 10 #4, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1943.02.01	<b>Big Bar</b>	Henry C. Gramps dies. His home known as the "White House" adjacent the Cal Trans maintenance station was later condemned and became part of the maintenance yard about 1958 and was torn down.	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1943.06.02	<b>Jarbo Gap</b>	Oscar Sorenson terminates his lease and sells equipment at the Rock House to Esther Detlow; 2 Wessex water heaters, 1 (3) plate stove, electric heater, sewing machine, 3 beds contained in cabins, wood stove, Ice box, Frigidaire (old), 3 wine barrels, air conditioner, dishes, oak table.	Book 873 pages 512-513		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1943.07.10	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Yankee Hill school closes and merges with Concow school which was established in 1875.	Records YHHS archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1943.07.09	<b>Oregon Gulch</b>	Local news item lists the following residents of Oregon Gulch: Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Nunes visited Chico. The following people from Oregon Gulch went on an outing to Lake Concow: Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Duensing, Mr. & Mrs. Dee Dodge, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Taffinder, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Harrington. Mrs. Ethel Thomas visited Oroville.	Oroville Mercury Register 7-9-1943	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1943.07.09	<b>Cherokee</b>	Local news item lists the following residents of Cherokee: Antone Rowe, William Darby and Tom Darby, Mrs. James Vincent, all visited Oroville. Mr. & Mrs. Albert Miller had visitors.	Oroville Mercury Register 7-9-1943	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1943.07.10	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	Local news item lists the following residents of Yankee Hill/Concow: Long article by Edna Stowell lists the following people and local events. Yankee Hill: A.N. Fane had visitors. Gene Miller is visiting his dad, Ralph Miller. Wankler's had visitors. Joe Schmidt had visitors. Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Robertson had guests. Birthday party was held for Janice Lee Stowell, 4 years old. It was held at Shall Mar, the summer home at Lake Concow of the F.S. Marshall family of Atherton. The hostess was Mrs. Rose Marshall. The guests were Warren Stanley Wankler, Verlie Wilcox, Weldon Wankler, Mrs. Stillman Frisbie, Mrs. Mark Simmons, Mrs. Edna Stowell, Mrs. Myrna Lane, Mrs. Billie Cross, Mrs. Betty Clark, Mrs. Warren Peck, Mrs. Gerda Stowell, Jackie Stowell, Fred Marshall, Frank Stowell Jr. and Frank Marshall.	Oroville Mercury Register 7-10-1943	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1943.07.17	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	Local news item lists the following residents of Yankee Hill/Concow: Yankee Hill: Bob Bates of Oakland has purchased the Hausman property and moved his family here. The Dimmick's have guests, A.N. Lane has guests. Mrs. Florence Mae Baker has moved to Yankee Hill from Oroville. Mrs. M.L. Cross is being visited by her sister. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Clark visited Chico. Concow: Frank Marshall and daughter Grace Marshall from San Francisco spent the weekend at Shall Mar (Summer home at Lake Concow). D.B. Simmons spent the weekend at his property in Concow. Mrs. Blum of Pentz taught a class at Concow School in hot pack canning and methods of fruit juice canning.	Oroville Mercury Register 7-17-1943	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1943.07.24	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Annexed to Concow School District which becomes Golden Feather Union School District. Yankee Hill School had already been suspended for two years because of lack of attendance.	Diggins Vol 28 #2, available Butte County Historical Society, Oroville Mercury Register 7-24-1943	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1943.07.29	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	Local news item lists the following residents of Yankee Hill/Concow: Yankee Hill: R.E. Parsons had visitors, Stowell Ranch had visitors, Mark Simmons had visitors, Floyd Lindsey was home on leave, George Simmons is home on furlough, Mr. & Mrs. M.L. Cross spent Sunday in Paradise visiting his mother. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bates had visitors. Concow: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marshall entertained the following guests at Shall Mar Saturday evening, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Stowell Jr., Mr. & Mrs. A.N. Fane, Frank Nicholson, Mrs. Shirley Pendleton and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Stowell Sr.	Oroville Mercury Register 7-29-1943	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1943.07.29	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	Article about the Yankee Hill, Concow Home Defense Council. A representative from the Forest Service will speak to the council at Concow School about fire control. F.S. Marshall (owner of Shall Mar at Concow Lake) of San Francisco, will be the guest speaker.	Oroville Mercury Register 7-29-1943	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1943.08.27	<b>Rag Dump</b>	Henry W White estate sells timber rights at old mill site and future Johnson's cabin site, 80 acres total, to Diamond Match for \$1700 before distributing the property to descendants.	County Clerks office Book 317 page 83	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1943.12.20	<b>Rag Dump</b>	Henry W. White estate deeds 80 acres at Rag Dump, mill site & Johnson's Cabin site, to William R & Walter P Johnson, brothers, sons of Charles W Johnson & Elizabeth May Pinkston.	County Clerks office Book 322 page 372	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1944.00.00	<b>Big Bend</b>	1944: Between 1933 and 1944 the Surcease Lode Mine at Big Bend produced more than \$1,000,000 in gold.	California Gold Camps, UC Press 1975	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1944.06.01	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Wells family sells their Yankee Hill property, including the home and hotel.	Diggins Vol 28 #2, available Butte County Historical Society	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1944.06.21	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Alice Campbell sells all timber rights on old Fairbanks property in Flea Valley, 160 acres total, to Diamond Match for \$10, includes the right to tear down all existing structures and build a railroad on property if desired. (By this time, the area was primarily used as feeding ground for cattle in the summer months by ranchers located below in Concow, Yankee Hill and Cherokee areas).	County Clerks office Book 759 page 573	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1945.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1945: The Yankee Hill Social Club is formed by lone Sheen, June Giles, Lucille Josephson, Mary Ellen Brown, Lelia Hiemann, Dorothy Wyatt and Nona Banta. The objective was to offer a few social activities for the community and support the school teachers and the school board. To raise money the group put on skits and had various fundraisers including a community quilt auction. The club would later become the Yankee Hill Ladies Club.	Notes by Mary Ellen Brown in Ladies Club archives. Copy in YHHS archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1945.11.00	<b>Las Plumas</b>	Big Bend School District name changed to Las Plumas School District	YHHS archives holdings		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1945.12.