

Notice.

THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION HELD AT the lower Rio Sico School House, on the 5th of December, 1863, for the purpose of levying a tax to raise three hundred dollars for the purpose of carrying on a District School and repairing the School House and other purposes. Voters attend.

A. D. FORKNER,
WM. J. WALLACE,
Trustees.

Rio Sico, Butte County, Cal., Nov. 7, 1863.

OFFICE CAL. NOR. R. R. CO. }
Oroville, Dec. 18, 1863. }

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SAID COMPANY for the election of seven (7) Directors for the ensuing year, and transaction of such other business as may come before it, will be held at the office of the Company on Tuesday, the 19th day of January next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

D. D. HARRIS, Sec'y.

FOR SALE.

THE UNDIVIDED ONE-SIXTH OF THE Spring Valley Ditch and Mining Co.'s Ditch and Claims; also, seven full paid Shares of the Eureka Tunnel and Mining Co.'s Stock.

Apply to the subscriber at W. M. ELLIOTT'S Saloon, Huntoon St., Oroville.
Dec. 26. H. B. LATHROP, JR.

Ranch for Sale.

A RANCH SITUATED ON OREGON GULCH half a mile from Feather river, together with a good House, Barn, Stable, Garden, Water privilege, &c. About 75 acres under fence and good soil for a Vineyard or Orchard.

Will be sold at a Bargain. Apply to
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December 1st, 1863.

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UNITED STATES

LIVERY  STABLE.

EDWARD BOWDEN, Proprietor.

THE PROPRIETOR WOULD RESPECTFULLY inform the public that he has recently made extensive additions of fine stock and vehicles to the United States Livery Establishment, which can be had at all times at reasonable rates.

Horses kept on Livery at moderate rates, and the best Hay and Barley supplied.

FOR SALE.

THE above Stable, with Horses, Carriages and appurtenances, will be sold very cheap, for Cash
as is

ED. BOWDEN.

Letter from the Mountains.

ROCK CREEK, COBCOW Tp.

MR. EDITOR:— We have had a mild open winter, with a fair share of rain; at no time, however, have we had over one foot of snow on the ground. We have been able to work most of the time, and have made considerable progress in opening our claims. Some fifteen of us have wintered here. We miss our expressman very much, as he only comes in the summer-time; we received the UNION RECORD of the 23d ult. and wish you success in your new and noble enterprise. I understand there is quite a turpentine mania down below. At the request of my fellow miners, I have sent you the following resolutions, passed at a meeting held in our district: of course it is only a little "sarcasm" on the times:

The President stated the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of making laws regarding the "Turpentine Business." The following was unanimously passed:

Resolved, That we view with scorn and indignation the attempts made on our rights and liberties by certain parties who are taking up a whole country for the purpose of making turpentine, rosin, etc., that whereas, the Constitution of Rock Creek guarantees to every man the use of tobacco, whiskey, and the right to gather turpentine, we are determined to defend these rights to the last man, the last dollar, and if not to the last ditch, to the last digger pine.

Resolved, That a turpentine claim shall be 6 miles square, that no one can hold a claim unless he has resided in the place for 24 hours, and has slept at least one night in the district.

Resolved, That the boxes in the trees shall not be more than eighteen inches deep and more than twelve wide, and that there shall not be more than six of such boxes in a tree of three in circumference, other sized trees and boxes in proportion, and that trees under two years growth shall not be tapped; any one violating this law shall be fined three ounces of Rosin.

Resolved, That when a tree will not produce a barrel of turpentine in one week, such trees shall have a second tier of boxes tapped above the first, if this does not produce the desired effect, the owner of said tree may chop it down as worthless for turpentine, burn it up for charcoal and save the rosin; if any trees are found to have three tiers of boxes in them the owner of said trees shall be fined half a pint of turpentine for each tree.

