

# North Californian

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☞ The Ureka Tunnel Company have been sinking a Shaft in Table Mountain, near Cherokee Flat, and liked the appearance of things so well that they have contracted to have a Tunnel run into the Mountain four hundred feet, through solid rock, at great expense. This company is composed partly of old miners and partly of business men in this place and Marysville, all too shrewd to go into any thing without closely calculating the chances. This protracted pleasant weather does not dry up our energy.

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## Evening



## Bulletin.

Daily Evening Bulletin.

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For the Evening Bulletin.

OREGON CITY, Butte Co., Jan. 5, 1856.

DEAR BULLETIN:—Time has reversed his hour-glass and changed the figures for another year.

As the venerable president of the scythe and time-piece has full employment for all his leisure hours, and at this moment may be "keeping a sharp look-out" for his annual sacrifice of victims, let us indulge the hope that you and I and all the readers of the *Bulletin*, if not overlooked, may at least be found "doing our duty," that we may look him steadfastly in the countenance, and without fear or shame say with reverence.

"Thy will be done."

It is of lesser importance to live than to live worthily.

While some are looking over their back accounts with that gentleman, with your permission we will start upon an excursion to Table Mountain and the surrounding country. Leaving Oroville let us cross Feather River and ascend by a good and gradual road to the table land above, upon which is situated a small town known as Thompson's Flat. This is just at the southwestern base of Table Mountain. Around you are cabins, and long-toms, and sluices, and reservoirs, and shafts, and ditches. Here there are tools, there lie large heaps of "pay dirt," that during the summer months have been drifted out. Smoke is curling from the chimney top of the miner's humble home—yet it is day-time—the busy pick or shovel, tom or sluice, are nowhere seen, and wherefore? Simply because the elements are dry and the ditches ditto, and without water the miner is in many respects like the "Ancient Mariner,"

"Day after day, day after day,  
We stuck—nor voice nor motion—  
As idle as a painted ship  
Upon a painted ocean."

This long drought is very discouraging, but they nobly brave the present and hope in the future.

Now let us climb that frowning mass before us, and when we reach its summit you will say it is rightly named "Table Mountain." It makes you puff, eh? When on its top, the sight of the outspreading valley of the Sacramento, and the snow-covered peaks of the distant mountains, will well repay you. Now look around—is it not beautiful? Let us cross the mountain northerly, and at the head of Morris' Ravine—and between Table Mountain (for a deep hollow divides it) we see the little Dutch settlement of "Sebastopol." Winding on in the distance like a huge serpent, is the picturesque and silvery waters of Feather river. But let us not tarry.

After a luncheon at friend Smith's, let us pass up the river a couple of miles to Long's Bar, and, taking up Oregon Gulch, we shall be satisfied that one may easily know a Frenchman's cabin by the number of dogs, a Mexican's or Chilean's by its being no cabin at all; a German's by a sluice-box or cradle, with the ends knocked out for a chimney; and a Chinaman's by the chopstick and guttural clatter of their tongues. But if you see a neat, trim, sail-cloth covered cabin, its inmates are almost sure to be New Englanders. Upon this gulch is the famous Columbia quartz lead that gives the most substantial of all proofs—the "oro"—that it is a fortune to its owners.

About three miles above we reach the head of this gulch, and the social and pleasant little village named "Oregon City." Within six months about forty families have been added to its industrious population, and during the last five weeks eleven "nativo Californians" have made their advent. One of the ladies holding up a little "bantling," inquired, with maternal pride, and in California phraseology: "Don't you think this a fine 'specimen,' sir?" Of course I did. These, Mr. Editor, are the great "civilizers" of this young State.

Three miles further on we reach "Cherokee Flat." It is very dry, indeed. Here there is a little settlement, containing several families, a number of neat cabins, a fine new store, a bowling alley, and a boarding house where they serve up excellent meals. But I had a villainous bed, with my boots for a pillow; how many there were sleeping in the same room I know not: there were *ten* at our end of it. Being very cold, I froze instead of slept, and prayed for the morning.

Now let us go down the hill to Spring Valley, as it will do you good by contrast. Gladness is gushing from the miner's hearts—for *they have water*, and water gives smiles to the countenance, brightness to the eyes, sunshine to the heart—it is oil to the joints, marrow to the bones, strength to the limbs, vigor unto manhood. No wonder then that the pick flies quick and the shovel constantly, for so long as water runs gurgling and laughing through the sluice there is music in the sound that tells him of the bank that never "stops payment," and of the merry chink of gold—bright gold—that buys comforts for his loving wife, clothing and education for his children, and makes the long, long day of clouds and sadness in California to close with a glowing and glorious sunset. That this may be the lot of every industrious man, be he merchant, miner or anything else, is the prayer of,

Yours, very truly,

SLEEPY JOE.

# North Californian

## 3-1-1856

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### Quartz Mining.

The day of wild, reckless speculation has gone by in California: we have followed the gorgeous illusions of our forty-horse-power imaginations long enough. We find it don't pay. We have been too excitable—too impulsive; a cool, calm, unimpassioned judgment has not often been brought to bear upon our business operations. But we are going a little slower now, with more caution and more common sense.

In no business is this change more apparent than in quartz mining. In '50 and '51, everybody that had not gone in search of Gold Lake or had not secured a river claim, went frantic about quartz. If they were not in one of these operations they thought they had no chance. Companies procured worthless machinery at enormous cost, and often located it in the wrong place, and, of course, went up in a balloon.—The leads and mills were abandoned, or sold out by the sheriff, and for the next year or two quartz mining was in disrepute. But now it is reviving on a correct basis—gradually and without excitement. Careful business men obtain control of the claims, they erect a single *arastra* for the purpose of prospecting, with a mule or two for motive power, and half a dozen Chinamen for stampers. If they succeed, they increase the number of their *astras*, and their mules and Chinamen, or perhaps let water or steam supersede the mule power. In this way have been managed all the claims in this vicinity that are in successful operation.

A short time ago we visited the quartz mill of Messrs. Smith & Sparks, near Long's Bar, which is the largest and most complete in its arrangements, and one of the most successful in the county. The mill is a large frame building, and possesses every convenience that the long experience of the proprietors could suggest. In it are four *astras*, which pulverize some six tons of quartz per day. Fifteen or twenty men are employed about the establishment, besides twenty Chinamen and twenty mules. The quartz is obtained from a perpendicular vein that crops out of the side of the mountain, about one foot in thickness, length and depth unknown. So far as it has been prospected by shaft and drift, it has been found of uniform thickness and richness. The vast amount of labor expended upon these drifts and tunnels through the solid rock, speaks well for the quality of the quartz, and the enterprise of the proprietors.

But what we most admired in connection with this establishment, was the white cottage with green blinds, piazza, and front yard—the residence of one of the owners and his family. We like this example, and, by the way, it is one that is pretty extensively followed by quartz miners in this county. If we thought one was more *exposed* to marriage and a cosy cottage in this business than any other, we would buy twenty quartz mills to-morrow.

There are four or five other quartz mills on Oregon Gulch, viz: Mr. Taten's, Beaumont's, Nesbit's, Derrick's, and we believe one or two others in the vicinity; all of which, we understand, are doing well.

We are informed that the valuable Wisconsin lead, in which Gen. Harris is largely interested, is about to be worked on an extensive scale. The quartz leads in this county are very numerous, probably as rich as any in the State, and are attracting the attention of capitalists.

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## FRENCHTOWN CANAL.

We have learned some particulars about this canal from a gentleman just down from Frenchtown. Five miles of the lower end of the ditch and several reservoirs were built one or two years ago, at a cost of about \$10,000; it is now contemplated to extend it about 12 miles further, so as to receive an unfailing supply of water from the tributaries of the North Fork and the West Branches of Feather River.

The company is organized with a capital stock of \$30,000, the most of which is in the hands of Mr. A. Fargo. The extension will soon be under contract, and when completed this will be one of the best paying ditches in the State; it will have a capacity of 50 sluice heads, which will all be needed by those rich mining localities, Frenchtown, Rich Gulch, Grizzly Gulch and Spanishtown. At the latter place there are about 200 Spaniards, two of whom panned out \$1.00 in one day. White's claim at this place paid 19 ounces last week with three men.

**LIST OF POSTOFFICES AND POSTMASTERS**

In California, June 1st, 1856.

Agua Frio, Mariposa county, B. P. Whitney.  
 Alameda, Alameda county, A. J. Barber.  
 Alamo, Contra Costa county, John M. Jones.  
 Alvarado, Alameda county, H. C. Smith.  
 Angel's Camp, Calaveras county, J. C. Scribner.  
 Auburn, Placer county, R. Gordon.  
 Alpha, Nevada county, A. J. Alston.  
 Antioch, Contra Costa, G. Brown.  
 American Ranch, Shasta county, T. A. Freeman.  
 Aqueduct City, Amador county, J. J. Ellet.  
 Belmont, San Francisco, M. Flashner.  
 Benicia, Solano county, T. T. Hooper.  
 Bidwell's Bar, Butte county, P. W. Worstrum.  
 Big Bar, Trinity county, Wm. Coddington.  
 Big Oak Flat, Tuolumne county, Jas. W. Butler.  
 Bodega, Sonoma county, J. M. Miller.  
 Bottle Hill, El Dorado county, S. M. Jamison.  
 Bondville, Mariposa county, Stephen Bond.  
 Brooklyn, Alameda county, ———.  
 Brush Creek, Butte county, D. G. Martin.  
 Bucksport, Humboldt county, W. Roberts.  
 Buckner, Sacramento county, James Buckner.  
 Buckeye, Yolo county, J. M. Charles.  
 Cache Creek, Yolo county, A. McDonald.  
 Campo Seco, Calaveras county, T. M. Pawling.  
 Camptonville, Yuba county, S. J. Bowley.  
 Canon City, Trinity county, B. F. Channa.  
 Clarksville, El Dorado county, D. Cummings.  
 Clinton, Nevada county, H. M. More.  
 Centreville, Contra Costa, R. S. Clement.  
 Cherokee, Butte county, T. M. Danel.  
 Crescent City, Klamath county, D. C. Lewis.  
 Charley's Ranch, Butte county, J. Evans.  
 Cedarville, El Dorado county, Geo. Thatcher.  
 Chico, Butte county, J. Bidwell.  
 Columbia, Tuolumne county, Niles Mills.  
 Colusa, Colusa county, Wm. Vincent.  
 Cold Spring, El Dorado county, J. M. Goetschins.  
 Chinese, Tuolumne county, M. R. Graham.  
 Cosumne, Sacramento county, W. D. Wilson.  
 Cottonwood, Shasta county, Wm. Lane.  
 Coloma, El Dorado county, R. F. Davis.  
 Cordelia, Solano county, P. O. Lamorie.  
 Coon Creek, Placer county, J. Barnes.  
 Curtisville, Tuolumne county, J. M. Root.  
 Diamond Springs, El Dorado county, M. K. Shearer.  
 Don Pedro's Bar, Tuolumne county, R. Smith.  
 Double Springs, Calaveras county, N. T. Norcross.  
 Downieville, Sierra county, James Gernon.  
 Dry Town, Amador county, W. O. Clark.  
 Dry Creek, Yuba county, Robert McAdams.  
 Eureka, Humboldt county, H. W. Bean.  
 Elliott's Ranch, Sacramento county, Mr. Elliott.  
 Empire Ranch, Yuba county, S. Moody.  
 Emory's Crossing, Yuba county, J. W. Everett.  
 El Dorado, El Dorado county, A. Irvine.  
 Fiddletown, El Dorado county, Dennis Townsend.  
 Folsom, Sacramento county, J. Clarkin.  
 Foster's Bar, Yuba county, J. B. Whitcomb.  
 Forbestown, Butte county, Nathan Plum.  
 Forlorn Hope, Merced county, J. Smith.  
 Forrest City, Sierra county, W. Henry.  
 Foreman's Ranch, Calaveras county, S. Foreman.  
 Fourth Crossing, Calaveras county, A. C. Bentshoof.  
 French Camp, San Joaquin county, R. W. Noble.  
 French Gulch, Shasta county, W. G. Gibbs.  
 Fremont, Yolo county, Jonas Spect.  
 Garrote, Tuolumne county, J. H. Watts.  
 Garden Valley, El Dorado county, Samuel Stewart.  
 Georgiana, Sacramento county, J. M. Sedwell.  
 Georgetown, El Dorado county, A. M. Stowe.  
 Gilroy, Santa Clara county, A. C. Everett.  
 Gibsonville, Sierra county, N. C. Cunningham.  
 Goodyear's Bar, Sierra county, Julius Meinhardt.  
 Grafton, Yolo county, A. Updegraph.  
 Grass Valley, Nevada county, E. Mathewson.  
 Green Springs, Tuolumne county, James D. Taber.  
 Greenwood, El Dorado county, C. C. Brady.  
 Grand Island, Colusi county, Thos. Eddy.  
 Grizzly Flat, El Dorado county, James Burgess.  
 Gwin, Merced county, Wm. Laughlin.  
 Hamilton, Butte county, R. Davis.  
 Hill's Ferry, Stanislaus county, J. Hill.  
 Horr's Ranch, Stanislaus county, G. D. Dickinson.  
 Horse Town, Shasta county, J. R. Gill.  
 Honcut, Yuba county, W. R. Ryer.  
 Illinoistown, Placer county, B. Brickell.  
 Indian Diggings, El Dorado county, J. W. Gilbert.  
 Indian Gulch, Merced county, J. M. Norton.  
 Ione Valley, Amador county, J. H. Alvord.  
 Iowa City, Placer county, J. Colgan.  
 Jacksonville, Tuolumne county, Geo. B. Keyes.  
 Jackson, Amador county, B. B. Redhead.  
 Jamestown, Tuolumne county, R. A. Mardis.  
 Johnson's Ranch, Sutter county, W. E. O'Kear.  
 Kelseys, El Dorado county, John White.  
 King's River, Tulare county, J. Smith.  
 Knight's Ferry, San Joaquin county, W. E. Steward.  
 Lewiston, Trinity county, C. Wood.  
 Lisbon, Placer county, G. W. Applegate.  
 Lagrange, Stanislaus county, L. M. Booth.  
 Lassen's, Butte county, W. P. Mayhew.  
 Los Angeles, Los Angeles county, J. S. Waitt.  
 Lovcing's Ferry, San Joaquin county, J. Lovcing.  
 Leach's Store, Mariposa county, L. Leach.  
 Marysville, Yuba county, P. W. Keyser.  
 Mariposa, Mariposa county, J. F. McNamara.  
 Mayfield, Santa Clara county, J. Otilson.  
 Martinez, Contra Costa county, Hiram Fogg.  
 Maxwell's Creek, Mariposa county, G. W. Coulter.  
 Michigan Bluffs, Placer county, F. S. Washcom.  
 Michigan Bar, Sacramento county, B. F. Wayne.  
 Mission San Jose, Santa Clara county, J. J. Vallejo.  
 Millerton, Mariposa county, H. Carroll.  
 Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras county, H. S. Anhiser.  
 Monterey, Monterey county, Wm. Curtis.  
 Montezuma, Tuolumne county, J. T. Hoyte.  
 Monte, Los Angeles county, Ira Thompson.  
 Moon's Ranch, Colusa county, George Eastman.  
 Monroeville, Colusa county, J. Weston.  
 Mount Ophir, Mariposa county, J. H. Miller.  
 Mountain Springs, Placer county, J. Barron.  
 Mountain View, Santa Clara county, Jacob Shumway.  
 Mormon Island, Sacramento county, J. W. Dennison.  
 Murphy's, Calaveras county, A. H. Stevens.  
 McDermott's Bridge, Calaveras county, W. F. McDermott.  
 McCarty'sville, Santa Clara county, Levi Millard.  
 Napa City, Napa county, E. B. Eaton.  
 Natividad, Monterey county, James Stokes.  
 Navata, Marin county, H. F. Jones.  
 Nevada, Nevada county, W. H. Endicott.  
 Nicolaus, Sutter county, J. C. Dickey.  
 North Branch, Calaveras county, Edward T. Lake.  
 Newton, El Dorado county, J. W. Smith.  
 Nelson's Creek, Sierra county, J. C. Lewis.  
 Nealsburg, Placer county, A. C. Neal.

