

COARSE GOLD — A piece of gold weighing four ounces was taken out of a claim in Dixon's Ravine, near the store of Messrs. White & Nutter, on Sunday last.

FRANK'S RESTAURANT,

United States Building,
CORNER MONTGOMERY AND MYERS STREETS
OROVILLE.



FRANK CARPIED, respectfully announces to his old friends and the citizens of Oroville generally, that he has opened a **FIRST CLASS RESTAURANT** in the above named Building, where he is prepared to furnish the public with all the edibles and delicacies to be found in this or the Marysville Market. The following are his

RATES OF CHARGES:

Board per week without Wine.	\$10 00
do do do with Wine,	12 00
Single meals without Wine,	75
do do do with Wine,	1 00

Having rented the upper story of the new fire-proof brick building, adjoining the United States, and fitted up the same for sleeping apartments, I am prepared to furnish the **FINEST BEDS** to be found in Oroville, at the following rates:

Single rooms per night,.....	\$2 00
Single beds...do....do.....	1 00
do....do....do....do.....	50

TERMS, CASH.

Oroville, July 26 1856.

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AN important improvement is now being made by opening a road from Long's Bar to Cherokee on the opposite side of the river. This will bring the trade of an extensive mining section through Oroville. The road to the Junction would bring us the entire trade of the pack trains running into Plumas county. Many of these trains now go by the roundabout way of Gibsonville, rather than be subjected to the arrogant dictation of our County Judge, who appears determined to have no roads in the county except those running to his bridge. Rather than be compelled to pay him for the privilege of passing through the county, they go around it altogether. Open the road to the junction, and the entire trade of the upper country will centre here. Goods would be hauled to this point and transferred to pack trains, for every section of Plumas. As the matter now stands it is about as easy to go from Bidwell to Marysville, as to come from Bidwell to Oroville.— How long will our county authorities continue to drive trade from the county for the purpose of benefiting individuals? Will the Supervisors consult the interests of the county and of Oroville, or do they belong to Judge Lewis, and can only do as he permits them? We shall see.

Road to Cherokee.

Messrs. White & Nutter, of Oregon City, have started the project of building a road to Cherokee via. Long's Bar and Oregon Gulch. That a direct road to Cherokee from Oroville, is of considerable importance, is indisputably the fact, there being at present no direct communication between the two points available to teams and carriages.— Without this road, and as is the case at present, the entire trade and travel from Cherokee and vicinity, necessarily avoids Oroville altogether, and passes by way of Pence's Ranch to Marysville. The proposed road, (which has indeed been already commenced by Messrs. White & Nutter,) would place us within eight miles of the rich and populous mining regions of Oregon and Cherokee, and tend to make this a market for those in that section who now do their trading in Marysville. The road is in no place to be of steeper grade than ten feet in one hundred and twenty, and will be easily accessible by teams during all seasons of the year. The estimated cost to build such a road is twenty-five hundred dollars, two hundred dollars of which have already been subscribed by Messrs. White & Nutter, and about eight hundred more by others. The interests of the town should prompt our citizens to subscribe the balance of the required sum and help to complete the road at once.

Oroville Daily Butte Record.

GEO: H. CROSKITT, Editor.

Oroville, Wednesday, January 7, 1857.

FATAL OUTBREAK AT THE NOMEEN LACK-
EE RESERVATION.—The withdrawal of the
United States troops from the above Indian
Reservation seems to have had a bad effect,
and in the absence of a sufficient force, the
Indians are menacing the government prop-
erty and lives of the agent and his employ-
ees. The San Francisco *Sun*, of Jan. 3d,
has obtained from Capt Chard the following
particulars of an outbreak which occurred
there week before last :

Quite a number of the Feather River In-
dians fled from the Reserve, and were pur-
sued by two parties of men, one under the
command of Mr. Stevenson, the agent, and
the other under that of another gentleman.
Mr. Stevenson's party came up with the ref-
ugees, who immediately showed fight, and an
action commenced, during which three of
the Indians were killed before the party
could be made to submit. The other body
of pursuers also overtook a number of the
runaways, near the Sacramento river, but
they surrendered and were ordered to return
under the conduct of one man. On the way
back two of the Indians suddenly seized their
white conductor, pulled him from his horse,
managed to shroud his head and arms in a
poncho he wore, and while a squaw held him
down in this predicament, commenced beat-
ing him over the head with clubs. After
indulging in this pastime for a while, their
victim being incapable of defense, managed
to get at his pistol, when he rid himself of
their attentions by shooting two of them on
the spot, just as they were in the act of re-
peating their blows, having discovered that
he was not quite dead.

Groville Daily Butte Record.

ORO: H. CROSKETE, Editor.

Groville, Thursday, January 8, 1857.

ROAD TO THOMPSON'S FLAT.—In order to accommodate the citizens of Thompson's Flat and vicinity, the stages of the California Stage Company have, by orders from the General Superintendent, Mr. Thomas, been passing through that town to and from Spanish town, although it is considerably out of the way, but the roads are so cut up with ditches not bridged, that it will be impossible for the stages to pass that way, unless the road is repaired.

FERRY AND BRIDGE NOTICE.

I WILL APPLY to the Board of Supervisors at their February term, for a renewal of my Ferry License at Nelson's Bar, West Branch Feather river, and for a license to build and keep a Toll Bridge at said place.

C. S. CURTIS.
TOM. WELLS, Att'y for Petitioner.
Groville, Dec. 12, 1856.

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BRIDGE NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN—That the undersigned will apply to the Board of Supervisors in and for Butte County, at the February term, A. D. 1857, or as soon thereafter as application can be heard, for a license to construct a Road and build a Toll Bridge across the west branch of the north fork of Feather river, at a place known as the "Natural Bridge," about one mile and-a-half below Nelson's Bar.

Oroville, Dec. 2, 1856

O. M. EVANS.

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FERRY NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the Board of Supervisors in and for Butte County, at the February term thereof in 1857, for a License to run a Ferry and Bridge across the Middle Fork of Feather River, a few rods above the junction of the North Fork of said river.

SYLVESTER P. SAVAGE.
Oroville, Nov. 10 1856.

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NOTICE is hereby given, that the undersigned will apply to the Board of Supervisors, in and for Butte County, at its February Term, A. D. 1857, or as soon thereafter as application can be heard, for a Bridge and Ferry License across South Feather River, at or near its junction with the North Fork of Feather River, in Bidwell township, in said county.

By order of the Bidwell Bridge Company.
Nov. 10, 1856.

GEO. W. HESS, President.

Geo. W. Hess,
R. T. VAN NORDEN,
J. A. MURRAY,
JOSEPH GLUEKAUF,
Jos. E. N. LEWIS,

} Trustees.

R T VAN NORDEN, Sec'y.

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North Californian

1-23-1857

MORE NEW DIGGINGS.—A lead of gravel that prospects from one to five cents to the pan has been discovered this week, at the old Indian Rancharia, about two miles below this town, on the opposite side of the river. The stratum is about eight feet below the surface, and eight or ten feet thick. About one hundred men have been on the ground staking off claims, sinking shafts, &c., during the last two or three days. Nothing definite is known about the extent or richness of the diggings as yet.

Oroville Daily Butte Record 1-24-1857

For the Butte Record
SPANISHTOWN, Jan. 22, 1857.

MR. EDITOR—Sir: Noticing no correspondence from this section of the globe since the departure of the "Judge," and believing our town is worthy of notice, I have taken it upon myself to send you a few lines by way of a slant, but as for giving you news, I cannot, as our town is like most mountain towns, of that dull, monotonous character, which admits of little comment; yet we have had for the last few weeks, subjects enough to give you volumes, if it suited our taste to tell you of fast whiskey-fighting men, or fast riding, even like unto Jehu the son of Nimshi, yet all these are commonplace occurrences, and notwithstanding they are evidences of the life and action of our flourishing town. I had rather tell you something of our doings in a more substantial way.

Our town has been very dull, but for the last two weeks times have greatly improved and indeed it now looks but little like the Spanishtown of a month ago.

The late rains have furnished a bountiful supply of water in the main ravines, and our miners have met with much better success than was anticipated. I hear of very few that are not doing well, yet diggings without some failures, is what I have never seen.

Mr. White's company of three men, took out the last three days of last week, \$180. The Spanish claim took out six ounces to the pan yesterday, and all that have claims on the main ravine seem to be doing a land office business

I understand from Mr. Rafell, that he has fully tested his quartz lode near Jourdon Hill, and that it will yield from \$55 to \$250 per ton. With rastras this is big pay, and from the appearance of the quartz I have seen in this vicinity, I do not doubt but that this is as rich a quartz section as there is in the State, and I do think this will be an important and extensive branch of our mines

Under the management of Mr. Dicky, our big ditch is progressing finely, and in about three or four weeks we will have an abundance of water on our highest hills.

Through the politeness of the accommodating agent of the Pacific Express Co., the benevolent countenance of the Record greets us daily. Yours, in haste, PHELIX.

TELEGRAPHIC.—Mr. McWilliams showed us a letter yesterday from Col. Stockton, from which we learn that all the machinery requisite to put our telegraph line in operation will be brought here early in the coming week. We had previously supposed it was all here, hence our inquiry yesterday.

Communicated.

SPANISHTOWN, Jan. 27, 1857.

EDITOR BUTTE RECORD—Sir: Our town has been the scene of a robbery which for boldness and daring would compare successfully with the acts of Joaquín or Bell.—About 2 o'clock this morning three men entered by a back window, the Young America building, occupied as the Pacific Express office, and robbed it of about one hundred and seventy-five dollars. Mr. Cramner, the agent, was sleeping in the office and was awoke by the thieves as they drew the money from under his head; he immediately caught one of them, when a scuffle ensued, and notwithstanding threats of murdering him, Mr. Cramner held to him and endeavored to give the alarm. The thief tried to cut him but only cut his shirt and gave him a slight scratch on his breast. When Mr. Cramner caught the knife by the blade and held it for some time but it was drawn through his hand, cutting it slightly, when the other two villains who had left the house on the first scuffle, returned, and between the three Mr. Cramner was left stunned by many kicks and bruises, while the thieves made good their escape. There was about \$800 in the office at the time, but fortunately it was overlooked by the thieves. As yet there is no clue as to their identity; Mr. Cramner describes the one he had hold of as a powerful man and as speaking good English.

Our town begins to assume a lively appearance, and we count the days as they pass, seeing that each day our town is improving. New houses are going up in different parts of the town and all seems life and bustle.

The White claim took out on last Saturday, 14 ounces. The Spanish, Darby's, and Grun's claims, continue to pay well.

Messrs. Murphy & Co., of Concou, have recently struck rich paying dirt, and are now engaged in cutting a ditch for a short distance to furnish water for their claims.

Mr. Hart has been up to see us and intends to shove our ditch along to a speedy conclusion, and I have been informed intends to put about fifty more men to work this week. Under the present able management we are sure of having plenty of water soon, which is all that is required to develop as rich a mining section as any in the State.

Yours, in haste. "PHELIX."

P. S. The agent of the Pacific Express remonstrated with us for sending our last communication "by way of a slant," while there is a well regulated and prompt express to carry our letters, so we have concluded to send this by the Pacific.

A Fire Department.

Repeatedly have we urged the necessity of an organized Fire Department in Oroville, provided with efficient apparatus, and for the benefit of those whom it ought to concern, we publish the following remarks on the case in point, from the pen of Mr. Boruck, editor of the Fireman's Journal, who visited our town a few days since:

"I regret to say, that although this place contains several hundred buildings of a most inflammable character, it is without that great desideratum for its protection—a well organized Fire Department. That it is essential, none can gainsay, when the deplorable destruction by fire the past year is taken into consideration. The application of one good one inch and a half stream would in case of a conflagration save the town.—The prevailing idea, that it becomes necessary for a town similar to this to be destroyed by fire once or twice to improve it, is altogether a fallacious one. San Francisco and Sacramento have not yet recovered (with all their show of prosperity) from the effects of the disastrous fires which have overtaken them since 1850. Nevada, Auburn and Placerville, will not recuperate for years from the losses which they have sustained; and with all these facts before them, it becomes a sinful neglect on the part of the people longer to delay making some provision of the description I have mentioned. One or two engines at the extent, is all that would be required for several years, incurring an outlay of not over \$4,000, but which would save property worth a hundred times that amount."

Our Spanishtown correspondent and others will remember that communications for publication should be written on only one side of their paper. Please observe this Mr. Phelix.

Spanishtown Correspondence.

SPANISHTOWN, Jan. 27, 1857.


MR. EDITOR—Sir: Our town has been the scene of another atrocious robbery, which, for debased and cold blooded villainy, far exceeds the boldness and daring of the robbery of Monday night.

About 8 o'clock this evening, the cabin of an old man known by the name of Mac, was entered by a man supposed to be a Spaniard. The old man was sitting on a bench and was struck with a club and horribly beaten over the head. He was robbed of all he possessed, about \$18. The old man is from appearance 60 or 70 years of age. The perpetrator of this act is a brute indeed, and a villain of the lowest and darkest die. Some of our citizens have been to the cabin, which is situated about a quarter of a mile from town and found a club about two inches in diameter and broken into three pieces, but no trace of the thief could be found. I would not give much for his scalp should he be caught.

Yours, in haste,
PHELIX.

Since receiving the above, Mr. Bisset, (who had just returned from Spanishtown,) brought us still later information regarding the matter. He says the name of the man robbed is Mortimer McKinnon, and that he is seriously injured by the blows on his forehead. A great excitement prevails in Spanishtown and fears are entertained that certain suspected parties will receive rough treatment if they are caught —[Ed.]

STAGE NOTICE!

 STAGES WILL LEAVE THE office of the California Stage Company every day for Marysville at 7 o'clock, A. M., 12 noon, and 4 o'clock, P. M.

FOR SPANISHTOWN

At 12 o'clock, noon, and for SHASTA every day at half past 10 o'clock, A. M. JOHN S. GRAHAM,
January 12 Agent at Oroville.

NOTICE

THE STOCKHOLDERS of the South Feather Water Company are hereby notified, that the annual meeting of the Company will be held at the office, at Forbestown, on the first Monday in January 1857, at 12 o'clock, noon.