Resolved, That when there is not sufficient pine trees on a claim, the owner may try experiments on oak, cedar, maple or any other large trees, such as wild cherry, manzanito, chapparel, etc., etc., and that if any man jumps another's claim, he shall be confined in a pine log for twenty four hours, and fed on turpentine coffee, pitch plasters and rosin dough nuts.

Resolved, That when the owner of a claim cannot make more than twenty five or fifty thousand dollars per year, his claim shall be forfeited, and his turpentine confiscated, and that no claim shall have more than two distilleries upon it, and that a man can hold a claim (provided he complies with the above laws) for the term of his natural life and six months after.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted by each man present taking a tremendous big oath—out of a demijohn—and pledging himself to carry them out; it was motioned that these resolutions be published in the Balsom Hill Distillery, and the Gravel Range Humbug—but on it being ascertained that the heads of the editors of those papers contained large indications of copper, it was agreed to have them sent to the loyal UNION RECORD: G. S.

Union Record 2-20-1864

COPPER MINING.—The excitement in regard to copper mining in this county does not rage as high as it did a few months since. Whilst the question whether we have copper mines sufficiently rich to pay still remains in doubt, one thing is settled, to-wit: that it requires money and labor to develop copper mines. A great many companies have suspended work in their shafts, but still others are working on their claims with that spirit of hope and energy characteristic of the California miner. There are some companies in the neighborhood of Wyandotte and Bangor who continue to push operations steadily on their claims. Prominent among these is the Frost Company. This company has, at considerable expense, erected machinery to work their shaft by horse power. They are enabled by these improvements to work their claim with a good deal more economy than when they relied solely on manual labor. This company's shaft is down to the depth of 110 feet. There are other companies in that vicinity who have high hopes of future success. That they may not be disappointed is our earnest wish both for their own sake and the welfare of Butte county.

Union Record

3-5-1864

STABBING AFFAIR AT CHEROKEE FLAT.—We learn that a party of men had been discussing political topics in the saloon of Vol. Goode, at Cherokee, on Monday of last week, and were leaving the saloon, when Mr. Eli Piper and a man whose name we have not learned got into a discussion of the respective merits of Abraham Lincoln and Jeff. Davis, when the latter, who we learn is a Southerner and secessionist, without provocation or warning, drew a knife and stabbed Piper in the left side, at the same time saying, "God d—n you, it is what you ought to have had long ago!" of words to that effect. Had the wound been a little higher, it would probably have been mortal. We believe the perpetrator of this outrage was not arrested.

FROST.—On Thursday morning, there was a very heavy frost at this place, and which we learn extended throughout the foot-hills, where fears are entertained that the peach crop is destroyed, though in this place it is thought to be uninjured. At Hamilton, we learn, there was no frost, and no rain Wednesday evening; and the rain did not extend into the mountains on this side of the river.

Local and County Matters.

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WM. H. TOBEY.....	San Francisco
L. R. ROSENTHAL.....	Marysville.
D. P. SMITH.....	Forbestown
S. ROWLES.....	Pine Creek
J. C. NOONAN.....	Chico

INDIAN TROUBLES — INDIANS RETURNING FROM THE RESERVATION.—We learn from Jas. F. McBride, residing four miles west of Dogtown, that, one day last week, five armed Indians surrounded his cabin, with their guns leveled at it, whilst he was some four hundred yards distant, working on a road, and took possession of all his provisions, clothing and blankets, valued at \$150. On Tuesday of last week, several armed Indians attacked a teamster named Johnson, on the Dogtown road leading to Pence's, and shot him in the left arm. We are informed by a gentleman of veracity that the Indian Agent at the Reservation has sent word to "look out for the Indians—that they are about to return," etc., and we learn that Indians are becoming numerous again in the mountains in the vicinity of Dogtown and Nimsbew. This is to be regretted, as it has been already proven by experience that the citizens cannot live upon amicable terms with the Indians, from the thieving and treacherous propensities of the latter, which are continually involving the people in difficulties, frequently resulting in bloodshed. If Government has an Agent employed, with the necessary funds, to feed and take care of these Indians upon a Reservation, why is it that they are allowed to return to the localities which have been the scene of their former depredations? Should another outbreak occur similar to that of last year, we fear that it will be followed by much more serious consequences. The matter should at once be laid before the proper authorities.