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Oro City, Placer county, G. White.  
Ottitiewa, Siskiyou county, G. H. Coe.  
Oakland, Alameda county, T. Gallagher.  
Oak Grove Farm, Solano county, E. True.  
Oregon House, Yuba county, Peter Rice.  
Oroville, Butte county, P. S. Garland.  
Onisbo, Sacramento county, C. F. Howell.  
Ophirville, Placer county, D. B. Curtis.  
Ousley's Bar, Yuba county, F. Bridge.  
O'Byrne's Ferry, Calaveras county, John O'Neil  
Parks' Bar, Yuba, E. Y. Gaver,  
Patterson, Nevada county, E. P. Turney.  
Pleasant Springs, Calaveras county, R. H. Hoercher.  
Petaluma, Sonoma county, W. R. Swinerton.  
Pea Vine, Butte county, D. Whipple.  
Pleasant Valley, Mariposa county, A. Shearer.  
Pilot Hill, El Dorado county, A. J. Bailey.  
Placerville, El Dorado county, A. M. Thatcher.  
Plum Valley, Sierra county, F. B. Kloecker.  
Princeton, Yuba county, R. P. Arneti.  
Quartsburg, Mariposa, D. M. Pool.  
Quincy, Plumas county, L. Stark.  
Red Bluffs, Shasta county, Samuel Bradway.  
Red Dog, Nevada county, J. C. Green.  
Rattlesnake, Placer county, T. Wood.  
Rabbit Creek, Sierra county, Mr. Lester.  
Rough and Ready, Nevada county, E. B. Winans.  
Round Tent, Nevada county, ———.  
Russian River, Mendocino county, H. G. Heald.  
Sacramento, Sacramento, F. Forman.  
Salinas, Monterey county, J. B. Hill.  
Salmon Falls, El Dorado county, J. Downer.  
San Bernardino, San Bernardino county, D. N. Thomas.  
San Andreas, Calaveras county, C. L. Sweet.  
San Gabriel, Los Angeles, T. Burdick.  
San Pablo, Contra Costa county, A. B. Bates.  
San Francisco, San Francisco, Charles L. Weller.  
San Diego, San Diego, George Lyons.  
San Juan, Monterey, P. Brien.  
San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo, Alex. Murray.  
San Jose, Santa Clara, J. W. Patrick.  
San Leandro, Alameda county, W. Van Wagner.  
San Lorenzo, Alameda county, John Wood.  
San Pedro, Los Angeles county, George Alexander.  
San Rafael, Marin county, S. J. Kidmore.  
San Ramon, Contra Costa county, William Russell.  
Scott's River, Siskiyou county, R. Hayden.  
St. Louis, Sierra county, W. P. Williams.  
Secret Ravine, Placer county, Mr. Hart.  
Smith's Ranch, Sonoma county, W. Smith.  
Stockton, San Joaquin, Wm. Larius.  
Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, G. R. Fisher.  
Santa Clara, Santa Clara, H. D. McCobb.  
Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, E. Anthony.  
Santa Rosa, Sonoma, T. G. Hahmann.  
Shasta, Shasta county, J. Lemon.  
Shaw's Flat, Tuolumne county, Johanna Roberts.  
Snelling's, Mariposa county, H. Schroeder.  
Sonoma, Sonoma county, Mr. Miller.  
Sonora, Tuolumne, G. W. Patrick.  
Spanish Flat, El Dorado, S. S. Richards.  
Split Rock, Mariposa county, J. A. Hugg.  
Staple's Ranch, San Joaquin, D. J. Staples.  
Steinberger's, San Francisco, George Thatcher.  
Strawberry Valley, Yuba county, J. A. Barnhart  
Suisun, Solano county, W. S. Kyle.  
Sutter, Sacramento county, D. E. Hastings.  
Sutter Creek, Amador county, D. Crandall.  
Tomales, Marin county, Mr. Bennett.  
Tehama, Colusa, O. Gerry.  
Trinidad, Klamath, E. C. Darling.  
Trinity, Trinity, C. Lee.  
Trinity Centre, Trinity county, M. Chadbourn.  
Uniontown, Humboldt, A. H. Murdoch.  
Vacaville, Solano county, E. F. Gillespie.  
Volcano, Amador county, H. T. Barnum.  
Vallejo, Solano county, J. B. Frisbie.  
Valecito, Calaveras county, George M. Murray.  
Visalia, Tulare county, J. P. Majors.  
Western, Sacramento county, A. H. White.  
Watsonville, Santa Cruz, L. Thrift.  
Weaverville, Trinity, James Barry.  
Whisky Creek, Shasta county, P. Mix.  
Windsor, Sonoma county, S. Lewis.  
Woodside, San Francisco, M. A. Parkhurst.  
Yankee Jim's, Placer county, N. Henck.  
Yeomot, El Dorado county, Edwin Beebe.  
Yolo, Yolo, J. H. Hutton.  
Yreka, Siskiyou, Wm. Grow.  
Yuba City, Yuba, L. Badolett.

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## QUARTZ OPERATIONS.

Briggs, Crawford & Co., a few days ago discovered a quartz ledge near Wilmot's Store in Oregon Gulch, which prospects very rich.—From ten buckets of decomposed quartz they panned out sixty-four dollars; they also found one specimen which contained forty dollars, and another containing eleven dollars. The company are erecting arastras.

Ab. Barton has sold his quartz lead near White & Nutter's store, to a company of Welchmen, who, after a thorough prospecting, find that it will pay well for working and are making preparations accordingly.

Captains Williams & Packard are opening a lead in Oregon Gulch, that they think very valuable. We have not learned any particulars.

Granger & Wilmot are erecting two arastras on a ledge they have recently opened near Oregon City.

Nesbit & Simmons, the proprietors of the old Buffalo ledge, are just completing four new arastras, and making preparations for extensive and vigorous operations. They have already fifteen men employed. This ledge has been worked the most of the time for two or three years, with good success.

The Louisiana ledge, now owned by Messrs. White & Nutter and Harmon Bay, Esq., is supposed to be paying largely. Two arastras are busy day and night.

There are two arastras at work on a ledge near Gassburg owned by Messrs. Derreck & Co., and Messrs. Wilson, Nesbit & Co., we do not know how profitably.

The Spring Valley Quartz Mining Company at present have the only Steam Quartz Mill in the county. They are running eight stamps which crush about twelve tons per day, and they are about building arastras to use in conjunction with them: This mill in '52, as did most other mills in that year, passed into the hands of the Sheriff, and has been idle until this spring. The present company are able and acquainted with the business, and will doubtless succeed. Their ledge (the old Illinois and Wisconsin) has had a great reputation which we expect it will sustain. It is extensive and is connected with the mill by railway. The facilities of this company for excavating, transporting, crushing and amalgamating, are not often surpassed.

In addition to those above mentioned, there is a quartz mill near Cherokee Flat, and the mill of Beaumont & Gammett on Oregon Gulch near Pninney's store, and the mills of Smith & Sparks, at Columbiaville, still nearer this place. The latter mills, under the management of its present energetic proprietors, have been the most successful of any in this vicinity. Their arastras (of which there are six) are the very perfection of this kind of machinery, their buildings and all the appurtenances are models of durability and utility, and the mules that turn their arastras appear larger, and the Chinamen that crush their quartz appear more robust than other people's mules and Chinamen. Their lead averages but about ten or twelve inches in thickness and is nearly perpendicular, and as can be imagined, its working is attended with immense expense. They have run a tunnel 300 feet in the most impenetrable slate, which has cost them a year's uninterrupted labor, and is not yet completed.

Other drifts and shafts have cost thousands, but as is the case with all quartz veins and with minerals universally, what they want in width they make up in richness; thus the most productive quartz ledges are not more than two or three feet in thickness, and there is a "lode" of tin in a mine in Cornwall only three inches thick, which is very valuable; and in the same vicinity there is a "lode" of copper only six inches thick, which is more profitable than one twenty feet in thickness in the same hill.

The quartz claims we have hastily referred to and several others that are already opened and being opened, which we have not mentioned at all, are situated around the base of table mountain, near each other, and but a few miles from this village. Quartz mining has been in disrepute in this vicinity, and it is only within the last year, and more particularly within the last six months, that attention has been paid to it. Within this time, several old ledges have been taken up and prospected, many new ones have been discovered, and others are eagerly sought after. In fact, no property stands higher in the market than a good quartz claim. It requires no great penetration to foresee the quartz which is so abundant in this vicinity, will be one of the principal sources of the future wealth and importance of Oroville, and of the wealth and importance of this county.

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# THE DAILY UNION.

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OROVILLE.—A correspondent, writing from this place to the *Marysville Express*, June 3d, says :

Lots are selling rapidly at advanced, but not ruinous prices ; a corner lot, central location, sold yesterday for \$3,000 cash. Sparks & Smith, the go-ahead and successful quartz crushers, are remodeling the United States Hotel, which, when completed, will be the very extreme of elegance and convenience. The county buildings are to be commenced soon ; they will be started in the center of the Plaza, which is being surrounded by beautiful cottages. Families of respectability are settling here, schools are starting, churches will soon be built, all sorts of professions (save doctors) flourish, society is becoming good, not a house of prostitution—some gambling, of course.

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## LATER FROM YREKA.

### Indian Murder and Pursuit by the Whites—The Yreka Affair.

We have received an extra of the *Yreka Union* dated Tuesday, July 8th, 10 A. M. From it we copy the following information. The extra makes no allusion to the excitement which followed the killing of the miner by the Deputy Sheriff at that place, nor to any acts of violence against the editor of that paper, subsequent to the issuance of the extra of Sunday, the 6th. From this fact, as seems from an explanation which appears in the *San Francisco Bulletin* of Saturday, made by Mr. Coryell, from whom we derived our information through Mr. Gridley, we infer that the excitement in Yreka was not prolonged beyond Saturday night or Sunday morning. Mr. Coryell informs the *Bulletin* that the information communicated to us was derived from rumor before he left Yreka; and it is possible it may have been somewhat exaggerated. Mr. Coryell stopped but fifteen minutes in Sacramento on his way to Stockton, and his information was obtained by us from his friend Mr. Gridley—with whom we had but a brief conversation. Below we give the substance of the extra of July 8th:

We have just been informed by the Rev. Mr. Stratton, who last night arrived from Jacksonville, that an intense excitement prevailed in Rogue River Valley, on Sunday, in consequence of word having arrived that a packer had been shot that morning near the summit of Siskiyou mountain, by the Indians. It appears that Messrs. Taylor & McDermit, in company with a hired man, started to cross Siskiyou mountain for Jacksonville with their pack train of twenty-five mules, and upon arriving at the point some forty rods beyond the summit, the scene of the "ox team tragedy," they were fired upon by a party of Indians concealed in the brush at the side of the road. One ball took effect upon the hired man, killing him instantly—the ball entering underneath the right arm and coming out under the left. Taylor & McDermit then fled down the mountain.

A party of about twenty men, from the upper part of Rogue River Valley, started immediately in pursuit. Upon returning to the scene of the murder, they found the body of deceased, which had been dragged about sixty rods down the mountain by the feet, the effect of which was to render it a most hideous sight to behold. They also found three mules that had been killed. Thirteen were driven off and nine recovered. Mr. Stratton has also shown us a couple of arrows which were extracted from the dead animals; they are Tule Lake arrows and are such as are used by the Modoc tribe. This circumstance, connected with the fact that the Indians fled towards Klamath Lake, would seem to settle the question as to what tribe did the deed.

The pursuing party, while following on the trail of the murderers, found a newly shod gray horse, saddled and bridled. The inference is that these same Indians have murdered the rider.

Thus it seems that as the war closes in Oregon it commences in our own immediate vicinity.

The Modoc tribe, which has, heretofore, during the war in Oregon, maintained, as is supposed, neutral grounds, are now, without a doubt, in arms against us, and there is no telling after this successful result of their first effort, what they may next contemplate doing. We deem our citizens in Shasta Valley in eminent peril. Generals Cosby and Colton, can no steps be taken, can no effort be made to chastise these treacherous devils?

Nothing has been heard as yet from the party in pursuit; it is composed, however, of sterling men, and it is confidently believed that they will give a good account of themselves when they return.

# OROVILLE DAILY BUTTE RECORD.

OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1856.