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Letter describing the Venus Mine property at Yankee Hill prepared for possible lease options to be sent out to various contacts. States the mine is located at what is known as Old Yankee Hill, Butte County. There is one tunnel approximately 400 feet long. States that by extending the tunnel 100 feet, it should expose 10,000 tons of ore. The free gold is about 790 fine and fairly coarse. Nearby is the hotel of D.E. Wells. The property was patented in 1871 and has been in the hands of the estate for nearly 50 years until recently. Mr Thomas, who has been in the area since 1870 and worked at the mine, says the mine yielded \$80,000 in gold in the past. It was acquired by the Hoefling Brothers from the Wells estate. (Note: this is not the old 49 & 56 mine at Yankee Hill but rather a later venture nearby by Wells).	Butte Historical Society archives, Copy in Yankee Hill Historical Society Archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1945.12.31	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Letter to Bill Messner, Manager of the Surcease Mine from H. Barnes, Groveland, Ca. about the possibility of leasing the old Venus Mine site at Yankee Hill. He declined the offer by Messner due to lack of resources and previous concerns about clean title to the mine.	Butte County Historical Society archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1946.01.10	<b>Big Bend</b>	Memo to the Board of Directors Surcease mine by Wm. E. Messner, Superintendent. The mine was inspected on Dec 18th by the California Division of Industrial Safety during which time the mine was shut down. During the following period between Dec 18th and Dec 28th, 21" of rain occurred in the area. On Dec 28th the mine suffered settling and filling of water destroying much of the equipment including the water pumps. Later that month the California Division of Industrial Safety declared the mine unsafe and the operation was shut down; no injuries were reported; 590 tons of ore were hauled from the mine in December 1945, 264 tons of zinc concentrate and 53 tons of copper concentrate were produced during the month. The material still to be processed could yield 50 tons of zinc concentrate and 25 tons of copper concentrate. (It appears the mine closed after this; there was some mention of reopening it again as a gold mine but instead they later sold the mine.)	Memo in the Surcease Mine files at the Butte Historical Society. Copies in YHHS archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1947.01.04	<b>Big Bend</b>	Surcease Mine - Memo by Board evaluating the lumber market and mill at Big Bend. No mention of mining.	Memo in the Surcease Mine files at the Butte Historical Society. Copies in YHHS archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1947.09.30	<b>Big Bend</b>	J.W. (John) Hoefling, A.M. (Ambrose) Hoefling and P.M. (Philip) Hoefling dissolve partnership known as the Hoefling Brothers; see 1936 Sept 30th. Transfer the assets to the Surcease Mining Company including the Surcease Mine on Big Bend Rd. apparently to add value to the Surcease mine itself for possible resale. They also added their wives to the Surcease Mine Corporation along with the three Hoefling Brothers.	Deeds Book 966 page 24 July 25, 1958 statement of partnership signed by all three Hoefling Bros		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1948.00.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	1948: Fire destroys 6,000 acres. Miller Meat Market, Odd Fellows Home, Vinton Store were destroyed.	Diggins Vol 10 #4, available Butte County Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1948.03.31	<b>Concow</b>	On March 31, 1948, a meeting of interested residents of the Yankee Hill area was held at Concow School for the purpose of organizing Concow Grange No. 735. Brother Lattin of Biggs and Brother Clendenin of Durham were present to assist in the proceeding. Minutes of that first meeting are short and to the point: "The first meeting of the Concow Subordinate Grange was held at Concow School house on March 31, 1948. The meeting was called to order by Brother Lattin of Biggs. The work and purpose of the Grange was set forth by Brother Lattin who was ably assisted by Brother Clendenin from the Durham Grange. After the process of organization was explained to the prospective members the election of officers was ordered. The following were nominated and elected by secret ballot. Worthy Master, Bro. F. Malinoski, Secretary - Bro. H. H. Boulton, Lecturer - Sister Mary Ellen Brown. Other offices were left vacant until next meeting with more attendance. January of 1951, the Grange initiated a petition to the Telephone Company, requesting that telephone lines be installed to serve the Yankee Hill area. About this same time, the Grange made a valiant effort to retain a post office in this locality and it was finally re-established at the Pines Store.	Grange archives, copy YHHS Archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1948.04.03	<b>Concow</b>	Surcease mining Corporation sells J.D. Crain 40 acres at the intersection of Dark Canyon and Big Bend Rd. They also sell Crain 227 acres on the West Bank of the Feather River across from Deadwood Rd.	Deeds book 450, page 230, Deeds Book 446 page 311 4-3-1948		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1948.06.09	<b>Concow</b>	Surcease Mining Corporation sells Ralph E Miller 160 acres later known as Miller Hill between Deadwood Rd and Pinkston Canyon Rd.	Book of Deeds 451 page 237 1-9-1948		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1948.08.31	<b>Concow</b>	Surcease Mining Corporation sells Wm Henry Robinson 400 acres surrounding Miller Hill adjacent to Concow Rd, Deadwood Rd and Pinkston Canyon Rd.	Book of Deeds 489 page 171 8-31-1948		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1948.12.16	<b>Las Plumas</b>	Several children and a woman school bus driver escaped serious injury yesterday afternoon when the Las Plumas school bus was struck by the trailer of a truck and turned over on its top. Mrs Celia Smith was the driver and Joe and Barbara Messner were the students. Paul Hoefling of the Surcease mine received the telephone call there from Las Plumas and immediately went to the scene of the accident.	Oroville Mercury 12-16-1948	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1949: Florence and Skeet Smith buy the grazing rights to 286 acres at Yankee Hill from Ambrose Hoefling Mining Company, which includes the Wells home, hotel and store, as well as the old Clark home and several cabins, for \$2,500. They installed electricity in 1952. There was no electricity before that and they only had well water that had to be hand pumped. The roads in the area were still dirt. Florence and her son later removed all the grape vines from the Wells winery behind the store. Later Florence buys the mineral rights as well for over \$11,000.	<b>Florence Smith Wilson</b> interview Nov 1, 2007 with Larry Mauch, Yankee Hill Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.04.11	<b>Yankee Hill/Jordan Hill</b>	Local news item lists the following residents of Yankee Hill/Jordan Hill: Jordan Hill: Mrs. Louise Craft visits her 82 year old mother in Los Angeles. Yankee Hill: Frank Clark, who recently had surgery, is being moved to his home in Thompson Flat. The Clarks formerly lived at the John Clark Ranch which is being sold. Mr. & Mrs. Enos Brown lost a valuable milk cow when another cow crowded her into a deep cut. The cow fell on its back and couldn't get up. Mrs. Brown tried to rescue the cow but the cow fell on her, trapping Mrs. Brown for about two hours. The cow eventually died.	