A DARING OUTRAGE.—A correspondent writes us, from Yankee Hill, in this county, that, on the 25th ult., a Mexican named Raphael was caught in the woods, about a mile from that place, by four masked highwaymen, who, upon his refusal to inform them what citizens of the neighborhood had money, proceeded to torture him into compliance by commencing to castrate him; when his cries for help were answered by another Mexican. This alarmed the ruffians, who, supposing that persons were coming to the rescue, took to their heels. Our correspondent says this is the fourth raid by these fiends in human shape on that part of the county; and the citizens of Frenchtown, Spanishtown and Yankee Hill have resolved not to trouble any county officials if any of the guerrillas are hereafter found in that locality.

THE UNION RECORD.

OROVILLE, SATURDAY, MARCH 5,

For President, in 1864,
ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
ANDREW JOHNSON, of Tenn.

(Subject to the Decision of the National Union Convention.)

Union County Convention.

At a meeting of the Union County Central Committee held in Oroville on the 27th day of February, 1864, it was resolved that a Union County Convention in and for Butte County, be held in Oroville, on Thursday, the 17th day of March, A. D., 1864, for the purpose of electing delegates to a Union State Convention, to be held in the City of Sacramento, on the 24th day of March, prox., and to transact such other business as may properly come before it. And it was further

Resolved, That the ratio of representation in said County Convention be as follows, viz: One delegate for each precinct in Butte County, at which polls for the General Election of Sept. 2d, 1853, were opened, and one additional delegate for each thirty votes, or major practice of 30 votes cast at said General Election, for F. F. Low, for Governor of this State.

It is suggested by the Committee that the Union voters of each Precinct, meet on the 13th day of March 1864, and elect delegates to said County Convention, and certify their election. It is recommended by the Committee, that at the primary elections, all free white male citizens of the United States, who are legal voters in Butte Co., and in favor of sustaining the National Administration, and the National Army and Navy in their efforts to crush out the existing rebellion, and preserving unbroken, the Union of these U. S., be permitted to vote for delegates.

The following is a list of the Precincts entitled to send delegates to the County Convention aforesaid, and the number of delegates each Precinct is entitled to, is set opposite thereto.

Oroville,	10	283
Central House.....	3	50
Kents Ranch.....	1	14
Cherokee Ravine,	2	76
Wyandotte,	2	38
Evansville,	2	20
Bangor,	3	63
Honcat City,	1	8
Wilson's Ranch,	2	18
Cascade Valley,	1	2
Moretown,	2	21
Stringtown,	2	18
Lumpkin,	2	16
Mountain Spring House,	2	40
Enterprise,	2	43
Bidwell's Bar,	2	24
Pea Vine,	2	22
Mountain House,	2	45
Berry Creek,	1	10
Mooreville,	2	28
Forbestown,	3	53
Clipper Mills,	3	47

Dayton,	2	16
Morrills Mill,	2	19
Lowery House,	1	40
Pine Creek,	2	31
Rock Creek,	3	52
Chico,	8	198
Lynch's House,	2	50
Robinson's Ranch,	2	20
Thompson's Flat,	2	44
Hamilton,	2	29
Morris Ravine,	2	30
Oregon City,	2	36
Cherokee Flat,	3	58
Messilla Valley,	2	31
Fortknerr's Ranch,	2	31
Butte Valley,	2	19
Yankee Hill,	2	30
Con Cow,	1	9
Little Linshe,	2	16
Amelia City,	1	5
Rock Spring House,	1	12
Uogtown,	2	44
Dinshe,	2	28
Helltown,	1	7
Mineral Slide,	1	9
Centreville,	1	11
Fork Butte,	2	31
Hudson House,	2	22
Powells Ranch,	2	17
Inkkip,	2	23
Diamondville,	1	7
Love's Lock,	2	26

THOMAS WELLS, Chairman.