## Legal Notices.

### SHERIFF'S SALE.

**BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION ISSUED OUT** of the District Court, Tenth Judicial District, in and for Yuba County, and State of California, to me directed and delivered, commanding me to make the sum of seven thousand six hundred and ninety-four twenty-five one hundredth dollars, judgment and interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, till paid, and accruing costs of this suit, wherein J. J. Stewart is defendant and J. C. Fall, and J. H. Eckman, John H Tennant and W. P. Ellis, plaintiffs—Therefore, in pursuance of said writ, I have seized and levied upon all the right title and interest of the defendant in said writ, J J Stewart, in and to the property hereinafter described, to wit: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated at Frenchtown, Oregon township, Butte County and State of California, and known as the property of the said J J Stewart, and upon the said land is a store House, fourteen by twenty-four feet in size, one story high.—Also one House thirty three by twenty feet, one story and a half high.—Also, one Also one Barn thirty by twenty feet in size, together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, which I shall expose to public Sale at the Court House door in Bidwell, on the 29th day of July. A. D. 1856. between the hours prescribed by law to the highest bidder for cash.

Also the following described personal property at the Ranch of J. L. Henshaw, in Hamilton township, County and State aforesaid, on the 12th day of July, A D 1856. between the hours prescribed by law to the highest bidder for cash, to wit:

- 1 Gray Mare Male, Spanish Brand.
- 1 Red Roan Mule Spanish Brand
- 1 Black Horse Mule Spanish Brand
- 1 Bay Mare and Colt, Spanish Brand.
- 1 Bay Horse branded B H on left shoulder.
- 4 Brown Jennies
- 1 White Jenny and Colt.
- 1 Brown Jack.
- 1 White Jack,
- 1 Dun Horse.
- 1 Red and White Cow
- 1 Light Red Cow with White face.
- 1 Brindle Cow.
- 1 Dark Rod Cow, Breckle Face.
- 1 Brindle ox. white face,
- 1 Brown ox, do do
- 1 Red and white Ox
- 1 Brown Ox with white face.
- 1 Black and white Ox
- 1 White and Gray Ox
- 1 Dun and White Ox.
- 1 Red Ox with white face—sreak on back.
- 1 Dun Bull with white face, one year old.

- 1 White and Red Calf.
- 1 do do do
- 1 Red Calf.
- 2 Saddles.
- 2 Bridles.

Also the following described personal property, at the Store formerly occupied by J J Stewart, in Frenchtown, Oregon Township, Butte County and State aforesaid, on the 14th day of July, A D 1856, at 10 o'clock A. M. to the highest bidder for cash, to wit:

- 1 Pair Gold Scales
- 1 Grind Stone.
- 2 Large Team Wagons
- 1 Dozen Tea Cups
- 2 Cream Pitchers
- 2 Sugar Bowls
- 18 Plates
- 1 Half box Raisins
- 1 Large Tin Pan
- 1 Tin Kettle
- 1 Small Stove
- 1 Table, Small.
- 2 Tables, Large
- 3 Benches
- 25 Tumblers
- 200 Pounds Tom Iron
- 4 Castors
- 1 1-2 Dozen Dinner Plates
- 3 Dozen Tea Plates
- 6 Dishes
- 9 Vegetable Dishes.
- 3 Doz. coffee cups & Saucers
- 5 1-2 Doz. Cream Pitchers
- 1 Water Pitcher
- 3 Bowls
- 2 Molasses Jugs
- 4 Butter Plates.
- 67 Gallons Am. Brandy.
- 4 Salt Cellars
- 3 Benches
- 1 Lot Crockery Ware
- 1 Cooking Stove & Furn
- 1 Large Clock
- 1 Dinner Bell
- 25 Cots
- 23 Mattresses.
- 24 Sheets
- 75 Pairs Blankets
- 8 Wheelbarrows
- 6 Pack Saddles
- 2 Pairs Balances
- 1 Pair Counter Scales
- 2 Box Glass
- 1 Axe
- 89 Yards number 1 Duck
- 41 1-2 Yards No. 3 Duck
- 11 Iron Safe
- 3 Boxes Sweet Oil
- 11 Cans Lobsters
- 14 Cans Oysters
- 4 Bottles Absynthe
- 5 Bottles Bokers Bitters
- 15 Bottles Claret
- 12 Bottles Brandy Peaches
- 10 Bottles Castor Oil
- 5 Bottles Bear Oil
- 3 Bottles Pain Killer
- 4 Boxes Sedlitz Powders
- 2 Dozen Rols Salve
- 1 Lot China Cigars
- 3 Bottles Raspberry Syrup
- 5 Decanters
- 2 Bitter Bottles
- 1 Looking Glass
- 1 Small Clock
- 1 Globe Lamp
- 4 Lard Lamps
- 1 Bar Room Stove
- 6 Tooth Brushes
- 10 Riding Combs
- 16 Butcher Knives
- 6 Set Knives and Forks
- 5 Drawing Knives
- 3 Hatchets
- 10 Hammers
- 4 Retorts
- 1 Gross matches
- 4 Bunches Cotton Twine
- 4 Picks
- 1 Dozen Palms
- 15 Balls Lamp wick
- 4 Padlocks
- 2 Lamps
- 200 Feet Safety Fuse
- 9 Bedspreads
- 5 Hat Covers
- 9 Cotton Drawes
- 14 Grey Under Shirts
- 7 Red Over Shirts
- 13 Grey Over Shirts
- 16 Pairs Overalls
- 3 Jumpers
- 2 Bed Comfortors
- 3 Seives
- 5 Squares
- 30 Pick Handles
- A lot of Shoats and Pigs
- 23 Axe Handles
- 12 Brooms
- 11 Pairs Short Gum Boots
- 3 do Long Gum Boots
- 6 Pair Kip Boots
- 10 Pair Calf Boots
- 7 Sluce Brushes
- 3 Tin Dippers
- 4 Crevice Spoons
- 2 Tin Blowers
- 27 Gallons Whisky
- 1 Gallon Gin
- 35 Gallons Vinegar
- 4 Bottles Salera us
- 5 Bottles Mustard
- 4 Bottles Cayene Pepper
- 4 Bottles Pepper Sauce
- 5 Bottles Cinnamon
- 6 Bottles Chologogue
- 6 Bottles Black Poppor
- 4 Bottles Tomato Ketchup
- 9 Boxes Sardines
- 6 Bottles Pie Fruits
- 5 Cans Peaches
- 100 Papers Tacks
- 6 Boxes Soap
- 45 Pounds Saleratus
- 7 Pounds Lard
- 300 Pounds Codfish
- 50 Pounds Butter
- 54 Pounds do
- 3 Kegs Pickles
- 1 Keg Lard 45 pounds
- 1 Dozen Brandy Peaches
- 5 Kegs Syrup 26 gallons
- 10 Gallons Port Wine
- 2 1/2 bbls Clear Pork
- 1 Dozen Pads
- 18 Tin Plates
- 1 Keg Powder.
- 2 Bake Ovens
- 30 Bags Salt
- 3 Gross Matches
- 10 Cans Honey

## Legal Notices.

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| 3 Pocket Combs             | 16 Cans Honey            |
| 9 Fine Tooth Combs         | 4 Iron Pans              |
| 2 Dozen Chalk lines        | 3/4 Dozen Coffee Pots    |
| 1 Pound Patent Thread      | 2 1/2 Dozen Camp Kettles |
| 4 Pair Scissors            | 8 Small Kegs             |
| 4 Cakes Soap               | 2 1/2 Dozen Tin Cups     |
| 1 Dozen Pair Butts         | 5 Gallons Rum            |
| 2 Boxes Steel Pens         | 5 Gallons Amer. Brandy   |
| 3 Papers Needles           | 01 Wooden Faucets        |
| 1 Bottle Ammonia           | 11 Pounds White Lead     |
| 5 Fites                    | 42 Mats Rice             |
| 3/4 Gross Gov Stamps       | 22 Sacks Flour           |
| 300 Envelopes              | 527 Pounds Potatoes      |
| 9 Bottles Sarsaparilla     | 02 Boxes Matches         |
| 13 Boxes Wright's Pills.   | 15 Shovels               |
| 2 Dozen Lead Pencils       | 5 sluice forks S H       |
| 4 Razors.                  | 3 do Long Handles        |
| 7 Buckskins                | 5 Shovels Short Handles  |
| 2 milk Pitchers            | 6 Sluice hoas            |
| 4 Glass Lamps              | 32 Picks                 |
| 1 Pair Gold Scales         | 8 Crowbars               |
| 2 Bottles Ink              | 2 Coffee Mills           |
| 244 Yards Drilling         | 39 Wooden Buckets        |
| 3/4 Ball Cotton Twine      | 4 Pack Ropes             |
| 1 Lot Wrapping Papper      | 1400 Pounds Nails        |
| 10 Pounds Black Pepper     | 3 Steel Sledges          |
| 50 Crocks                  | 10 Pounds Sole Leather   |
| 13 Pairs Cotton Socks      | 70 Pounds Soda Crackers  |
| 5 Pairs Suspenders         | 10 Gallons Lamp Oil      |
| 16 Pairs Woolen Socks      | 13 Axes                  |
| 3 Pounds Linon Thread      | 1 Barrel Salt Pickles    |
| 1 Bunch Shoe Strings       | 72 Pounds Quicksilver    |
| 8 Pr Blk Cassimere pants   | 21 Cured Hams            |
| 7 do Fancy do              | 1 Barrel Damaged Hams    |
| 13 Checked Shirts          | 35 Pounds Salt Pork      |
| 3 White Cot. und. Shirts   | 107 Pounds Bacon         |
| 1 Pair Musquito Netting    | 1 Four Inch Colts revol. |
| 3/4 Dozen Fancy Sqirts     | 70 Pounds Chili Beans    |
| 1 Ream Footscep Paper      | 100 Pounds White Beans   |
| 6 Reams Letter Paper       | 550 Pounds Beans         |
| 6 Black and Brown Hats     | 0 Case Claret            |
| 1 White Hat                | 100 Pounds Beans         |
| 57 Silk Pocket Handk'chs   | 1 Barrel Old Beans       |
| 12 Pairs Buckskin Gloves   | 95 Pounds China Peas     |
| 14 Cravats                 | 30 Pounds Split Peas     |
| 3/4 Box Clay Pipes         | Gallons Pickles          |
| 6 Dozen Cards              | 18 1/2 Babs Shorts       |
| 6 Bots Thomps Eye water    | 2 Bags Barley            |
| 17 Hair Brushes            | 50 Pounds Rice           |
| 2 Paint Brushes            | 75 Pounds Now. O. Sugar  |
| 1 Dozen Books              | 1 Bbl N O do 243 pounds  |
| 8 Pass Books               | 510 Pounds China Sugar   |
| 1 Shaving Brush            | 1/2 Box Macaroni         |
| 1 Pocket Mirror            | 35 Pounds Dried Apples   |
| 17 Pocket Knives           | 30 do pulverized Sugar   |
| 8 Boxes Percussion Caps    | 200 Pounds Crushed Sugar |
| 3 Buckskin Purses          | 50 Pounds Sugar Crackers |
| 2 pcs Black Ribbon         | 202 Pounds Coffee        |
| 5 Pounds Lead              | 59 1/2 Pounds Tobacco    |
| 0 Pairs Butts              | 1 Pound Beeswax          |
| 12 Papers Tacks            | 16 Pounds Cream Tahtar   |
| 40 Pairs Calf Shoes        | 6 Pounds Starch          |
| 8 Pairs Slippers           | 20 Pounds Soap           |
| 6 Flaeks Powder            | 5 Pounds Castile Soap    |
| 2 Dozen Yeast Powders      | 29 Pounds Black Tea      |
| 3/4 Dozen Table Spoons     | 22 Pounds Green Tea      |
| 8 doz. Hens & lot chickens | 10 Pounds Tallow Candles |
| 8 Hogs marked all in ear   | 5 Pounds Sperm Candles   |
| 3 Dozen Tea Spoons         | 3 Boxes Candles          |

Dated this 5th day of July, A. D 1856  
P. FREER, Sheriff Butte County

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Joseph Ireland Steward  
1828 - 1911

Operated the Frenchtown store (1854-56) on Nelson Bar Road. His Marysville investors forced him into bankruptcy. He later moved to Cherokee and then Chico where he managed hotels.

Oroville Daily Butte Record  
7-15-1856

~~We~~ We refer our readers to the advertisement of Messrs. Mighels & Ayres, in another column. Their reputation as artists is so universally known and acknowledged that any complimentary remarks from us would be superfluous. Call at their establishment and see specimens of their work "as is work."

**MIGHELS & AYRES.**  
**HOUSE, SIGN & DECORATIVE**  
**P A I N T E R S !**  
Montgomery street, two doors above the Empire Hotel  
**OROVILLE, CAL.**

**Particular attention paid to ORNAMENTAL**  
**SIGN PAINTING.** Jyl 15-1856

**FULL HOUSE.**—The Butte County jail is full and running over. Sixteen regular boarders, which is more than any other house in Bidwell can show. They speak of Sheriff Freer, as being a fine landlord—sets a good table, keeps clean rooms, and his attendances are spoken of in the highest terms, the principle of which is the jailor, Howard Carey, who sleeps with one eye open in order that the county's unwilling guests may want for nothing until his Honor, Judge Lewis, shall call them to a settlement for for the deeds done here in the body. The jail-room is 16 by 12 feet, and two cells attached. It is the coolest and most airy resort in Bidwell, not excepting Joe Buckman's Exchange.

**RELIGIOUS.**—Divine service will be held to-morrow by Rev. Mr. Seymour. The place of worship, we are told, is for the present under the big oak tree on Bird street. A town as large as Oroville, and with so great a proportion of families, ought to have some respectable place of worship. Churches that are presided over by ministers of high intellect, and whose words and deeds are worthy of example, are calculated to exert a holy influence in a community; betters the public morals, lessens crime, restrains from vice, and lead us on in the path of virtue, morality and respectability.

**PERSONAL.**—Ex-Senator Colby, of Sacramento, paid our city a visit yesterday. He seems in the enjoyment of fine health, and speaks of the success of our Democratic Nominees as a matter of certainty.

—The F. R. and O. Ditch Co, are charging 50 cents an inch for water.

most shockingly. He was taken to the rooms of his parents at the Orleans House, and skillfully treated by Dr. Green, who thinks he may recover. The cry of fire was raised, and a crowd gathered, but the flames of the burning fluid were subdued without any pecuniary damage.