Oroville Mercury 4-11-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.04.11	<b>Yankee Hill/ Concow</b>	Local news item lists the following residents of Yankee Hill/Concow: The Yankee Hill Ladies Club met at the home of Mrs. Lone Sheen. The group discussed plans for a future pie auction to be held at Concow School to raise money for the May Day Picnic, a community affair. A large crowd is expected for the picnic as there are many people in this community. Also, plans for a swimming pool to be built in Deadwood Creek were discussed. The husbands of the club members will donate the labor.	Oroville Mercury 4-11-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1949.04.11	<b>Concow</b>	Local news item lists the following residents of Concow: The Concow Grange held its meeting in the Concow School. Three new members joined. Ed Chadwick (relative of Florence Smith Wilson, see 1949) is under treatment for a badly treated hand which was injured while plowing. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Anderson are moving back to their home on Nellie Hill. Ray Giles is building a garage. Mrs. Frankie Moak and Mrs. Mary Ellen Brown were business visitors in Marysville. Frank Taylor of Hayfork, formerly of Concow Valley, received a badly crushed leg when a log rolled on him. Mrs. Alberta Baseley has returned to her home in Big Bend from San Francisco. Mrs. Reynolds, at old Yankee Hill, has visitors. Jack Scott is a patient at Oroville-Curran Hospital.	Oroville Mercury 4-11-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.04.21	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	Local news item lists the following residents of Yankee Hill/Concow: Local residents Mrs. Louise Craft, Mr. and Mrs. Art Lane of Concow, Mr. and Mrs. Al Leggett of Deadwood attend the wedding of Grace Marshall and Jack McConnel in Atherton. Jack Lockridge is in the hospital, Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Peck attended a picnic in Chico, Jack Scott returned home. The next meeting of the Yankee Hill Ladies Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Pearl Prevet near old Yankee Hill. Mr. & Mrs. G.R. Streuble are working on Mrs. Streuble's sister's house in Oroville. Clifford Williams was injured at Big Bend in a logging accident. Mr. & Mrs. H.P. Williams had guests. The Scott Lumber Company in Concow has resumed operations and are sending out several truckloads of lumber every day. Mr. & Mrs. Tedd Flanders at the Pines will move to Butte, Montana and Mr. and Mrs. Thompkins will move from the Peck Ranch into the Flanders cabin. Mr. & Mrs. Willard Scott, in Concow, had visitors who also visited the Scott Mill. In Concow, the Dogwood and Wild Cherry are beautiful in full bloom.	Oroville Mercury 4-21-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.04.22	<b>Concow</b>	Article describes the Easter Service held at Concow School.	Oroville Mercury 4-22-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.04.28	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	The Ladies Club of Yankee Hill held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Pearl Prette. New officers were installed, Mrs. Geane Leggett- President, to succeed Mrs. Louise Craft; Mrs. June Giles-Vice President, Evelyn Hendricks-Scribe, Mrs. Harry Hode was a guest. Two new members were admitted. Logs from Jordan Hill are being hauled to Paradise because the Surcease Mill pond is full. Mrs. Frankie Moak and Mrs. Ione Sheen, accompanied by Mrs. Nettie Moak of Big Bend, went to Oroville to shop. Work has started on the swimming pool in Deadwood. The pool is being built by the Ladies Club.	Oroville Mercury 4-28-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.05.21	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	Local news item lists the following residents of Yankee Hill/Concow: Mr. J.D. Lockridge came to California 20 years ago from Idaho. Mr. Jessie Bordenkricher of Yuba City is working at the Scott Lumber Company in Concow. The Concow Grange held its meeting at the Concow School Wednesday evening. Mr. & Mrs. Ted Heimann have returned from L.A. to their home at Big Bend. Johnny Williams is now working for W. Sitton at the White Store in Oroville. Mr. Williams formerly worked for Mr. Sitton at the Pines.	Oroville Mercury 5-21-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.06.03	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Fire destroyed Yankee Hill Hotel (next door to Wells home). States the hotel was built in the 1870s. The hotel was built with clear Sugar Pine wood. Mrs. John Crawford was the only casualty, she received burns on the face. Residence of the hotel at the time were the J.M. Prevetto family (2 children), Mr. and Mrs. Green and their 6 children, the Crawfords with 2 children, and Mr. and Mrs. Carr. The fire started on the roof of an adjoining building.	Diggins Vol 28 #2, Oroville Mercury Register 6-3-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.06.07	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	Follow up article on hotel fire states the fire was started by spilled kerosene. The hotel was one of the few remaining landmarks in town. The mining property is owned by the Hoefling Brothers but the grazing rights were sold to Mr. Smith for cattle grazing. <u>See 1946</u> . Also, article mentions the Yankee Hill Ladies Club held a special meeting at the home of Francis Harris. The club discussed arrangements for refreshments at the outdoor pageant to be held at the Hopkins Ranch in Concow after the school year ends.	Oroville Mercury Register 6-7-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1949.06.09	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	Local news item lists the following residents of Yankee Hill/Concow: Miss Beverly Wouster has been staying with her parents Mr. & Mrs. S. Wouster for summer vacation. The Wousters recently purchased the Lyman Brown Ranch and are making ceramics and farming. Kilpper Finkenbiner, formerly a resident of this place, is visiting Evelyn Hendricks. Donald Williams, formerly of this place, now in Paradise, moved his service station from Hendricks Corners to his home in Paradise. Elaborate preparations are being made by Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Hopkins, teachers at the Concow School, for the outdoor pageant to be held at the Hopkins Ranch in Concow Valley. The pageant depicting early days in California will be held at night near Lake Concow by fire light. There will be covered wagons, horsemen, Indians and many other scenes taken from the history of California.	Oroville Mercury Register 6-9-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.06.09	<b>Pulga/Big Bend/Las Plumas</b>	Obituary for Dixie Johnson, age 80, well known full blooded Concow Indian. Dixie Johnson was well known as a tracker; he solved several crimes in his early life. He lived near Las Plumas where he worked at a mining claim. He is survived by his wife Maude Johnson who lives in Pulga, a son Elmer Johnson of Pulga and a grandson Edward Johnson of Brush Creek.	Oroville Mercury Register 6-9-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.06.09	<b>Butte County</b>	Article about proposal for mandatory Day Light Savings was submitted by the President of the State Junior Chamber of Commerce.	