

# BUTTE RECORD.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1854.

MR. JAMES C. DUNCAN, is duly authorized to act as Agent for the Butte Record, and also to transact any business connected with this office. He may be found at LeCount and Strong's Bookstore, San Francisco.

MR. GEORGE C. BUDDEN, is authorized to act as Agent for the Weekly Butte Record, and transact any business connected with this office. He may be found at the office of Wells, Fargo & Co., Marysville.

MR. BOYD, at the Manhattan Ranch, six miles above Colusa, will act as agent for the Butte Record.

MR. HUGH BLANK, our County Surveyor, is authorized to act as Agent for this paper. Any new-given to him, or subscribers, will be properly forwarded to the Address and location designated.

## Miner's Progress.

The extraordinary dry weather we are now having is very unprofitable to the miners in this vicinity as it is almost impossible to procure water for many of the sections which are believed to contain rich deposits of the precious metal. The little canals, winding along the side hills, are nearly dry, and the miners' friend, the gallant *Tom*, is laying idle, or doing so little that the products are scarcely noticed. The want of water is severely felt, and is necessary in order to arrive at a fair development of the mineral wealth of this section. The present winter or even this very that it will not do to depend upon the wet season, for water sufficient to enable the miners to unearth the vast treasure buried deep in the hills and gulches, in the region extending from the South fork of Feather River to the valley,—a section of country which is known to abound in rich deposits, in many places so much so as to enable the miners to pick it up by the aid of a very little water.

The richness of this section of California has never been doubted by any who have taken the trouble to inspect it, and we have heard it asserted by those whose experience entitles them to belief, that nearly every foot of ground from the South Fork, down Middle Feather to the Valley, would yield wages if sent through the *Tom*. This section embraces Forbes' town, Wyandotte, Wyman's Ravine, Cherokee Ravine &c, nearly all places which have been advantageously worked when water could be procured, and they have not been abandoned only as the dry season reminded the miner that he was at work in "dry diggings" and compelled him to prospect for places where nature had

placed her wealth within the reach of some rushing rill, or impetuous mountain torrent, and many a miner has locked up his cabin in the spring, posted a notice of his claim upon a tree at the door, shouldered his pick and pan and wended his way into the mountains, to labor until the wet season beckoned his return. We do not wish to be understood as conveying the impression that the mines are richer in this vicinity than those higher up in the mountains, for the value and extent of the Mountain deposits have been too thoroughly tested and are too well known, to permit of such a conclusion. But the mines of which we are now speaking have been worked for better than four years, and have never failed in their yield when water could be had to work with.

The question then arises, since the wet season's have failed to work them out, how water can be procured, in sufficient quantity to fairly develop their extent, and their worth? If it is practicable to bring the water of the South Fork on these places in sufficient quantity to enable them to be fairly worked, should it not be done, and done at once? There are several more extensive water companies than it would require to carry out this project, already in operation in California, who reap a rich reward for their labor and capital, and the mines thus worked are not richer, than those we have mentioned are known to be, and would again prove should the waters of the South Fork be turned into them.

We hope to see this project assume, form, shape and vitality, and prosecuted with energy to a successful completion, believing as we do that it would open a vast extent of mining country, and prove of invaluable service to this portion of our yet undeveloped State. So mote it be.

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# WEEKLY BUTTE RECORD.

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### THE BUTTE RECORD

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from the office in the Record building on Main st.,  
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### THE DOVE AND DOVE.

This delightful story and true one is told by a correspondent of the Boston Transcript: "The severest punishment I ever received." This was the closing remark of a venerable and respected friend, when giving me an account, a few days ago, of one of his boyish pranks in old Boston. I wish I could tell the story as he tells it; but it is so good and in my opinion, teaches so admirable a lesson to us all, that I venture to hope it may find a place in your pages, even in the shape which I attempt it.

### THE MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions at Great Salt Lake City are contemplating the adoption of Phonography, as being better adapted to the practical purposes which the Normans have in view. The West says: The focal point where the diverse languages of the people of all nations meet be brought to harmonize into one common standard of speech renders the selection of a language for this purpose worthy of earnest consideration. Can it be expected that the Apostles at Great

Salt Lake must inevitable follow. Now is the time to build the wall. Foreign does not assail us here; how soon our negligence or disobedience might be followed with perilous clouds of difficulty, the future may better reveal. Some people may think that they have a great deal to do; they have taxes to pay, schools to support, a poor fund to enlarge, and many ways to look for the sustenance of their families and the well work don't hurry—no danger yet! But let us remember that a truly great people must do a great work or no-people

"TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION."  
A very interesting and romantic incident was related by Mr. Fontaine in one of his recent lectures at Richmond Atheneum. Speaking of the early history of Texas, he gave an account of Gen. Long's effort to revolutionize that country in 1849. Gen. Long served under Gen. Jackson in the Seminole war, and at the battle of New Orleans. He married when twenty-two years of age a celebrated beauty and heiress of Nashville, only sixteen years old. When he formed the design to invade Texas, Mrs. Long

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### Valedictory.