—Thompson's Flat, Cherokee, Morris Ravine, Oregon City, Mesilla Valley, and Pence's Ranch, are all in a most flourishing condition. A great number are settling in these localities. Many families are among the new comers, which will give it an appearance of permanency. It bids fair to become a thriving section throughout. There is a quantity of tillable land between Cherokee and Mesilla Valley, which, when brought under cultivation, will afford sufficient products for home consumption. This is one of the very richest mining sections in this upper country. The great difficulty is a want of water. This will be furnished to some considerable extent very soon by the ditch which is going forward, and will convey the water of Little Butte Creek. We propose to visit all these localities very soon so that we may speak from observation in reference to the resources—both in an agricultural and mineral point of view, more particularly the Table Mountains, which are inexhaustible in extent and variety of valuable minerals.

—Hamilton, the old county seat of Butte, has again been from necessity made the receptacle of our surplus prisoners. The Board of Supervisors found it necessary to put the jail in repair. So great a number of late requiring confinement, that the jail at Bidwell was found insufficient to accommodate them. They will soon find ample quarters in our new brick institution at Oroville.

# Butte Record

8-9-1856

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**NEW BRICK BUILDINGS.** — Yesterday morning, the foundations for two magnificent brick buildings were laid. Messrs. Smith & Sparks are putting up a brick 20 by 60 feet, two stories high, on the east side of Montgomery street, adjoining the United States. The other is directly opposite opposite, being on the corner of Montgomery and Myers streets. It is to be 66 by 76 feet, three stories high and fire-proof — Messrs. Ritchie, Downer & Garlow are the proprietors. Mr. Hussey is the contractor and builder.

## Daily Butte Record 8-13-1856

**MINING AND MINERS.**—The miners in this vicinity are getting to be the most monied men among us. They have got flush since they have succeeded in reaching the pay dirt, and completed their various and ingenious machinery for hoisting the rocks out of their shafts, and washing their dirt to advantage. They dress finer than any other class of our citizens. They deal largely in goods, wares and merchandise. They chew good tobacco, smoke good cigars, drink good wine, patronize our theatres, play billiards for amusement, and ride and drive fast horses. They load down our stages, and fill our hotels. They throw great quantities of cash in the fine barber shops. They build our public highways, they make business for the express companies and gold dust and exchange dealers. They would patronize churches if we had any. They are law abiding men, and are not to be found in our jails. They recognize the authority of our courts to mete out even handed justice to all, without the unlawful interference of mobs. They make the best of jurors, they read the foreign and home newspapers, they patronize the printer, and they are cash customers. They make millionaires of our ocean steamship companies, they built the railroad across the Isthmus, and they must build the Pacific railroad if it is ever built. They are the main prop to California.

# Daily Butte Record

## 8-14-1856

INDIAN FIGHT.—A fight came off last Tuesday about two miles down the river on the opposite side. It was between a tribe who have their rancherie down the river, and a tribe from the West Branch. The origin of the fight we did not learn. It was witnessed by several white men, who say they sent the arrows into each others ranks with savage earnestness. As far as could be ascertained, there were two killed and several wounded.



## Butte Record

### 8-16-1856

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INDIAN SPORTS.—These children of the forest are becoming quite numerous of late in our city, and seem delighted with the marks of progress and civilization. They pick up and wear the thrown off duds that lay about the clothing stores. They attracted a great number of citizens yesterday to witness their shooting at small coin, stuck in the top of a stick, which they won in case they hit it. They are very expert in the use of the bow and arrow, and on this occasion bagged several monies.

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# Daily Butte Record 8-22-1856

## An Indian Fight.

A fight among the red men of the forest took place on Monday last, on the open Prairie six miles from Chico. The battle was fought between the tribe known as the Bidwell Indians and a tribe that belong across the river. It seems to be a periodical affair with these savages. They fought on the appointed day and at the spot named, and with 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—the little children, by mutual consent, are sent into the ranks of the enemy to pick up the poisonous bearded arrows that have missed their mark, and return them to the quiver of the hostile parent, to be again sent whizzing into the enemy's ranks.

There were some ten or twelve seriously wounded, and two killed. One of the Bidwell tribe, a fine stout warrior, was pierced in the breast by an arrow to the depth of nine inches. The point was poisonous, and the probability is that he would die from its effects.

## Daily Butte Record 8-22-1856

**CHUB GULCH.**—A most thriving little town is springing into existence bearing the above title. It is located near Spanish town, which is near the West Branch of Feather River. Hotels, Stores, Saloons, Shops, and all other branches of business necessary to the commencement of a town are in course of progress.

The finest kind of diggings have been struck—a ditch has been built to convey water to them, and every thing looks like the rise of another young City.

# North Californian

8-22-1856

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**SPANISH TOWN.**—This new town, situated near the West Branch of Feather River, is rising to importance with a rapidity scarcely surpassed by Oroville itself. New and very promising diggings have recently been discovered in that region, and the miners from other parts are packing thither by hundreds. We are informed that thirty or forty new houses have been erected, and stores, hotels, and saloons are multiplying rapidly. Success to Spanish Town, and to the hard working miners who go there to seek a fortune.

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# Daily Butte Record

8-27-1856

## Shooting Affray at Nawee Lackee.

The Marysville *Express* contains the following particulars of a shooting affray, which occurred at this Reservation on the 17th inst. It appears that about the 20th of July, a man named Cade brought to and left at the Reservation an Indian squaw, who it appears had been living with a man named Clark, near Stoney creek. She desired to remain on the Reserve, as she said she had been badly treated and beaten while there. She was told to remain and that she would be protected.

On Sunday, the 17th, information was received by Mr. Stevenson, that Clark was in the neighborhood, with the avowed intention of carrying off this same squaw. About midnight, an Indian came up and told Stevenson that two white men were in the Rancheria hunting squaws, &c. Stevenson went down and found Clark's horse near a tree, passing a few yards, he met Clark and said, "Mr. Clark, I am looking for you, and want you to go to the office with me." Clark answered that he would and could explain why he was there, and just as they got to where Clark's horse was, Clark started on one side with a spring, and seizing his pistol, (a Navy six shooter) which was hung to his saddle, and said, "Stevenson, you must give me my squaw, or I shall kill you where you stand;" fired, the ball passing through Stevenson's thigh. Stevenson, who was wrapped in a blanket, immediately cleared his arms, and before Clark could fire a second time, closed with him, and wrenching the pistol from him, knocked him senseless. By this time several of the employees were on the ground. Clark was carried to the house and ironed, and will be tried on two charges, Kidnapping and Assault with intent to commit murder.

W. MARTIN, Commissary Reserve.

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## ROWE & CO.'S



## PIONEER CIRCUS!

JOSEPH A. ROWE,.....JOHN SMITH.  
PROPRIETORS.

**T**HIS elegant establishment—ahend of all others that have ever appeared in the State—is now on its second trip through the mines and will perform in

**OROVILLE**

**Sunday, September 7th, 1856.**

Alterations have been effected in the general role of amusements, comprising an entirely New Routine of Scenes and Acts—embodying among them:

THE DOUBLE PERCH; CRYSTAL PYRAMIDS; FLYING BAR ON THREE HORSES; GLOBE PERCH; TYROLEAN SWAINS; DUPLICATE LADDERS;

**With the Dancing Horse ADOXIS.**

The above is a part of the New Rota to which our kind patrons will be treated. And when we name the celebrated

**WIZZARD BUGLER,**

From New York, Mr. R. Willis, as leader of the Band, our cap will be brim full.

**ADMISSION—Dress Circle \$2—Pit \$1.**

The internal arrangements and accommodation which this Company have, for the comfort of families are superior to all others.

CHAS. C. PELL, Agent.

# Daily Butte Record

9-1-1856

CHEROKEE RAVINE.—The most extensive mining in this district we think is done by Mr McCarger, who, some two or three months since bought the store in Cherokee Ravine—known as the Bean Store. He has now in his employ some eighty Chinamen, who are averaging from four to six dollars per day. Mr. McCarger is a very energetic and persevering man, and will probably reap a rich harvest from his operations. We wish him all the success his enterprize deserves. We were also shown a specimen from the quartz lead which Messrs. Bean & Co. have now under way, and which promises a rich yield, prospecting as it does; from fifteen to eighteen cents per pound.

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## Mining News.

From almost every mining district in this neighborhood, we hear the most cheering accounts, which is of far greater importance to the people of this State than politics, or any other question on which our citizens are continually bored and bamboozled by travelling political stumpers.

The state of affairs in the mines is the question about now.

We presume it is a fact not very generally known abroad, that we have in our immediate vicinity, lying just across the river, the richest, and by far the most extensive and most lasting, territory that has yet been developed in California. We refer to the majestic and picturesque Table Mountain. In its recesses have already been discovered gold, silver, coal and many other valuable minerals--slate, marble, and beautiful building stone are also found here in the greatest abundance. In order to bring the more bulky of these products into market to advantage, we must have railroad facilities.—We must and will have railroads. Of all the points in California, there are none more favorable—none that stands more in need of this means of transportation, than this very town of Oroville. There is no town in the State to which miners are flocking in such great numbers. There is probably no town in California that is increasing in importance, in every branch of business, as rapidly as this. There is, in all probability, no town outside of Sacramento City, or above that city, that can compare in size with Oroville two years hence. When we have built a wire suspension bridge across Feather river—as a matter of course, this will be the thoroughfare for Shasta and Oregon travel and trade. Our Telegraph will be built within three months in all probability. Then follows the building of a railroad. We have commenced the march of improvements, we must not—cannot halt.

**MARRIED**—On the 27th ult. at Cherokee, Oregon township, by Samuel Glass, Esq., Mr. THOMAS R. JONES to Mrs. JANE DAVIS, all of this county.

Also, at the same time and place, Mr. JOHN MUNSIL to Miss TYPHENUS FRUND, all of Oregon township, Butte county.

To our Cherokee friends, who have lately been making themselves useful to the world and ornamental to each other by getting married, we answer most decidedly in the affirmative. We are always pleased to announce such happy and important events as these. They have been of such rare occurrence heretofore, that we began to despair of having an opportunity to chronicle them; but now that the ball has opened, we desire that it may be kept in motion till about forty couples that we know of hereabouts are joined, to tread life's scenes together. We just say to you bachelors, that now is the time to go in—marry somebody's beautiful daughters forthwith, if not sooner, in order to give us a chance to talk about it. It is a delightful subject to dwell on.



# Daily Butte Record

9-4-1856

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SPANISH TOWN.—A beautiful specimen was shown us by the gentleman who drives the stage to that place. He dug it himself, after he arrived there night before last. He tells us that Hill Town, Spanish Town, and Chub Gulch, are improving rapidly.

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FRENCHTOWN MINING Co.—Their canal is now in a fair way to be completed—the late owner, Mr Fargo, having sold his interest to the above company, it is intended to convey the waters of the North Fork of Feather river to Spanishtown. Frenchtown, Chub Gulch, Rankee Hill, Rich Gulch, and the entire country below, to the junction of the West Branch and North Fork of Feather river. Some of the richest claims in Butte county are located within the reach of the waters of this ditch.—*Express*.

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## North Californian (Oroville) Sept 10, 1856

A correspondent writing in the North Californian from Spanishtown under date of September 10, 1856, gives a description of the place. He writes:

"Spanishtown is going ahead very rapidly. There have been thirteen fine new buildings put up in the last three weeks in the town and immediate vicinity. There are a number of others in the course of erection, but the difficulty we find is the want of lumber. There is no sawmill for fourteen miles, though we have now made arrangements with Mr. Nance of Dry Creek Mills to establish a lumber yard here. He has four ox teams daily hauling lumber, and there will soon be plenty for all to build. You would say this was a young Oroville, to hear the sound of the hammer and saw. The ditch so long talked of will be in full operation next week. If we had the water here now, with the diggings that we have, I will venture to say that there would be more gold taken from this precinct this winter than from any other in Butte County. There is a company of Chilenos just below our town that take out daily from three to five ounces to the hand. There is an old colored man that has been mining here that took out a little over seven hundred dollars as his share in three weeks' work, and then he sold out his claim and went below to get his wife. Yesterday he prospected the same ground to show his wife the prospect, and washed out eleven dollars the first pan. We have but one American lady living in this vicinity, Mrs. Morquis. She washed out one pan of dirt yesterday and got one dollar thirty-seven and one-half cents. We have a daily stage from Oroville running here. There have been quite a number of persons here in the last four weeks who have got good claims recorded. This is a new place, and the diggings here were first struck last winter by a company of Chilenos and Mexicans. The town is situated on Spanish Ravine, which empties into Chub Gulch. These and Blair's Ravine are considered the richest diggings. Our town is twenty miles from Oroville and one mile from Frenchtown. We had two gentlemen to call on us yesterday who came in a buggy, the first buggy that was ever seen in this part of the country. There is a good mountain road from Pence's Ranch to the place. Mr. Snyder, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Reed have been sinking a shaft on what is called Yankee Hill, for hill digging."

## Daily Butte Record 9-11-1856

**SPANISH TOWN.**—Our friends Tom Bissett and John Miller, took a trip to Missilla Valley and thereabouts, and were delighted with the country, as a mining region. They either bought or dug some of the most beautiful coarse gold that we have ever seen.— We did not learn the precise spot where it come from, but they say that there is a plenty more left of the same sort where they got it.

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**HIGHWAY ROBBERY.**—A man was knocked down last Wednesday, at Cherokee Ravine, by some person unknown, and robbed of all the money he had about his person and a pistol. The robber, not satisfied with his plunder, beat the man most unmercifully, and left him lying insensible on the ground.

# North Californian

9-12-1856

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FRENCHTOWN MINING Co.—Their canal is now in a fair way to be completed—the late owner, Mr. Fargo, having sold his interest to the above company, it is intended to convey the 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. Some of the richest claims in Butte county are located within the reach of the waters of this ditch.