Oroville Mercury Register 6-9-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.06.11	<b>Concow/Thermalito</b>	Report by the Thermalito Irrigation District. Report states that their water sources include the Miocene Ditch from Lake Concow, from which the bulk of the water supply is obtained and two wells. Water consumption reaches a peak of 15 million gallons each day. There are 670 users among a population of 2300 in Thermalito, currently 1300 acres are under irrigation.	Oroville Mercury Register 6-11-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.06.16	<b>Butte County</b>	Attempt made to raise minimum wage from 45 cents per hour to 75 cents failed.	Oroville Mercury Register 6-16-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.06.20	<b>Butte County</b>	Article states the cost to support the Government is \$363 for every man, woman and child in the country, \$270 for the Federal budget and \$93 for the State budget. In 1915 the cost for the Federal budget was \$6.94 per person.	Oroville Mercury Register 6-20-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.06.20	<b>Concow</b>	The pageant held at the Hopkins Ranch in Concow Saturday was a most enjoyable affair. A large and appreciative audience enjoyed to the utmost the thrilling scenes portrayed by fire light of the early days in California. First came the scene of Indians in their native habitat, next the covered wagons followed by scenes of pioneer days, through it all was woven a romance culminating in the marriage of the pioneer couple in a home of an early day settler. The home was furnished with antiques loaned by members of the early day families of this community. After the program, cake and coffee were served by the Ladies Club of Yankee Hill. The evening was followed by dancing at the Hopkins home for the rest of the evening.	Oroville Mercury Register 6-20-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.06.20	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Local news item lists the following residents of Yankee Hill/Concow: Mr. and Mrs. Willard Scott and family have moved from Hendricks Corners to the West Ranch in Concow Valley. Freida Miller who has been a guest of Evelyn Hendrick for some time returned to her home in Woodland, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Perk have received visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Humes of the McQuarrie apartments, were recent business visitors in Sacramento. Among newly-weds who were visitors here were Mr. & Mrs Johnny Williams of Oroville, Mr & Mrs Michealson of Bay Meadows, Mrs Michealson is the former Dolores Williams. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.P. Williams	Oroville Mercury Register 6-20-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.06.25	<b>Big Bend</b>	PG&E seeks right of way for power lines. J.W. Armstrong home would be torn down to make way if granted. Two other parcels would be involved. Land owned by Leo Neher, Lorin and Elberta Balsley would also be affected. (Power finally comes to Yankee Hill)	Oroville Mercury Register 6-25-1949	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1949.12.12	<b>Jarbo Gap</b>	Esther Detlow leases the Rock House property on Highway 24 to Samuel Siler and his wife Mary Siler. The lease includes the Beer and Wine license. The name "Rock House" appears on the lease.	Book 527 page 335		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1950.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1950: Yankee Hill school is used for dances. Interior painted with scenes by Emery (Ed) Chadwick	Florence Wilson Interview by Larry Mauch		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1950.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1950: Old Clark home at Yankee Hill is torn down because it is falling down and used as firewood by Florence and her husband.	Florence Wilson Interview by Larry Mauch		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1950.00.00	<b>Big Bend</b>	1950: Hoefling Brothers hire Lyman Moak and his wife Leroe Moak as caretaker for Surcease Mine property. The Moaks live on the property for about 10 years. There were several houses constructed for the mine management team still located on the property.	Leroe Moak interview by Larry Mauch		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1950.01.01	<b>Frenchtown/Flea Valley</b>	Hodapp family leases land to the Flesher family to raise cattle. Doug Flesher, born in 1933, of Paradise would drive the cattle in early May from Nelson Bar Rd to Granite Ridge Rd above Jarbo Gap and on to Griffen's Gulch then down to Concow Rd near Camelot. They had made arrangements to hold the cattle there if needed. They would then drive the cattle up to Flea Valley where there was a fenced pasture and a small cabin, he remembers no other structures there. Then they would drive them thru Rag Dump and on to Ramsey Bar. The trip took one day (if they didn't stop) or two days to reach Ramsey Bar. The cattle would graze at Ramsey Bar, moving every week or two to new grass in the area. Doug would ride up on horseback four days a week to watch the herd until they made the return trip in October to Nelson Bar Road. There were more meadows in the hills then than now because the area has become so overgrown. Doug said sometimes they would not see another person for days at a time in the hills, if they did see someone it usually was someone they knew who also drove cattle, so the cattle were safe. Doug Flesher continued this until about 1955. The Campbell brothers also drove their cattle from Cherokee farther North to Campbell's Cow Camp. The Duensings also drove cattle to Flea Valley. Four or five people could drive 50 to 75 head of cattle. Now it would not be safe to drive cattle there because of all the traffic in the hills. (Note: I believe the last cattle drive to Flea Valley/Campbell Cow Camp was shortly after Highway 70 was opened in the late 1960s). Doug told me that he was told by an old driver, Gramps Rodgers (lived on Wayne Rd near Neal Rd), 85 years old in the 1950s that Sam Neal drove cattle to the same area before the gold rush.	Interview via phone with Doug Flesher of Paradise on 2-10-2013 by Larry Mauch		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1950.01.09	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Surcease Mining Corporation sells Alvin E Smith (Skeet) and Florence A Smith 236 acres at Yankee Hill along with the Yankee Hill School, hotel, small store and house and two cabins. The deed limits the mineral rights to ground 25 feet or less below the surface. (see 11-3-1958)	Book of Deeds 528 page 388 1-9-1950		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1950.04.04	<b>Jarbo Gap</b>	Esther Detlow issues a "Notice of Non Liability" on the Rock House property due to improvements made without her knowledge (by Samuel Siler). States she is not responsible for any materials or labor related to the improvements.	Book 532 page 192-193		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1950.12.13	<b>Flea Valley</b>	George Duensing dies and estate is handed by his daughter Katherine Duensing who had married Carrol Francis Campbell. (This is a different Campbell family from the Nimshew area than the one that owns the Fairbanks property who were from Oregon City).	County Clerks office Book 332 page 112		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1951.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1951: Cabin burned by accident at the bend in Yankee Hill road	Florence Wilson Interview by Larry Mauch		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1951.01.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	January of 1951, the Local Grange initiated a petition to the Telephone Company, requesting that telephone lines be installed to serve the Yankee Hill area. About this same time, the Grange made a valiant effort to retain a post office in this locality and it was finally re-established at the Pines Store.	