D. C. BURLINGAME, Secretary.

Union Record March 12, 1864

NEW ROAD.—We learn that Nat. Brothers, Road Overseer for Concow valley, is about to open a new wagon road out of the valley, by which the Concow hill will be avoided. The new road is surveyed around the side of the hill down the East Branch and up Deadwood and Spanish Ravine to the Yankee Hill and Frenchtown road. The old road over the hills is impracticable for heavy loads; but the new one is on a regular and easy grade, and will afford the citizens of the valley an excellent outlet for their pitch and agricultural productions. It would seem that what the mining interest failed to bring about the pitch business has made a necessity, viz.: the opening of good roads in the mountains. Great is Pitch, and Turpentine is its profit!

THE INDIANS.—Hon. A. C. Buffum, under date of Sacramento, March 8th, writes us as follows: "In the last issue of your paper I observe an article headed 'Indian Troubles,' asking that the matter may be laid before the proper authorities. Permit me to inform your readers that I have received a petition from many citizens of Butte county, asking me to lay the matter before the proper men, who have power to assist and protect them. I have called upon the Governor and General Wright, and received a promise from the latter that he would order the company now stationed at Chico, Butte county, to protect the people against further Indian depredations in that section."

Union Record 3-19-1864

Concow.—The primary meeting of this precinct—W. H. R. Thomas, Chairman, and H. A. Fairbanks, Secretary—appointed G. G. Marquis as delegate to the County Convention and adopted a resolution in favor of the re-election of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency.

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IN THE MOUNTAINS.—We spent two or three days, last week, in Concow valley and its vicinity, and were highly gratified with the improved condition of things in that part of the county. Like Rasselas, the prince of Abyssinia, who, according to Dr. Johnson, with all the other princes and princesses, were kept in the seclusion of a mountain valley which was supposed to have no outlet except a secret one, the people of Concow valley have explored the mountain sides of their place of exile, and at length found a natural outlet around the hills, which, with a small expenditure of money and labor in grading, will give them an excellent road for the shipment of their products. They have already made good progress with the work, and it is hoped will be able to complete it this spring. The citizens of this section should extend their road by way of Little Kimshew and the Balsam Hill country to a point on the Dogtown and Honey Lake road, which, we are informed, is an entirely practicable route, and one which would reduce considerably the distance, compared with other roads. Such a road is demanded and we hope will be opened. Unlike usual winters, the hills have been bare of snow, and the grain and hay crop in this part of the county looks remarkably well. High prices for hay, etc., and good roads, will make good times for mountain ranchers, whose crops have not suffered by the drought. Mining in this locality, except in a few instances, has been suspended, and the hills resound with the strokes of the "tappers" for pitch. One company, we believe, have about 20,000 trees tapped in and around Concow, and other parties have tapped and are tapping on a smaller scale. We observed that, in this neighborhood, they have been careful to cut small notches in the trees, with a view to preserving the timber for future uses. The "Digger" or nut pine, which is generally dwarfed and useless for lumber, is equally as valuable for pitch, we learn, as the pitch pine, while the pitch of the white and "sugar" pine cannot be used, thus ensuring the safety of the most valuable timber for lumber.