At the annual meeting of the company, held in Marysville, on Saturday, officers for the ensuing year were elected, consisting of G. C. Addison, President; M. Fuller, Mark D. Dobbins, W. S. Watson, and A. Fargo, Trustees; M. D. Dobbins, Treasurer, and Aaron Fargo, Secretary. The work will be completed this fall.—*Herald.*

# Daily Butte Record

9-13-1856

OREGON GULCH — This heretofore thriving mining settlement, has been sadly in want of water for the last six months, and has been rather dull in consequence. The ground is good there, and when they have had water to work, they have invariably made handsome wages, and often struck it very rich. The gold is coarse, and assays more than that taken from any mining locality in this section.

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COME ONE COME ALL!**



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COME—“Trip the light fantastic toe,” or enjoy other pleasures of the Barbecue.

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| Geo Wilmont,     |                    |
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| Chas Lincoln,    |                    |
| C Wheeler,       | } Neal's Ranch;    |
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Messilla Valley, Sept. 10, 1856.

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## Weekly Butte Record 9-20-1856

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From Philo Junius of Spanish Town, we give our readers a letter that sets forth in full, the present and future prospects of this new and flourishing town:

SPANISH TOWN, Sept. 12 1856.

MR. EDITOR:—According to promise, I send you a few items.

Our town is progressing very rapidly. I think we have the best diggings 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 one hundred men.

There is a company of Chillinos and Mexicans, that take out with three hands, from three to five ounces per day.

The dirt prospects from one to three bits to the pan.

A colored man took from his claim, in three weeks, a little over \$700.

There is but one lady in the place, and she washed out \$1,75 yesterday, from one pan of dirt.

There is some eight new buildings going up, and this town begins to look like a young Oroville.

PHILUS JUNIUS.

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**RICH QUARTZ.**—Mr. Dyer, of Dyer's Express, informs us that a Quartz lead has been discovered within half a mile from Spanishtown, which is believed by those who have prospected it, to be supassingly rich. We did not learn the names of the lucky discoverers, but there is no doubt but that it will turn out to be valuable. That whole section of country is known to abound in Quartz; and some of the ledges now being worked, are proving to be as rich as any in this vicinity.

**CONVENIENT.**—Oroville is better supplied with water than any town in California, save Sacramento. The main pipe is four inches in diameter, with forty-six feet head or pressure, at the reservoir. It will very soon be extended through all the principal streets in town. This is a work which is calculated to enhance the value of property, and also, to protect it, and is of more importance than any other enterprize or public work that has been projected since the settlement of Oroville.

**HEALTH OF OROVILLE.**—We hear of some little sickness in our midst, such as intermittent fever, and chills and fever. At this particular season of the year, this is not uncommon, as in almost every newly settled valley in all countries—the inhabitants are subject to more or less of these diseases. As a general thing, we may safely say, that ours is a most healthy section of country.

**YUBA COUNTY K. N. NOMINATIONS.**—The Know Nothings of Yuba county met in convention at the Keystone Ranch, on Saturday last, and nominated the following ticket: For Senator, R. S. Mesick, of Marysville; for Assemblymen, Dr. D. W. C. Rice, of Marysville; Mr. Wyatt, of Bear river; Beaman, of Young's Gold Hill; Mr. Clements, of Dry Creek; and Mr. Harris n, of Buckeye Ranch.

## DYER'S DAILY EXPRESS!

From Oroville to Spanishtown!  
AND FRENCHTOWN.

**T**HE undersigned will run a Daily Express between Oroville, Spanishtown and Frenchtown. All letters and packages entrusted to his care will be delivered with promptness and despatch.

Agents, W.M. C. PAYNE, Oroville,  
DR. WALDRON, Spanishtown.

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**NEW EXPRESS.**—Dyer runs a daily Express to Pence's Ranch, Mesilla Valley, Helltown, Dogtown, Spanishtown, and other points on the West Branch.

### The Mines Giving Out.

Old Croakers, as long ago as 1850, began to express serious apprehensions that the mines were about failing, and that California, with nothing substantial or reliable to depend on for a source of wealth, or even a sure subsistence, would, in the course of a very few years, resolve into as bad, if not a worse state than before Uncle Sam had taken her to himself, and found her treasures. How ridiculous such ideas now seem to those who will but take the matter into serious consideration, and examine the many evidences that prove these apprehensions to be groundless.

But a merely superficial glance at the magnitude of the placers, in Butte County for instance, will give one a striking proof of the fallacy of such notions. Such ground as is being worked by the miners in this vicinity, and which is making our town of such vast importance, is almost exhaustless, extending for miles in length and breadth, up and down the river on both sides—and this is, so to say, but a mere drop in the bucket—a mere iota of the gold bearing soil of even Butte County—and throughout the State, from the extreme Southern to the most distant Northern mines, there is hardly a hill that does not contain gold, and will pay for working.

The true source of all the gold—the quartz rock, which is just beginning to be worked, is everlasting; and will, probably, in course of time, supercede every other species of mining in point of reliability and importance.

Figures tell the tale better than words and the reports of the amount of treasure shipped by the various steamers, show how the mines are failing. Here is one instance:

On Saturday last, the steamer Sonora sailed with \$2,084,752 55, and the Sierra Nevada with \$155,763 66; making an aggregate of \$2,230,526 21, as a semi monthly shipment of treasure! This does not look much like fizzling out—if it does, let us fizzle. So long as men will work industriously in the California hills, there is very little danger of a failure in the crop.

## Daily Butte Record 9-25-1856

### Mining News.

Monday, the 22d, the Ohio claim yielded \$4,500, and from appearances, they expect the yield to increase as they work along.

At the Rough and Ready claim they took out \$3100 the same day, and the prospects still continue good. They have recently found a very rich deposit, which seems to be growing richer the more they work it.

\$3,000 was taken out of the Jones claim on Tuesday, and about the same amount on Wednesday.

The Matanzas Co. succeeded yesterday in reaching the bed-rock in the centre of their claim, and struck dirt of extraordinary richness. It was expected that the day's yield would exceed \$10,000.00

EJECTED.—An individual who was disposed to be insulting and noisy to the inconvenience and chagrin of the peaceable tenants of the Orleans Hotel, was obliged to accept of an invitation to leave, from Mr. McLaughlin, our efficient deputy sheriff, and in rather a hasty manner removed the campstools.

ACCIDENT.—A Supervisor and a Constable started from hence a day or two since, for Spanishtown, to arrest somebody or somebody else, but from frequent exertions by the road-side, to avert serious consequences from the heat and other outside influences, they became so thoroughly fatigued, that they were obliged to desist from their arduous task, overcome by exhaustion—and seek refreshing repose “neath the shadowy shade of an umbrageous tree.” They gin up the *sarsh*.

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TO OUR PATRONS—Several complaints have recently been made to us, by subscribers who have failed to receive their papers regularly. We are really at a loss to account for these mistakes, for we endeavor at all times, to use the surest means for sending the RECORD, and are quite sure that the fault is not ours altogether. We send by all convenient means, private and public, but generally send either by mail or the Expresses, and hope that in future, no more mistakes of the kind may happen.

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DEAD HEADS.—In our nightly perambulations, we see scores of outside lodgers lying around drunk, on the benches in front of the various drinking saloons in town. As populous and thriving a village as ours is, we are afraid that we are sadly behind the times in virtue and morality, for since the good old days of “’49 and Spring of ’50.” we don’t remember seeing us fearful an amount of carousing and drunkenness as is to be seen night and day in Oroville. We are cursed with a terrible array of loafers, and need a city government to rid us of them.

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**FOR THE MOUNTAINS** —Our esteemed friend Craige has left us to take up his residence for a few months. He goes to superintend the building of the West Branch and Spanistown Ditch; and a man more capable of doing it as it ought to be done, never existed. He is a universal favorite here, and his absence will be regretted by a host of friends.

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**FUN AHEAD.**—On the eighth of October next, John Davis is to give a ball at his place in Messilla Valley, the "Valley Exchange," formerly know as "Balcomb's Ranch." From the preparations that we *know* he is making, there is no doubt, that in the language of "Jeems Hambrick," there will be "too much fun there for one man."

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**BARBECUE AND BALL**—The Barbecue comes off at Pence's Ranch, Messilla Valley, on Thursday next, the 25th. The proceeds of the whole affair are to be appropriated to the establishing a school in that District—a most commendable object, and should draw a large crowd; besides, Supervisor Pence is capable of affording a vast deal of amusement to his guests. He laughs and grows fat, and wants everybody else to do the same. He is going *rearin'* and *tearin'* through the *bresh* with a vehicle to bring the ladies in. *We ar' thar.*

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**BALL AND BARBECUE.**—This affair, at Pence's Ranch on Thursday, is described by those present as a magnificent affair. Everything passed off pleasantly, and to the satisfaction of all parties. We saw a delegation of our young gentlemen who style themselves 'Lunch Eaters,' who seemed in high glee after their night's fun.

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**GRAND BARBECUE AND BALL.**—Probably Butte county has never seen as magnificent an affair of the kind as is to come off to-morrow, at Pence's Ranch, for the purpose of raising funds for building a school house in the district in which Mr. Pence lives. The object for which the entertainment is to be given, to say nothing of the fun that is sure to be seen, is sufficient inducement for all, dancers and everybody else, to go. We will guarantee the best kind of treatment, and the most generous hospitality to all, from the hands of our old and jolly friend Pence.

9-30-1856

OROVILLE DAILY BUTTE RECORD.


VOLUME 1

OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1856.

NUMBER 68.

VALLEY EXCHANGE!

Formerly known as Joe Balcom's Ranch,  
MESILLA VALLEY.

 JOHN DAVIS & E. C. MERRITHIEW, beg leave to inform their friends and the public generally, that they have leased the Balcom Ranch, situated on Dry Creek, about eleven miles from Oroville, on the road to Frenchtown and Butte Creek. Connected with the house is a FINE BAR, which will always be found well filled.

The proprietors would also state that they have one of the best Race Tracks in the Northern country.  
September 22, 1856. s22-11

GRAND  
OPENING BALL!

At the VALLEY EXCHANGE, Mesilla Valley, formerly known as Balcom's Ranch.

 DAVIS & MERRITHIEW, would respectfully announce that they will give a **GRAND OPENING BALL**,  at the Valley Exchange, Mesilla Valley,

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WHITE & NUTTER,  
DEALERS IN  
GROCERIES, PROVISIONS  
LIQUORS, &C., &C.

THE UNDERSIGNED, in calling the attention of the public to their stock of Prime Goods, would avail themselves of this opportunity to return thanks for the very generous patronage they have received during the number of years they have been engaged in business at this place: and determined to merit a continuance of the same in future, offer at the lowest rates a large and well selected assortment of Groceries and Provisions, Liquors of a superior quality, Preserved Fruits, Miners' supplies, Hardware, Crockery and Glassware &c., &c. Particular attention paid to filling and delivering miners' orders from a distance. The highest price paid for Gold Dust.

We shall also run a daily Letter and Package Express, between this place and Oroville.

WHITE & NUTTER,  
Oregon City, July 1856. jy19-4f

# Daily Butte Record

9-30-1856

STABBED.—An altercation took place night before last at Spanishtown, in which Mr. Van Dyke, formerly of this place, was stabbed. It seems as near as we can learn, that a game of some kind was going on, at which several were betting, among them was a Spaniard who grabbed some money belonging to Van Dyke, and attempted to make off with it, when the latter stopped him, and in the scuffle the Spaniard drew a knife and stabbed Van in the arm, and made good his escape with the money. The cut received by Mr. Van Dyke is not considered dangerous.

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Oct 4, 1856

# Butte Record.

OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 1856.

## Merchants Hotel, FIRST STREET, Near the Steamboat Landing, MARYSVILLE.



THE SUBSCRIBER HAVING LEASED the Merchants Hotel for a term of years, will give his personal attention to keeping a **FIRST CLASS HOTEL**, and solicits a share of public patronage. Bar, Billiards and Bathing Rooms in the House.

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O. M. EVANS.

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## Saloon Department:

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J. BROULETTE & CO.

# Daily Butte Record

10-13-1856

**MURDER AT SPANISHTOWN.**—We learn from Mr. Gaston who drives the Spanishtown stage, that on Saturday night a fight occurred in a dance house in that place, in which one Mexican shot another dead on the spot.

Not being on the ground at the time of the affray, he was unable to give us either the names of the parties or the occasion of the fight.

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**MEETING AT SPANISHTOWN.**

Gen P. H. HARRIS, A M ZABRISKIE, Esq., and others, will address the citizens of SPANISHTOWN, Butte County; on SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 18th, on the political questions of the day.

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SPANISHTOWN.—From all accounts, this place must be almost another Oroville. We have lately noticed a great many loads of goods passing through our town thither.

Stiles, Snyder, and others that we have seen from there, say that everything is done in the old '49 style—drinking, gambling and the like being the order of the day.

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DEADWOOD CLAIM.—We learn through Mr. Lattimore yesterday, that the rise in the river had not yet interrupted operations in this claim. Towards the head of the claim where they are now working, the ground is very rich, and with a few weeks time to wash it in, they are yet confident of reaping a rich harvest.

A CEMETRY —Since Oroville became a town, there has never been a proper place selected for the burial of the dead. The present place of interment, is one of the most unsuitable, from the fact that it is so surrounded by mining claims that it is both inconvenient to approach, and is eventually likely to be disturbed by encroachments, from persons whose respect for the dead, is overbalanced by their love of gold.

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.

LOLA MONTEZ.—The Sacramento Age says, that this distinguished lady is under a two months 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 six weeks, but she has'nt made her appearance yet.

We sincerely hope that among the 'interior towns,' ours has not been forgotten.— We have never had the privilege of seeing the 'divine Lola,' and hope that she will be induced to come to see us. We probably patronize theatres better here, than in any town north of Sacramento.

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Oct 18, 1856

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# Butte Record.

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VOLUME 3.

OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1856.

NUMBER 51.

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**NEW STAGE LINES.**—Oroville is fast becoming the concentrating point for the stages running from Marysville to the North. Already the Bidwell's Bar line has withdrawn from the old road and is being run through our town, and in a day or two the Shasta stages are to pass this way.

Four stages arrive every day from Marysville, one from Bidwell, and one from Spanishtown and vicinity.

The Shasta line, once established through Oroville, together with the others, will augment the already immense influx of travelers to our town.

As we have ever prophesied, the attention of capitalists must be directed hither, and they have but to get a glimpse of the resources hereabouts, and the size of the town, to induce them to make such investments as are bound to result to their profit and the welfare of the town.