With the present number census my connexion with the *Butte Record*, having transferred it to the possession of Mr. Geo. H. Crosette, a gentleman well qualified, mechanically and otherwise, to conduct it to the satisfaction of those interested in its continuance in Butte county. In thus taking leave of my friends and patrons, I deem it both proper and appropriate to say a few words to them relative to the difficulties which beset me in the undertaking and caused my premature withdrawal from it.

The expense of establishing and continuing the publication of a newspaper, is but little understood by those unacquainted with the business. The imperfect mail facilities in the northern section of the State—the great extent of territory embraced within the limits of Butte county, the most of which is sparsely populated, and almost inaccessible—thereby rendering a local newspaper of no value to subscribers—these and other causes combi-

ning, have brought upon us pecuniary embarrassments which have caused us many an anxious hour and sleepless night, and determined us in dissolving our relation as editor and publisher, with the reader, to the end that we may the better meet our engagements, and deal fairly with those to whom we are indebted.

In conclusion, we bespeak for our worthy successor the patronage of the generous citizens of Butte, who have stood by us in time of need, and our friends generally. May God bless them: may their pathway be strewn with the good things of this life; their bark glide gently down the crooked stream of life and be safely moored in the harbor of bliss, is the sincere prayer of your devoted friend.

C. W. STILES.

**To Settlers on Public Lands.**

Mr. Wm. B. Taylor appreciating the importance to settlers, of taking the first step required by law of filing their declaratory statement to pre-empt land at the office of the Land Register, has established an Agency at Benicia for the purpose of meeting the wants of this class of the community. As this is a step absolutely necessary in perfecting a title to a pre-emption, and one that can be done by an agent as well as in person. it should be the aim of every settler to see that his land is on file at an early a day as possible, as its benefits will be two-fold: 1st. It it will prevent others from settling on your pre-emption, and, 2dly, will afford you a title to the same, so far as it can be obtained now, signed by the regular appointed agent of the United States Government. By this means, also, settlers in the remotest parts of the State will be enabled to conform to the requirements of law, (and it must be done before a patent can be had for land from Government,) without incurring the great expense attendant upon travelling in California.

Fifteen dollars sent by express, or otherwise, to Mr. Taylor's address, at Benicia, will cover all expenses at the Land Office, together with his fees, and entitle such person to a Certificate, declaring his attention to settle the said pre-emption claim, signed by the Register, a copy of which is also placed on file in the Land Office.

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## Constable's Sale.

**I**N PURSUANCE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION TO me directed. Issued by Samuel Glass, Justice of the Peace in and for Oregon township, Butte county, State of California, upon a judgement rendered by said Justice in favor of James Hooper, against the Phoenix Gold Quartz Mining Company." I have levied upon the following described property belonging to said company, situated near Oregon Gulch, and about one fourth of a mile north of Quartzville, in the township aforesaid, to wit: One Steam Engine and Quartz Mill, with all the appurtenances thereto belonging, including water privilege and rights of use, and occupation of the ground beneath and adjacent to said mill. Also, a vein or ledge of gold bearing quartz, near said mill. I will proceed to sell the above described property at public auction to the highest bidder, on the premises at said mill, on Friday, the third day of March, A. D., 1854, between the hours of nine o'clock A. M., and five o'clock P. M. of said day.

JAMES CANNON, Const.

February 11. A. D. 1854.

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The spelling of J.I. Stewart in this article  
should actually be J.I. Steward

FRENCHTOWN, Oregon township, Feb. 14, '54.

At a meeting called by the miners and friends of humanity in Frenchtown and vicinity held at the store of J. I. Stewart, & Co., for the purpose of taking into consideration the conduct of those men, or fiends in human shape, who are in the habit of committing outrages upon the Indian women of this vicinity, the meeting was called to order by L. C. Goodman, Esq., F. Y. Johnson was chosen President, and Edward Pope appointed Secretary.

It was moved that a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting, whereupon L. C. Goodman, James McKay, and James Cannon, were appointed as such committee. On motion, T. E. Cannon of Spring Valley, was added to the committee.

The committee after retiring for a few moments, reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

*Whereas*, The peace and quietude of this neighborhood has been disturbed, by the frequent outrages committed on the Indian women, by lawless characters—and

*Whereas*, The Indians have been driven from their ranches, and have come into the cabins of the miners, with their feet frozen and nearly famished. And *whereas*, even children, from ten to twelve years of age, have not been spared by these *fiends* in human shape—Therefore; we, the citizens of this community in meeting assembled, do

*Resolve*, That complaint be made before a Justice of the Peace, against all those persons when proof can be had, that warrants may be issued for their arrest. Be it further

*Resolved*, That if the civil law cannot teach such offence, to meet out to them the punishment their crimes so justly merit—that we, after due trial of the law, will feel ourselves in duty bound, to take the law into our own hands, however severely we may deprecate such a course. Be it further

*Resolved*, That the District Attorney be requested to use all just and legal means in his power, to convict those who may be sent before the proper court for trial. And be it further

*Resolved*, That we will support the officers in enforcing the law, and each other in carrying out these measures.

*Resolved*, The proceedings of this meeting be published in the *Butte Record*."

On motion the meeting adjourned.

F. Y. JOHNSON, Pres't.

EDWARD POPE, Sec'y.

