

Butte Record

CENTRAL HOTEL.

(Formerly Half Way House, between Marysville and Bidwell.)

STAGES LEAVE DAILY FOR Bidwell, Marysville, and Thompson's Flat. The table as heretofore, will be supplied with the luxuries and delicacies the market affords or the country produces, and the Bar with the choice of liquors and cigars. No exertions will be spared to render guests comfortable.
R. F. DERRICK.
Evans' Corners, Dec. 23, 1854. tsn6

6-30-1855

Brown's Hotel.

FORBESTOWN, Butte County, California.

J. H. SHARP & J. H. LILLERD, Proprietors.

THE UNDERSIGNED would respectfully inform their friends, and the public generally that they have leased the above House, and are prepared to accommodate the public with the best the Market affords.

Their BAR, will always be supplied with the choicest Wines, liquors and Cigars, and they hope by strict attention to the wants of the Public to receive a liberal share of their patronage. Stages leave the House for Marysville every morning.

J. H. SHARP & CO.

Forbestown, May 19, 1855.

6-30-1855

NEW STAGE ROUTE.

THE EXPRESS LINE OF STAGES from Marysville to Cherokee Flat, Frenchtown and West Branch of Feather River, via. Ohir, Thomppon's Flat, Oregon Gulch, Spring Valley, and Cherokee Flat, runs as follows:

Leaves Marysville at 6 o'clock A. M., arriving at Cherokee Flat at 3 o'clock P. M., same day.

RETURNING—leaves Cherokee Flat at 6 o'clock A. M. next day, and arriving at Marysville in time to take the afternoon stage for Sacramento and San Francisco; carrying Treasure, Parcels, Letters, Freights, and our own Express to and from the above named places. All orders for goods promptly attended to.

OFFICE—At the United States Hotel, Marysville.
W. E. SINGER & CO.
Marysville, Nov. 22d, 1854.

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BIDWELL DRUG STORE.

DR. WM. WILSON.

SURGEON &c.
PROPRIETOR.

Dr. WILSON takes pleasure to announce to the inhabitants of Bidwell and vicinity, that he has now opened his new establishment on the old site of the late Bidwell Drug Store (recently destroyed by fire.) where all kinds of DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES, &c., Can be had of the best quality that can be procured in the State.

Dr. Wilson hopes by strict attention to his profession, to merit a continuance of past favors.

Office next door to the Miner's Store Bidwell, Nov. 25th, 1854. 3tf

6-30-1855

West Branch Lime Kilns.

WE BEG LEAVE TO INFORM THE citizens of Butte county, that we are prepared to furnish FIRST QUALITY LIME, at our Lime Kilns on the West Branch, at low rates. All orders sent to our store, (Cherokee Flat,) or to Wm. Gwynn, at the Lime Kilns, will be promptly attended to.

LIME constantly on hand.

MOORE, PERRY & CO

June 25th, 1855.

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Marysville, Nov. 22d. 1854.

Butte Record April 25, 1855

SUPERVISORS ELECT.—The election for Supervisors in this county, has resulted in the choice of Messrs. Pence, Randall and Moore. The vote as officially declared stands as follows;

FIRST DISTRICT.

	Newcomb,	Calloway,	Randall,
Bidwell,	117	1	10
Mountain H.	41		3
Mountain Spring House,			19
Scott & Vantine's Store,			61
Enterprise,			84
Forbestown,		100	2
Robinson's Ranch,		8	18
	158	110	197

Randall's majority over Newcomb, 39.

Farfield Bar Precinct gave 8 votes for Newcomb. Returns informal.

SECOND DISTRICT.

	Evans,	Dunkum,	Pence.
Evans' Corners	83	3	
Ophir,	87		25
Wyandott,		217	
Thompson's Flat, 17			65
Brotherton's Store		1	46
Morris Ravine,	2		50
Adamstown,	17		10
Simmon's Store	94		11
Cherokee Flat,	1		123
Nelson's Bar,			32
Rich Gulch,			51
Butte Mills,	2		17
Forks of Butte,			32
Kunkles	1		27
	294	221	489

Pence's majority over Evans 195.
Casad's Ranch gave 26 votes for Evans, and 2 for Dunkum. Returns informal.

Pinney's Store Precinct gave 63 votes for Pence. Returns informal.