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**CAL. STAGE Co.**—Jabe Sawin called on us yesterday and corrected some of our statements relative to the arrangements of this company. The number of arrivals are as follows :

Six Marysville stages arrive and depart daily. The Bidwell stage goes up and returns every day, and three conveyances to and from Spanishtown, are run in the same time. A stage to Forbestown also arrives at the office of the company every day.

Two stages to and from Shasta, will arrive here daily by the first of November, and how many more will come deponent saith not.

The company are erecting large stables here for the accomodation of their horses, and intend making this their great central depot.

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**BANKERS.**

CHARLES H HEDGES.

M. W. HANNON.

**HEDGES & HANNON,  
BANKERS,**

WASHINGTON BLOCK, CORNER OF MONTGOMERY  
AND MYERS STREETS.

**OROVILLE.**

**GOLD DUST PURCHASED  
AT THE HIGHEST RATES  
OR FORWARDED TO THE MINT FOR ASSAY OR  
COINAGE.**

**CHECKS ON MARYSVILLE,  
SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO.**

**Sight and Time Drafts Fulfilled on the  
ATLANTIC STATES AND EUROPE.**

Oroville, Oct. 5, 1856.

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**McWILLIAMS & TYMESON,  
BANKERS;**

NEW BRICK BUILDING—CORNER MONTGOM-  
ERY AND MYERS STREETS.

**OROVILLE.**

**GOLD DUST BOUGHT**

**At the Highest Rates.**

**Checks at Par!**

**ON MARYSVILLE, SACRAMENTO CITY AND  
SAN FRANCISCO.**

**SIGHT DRAFTS**

For Sale, on all the Principal Atlantic Cities.  
DEPOSITS received. Special and otherwise.  
July 14, 1856. Jy14-1f

**HENRY KEEFER'S**

**BANKING & EXCHANGE**

**OFFICE;**

Corner of Miner street and the Plaza;  
**BIDWELL, Cal.**

**GOLD DUST BOUGHT  
At the Highest Rates.**

**Checks Drawn on Mark Urnagim & Co.  
MARYVILLE.**

**Bills of Exchange on all the Eastern Cities**  
New York..... St. Louis, Mo.  
Boston..... Cincinnati, Ohio  
Philadelphia..... Louisville, Ky.  
Baltimore..... Detroit, Mich.

**EXCHANGE ON LONDON.**

**DRAFTS PAYABLE IN**

Montreal, C. W..... Quebec, C. E.  
Hamilton, C. W..... Brantford, C. W.  
Toronto, C. W..... London, C. W.  
St. Catharines, C. W..... Chatham, C. W.

**General and Special Deposits Received.**

Bidwell, September 25, 1856.

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## Bloody Fight—Two Men Killed.

We have just been called on by Mr. Dyer, the Expressman, who informs us that a desperate fight occurred on Sunday night, at a dance house in Spanishtown, between a party of Peruvians and Mexicans, in which two men were killed, and one woman, and some seven or eight men were wounded.

About a hundred shots were exchanged in the melee. It is described as being a most bloody fight on both sides.

There seems to be a feud existing between the Peruvians and Mexicans, as there has been several fights between them before.

We have been, as yet, unable to get the full particulars of the affray, but shall do so at the earliest possible moment, and lay them before our readers.

Since writing the above, we have received the following letter from our friend Stiles:

SPANISHTOWN, Oct. 20th, 1856.

DEAR CROSSETTE:

You have no doubt heard ere this, that Spanishtown was something of a place, and I do assure you that I have seen sufficient of it myself, to say that the half has not been told. In many respects it excels any mining or mountain town that I have seen, and reminds one of the past and exciting times of '49 and '50, when money was plenty, diggings good, whiskey run freely, and consequently to cut, shoot, play cards, and kick up rows, was the order of the day.

The white population hereabouts are, as a general thing, a peaceably inclined, jolly set of fellows—once in a while some "rip-roarer" spoils for a fight, and he don't have to look far to get it:

The Mexicans, Peruvians and Chilians stir us up very often. Last night, they had a bloody fight at a dance house, and at which at least a hundred shots were fired. The balls went whizzing in every direction. One man, a Peruvian I believe, was killed. One woman, a Portuguese, shot in the arm.—Two men in a cabin, Peruvians, one shot in the right shoulder, the other cut badly with a sword. Two Chilians shot; one in the back, the other in the leg.

The diggings here are certainly rich. The town is full of people. Hotels are crowded; the Golden Gate, Cary & McClellan proprietors, is the principle house in town.

Buildings are rapidly going up. The ditch will be completed in about six weeks. Aman W. Fargo, the Superintendent, certainly deserves credit for prosecuting this work as he has, and from the known reputation of the officers of the company, insures its speedy completion.

There is no doubt but that the clean Democratic county and township ticket will be elected. Jesse Morrison, our candidate for the legislature, is very popular here.

Some little attempts have been made to nominate township officers, but as yet nothing has been done.

Yours &c.,

SPANISHTOWN.

ARRESTED.—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.

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TELEGRAPH.—We learn by a letter from Marysvine, that Messrs. Gwynn and Stockton have perfected arrangements for the extension of the Telegraph to Oroville, and will proceed immediately to construct the same.



10-22-1856

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MARYSVILLE DAILY HERALD.

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EQUAL AND EXACT JUSTICE TO ALL—FAVORITISM TO NONE.

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**Butte County Nominees.**

The Republican Convention for Butte Co. met on Saturday last at Oroville, and nominated John Dick and J. McKinstry Smith for the Assembly from that county. These are excellent nominations, and will be successful before the people. John Dick was a representative from Butte in the last Legislature. He was a firm and true man in that body, and boldly raised his voice for freedom when the infamous Banks resolutions were pending.— If we recollect aright, Mr. Dick was the only man to denounce them. Ten men were found—only ten—to vote against these resolutions, and one of them was craven-hearted enough to apologize for his vote, and recant on the next day. It is right now to honor the men who were true to us in the early days. All honor, then, to Mr. Dick!

Mr. Smith, the other Republican nominee, is largely interested in quartz operations in Butte, is a popular and capable man, and will be endorsed by the people, and triumphantly elected. Our advices from Butte assure us that the Republicans of that county are hard at work, and that they are confident of carrying the county.

SPANISHTOWN, Oct. 21 1856.

DEAR CROSETTE:

Spanishtown was very quiet last night, in consequence I presume, of the formation of a citizen Police.

The Mexican who was wounded in the late fight; died this morning.

The reputation which this town has earned for fighting, has for the present, had the effect to drive away some few of the timid ones, and very many of those who may well be spared by any civilized community. They were mostly Peruvians and Chilians. But now the town will remain perfectly quiet, as there is plenty of respectable citizens to put down any outbreak that may occur.

Last night the Black Republicans sent that miserable curse, Hon. John Dick, to hold forth in this town. A beautiful thing he made of it. He had some twenty hearers. He showed his blue hatchet face by candle light, and went on to state that he had mined in Yuba and some other places. He said he was the "black candidate for the legislature; was the able K. N. member last year," and referred the dear people to his acts while serving them in that capacity. He said, he *guessed* that he had better *jist* do as some other folks did, that was, to tell what he and his party want, as well as what they was. He said, in the course of his eloquent and patriotic remarks, that he did not believe that a white man was as good as a nigger. The *crowd* didn't hiss him any, but he finally "gin out."

Dick did well. If his party will send a few more like him up here, they may possibly get about fifteen votes in this precinct.

A vote was taken last night, at the instance of one of the wooly head speakers, in the Golden Gate hotel, which resulted as follows:

|           |    |
|-----------|----|
| Buehann,  | 23 |
| Fillmore, | 12 |
| Fremont,  | 6  |

Your correspondent over the signature of 'Binks,' is devoid of truth, common sense; and wit.

Yours, &c ,

SPANISHTOWN.

We learn by a letter received yesterday from a friend at Spanishtown, that Judge Stiles and several others, have formed themselves into a citizen's police force, for the protection of the town from fire and rascals. We should like to see the Judge in his new character of Dogberry. He is just the man to "comprehend all vagram men."

# Butte Record

## 10-25-1856

CAUCUS AT SPANISHTOWN.—We are pleased to learn that our friend Stiles received the nomination for the office of Justice of the Peace by the citizens of Spanishtown, at a caucus of all parties, held in that place on Wednesday.

Other nominations were made for Constable and another Justice, the township being entitled to two of each, but who they were, we have not been informed.

Oct 25, 1856

# Butte Record.

OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1856.

**THE WHITE DEER SKIN DANCE.**—The past fortnight, says the *Shasta Courier*, the Indians of Klamath county have been holding a grand fandango at the mouth of Trinity river, and from Happy Camp to the Reservation near the ocean. Every rancheria has been fully represented.

It is estimated that including squaws and papooses, at least one thousand natives participated in the festivities.

This celebration, which is held annually, is known as the dance of the "white deer skin," and is regarded as by far the most important in their social calendar. The white deer is very rarely seen in California, and so rarely prized are they by the Indians, that the richest of them will readily barter his favorite squaw, or his most valuable effects for a single skin. At the present celebration there were five skins conspicuously exhibited, three of which were owned by a Mowimo Cræsus, who appeared to be idolized by his less fortunate chiefs — The dancing, feasting and frolicking exceeding all bounds, and came near resulting in a serious collision between the "Salmon" and "Red Cap" factions who have for years entertained a grudge against each other. The hatchet, however, was not quite dug up and the festivities closed without recourse to arms.

**WEST BRANCH DITCH.**—Mr. Menchum informed us yesterday that the head dam of the above named ditch had been entirely completed and the water turned into the race. This is an important step towards the immediate construction of the ditch, and we infer from what he said that preparations are being made to proceed at once with the digging. The line of the ditch is by survey. If our memory serves us right, some fifty miles in extent, and when completed will be the largest and most important work of the kind in the State.

SPANISHTOWN, Oct. 27th, '58.

FRIEND CROSETTE:

I discover by the North Californian, that brass coat and blue button John Dick, waxed wrothy at an article signed Spanishtown, which appeared in the RECORD some days since. I agree with the Black and Blue Republican, where he remarks that it is sufficient to know that the correspondence is from C. W. Stiles. He is right about that. The gentleman evidently chafes because I wrote that he said, in the course of his remarks, that he did not think that a white man was as good as a nigger—if he denies it, he tells an unmitigated lie. Every one of his little audience can and will bear witness to it. Many of them said at the time, that he ought to be hissed off the stand. I would, if necessary, get the signatures of the most respectable gentlemen in town to prove the truth of my statement. So much for old Jack Dick Esq

Spanishtown is improving as usual, and many new buildings are going up. A steam saw mill is being erected that will supply us with any quantity of lumber. The ditch has taken a new start and all difficulties to hinder its immediate completion have been removed. This will be of untold advantage to this town and vicinity, as it is most certain that the diggings here are of the richest kind. They are now prospecting for deep or hill diggings, with every indication of success. A great number of strangers are flocking here, and there is no doubt but what a thousand people will winter here.— Politics run to fever heat. Black Republicans are no where. There has been no fighting lately. There are six respectable white families here, and more coming. The road between this place and the Ferry, is being put in good repair. It is the steepest stage road that I have ever traveled over in the State. Three stages, well filled run to this town every other day. They have strong opposition, and fare only \$2. Phil Ripley and Geo. Green gave an exhibition the other night; Play, Jack the Giant Killer.

Truly yours,

C. W. S.

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# SACRAMENTO DAILY UNION.

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THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 6.

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## ELECTION RETURNS.


BY THE STATE AND ALTA TELEGRAPH LINES.

Below will be found the election returns up to the latest moment. Most of them have been forwarded by the Pacific Express Company, through the two telegraph companies.


### Butte.

|                     | Buchanan. | Fillmore. | Fremont. |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Morris' Ravine..... | 24        | 25        | 11       |
| Honcut City.....    | 31        | 12        | 8        |
| Wyandotte.....      | 42        | 26        | 49       |
| Forbestown.....     | 130       | 41        | 83       |
| Frenchtown.....     | 64        | 62        | 7        |
| Spanishtown.....    | 135       | 120       | 3        |
| *Oroville.....      | 858       | 622       | 210      |

\*Balance ticket about the same.

 We regret to learn that our old friend Stiles, has been beaten in the contest for the office Justice of the Peace of Oregon Township.. The loss is mutual, the Township being thus deprived of a most excellent officer, and the candidate of a good office. We wish you better success in future Charley.

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 Mr. George Faulkner brought into our office last evening, \$3,08 worth of Gold Dust that he washed out of one pan of dirt taken by him out of Tunnel of the Butte County Drifting Company, (generally known as Robinson's Tunnel) in Table Mountain.



# North Californian.

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C. G. LINCOLN, ..... Editor.

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**OROVILLE.**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1856.**

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## WANTED.

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HANDS on the Frenchtown Canal.  
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# Weekly Butte Record 11-8-1856

## THE RETURNS.

The following is the reported vote of the precincts named :

### SPANISHTOWN PRECINCT.

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Buchanan..... | 130 |
| Fillmore..... | 120 |
| Fremont.....  | 3   |

### Assembly.

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Long.....      | 120 |
| Morrison.....  | 103 |
| Lathrop.....   | 104 |
| Barber.....    | 122 |
| McK Smith..... | 18  |
| Dick.....      | 3   |

### Assessor.

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Lillard ..... | 124 |
| Watson.....   | 111 |
| Bliss.....    | 3   |

### Public Administrator.

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Morse.....    | 124 |
| Taylor.....   | 108 |
| McConnel..... | 3   |

### Coroner.

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Brown.....    | 76  |
| McGuire.....  | 149 |
| Woodward..... | 14  |

### Supervisor.

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Wilmot.....  | 71  |
| Cannon.....  | 148 |
| Burnham..... | 25  |
| Buffum.....  | 4   |

### Justices.

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Stiles.....  | 169 |
| Stewart..... | 78  |
| Glass.....   | 87  |
| Basset.....  | 3   |

### Constables.

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Noles.....       | 123 |
| Simpson.....     | 49  |
| McConkey.....    | 58  |
| Merriwether..... | 4   |

**FRENCHTOWN CANAL.**—We are told that the work on this great ditch has commenced in real earnest, and that some two or three hundred men are already engaged on it — This ditch is to run through some of the best mineral land in the State.