# BUTTE RECORD.

ORO: H. CROSSETTE, Editor.

SATURDAY, ::::: APRIL 1.

## The Mines of Butte County.

In connection with the recent flattering accounts from Plumas, we have a word or two to say regarding the mines of this county. Although unlike many of our mountain contemporaries, we have no "big strikes" to publish, we are still disposed to believe that the placers of this county, in average yield are not exceeded by few if any in the state. Since the commencement of the wet season, so that water could be had, we have heard of but few claims that did not pay the miner good wages, and in this immediate vicinity sluices have been erected where water could be procured without regard to the richness of the dirt to be washed, and where the dirt was hardly expected to yield a compensation. On the other hand, the loose top dirt of our hills has been found to yield wages, where the dirt was but from one to two feet deep, and covered with shrubs and vegetation. We have heard no complaints of unsuccessful claims, and as all keep busy late and early conclude that the claims must be yielding them wages. Claims requiring a number of hands to work them, complain of the scarcity of help—which we think goes to show that our mines are generally yielding well, or miners would prefer the certainty of day wages.

Operations upon the Plaza claim still continue, and gives employment to some fifteen or twenty hands. This claim with the one immediately adjoining it and under the National Hotel, presents a busy and interesting scene—quite as much so as some of our river claims last year, just previous to the setting in of the wet season. Of course they do not

yield like the bed of the river, but they have given employment to a large number of hands and been a source of no inconsiderable profit to their enterprising and practical proprietors. As the approach of the dry season, warns them of the failure of the water, their pumps are kept running night and day. By thus keeping the water pumped out, and running four Toms they are enabled to wash a large amount of dirt. We have been informed that they have experienced some difficulty in procuring hands and have not extended their operations as they would have done, had there not been a scarcity of hands in the market.

The operations on the Court House Hill, are still carried on with vigor and continue to yield well. Their claim and ditch, which furnishes several sluice heads of water, will render their winter's operations decidedly profitable.

On the opposite side of the river mining operations are progressing finely. The Express Water Company, consisting of Elliott and others have completed their ditch, bringing water on to the flat. The Canon Creek water company have also succeeded in bringing water on the flat, and are at work, giving the opposite bank of the river a busy and life-like appearance. These water companies will soon be rendered permanent, as the water will be brought from Berry Creek, as soon as the dry season sets in. The route has been examined and will be easily accomplished, there being but a short distance to bring the water before it strikes into Canon Creek, and by means of the ditches already completed, will be brought on to paying ground. This will make a permanent matter of mining operations on the opposite side of the river, and give employment to a large number of hands. The gold and water are there, and the boys are performing the work of separation as fast as practicable.

By a reference to our advertising columns, it will be seen that the "White Rock" Company are again in the field, preparing for new & extensive operations. The name is changed, and will henceforth be known as the Oregon Claim. There yet remain a few chances for investment in this claim, and as it has been worked heretofore, and its richness ascertained, we doubt not they will soon be prepared to commence active operations.

As will be seen by their advertisement in another portion of our paper, the "Rock Island Company" are organized and in the field prepared for business. We are informed that a large amount of stock has already been subscribed, and the contract for putting in the flume let to Mr. Alonzo Gilman. This claim is said to be exceedingly rich, embracing within its limits the old "Joe Davis Illinois claim," of '49-'50. Should this company succeed in turning the river, they will undoubtedly be rewarded with a rich harvest of gold. They are fully aware of the great importance of completing their flume as early in the season as practicable, and have taken measures to effect an early completion of the same. We hope to see this company succeed, as those who are acquainted with the ground, assure us that the completion of their flume will create more dust and fun, and better times than did the successful operations in the Sailor, Union and Cove claims, of last season.

Accounts from the various mining localities represent the miners as generally doing well, and although we shall not startle the world of politics below with the announcement of "big strikes," we are able to announce that plenty of water, and the late fine weather we have enjoyed, together with the completion of the mint, has enabled the mountain boys to become independent of the wire-pulling, dust-shaving, fog-enveloped rascals of the Bay.

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Figure 19. The extensive amount of lumber necessary to divert the Feather River is visible in this lithograph of Sailor, Union and Cove River mining claims. A *Butte Record* article of April 1, 1854 indicated the three claims had a successful mining season the prior year.





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## W. E. SINGER & CO'S FEATHER RIVER EXPRESS

Connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co's Express  
to all parts of

California, Oregon, the Atlantic States, the  
Canadas and Europe.

Weekly from Marysville to and from the  
following places,

Natchez.	Berry Creek.
Evensville,	Bucks Ranch,
Forbesfown,	Eagle Gulch,
Enterprise,	Meadow Valley Ranch.
Stringtown,	Spanish Ranch,
Wyandott.	American Valley,
Wyman's Ravine,	Indian Valley.
White Rock..	Elizabethtown,
Ophir,	Black Hawk Creek,
Morris Ravine,	Soda Bar,
Longs Bar,	Rush Creek,
Oregon Gulch,	Meeckr's Flatt, N. F.
Hooperville.	Maryon's Flatt,
Pottor's Ravine,	Oregon Bar.
Spring Valley,	Kingsberry's Ferry,
Cherokee Flatt,	12 mile Bar
Sinclair Flatt,	Rich Gulch,
Nelsons Bar,	Rich Bar,
Frenchtown,	Indian Bar,
Butte Mills.	Smiths Bar,
Butte Creek,	Browns Bar
Neils Ranch,	Junction Bar,
Hambleton,	Yellow Stone Creek,
Bidwells, Bar,	Mountain House.