THIRD DISTRICT.

	Bidwell,	Moore
Hamilton,	6	39
Johnson's Ranch,		32
Chico,	41	
	47	71

Lest the organ of Know-Nothingism for Upper California, should class these gentlemen as members of its bigoted and illiberal order, we beg to assure them that such is not the case, although two of them are whigs.

Weekly Butte Record

4-28-1855

CHINAMAN SHOT — We learn that a Chinaman was shot at Cherokee Flat, in this county on Monday last — “plum thro’ the head,” as our informant had it, and that was all he knew about it.

Sacramento Daily Union

5-11-1855

DIGGER HOSPITALITY.—The Marysville *Herald* says that a party of Neal's Indians accepted an invitation a few days since to visit a body of the Concows, on the west branch of Feather river, in Butte county, and while regaling themselves with the *chemuck* presented them by their hosts, a fight ensued, and three of the guests were decapitated. This, it seems, was a modest attempt on the part of the Concows, to exercise the *lex talionis*, and square accounts with their guests, who, on some former occasion, paid them a similar compliment.

Note: from Indian Terms of the Americas by Lotsee Patterson and Mary Ellen Snodgrass

chemuck (shay' muhk) mush or hot cereal made from acorns, which was cooked in baskets with hot stones or was boiled in clay pots. Making chemuck was tedious because acorn meal had to be washed to remove its bitter flavor. Chemuck was often flavored with berries or honey.

Weekly Butte Record

5-26-1855

Thompson's Flat.

We learn that the miners of Thompson's Flat, have united to prevent foreigners, who do not pay the foreign miner's tax, from working mining claims. The law distinctly provides that foreigners shall not be entitled to work the mines, except upon the payment of the foreign miner's tax, and such foreigner's claims are liable to be jumped, and he could institute no proceedings to recover unless he exhibited a license for working the mines. It is generally understood that there are but few foreigners, except Chinamen but who manage to evade the payment of the foreign tax, from the fact that officers are unable to sell their tools and traps from want of bidders—while a Chinamen's traps—still more worthless perhaps—would be readily bid in for the fun of compelling them to pay their tax. Many of them also manage to evade the payment of a poll tax. Those who manage to avoid this tax, however, are not all foreigners. Many naturalized and native citizens boast of doing the same thing. The proper way would seem to be, for our citizens to render the officers every assistance in their power, that they may be enabled to collect the State and county revenue. However, should our citizens combine to prevent foreigners, who had not paid their license, from working the mines, it is but carrying out the spirit and intention of the law, and it is the duty of every good citizen to see that our laws are carried into effect.

Oregon City Correspondence.

MR. EDITOR:

Dr. Sir—Did you ever visit Oregon City and vicinity? We are the greatest people there is; and have the finest township in Butte County, or any other county. Our mines are richer, our fields greener, our horses fleet, and, if I do say it, our Ladies prettier, and babies fatter than any where else. And the men, too, are very decent fellows—for men. They are under good subjection. When we nod they tremble. How funny it is to see them put on airs sometimes, and think they are the Lords of Creation, Knights and Horses, Poor fellows! they do not know that they are mere automatons that we move at pleasure.

Last Tuesday, while you old fogies at Bidwell were quarrelling about your Free Ferries, and wrangling as to who of you shall succeed to the different posts of honor and emolument next Fall, (unnecessary trouble, as Father says the *pecps* will adjust that matter this year), and while you, Mr. Editor, was animadverting upon the K. N.'s, as usual, (by the way, why devote so much of your paper to these K. N.s? Why don't you talk of Pic-Nics and Parties, and persuade the men to buy us horses and saddles, and make us pretty houses and flower gardens, for as long as our hearts are merry, our cheeks rosy, and our homes are pleasant, the world will never go to pieces.) Tho' I must confess, I don't see how those naughty Know-Nothings can bear to meet all alone in those horrid dark places, without any music, or dancing, or Ladies