J. WARREN MASON, Secretary.

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The stockholders of the South Feather Water Company are hereby notified, that the meeting called as above is adjourned to Monday, Feb. 9th, 1857 at 12 o'clock, noon, for the election of Trustees to serve the ensuing year.

J. WARREN MASON, Sec'y.
January 5 1857. Jy5-4w


FATAL ACCIDENT.—We have received a communication from a gentleman living at the Peavine Ranch, containing the following account of an accident which happened near there on the 17th of January :

A young man named Francis Buckingham, while working in his diggings at Jordan Ravine, was so seriously injured by the falling of a stump from the bank of his claim as to cause his death. The deceased was formerly from De Kalb county, Illinois, from whence he emigrated to this State in 1852. Mr. Buckingham was 26 years of age.

GAMBLERS ARRESTED.—A man and woman professing to be man and wife, known by the name of Batchelder, were arrested at Thompson's Flat, on Friday, for gambling contrary to law, examined before the Justice of the Peace for that township and found guilty. The Court imposed a fine of one hundred dollars on each, in default of the payment of which, they were committed to the county jail, wherein they now remain.

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

RIPLEY & STANIELS,.....Proprietors.

 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. d20-11

**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.

Spanishtown Correspondence.

SPANISH TOWN Jan The 31. 1857

Mr Crossette

Sir I Suppose you have heard Ere This what A Lively Little Town we have up here In These *Nefarious Mountains* In fact It has been quite Lively here the Last week more so Than usual that Is in The way of Stealing Robbing and attempt To murder and In Place of It Getting any Better I am afraid It will get worse from Present appearances The fact of It is there Are About three hundred mexicanans and Chileans Living here and A Great many Thieves Among them and There Is also Several of our own People here that are as Bad as The Mexicans and they are Well Known I will Just Give You A List of the Robbers and fights of Last week As I wish it to appear in Public Print So as to Let The People know what we have to Resort to for our own Protection on Last Monday Night the Pacific Express office was Robbed by three men Supposed to be Mexicans on The following tuesday Night an old Gentleman Hard working miner was Knocked Down in his Cabin his head Badly Cut and Robed of ,18. Dols. the Same night there was A fight Started In the Dance house Between Some Mexicans about A Mexican woman that there has Been two men Killed here about there was two Shots fired No one hurt on Wednesday Night there was two Cabins Broke Into But Nothing found and Mr Coopers Kitchen was Broke in by Two Mexicans they Stoles Some Eatibles when they were heard and made Quick There Escape on Thursday there was free fight on that Night there was No Robbing on friday Night A young man By the name of ward was Robbed of Seven Dollars Cash gold watch Chain and knife by mexicans on Saturday Night About the Hours of one or two they tried To Break Into A french Store but was frightened by A Candle Being Lit in the house above they ware mexicans and had Almost Succeeded on Sunday at about Eleven Oclock fighting Commenced Between two Mexicans one the Keeper of Dance House the other a gambler

When It Sort of Became General free and then it was Sort of Kept up The Balance of the Day [By the american And Spanish town whiskey] to Cap the Climax that night two Mexicans in the Dance House the keeper of the house was Choaking A Chilean when another Chilan Interfered and he was Knocked Dead with Pistol when there was Several Pistol Shots fired there Is not Dollar in the Town nor hopes of any until the Ditch Comes in Mr Dickoy has Been up here and Put Some one hundred Men to work on the Ditch and It Is going on Lively It Is Expected the Ditch will Be finished By first June then Look out for the oro all we want is water we have the Diggings but the town Is gone in you may Say for two Months then you Oroville folks will have A Sister Village in Butte that will be worth Noticing the General Impression Is that we Can Beat Oroville or any other Location in the County In Regards to Diggings that will Pay from one ounce up to three per Day to the Hand we hope Ere Spring to ged Red of Some of our worthless Citizens and Do most Heartily hope for the Benefit of the Community that our Present Comeing Grand Jury will be So Kind to Inflict A fine on Every Gambling House in this this town If we have to Drive out these Mexicans And thieves in this town Please Put this Letter in Print to Let the Public know whot It was Done for that we as Peceable Citizens Did not Begin two Soon we have Put up with it all winter tis time to stop it if we wont to Live.

Yours, PHILUS JULIUS.

Please Publish this Letter Just as It is I will write you again when their is anything new.

Oroville Daily Butte Record 2-7-1857

Spanishtown Correspondence.

SPANISHTOWN, Feb. 5, 1857.

EDITOR BUTTE RECORD :

SIR—Again I endeavor to give some news from our flourishing town, but I must confess it to be a hard matter, as there has little transpired during the past week which is of interest, or in any way calculated to disturb the general course of our peace and prosperity. To be sure we have had several fights which resulted in black eyes, bruised heads and second bests; but these are only evidences of our returning greatness. Yet while we have those among us whose forte it is to fight, fuss, and make people notice them, we are not to be judged by such, or to be thought a set of desperate fellows, as the correspondent writing from these "nefarious mountains" under the cognomen of "Philus Julius," would have people believe, for indeed we have a great majority among us of both Americans and Spaniards, who labor, and who are daily developing our resources and accumulating in return the "golden ore," which will make happy homes and cheerful firesides.

It is true, our town has been the scene of fights and disturbances which were disgraceful, yet when we consider our population, and the fact that the nearest Justice office is a mile from town, we are not surprised at the results of whisky and excitement and think them not without precedent. As for cash, I am of the opinion we have as much of that available commodity in circulation as any of the mountain towns, indeed I have heard it is dull throughout the country, but give us a fair show with a full head of water, and I think we will pan out to suit, and be as fully prepared to "jingle" as any of our neighbors.

I was shown on last Saturday some specimens of exceedingly rich quartz from a new lode just discovered by Mr. Vondegraff and others. Two and a half pounds were crushed which yielded \$1 00. In what direction the lode is situated I do not know.

The White claim continues to pay from \$20 to \$50 per day to the hand, and all the claims on the ravine below, that have water seem to be doing well.

The miners on Blair ravine are said to be making extensive preparations, and I was shown a bank of dirt which panned on an average \$2 to the pan. I saw the gold from a pan of dirt from Dr. Waldron's claim which weighed a little over two dollars, and it is said he has two feet of pay dirt.

From the superintendent of the ditch I learn that it is finished to Dark Canon, and with moderate rains it will furnish plenty of water until the next section is finished to Barties Creek, which will afford a bountiful supply of water until July, at which time the entire canal will be completed. The ditch will be finished to Barties Creek in three weeks.

I have heard of no robberies this week, yet those most suspected are among us yet, and are closely watched.

Yours, in haste,

" PHELIX."

Oroville Daily Butte Record

2-10-1857

RANCHERIA DIGGINGS.—Very considerable excitement exists in relation to these diggings, which were discovered a few weeks since. Their location is at or near the old Indian rancheria, about a mile and a half below Oroville on the opposite side of the river. Those who have prospected thereabout are of the opinion that it is one of the richest sections that lie in this region of country. We are informed by Mr. Coleman, who officiated as chairman of a committee of arrangements at a meeting of miners held yesterday at the above diggings, that after the framing and adoption of sundry laws, the meeting adjourned until to-morrow, (Wednesday) at which all miners and others who are interested are invited to attend, to make agreements upon certain rules for the farther regulation of affairs, the settlement of whatever disputes may arise concerning size and location of claims, etc.

The ground for two or three miles below the rancheria has been staked off at intervals, and at the meeting held yesterday more than two hundred persons were present. Water is supplied to the miners from the ditch which runs through Thompson's Flat.

Oroville Daily Butte Record 2-10-1857

Spanishtown.

We have received a letter from a correspondent in Spanishtown who signs himself Philus Julious, which contains a lengthy description of that village, its manners and customs, &c. The letter is too long to be published entire, we therefore give its most important points in the following extracts: The town is evidently reviving. Many strangers have lately flocked thither, by reason of the favorable accounts from the newly discovered quartz ledges in the vicinity, which give many evidences of richness. New placer diggings are constantly being discovered, from which very encouraging prospects are derived. Exertions are being made to push forward the work on the ditch which is to supply their diggings with water, and our correspondent thinks it will be finished early in May.

New and rich diggings have been found in the region of Dogtown and Helltown, and many of the Spanishtown people have pulled up stakes and gone there.

Fighting, gambling, robbing and prostitution seem to be rife in Spanishtown; men strike from the shoulder at one another and cut and shoot on very slight provocations, all sorts of games of chance are played in open defiance of law, the lives and property of peaceable citizens are constantly being jeopardized from demonstrations by midnight plunderers, and Spanish dance houses and the consequent disturbances arising therefrom keep up a continual hubbub in the settlement.

In July last not a frame house existed where three hotels, eight billiard saloons, four dance houses, three stables, and numerous stores and private residences now stand, and as a little leaven in the corrupt body corporate, a small number of worthy ladies, the wives and relatives of the better class of citizens abide in Spanishtown.

A wagon belonging to the Cal. stage Co., containing five passengers, broke down on Saturday morning after arriving in town, but with no serious accident to anyone. The roads being so bad that the stages run no farther toward Spanishtown than Pence's Ranch, from whence a wagon is run.

STAGE FOR DOGTOWN.—Major Graham informs us that the California Stage Co, will start a stage from their office at the St. Nicholas Hotel every day at 12 o'clock for the above diggings which are reported to be exceedingly rich, and situated about fourteen miles north of Pence's Ranch.

CHANGED ITS NAME.— Dogtown that was, is Dogtown no more. On Saturday, Feb. 8th, its wise men convened, and with one accord renounced its canine appellation, and issued the fiat that in future it should be known among the nations of earth by the more euphonious name of "Mill City."— We have before us an elaborate and voluminous code of laws adopted at the aforesaid meeting, for the government of the mines within a prescribed district. The laws, which are embodied in eleven district articles, and consequently requiring too much space to admit of their publication in our crowded columns, define the size of creek, ravine and tunnel claims, and set forth the necessary process of holding the same, settlements of disputes, rates of recorder's fees, &c., &c.

The "Mill City" diggings are reported to be unusually rich, and many adventurers have gone, and are still going there in hopes of bettering their fortunes. As an accommodation to the public, the Cal. Stage Co. have caused a line of Stages to be put upon the route, which henceforth will run regularly every day from Oroville direct to Mill City.

New Diggings!

STAGE FOR DOGTOWN.



and rich diggings.

THE CALIFORNIA Stage Company will start a Stage from their office, St. Nicholas Hotel, every day at 12 o'clock, for the above new

JOHN S. GRAHAM,
Agent at Oroville.

Dogtown is fourteen miles north of Pence's Ranch.

Sacramento Daily Union Feb 12 1857

SPANISHTOWN.—This mining camp in Butte county, seems to be quite flourishing. Many strangers had arrived there drawn by the reported discovery of quartz ledges, and new placer diggings are being constantly found. Withall, any amount of fighting, gambling, robbing, and prostitution were rife, according to information received by the *Butte Record*,

A BREAK DOWN.—On Saturday, February 7th, a wagon belonging to the California Stage Company, with five passengers, broke down in Spanishtown, Butte county, without injury to any one. The cause was the miserable condition of the roads.

North Californian

2-18-1857

From Spanishtown.

SPANISHTOWN, Feb. 11, 1857.

MR. EDITOR,—For the last fortnight our town has been rather dull in the way of pugilistic demonstrations. The cause of this important change we will not pretend to account for, unless it is through the influence of that immaculate correspondent of the *Butte Record*, Philus Julius. The consequences are pain, that black eyes and the other accompaniments of such exercises, are becoming scarce. This is a change we are glad to notice, not that we ever entertained any fears of "Clipper," or any other peaceably disposed person getting into trouble in our town, but that we deserve a better reputation, and should not be judged by doings of the few of that class of persons which may be found in every community. Notwithstanding this important change, we have not been suffered to despond, for through big lumps, dog-fighting, &c., we have been furnished with an ample supply of fun, fact and fancy.

Times are improving slowly, though we believe, surely. Money is becoming more plenty, and all kinds of business seems to be reviving, and we are of the opinion that one month hence we will have as lively a town as there is in the mountains.

The miners of Spanishtown Ravine who have water, seem to be doing well. The White, Derby's, Spanishtown, and other claims above are without water at present, yet we are in hopes there will be plenty of water soon, as a day or two's heavy rain would set the ditch going, which would continue until it is finished to the fountain head. The ditch is being shoved forward with energy, and is progressing rapidly; and it is said in three weeks it will be completed to Bartie's Creek.

One day last week Messrs. PIKE & Co., of Spring Gulch, took out a chunk weighing five pounds, and about \$100 in fine gold. On Monday Mr. PERERSON, of Benam and Burnam Ravine, took out a nugget weighing \$80.

Many of our ravine miners have been taking advantage of the dry times in prospecting for Quartz; and from specimens I have seen I should judge not altogether unsuccessful. Indeed from actual observation I believe this to be as rich a Quartz section as there is in the State.

New diggings are being discovered daily. The tunnel of the Jourdon Hill diggings is progressing finely.

Yours, in a hurry,

CLIPPER.

MHI City Correspondence.

MILL CITY, Feb. 12, 1857.

MR. EDITOR:—Noticing a statement in your paper in regard to this locality, with which I fully concur, I have a few ideas which I wish to state to you and the public. I am a plain, hard-fisted miner, and do not wish to deceive the public or those who wish to come to these parts. There are a great many coming here daily, and speak highly of this section, and others do not like it because there is pine timber here. Such men we do not want to come among us. This locality, within four miles, has four streams—the three Buttes and the West Branch of Feather River. There are dividing ridges between each stream, in which there are many miners working and doing well. The gold is coarse, and there has been pieces taken out that weighed 99 ounces, and a great many weighing from 15 to 30 ounces, on the divide between the Middle and Little Buttes. There are a great many tunnels now in rapid progress on this divide; the upper company are now running their third tunnel. Lower down on the Little Butte Creek, there are five tunnels started in, and as many more in prospect. The company known as the Continental Company are much advanced, and they have great encouragement. There are other companies above and below known as the Union and Live Yankee, and they all have smiling faces, saying their piles are in the basin—I would state that there is plenty of ground here yet, and there is a chance for all enterprising men that wish to come among us, but no room for shallow-minded men who judge of diggings by the timber that grows on the hills. It will take hard knocks and perseverance to reach the gold; therefore, all who come here must come with a determination to work, and not look at the pine timber.