Grange archives, copy YHHS Archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1951.07.23	<b>Jarbo Gap</b>	Esther Detlow who lives at 1865 Elgin St. in Oroville, Ca leases to August and Hannah Byers, husband and wife, who live at the "Rock House" the Beer and Wine license. (Note: photo by Eastman circa 1950 shows sign on Rock House building with the name "Estherville")	Book 594 pages 12-13		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1951.10.04	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Post Office closed in Lunt home on Nelson Bar Road, mail sent to Oroville post office. The Lunt home post office opened Oct 21, 1913	Postal Records		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1952.05.26	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Alice Campbell, wife of Charles Campbell, dies and the property in Flea Valley is transferred to Claude Campbell in a life estate. The Diamond Match agreement on the lumber on the property is still in effect)	County Clerks office Book 631 page 80		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1953.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1953: Poe power generation and reservoir project starts at Pulga. Workers need housing; the old Yankee Hill school house is rented out as a residence.	Florence Wilson Interview by Larry Mauch		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1954.00.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	1954: 2nd story of Cherokee school removed making it a one story structure.	Diggins Vol 10 #4		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1954.01.29	<b>Jarbo Gap</b>	Esther Detlow gives a right of way to Pacific Telephone on the Rock House property	Book 739 page 558		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1956.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1956: Crain Park: 8 acres donated by Katherine and Walter Bolles for a community park, located on Concow Road. Currently operated by the Paradise Recreation and Park District.	Crain Park Sign		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1956.05.27	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	Article about 100th birthday of school. Messilla Valley school, has 24 students, the teacher is Mrs. Olive Carpenter. Sixth school in Butte County. Had 8 books in 1865 now has more than 400. Miss Alma Hesbol taught there for 35 years before retiring last June.	Chico Enterprise 5-27-1956?	<b>N</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1956.11.06	<b>Big Bend</b>	Surcease Mining Company, J.W. Hoefling President, sells Surcease Mine property along with all buildings and up to 100,000 gallons of water rights per day on Maple Springs to James A (Tobe) Moak for \$50,000. James Moak takes out a mortgage for \$25,000 with Bank of America on the property. Moak never mined on the property. A lumberman by trade he logged the property.	Deeds book 877 Page 499-501 Nov 6, 1956, Book 877 page 502-503		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1957.00.00	<b>Jarbo Gap</b>	1957: Esther Detlow files several formal termination of lease agreements for the Rock House for past leases (probably to clear up the title)	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1957.05.14	<b>Jarbo Gap</b>	Esther Detlow Grants to the State of California portions of her property for a new Highway (Highway 70) which was realigned when Lake Oroville was created. About 18 acres were part of the Rock House site.	Book 927 page 6		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1957.05.31	<b>Big Bend</b>	Big Bend Powerhouse to be flooded. Big Bend part of P.G. & E.s stairway of power will be silenced after 50 years operation producing nearly 22.7 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity, enough to service all the homes and industries of California for a year. Golden State Power Company and the Eureka Power Company were also interested in the water rights in the area when the Big Bend Powerhouse was first proposed in 1908.	Mercury Register 5-31-1957	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1958.00.00	<b>Cherokee</b>	1958: Fire destroys Bill Gage warehouse which contained many antiques.	Diggins Vol 10 #4, available Butte County historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1958.11.03	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Surcease Mining Corporation sells Alvin E Smith (Skeet) and Florence A Smith mineral rights below 25 feet on 236 acres at Yankee Hill. Mortgage taken out by Smith with Oroville Title Company lists value at \$4,225	Book of Deeds 966 page 25 11-3-1958		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1960.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1960: Former Robert Workman & G.G. Marquis land near Concow Reservoir (See 1865) is known as the Spring Valley Ranch. Sold to Mayor of Chico for development into Camelot around 1969. Per Dug Ringel, the current owner, the Marquis house was torn down around 1970, it had a rock foundation.	Told to me by <b>Tony Salzarulo</b> , caretaker Concow Campground. Tony lived in area since 1960		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1960.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1960: Florence, Skeet and Skeeter moved a two bedroom mobile home on property at the location of the big house and winery behind the school and became permanent residents. The big house (Wells last home) which was in bad shape, is torn down. (Wells probably planted the winery)	Florence Wilson Interview by Larry Mauch		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1960.00.00	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	1960: Nelson Bar Bridge to be flooded by Lake Oroville Dam. Bridge will be 110 feet underwater. See 1858	Files at Paradise Genealogy Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1960.00.00	<b>Butte County</b>	1960: Highway 40 realigned to make room for Lake Oroville. Road from Jarbo Gap thru Yankee Hill to Oroville, is changed.	1959 Map of proposed changes with the filling of Lake Oroville.	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1960.00.00	<b>Big Bend</b>	1960: Point Don, a small store with gas pumps located on Big Bend Rd., shut down some time in the mid 1960s, now a private residence.	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1960.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1960: Grange Hall - The Committee to supervise the building of the hall consisted of Brothers Nalley, Lockridge, and Giles. Many work days ensued with many brothers and sisters volunteering their time. Also, brothers from other Granges in the County contributed time, as well. Mr. Earl Hoerschel, who later became a Grange member, was hired to put in the forms and clean out the excavation. By December, 1960, the foundation had been poured and the septic was in place, although minus the lid. And then, late in 1961, an incident occurred which proved to be most fortuitous for Concow Grange--a truck hauling lumber turned over and dumped its whole load down the side of the road in the Feather River Canyon. The Grange members were able to acquire the lumber for a small amount of money and a whole lot of work!	Grange archives, copy YHHS Archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1960.02.29	<b>Pulga</b>	Pulga Post Office discontinued	Postal records		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1960.05.16	<b>Flea Valley</b>	Claude Campbell passes away. The property at Flea Valley (the old Fairbanks property) is passed on to Charles and William Campbell, his brothers. The Diamond Match agreement on the timber is still in effect. In 1974 a new deed was registered clarifying all the owners to the Claude Campbell estate.	