For the conveyance of packages parcels val  
uables and Letters; Collections made, Orders  
promptly attended to. Gold dust purchased at  
the highest market price.

Drafts procured on all the principal cities  
in the Atlantic States and Europe.

W. E. SINGER & CO.

January 14, 1854.

Joseph Gluckauf Agents at Bidwell's  
Bar

EVERTS, SNELL & CO'S

## Feather River Express.

Connecting with ADAMS & CO.

We would respectfully inform the public  
that we are now enabled to forward  
TREASURE, VALUABLE PACKAGES, LETTERS,  
ETC, ETC.

With unrivalled despatch and security, and  
upon the most reasonable terms, to and from  
the following places, viz;

American Valley,	Wyandott.
Chandlerville,	Bidwell's Bar
Gibsonville,	Evansville.
Hopkins' Creek,	Hansonville,
Morris' Ravine,	Long's Bar.
Onion Valley,	Nelson's Creek.
Port Wine Diggings,	Poorman's Creek,
Spring Valley,	Rich Bar, Middle Fork,
Sears Diggings,	Stringtown,
White Rock,	Smith's Bar, N Fork,
Barker's Ranch,	City of '76.
Canyon Creek,	Butte Creek,
Grass Valley,	Forbestown,
Jamison's Creek,	Honecut City.
Natchez,	Lexington House,
Oregon Gulch,	Ophir,
Rich Bar, North Fork,	Pine Grove,
Strawberry Valley,	Rush Creek, S. Flat,
Spanish Ranch,	St. Louis,

Collections, orders, etc., attended to with  
promptness and fidelity. SAFFORD & KERBY  
agents. EVERETT, SNELL & CO. Nov 19.

**BUTTE RECORD.**

**Mining.**—The claim in the rear of Union House, we understand, is paying at the rate of \$25 per day to the land. Several of the claims have been abandoned for the season owing to the scarcity of water. We hear of several propositions being discussed for bringing water into the town, and we hope soon to see some one of them placed in operation so that the claims in town may be worked during the coming summer.

Mining operations on the opposite side of the river still continue, with plenty of water, and yielding good wages.

**OREGON GULCH.**—Miners at this place are generally doing well. We learn that Turner, the man who had the fatal affair with Cooney last week, took out two hundred and fifty dollars in five days.

**Masonic Lodge.**

Butte Lodge No — U. D., of Free and Accepted Masons, meets at Bidwell, on the first and third Saturdays in each month. Hour of meeting 6 1/2 o'clock, P. M. Visiting Brethren in good standing, are respectfully invited to communicate.

**OFFICERS.**

R. C. BAKER, W. M. } J. B. SMITH, S. W.  
A. B. NEWCOMB, J. W. } P. H. HARRIS, Sec'y.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**TWELVE MILE BAR.**

**THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY** beg leave to inform the public that they have now on hand at Twelve Mile Bar, a large assortment of **GOODS, PROVISIONS, GROCERIES, TINWARE** and all kinds and descriptions of

**MINING TOOLS,**

which they will sell at the lowest prices. Travellers wishing to go to Rich Gulch, North Fork, or Bush Creek, will find a **FREE FERRY!** and always promptly attended.

J. L. MEGINNESS & CO.

Twelve Mile Bar, April 8, 1854. 3w21.

**BIDWELL**

**Drug Store.**

**THIS NEW STORE WILL BE ALWAYS WELL** supplied with **DRUGS & PATENT MEDICINES** of the best quality that can be procured in California.

**DOCTOR W. WILSON** will be always ready to attend to all persons who may require his professional services. Office next door to Miner's Store.

Bidwell, March 24th 1854.

**Lumber! Lumber!**

**THE SUBSCRIBERS WOULD RESPECTFULLY** announce to the citizens of Bidwell and vicinity, that they are now prepared to furnish all who may favor them with a call, with a splended quality of lumber, and on as reasonable terms as can be procured elsewhere. They are also prepared to deliver lumber at any point along the South Fork of main Feather River. Board Ranch Saw Mill. J. P. CAINE, & CO. March 15th. 1854. 3m19.

W. H. HUDSON, SAM'L. HARRIMAN  
**HUDSON & HARRIMAN,**

**LUMBER DEALERS,** corner 3d street and Maiden Lane, Marysville. Keep constantly on hand a complete assortment of **LUMBER, also DOORS, SASH, BLINDS, &c.**

**TAKEN UP.**

**TAKEN UP BY THE SUBSCRIBER, ON OR ABOUT** the 21st day of March, last, one stray horse described as follows:—The said horse is white, having three holes on his nose, two on one side and one on the other, apparently only through the skin—letter O on the left side of the neck. Brand on the left shoulder apparently put on with the bottom of a stirrup—is about 12 years old and about 15 hands high. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take him away, or he will be disposed of according to law.