Yours,

ROLLINS.

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THE DAILY UNION.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS. CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE, EIGHTH SESSION

SENATE.
THURSDAY, March 12th, 1857.
GENERAL FILE

Senate bill No. 117—An Act to authorize the execution of a bond under an Act funding the debt of the city of San Francisco, passed May 7th, 1850, was taken up, read a third time and passed.

Senate bill No. 118—An Act to authorize Maria Ignatia, wife of Harvey Alviso, and Maria Wouberé to sell and convey real estate, was read a third time and passed.

An Act to amend an Act concerning County Treasurers, passed May 27th, 1850, was read a third time and passed.

An Act to authorize the executors of Wm. D. M. Howard, deceased, to sell the real estate of said testator at private sale, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. DE LA GUERRA, was laid upon the table.

Assembly bill No. 201—An Act to provide for the payment of the debt of Siskiyou and Trinity counties. Passed.

Senate bill No. 131—An Act to authorize the State Treasurer to issue bonds for the payment of the expenses incurred in the expedition against the Siskiyou Indians in the year 1856, was taken up.

Mr. WALKUP said there was some doubt in his mind about the propriety of passing such a bill. It authorizes the Treasurer to issue bonds to the amount of \$200,000 for the payment of these expenses, and under the terms of the law, the State pledges her credit that she will pay those at 12 per cent. interest.

Mr. COSBY said if the gentleman would hear the bill read, he would find that he was mistaken. The bill does not propose to have the State pay it, but authorizes its payment out of the first money appropriated by Congress towards defraying the expenses of Indian Wars in California. The bill was read as follows:

"Any and all moneys that have been or may be appropriated by Congress for the payment of expenses of Indian hostilities in this State, are hereby set apart for the payment of the expenses required by this bill.

Mr. SHAW said his objection to the bill was, that it does not specify what appropriation shall be applied to the payment of those bonds. It ought to read that any appropriation made by Congress towards paying the expenses of this particular war should be applied to the payment of those bonds.

Mr. COSBY said he saw no necessity for the amendment, from the fact that the appropriations are made by Congress in the aggregate; and as this is the first claim that we have unliquidated we shall but dedicate the first money to the first claim allowed. If Congress should make appropriations this law of ours could not direct it from the object for which it would be appropriated. This bill is only to secure the first payment of any moneys that may be granted for California Indian hostility in the general.

Mr. SHAW said it would be risky to authorize the issuing of bonds for \$200,000, as there was not sufficient care to ascertain the amount that ought necessarily to be used of those bonds. It might be that the Commissioners would issue bonds for the entire \$200,000, without proper restrictions, and if so, the amount of the bill would have to be paid whether that amount was incurred in the prosecution of the Indian hostilities named or not. He had no doubt but the Indian war was a just one, but it was rather a risk to give a commission to issue such an amount of bonds.

Mr. COSBY said he thought he could remove the gentleman's doubts. The probable expenses of the expedition are based upon the Commissary and Quarter-master's estimates as a foundation. There is a Board of Commissioners appointed in the bill, and if we have not sufficient confidence in their honesty, let us move to amend that section and appoint others in whom we shall have confidence. We have to avoid another necessity—they are to settle between the government and the individuals who have claims against the government for those services. In appointing them we select them for their honesty, believing they will not allow any claim that is not just and proper, and that its justice is not made evident by competent testimony. As an evidence that no wrong is meditated by this bill, I will say that that portion of the State can show a record that they are not in the habit of claiming more than what they are actually entitled to. There have been two appropriations made for the northern portion of the State—one for the war against the Modoc Indians, not one half of which was claimed, and the remainder was returned into the Treasury. Out of the \$15,000 appropriated last year, nearly \$8,000 of it has been returned to the general fund—not used, not drawn at all.

Mr. DE LA GUERRA asked what basis they had for estimating the amount at \$200,000?

Mr. COSBY replied—This estimate was based upon the number of men employed, and upon the Quarter-master's returns.

Mr. MERRITT asked how it could be appropriated without creating an additional State debt?

Mr. COSBY said the bonds are authorized to be issued by officers of the State of California. Then there is provision made for the payment of those bonds, and only one provision. One manner of payment is provided for. It is to be paid out of a certain fund, got in a certain way, and until that fund shall exist, and that appropriation by Congress is made, there is no fund in the State of California that can be touched for the redemption of those bonds. But if an appropriation is made by Congress, and the officers of the State of California fail to pay these bonds, then the State becomes liable, and not before.

Mr. MERRITT—If the State should issue bonds, although she made no provision for the principal and interest, nevertheless would it not be a debt? It is not a debt of the United States because it is issued by the State of California.

Mr. COSBY—I would like to remove the gentleman's constitutional objections. Even allowing that the State of California was pledged for it—that she had undertaken to pay the bonds, and to pay them out of the fund to be raised by direct taxation, it is constitutional, for that is one of the exceptions that is mentioned in article eight of the Constitution. It excepts war, insurrection or invasion, and if the appropriation was two millions, it would be constitutional for us to make an appropriation for such a purpose.

But there is no charge upon the State of California at all. The gentleman will acknowledge that if I undertake to pay him a certain amount of money upon the happening of a certain contingency—that I will pay him when I obtain that money from a certain source, then upon the happening of that contingency I am bound to pay him; but I am not liable until I have received the money and failed to present it. So if California receives the money in this case, and does not appropriate it to pay this indebtedness, then she would be liable, and not before.

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Mr. CHASE said it should be specified in the law, in order to carry out this intention expressed, that these bonds are to be paid out of the fund to be obtained from the United States. The bill should provide that the bonds should specify that the indebtedness is to be paid out of such a fund as the United States may appropriate to pay that war debt.

Then the State incurs no indebtedness; but it may incur indebtedness by issuing a general bond. Then the bond will carry upon its face that there is no appropriation by the State of California to pay it—that it must depend upon the United States.

Mr. COSBY—Then I will amend by inserting "upon the face of the bonds." I prefer to amend the 4th section by adding to it "said bonds shall specify upon their face the fund out of which they shall be paid."

Amendments adopted. Bill ordered engrossed and read a third time.

Senate bill 132—An Act to amend an Act to repeal the several charters of the city of San Francisco, and to consolidate the government thereof, passed April 19th, 1856, was announced as the next in order.

Mr. COFFROTH—Before that bill is taken up, I wish to ask leave to introduce a bill.

Leave granted.

The bill was read as follows: "An Act to regulate the Fire Department of the city and county of San Francisco." Read a first and second time.

Mr. COFFROTH said this was a bill that has been gotten up by the fire department themselves. And while they have no intention to be discourteous to the delegation from that city, they do not rely upon the delegation, with one exception, to assist its passage. He said it was a bill authorizing the fire department to manage its own affairs, independent of the city government; and enunciated the doctrine of non-intervention. He said he had been a member of the fire department of that city, and knew its wants. He trusted the bill would be printed, and referred to the San Francisco delegation, and that they be instructed to report it back by Tuesday morning.

Mr. WOODWORTH said the delegation from San Francisco would not have sufficient time to examine it after being printed by that time. He moved to amend by saying Thursday instead of Tuesday.

Mr. COFFROTH said the bill would be printed and placed upon the desks of members by to-morrow morning.

Mr. Woodworth's amendment was voted down. The motion to refer with instructions, prevailed.

The Modoc War—How Carried on.

There having been grave doubts entertained as to the necessity of some of our Indian wars in California, as well as to the mode in which they have sometimes been carried on, a writer in the *Yreka Union*, in speaking of the conduct of the Modoc war of 1853, asks if it is true, as was then generally asserted and commonly believed, that Capt. Wright, in that expedition, or in any other, took with him an Indian called "Swill" and a quantity of poison; that he sent the Indian to invite the Modocs to a feast, while preparations were made to mingle poison with the proposed hospitality; and that Swill, revolting at the mode of warfare adopted, betrayed it to the enemy, and thus saved their lives.

The editor of the *Union* asks if any one can answer the grave and startling charge here insinuated. We should like to know that same, trusting there is no foundation for a charge so damning, not only to our fame as a people, but to the very name of our common kind. We trust, and in truth believe, it was for the payment of no such service the bill introduced by Senator Cosby intended to provide. We trust, however, the claims growing out of the late Modoc war, which are now being pressed before the Legislature, will be closely scrutinized.

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RICH.—Messrs. Nesbit & Simmons, of the old Buffalo Quartz Ledge, Oregon Gulch, found a lump, a few days ago, in their pile of Quartz, in which was nine hundred dollars worth of gold. This lead is paying well.

RANCHERIA.—There are 1500 Chinamen at this place. The scene of their operations is a slough or elevated bar of the river, extending inland several miles, which is overflowed in very high water. They wash three feet of the top in their rockers, and pack the water from the river several hundred yards; and under these disadvantages make good wages. A company have sent for a steam engine, with which to supply them with water from the river. These diggings are a large addition to the business and wealth of this section.

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QUARTZ.—Four hundred dollars were taken out of two pans of pulverized quartz last Tuesday, at McCabe's Creek, near Forbestown.

On New York Flat, and other places in the vicinity of Forbestown, many rich quartz leads are known, and being discovered almost every day. Machinery is being erected on some of the leads. Messrs. Smith & Sparks, of this place, own a very extensive and valuable ledge near McCabe's Creek. They are excavating a large amount of quartz for crushing as soon as they get their machinery in operation.

Note: McCabe's Creek is about 2 miles from Forbestown between Lake Oroville and Forbestown Road.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs.

This Committee, in their report to the Legislature, do not agree with the Governor in his suggestions that the present policy of gathering the Indians into reservations within the limits of this State should be abandoned.

In their opinion, to remove the California Indians beyond the Sierras, while it would be attended with an immense expense, would also doom them to speedy destruction.

The country, say the Committee, between the boundary of this State and the Rocky Mountains, is inhabited by a band of mounted savages, who maintain a precarious existence, mainly by the chase; whilst the tribes along the coast, and most of those in the interior of the State, are much beneath them, both physically and intellectually; they feed upon the fishy yield of the ocean, or the acorns or crickets of the interior; they are unaccustomed to the management of the horse, and are in every way incapable of procuring a subsistence if placed in competition with their more active and daring neighbors, and would consequently disappear before them, if brought in contact, in a very short time.

Placed in a subordinate and dependant condition, they are of opinion the existence of the Indian race may be prolonged amongst us. To this end a system of industrial education should be fostered by the Government, by which all the young Indians of both sexes may be taught agriculture and the ruder branches of the mechanical arts, thereby stimulating the rising generation to exertion, and inducing habits of industry and frugality. It is the conviction of the Committee that no rude and barbarous race can be elevated to even a tolerable degree of enlightenment without spending years in personal servitude or national pupilage, the former of which being impracticable in the case of the Indian, the latter should be speedily and extensively adopted by the General Government. Experience shows that all efforts to elevate the savage races by mere intellectual and religious culture, have failed.

This body believe there can be no safety to the settlers in the vicinity of the Reservations until the Indians are made to feel that they have left their lands by their own choice and for a proper consideration, nor will they yield ready obedience to the Superintendent or local Agents while feeling that we have dealt unjustly towards them.

Our government has made a great mistake in failing to extinguish by fair purchase, the Indian title to the lands from which they have been sought to be removed. There is also much danger to be apprehended from the fact that the fascinations of Indian society appear to have attracted a class of white men, addicted to most of the low vices to which humanity is heir, who ape a half savage life; hang about the villages, or seek to do so; and whose contact with the Indian is at once degrading and dangerous. The Agents of the government cannot be too vigilant in guarding their charge from the contaminating influence of such pests to society and to the State.

The committee recommend that suitable military forces be stationed near the Reservations, and that greater power be conferred on the local Agents in their management of the matter. The Legislature should also call the attention of the General Government to the condition of affairs in the north-eastern part of the State.

The inhabitants of Siskiyou have been subjected to heavy burdens during the last year in their difficulties with the Pitt river and Modoc tribes; to relieve them from which a Reservation should be established, and a strong military force stationed in that quarter.

In conclusion, the committee having embodied the foregoing sentiments and opinions in a set of joint resolutions, submitted the same to the Legislature for their consideration.

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Daily Alta California.

SAN FRANCISCO, TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 14, 1857.

Oroville is now an established town, full of substantial merchants, having a steamboat communication three times a week, carrying 150 tons of freight, and passengers, per week, and gradually increasing. The river mining is extensive, bank claims paying from \$16 to \$30 per day per hand, and many just opening, with good prospects. Quartz mining throughout Butte county is prosperous, Messrs. Smith & Sparks having the most extensive mills in the county.

At Columbus, two miles from Oroville, a Chinese camp, containing 1500 to 2000 Chinamen, are all doing well. The foreign tax collector, Mr. Wm. Hobart received during the month of March, \$5,500.

Among the substantial improvements in Oroville, we would notice as the most prominent the banking house of Messrs. McWilliams & Tymeson, who are doing a large business, and have the entire confidence of the miners. In their building is the Express establishment of Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co., whose reputation, from the gentlemanly attention of its management to the interest of the miners and merchants, has rendered them especial favorites.

Oroville is full of good hotels; amongst which we would mention and recommend to the patronage of the travelling public and the miner, the "Empire," kept by Mr. T. E. Gray, and under the management of friend Sheldon, long and favorably known under the title and cognomen of "Deacon." The business of this town is at present rather dull, but the prospects of coming business are good, as all claims are doing a fair, and many a paying, business; and no doubt when the river is flumed large amounts will be taken out.

Providence seems to watch over this town, as a fire occurred on Monday, which might have consumed the whole had there been any wind, but this fortunate circumstance and the exertions of the gallant "Buttes," a company of hook and ladder just formed, rendered such efficient service as to confine the fire to one block, which saved the town.

The *Alta* is in good repute here, and miners generally inquire for the Weekly and Steamer for the old folks at home.

SLUICE FORK.