LIVELY PROSPECTS FOR A ROW.—Our excitable neighbors of Cherokee Flat got into a lively little quarrel one day last week, spiced with the not unlikely prospect of a serious finale. The long looked for rain was the signal for the revival of a long existing feud between two rival companies known as the Florris and Cherokee companies—the matter at issue being the right of way of their water, claimed by the former through the Cherokee company's flumes and denied by the latter. We pretend to express no opinion of the merits of the quarrel as our advices are mostly *ex parte*, but the feeling manifested on both sides would seem to lead to the inference that the scale of right is pretty evenly balanced with the difference, perhaps that the claims of the one are based on technical and legal grounds and those of the other on principles of simple and natural right as they understand it; of all distinctions the most difficult to reconcile and arbitrate satisfactorily. At any rate the test of right, by a sort of mutual consent seemed to have resolved itself into a test of strength or bluff and the rival companies fully armed and equipped with knives and revolvers met for the encounter. Affairs began to look threatening, hard words were bandied, a collision seemed imminent, when by a happy diversion of sentiment the dispute ended no worse than in a ludicrous "mill" between a champion of either party. Somebody, when words were at their height, jumped into the flume and bending over to examine the water protested that he discovered traces of blood and entrails flowing past. This was in jocular allusion to the threat of an obese opponent that such an extremity might be expected when he yielded his right. The sally restored some good humor and in the mean time the champions alluded to representing the rival companies fell to a *la Heenan* and fought till one got handsomely and satisfactorily whipped, when the vanquished company acquiescing in the defeat of their champion retired from the ground. Whether legal redress is meditated has not yet transpired. While we are free to confess considerable concern for the professional success of the enterprising M. D. whom report says was seen busily whetting his scalpels and probes pending the encounter, the public weal has of course our deepest concern, and we are pleased to hope that better councils will prevail in future, and that the surgical services so zealously proffered will not need acceptance.

The Union Record 4-16-1864

REOPENING OF OLD QUARTZ LEDGES.—Parties are busily engaged over in Oregon Gulch and Cherokee in reopening old quartz ledges, abandoned some years since through lack of facilities in working and the incompleteness of machinery. J. McKinstry Smith is engaged upon his old ledge, and shipped last week the machinery for a new mill. It will be remembered that Cherokee and Oregon Gulch a few years since contributed largely to the wealth of the country, and it is confidently expected that they will shortly resume their former contributions.

Letter from the Mountains.

ROCK CREEK, April, 6.

MR. EDITOR:—"Good news at home!"—for the last week it has been storming. We have had one of the best snow storms of the season, and we have now over two feet of solid, compact snow lying here; up at "Mike's diggings" there are some four feet. Every one is busy, taking advantage of the water. At KimsheW, the snow is about three feet deep. Although we are about the same altitude, the latter place is more bleak and exposed, consequently they have a little more snow. There is quite a stampede into KimsheW, and times will be busy and lively there. I think the present snow ought to supply us with a month's washing, at the least. We all know that

"The best laid plans of mice and men
Gang aft a'glee;

But for once Nature has either made a mistake or become eccentric: for a month ago the snow had all disappeared, vegetation had started, grass and some early flowers were peeping out from their long winter's sleep, and even some foolish little birds had commenced to build their nests—when, *presto!* here we have a good old fashioned snow storm, and everything is changed. But, as these sudden changes have been for our benefit, we are thankful for them.

I was down below, lately, and was glad to see the improvements being made in the mountain roads. Among other improvements, I might add, Joe Willet has built a good, substantial house at Rock Spring, where the weary traveler can find good accommodations. Joe is always at home, willing to crack a "goak" with any one that comes along, or dispense out of his magic bottle forty drops of any kind of thing a man calls for.

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Correction.—A couple of weeks ago, in an article on the subject of pitch gathering, etc., we stated that pitch from sugar and white pines could not be manufactured into turpentine. This impression was left upon our mind by a conversation with a gentleman engaged in the pitch business; but it appears by a letter we have just received from J. N. Gibson, Esq., of Forbestown, that we were in error. He says: "I see the papers throughout the country have copied an article from your paper, a portion of which I know to be erroneous. The article stated that the white or sugar pines could not be used for turpentine and resin. This is a mistake. I have distilled, during last fall, winter and spring, up to this time, something over two hundred thousand pounds of crude turpentine. I distilled one charge of about 3,000 lbs. of pitch taken exclusively from the sugar pine. The result was as fine an article of resin as any one could desire. The spirit—about 17 per cent.—was also a very superior article. I had a sample of it examined by a professional chemist and a number of physicians, who all thought that, owing to its mildness and apparent purity, as soon as the great difference between it and the common article was generally known, it would be held in high estimation, especially by practitioners for medicinal purpose. I found in working it, however, that it lost in weight near double or twice as much as the pitch from the long-leaf pine. Some of the sugar pines yield a much greater quantity, while others yield less, than the pitch pine; on an average, they run more. You will also find in the United States Dispensatory that all the different varieties of the pine afford turpentine from which can be distilled oil or spirit of turpentine and resin."