This would become  
Yankee Hill

**Butte County Correspondence.**

SPANISHTOWN, Nov 8th, '56.

Friend Crosette—The bustle and excitement incident to the election has prevented my sending you any items of news from this place for several days past. And even now there is nothing very heart-rending or interesting to your readers that I can relate. The election passed off quietly, Democratically and satisfactorily. Buchanan will of course carry the State by a large majority; but as I remarked to you when I left, Fremont is bound to be the President. That is my opinion only, and I hope I am mistaken.

Morrison, Democratic nominee for Member of Assembly, ran much better here than some of his friends anticipated. Great exertions were used here to elect Mr. Lathrop. But notwithstanding he beat Morrison but one vote at this precinct. I am told that we scratched—or allowed his name to be scratched—or “threw him off” as they say. This is a mistake. We used every exertion and all honorable means to keep him up to his ticket. Had this not been done, he would have been beaten fifty votes here.

I have not yet heard the correct returns for township officers. It takes longer to hear from Oregon Gulch and Cherokee Flat, than it would to hear from the innermost recesses of Utah Territory.

This town is very quiet—rather brightening up however. The Ditch is taking a fresh start. The President, Addison, O. M. Evans, Trustee, and others interested are on the ground. The Pioneer Hotel is in full blast, and crowded nightly. Phil Ripley, and John Stanliels are putting up a new Hotel. Metcalf & Butcher are putting up a market, for qutchering hogs and other brutes.

A chunk of gold was taken out of the Ravine here yesterday by a Mexican, that weighed \$84,50.

A company has been formed for the purpose of sinking a shaft in the hill. two miles from this place, for deep diggings. There is every prospect of striking it rich. Its just my luck you know.

Three Stages from the white settlements arrive and depart daily. The well-known and jolly George Green, is the—not very polite—but very attentive and popular Agent. He wakes this town up every morning, conversing with Uncle Bily Clark, on matters connected with staging. They stand at different ends of the town and whisper to each other. Yours,

SPANISHTOWN.

This would be the  
Union Hotel, later  
purchased by M.H.  
Wells in April 1863  
and renamed the  
Yankee Hill Hotel

# Daily Butte Record

11-12-1856

AN EXPLORING EXPEDITION.—A party of adventurers composed of C.W. Stiles Esq. and a jackass loaded with grub, blankets, mining tools &c., left Spanishtown a few days since on a prospecting expedition. When last seen, "the Judge" was inquiring the nearest way to the richest diggings. We hope he may pan out a fortune.

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# WEEKLY BUTTE RECORD.

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GEO: H. CROSETTE, Editor.

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Oroville, Saturday, November 15th, 1856.

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## Topics of the Day.

Oroville may be likened to a young man just released from the studies of a college, or the toils of an apprenticeship and turned loose to shift for himself. She is possessed of all the natural qualities for future greatness, but is suffering now in dire necessity for want of the requisite capital wherewith to start in the business of life. She has been amply provided for by nature, and has received a fair start in the world, from her liberal progenitors, but she needs a vast deal of assistance and means in accomplishing her ultimate purpose.— Those who have her in charge should not neglect her in the hour of need, and now is the time for action. Some assistance has already been given her. She has some of her demands supplied, but not all. The facilities for approach to her, have been, and still are sadly neglected. Roads are in a miserable state in her immediate vicinity, and are growing every day still worse,—and the places for entrance and exit, to and from the town, are in such a state as to demand the immediate attention of those whom it may concern.

More especially would we speak of the great thoroughfare to Marysville by the way of Lynsburg, and the road leading to Chico and Shasta. The former may be repaired at a comparatively small expense, but on the latter a liberal outlay should be made in the erection of a bridge, in place of the present Ferry, which is now the only means afforded for crossing the river, on the way towards the immense upper country, the trade of which we confidently hope will eventually concentrate in Oroville. It is well to look to these things in time, and provide for the future. Nature has done much towards making this a convenient depot for the supplies which the vast mineral lands about us do, and will require, and those to whom are confided the destinies of this fair town, should lend all the aid in their power towards her advancement. A bridge is greatly needed, and must be built sooner or later. The roads contiguous to the Ferry, and the Ferry itself, are insufficient accommodation for the greatly increasing travel to and from the north, and lack of enterprise on the part of our citizens should never act as hindrance in making Oroville a place of easy access to the mountain traders. Just give Oroville a fair chance, and she will outstrip all her competitors.

# Weekly Butte Record 11-15-1856

The immense tract of country embracing Thompson's Flat, Oregon Gulch, Frenchtown, Spanishtown, etc., etc., has been occupied by miners since '50. During a very few months only each year have they been able to obtain water enough to work these diggings, yet such is their known richness, that many of the original owners are still holding their claims, waiting patiently for the time when they shall be supplied with water from the great ditches that have been commenced, having for their termini these rich placers. When these great works shall be completed what an immense amount of wealth will these vast golden fields produce. The extent of country, the entire length and breadth of which is but one continuation of wonderfully rich auriferous deposits, is so great as to be capable of accommodating the mining population of a dozen such counties as this, and we predict that when the facilities for mining that will be completed within the next year are fully under way, the population of old Butte will be larger than that of any one mining county in California.

Whatever lack of enterprise other classes of our citizens may exhibit, our miners are proverbially vigorous and persevering in prosecuting whatever they may undertake. Flumes of greater magnitude than were ever constructed any where else in the world, have been built the present season in Feather River, and others of still greater proportions are already under contract for completion next year; and when finished, our ditches will be the grandest and most valuable in the State.

Truly, we have the most magnificent prospects ahead, and if there is any reliance to be placed in flattering indications, Butte is destined to become the champion in wealth and population among her sister counties in the mines, and is already in a position to acknowledge none of them her superior. The "banner county" of this glorious State shall be "Old Butte!"

**Hill Diggings Struck.**

We are informed by Curly, the Stage driver, that the company who recently commenced prospecting for deep diggings at what is called Jordan Slide, near Spanish-town, struck the bed rock at a depth of 67 feet, below the surface. The prospects were sufficiently flattering to warrant them in starting a tunnel, from the base of the hill to the bottom of the shaft. This spot has been partially prospected before, but to no great depth in consequence of water which was found but few feet below the surface.

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## Butte Record 11-22-1856

### SALMON FISHING AMONG THE INDIANS.—

The Mariposa Gazette says that the Indians upon the South Fork and upper parts of the main Merced river are much dissatisfied at the failure of their Salmon fishing, which is caused by one or two dams on the lower part of the river. Large quantities of salmon are annually killed by these Indians, and being prepared in their own manner, form the staple article of food during the winter.

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SALMON.—The Shasta Republican says that this being the season during which the Indians take the salmon for winter consumption, they are now caught in large quantities, and are fat and healthy. The Rancherias are numerous along the banks of the Sacramento, and all are busy curing their fish.

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# Weekly Butte Record

## 11-22-1856

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**FIGHT AT SPANISHTOWN.**—We learn that a fight occurred at the above place on Sunday night between an American and an Irishman wherein both parties were severely injured and one of them had a large peice bitten out of his chin. Nice, moral place, that Spanishtown!

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**THEFT.**—We learn that a cabin belonging to some miners on Cherokee Ravine, was broken open a few nights since, and robbed of blankets, guns etc. Who the perpetrators are remains as yet a mystery.

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## The Miners Strike.

The strike that was talked of among some of the miners who objected to pay the ditch company's price for water, seems to have ended in smoke, at any rate so we have been informed. There was no meeting on Monday as advertised, and we are led to believe that the majority of miners hereabout are satisfied with the company's prices, knowing the immense outlay that has been made in building the ditch, without which Oroville never would have had an existence and the great gold fields that are now supporting a population of three thousand miners would still remain undeveloped of their richness, and with no means at hand to make them what they now are, the best *average* diggings in the state, even after paying the price demanded for water.

Ditch companies and all others that engage in undertakings of similar magnitude, may be denominated monopolies, but without their aid few public works whereby communities are benefitted, would be put into operation, and unless capitalists engage in building ditches, the dry diggings of California will lie idle and unworked for many days to come, and if men of money invest their means in such enterprises, they have a right to expect a fair interest on their investments, though we deprecate the establishment of exorbitant prices, simply because the control of any indispensable commodity is in the hands of a few.

Those who have control of public works should remember that their prices should be in accordance with the means of those from whom they expect a revenue, and consumers should be willing to pay a fair profit to those who offer for sale what they need. Without mines and miners, ditches would be worthless, and without ditches the placer diggings could only be worked a few months in the year. Thus it behooves both the miner and the ditch owner to display such a degree of liberality and fairness in their dealings one with another as may result profitably to both parties.

# North Californian

11-28-1856

**MINING.**—The mines in the vicinity are paying about as usual, we believe, as the receipts at the banking houses have not materially diminished. If there should be heavy rains this winter, we expect there will have to be a temporary suspension of work in some of the claims, owing to the caving of the top dirt.

On the opposite side of the river the miners are getting their claims in readiness to work as soon as the rain fills their ditches. There is a vast and very rich mining country on the West side of the river, within a few miles of this place, including Cherokee Flat, Oregon Gulch, Morris Ravine, and Thompson's Flat, wholly dependent, at present, upon the rain. The extension of the Walker & Willson ditch to Thomson's Flat, we understand is being prosecuted with energy.

Great preparations are being made for river mining the ensuing season. A new company has been formed below Slate Bluff, and the contract given to Mr. Hart for \$50,000. The Stock in the other companies is being sold rapidly, in one or two of them it is all taken. The Oroville and Cape claims are being graded. Messrs. Hart & Bro. have contracts for fluming to the amount of \$320,000, within five miles of Oroville.

# North Californian

11-28-1856

STAGING.—Stage Coaches are rattling through our streets at all hours of the day and night. We have ten semi-daily and two daily lines, connecting this place with different parts of the world, viz :

#### FOR MARYSVILLE.

One (Cal. Stage Co.'s) leaves at 6 1-2 A. M., office St. Nicholas.

One (Sawtelle's) leaves at 7 A. M., office Orleans.

One (Cal. S. Co.'s) leaves at 11 1-2 A. M., office St. Nicholas.

One (Cal. S. Co.'s) leaves at 1 P. M., office St. Nicholas.

One (Rodgers) leaves at 1 P. M., office Orleans.

One (Shasta) leaves at 7 P. M., office St. Nicholas.

#### FOR SPANISHTOWN.

One (Cal. S. Co.'s) leaves at 7 A. M., office St. Nicholas.

One (Clark & Co.) leaves at 7 A. M., office Orleans.

One (Cal. S. Co.'s) leaves at 1 P. M., office St. Nicholas.

One stage leaves for Shasta every evening at about 6 o'clock. One for Bldwell at the same time. A stage leaves every morning at 6 o'clock for Forbestown, and returns the same day—office at the St. Nicholas. A stage leaves the Orleans every morning at 7 o'clock for Bangor, and returns the same day.

In addition to the above we have a weekly mail between here and Cherokee Flat, and a tri-weekly to Hamilton.

SOME steps are being taken toward the removal of the Yuba Indians to the Nomee Sackee Reservation, and we hope those living hereabouts may be attended to very shortly. A more miserable race of beings can hardly be imagined than the Indians of this neighborhood.— Now that they are induced to quit their old habits of living together in rancherias and gaining a subsistence by hunting and fishing, and depend in a great measure upon the charities of the whites for food and shelter, they are not only rendering themselves miserable but are an eyesore to the community in which they choose to locate, and like other paupers, should be provided with a home apart from the entire world, out of harm's way and beyond the reach of want. We hope Col. Henly will attend to these poor creatures before the severe weather commences, and renders their removal impracticable until spring sets in. Some persons about here make a practice of furnishing the Indians with spirits, and as the red man will drink as long as the white man will sell it to him, they had better be removed from these dangers of civilization at as early a period as possible.

## Butte Record Nov 29, 1856

**A VILLAINOUS OUTRAGE.**—We saw on Sunday afternoon, a poor Indian boy apparently about ten years of age, so drunk as to be almost unable to walk. Judge Jones had him in charge when we saw him, and said he had learned from the boy, who speaks English, that he had obtained the liquor from a Chinamen. Perhaps Chinamen know no better than to sell spirits to Indians, but they should be prosecuted, nevertheless, as should every one else who is guilty of doing so.

**INDIAN BATTLE.**—It is said that the Yuba and Digger Indians had a fight on Friday, Nov. 21st, near the Empire Ranch, in Yuba county.

If we have taken any articles from the *Journal* without acknowledging the source, we apologise, and take it all back, but if we have ever clipped anything from the *Union* feloniously, we don't care a snap, for that sheet appropriates whole articles from our columns, and we know of no better plan than to steal in our turn, just to get even.

**Butte County Correspondence.**

*Rapid Growth of Spanish Town—Product of the Mines—Ditch Enterprises—The Weather—A New Paper, &c., &c.*

SPANISH TOWN, Butte Co., Nov. 27th, 1856.

EDITORS UNION:—When I left your city on my way up, I stopped at Oroville, the county seat of Butte, and there I heard some talk of there being a new town up here, twenty miles north of Oroville, above the Table Mountain, which you hear so much talk about. There I found a great deal more than I anticipated. The reason why this is called Spanish town is, because the diggings here were struck by a company of Mexicans and Chilenos last winter. The diggings are said to be very rich; in fact, I have seen two buckets of dirt washed out, that had seven dollars and eighty cents in them. There are some claims here that pay from one to two ounces a hand per day, with the pan. Last July there was not one house nor five Americans in the town—this year we polled 300 votes, mostly for "Buck." Now there is some eighty-five houses, one hotel called the Pioneer Hotel, kept by Carey, Pollard & Co., four large stores, and quite a number of billiard saloons. There is a ditch being brought in here, nine miles long, by a Marysville company. They hire over two hundred men. There are now, over a country where three months ago there was no wagon road whatever, four stages daily passing from this place to Oroville. They all appear to be much crowded. There is scarcely enough accommodation here, as there is but one public house, and it is in the '49 fashion. There is another large hotel going up for the opposition stage house.

It is thought that this will prove to be one of the richest mining districts in California, when the contemplated ditch is completed. This is expected to be through by the last of January.