QUARTZ OPERATIONS.—The Virgin Quartz Mining Company, near Spanishtown, in this county, are making rapid progress with their new mill, and expect to be in full operation in a few weeks. Their lead is said to be exceedingly rich, and has been prospected to a depth of two hundred and twenty feet. Their machinery was manufactured by Donahue, of San Francisco on a new and improved plan. The mill will run twenty stampers; with Lightner's patent amalgamator attached. The proprietors evince a determination to have the finest quartz mill in the State, as they believe they have located on one of the best ledges. They have spent some six months in prospecting, and certainly deserve the utmost success.

“THE PROSPECTOR.”—We have received a communication on the above subject, but are compelled to decline its publication, on account of its great length. The communication sets forth the disadvantages under which the individual prospector labors, and his liability to be restricted to a small and perhaps valueless claim, which offers no adequate reward for the labor required to prospect the ground, and in view of the fact that there are thousands of acres which are believed to contain rich deposits in our immediate vicinity, recommends that our business men form prospecting companies, and by the payment of small installments employ men to prospect. Such business might become as legitimate and safe as river mining, with much less expenditure. We would gladly publish the entire article, did our space permit.

Oroville Daily Butte Record.

GEN: H. CROSETTE. Editor.

Oroville, Friday, April 17th, 1857.

POLITICAL NOTICES—All Political Notices must invariably be paid for in advance.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

The Democrats of the town of Oroville are requested to meet at the Court House, on Friday, the 17th inst., at 7 o'clock P. M., for the purpose making nominations for town officers, to be elected on the first Monday in May next.

Let there be a full attendance.

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MANY DEMOCRATS.

BUTTE QUARTZ MINING Co.—This Company's claims are located near Spanishtown, on the Rich Gulch quartz lead, and joins on the north, the Virginia quartz company's claims, which have been prospected and found to be of superior richness. The company was incorporated April 15th, 1857. Mr. J. T. Johnson has been appointed President and General Director, W. W. Coughy, Secretary, and T. E. Gray, Treasurer. The attention recently paid to this description of mining in this county, has developed as rich specimens of quartz as can be found elsewhere in the State.

ASSAY OFFICE—Messrs Firth & Thoms have opened an assay office, on Myers street. This is something that Oroville has long required, and we hope the proprietors, may meet with the utmost success.

THE BURNT DISTRICT.—Mr. Lamp, who was burnt out at the late fire, has a new building in progress of erection on the old site. Mr. L. lost several buildings when Bidwell was destroyed by fire in '54, but notwithstanding these reverses he will soon re-open for the reception of the public.

Sacramento Daily Union

4-24-1857

RICH DIGGINGS IN A BURYING GROUND.—A rich claim in the neighborhood of Oroville, owned by Mr. Ford, is located on an old Indian burying ground. The skulls and bones are being constantly washed out, much to the discomfiture of the superstitious Chinese who are employed. It seems that the Diggers do not burn all their dead—as has been generally supposed—but only their warriors and those who die of contagious diseases.

THE MODOCS FRIENDLY.—According to latest advices from Yreka, the Modoc Chief La Lakes returned to that place, accompanied by the head chief of his tribe, named Skonchez, and another chief called Lookax. They expressed a great desire to enter into terms of lasting peace with the whites.

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

OROVILLE.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1857

Mining Operations.

Last week we made a flying visit to some of the quartz and tunneling operations in and around Table Mountain. We first made a hasty examination of the quartz mill of Smith & Sparks. They are running eight stamps and two arastras, propelled by water. Their buildings are large, substantial, and very conveniently arranged. The lead is composed of a soft blue quartz, about a foot in thickness, and is very rich. Previous to the last year it was the only one in the county that had been worked successfully. The proprietors have expended forty thousand dollars during the last year, in buildings and machinery, and in opening the vein. Messrs. Smith & Sparks have a neat white cottage, with green blinds, garden, shrubbery, &c., and near by have a vineyard, and orchard, in which is a large variety of fruit trees, all looking finely.

We made our next halt at White and Nutter's, Oregon City. They in connection with Col. Derrick, are engaged very extensively in quartz mining. They own a rich lead in Stove Pipe Ravine, on which are erected two arastras. Owing, however, to the difficulty of drainage it is not worked at present. With a steam pump and good machinery, this claim can be worked with great profit. These gentlemen own the Barton, Rider and Welch leads, near their store in Oregon City, upon which they have three arastras in full blast, day and night, which are paying well. They have also two arastras in operation in Coyote Ravine, near Cherokee Flat, located on a paying lead. In addition to these operations, Messrs. Simms & Nesbit have four arastras at work very successfully on the old Buffalo

ledge, near Oregon City. A short time ago they took out one lump of quartz worth nine hundred dollars. Albert Grunnot has a water mill in Oregon Gulch, which crushes about eight tons per day. There is also a steam mill in Spring Valley, of twelve stamps, which is not in operation as yet this season.

We next stopped at Cherokee Flat, a rich and flourishing mining locality, during the four or five months of the year that water can be obtained. Messrs. Moore, McDaniels & Co., have an extensive trading post at this point; and about a mile distant on the West Branch, are situated their extensive lime kilns. The limestone is of a good quality, and inexhaustible. The quantity of lime which they will manufacture this season will be limited only by the demand.

This country bordering on Table Mountain, has been very prolific in gold, and seems inexhaustible. It was thought to be worked out several years ago, but every succeeding wet season has developed new claims, of surpassing richness. Could water be obtained in abundance through the year, this would undoubtedly be the richest mining section in the county, not taking its numerous quartz leads into consideration, and these will eventually constitute its principal wealth. It is the exceeding richness in quartz and placer diggings of the base of Table Mountain, and every ravine that runs out of it, that imparts hope and confidence to those who have been endeavoring to penetrate for long weary months to its inmost depths. We have not time to give an account of our visit to the celebrated Eureka and Consolidated companies' tunnels, in this issue.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1857.

SPANISHTOWN, April 25, 1857.

DEAR EDITOR:—Our town has been very dull for the last few months; but that our town possesses resources which are bound to make it a point of business and importance none can doubt. We have as rich surface diggings in this section as there is in the State, but unfortunately they are of that class which require water to work them successfully. Yet after months of promise we are about to be furnished with any quantity of that very welcome and necessary element to our prosperity, as we are positively assured that on the first day of June the ditch will be completed.

We also have in progress of erection several quartz mills, and several new leads are being opened which, for richness, we think will compare favorably with any in California. The Virgin Company have their mill ready for machinery, which will be up in a few days. This company deserves the rich harvest that is awaiting them, as they are the pioneer company, and to their untiring energy and perseverance we are indebted for the early development of the resources of our district. The '49 and '56 and Butte Q mining companies are opening their claims on the same ledge. The Raffell ledge, near Jourdon Hill, has been bought by a Marysville company for \$4200, and they are making preparations for working.

The increasing travel to our town has caused Messrs. Ripley & Stannels to put a fine four horse coach on the road, which makes its regular trips daily to and from Pence's Ranch.

The gentlemanly proprietors of the Pioneer Hotel, Messrs. Pollard, Derby & Co., have withstood the hard times, and is the only hotel out of several that survives.

The change in the *North Californian* from a weekly to a daily is duly appreciated, if we could get it regularly. More poco tempo.

CLIPPER.

North Californian Apr 30, 1857

SPANISHTOWN QUARTZ MINES.—We were yesterday shown some specimens of quartz rock from a newly discovered ledge near Spanishtown, which show fair for the richness of the claim from which they were taken. Gold is visibly scattered throughout the rock. We were told that quartz taken from this ledge, only four feet from the surface, had prospected from 5 to 15 cents to the pound. Several new ledges have been taken up in the vicinity, and considerable excitement prevailed in the neighborhood. There are now some half a dozen ledges within a short distance of each other, all of which are believed to be rich.

May 12, 1857 Oroville Daily Butte Record

Correspondence.

OROVILLE, MAY 11

I feel disposed to give you some items of a flying trip to the Mountains, but doubt whether you will consider them worthy of being made public. I will not attempt to describe the beautiful panorama on either side of the road from Oroville to Pence's, nor the magnificent views about the West Branch, as most of your readers about Oroville have probably seen them. At Pence's we had to leave the Dogtown stage and take horses to Frenchtown, (which was very inconvenient for those having baggage,) where we took mules for the rest of our trip. Going through Spanishtown, we took the pack trail leading through Concow and Flea villages to Kimshew. Concow and Flea villages are respectively five and nine miles from Frenchtown on the ridge north of Concow. It commenced raining and hailing and by the time we reached Flea Valley the storm came on so hard that we were compelled to halt at a small cabin at the head of the valley. Soon after stopping a regular snow storm set in, which decided us upon camping for the night and returning the next morning. We found the cabin occupied by Mr. Sanford, who extended to us every kindness possible. He with Mr. Fairbanks of Frenchtown have taken up Flea Valley as a ranch, and intend building a public house (a thing much needed at that point,) as there is a great deal of travel through the valley all summer. As we were about starting on our return yesterday morning, Messrs. Fargo and Evans arrived

at the cabin; from them we learned that there was a good waggon road from Spanishtown to within one mile of Flea Valley; over which teams are hauling heavy loads of lumber for fluming the Frenchtown ditch. Mr. Evens thinks it will be completed in ten or twelve days. We were also informed by several parties who seemed to be familiar with the country, that a wagon road could be easily made through these Valleys to Honey Lake, but all said the road through Dogtown would be the most practical and less liable to obstructions from snow, and far easier and cheaper than any other route. Returning, we had from the top of the ridge south of Concow Valley a splendid view of the Coast Range, Sacramento Valley, Butte Creek, Table Mountain and the Buttes. At Yankee Hill we found the "Virgin" Company rolling the rich quartz down a long chute to their new Mill. The Mill is built for twenty stamps, but they will commence crushing with ten or fifteen, their engine and machinery is on the ground and they are putting it in place as rapidly as possible. Adjoining them on the south, is the "49 and 56" Company, and on the north, the Butte Quartz Mining Company. Mr. J. F. Johnson the energetic President of the Company has a force of men actively engaged in sinking shafts and opening the vein. They have gone down thirty two feet with one shaft and found rich rotten quartz; they propose sinking the same shaft a few feet further and then drifting to, and cutting through the ledge. The vein extends some 7,000 feet and the croppings along the whole distance are very rich. I will give you a few more items when we renew our trip and penetrate further into the mountains, if acceptable.

Yours resp't. H.

Daily Butte Record

5-19-1857

DRUNKEN INDIAN --An Indian was navigating our streets yesterday, in a beastly state of intoxication. He was arrested by officer Duret, when it appeared that he had procured a bottle of the "O be joyful" from a 'collud gemman" at Thompson's Flat, who had fallen desperately in love with his Mohala! He was set at liberty.

PIONEER QUARTZ LEDGE.—This Ledge, situate in Cherokee Ravine, distant about two and-a-half miles from Oroville, produces some very rich specimens, now in the possession of R. L. Patton, Esq. Preparations for working the ledge are now being made, and, judging from the specimens shown us, will not fail to prove a profitable investment.

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OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA SATURDAY, MAY 23. 1857.

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HARRIS & BURT,

Attorneys at Law,

OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CAL

OFFICE—Myers street, west side, above Montgomery.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF an execution issued out of a Justices Court, Sam'l Glass justice of the Peace in and for Oregon Township, Butte County State of California, to me directed and delivered, commanding me to make the sum of eighty-four ten one hundredths (\$84 10) dollars principal and interest, and sixteen fifty ons hundredths dollars costs of suit, together with all the costs accruing upon said writs wherein James M. Smith is plaintiff and William Hall and William Morris are the defendants, I have levied upon and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, on the 18th day of May A. D. 1857 at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M., all the right, title and interest of both or either of the above named defendants in and to the following described property, to wit: One building or saloon and bowling alley, situated at Frenchtown, in Oregon township, Butte county California, and formerly known as Smith's bowling alley. Said building being one story high, twenty feet wide in front, and running back (bowling alley included) eighty six feet; also the lot or ground upon which said building is situated, together with all the tenements hereditments and appurtenances thereun to belonging.

The above sale to take place at the Court House door, in the town of Oroville, county and state aforesaid.

P. FREER, Sheriff Butte County.

April 27th. A. D. 1857.

[From the Butte Record.]

OROVILLE WAGON ROAD CONVENTION.

Pursuant to public notice given, a Convention was held at the Musical Hall in Oroville, on Saturday, May 23d, 1857, for the purpose of taking into consideration the best means of securing direct communication with Honey Lake Valley, and transacting business appertaining thereto.

On the call of Mr. Farley, the meeting came to order, and Maj. John Bidwell was elected President of the Convention; Thos. Wells, Vice President; and on motion, S. L. Snyder was appointed Secretary.

The Chairman, after stating the object of the Convention, called upon Mr. Gamble, of Yuba, for his views as to the feasibility of making a wagon road hence to Honey Lake. That gentleman responded, and during the course of his remarks fully convinced all present that a good road could be built from this place to the Honey Lake Valley, via Pence's Ranch, Milltown, Lockwood's, Soda Spring or Humbug Valley, and Susan river, with very little cost, compared with the expense of bringing any other from that place into the Sacramento Valley.

He was followed by Mr. King, of Yuba, who was also in favor of a road by the same route; he, too, was familiar with it, and knew it to be the best route.

Maj. W. S. Watson, of Yuba, had been over it at all seasons of the year, and would assure the Convention that the route could be traveled both winter and summer, (which is more than can be said of some other proposed routes.)

He was followed by Mr. Miller, of the firm of Kingsbury & Miller, traders for many years on the North Fork of Feather river, stating his experience in favor of the proposed road, as the only one that would be of any benefit to the inhabitants of this portion of the Sacramento Valley. He knew the proposed route via American Valley, and was certain that this one was at least thirty-two miles shorter.

On motion, a committee on resolutions was appointed by the Chair, consisting of Messrs. Snyder, Crosette, Wells, Rhodes and Farley, with instructions to report at 5½ o'clock, p. m.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet in half an hour.

Convention met at 5 o'clock p. m. Committee on resolutions requested farther time, whereupon Convention adjourned, to meet in the County Court room at 8 o'clock, p. m.

Eight o'clock, p. m., Convention met in Court room pursuant to adjournment.