As I was saying, last Tuesday, while you were letting your *wives* and *sweethearts* pine in that sultry Canon, we Ladies of Oregon City, Spring Valley and St. Clair Flat, intimated to the Lords of creation, that if they would send around wagons to convey our boxes of good things and bring horses for ourselves, we would do them the honor to accompany them to the Table Mountain, and grace with our presence a Pic Nic—a glorious Pic Nic—and such a one it proved to be. The

first ever known in Butte County. As you can imagine our steeds were soon in readiness, and so were the Gents. The first thing on the programme was, to ride to St. Clair Flat, to meet the delegation from the Valley. Away we scampered, over hill and dale. Mazeppa when bound to his wild horse, never rode half so fast. Perhaps you think we Ladies didn't have any ribbons or feathers or beaus, nor nothing. Oh, no; of course not. We didn't run our horses, nor leap ditches, nor logs, nor fences, nor laugh, nor sing, nor nothing for enjoyment—no; of course not. The day was lovely, the prairie carpeted with beautiful wild flowers, the air was fragrant with their perfume, and didn't we flatter the gents by adorning them with wreaths and bouquets of beautiful flowers.

The scenery was most magnificent in the world, viewed from the Table Mountain. The whole country looked like one vast Theatre—Bidwell, Ophir, and Marysville occupying the first row—Oregon City and vicinity, sitting proudly in the dress circle, and the Sacramento Valley and River with its belt of timber extending as far as the eye could reach. The Buttes rearing their heads majestically above the surrounding Prairie, and the Coast Range with its snow-capped peaks in the distance, all formed one grand Drop Scene.

After galloping over the Table Land, admiring this gorgeous scenery till after mid-day, we repaired to a cozy dell, shaded by the oak, and cushioned by luxuriant grass and beautiful flowers, where we enjoyed a delicious repast, consisting of the daintiest viands, pastries, confectioneries, &c., arranged in a most tasteful manner, under the supervision of Mrs. H. J. Morrison and Mrs. Fearn—not forgetting on the occasion, an abundance of lemonade, Champaigne, Soda, &c., &c., which the Boys said bubbled out of a Spring near by expressly for the occasion. But I don't believe half the Boys say, they talk such strange things.

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After drinking toasts, making speeches, gathering flowers, and killing snakes, and after taking another gallop across the prairie, we adjourned to Spring Valley, passing on the route, Oregon City—stopping at White & Nutter's Store to indulge ourselves and partners with Soan, (as you know, we all advocate the Maine law). From White & Nutter's, we proceeded to the Ranch of H. J. Morrison, Esq., which, by the way, is a delightful residence, and shows unmistakable signs of industry and improvement. We partook of the generous hospitality of our hosts, H. J. Morrison, Esq., and Lady, and after doing justice to an excellent supper, we mounted our horses and proceeded to Mr. F. E. Cannon's, in Spring Valley, where every attention was paid to our comfort and enjoyment.

Our party consisted of seventeen of *Earth's Angels*, and about twenty of the sterner sex, all provided with as good steeds as are usually allowed to travel in Butte County. So that you will perceive for a small country town, we do not consider ourselves very small potatoes. After reaching Spring Valley, we found excellent music had preceded us, and we tripped it on the light fantastic toe, "till the we sma' hours o' morn," and then went home by the light of the moon, every one delighted with the day and evening's amusement, and none more than,

Truly, your friend,

A PARTICIPATOR.

Oregon, May 31, 1855.

New Advertisements.

Laborers Wanted.

ONE HUNDRED MEN WANTED, to work on the Feather River and Ophir Water Co.'s Ditch.

Application to be made at the Company's office—Bidwell's Bar. Wages \$60 per month, and found. je30

NOTICE!

\$17,40 PER OUNCE!
PAID FOR CLEAN GOLD DUST,

At the Express and Exchange Office of **F. D. EVERTS & CO.** corner of Plaza, Bidwell. **JAS. McWILLIAMS**, Agent.

Notice is hereby Given,

WHAT THE UNDERSIGNED has discontinued business at his old stand, on Oregon Gulch, Butte county, California, and is preparing to return to his home in the East—Those indebted to him will therefore confer a great favor by calling and settling their accounts at the earliest possible date. In retiring from business, he returns his sincere thanks to the mining community who have so liberally patronized him during the past four years, and respectfully recommends to their favor, his successor, **GEORGE W. WILMOT**, who will continue to do business at the old stand, and who he feels assured will give full satisfaction to all who deal with him.

June 24th, 1855. **C. A. SIMMONS.**

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California Express publish three times and send bill to this office.

Notice to Contractors!

PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the undersigned, at the Road Overseer's office, in Oro Lewa, till Thursday, the 12th day of July, 1855, for the opening of one and a-half miles of Public Highway, commencing at Kitz's House, and running south in the direction of the Pine Grove House.

Each proposal must be accompanied with a bond containing two or more good and sufficient sureties for the faithful performance of the contract.

Each bond must be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

JOHN D. WORDEN.

Road Overseer.

Oro Lewa, June 26, 1855. je30-34w

West Branch Lime Kilns.

WE BEG LEAVE TO INFORM THE citizens of Butte county, that we are prepared to furnish **FIRST QUALITY LIME**, at our Lime Kilns, on the West Branch, at low rates. All orders sent to our store, (Cherokee Flat,) or to Wm. Gwynn, at the Lime Kilns, will be promptly attended to. **LIME** constantly on hand.

MOORE, PERRY & CO

June 25th, 1855.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that there will be sold at Public Auction, pursuant to law, at Long's Bar on Tuesday the 26th day of June, 1855. Share No.'s 18, 19 and 22 in the Banner Quartz Mining Co. Said shares will be sold to pay assessments. W. CARTER SMITH,

Secretary.

Long's Bar, May 21, 1855.



10-6-1855

DISTINGUISHED ARRIVALS.—We had the pleasure of a visit on Tuesday, from Captain Murray, who has the contract for the erection of the Bidwell suspension bridge. The Captain will leave for the Atlantic States on the 20th instant, to procure the necessary wire for the construction of the same.

Our distinguished artistic friend, Harry Mighels, Esq., is also in town, for the purpose of taking a few sketches of the magnificent mountain scenery surrounding Bidwell. He is at present engaged in painting the flume of the Feather River & Ophir Water Company's Ditch, where it crosses the deep cut, immediately below Stringtown. The sublime granduer of the scenery, and the distinguished talents of the artist, will make an invaluable picture. May it make his fortune.



Henry Mighels

THE NORTH CALIFORNIAN.

C. G. LINCOLN, }
S. L. SNYDER, } Editors.

OROVILLE.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1855.

✠ **Thomas Boyce**, our authorized Agent in San Francisco to receive advertisements and subscriptions.

✠ **Manning & Co.** are our authorized Agents at Marysville.
Also for Lynchburgh, Thompson's Flat, and Cherokee.

✠ **J. McWilliams and C. A. Smith**, Billwell, are authorized to receive advertisements, subscriptions and orders for job work.

✠ **White & Nuttor**, Agents at Oregon City.

SALUTATORY.

Butte County is rapidly taking the front rank among the populous and wealthy counties of the State. During the last year her population has increased at a greater ratio than that of any other county, and her resources have been developed with equal rapidity. Portions of the county which, a short time since were wholly unprospected, now contribute largely to our wealth and population. The projection and partial completion of the South Feather and Feather River and Ophir Canals has already given an astonishing impetus to the growth and business of those portions of the county which they were intended to benefit.

Villages, large and flourishing have sprung into life as if by magic, and stores and cabins, are scattered over the whole country. Quartz mining is becoming an important feature. River-mining is being prosecuted with greater system and energy than heretofore; and the agricultural portion (which is nearly one half the area of the co.) is receiving that increased attention to which its fertility and its superior

facilities for a market entitles it. Improvement and progress are the characteristics of the day. Roads are taking the place of trails; bridges are superseding fords and ferries, and a canvass house is regarded as a relic of a past age. Society is improving, and churches and schools are flourishing. Amid the universal prosperity and progress, our newspaper literature alone has not kept pace with the times. When the county was poor and sparsely populated, when it had hardly a frame building, no roads, and no vehicles when it had no churches or schools, and a long tom was considered the miner's latest and greatest invention, we had one newspaper, and now that the county has become great and magnificent, with populous villages, elegant residences, fire-proof stores, and commodious hotels; with roads and post routes that radiate through every portion of the county; now that we have carriages and coaches, and will soon have steamboats, and some time hereafter a locomotive, we have got no more. Thinking under these circumstances that there was a good opening for a newspaper, we have commenced the publication of the **NORTH CALIFORNIAN**. We have received assurance from friends residing in different parts of the county, that a journal, independent in politics, and devoted to the Mining and Agricultural interests, that will foster a correct public sentiment, and give a faithful record of the events of the county as they transpire, is needed and will receive a liberal support. We shall endeavor to conform to these suggestions in every particular. Every enterprise calculated to develop the resources of the County will receive our hearty support, and can at all times command the use of our columns. We wish to see the settler secured in all his just and equitable rights. We shall advocate the earliest possible equalization of the representation in our State Legislature; and we will give our humble assistance to all schemes for