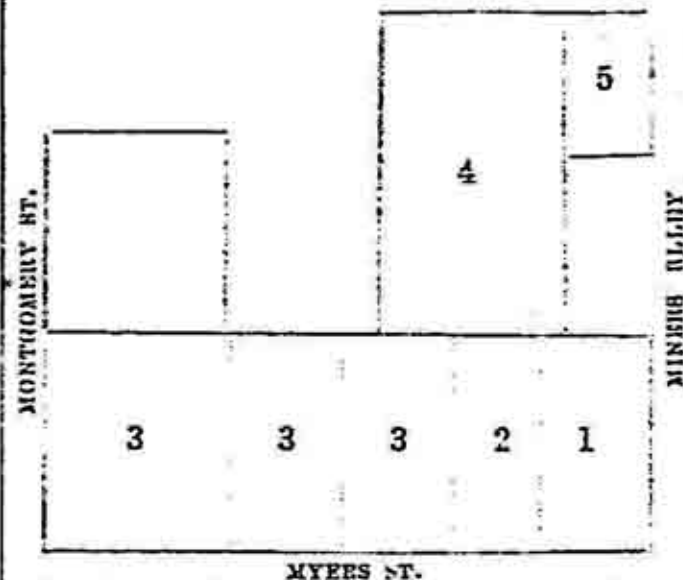
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ANOTHER RICH QUARTZ DISCOVERY.—We learn that a quartz ledge has been struck near Cherokee Flat, in this county, which is believed to be very rich in gold. The parties who made the discovery, however, preserve a strict silence for the present in regard to its location. Verily, there is a fair prospect of the mines of California "giving out" in a year or two in a magnificent manner.

THE NEW ROAD out of Concow Valley is completed, and we are informed the first teams passed over it last week. We congratulate the citizens of this beautiful mountain valley on the consummation of this important work. Good roads are the avenues to wealth.

Union Record 5-28-1864

THE UNION HOTEL.—The work on the new hotel is progressing rapidly, and will undoubtedly be completed by the 1st of July. The following is a correct diagram of the first story:



1—saloon; 2—office and hall; 3, 3, 3—stores; 4—dining room; 5—kitchen.

We were kindly furnished the following figures by Mr. H. B. Lathrop, Sr., who has the general supervision of the work: It has a front on Montgomery street of 66 feet, and 132 feet on Myers street; it has two piazzas 220 feet long and 11 feet wide. The dining room is 55 x 30 feet, over which is a fine hall for dancing, etc. The saloon is on the ground floor, and is 27 x 44 feet; office and hall 18 x 44 feet. There are four parlors on the second floor—one public parlor 18 x 19, and three private parlors 12 x 19. There are about fifty fine, well ventilated sleeping rooms. The whole building will be finished throughout in a very superior style, and we venture to say that the Union Hotel, when completed, will be one of the best arranged and most commodious hotels this side of San Francisco. We understand that Capt. Ralph Bird, of the International, is to become "mine host" of the new house.