Report of Committee on Resolutions received, and after amendments, adopted; said report being as follows:

The committee to whom was entrusted the duty of preparing resolutions for the adoption of the Wagon Road Convention, assembled at Oroville, May 3d, 1857, have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to report as follows:

Whereas, The State of California, at the present time, offers to the emigrant from the Eastern States, inducements in the fertility of her soil, the salubrity of her climate, and the richness of her minerals, superior to those held out by any other portion of the western country: and

Whereas, The Congress of the United States, in a recent Act, acknowledged the justice of her claims upon the National Treasury by the appropriation of \$300,000 for the establishment of a wagon and postal route, from the Mississippi river to Honey Lake Valley: and

Whereas, There is reason to believe that a large overland emigration will pour into our borders during the next season, and it becomes us as fellow citizens of the same county, to welcome them from their long journey across the plains into our State, not only with open arms, but also to secure to them from the moment they tread upon our soil, an easy and practicable route into our valleys and mining regions: and

Whereas, There is reason to apprehend that the selfish action of a recent Convention, held in the city of Marysville, on the 4th inst., will have a tendency to mislead the incoming emigration and impose upon those who may be intrusted by the United States Government with the selection of a proper route for the great inland mail; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Convention views with abhorrence and indignation, the attempt of the Marysville Convention to speculate upon the wants and misfortunes of the emigrants, by recommending a route for a wagon road which is incapable of being made practicable, and which is selected only because it comports best with personal speculations.

Resolved, That Nature has herself pointed out the only practicable route across the Sierra Nevadas from Honey Lake Valley to the Valley of the Sacramento, as it leaves the American Valley to the east and south, and passing respectively through Big Meadows, Soda Springs Valley and Mill city, debouches finally into the Sacramento Valley at Pence's Ranch.

Resolved, That the citizens of Butte, Plumas, Tehama, and Colusa counties, should exert all their energies in favor of the route last named, and to that end should sanction whatsoever action may be taken by this Convention in relation thereto.

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Resolved, That a Board of Directors be appointed by this Convention, to consist of five members from Plumas, five from Tehama, five from Colusa, and ten from Butte county, whose duty it shall be—

First—To solicit and collect subscriptions from the citizens of the counties above mentioned, to defray the expenses necessary to build and put in complete running order a wagon road between the points heretofore indicated, and over the route chosen.

Second—To let out contracts and employ contractors to do the work required therefor.

Third—To open a correspondence with the United States authorities upon the subject of the route to be pursued by the great inland mail after it leaves Honey Lake Valley.

Fourth—To correspond fully with all such persons along the route chosen, as may possess information in relation thereto.

Fifth—To make such arrangements as they may deem advisable with the California Stage Company, or other persons, respecting the running of coaches from Honey Lake Valley to Oroville.

Sixth—To take all necessary steps to secure the immediate commencement and speedy completion of the work.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the mail agents of the United States to select the shortest and best route from Honey Lake Valley to the Valley of the Sacramento, for the great inland mail. All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. L. SNYDER, Chairman.
W. H. RHODES,
THOS. WELLS,
M. H. FARLEY,
GEO. A. CROSETTE.

On motion, the directors required under the fourth resolution, were appointed by the Chair, as follows:

George W. Garriott, Oroville; John W. Miller, do.; J. S. Berry, do.; E. B. Kinson, Milltown; A. Wood, Chico; John Bidwell, do.; W. Perdue, Thompson's; Captain Moore, Cherokee; B. B. Blevin, Charley's Ranch; G. Lovelock, Lovelock's store.

PLUMAS COUNTY—Joseph Watson, A. Miller, Job Taylor, Samuel Knight, Peter Jones.

TEHAMA COUNTY—A. M. Sadoris, W. O. Middleton, William Mahew, Doctor O. Crosby, A. G. Toombs.

COLUSA COUNTY—R. S. Maynard, with power to select four other directors.

On motion of Mr. Wells, the following resolutions were read and adopted:

WHEREAS, Messrs. Gamble and King of Marysville, have kindly responded to the invitation heretofore extended to them to attend this meeting, and have kindly furnished this meeting with full and reliable data relating to a route for an emigrant road from Honey Lake Valley via Soda Valley, Milltown, and Pence's Ranch to the Sacramento Valley, and by so doing, as well as by other disinterested acts on their part, have convinced the community at large that they have "the greatest good to the greatest number" at heart, in all their acts in this matter, and are unswayed by personal or unselfish ends; therefore,

Resolved, That we do hereby most cordially tender to the said Messrs. King and Gamble our thanks for all their kindness, and the interest they have manifested in this matter, as well as the assurance that they have thereby secured to themselves an enviable position in our memory, and no mean place in the affections of our hearts.

On motion of Alexander Brown, the following named gentlemen were appointed to assist the Board of Directors in collecting subscriptions:

J. L. Steward, Frenchtown; M. Pence, Pence's Ranch; Seneca Ewer, Hamilton; White & Nutter, Oregon City; R. Gunnison, Morris' Ravine; H. B. Lathrop, Oroville; Frank Johnson, do.; S. L. Snyder, do.; T. A. Turner, Turner's Ranch; R. M. Pullam, Forks Butte; Philip Ripley, Spanish-town.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Farley, Crosette and Wells, was now appointed to procure the necessary blanks for subscriptions.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Directors appointed by this Convention be duly notified thereof by the Secretary, and that they (with the exception of those in Plumas) be hereby requested to meet at this place on Wednesday, June 3d.

JOHN BIDWELL, President.
THOS. WELLS, Vice President.
S. L. SNYDER, Secretary.

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Canals and Ditches.

In that invaluable work, the *State Register*, amongst other statistical information is a chapter on canals and ditches already constructed in the mineral regions of the State. As all facts connected with this important branch of our industrial pursuits are largely sought for abroad, as well as at home, we have thought it not amiss to condense the subjoined information for the benefit of our readers. These statistics are obtained from not only the latest, but most authentic sources, and may be considered as perfectly reliable.

There are four thousand four hundred and five miles of artificial water courses, for mining purposes constructed in this State, at a cost of eleven million eight hundred and ninety thousand eight hundred dollars. In addition to these, there are about nine hundred miles now in the course of construction. There are thousands of miles of the richest mineral lands in this State, now lying almost valueless for the greater part of the year, which could, with the aid of enterprise and capital judiciously invested, be made valuable for mining purposes, and thereby secure an abundant return.

AMADOR COUNTY.—33 ditches: value \$888,400
BUTTE.—6 ditches: value, \$626,000
CALAVERAS.—Ditches 38; value, \$1,241,900
EL DORADO.—Ditches, 13; value, \$543,500.
FRESNO.—Ditches, 2; value, \$100,060.
MARIPOSA.—Ditches, 5; value, \$138,000.
NEVADA —Ditches, 100, value, \$1,500,000.
PLACER.—Ditches, 27; value \$399,100.
PLUMAS —Ditches, 5; value, 139,000
SACRAMENTO.—Ditches, 2; value \$600,000
SHASTA —Ditches, 8; value, \$227,000.
SIERRA.—Ditches, 9; value, \$174,000.
SISKIYOU --Ditches, 10; value, \$338,000
STANISLAUS —Ditches, 2; value, \$240,000
TRINITY —Ditches, 120; value, \$500,000.
The Trinity Canal Company are about erecting an extensive ditch in this county.
TUOLUMNE.—Ditches, 15; value 1,474,000.
YUBA.—Ditches, 21; value, \$806,300.

Murder at Spanishtown.

Mr. McConkey, constable at Spanishtown, has furnished us with the following particulars of an atrocious murder committed in Spanishtown on Sunday May 31st. Cary the murdered man, is said was an estimable gentleman, and universally esteemed.

It appears that two Spaniards and a man named Wilson arrived at Spanishtown, with a pair of dark bay horses on Sunday morning which they offered for sale. A Spaniard residing at Spanishtown appeared to be acquainted with them, and was in their company most of the day. It was generally suspected that they had stolen the horses, and they did not succeed in disposing of them. Towards night they left with the horses for Frenchtown, when the Spaniard residing at Spanishtown, went to Mr. Cary's house, and asked him if he had said that the horses were stolen? Mr. Cary put him off with an evasive answer, and turned him out of doors. The Spaniard returned a short time afterwards and breaking into the house, stabbed M. Cary to the heart. He cut the Spaniard severely before he fell.

The Spaniard was arrested and had an examination before Justice Steward, who committed him for trial, and he was lodged in our jail yesterday morning in company with the other three persons who were in possession of the horses.

Mr. Cary formerly resided in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania.

The horses are well matched dark bays—American. One of them has no brand but has a small burst on the under side of his belly. The other is branded D on the left shoulder, and J. H. on the left hip. They are now in the possession of the Sheriff.

Democratic County Convention.

The Democratic Electors of the different Precincts in Butte County, are hereby requested to send delegates to the Democratic County Convention which is hereby called to meet at Oroville, on Monday, July 6, 1857, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention, the Fifteenth Judicial District Convention, the 14th Senatorial District Convention, and for the nomination of County Officers. According to the apportionment adopted by the last Convention, the different Precincts are entitled to a representation as follows:

Oro Lewis.....	2	Garden Ranch.....	2
Robinson's Mill.....	1	Ophir Precinct.....	30
Bingham's Bar.....	3	Central House.....	2
Forbestown.....	5	Lynchburg.....	2
Natchez.....	2	Robinson's Hill.....	2
Evansville.....	2	White Rock.....	3
Vantine's Store.....	1	Cherokee.....	1
Enterprise.....	3	Kent's.....	1
Mountain Spring House	1	Jennings' Ranch.....	2
Rienhart's Bar.....	1	Chico.....	3
Mooretown.....	2	Cherokee Flat.....	3
Mooreville.....	1	Nelson's Bar.....	2
Wilson's Precinct.....	2	Pence's Ranch.....	3
Highlandville.....	3	Frenchtown.....	3
Wyandotte.....	2	Simmon's Store.....	3
Houcut Cl.....	2	Spanish town.....	5
French Creek.....	2	Dogtown.....	3
Mountain House.....	2	Kunkle's Ranch.....	1
Pitwell.....	3	Helltown.....	2
Virginia Mills.....	2	Forks Butte.....	2
Martin's Ranch.....	1	Brotherton's Store.....	2
Penvine.....	2	Union Bar.....	1
Turner's Ranch.....	2	Hansonville.....	1
Hamilton.....	2	New's Ranch.....	1
Faulkner's Ranch.....	1	Sky High.....	1
Thompson's Flat.....	3	Musquito Creek.....	1
Morris Ravine.....	2		

The Committee recommend that the different Precincts hold Meetings for the election of Delegates, on Thursday, July 2d, 1857.

GEO. H. CROSETTE, Chairman
Butte County Dem. Central Com.

THANKS—to Deacon Sheldon for a pitcher of Cobblers sent us during the heat of yesterday. The Deacon dispenses the best in the market.

POISON OAK.—We saw yesterday a man lying on his back in the bottom of a wagon, going through town, so badly poisoned with poison oak, that he was entirely blind, and his limbs frightfully swollen, so much so as to render him helpless.

THE SNAKE CHARMER.—Wirsen, the snake charmer, arrived in town yesterday afternoon, and will give an exhibition at Musical Hall this evening, of his wonderful powers over creeping reptiles.

Daily Butte Record

6-13-1857

Indian Affairs.

Mr. Storms, the efficient Superintendent of the Nome Cult reservation, passed down to McCorkle & Smith's Ranch on Friday last, where he was met by Col. Henley, who is preparing to drive six hundred head of cattle to the reservation.

Col. Henley's two hundred dollar *Mohala*, the San Francisco, *Vigilante Globe*, displays considerable ill-nature over the fact mentioned by us, that the contract between the proprietors of the old vigilante *Mohala*, stated that \$800 were put into the concern by J. C. Duncan, for himself and Col. Henley. The genuineness of the contract is not denied, nor is our authority called in question. The *Globe* merely gives way to its ill-nature and assumes that we stated "that Col. Henley has an interest in" the *Globe*. We simply stated one or two provisions of the contract, without asserting anything further. After giving the *Record* a false position in the matter, it gives us the following, which we presume is the only explanation of the differently worded contract. We omit the *Mohala's* "scurrility" portion of the article:

"A small loan, one-fourth of the amount stated, made by Col. Henley to the former proprietors of this journal nearly one year ago, is the foundation—"

We were obliged to cut short the extract before arriving at a period, or we should be obliged to copy language appropriate only for a digger reservation organ. We believe we copied sufficient to give the public to understand the version of the *Globe*. If we have failed, it is because we could not separate the meaning of the article from its native scurrility. That we do not desire to notice, as the author will, undoubtedly, soon follow the noble example of numerous vigilantes, and commit suicide.

"Former proprietors!"—former fudge and prevarication! The names of Duncan and Simonton figured prominently in connection with Col. Henley's, in the copy of the contract submitted for our perusal.

We would simply call the attention of the Democracy to the fact that according to this statement of the *Globe*, Col. Henley's two hundred dollars was loaned (was it ever paid back to Col. Henley?) to sustain a paper that opposed the Democracy, and advocated the election of the opposition ticket in that city and county. We certainly think the Democracy of San Francisco county deserved better treatment from Col. Henley. This \$200 00 was furnished "nearly one year ago" When the Democracy of San Francisco were gallantly struggling against a combination of opposing isms—Col. Henley loaned two hundred dollars to assist in crushing them out of existence. When the Vigilance Committee of San Francisco were violating the laws and constitution of the State, Col. Henley, a Federal office holder, loaned two hundred dollars to sustain one of the principal mob organs! Verily, the Democracy of San Francisco were struggling not only against an open and combined enemy, but also against the means of men high in the confidence and esteem of the party.

Sacramento Bee

6-22-1857

FIRE IN BUTTE COUNTY.—The *North Californian* states that on Wednesday afternoon, June 17th, at about 5 o'clock, the dwelling of Geo. Rothrock, of Messilla Valley, was burned to the ground, with all its contents. The inmates were all at work in the garden, about three hundred yards distant, and they saw the flame bursting from the building. The conflagration was so rapid that they had no time to save furniture, clothing, or provisions. Mr. Rothrock is an old resident of Messilla Valley, and one of the best citizens the county affords.