We had a little storm of snow here last week. It fell about two inches. We never have snow here to any considerable depth; we are but six miles from the valley. A man here that will work, can go out with his pan and make from two to five dollars per day. There was an organized company here the first of the month, to prospect a hill called Jordan's Hill. They sunk a shaft sixty feet, and got from two to five dollars to the pan. Everybody is flocking there.

Just think of a place where there was nobody living two or three months ago, now having over five hundred inhabitants.

I expect to have the pleasure of sending you down a little mountain sheet before long, as we contemplate starting one this winter. We have the diggings to keep it up. If you have any loungers down there who want to make an honest living, send them to Spanish Town. We get the *Union* daily, from Oroville.

Yours,

FRANK.

THE LAST OF BIDWELL.—We used to live at Bidwell and publish the *Record* there, and feel a sort of attachment to the old place and cherish many reminiscences of happy days that we have seen there, and with a half melancholy feeling we chronicle the sad, painful circumstance, that she has gone in lemons. Mr. Bancroft, who once presided over the affairs of the old National, now no more, was in town yesterday with a wagon load of lumber. a portion of one of one of the last houses that now mark the spot where a county seat was once located, and where a temple of Thespis once afforded the denizens of that hamlet an opportunity of witnessing the legitimate drama, presented in all its purity, by brilliant and accomplished artists, "supported by the entire strength of the company." Those were glorious old days, but they have passed as has the day of Bidwell's greatness, for what few houses still remain there are either destined for Oroville or labeled "Bangor." Poor old Bidwell, peace to its ashes! and they wouldn't be many if the whole town was to burn down.

FRENCHTOWN DITCH Co.—By reference to their advertisement, it will be seen that this Company are about increasing their capital stock to \$60,000.

ANOTHER MINERS' STRIKE.—A correspondent of the *Sacramento Union* says that the miners and ditch stockholders in the vicinity of San Juan North, as far up as Cherokee, thence down the divide, including San Juan itself, Sebastopol, Sweetlands and French Corral are at loggerheads as to the price of water the coming winter. The miners are now paying forty cents per inch for the water, and wish to have the prices reduced to twenty-five cents, though they might give thirty. The miners were to hold a public meeting on the subject at San Juan on last Wednesday evening.



# Daily Butte Record

12-8-1856

**NEW TOWN.**—We are informed that a new town is springing up near Spanishtown, at a place known as Yankee Hill. A considerable number of lots have already been claimed and staked off, and several houses are in process of erection. Rich diggings have been discovered at this locality.

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**QUARTZ MINING.**—There are four quartz mills in successful operation at Oregon Gulch. The average yield of the various ledges is about sixty dollars per ton.

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# Daily Butte Record

12-12-1856

FRENCHTOWN CANAL MINING Co.—We are informed that this long talked of ditch is soon to take a new start, and in all probability will be pushed forward to completion with the greatest possible despatch.

At a late meeting of the stockholders the capital stock was increased from \$30,000 to \$60,000, which amount is thought to be sufficient for the construction of the entire work. The contract has been let to Mr. A. S. Hart, who possesses the facility and energy necessary to prosecute such jobs second to none in the State. This will give confidence to those interested, and be a most ample guarantee that nothing will be lacking in the realization of the long anticipated event of the abundant supply of water which is so much needed in that rich mining region

The first of June we understand to be the time contracted for finishing the work, but reservoirs will be supplied and several miles of the ditch will be available for furnishing water within a month or six weeks at farthest.

SNAGGING.—The steamer Gazelle, which was dispatched by the Steam Navigation Company, on the 6th of November last, to explore Feather river and remove snags, with the view of opening that stream to the navigation of steamers to Oroville, returned on Tuesday evening. She proceeded to a point within about fifteen miles of Oroville, where an attempt was made to proceed further, but the water being but about one foot in depth, and the stream being much more shallow beyond, rendering the success of their efforts impracticable at the present stage of water, they were compelled to return. The least water found previously, was thirteen inches. We are informed that the boat could have been pushed further by building a wing dam, but not without entailing an expense that would have been unwarrantable at present. They found the navigation, all through, very much obstructed by snags, which were successfully removed.—*Union*.

**VIEW OF OROVILLE.**—Mr. Watson of the News Depot, has handed us a beautifully executed engraving of a view of Oroville, printed on large letter sheets. The view, a correct one, is taken from a point on the other side the river nearly opposite Garriott's mill. Everybody who writes to his friends in the east should do so on this illustrated paper, if for nothing more than to let the "old folks at home" know how this gigantic yearling looks.

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**GOOD DIGGINGS.**—Mr. David Smith showed us several pieces of quite coarse gold yesterday, taken from his claim in the neighborhood of Cherokee Ravine. Mr. Smith says that from present appearances, the diggings will prove rich, the lay of the land indicating a pitch of the bed-rock into the hill.—"Blue dirt and the bed-rock pitching," used to be considered a "dead thing" for a pile in our mining days.

QUARTZ MINING.—There are four quartz mills in successful operation at Oregon Gulch. The average yield of the various ledges is about sixty dollars per ton.

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THE TURF.—They are having lots of sport at the Honcut race course, as we are informed by a friend who witnessed some of the trials of speed between several crack nags.

On Saturday last, a very spirited race was run by John Mullen's horse, Bald Hornet, and Clark's Fool-catcher,. The distance was seven hundred yards; stakes \$500.—Fool-catche was the favorite, but even bets were made and to use the phrase of some leading men of the Honcut turf, "just showers of money" changed hands. Hornet's jockey was Eph Catlin, who reined him to perfection and switched him through nineteen feet ahead of his opponent, amid deafening cheers and winning the purse—Fool-catcher and rigging. Several other brushes came off but not of sufficient importance to note.

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GEO. H. CROSETTE, Editor.

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Oroville, Tuesday, December 16, 1856.

**MINING NEAR OREGON CITY.**—A piece of gold weighing eleven ounces was taken from the claim of Messrs. Barton, Jones, and Meeks at Nelson Flat near Oregon City, on Sunday last, also about six ounces of gold in dust and specimens. There are rich diggings in Oregon Gulch and vicinity, that would be developed was there an abundance of water.

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# Oroville Daily Butte Record.

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GEO: H. CROCKETT, Editor.

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Oroville, Thursday, December 18, 1856.

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## Topics of the Day.

DURING the session of 1855, when the Legislature failed to elect an United States Senator, we desired to see the Legislature unite upon any good national Democrat and elect him; and although Senator Gwin was not our choice, we should have been satisfied had the Legislature chosen to re-elect him. As they could not elect him we considered it their duty to unite upon some other man. This they declined doing, and there was no election. Papers which then supported him in preference to all others, and were willing to give the election to the Know-Nothings if he could not succeed, now express their willingness to see the Legislature go into caucus, nominate and elect two Senators, 'uninfluenced by the press,' and that the election of any two sound national Democrats would be satisfactory. We are gratified to observe this disposition of unity on the part of the Democratic press, and see many future Democratic triumphs foreshadowed in this feeling. This is good democratic policy, and had it prevailed at the session of '55, it is possible that the party might not have been beaten at the following State election.

While we are strong in the belief that is the duty of the party to elect the Senators uninfluenced by the opposition press, we do not think they should wholly disregard the preferences of the press which assisted to place the party in power. For a while the party press are willing to acquiesce in any reasonable choice the Legislature may make, there is not one of them but has its preference, and it is proper and democratic that it should make that preference known. It is not necessary that an editor should advocate his preference in such a manner as to make political enemies of those of his party who prefer different men. The difference should be only such as an election would satisfactorily settle. We well remember the pleasure we felt when such men as Gwin, Latham, Henly, Van Voorhies, and others, came up to the help of the Lord against the Ki-Yies and Black Republicans, and we hardly think those gentlemen are willing to condemn such of the democracy as do not prefer to see them elected U. S. Senators. The principles for which the party contended, have triumphed, and all who assisted in their triumph cannot of course be elected to the Senate. It is, however, the duty of the Legislature to elect two United States Senators, and we prefer to see Messrs. Broderick and McCorkle elected. That is "our position to a dot."

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# Daily Butte Record

12-19-1856

**BADLY HURT.**—Patrick Keely, the man whose spine was injured a few days since by the caving of a bank at Long's Bar, has been taken in charge by order of the supervisors and is now under the care of Dr. Brown, from whom we learn that his injuries are of such a serious nature as to render his recovery doubtful.

# Daily Butte Record

12-19-1856

SPANISHTOWN,—Mr. Cary, of the Pioneer Hotel, Spanishtown, informs us that the gulches and ravines in that vicinity are abundantly supplied with water by the late rains, and that the miners are going into their claims, which have so long remained unworked by reason of there being no water. There are numbers of little water-courses in and around there, that are known to be rich, and now that they are favored with the needful element, there will be large quantities of gold taken out.

The most beautiful gold in California is taken from this section, it being coarse, round and about the size of kernels of corn, and assays more to the ounce than any other we know of. There are several companies of Mexicans and Peruvians in the suburbs of the town, who have heretofore been scraping the bed rock with horn spoons and carrying the dirt some three hundred yards in sacks to muddy pools of water, and washing it in wooden pans, making as high as two ounces per day to the man. The town presents a most prosperous and lively appearance.

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OREGON CITY —Mr. Nutter informs us that the miners in the vicinity of Maurice's Ravine and Oregon Gulch, are supplied with an abundance of water and are all busily engaged taking out gold. These diggings have always proved rich when water could be obtained to work them.

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## Frenchtown Canal Mining Company.

FRENCHTOWN, Dec. 6, 1856.

Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the Stockholders of the "Frenchtown Canal Mining Company" will be held at the Merchants' Hotel, Marysville, on the tenth (10th) day of January, 1857, for the purpose of increasing the capital stock of said Company to sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.)

Signed

M. FULLER,  
G. C. ADDISON,  
O. M. EVANS,  
W. S. WATSON.

Trustee.

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## NOTICE.

To the Stockholders in the Frenchtown Canal Mining Company is hereby given, that an additional assessment of ten per cent. on the capital stock is called in, and payable on or before the 26th of December next.

ANAN FARGO, Secretary.

Frenchtown, November 26th, 1856. n26-1m

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## Attention Miners & Families!

D. TOY & OTTERSON again request the especial attention of all who wish to lay in their winter Stock of CLOTHING, BLANKETS, BOOTS and Woolen Goods, to the magnificent assortment of goods received by them during the past ten days. They are now opening and offer for sale

200 fine and heavy Beaver and Petersham Overcoats, Frocks and Sacks;

100 heavy Pilot Cloth Coats, latest styles;

30 superb "Ruglan" Coats, superior to any Talmas;

5 bales, 50 pr in each, heavy gray Blankets;

2 bales, 100 pr in each fine heavy blue blankets;

1 bale, 100 pr extra "French Super Super" white Blankets;

30 doz. assorted Cassimere and Satt. Pants, late styles, besides a magnificent assortment of Furnishing Goods. Montgomery st., Opposite St. Nicholas, late Huxton's. n71f.

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## NOTICE.

**O**ROVILLE LIGHT GUARD ATTENTION.— There will be a meeting at Justice Safford's office, on Saturday evening, Dec. 27th, 1856, at 7 o'clock, for the organization of said Company, electing officers, &c. Punctual attendance is requested of all those whom have signed the roll.

By order of M. A. McDAUGHLIN, Inspector.  
N. B.—Persons desirous of joining said Company can do so at said meeting. M. A. McL.

UNION HOTEL, SPANISHTOWN.—Phil Ripley and John Staniels whom everybody knows or ought to know, have just opened a house bearing the above name at Spanishtown. Their own natural love of good things eatable, drinkable and sleepable, is sufficient guaranty that they will keep a first rate house. We call the attention of the reader to their advertisement.


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**Union Hotel & Stage Honse,**  
**SPANISHTOWN, BUTTE CO.**

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**RIPLEY & STANIELS,.....Prprietors.**

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 THE UNDERSIGNED inform their friends and the public generally, that they have just opened a NEW HOTEL in Spanishtown bearing the above name, and having provided it with all the arrangements that constitute a first class Hotel, clean and comfortable Beds, bountifully furnished Table, and a Bar supplied with the best of Wines, Liquors and Cigars, they solicit the patronage of the travelling public.

The California Stage Company make this house the head quarters for their Coaches in Spanishtown.

J. P. RIPLEY,  
JOHN S. STANIELS.

Spanishtown, December 20, 1856.

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# San Francisco Bulletin

12-26-1856

**A WORD FROM SPANISH TOWN AND YANKEE HILL.**  
A correspondent of the *Marysville Enquirer*, writing from Spanish Town, Butte county, says:

The mining operations about this section of country, especially ravine and surface diggings, have proved extraordinarily rich. Some of the dirt has been packed in gunny bags to holes of muddy water, three hundred yards distant, washed in pans, and yielded as high as \$30 per day to the man. Several shafts have been sunk near here, and determination to strike deep diggings is apparent. There is every indication of success. Quartz veins of more than ordinary richness have been struck in three or four different places.

A new town is rising up one mile from Spanish Town, called Yankee Hill. This has been the headquarters of the Frenchtown Canal Mining Co. This important work has lagged of late from some cause or other, which has impeded the growth and progress of this place; in fact the town was started in consideration of having a supply of water from this ditch. This difficulty is about to be removed, as the company have reorganized and increased the capital stock to an amount sufficient to complete the work. The contract has been taken, which insures its construction by the first of June, and a large portion of the ditch will be available this winter, as reservoirs are all ready to supply water along the line of the ditch for several miles already built. This will furnish water to a very extensive and rich section which has not been developed for want of it. As the prospects of this ditch being completed brighten, the miners are flocking hither in large numbers, which makes all kinds of business look flourishing and prosperous. In fact, the success of the town seems to depend upon the ditch entirely.

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QUARTZ LEAD.—We have been shown a specimen of quartz taken from the claim of Mr. Pratt, at Spanishtown, which is the richest specimen we have ever seen broken from a ledge. We have seen richer specimens found in hill diggings, in isolated chunks.

The quartz mills of Messrs. Smith and Sparks, and also that of the Grass Valley Quartz Mining Company, have long been doing an excellent business, and from the specimens of quartz which are daily found by our mining population, we have no doubt but that Butte will yet prove one of the richest quartz as well as placer mining counties in the State.

From the specimen shown us by Mr. Pratt, we are induced to believe that Spanishtown will prove a rich quartz mining district.

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