County Clerks office Book 1057 page 360; County Clerks office Book 1957 page 258		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1961.03.00	<b>Oroville</b>	Formal approval for the building of the Oroville Dam--\$123,000,000 contract awarded for construction.	History of Butte County Vol#2 McGie, Oroville Mercury Register 9-3-1969		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1962.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1962: Grange Hall - By 1962, the building was usable. The total cost up to that time was \$3,300.00. The sign on the building was painted by Brother Strong of Chico and installed in November of 1962. The piano was donated by Brother Fred Hart and in 1963; a cook stove was donated by Mr. McHavey. The first oil heaters were presented to the Grange by Brothers Tom Heath and Lorin Baisley. In 1967, the porch and anteroom were added to the hail. The deep freeze was purchased in 1969. Many of the items donated during this period of time have since been replaced, but all of the original furniture was donated by members or friends of the Grange. The well was completed in 1970 and paid off in 1972.	Grange archives, copy YHHS archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1962.08.00	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	Dedication of the West Branch Bridge over the Feather River, which replaced the Nelson Bar Bridge. The cost was \$9,000,000	History of Butte County Vol#2 McGie		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1964..00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1964: The old Yankee Hill town well ran dry. Florence trucked in water in 350 gallon tank from Dark Canyon to supply water for the family and 30 head of cattle. The well running dry probably was related to the tunneling for the railroad and filling of Lake Oroville.	Florence Wilson Interview by Larry Mauch		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1965.00.00	<b>Pulga</b>	1965: The Pulga school closed at end of school year.	School Records		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1965.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1965: Florence Smith Wilson sells 206 acres of the Yankee Hill property for \$115,000 to Earl Haring because the well ran dry the year before. Only the school house remains at the site at time of sale. It was torn down a year later. Florence retains 80 acres at back of property near Dark Canyon, it is sold in 1985	Interview with <b>Florence Smith Wilson</b> Nov 1, 2007 with Larry Mauch, Yankee Hill Historical Society		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1965.02.15	<b>Cherokee</b>	Sale of a portion of the historic community of Cherokee to a local businessman was recorded last week. James Lenhoff, owner and publisher of the Virginia City Territorial Enterprise, intends to turn one of the old buildings into a museum and to make the town a tourist attraction. He already owns considerable land there.	Chico Enterprise Record 2-15-1965, reprinted Feb 9, 2015, <b>copy of reprint in archives</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1965.03.01	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	County files plot plan to facilitate moving the Curtis Cemetery at Nelson Bar to Pioneer Cemetery in Oroville before Lake Oroville fills and covers the Curtis site on Nelson bar Road.			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1965.12.22	<b>Big Bend</b>	James A Moak sells Surcease Mine property to Ralph and Lillian Tracy for subdivision. No restriction on mineral rights. (Jim Lenhoff buys some of the property and resells it retaining the mineral rights. Per conversation with Jim, he never tried to mine on any of the property.)	Book of Deeds 1405 Page 426 12-22-1965		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1966.00.00	<b>Messilla Valley</b>	1966: Messilla Valley School closes after that year's graduation	1957 Chico State Presents "There is a Telling", Yankee Hill Historical Society Archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1967.00.00	<b>Nelson Bar</b>	1967: Nelson Bar Bridge dismantled before the filling of Lake Oroville.	Images of America Paradise published in 2006, Gold Nugget Museum		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1967.08.10	<b>Big Bend</b>	Bids opened on Big Bend project	Oroville Mercury 8-10-1967	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1967.09.01	<b>Concow/Spanishtown</b>	Pines Store burns at Pinkston Canyon Road and Concow Road. The store was built around 1933 and measured about 40 x 40 and included a hardware store, bar and single gas pump in front. Seven cabins were across the street on Pinkston Road. The store sold dynamite---Gene Miller stored the sticks under his bed as a child. His job was to turn the dynamite once a month so the glycerin would not settle to one side in the sticks. Prior to that, the store was started in an old log cabin at Deadwood around 1930 by Gene's mom, Frieda A. (Heyer) Miller; the cabin measured 16 x 16. The log cabin was torn down in the early 1960s.	<b>Gene Miller and his son Ralph interview</b> - Owner of the Pines Store Nov 8, 2007, by Larry Mauch 1976 Golden Feather Yearbook published by Concow School District - 1930 census		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1967.09.11	<b>Cherokee</b>	Fire threatens the Cherokee School; 40 men, seven fire trucks, two bulldozers and two tanker planes (one a modified B17 bomber) fought the three acre blaze and saved the school. It took two hours to control the blaze. Photo in paper shows B17 dropping fire retardant.	Oroville Mercury 9-11-1967	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1967.09.12	<b>Oregon City</b>	Mining group reorganizing meeting set	Oroville Mercury 9-12-1967	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1967.09.25	<b>Oregon City</b>	40 persons organize mining group for Butte County area. Called the Butte County Mining Council under a charter granted by the statewide Western Mining Council. Richard H. Mawhorter of Cherokee elected President. James Lenhoff of Oroville named honorary member. Group organized to deal with state mining regulations.	Oroville Register 9-25-1967	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1967.09.29	<b>Big Bend/Las Plumas</b>	Power house operating since Dec 23, 1908 will close next Saturday. The plant was sold last year by PG&E to the state to make way for Lake Oroville. Plant had 70,000 kilowatt capacity turbines. Plant was first called Las Plumas powerhouse when it was built by the Great Western Power Company. PG&E acquired the plant in a merger in 1930. The majority of the water was supplied by Lake Almanor. The community of Las Plumas had a population of 50 people living in 13 homes and a bunkhouse. There were 22 children enrolled at the Las Plumas School. Workers crossed the Feather River, walking to the power plant across a suspension bridge.	Oroville Register 9-29-1967	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1967.10.05	<b>Oroville</b>	Last load of dirt dumped on the crest of the dam. Note: much of Oroville Dam is built with rock, left over from the gold dredgers that had been transported from 11 miles downstream.	