List of Precincts and Delegates.

Oro Lewis—Warden.
 Long.
 Robinson's Mill—Sayer
 Hansonville—Thompson
 Kents—Bateman
 Neal's Ranch—Lee
 Evansville—Dennison
 Schotfield
 Virginia Mills—Nutter
 Hart
 Vantine's Store—Stevens
 French Creek—Harris
 D Mark
 Forks Butte—Robinson
 Miller
 Reinhart's Bar—Moners
 Bingham's Bar—Gallagher
 Learing
 Hooper
 Helltown—Stryker
 Nesbitt
 Hamilton—Stockton
 Crawford
 Turner's Ranch—Turner
 Crane
 Moortown—Moore
 Carey
 Wilson's Precinct—Gould
 Wright
 Pence's Ranch—Burnham,
 Rathrock
 McCauly
 Lynchburgh—Hewet
 Horton
 Mountain Spring—Eberly
 Central House—Lowery
 Shannon
 Simmons' Store—Morrison
 Simmons
 Smith
 Moreton's Ranch—Ridley
 Chico—Bidwell
 Sparks
 Smith
 Peavine—Whipple
 Caldwell
 Mountain House—Ruggles
 Kelley
 Forbestown—Hedges,
 Dudley
 Hileman
 Mallon
 Roberts
 Spanishtown—Ripley
 McLelland
 Wells
 Derby
 Hussey
 proxy for Evans

Cherokee Flat—Campbell
 Maxwell
 Orr
 Frenchtown—Simpson
 Fairhawks
 I Stewart
 proxy for Simmons
 Kunkle's Ranch—Hitchens
 Garden Ranch—Tinker
 Cain
 Cowan
 Honcut City—Armstrong
 Newberry
 Robinson's Hill—Waight
 Phillips
 Hauser
 Mosquito Creek—Chandler
 Thompson's Flat—Munn
 Perdue
 White
 Wyandotte—Owen
 Thatchey
 Morris Ravine—Relyes
 Wilsoa
 Enterprise—Champlin
 Cleveland
 Winters
 Faulkner's Ranch—Conrad
 Highlandville—Spaulding
 Reed
 Hyland
 Cherokee Ravine—Bead
 Union Bar—A Gallagher
 Mooreville—R Gallagher
 Natchez—Peyton
 Mugal
 Jennings's Ranch—Sibris
 Rogers
 Dogtown—Griggs
 Kinson
 Burch
 Nelson's Bar—Curtis
 Johnson
 White Rock—Fitzgerald
 Totman
 Bidwell—Hida
 Urton
 Bendel
 Oroville—P Waterman
 W M Hussey
 Lillard
 Goodrich
 Preston
 Byrne
 Toland
 Matt Purcell
 O'Shea
 J J Collins
 Kimmel
 Otterson
 Farrelly
 Crossette
 Harlow
 Holland
 Rosenbaum
 Marshall
 Lott
 Connelly
 Fessr.

Election Proclamation.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
COUNTY OF BUTTE. }
OFFICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, }
OROVILLE, August 4, 1857. }

IN OPHIR TOWNSHIP.

At Oroville, precinct No. 1, at Orleans Hotel, S Rosenbaum Inspector, J. G. Downer, I. B Ketchum, Judges Precinct No. 2, at Theatre Building, L. C. Granger, Inspector, J. S. Morris, Geo Elliott, Judges.

At Lynchburgh, — Hewett, Inspector, S. S. Horton, — Haines, Judges.

At Robinson's Hill, (Brooklyn House) — Inspector, S. Waith, — Houser, Judges.

At Cherokee Ravine, A. Smith, Inspector, D Grosvenor, H. Chicester, Judges

Garden Ranch, C. Davis, Inspector, E. Erb, C. H. Cown, Judges

Central House, J Lowery, Inspector, ———, Judges.

At Kent's Ranch, — Bateman, Inspector, McConnell, G. W. Kent, Judges.

At White Rock, J. Coons, Inspector, ———, Judges.

IN KIMSHEW TOWNSHIP

At Dogtown, E. B. Kinson, Inspector, J. McCleary and C. Butler, Judges.

At Brotherton's Store, J. C. Longmore, Inspector, — Brotherton and ——— Judges.

At Forks of Butte, W. Pallum, Inspector, M. Robinson and E. L. Boyd, Judges.

At Helltown, J. Nichole, Inspector, Capt. Johnson and W. Nesbit, Judges.

At Kunkle's Ranch, D. Bequette, Inspector, G. W. Wilmot and J. Bristow, Judges.

At Lovelock's Store, — Brown, Inspector, J. M. Barrett and ——— Judges.

At Jno. Keep's Diggings, H. H. McColley, Inspector, J. Lockerman and R. McHaren, Judges.

IN OREGON TOWNSHIP

At Spanishtown, P. Ripley, Inspector, — Pratt and O. M. Evans, Judges.

At Frenchtown, F. F. Johnson, Inspector, J. J. Stewart and J. Banell, Judges.

At Nelson's Bar, J. Curtis, Inspector, C. Smith, — Nolen, Judges.

STILL LATER FROM PITT RIVER.—The *Yreka Union* of Thursday, August 20th, contains the following news from Pitt River Valley, which is much later than previous accounts:

We learn from Indians who came in town on Sunday last, that Lalakes and tribe, from Klamath Lake, have been engaged in an expedition against the Pitt River Indians. Lalakes proceeded to the valley fully armed, mounted and equipped for warlike purposes, without any incumbrance of women and children, making an attack about a month since on a large body of Indians, who were encamped at a number of small deep streams that empty into Pitt River between thirty and forty miles northeast of Fort Crook. It appears that Lalakes had made a flank movement on the Indians previously attacked and routed by Lieut. Crook, in which movement they killed five bucks and captured fifty-five women and children prisoners, whom they have taken to the Dalles in Oregon, to trade them with other tribes for Cayuse horses, cattle, &c., in the hope of replacing the great loss of stock among Lalakes' tribe during the last severe winter.

According to the story of these Indians, the Pitt River country has been the abode of numerous red skins, who were a few years ago the assassins and plunderers of settlers in the Sacramento Valley, and the greatest dread to valley digger tribes. Mr. Marx observed the tracks of Indians and horses, but none of children, which were no doubt those of Lalakes' tribe, and partly corroborates the Indian account above stated.

Nigger Bill, who has been some time in the Modoc country, is said to have been killed by the Indians in that vicinity. The Indians were fearful of an attack from the whites on account of depredations committed by Nigger Bill and party, and have concluded to stop his plundering incursions. The Indians say he was driven to the mountains, where the snow was very deep, but the squaws assert that he was killed, and his horse and gun taken by the Modocs.

The squaws living on Canal Gulch and vicinity have regular communication with the Klamath Lake Indian settlements, and make frequent visits to the different tribes. They are well posted on the movements of the Indians, and we have often heard various rumors emanating from them, that have proven true.

Lalakes is anxious to have a talk with Mr. Stevenson, the Indian Agent, in regard to the condition of the Indians and the propriety of a reservation, and will endeavor to meet him in a short time.

Ice, Ice, Ice!

THE subscribers take this method of informing the citizens of Oroville that they are now prepared to furnish them with a superior quality of Ice, from their houses in Grass Valley.

OUR DEPOY is situated on Miners' Alley, between Myers and Huntoon street, where those wishing Ice can be supplied on the shortest notice.

J. T. DICKEY, & CO.

N. B.—Ice can be had twice a day from our wagon in all parts of the city. ap20

NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE 49 & 56 QUARTZ MINING Co., }
Oroville, July 27th, 1857. }

NOTICE is hereby given to the Stockholders of the 49 & 56 Quartz Mining Company, that an assessment of one per cent. on the capital stock of said Company has this day been levied by the Board of Trustees, and made payable at the Treasurer's office on or before the 19th day of August, A. D. 1857.

JOSEPH ROGERS Secretary.

Declaration of Sole Trader.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, County of Butte.

I, CHARLOTTE SCHILLER, wife of J. A. Schiller, of the town of Oroville, county aforesaid, being duly sworn, do hereby declare to the public that it is my intention to carry on henceforth in my own name, and on my own account, the business pertaining to a Brewery, at the place known as the City Brewery, in said town, and that the capital invested in said business does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

Witness my hand this 14th day of August A. D. 1857.

CHARLOTTE SCHILLER.

Sworn to and subscribed before me August 14, 1857.

JOHN S. BERRY, Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, County of Butte.

On the 14th day of August A. D. 1857, before me, John S. Berry, a Justice of the Peace, in and for said county, personally appeared the above named Charlotte Schiller, to me personally known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing declaration, and acknowledged that she executed the same freely and voluntary for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Given under my hand this day and year aforesaid.

JOHN S. BERRY, Justice of the Peace.

PATENT AXLE GREASE for sale by
J. E. ALBRO.

Oroville Daily Butte Record Aug 26, 1857

(Note: Claim was filed as the Virgin Quartz Company)

A Good Investment.

FOR SALE CHEAP FOR CASH, TWO Shares in the Magnum Bonum Quartz Ledge, near Spanishtown, Butte County. This Ledge has been thoroughly prospected and found to be rich, and the company are now making arrangements to erect machinery. The shares may be had for about the actual value of labor bestowed upon them, if application be made immediately, as the most urgent business calls the owner home to his family in the Atlantic States by the steamer of the 20th Inst. Inquire within seven days at this office, or of D. H. Barney, Secretary of the company. all

Sacramento Daily Union Aug 31, 1857

August 31, 1857 (Daily Union)

BUTTE MINING ITEM - We find the following in the *North Californian*: We are informed that diggings which promise to be rich and extensive have been recently struck at Inskeep's Ranch, near Chapparral Hill, on the Honey Lake road. Stages now run to Lovelock's and it is expected will soon run to Inskeep's twelve miles beyond Lovelock's and forty-two miles from Oroville. Thus it is seen that without any appropriations by Government, or any effort being made by citizens, the Honey Lake route is being opened and improved by the development of the county through which it passes; nearly half the distance from Oroville to Honey Lake is now a daily State route.

There is a large extent of mining country between the North Fork and Butte Creek, which has been but little prospected, although it is undoubtedly one of richest sections of the county. At Balsam and Kimsheew creeks, which empty into the North Fork about fifteen miles above Spanishtown, diggings have been found, which are increasing in extent every day. Some of the claims are superior to any others we know of in the country. There are about two hundred men at work in the vicinity.

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9-4-1857

For District Judge.

We give below the reported vote of the following precincts upon this question. It will be seen that Mr. Sexton, the Democratic nominee, has swept the county by the heaviest majority ever given a candidate in the county who had an opponent.

	Sexton	D Lewis	B
Dogtown	67	8	8
Kunkle's Ranch	11	0	0
Cape Claim	75	39	39
Perce's Ranch	24	7	7
Turner's Ranch	28	2	2
Mountain House	28	10	10
Reinhart's Bar	13	7	7
Peavine	14	24	24
Martin's Ranch	2	11	11
Robinson's Hill	60	20	20
Wyandotte	32	69	69
Chico	81	16	16
Union Bar	22	4	4
Dry Creek	23	00	00
Stephenson's Store	13	00	00
Spanishtown	64	26	26
Hamilton	32	10	10
Cherokee Ravine	13	1	1
Moutezuma	33	2	2
Simmon's Store	50	14	14
Morris Ravine	6	18	18
Rock Island	33	2	2
Frenchtown	23	7	7
Central House	42	24	24
Lynchburg	16	28	28
Evansville	8	37	37
Lovelock's	19	7	7
Bangor	11	21	21
Virginia Mills	23	26	26
Honcut City	23	1	1
Forbestown	85	57	57
Natchez	46	47	47
Strawberry Valley	17	1	1
Bingham's Bar	32	1	1
Mooreville	13	80	80
Mooretown	25	00	00
Bidwell	64	45	45
Balsam Creek	43	2	2
Concow Valley	11	5	5
Stringtown	6	00	00
Oroville, Polls No. 1	116	134	134
" " No. 2	627	473	473
Thompson's Flat (majority for Lewis)		27	27
Kent's Ranch	13	3	3
Buckeye	8	58	58
Brotherton's Store	40	2	2
Mineral Slide	51	00	00

EMIGRATION.—We have been favored by the indefatigable Maj. Young with some statistics of this season's emigration, kept by Mr. Abbott, of Big Meadows, and Mr. Lee, of Butte Creek, Up to the 18th of August, there had arrived at Honey Lake 4,440 head of cattle, and 300 horses and mules. Nearly all of this stock will come *via* Pence's; in fact, 3,500 head are already as far as Big Meadows and Humbug. The Major tells us there are but 1,500 head on the American Valley route. The emigrants all say that the Honey Lake route is the favorite one this year, especially among those who are acquainted with the other routes.—*Oroville Californian.*

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Removal of Indians.

MR. EDITOR.—I have been asked so many questions about the Reservations and Nome Lackee, that I deem it of sufficient interest to some of your readers to give you a short sketch of my trips, observations and the information I received from those who reside at and near the Nome Lackee.

I learned from Mr. Titus, the Sub Agent, that his visit here was caused by complaints received from some of the inhabitants of Oroville, that the Indians had become a general nuisance. Mr. Titus arrived here on Saturday evening, and, having made known his business, soon found those ready to assist him. During Sunday the Indians were secretly watched, and their camps having been found, a larger number than any ever supposed to be around Oroville were thus captured—the women being in quite a majority. While encamped on the other side of the river, the Agent was beset by petitioners for the release of boys who had been living with some of our citizens; but it was almost heart-rending to see certain woolly-headed hombres, whose roaming loves had been so ruthlessly snatched from them, begging—preaching and praying for their restoration to their soft embraces. But Indian Agents

laugh at love! Yet I think a Justice of the Peace might have done a good business. On Tuesday, the 8th, everything being in readiness, the six wagons moved up the hill, all filled with Indians and their stuffs—the “bucks” in high glee pushing them, and stopping every now and then, at a signal from old Walkatow, to give three democratic cheers, which were always given with vigor, stimulated by a large bottle of *Minie-Gin*, sold to them by some hu-Maine individual. At Myere's Ranch there was a halt, and many a melon found its way into the wagons—thanks to the generosity of the proprietor. We passed the night on little Butte Creek, and whither Mr. Titus had had the precaution to have beef and flour conveyed from Major Bidwell's. There being wood and water in abundance, their fires were soon kindled, when baking and roasting began in good earnest; being divided into families, the supper was soon ready and devoured, when they began their usual songs and sank singing into sleep to dream of beef and red shirts. The immense fires, showing the sleeping Indians the wagons drawn up in a circle, the guards' slow pace and the solemn stillness of the night, gave the scene a charm not easily described. More anon.