JOSEPH ALLEN.  
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Ophir, April 1, 1854.

**PROBATE COURT.**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA—COUNTY OF BUTTE,** SS:—In the matter of the estate of Patrick Kearney, deceased: John Roberts will make a final settlement of all matters and accounts, as set forth in his petition for settlement, now on file in this court. Day of settlement fixed on the 24th day of April, A. D. 1854, at the Court House at Bidwell, and at the next regular term of this court. And notice is hereby given to all persons concerned, to appear at said time and place, and show cause if any, why said estate should not be finally settled and disposed of. By order of the court.

L. S. Witness my hand and seal of said court, at Bidwell, this 27th day of March, 1854.

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F. PAIGE, Probata Clerk.  
per T. WELLS, D. C.

**WALKER & WILSON,**

**DEALERS IN STAPLE & FANCY DRY GOODS,** CLOTHING, BOOTS, LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES, HOSIERY, &c. West side D Street, near 2d Street, Marysville, ad. Will keep constantly on hand a full assortment of Goods in their line, and would respectfully solicit a share of public patronage.

**PRATT'S EXCHANGE.**

# Butte Record 4-15-1854

(original quality of article is poor)

## Butte Mines

We have been informed from a reliable source and are pleased to announce that the affairs of the Wyandotte and Feather River Water Company are progressing in a satisfactory manner. The stock has all been taken by New York capitalists, who are satisfied that California is a profitable place for investment, and that the company have as good if not better prospects for the realization of good profits as any similar company in the state. The large tract of rich mining country through which the works will pass from their very commencement cannot fail to (make?) the undertaking profitable and after a short distance of their canal is complete, will contribute largely towards defraying the expenses of the company, and continue to increase as the work progresses. The operations of last winter in the vicinity have actually demonstrated the necessity of this work and established beyond doubt, the fact that the investment will pay a large percent.

New diggings have been discovered in Concow Valley and the miners are realizing from \$8 to \$10 per day to the hand. Also in Kimshew Creek between the North Fork of Feather River and West Branch, and these places are rapidly filling up with miners from all parts. Diggings in the vicinity which were worked last year, paid from \$8 to \$10 to the hand. The surface diggings pay well.

Another Big Lump – Charles Bader & Co. took out on the West Branch near Butte Mills a lump of pure gold weighing \$800. The river is claimed for miles up and down for fluming purposes this season. It proved good last year.

The miners in the vicinity of Frenchtown, Blairtown and Rich Gulch are represented as doing well, and although not making many huge strikes, are realizing good wages. Also Tom Neal's or Big Brick Diggings have been doing a fine business making big pay.

Butte Creek – The forks of Butte Creek have paid well for four years and are worked more successfully every season. The branches of Butte Creek pays well from Rich Bar to the forks of Butte.

Across the river and plainly visible from our office on the hill there are something like half a dozen streams pouring down the bank into the river. The claims are paying well – from \$4 an hour to \$25 per day. There is plenty of ground to work, which can be easily supplied with water during the entire summer season, thus rendering those claims the most desirable of any in this vicinity, a dry season diggings.

The Plaza claim, although the water is becoming scarce, continues to pay well realizing the operators of one Tom\* from \$500 to \$800 per week. While \$100 per day for the claim adjoining is said to be no trick at all.

\* The Long Tom was an expanded rocker that featured a 10-to-20-foot trough. The trough was a foot wide and fitted with a sheet of perforated metal. Sluice boxes were extended versions of the Long Tom.

# Sacramento Daily Union

Apr 17, 1854

From the *Butte Record* :

The stock of the Wyandotte and Feather River Mining Company has all been taken by New York capitalists.

New diggings have been discovered in Concow Valley, and the miners are realizing from \$8 to \$10 per day to the hand. Also on Kimshaw creek, between the North Fork of Feather river and West Branch, and these places are rapidly filling up with miners from all parts.

PLATINA.—Mr. Wyman, of Wyman's Ravine, who, by the way, is an ex-Ed. and old Typo, has presented us with some platina, taken from his claim on Nelson creek.

Charles Bader & Co. took out, on the West Branch, near Butte Mills, a lump of pure gold weighing \$800.

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## CIRCULAR.

**I**N ACCORDANCE with "An Act to establish a system of Common Schools," Art. 4, subdivision 8 of Section 1, the following named books are designated to be used in the Public Schools of this State, in addition to such alphabetical and other cards, charts, globes, &c., as the good judgment of the Commissioners and Teachers may direct.

**ORTHOGRAPHY**—Goodrich's Common School Primer, especially where you have no Alphabet cards. The print of the alphabet is large and may take the place of the card. Noah Webster's Elementary Spelling Book, (Cooledge Pictorial Edition) to be used also as a Primary Reader.

**READING**—Swan's Primary Reader, second part. Jack Halyard—to be read in class and studied at home. Town's Third Reader; Parley's Book of Anecdotes; McGuffey's Eclectic Fourth Reader; Swan's Instructive Reader; Zach's New American Speller.

