

Montez, Lola  
Weekly Butte Record  
2-23-1861

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LOLA MONTEZ.—This famous woman died in New York on the 17th day of January, of paralysis. On her coffin was a plate bearing the following inscription: "Mrs. Eliza Gilbert, died, January 17th, 1861, aged 42 years."

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Lola Montez in 1851, she performed in mining camps in California before going back east. Attempts were made to have her come to Oroville for a performance.

SIMMONS, Sebree  
Butte Democrat  
4-6-1861

**DIED.**

At Cherokee Flat, on Wednesday, March 27th, Mr. SEBREE SIMMONS, aged 39 years. New York papers please copy.

Mr. Simmons was a native of New York, from whence he came to California in 1856 since which time he has resided in Butte County, where he formed an extensive circle of acquaintances who will deeply mourn his demise.

In all the varied walks of life, in the character of husband, father and friend he has left behind the fondest recollections of his affectionate, kind, and generous disposition.

May the Almighty Power which bade the strong heart to cease its beating, soothe the anguish of the widow, and guide and protect the fatherless little ones.

ASHLEY, Henry  
Weekly Butte Record  
8-10-1861

SHOT.—As we go to press, a rumor is current that a man named Ashley was shot in the foot-hill back of Pence's ranch, yesterday morning, by a man whose name we are unable to learn. Ashley was riding, in company with Dr. Buffum, when the man appeared and made the attack. The first shot took effect in the breast of his horse; the second shot took effect in his abdomen; several shots were then fired at him with a pistol. We are unable to ascertain the extent of his injuries, or the cause of the attack. He was alive at last accounts.

HILL, B. B.  
Weekly Butte Record  
9-14-1861

**DIED.**—We are sorry to announce the death of B. B. Hill a worthy citizen of this county, which took place at Diamondville on Tuesday. Mr. Hill had long been in the employ of the California Stage Company on the route between this place and Diamondville. By his urbanity, integrity and accommodating spirit he had won a host of friends, who join with his young wife in mourning his loss.

BEATSON, Dr. James Robert  
Weekly Butte Record  
6-28-1862

**SUICIDE.**—We are informed that Dr. Beatson, an accomplished practising physician, residing at Cherokee Flat, in this county, committed suicide on Tuesday evening last, by shooting himself through the head. The cause assigned, was said to be domestic troubles, and the determination of his wife to return to the Atlantic States.



# HICKOK, Ida and Minnie S., and Frank

Butte Democrat

7-5-1862

## Obituary.

MR. EDITOR:—I deem it but just to the *early dead*, as well as the bereaved living to request a notice of the death of the two young ladies who were brutally murdered last week, near Chico, by Indians. Miss Ida A., aged 16, and Miss Minnie S. Hickok, aged 13 years, only daughters of Franklin S. Hickok, Esq., residing near J. L. Keefer's, on Rock Creek.

They, with their little brother, of about 10 years, were out gathering blackberries, about two miles from home. On the afternoon of that day, a company of marauding Mountain Indians overtook Mr. Thos. Allen, a teamster in the employ of Mr. Keefer, killed and scalped him, killed his team, and wounded in the arm an Indian boy, who was with Mr. Allen. This boy ran to Keefer's, gave the alarm, and, arousing the neighborhood, search was immediately made for the above named children, but without success, until noon of the next day, when the two young ladies were found, having been shockingly murdered. The eldest was pierced by thirty arrows, stripped of her clothing, and thrown into Rock Creek; the other was shot with many arrows, and left on the bank of the Creek, with only her shoes missing. The little brother was not found, and the supposition is that his captors have taken him alive to the mountain fastnesses, to which they always repair after their depredations in the valley. Their horses were found dead. The young ladies were brought home to their distracted mother, who, unfortunately, had not, in this trying hour, the sympathy of her husband, who was at Washoe.

Every preparation for the interment was made by the kind neighbors and friends of the family; and on Friday, at 10 o'clock, p. m., I was one of a large concourse who laid these only daughters in their last resting place, in Chico Cemetery.

I have witnessed many sad and painful funerals, but never one so heart-rending as this. To see two beautiful young ladies thus suddenly cut off in the vigor of life, when just entering upon years of usefulness, "lovely in their lives, and in their deaths not divided," laid in *one grave*, led me to inquire with the heart-broken mother "O, God! why hast Thou permitted it to be thus?" Never have I seen so many tearful eyes look into the open grave as on that occasion. And when the poor, stricken mother, taking her last look, exclaimed in the bitterness of her anguish, "O, my dear, *dear* Ida and Minnie will you never, *never* speak to me again!" it seemed as if they must answer her, for they looked as though they were not *dead*, but *sleeping*—the glow of health still on their cheeks.

An earnest and appropriate prayer was then offered by the Rev. Mr. Neal, of Chico, and the bodies of the two loved ones were deposited in their silent resting place.

But the mother's heart still bleeds with the keenest anguish, for

"Distance nor time can e'er efface,  
The memory of her captive boy."

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Note: The body of Ida and Minnie's brother, Frank, was later found (see Weekly Butte Record 7-12-1862 p2:1

HICKOK, Frank  
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7-12-1862

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FOUND.—The body of the little boy (Hickok) captured by the Indians some time since, has been found. The body had been horribly mutilated—neck broken, fingers, ears and toes cut off. It had been dragged for some distance by a rope fastened to the neck. The body was found buried beneath a pile of rock and brush. Thus has perished the hope that the child had been detained a prisoner.