9-26-1857

SACRAMENTO DAILY UNION.

QUARTZ MINING IN BUTTE COUNTY.—The *North Californian* of Sept. 24th says:

We noticed a few days ago the renewed activity in quartz operations, in the north-east portion of the county. To-day we will give some account of the quartz operations in another portion. The Columbia lead in Oregon Township, owned by Messrs. Smith and Sparks, we have often spoken of before. A great expenditure has been made in opening and draining the lode, but the quartz is very rich and has paid immense profits. A very expensive water mill was erected last season, with twelve stamps and arastras, arranged on the most improved principles, but owing to the scarcity of water, it has not been running for four or five months. Five hundred tons of rich quartz is piled up near the mill ready for crushing as soon as there is water to run the mill. About half a mile from this mill, the same gentlemen have opened another lead and put up a steam mill, which is the best arranged and most economical we have ever seen. The engine propels four arastras, elevates the quartz through a shaft sixty feet deep, and drains the works by means of a force pump. The whole cost of excavating, crushing and retorting, does not exceed six dollars per ton. This quartz is not as valuable as that from the other lead, but it pays well.

The next quartz mill in this vicinity is a water mill, owned by Albert Grummot, on Oregon Gulch, which is paying well. A little higher up the Gulch is the claim owned by the Table Mountain Company. This company is composed of several of our most enterprising capitalists, who

are intending to erect a model quartz mill. Their agents have visited the quartz mills of Grass Valley and other localities for the purpose of profiting by their experience in its construction. The lead has been worked with arastras sufficiently to prove its richness. About a mile from this claim is the old Buffalo ledge, owned by Simmons & Co.; it has been worked for several years, paying a good profit. This summer a steam mill has been erected; we do not recollect whether stamps or arastras are used.

Near this ledge are the works of Messrs. White & Nutter, which are paying better than anything else in the county. In the last six weeks, with four-mule power arastras, they have obtained \$12,000; expenses, \$3,000. The quartz is paying from \$100 to \$250 per ton. This fall they intend to put up an extensive steam mill, capable of doing a large business. The arrangements for hoisting the quartz and draining the drift, which is about sixty feet under ground, are admirable, but like most good things, have been very expensive.

There is a large steam mill at Spring Valley, two arastras in operation near Cherokee Flat, and several companies at work in quartz near Spanishtown, but we are not much informed in regard to them. The region of the country between Oroville and Spanishtown abounds in quartz veins, only a few of which, and only in places where they crop out, have they been prospected. These immense auriferous deposits are destined to give employment to thousands within a few years, but ages will not exhaust their wealth.

DITCHES.

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Winters & Bro.....	3		500
Watson and others.....			800
Ophir and Feather River.....	23	2400	200,000
Walker & Wilson's.....	18	1100	40,000
Fitz & Harvey's.....	7		1,000
Harris'			5,000
Frenchtown Mining canal.....	20	1200	25,000
Cherokee.....			4,000
Gregory & Co. and others....			4,200
Gregory & Co.....			650
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LIGHTS AND SHADES OF MINING ENTERPRISE.—

The voluminous accounts which constantly reach us from the mining districts of the interior are so generally burdened with successful and encouraging results that they have assumed, in this respect, a sort of stereotyped phase, the monotony of which seems somewhat strangely broken by the reception of adverse reports. It would be singular, however, if the glowing record of rich prospects and of fortunes extracted, were not sometimes shaded with disappointment and failure. Such has been the case in regard to several expensive mining operations at a point known as Big Bar, on the North Fork of Feather River, some ten or twelve miles from Spanishtown, Butte county. An acquaintance, direct from that locality, informs us that, until this year, several miles of that section of the river had remained wholly unprospected. Late in the season of last year, a company of Canadians succeeded in obtaining a handsome return for a few weeks labor on a small bar in the vicinity, which induced them to erect a saw-mill and engage in an extensive damming enterprise this year. Their dam was completed in August, since which they have been working their claim with very fair success. Some other companies who were tempted to similar experiments, have utterly failed after months of toilsome labor, chiefly on account of the depth of gravel and the difficulty of drainage; while only a few have been fortunate enough to obtain compensating returns. The gold found there is of fine quality, but of the very lightest description. Claims above and below Big Bar have proved exceedingly rich, and there is every indication that valuable deposits will yet be discovered along the whole river range, and throughout its adjacent neighborhood.

From the same informant we have accounts of mining interests in various other quarters visited by him during the last two or three weeks. The Ditch by which water has recently been brought to Spanishtown and Frenchtown has given a new impetus to operations in that part of Butte county, and newly opened claims, as well as some old ones which were deserted at the commencement of the dry season, are yielding good pay. Extensive preparations are being made for winter work, and large anticipations are predicted upon the ultimate development of mineral wealth, whose presence is indicated by quartz outcroppings that almost everywhere abound in the vicinity.

The Butte creeks, which have been prospected and worked with varied success since 1852, are still paying. On Little Butte creek several companies have been very successful during the season, their claims in some instances paying from \$10 to \$15 per day to the man. The average yield, however, has been from \$5 to \$8. A "prospector," while recently following up the West Branch of the main Butte, and trying the banks at intervals, struck a small deposit of cement, three pans full of which gave him \$72.

STATISTICS OF CALIFORNIA.

Butte County.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, BUTTE COUNTY,
OROVILLE, October 3, 1857.

To the Hon. John A. Brewster, Surveyor General:

SIR:—In accordance with the requirements of the statute, I hereby submit to you my statistical report for the year 1857.

It is not as perfect or as elaborate as it would have been, had I have received your circular at the proper time. Your circular was directed to my predecessor, R. S. Maynard, whose absence from Oroville prevented him from receiving it until about the 1st of April, when it was handed to me. My report is as thorough as can be given under the circumstances, and I believe as reliable as can be obtained through the agency of Assessors. In many instances, I have found it difficult to obtain information on many subjects through the apprehension of the people that the information was sought for the purposes of taxation. The principle of taxing fruit trees of one year's growth, or geese, ducks and chickens of degenerated stocks, or even the high bred China Muscovy, or Shanghai, would not be received with favor by the tax-payers of Butte. I find a great many of our citizens that do not properly appreciate the importance of a correct statistical list, and occasionally one that will positively refuse to give the Assessor the information he possesses. This course of conduct not only retards to a considerable degree the rapid development of the rich agricultural and mineral resources of our young State, but is diametrically opposed to his own interests.

The details of property assessed by me and the value is as follows:

Land, acres 258,792, assessed value, \$816,026, or nearly an average of \$3 12 per acre; showing an increase over 1856 in acres, of 84,719; in value \$712,623. Improvements, assessed value, \$1,489,720; which is an excess over 1856, of \$742,615. Plumes of river claims, and the improvements on mining claims and quartz ledges, are assessed under this head, as they were last year.

Mortgages, notes, bonds, scrip and solvent debts, assessed value, \$209,855; showing an excess over 1856 of \$110,271.

Money, gold dust and money at interest, assessed value, \$157,884; an increase over 1856 of \$88,690. Mortgages, notes, money, &c., is the most difficult of all property for the Assessor to arrive at the proper value or the correct amount. He has to rely solely upon the honesty of the holder or the records—in either case, he necessarily falls far short of the amount.

Horses and mules, number 8,238, assessed value, \$229,009; excess over 1856 in number, 437, in value, \$84,789.

Jacks and Jennies, number 129, assessed value, 36,332; excess in number over 1856, is 45, in value, \$2,387.

Cattle over two years, 18,748, assessed value, \$514,644; excess in number over 1856, is 1,804, in value, \$108,378.

Cattle under two years, 7,456; assessed value, 109,772; increase in number over last year, 2,203, in value, \$22,145. Total number of cattle this year is 21,204. Total value thereof \$634,415.

Sheep and goats, 12,558; assessed value, \$55,828; increase in number in one year, 6,643, in value, \$30,698.

Hogs, 6,800; assessed value, \$34,404; decrease in number within the last year, 350; increase in value, \$180.

Wagons and carts, 474; value, \$45,550; excess over 1856, in number 211; in value, \$28,250.

Carriages and buggies, 55; assessed value, \$5,472; increase in number in one year, 21; in value \$25.

Merchandise and lumber, assessed value, \$366,971; excess of this year over last, \$185,178.

Watches and jewelry, assessed value, \$10,440; excess over last year, \$4,600.

Libraries, assessed value, \$4,114; excess over last year, \$600.

Hay and grain, 4,900 tons; assessed value, \$32,513. This was of the crop of 1856, and is principally hay and barley. The assessed value of hay and grain for 1856 was only \$7,320; showing a difference in favor of 1857, of \$25,193.

Machinery, assessed value, \$42,105; excess over 1856, \$36,785.

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FLUMING.—The amount of money invested in fluming operations in Feather river, is near \$500,000. Some of the claims have proved to be enormously rich, while others are almost utter failures. The richest of them all is the Cape claim. The marvellous sum of \$20,000 has been taken from this claim in twenty-four hours' washing, and as high as \$736 to one pan of dirt. The Montezuma, Missouri Bar and Slate Bluff, if the rain holds off a short time longer, will be excellent investments. There are other claims that are not yet tested.

MINING IN GENERAL.—Recent developments made at Bangor, Balsam Creek, Kimshe, and other places in Butte, show conclusively that the mines of Butte are the next thing to inexhaustible, and that there are as big strikes to be made as was ever made in the palmy days of '49 and '50.

TOLL BRIDGES.—Only one in the county—the Bidwell Bridge—crossing the Middle Fork of Feather river, at Bidwell; owned by an incorporated company; assessed value, \$25,940. There is another bridge in course of construction at Nelson's Bar, West Branch Feather river.

TURNPIKE ROADS.—None in the county. There is a toll road leading from Marysville to Rabbit

Creek, chartered or incorporated by the State, partly in Butte; no rock or plank upon it, and is decidedly in a worse condition than the average of roads, notwithstanding you are obliged to pay them if you travel upon it.

FERRIES.—The following is a list of the ferries, the assessed value of their boats and fixtures, their income, expenses and net profits:

Lathrop's Ferry, H. B. Lathrop, proprietor; crosses Main Feather immediately above Oroville; income, \$20 per day; expense and hire of boatman, \$5 per diem; net profits, \$15 per day; taxable value, \$1,000.

Lower Oroville Ferry, Crum, Hale & Co., proprietors; crosses Main Feather immediately below Oroville; is a part of the great thoroughfare of the Chinese between Oroville and Holulipa, or Rancheria; income from \$18 to \$20 per day; expenses about \$4 per day; net profits from \$14 to \$18 per day; taxable value, \$1,000.

McConnell & Billings' Ferry, McConnell & Billings, proprietors; crosses Feather river about four miles below Oroville; net profits per annum, \$1,000; assessed value, \$600.

Burt's Ferry, Huls & Mowry, proprietors; crosses Main Feather about ten miles below Oroville; net income about \$1,000 per annum; assessed value, \$600.

Hamilton Ferry, five miles below Oroville, net income three dollars per day; assessed value, \$800.

Long's Bar Ferry, at Long's Bar, Main Feather; assessed value, \$1,000.

Nelson Bar Ferry, C. S. Curtis, proprietor, crosses West Branch Feather river at Nelson Bar; net income, \$1,500 to \$2,000 per annum; assessed value, \$600.

Jennings' Ferry, H. U. Jennings, proprietor; crosses Sacramento river; value, \$800.

Total number of ferries, 7; with an income of at least \$25,000 per annum.

SAW MILLS.—Seven steam power, 9 water power; total, 16. Number feet lumber produced annually, 9,600,000. Cost, \$147,650. Value, \$261,400. Assessed value of mills, \$69,000.

FLOURING MILL.—Chico Mill, John Bidwell, proprietor; located at Chico, water power; two run of stone; number of bushels of grain ground of all kinds, 20,000, and 4,000 barrels of flour and meal manufactured per annum. Expenses of running per annum, \$3,000; profits, \$4,000; value of mill, \$5,000; originally cost \$12,000.

TANNERY.—One in the county, located at Oro Lewa; assessed value, \$3,000.

IRRIGATING DITCHES.—John Bidwell, W. Henshaw, Mr. Knight, Mr. Davis and Mr. Smith have one each, which are the only ditches of any magnitude for the purpose of irrigation in the county.

WATER WORKS.—The only property of this nature is in Oroville, and is owned by George W. Garriott; assessed value, \$7,000.

COAL.—Table Mountain Coal Company mine, situate on the west side of Table Mountain. As they progress with their tunnel, the coal improves in quality. As far as tested, the coal from the mine makes excellent fuel, but will not do for mechanical purposes. Assessed value of improvements, \$500.

MARBLE.—I noticed a large vein of marble on Middle Feather, two miles below Reinhart Bar. It is white, variegated with blue, and resembles Italian. It can never be rendered available, for the reason that it is located in a cañon that is inaccessible to everything else but footmen, jackasses and wild animals.