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facilitating emigration, and for increasing our permanent population. We have secured the services of able correspondents in the principal cities, and in many of the mining towns, and shall also have a correspondent at the Capitol during the session of the Legislature. In politics our views are peculiar. We believe that the Democracy have robbed the State by receiving exorbitant salaries, by creating unnecessary offices, by protracted legislation, and by pickings, stealings, and fat contracts, and the thousand and one ways known only to the initiated; and we believe the Know Nothings will continue to rob her in the same way. We look upon this state of things as the natural and unavoidable consequence of our present anomalous condition; and until we have a permanent population, who take some interest in the prosperity and reputation of the State, and will hold their representatives and officials to some accountability, there is no remedy. Entertaining those views, we shall not devote two or three columns of each paper, replete with abuse and billingsgate, to prove that the Democracy or the Know Nothings monopolize all the virtue and respectability in the State. We rejoice, however, over the late Know Nothing victory, as a change can hardly be worse, and may ameliorate our condition. If the American party will but approximate to honesty and economy in legislation and administration, we shall be glad to see them maintain their supremacy; if not, we shall cordially assist in their overthrow. By pursuing the course foreshadowed in this article, and by strict attention to business, we hope to live ourselves and do the community some service.

North Californian

11-24-1855

BUTCHER SHOPS

At Oregon City and Cherokee Flat.

THE subscriber, thankful for past favors, takes this opportunity of informing the community that he has opened a Market at Oregon City, and one at Cherokee Flat, at which places he will keep an extensive assortment of Meats, which for quality shall not be surpassed by any stall this side of San Francisco.

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E. D. CLARK.

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DAGUERREAN ROOMS.

MR. A. J. BAINNEY would beg leave to inform the citizens of Oroville and vicinity, that he has just opened rooms at the **United State Hotel**, where he is prepared to take Likenesses in the most improved style, and at very low prices. All kinds of fancy cases on hand, and of the latest patterns.

STEREOSCOPIC PICTURES

Taken in the best style—it being a new improvement in the art—giving the likeness all the distinctness and life-like appearance imaginable, making you think they were just ready to speak to you, and some are ready to swear they have heard them say several words (in a horn.)

Also, Halo Pictures, which give the likeness the appearance of being surrounded with the brightness of the sun in a perfect halo of glory.

Also views of all kinds taken in a style that cannot be surpassed in the known world.

Pictures of deceased persons, portraits, &c., copied with the greatest accuracy.

Pictures warranted not to fade, and if not perfectly satisfactory will be taken over free of charge.

MR. BAINNEY has had considerable experience in the art, and flatters himself that he can give perfect satisfaction to all.

Come one, come all, and try

To save the shadow ere the substance fly.

North Californian

12-1-1855

Hotels.

UNITED STATES HOTEL

AND

GENERAL STAGE OFFICE.

OROVILLE, BUTTE CO., CAL.

THIS NEW AND ELEGANT HOUSE is located in about the centre of the above-named flourishing town, being on the corner of Montgomery and Myers streets. The proprietors of this house are determined not to be excelled in its management, their intention being to PLEASE THEIR PATRONS IN EVERY PARTICULAR—in fact, to keep pace with the times shall be our object, and add improvements as the wants of this flourishing and fast-growing locality may seem to demand.

Stages to all parts of the county.

JENKINS & PATTON,
Proprietors.

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North Californian

12-8-1855

DR. J. R. N. OWEN

THANKS this method of thanking the citizens of Oregon Gulch and vicinity, for the liberal patronage which they have hitherto extended to him in his profession, and of announcing his removal from Oregon Gulch to the western side of Table Mountain, to his place near the Cold Spring Ranch, the residence of Mr. Benner, from which place he will still continue the practice of Medicine, Surgery, &c.