**WRITING**—Rand's Series of Copy Books. Alphabetical outlines in German Text.

**ARITHMETIC**—Colborn's Intellectual, upon the inductive method, followed by Greenleaf's National, 1833.

**GEOGRAPHY**—Mitchell's Series, latest edition.—Parley's new Geography for beginners, may be used as a primary. Terrestrial Globes, (may be had at \$25 of Muslin & Hitchcock, and probably other book-sellers in San Francisco.

**ETYMOLOGY**—Lynd's First Book. Lind's Class Book. (Biddle, Philadelphia.)

**COMPOSITION**—Quackenbos' First Lesson connected with the English Grammar. (D. Appleton, N. Y.)

**GRAMMAR**—Smith's Productive.

**HISTORY**—Parley's First Book, combined with Geography. Parley's Universal History. Willard's United States.

**BOTANY**—Theodore Tinker, First Lessons. Mrs. Lincoln's Botany.

**ALGEBRA**—Alsop's First Lessons. Alsop's Algebra.

**MENSURATION**—Vadge's. (Biddle, Philad'a.

**SURVEYING**—Gummere's. do do

**MATHEMATICS**—Davies' Practical Mathematics. Day & Thompson's Trigonometry. Davies' Calculus. Davies' Legendre, Geometry and Trigonometry. Revised 1853.

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**DRAWING**—Prof. Shuster's. (Newman & Ivison.)

**NATURAL PHILOSOPHY AND ASTRONOMY**—Olmstead's Rudiments of Nat. Philosophy and Astronomy. Comstock's Philosophy. Revised edition 1853. McIntire's Astronomy and the Globes.

**ELOCUTION**—Caldwell's Manual. Philad'a 1845.

**PHILOSOPHY**—Cutter's.

**GEOLOGY**—Paige's elements. Hitchcock's rev. ed.

**CHEMISTRY**—Mrs. Lincoln Phelps, for beginners.

**BILLMAN'S.**

**NATURAL HISTORY**—Goldsmith's.

**CLASSICAL ANTIQUITIES**—Prof. Fisk's.

**GREEK LANGUAGE**—Bullion, or McClintock & Crook's.

**LATIN LANGUAGE**—Bullion. McClintock & Crook's.

**FRENCH, ITALIAN, SPANISH AND GERMAN**—

At the discretion of the teacher

**WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY.**

"POLITE LEARNING" is the title of a small book invaluable to secondary schools. The book is rare.

(McCarty & Davis, Philad'a, 1826.)

**BOOK-KEEPING**—The teacher must use his discretion.

There is much valuable information in "Gritenden" and others, but I hope some practical accountant

will give us a book avoiding the intervening books between those of original entry and the Ledger—they are factories for waste of time and production of error.

Even in a commission business, the closing of each sale in the "account sales book" should be posted at once to the Ledger to credit of the various accounts there named including all the charges, accounts-commission account, &c., to balance the accounts, previously posted to debit of the purchasing parties from "sales book."

Thus may the system be simplified, and the distinguished ability of some book-keepers to puzzle judges by "scientific enties," be dispensed with. A more memoranda of transaction, necessarily exhibits the proper accounts, debit and credit to which it should be placed in Ledger, without any intervening book.

PAUL K. HUBBS,

State Superintendent.

Department of Public Instruction.

Butte, March, 1854.

## Pipes and Hose vs. Picks and Hoes.

We notice in several of the bank claims in this vicinity, miners have introduced the pipe hose, where water can be raised to a sufficient height to give it force. Some of them appear to throw a stream with nearly the force of a fire engine. This stream directed against a bank of solid earth and stone, wears it away with astonishing rapidity, and after rendering the dirt in the best possible condition, carries it down through the sluice. We have made no inquiry into the subject, but sitting in our office and seeing the banks tumbling down under the influence of the stream poured upon through the pipe and hose, we are led to believe that one man with this apparatus will wash as much dirt, and do it more thoroughly, as three or four men can who tear the bank down with pick and crowbar. It is also well known that sending rock through a sluice or ton does not always thoroughly clean them, but they are thrown out with dirt and gold still adhering to them. With the pipe and hose the stone are thoroughly cleaned by the time they fall from the bank. It must be fine and cool work handling the hose this warm weather, as the person performing that part of the of the labor is under the influence of a spray which makes him look as cool as a drowned rat.

**THE PLAZA A FROG POND.**—The mining operations on the Plaza have left a tremendous hole some twenty-five or thirty feet deep, in which there is eight or ten feet of water. This is just dirty enough for a natural element for amphibious croakers, and they have jumped the claim and gone to work with a thousand throats, to warn the nocturnal rambler to avoid making a descent into their domains.

**MINING AT WHITE ROCK.**—The miners at White Rock it is said, have been doing very well. One claim employing seven hands took out \$1,800, during last week. We understand that it is the intention of the company now bringing water from Berry Creek, to throw the water over the river, and conduct it to White Rock and other places in that vicinity.

**QUARTZ SPECIMEN.**—A pig-tailed celestial picked up a quartz specimen at the head of Cherokee Ravine recently, weighing two pounds. A large proportion of it was p. g. He ought to be compelled to pay his foreign miners tax, or have his tail cut off close to his ears.