COUNTY BOUNDARY.—I would urgently recommend an appropriation by the State for the survey of the entire Butte and Plumas boundary. Towns and densely populated mining camps are springing up along the entire line, and it is impossible to tell to which county they belong—which is a source of infinite difficulty to the officers of the respective counties, in the prosecution of their official duties. For example, the Collector or Assessor of Butte will try to collect taxes off of those inhabitants, and they will contend they are in Plumas, and vice versa. I would recommend the definite settlement of the boundary between Butte and Yuba, and would suggest the south Honcut, to one mile above Hansonville, where the mountain road crosses, thence a straight line to the Abbott House; or, the south Honcut to its source, thence a straight line across New York Flat, to the mouth of Letson Ravine, thence following Letson Ravine to its source, thence the dividing ridge between the waters of Feather river and the Yuba river; which would be a natural boundary that could not be mistaken. In either case, the boundary would be almost straight. This would give Butte a small corner of Yuba, a majority of whose citizens are favorable to being annexed to Butte. The county lines of Butte and Sutter, Butte and Colusa, and Butte and Tehama are merely imaginary, and ought to be defined. I

would urge the restitution of the lines of 1854. Those were natural boundaries, between Butte and Colusa, and between Butte and Sutter, the Butte Mountains and the Sacramento river, and could be traced with the naked eye for a distance of fifty miles. Now you may ride within fifty miles of the lines, and not know what county you are in. If you inquire of the citizens, you will be answered that they do not know, but hope that they are in Butte. The Colusa line crosses the Sacramento river at a certain point, and runs to a certain man's bridge on Butte Creek. The oldest settler, and I presume the oldest man in the mines, does not know who this certain hombre is. The fact is, there is no such bridge on Butte Creek. These slices of the once fair proportions of Butte, were given to Sutter and Colusa, by an enactment of the Legislature, contrary to the wishes and interest of the people residing there. They, and also a portion of the settlers of Tehama, petitioned the Legislature to be set back into Butte, and their petitions did not receive from that body even a respectful consideration.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.—Land cultivated, acres, 12,965; wheat, acres, 3,496; wheat bushels, 53,868; barley, acres, 4,000; barley, bushels, 64,017; oats, acres, 395; oats, bushels, 4,334; rye, acres, 13; rye, bushels, 350; corn, acres, 80; corn, bushels, 1,773; buckwheat, acres, 5; buckwheat, bushels, unknown; peas, acres, 21; peas, bushels, 430; beans, acres, 18; beans, bushels, 255; potatoes, acres, 88; potatoes, bushels, 14,500; sweet potatoes, acres, 8; sweet potatoes, bushels, 4,600; onions, acres, 8; onions, bushels, 4,000; hay acres, (partly enclosed,) about 3,147; hay, tons, (crop light,) 3,143; flax, none cultivated; hemp, none, but would succeed; tobacco, small patches would succeed well; lands, enclosed acres, 22,218; cotton, none; rice, none; broom corn, not raised as a crop; butter, pounds, 27,210, value, 13,605; cheese, pounds, 3,770, value, \$983; eggs, dozen, 11,000, value, \$5,000; wool, pounds, 11,500, value, \$2,070.

FRUIT TREES AND VINES.—Apple trees, one year and upwards, 9,865; peach trees, 300 bearing, 66,775; pear trees, one year and upwards, 2,341; plum trees, 676; cherry trees, 809; nectarine trees, 216; quince trees, 10,000 of them in nursery, 10,170; apricot trees, 737; fig trees, bearing 24, 1,102; orange trees, 6; pomegranate trees, 11; almond trees, 8; gooseberry, 440; raspberry, 149; strawberry vines, 107,519; grape vines, bearing 6,000, 45,773; tons, no means of knowing; gallons wine, J. Bidwell, 400; currant, 4,000.

LIVE STOCK.—Chickens, 12,506—value, \$6,233; turkeys, 1,287—value, \$1,387; ducks, 129—value, \$100; geese, 42—value, \$100; cattle slaughtered, 4,078—value, \$217,320; hogs slaughtered, 2,176—value, \$29,230; sheep slaughtered, 967—value, \$6,295.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. LILLARD,
Assessor Butte County.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Notice.

Is hereby given that, Six shares in the Phoenix Prospecting Company, belong to James Taylor, Henry Miles, and William Schake, will be sold at Public Sale, at the Tunnel, in Mesilla Valley, October 26, to pay assessments.

C. P. NANCE, Secretary.

October 12, 1857.

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Rich Gulch Steam Mining Co.

An assessment of ten per cent on the capital stock was made on the 5th of October. Shares 41, 43, 45, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 93, 94, 95, 96, will be sold at the Court House door at 2 o'clock P. M., Saturday, Nov. 7 1857, to the highest bidder for cash, to pay back assessments. Per order of Trustees.

D. D. HARRIS, Sec'y.

Oroville, Oct. 6, 1857.

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A Remarkable Accident.

On Friday night, Dr. Vrooman was called in great haste to visit a man named Solomon Bliler who had just been blown up with gunpowder at Yankee Hill, near Spanishtown. It seems that Mr. Bliler was writing at a table, and by the light of a candle stuck into a porter bottle for support. As the candle burnt down it fell into the bottle, and as it fell, ignited a quantity of powder which had been placed in it a long while before by one of the careless people about the premises. Of course an explosion followed, and Mr. Bliler was severely hurt, his face and arms being badly cut by the pieces of glass, and his right eye very much injured. The cabin in which the accident happened was set on fire, but soon extinguished. Dr. Vrooman expresses the fear that Mr. Bliler will lose his right eye, otherwise the victim of this very singular accident is not dangerously injured. The exploded bottle had been used as a candlestick for several weeks, charged with the powder all the time.

GREAT CHANCE

— FOR —

A FORTUNE!

QUARTZ STOCK FOR SALE!

THE SUBSCRIBER offers for sale at a bargain, one whole Share, and one quarter Share in the celebrated

“49 & 56 Quartz Mining Co.”

Said Company's Ledge is situated at Yankee Hill, near Spanishtown, and is now being very successfully worked by a LARGE STEAM MILL, running sixteen Stamps. Apply to the undersigned at his old stand on Montgomery street, opposite the Empire Hotel.

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R. MARCHELLA.

Wanted.

A SITUATION, by a young man 21 years of age, who writes a beautiful hand, is quick at figures, and capable of keeping a sett of books. The best references can be given. Address T. L. K., at this office.

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Oroville Daily Butte Record
11-16-1857

MISCELLANEOUS.

QUARTZ STOCK
For Sale.

ONE SHARE in the Virginia Co., situated on Yankee Hill, near Spanishtown. There is a large steam mill in full operation on the said ledge, together with appurtenances for working the same. If not sold at private sale, it will be sold at Public Auction on the 15th of November.

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WAM LIGHT.

P H HARRIS

Attorney & Counselor at Law,

— AND —

District Attorney.

Office on Myers street, between Montgomery and Minors' Alley. n10-11

Ex John L. Stephens!

FRESH

CIGARS!

By the last Steamer just arrived.

LOUIS COHN,

Next to Colton & McDermott's Drug Store.

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BRIDGE AND FERRY NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN—That the undersigned will apply to the Board of Supervisors in and for Butte County, at their November session in 1857, for a license to construct a Toll Bridge and Ferry across the Middle Fork of Feather river, a few rods above its junction with the North Fork of said river.

S. P. SAVAGE

Sacramento Daily Union Dec 12, 1857

POSTAL ACCOMMODATIONS WANTED.—The *Butte Record* states that portions of that county are sadly in want of postal facilities, especially Spanishtown, Frenchtown, and other important settlements on the West Branch and Butte Creek. The accommodations for sending mail matter to Plumas are represented as particularly bad.

Daily Democratic State Journal (Sacramento)

12-16-1857

☞ The Marysville *Express* of Monday contained the announcement of the death of A. O. Hyde, Esq., Treasurer elect of Yuba county. The report was copied by us, and as it appears that the gentleman is not dead but liveth, we transcribe with much pleasure the following correction made by the *Express* in its issue of yesterday:

BAD MISTAKE—It seems that our information of yesterday, to the effect that A. O. Hyde had died at Yankee Hill, in Butte county, on Saturday, was entirely incorrect. The manner in which the mistake occurred was this: A gentleman at Oroville telegraphed down to a gentleman here that Mr. Hyde was dead, as stated in our paragraph of yesterday. It seems that the individual who telegraphed was misinformed, altogether; it being another man, entirely, who was dead. Before the dispatch could be corrected, its contents were conveyed to us, and we made a notice accordingly. The dispatch correcting the first one came down here at one o'clock, yesterday, at which time Mr. Hyde was alive, but quite sick.

We beg leave, therefore, to take back what we have said, as far as the *death* is concerned, but not the complimentary notice we gave of the supposed deceased—at least, not until we shall see something, in his future conduct, should he recover—which we hope he will—to warrant a change of opinion.

12-17-1857

SACRAMENTO DAILY UNION.

MINING AT OREGON GULCH.—Oregon Gulch is situated some seven miles from Oroville, and is said to be as rich in *placers* as any locality in the State. But it suffers greatly for the want of water, and when such rainy times as these do come, it brings merry countenances and rejoicing to the hearts and hearths of the hardy miner. We also have quartz ledges here, which for richness are scarcely excelled by the famous "Allison Lode," though we labor under the same disadvantages that less fortunate localities do, the want of sufficient capital to develop the immense resources of our district. Yet it is plainly to be seen that capitalists are becoming awake to the value and importance of this branch of mining; and I am inclined to think, ere another year shall pass, that quartz mining will occupy a much different position. We have six quartz mills in this vicinity, all of moderate capacity. Among these is the new mill of White, Mitter & Co., which has just been finished. It runs four stamps and four arastras, and is perhaps the most complete and finest mill in the State, of its size. It reflects great credit on its owners, as a proof of their enterprise. They have their mine drained by a slope or tunnel, running down at an angle of about forty-five degrees, four feet high by six feet wide, through solid rock about 130 feet deep. The average size of their

ledge is about three feet, and seems to be getting better as it goes down. This quartz is supposed to pay from \$100 to \$200 per ton. They washed from a single bucket of the crushed quartz, a few days ago, over \$60. The Nesbit mill, I understand, is doing well. They run four stamps, and it is said they have a very rich ledge. About a half mile from this place is the "Table Mountain Co.," who have nearly completed a fine mill, and seem to be in fine spirits. Their lead is said to be very rich. About midway between this and Oroville, Smith & Sparks have two fine mills, one water and the other steam, and a lead of exceeding richness. There are many companies working with mule power. Among these I am only acquainted with one concern—that of McLean & Co., at Oregon City, who, it is said, are doing very well. There will be several mills erected here during the coming season. Among these is the Pacific Star Quartz Mining Co's., whose claim adjoins that of White, Mitter & Co., and is very rich. They intend erecting machinery as soon as the wet season is over. Hendricks & Boz are opening a ledge at the foot of the mountain, which, it is said, is very rich.—*Cor. Marysville Express, Dec. 15.*

San Francisco Bulletin

12-19-1857

FRENCHTOWN CANAL COMPANY—A HUGE SYPHON.—

The Frenchtown Canal Company, Butte county, propose to take water from the North Fork of the Feather river, and carry it to Frenchtown, Spanishtown and Monte Vista, and ultimately across the west branch of Feather river to Cherokee Flat. The main trunk will be twenty miles long. The *Grass Valley Telegraph* remarks on this subject:

The principal feature in this enterprise will be an iron conduit, or inverted siphon, by which the water will be taken across the west branch of Feather river, through a depression seven hundred and forty feet in depth. The tube will be constructed of boiler iron; it will be eight thousand feet in length, and twelve inches in diameter. It will receive the water under a pressure of eighty feet, and it is estimated that it will carry, under that pressure, four hundred and sixty inches of common water measure. The experiment is a novel one of the most expensive and important yet undertaken in this State, in connection with ditch enterprises. It is said that a San Francisco firm has offered to take the contract for this great work at a fair price, and guarantee its complete success. This ditch, when completed, will furnish an abundance of water for the mines on the Feather river Table Mountain, and all the neighboring country. John C. Fall, of Marysville, Judge McKee, and W. P. Donelson are the projectors and principal stockholders in this enterprise.

Monte Vista, the present terminus of this canal, is about one and a half miles south of Spanishtown, and was, until recently, known as Yankee Hill. It is rapidly growing into importance, and fast absorbing the neighboring settlement of Spanishtown. The name it has assumed is peculiarly appropriate to its location, which is upon an elevated table land, 2,000 feet above the level of the sea, commanding a fine view of the Sacramento Valley, and the distant Coast Range of mountains. At times, in clear weather, the Pacific Ocean is dimly seen through a low gorge in the mountains, although distant, in a direct line, over 200 miles. The '49 and '50, and the Virgin Company's quartz mills, located at Spanishtown, are situated in this place.

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OREGON GULCH, Dec. 10, 1857.

EDITOR EXPRESS:--I have been enjoying my self hugely for the last two months, in a cabin made of stick and mud ("neat but not gandy") under the lee of the famous Table Mountain, where quail and hare abound; flour and beans in hand, enough to last three months; exactly one eighth of a mile from Oregon City and Simon's; where the good hearted proprietors keep fine-cut tobacco, pipes with long stems, and any quantity of anti-Pellet beverage, which they offer to dispose of on fig; and above all, not a candidate for any office, nor any good friends who are "figuring." And in view of the circumstances I have resolved that I am extremely happy.

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Our section is fast growing in importance. The last few weeks we have had a fine stage plying daily between this and Oroville, which seems to be well patronized. The present heavy rains will have ~~the effect~~ of stopping it for a time, I cannot say. ~~It seems to be~~ It seems to be lively with ~~business~~ a business class, and never ~~Money is easy, as our~~ Money is easy, as our ~~to resume payment in a~~ to resume payment in a day or two


W. H. H. & Co.

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Ball at Cherokee Flat.

Messrs. Moore & Davis advertise a Ball for New Year's Eve, to take place in their Hall at Cherokee Flat. This Hall is the largest ball-room in the county, and is admirably arranged. The ball will be a very grand affair, and we advise our dancers to attend it.

NEW YEAR'S BALL.

 **Grand Ball** 
Will be held at CHEROKEE HALL,
Cherokee Flat, on New Year's Eve.
THURSDAY EVENING, 'DEC' 31ST. 1857.

The public is hereby invited to attend. In order that this invitation may seem general, no further notice will be given. All are invited to come.

MOORE, DANIS & CO., Proprietors.

N. B.—Cherokee Hall is the largest and best arranged ball room in Butte county. d29-31*

ARRESTED—A man named Rosser, who some two or three weeks since shot another named Rhodes at Oregon Gulch, was yesterday arrested and lodged in jail.

P. S. Since the above was written, we understand that Mr. Rosser has been liberated, he being proven not to be the man who did the shooting alluded to.