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. 3 tf

NEW FIRM

THE subscribers, having associated themselves together under the firm of

EVANS, BRASS & CO.,

And occupy the New Store on the west side of the Plaza, would most respectfully announce to their friends and the public generally, that they intend to keep on hand and for sale, as large an assortment of

Groceries,

Provisions,

Liquors,

Clothing,

Boots & Shoes,

Hardware, &c.

As can be found in any store north of the city of San Francisco, which they will sell at the very lowest Cash Prices, and hope by strict attention to business to merit and receive a liberal share of patronage.

EVANS, BRASS & CO.

West side Plaza.

O. M. EVANS,
JAS. H. BRASS,
WM. PERRY, JR. }

Marysville, Dec. 8, 1855.

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FOR SALE.

THE UNITED STATES HOTEL, at Oroville, is now offered for sale on the most favorable terms, if applied for soon. Enquire of Dr. T. J. JENKINS, on the premises. 3 11

FIRE! FIRE!—The citizens of Oroville are requested to meet at the United States Hotel this Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, to devise means to guard the town from fire. Property owners are particularly desired to attend.

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FEATHER RIVER AND OPHIR WATER COMPANY.—This company have recently had a meeting in Marysville, at which we understand there was a general overhauling and footing up, which show their affairs to be in a very satisfactory condition. We give the substance of their report from the Marysville Express :

The length of the ditch and its branches is something over forty—say forty-five miles, the entire cost of which, up to the 1st day of December, inst., has been \$190,855 69. Of this amount, the main ditch, built by the company, cost \$164,855 69, and the branches purchased \$26,000, as follows: Fox, or Upper Wyman Ravine Ditch, \$11,000; Wyman Ravine and Feather River, and Dry Creek and Bagdad Ditch, \$14,000; and Banner Ditch, \$1,000.

The liabilities of the company are as follows—Accounts outstanding, now due, \$9,346 80; notes due by company, bearing date October 1st, 1855, and payable in six and twelve months, \$38,761 25—making a total indebtedness of \$48,108 05.

To offset the above indebtedness of the company, they hold the notes of stockholders to a much larger amount—all of which are perfectly good. In addition to this, the ditch is now completed, and last week was furnishing fifty sluice-heads, averaging from 12 to 20 inches, at 50c per inch, and it is confidently anticipated that within thirty days, not less than 200 sluice-heads will be furnished, which will make the revenue over \$1,000 per day.

The company have recently changed their Superintendent, A. F. Williams, Esq. having resigned, and J. E. Meacham, the contractor for the main ditch, having been appointed in his place.

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There is to be a Christmas Ball at Balcom's Ranch, in Messilla Valley, on Monday night, the 21th inst. We are acquainted with Joe Balcom and his neighbors, and there is not a more whole-souled sett of fellows, or prettier ladies in any portion of the county, than will be found there on that night.

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12-15-1855

MISING IS BETTER.—Has the country in this vicinity no bowels? that is the question. We have had so many rivers and ravines to work, and so few people to work them heretofore, that there has been very little tunneling or shaft sinking attempted hereabouts. We will venture to assert that in prospecting for deep diggings there has not been five thousand dollars expended in the county, all told. We never heard of a single shaft or tunnel on which three hundred dollars was ever expended before a prospect was found. But a change has come over us. A large population has been gathered here by the excellence of our surface and bank diggings, many of whom have had experience in the shafts of Nevada or Iowa Hill, and are determined to see if they cannot find gold on the bed rock here, as well as in similar formations elsewhere. Three companies have been formed for the purpose of prospecting at Cherokee Ravine, and we have heard of some fifty dollar lumps being taken out of a hill in the vicinity of Beef Ranch. But since the Table Mountain excitement broke out in Tuolumne

county, our Table Mountain has been the principal object of attraction. We believe the whole mountain in the rear of Thompson's Flat, and that portion of it contiguous to Morris' Ravine, is claimed. One company, under the management of Mr. Robinson, the most successful prospector in this part of the country, another of which Mr. Durett, an experienced miner, is one of the Trustees, both with ample capital, have already commenced operations. We have also heard of the Texas company, and several others who are at work, and there is but very little doubt entertained of their entire success. Those who have seen the other Table Mountain pronounce this precisely similar in appearance and formation, as far as they have examined it. The country all around its base is very rich, not only in deep and surface diggings, but in numerous Quartz leads and limestone ledges; and we confidently predict the discovery of us good deep diggings within the next year, in this county, as have been found in any other part of the State.