History of Butte County Vol#2 McGie, Oroville Mercury Register 9-3-1969	Y	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1967.10.10	<b>Concow</b>	Board of Supervisors approves abandonment of part of Concow Rd due to recent realignment. See map in public works department E-725. (I believe this is the creation of what is commonly called suicide hill near the dam site.) A portion of the old Concow Rd (see 9-7-1872) was realigned for a second time.	Board of Supervisors minutes dated 10-10-1967 located in County Clerks Office		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1969.00.00	<b>Concow/Camelot</b>	1969: Development started at old Spring Valley Ranch called Camelot. One of the principals involved was the Mayor of Chico. The development consisted of 1/4 acre lots.			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1969.07.00	<b>Oroville</b>	The Oroville Dam is declared full to intended capacity.	History of Butte County Vol#2 McGie		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1969.09.03	<b>Oroville</b>	The last of the two tunnels beneath the dam allowing water to bypass the dam, was closed to divert water into Lake Oroville. Article includes various facts about the dam. Highest dam in U.S., 770 ft	Oroville Mercury Register 9-3-1969	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1970.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1970: Concow Road, previously a macadamized road (oil and chips), paved for access to Camelot development; slight changes in road elevation near south end of Concow Reservoir.	Tony Salzarulo interview, caretaker Concow Campground. Interview by Larry Mauch, Tony lived in area since 1960. <b>Gene</b> Miller interview, ref 1968 map of roads in Butte County issued by Harry Freese.		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1971.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1971: Dome store was first a factory, made geodesic domes for homes and businesses. Started as satellite of business of a Hayward business. Hayward was a tool supply house.	Round table discussion, included Pete and Peggy Moak Feb 2012. See oral interview in archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1972.00.00	<b>Pulga</b>	1972?: Mary Ann (McClain) Schooner (1941-2010), granddaughter of William King and daughter of Mary Edna King started an artist colony at Pulga with husband Ken Schooner (1941-2001); there were about 60 people living in Pulga at the time.	On web Pulga History, Mystic Valley Retreat		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1974.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1974: John Moak worked at the Dome factory in Concow	Round table discussion, included Pete and Peggy Moak Feb 2012. See oral interview in archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1974.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1974: Concow Road paved from Deadwood Road to Cirby Creek. Before that the road was gravel.	Interview with local residents by Larry Mauch		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1974.08.13	<b>Jarbo gap</b>	Robert Paul Ausmas & Abby L. Ausmas sign agreement to buy the Rock House property. There is a note recorded for \$55,000 in July 1982 with Joseph Boozer			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1976.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1976: David Maras ran dome factory, partner Scott Huit. Dome factory closed	Round table discussion, included Pete and Peggy Moak Feb 2012. See oral interview in archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1976.04.19	<b>Chico</b>	Katherine Campbell of Chico was honored with a hand tooled leather purse for recognition of her 25 years as Secretary Treasurer for the Butte County Cattlemen's Association. Katherine was the daughter of George Duensing and owns the Table Mountain Ranch. Her original home in Oregon Gulch was purchased to develop the Oroville Reservoir. See obituary Aug 3, 1999	Chico Enterprise Record 4-19-1976	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1977.00.00	<b>Concow</b>	1977: Canyon Lakes Store opened (Dome Store)	YHHS Research		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1977.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill, Concow</b>	1977: Yankee Hill Volunteer Fire Department-Company 37, organized with 11 members using an old donated fire engine from Mt. Tamalpais. In 2009, the department was down to 6 members.			<b>Filed by Date</b>
1978.04.07	<b>Rag Dump</b>	Dorothy J Pinkston acquires Rag Dump & Johnson cabin sites from William and Walter Johnson	Ref 38577 & 38578, County Clerks records		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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1978.00.00	<b>California</b>	1978: Francis A. Riddell writes about Konkow and Maidu Indians in "Handbook of North American Indians" published by Smithsonian Institution. He greatly expands the area inhabited by the Konkow Indians to include Rich Bar to the North and almost to the Sutter Buttes to the south.	Handbook of North American Indians Volume 8, published by Smithsonian Institution 1978		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1979.10.01	<b>Big Bend</b>	A group of people meet to establish the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Yankee Hill. By 1980 the group had grown and was meeting at the Grange Hall.	Seventh Day Adventist Church archives, Copy YHHS archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1980.12..00	<b>Big Bend</b>	Land is purchased for a Seventh Day Adventist Church site.	Seventh Day Adventist Church archives, Copy YHHS archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1981.04.29	<b>Rag Dump</b>	Dorothy J (Pinkston) Fields transfers 80 acres at Rag Dump, the mill site & Johnson Cabin site to William & Janice Pinkston who then transfer the old mill site back to Dorothy.	County Clerks office Book 2619 page 373 ; County Clerks office Book 2619 page 374		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1981.05.28	<b>Rag Dump</b>	William & Janice Pinkston transfer 40 acres, Johnson Cabin site, to Thomas & Merlene Steed	County Clerks office Book 631 page 80		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1981.05.07	<b>Big Bend</b>	First service held in Seventh Day Adventist new church. The cost of the building was \$89,346.48	Seventh Day Adventist Church archives, Copy YHHS archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1984.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1984: Miller family builds new Pines Hardware Store along Highway 70.	Ralph Miller interview by Larry Mauch, 11-09-2007		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1985.00.00	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	1985:Florence (Smith) Wilson sold the last 80 acres she owned in Dark Canyon to a group of four partners.	Florence Wilson interview by Larry Mauch		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1990.08.15	<b>Oroville</b>	Article about Smoky Jones, a Konkow Indian speaking at a California Department of Parks and Recreation speaker series. Smoky spoke two hours and demonstrated arrowhead making and relayed the ways of the Indians to a gathering of children. (Smoky Jones was Patsy Seek's brother; both were very involved with teaching others about the Indian heritage).	Chico Enterprise Record 8-15-1990	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1992.00.00	<b>Pulga</b>	1992: Lorraine Paloma and Fred Leidecker buy the town of Pulga for \$200,000 and start the Mystic Valley Retreat.	Enterprise Record 10-26-2014	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1994.01.01	<b>Butte County</b>	Article by Frank George about the Concow Chief and John Clark. He also talks about Bidwell and his association with Indians.	Paradise Post Jan 1994	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1997.00.00	<b>Pulga</b>	1997: Winter rains wash out part of Pulga Road and the creek floods the cabins at Pulga. Fred Hugg works for the railroad and helps evacuate a half dozen people, including Lorraine Paloma and Fred Leidecker at Pulga.	Interview Fred Hugg by Larry Mauch, 2015		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1997.03.00	<b>Concow</b>	Article about Concow resident Ray Giles age 84 playing the fiddle since he was 10 years old.	Oroville Mercury Register March 1997	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