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**BUTTE RECORD.**

**WHIG TICKET.**

*For Assemblymen,*

**A. H. BARBER, C. G. LYCOLN;**

*For Assessor,*

**THOMAS MCDANIELS.**

*For Public Administrator,*

**A. B. NEWCOMB.**

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*For the Butte Record.*

"SINGULAR PHENOMENON.—On Sunday July 20th, about 5 o'clock P. M., W. H. Barrow, witnessed quite a shower of rain near Frenchtown, while the sun was shining and the sky transparent."

There was a slight shower at this place on Sunday morning last, not sufficient however to lay the dust. By our exchanges we notice that slight showers of rain have fallen at Shasta, Columbia, Los Angeles, and the mountains of Tuolumne. These slight showers occurring during the dry season, has given rise to the belief amongst many of our citizens, that the climate of California is undergoing a change, and that we shall eventually have rains during the summer season. Although the settlement of the country, the upturning of the soil the excavations of the mining region, may effect a change, yet it will be so slight as to be wholly inappreciable. The climate of the country depends upon its geographical position and upon its topography, and is not very liable to undergo any material change. It would not be for the better, in our estimation, to have such a change occur. The climate of California is unexcelled by that of any other country on the globe.

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To the Voters of Butte County.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA—COUNTY OF Butte—Court of Sessions, August term, A. D., 1854. Bidwell, August 9, 1864. And now it is ordered by the Court, that all orders heretofore made by this Court, and entered of record herein, pertaining to the division of Butte County into townships, be and they are hereby annulled and stricken from the record. And it is farther ordered by the Court, that the County of Butte be and the same is hereby divided into townships, as follows, to wit:—

Bidwell Township; begining at a point on Main Feather River one-fourth mile below the High Rock Claim; thence up the main channel of Feather River and the North Fork of Feather River to the boundary line between Butte and Plumas counties; thence along said line to the place where it crosses the Middle Fork of Feather River; thence down the channel of said stream to the junction of said stream with the South Fork of Feather River; thence in a direct line to and including what is known as Woodman's Rancho or Cabin; thence in a direct line to and including what is known as Kirby's Rancho or Miners' Rancho; thence in a direct line to the place of beginning.

Ophir Township: beginning at a point in Main Feather River, opposite the mouth of the Honcut Slough; thence up the channel of said river to a point one-fourth mile below the High Peak Claim, being the beginning point of Bidwell Township; thence along the line of Bidwell Township to Kirby's or Miners' Rancho; thence along the line of Bidwell Township to Woodman's Rancho or Cabin; thence in a direct line to the nearest point on the county line between Butte and Yuba

counties; thence along said county line, or down the Honcut Slough, to the place of beginning.

Mountain Spring Township: beginning at a point on the South Fork of Feather River, where the dividing line between Butte and Plumas counties, crosses said stream; thence along said line to the place where said line crosses the Middle Fork of Feather River; thence down said stream to the junction of the Middle and South Forks of Feather River; thence on a direct line to and excluding Woodman's Rancho or Cabin; thence up said South Fork of Feather River, in a line about one-fourth mile from the Southern Branch of said stream to a point opposite Stoney Point, on said stream; thence in a direct line to the nearest point on said stream (including Stoney Point in Mountain Spring Township); thence up said stream to the place of beginning.

Oro Township: beginning at Woodman's Rancho on the north side; thence in a direct line to White Hall Rancho; thence following the line dividing Ophir and Oro townships, to the county line between Butte and Yuba counties; thence up the dividing line between Butte and Yuba counties, to the Buckeye Rancho, including the same; thence along the line dividing Butte and Plumas counties, to the place where said line crosses the South Fork of Feather River; thence down said stream and the line of Mountain Spring Township, to the place of beginning.

Hamilton Township: beginning at a point in the main channel of Feather River, opposite to the Hobbilapee Indian Rancheria; thence in a direct line to a point one mile due north of Hasty's Rancho, on Dry Creek; thence in a direct line to Big Butte Creek, where said creek enters the Sacramento Valley; thence down the channel of said creek, to the junction of said creek with the Sacramento River, if said junction be in Butte County; thence along said river and the line between Butte and Sutter counties, to a point in the main channel of Feather River, opposite to the mouth of Honcut Creek; thence up the channel of Feather River to the place of beginning.

Chico Township: beginning at a point in the Sacramento River, the confluence of the Sacramento River and Mule Creek; thence up Mule Creek to the Foot Hills; thence along the Foot Hills to the place where Big Butte Creek enters the Sacramento Valley; Thence down Big Butte Creek to the Sacramento River, or the line between Butte and Sutter counties; thence up said river, or line and river, to the place of beginning.

Benton Township: beginning at the confluence of Mule Creek with the Sacramento River; thence up said river to the (corner) county line between Shasta and Butte counties; thence along said line to the Foot Hills; thence along the foot Hills to the place where Mud Creek enters the Sacramento Valley; thence down said Mud Creek, to the place of beginning.

Oregon Township: beginning at the beginning point of Hamilton Township; thence along the line of said township, to a point one mile due north of Hasty's Rancho, or Dry Creek; thence east in a straight line, to the West Branch of Feather River, one mile above Nelson's Bar; thence due east in a direct line to the North Fork of Feather River; thence down said stream, following its main channel to the junction of the North and Middle Forks of Feather River; thence down the channel of Feather River, to the place of beginning.