North Californian

12-29-1855

Notice to Contractors.

SEALLED proposals will be received until Saturday Dec. 29th, at 4 p. m., for running a Tunnel near Cherokee Flat. All required information relative to said Tunnel can be had by applying to either of the undersigned.

R. A. GOODRICH.
J. F. REED.
D. D. HARRIS.

Oroville, Dec. 14, 1855.

North Californian

12-29-1855

Head of Cherokee Ravine.

Messrs. Editors:—As I have seen no communications from this district in your valuable paper, I have concluded to write a short letter myself, for the especial benefit of the "Would-like-to-know-somethings."

I presume you are aware that the country around the head of Cherokee Ravine, has been prospected and worked successfully, more or less, every winter since '49. But the great difficulty here, as in almost every mining locality in the State, has been the great scarcity of water. The ridge which divides Cherokee Ravine from Wiman's Ravine, and running towards the south Table Mountain, near Thompson's Flat, is composed of washed dirt and gravel, which was placed there, perhaps, when the mighty deluge covered the earth with its boundless waste of waters. There are at this time two companies running tunnels into the ridge, and several more in contemplation. One of the companies has already drifted into the hill about twenty-five feet, but the cement is so hard that they make very slow progress. They find gold from the surface down as far as they have gone, which is about twelve feet and I have no doubt but that they will be amply rewarded for their outlay of labor and money. I am confident that if the Feather River and Ophir water company, whose ditch commands either side of the ridge, could furnish enough water to wash down these hills by

hydraulic pipes, that there would be employment for hundreds of the industrious portion of the miners, who are now roaming about the country in quest of diggings. It is a fact well known, and cannot be disputed, that all thro' the country, from North to South, where there are deep diggings, and washed gravel hills similar to those between this place and Oroville, where they find particles of gold in the dirt from the surface to the bottom, and enough water to work with pipes, that they make from five to fifty dollars per day to the hand clear of expenses. Well, that water can, and will be had here, as soon as the water company overcomes the difficulties which they have had, and still have to encounter, as is always the case with a new ditch, there will be an abundance of it for all mining purposes; and I will venture to predict as good and permanent diggings here as there are in the State. Let people talk about the surface diggings being exhausted in a short time. It is not surface diggings which build up mountain cities, but deep and permanent ones, where the hardy and adventurous miner uproots and overturns mountains in order to arrive at the reality of his midnight dreams. More anon.

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On Monday last we procured a horse, "gentle as a kitten" the proprietor assured us, and started for Joe. Balcom's Ranch, Mesilla Valley, to see the folks, dance, eat gobblers and do every thing that could be expected of any one of exuberant spirits, on a Christmas Eve. When within a few miles of our destination we found our gentle horse to be a perfect tartar; he fell back on his "natural and inalienable rights, and refused to let us mount him, whereupon we had a fight, in which we were put *horse de combat*, and had the rest of the distance to walk. But we were amply repaid for all trouble, by the pleasure of the evening. Our host and hostess, fully sustained the very enviable reputation they have acquired heretofore. The ball room was an excellent one, the music good, the ladies beautiful, the viands delicious, and we were all pleased with ourselves and with each other.

We have not seen a more agreeable company, nor passed a more pleasant evening in the country. Mesilla 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. Very extensive improvements have been made here in the way of houses, barns, fences &c. Joe. Balcom has built a large commodious house, and Pense, whom every body knows, is building another. We returned, via Cherokee Flat, and Oregon Gulch. At Cherokee, Moore Mc Daniels & Co. have erected a very large store, which in style and finish is equal to most country stores in the old states, it being painted, plastered, &c. and is a pretty good criterion of the enterprise and prosperity of the firm, and the resources of the vicinity. At White & Nutters, Oregon City, quite a village has sprung up; they, also have made extensive additions to their store and dwelling, and with paint, paper, carpets &c. they have made themselves more comfortable than bachelors ever deserve to be. We had a sumptuous Christmas dinner, turkey, chicken, and everything that would please the palate of an epicure.

In our trip we passed near several shafts and tunnels that were being excavated, five quartz mills, three bowling saloons, one billiard saloon, and saw any number of "honest miners" who are only waiting for water to go to work on the same claims they worked last year, and which consequently they know to be rich.