1997.08.22	<b>Rag Dump</b>	Dorothy G (Pinkston) Fields transfers 40 acres at Rag Dump, the mill site, to Bruce D Rust and Howard Goodwin	County Clerks Office		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1998.06.27	<b>Rag Dump</b>	50 members of the Gold Nugget Museum tour Rag Dump with Deborah Tibbets, historical archaeologist and ranger with the Forest Service. Deborah had been researching the site for some time and a report is on file with the Oroville office. A "Tales of the Ridge" article was published in December 1998	Tales of the Ridge, December 1998 Vol 39 #2, available Gold Nugget Museum		<b>Filed by Date</b>
1999.01.01	<b>Jarbo Gap</b>	Scooters opens - Dan Salmon purchases the old Phillips 66 gas station at Jarbo Gap; he has the pumps removed and converts it into a restaurant called "Scooters". Previously there had been a large coffee shop/restaurant adjacent the gas station that burned down several years earlier. The last operator of the gas station was Frank Funes and his wife Barbara from Concow who operated it for several years. The Funes family enlarged the building and made it a small grocery store as well as a gas station.	Dan Salmon interview by Larry Mauch, 2015		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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2002.05.27	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	Group of citizens form the Yankee Hill Historical Society--approve By-Laws. Purpose is to restore the Messilla Valley School and preserve local history.	Yankee Hill Historical Society Archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
2002.06.27	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	Messilla Valley School is moved to Yankee Hill and restoration begins.	Yankee Hill Historical Society Archives		<b>Filed by Date</b>
2002.07.00	<b>Big Bend</b>	Construction started on the Seventh Day Adventist services building, better known as Grandma's Basement.	Seventh Day Adventist Church archives, Copy YHHS archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
2003.11.01	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	First newsletter is issued by the Yankee Hill Historical Society.	Yankee Hill Historical Society Archives	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
2007.00.00	<b>Rag Dump</b>	2007?: Thomas & Merlene Steed sell Johnson's Cabin site to Berry Behm and several others			<b>Filed by Date</b>
2008.01.14	<b>Pulga</b>	Story on the life of Ernie Reynolds who lived in Oroville but was born in Pulga	Mercury Register 1-14-2008	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
2008.04.28	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Article about Florence (Smith) Wilson and the dedication on April 26th of the monument at Yankee Hill. She talks about buying the Yankee Hill hotel site in 1949 and her efforts to get the monument built and in place to mark the hotel, store and school site. Florence financed the monument herself.	Enterprise-Record/Mercury-Register 4-28-2008	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
2008.07.04	<b>Concow</b>	Fire started by lightning in Concow area, burned nearly 4 weeks.	See Chico News and Review 9-18-2008	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
2008.09.14	<b>Concow</b>	Article about the people wanting to rebuild after the fire. Talks about waving some fees by the county to minimize the cost of rebuilding. Reported that 223 sites had been cleaned up of hazardous material as a result of the Ophir, Humboldt and Butte Lightning Complex fires. The article states that 149 of these cleanups were in the Concow area alone; 32 permits to rebuild have been issued and 78 permits for demolition have been issued to property owners. There are some people in the Concow area that were living in non-permitted dwellings, the county was trying to figure out how to help them rebuild and acquire the proper permits, because the fees alone could be nearly \$14,000.	Chico Enterprise Record 9-14-2008	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
2008.09.18	<b>Concow</b>	Where's Concow? - Long article (6 Pages) about the struggles by families after the fire. The article mentions the fire was finally contained on July 29, 2008 (the fire broke out July 4th from lightning). About 200 dwellings of all types were destroyed (including vehicles and tents). One person died when he refused to leave his residence during the fire. (Note: he lived off Hoffman Rd). Many properties are now barren with no trees and much of the wildlife has left the area. In some cases 6 inches of ash covers the ground. People are struggling to continue and in despair.	Chico News and Review 9-18-2008	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
2008.10.30	<b>Yankee Hill/Concow</b>	Messilla Valley School restoration by the Yankee Hill Historical Society is complete.	Yankee Hill Historical Society Archives notes		<b>Filed by Date</b>
2011.10.07	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Article by Stu Shaner about Canby Clark and the Clark family. Canby wrote a letter home on Dec 11, 1941 after the attack at Pearl Harbor to his father A. B. Clark. Canby talked about finding a way to serve his and his father's country. Canby died shortly after writing this letter in an accident while working at a defense plant. He was 41 years old at the time. Canby's mother was Kit-Yohema Clark, daughter of a Concow Chief. The copy of the letter was supplied by JoAnn Bond, adopted daughter of John Clark, Canby's brother.	Mercury Register 10-7-2011	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
2013.10.25	<b>Jordan Hill</b>	Article about the condition of Jordan Hill Rd. Bill Anderson has been trying to maintain the road but it is getting so bad it needs new gravel and dirt to fill in holes. Suggests the county may be able to find some financial support to fix it. The road is part of Ponderosa Way Rd; a depression era project which created a road that stretches from Kern County to Shasta County.	Chico Enterprise Record 10-25-2013	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
2014.04.01	<b>Jarbo Gap</b>	Rock House property is sold by Ausmas descendants	YHHS research		<b>Filed by Date</b>

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2014.10.26	<b>Pulga</b>	Article about Pulga being for sale for \$499,000 by Lorraine Paloma and Fred Leidecker. They have owned it since 1994. Town consists of 62 acres with four livable buildings. Includes old school house and row of cabins. They purchased the property for \$200,000 and founded Mystic Valley Retreat there. See 1905	Enterprise Record 10-26-2014	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
2015.01.22	<b>Pulga</b>	Town is sold to a buyer from Minneapolis. The previous owners will be moving back to the Bay Area.	Chico News and Review 1-22-2015	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
2015.12.10	<b>Yankee Hill</b>	Article about Dave Miller's Bake House in Yankee Hill.	Chico News and Review 12-10-2015	<b>Y</b>	<b>Filed by Date</b>
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