Kimshew Township, shall be all that portion of Butte County lying north and west of Feather River, and the North Fork of Feather River, not included in Oregon, Hamilton, Chico and Benton townships.

And now, in accordance with the provisions of the statute in such cases made and provided, and in accordance with the Proclamation of the Governor of the State, herein filed, it is ordered by the Court that Polls be opened at the following precincts, for the purpose of holding an election on the 6th day of September, A. D., 1854, to wit:

In Bidwell Township: at Bidwell, Rock Island Union Bar, Fairfield Bar, Island Bar on Middle Fork, Bloomer Bar on South Fork,

Mountain House and Davis' House on French Creek.

In Ophir Township: Ophir City, Wyandott, Cascade Rancho and White Rock.

Oro Township: at Forbestown, Hansonville, Natches, Evansville, Robinson's Rancho and Oro Leiva.

In Mountain Spring Township: at Mountain Spring House, Scott & Vantine's Store on Oregon Ravine, Enterprise and Boon's Bar.

In Hamilton Township: at Hamilton House; at Johnson's Rancho and at Neal's Ranch.

In Chico Township: at Chico and at Jennings' Rancho.

In Benton Township: at Sill's Rancho, Oak Grove House and ———.

In Kimshew Township: at Butte Mills, Kneekles Rancho, Forks of Butte Creek, and Kimshew or Kimshew Valley.

In Oregon Township: at French's Store Dup Digging, at El Dorado on Morris River, at Pinney's Store on Oregon Gulch, at Simmons' Store head of Oregon Gulch, at Moore, Perry & Co's. Store in Cherokee Flat, at Bequette's on Nelson's Bar W. B., at White & Nutter's on Potter's Bar North Fork, at Rich Gulch W. B.

And it is further ordered by the Court, that all election precincts heretofore established by this Court, which are not enumerated in the above list; be and they are hereby annulled.

State of California, County of Butte, es —  
I, French Paige, Clerk of the Court of Sessions in and for said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be truly and fully copied from the Record of the proceedings of said Court, and that the election to be held on the 6th day of September, 1854, is to be held for the purpose of electing two Congressmen, one Clerk of the Supreme Court, one Judge of the 9 Judicial Dist, to fill the unexpired term of the Hon. G. C. Smith deceased, two Members of Assembly for Butte County, one Assessor for said county, one Public Administrator for said county, and two Justices of the peace and two Constables for each township in Butte County.

Witness my hand and seal, of said  
U. S. Court at Bidwell, this August 10,  
1854

FRENCH PAIGE, Clerk Court Sessions.  
Per THOMAS WELLS Deputy

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 NATHAN E. DEWING.

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Strawberry Valley,	Spanish Ranch,	Wyandott,
Bidwell,	Evansville,	Hansonville,
Long's Bar,	Nelson Creek,	Pooman Creek,
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**FERRY NOTICE.**

**N**OTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to whom it may concern, that the undersigned will apply to the Hon. Court of Sessions of Butte county, at the December Term of said Court, for a renewal of the Ferry License heretofore granted to the undersigned to run a Ferry across Feather River, at a point four miles below the town of Ophir, known as McConnell's Ferry.

MCCONNELL, & CO.

Bidwell, September 23, 1854. 4w47

**FERRY NOTICE.**

**T**HE undersigned will apply at the December Court of Sessions in and for Butte County, California, for a License to run the Ferry at Tehama, on the Sacramento river, pursuant to law.

D. FINCH.

Bidwell. Oct. 20, 1854. 50w5

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# SACRAMENTO DAILY UNION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 6.

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**BUTTE MINING.**—The *Record* says that the ditch of the Frenchtown and Rich Gulch Mining Company is now complete. This canal runs through a rich mining section. One mile of the ditch of the Forbestown and Wyandott Company is completed, and six miles under contract. The enterprise is bound to succeed.

**BUTTE SCHOOLS.**—The *Record* says that there are schools in four townships in that county—Bidwell, Chico, Oro, Ophir—from which returns have been received. There are also schools in Hamilton and Wyandott, and probably at Hansonville and Natchez. The whole number of children in the four townships reported is 237.

**POST OFFICES.**—Two post offices have recently been established in Butte county, one at Oroville, and the other at Cherokee Flat. Peter Garlow is Post Master at the former, and Thomas McDaniels at the latter place.

**WELLS, FARGO & Co.** were ahead yesterday with the *San Jose Tribune* and *Marysville Herald*. Adams & Co. were first with the *Butte Record*, *Sierra Citizen* and *Stockton Argus*.

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## Butte Record

12-23-1854

**SHOOTING AFFRAY AT FRENCHTOWN.**  
An hombre by the name of Lewis Matteson, was lodged in our jail on Wednesday for indulging in a general shooting spree at Frenchtown recently. He had some difficulty in a ball alley, and going outside, he poured a volley of four shots in through the windows, wounding one man in the back, another in the head, and two in their hands. He is evidently a reckless customer, and will have his examination on Monday.

Note: This shooting was at the Smith Bowling Alley in Frenchtown.  
See May 23, 1857