Union Record 6-11-1864

INDIAN OCTRAGE.—During the absence of Thomas Morgan from his residence in Mesilla Valley, about a mile from Pence's, on Saturday last, June 4th, his wife, going out after wood, noticed the cattle rising and staring in the direction of a little flat, and looking to discover the cause, she saw the head of a man visible beyond some fruit trees. Returning to the house and going up stairs, so that she could see over the intervening trees, she beheld seven Indians creeping towards the house, the foremost one leaning upon a gun. Terror-stricken at the fate which seemed about to overtake herself and her three little children, but with prayerful resolution to save her little ones, if possible, she immediately took them, and, going out through the back door and keeping the trees between them and the red fiends, started for Mr. Merithew's house, about a mile off, carrying her youngest child, two years old. Finding no one at home, she went to Mr. Knox's, a half mile further, and found protection. A party of men were soon raised, who hurried to Mr. Morgan's; but the Indians had fled, after knocking four or five windows to atoms, taking all the clothing and nearly all the bedding, and destroying the furniture, etc. Several stones were found in the house, which had been thrown through the windows. There is no doubt but the Indians would have butchered the family, if they had found them in the house. The carelessness of the authorities with regard to these treacherous red devils will yet, we fear, result in the butchery of more of our citizens. Cannot some way be devised to rid Batte county of these pests?

KILLED BY INDIANS.—The dead body of a Frenchman was found, on Wednesday last, in Potter's ravine, below Cherokee Flat. He had apparently been dead about four days. Several arrows were found in his side.

6-25-1864

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DIAMONDS AT CHEROKEE FLAT.—The three diamonds referred to in the following letter addressed to Mr. Smith were found near Cherokee Flat, in this county. Crosby & Morse, of Boston, have the only house in the United States at which diamonds are cut: "Boston, May 21, 1864. Geo. E. Smith, Esq; Dear Sir:—We have just received from you the three diamonds. All right, and are very glad to see that some have been found, and I am sure they exist there as well as in Brazil, and I also think that the time will come when diamonds will be sought after there as much as the gold is now. It only requires the knowledge of the Geology of the country where they exist, and a knowledge of the stone. There must have been where these were found plenty of smaller ones, as we always receive a large proportion of smaller ones from Brazil. These are worth in their present state—rough—from one to two dollars per grain on the average, and they weigh about twelve grains; when cut and polished they will weigh but little more than half what they do now, and the expense of cutting about as much as their original value, but when done will pay a good profit. I hope you will put people on the track to look for them, as I feel sure it will be one of the great products of the country, and shall be glad to see the time when we can supply the demand for diamonds in our own mines. We will have them cut and polished in the best manner, and hope to return them to you in a few weeks. Yours truly, CROSBY & MORSE, 240, Washington street, Boston.

Union Record 6-25-1864

CALIFORNIA LION.— We are informed that John Mullen, a young Nimrod of Concow valley, in this county, killed a California lion within half a mile of his mother's residence, one day this week. The following are measurements of the size of the animal: Length from tip to tip, seven feet; measures $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches around the paw; around the ankle $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches; around the fore leg below the knee, 11 inches; length of tail, $32\frac{1}{2}$ inches; around the body, 27 inches; length of head, $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches; height of animal, $28\frac{1}{2}$ inches; weight, one hundred pounds. We believe a number of these ferocious animals have always infested the mountainous portions of this county, often preying upon calves, sheep, etc.; but it is very rare that the most expert hunters have been able to kill any of them.

Union Record 6-25-1864

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING. — A letter dated Rock Creek, Concow township, June 6th, says "we have had several heavy showers of rain, accompanied by heavy thunder and lightning. On yesterday the lightning struck a large tree at the head of our claim, breaking off the top, and scattering the pieces in all directions, scarifying and tearing the bark and limbs off to within about forty feet of the ground. Two other large trees, a little further down, were stripped to the ground. Mr. C. Beyerle made a narrow escape, being near enough to be considerably stunned by the lightning. He describes the scene as the most sublime.

Union Record

7-16-1864

DIAMONDS RETURNED.—The three diamonds spoken of a few weeks ago, in this paper, have been returned to Geo. E. Smith, by the firm at Boston where they were cut. It will be remembered that these diamonds were found by a miner near Cherokee Flat in this county, and one of them purchased by Mr. Smith before being forwarded to Boston. One of the diamonds is pure white, one a little straw colored, and the other a claret or wine color. The first might be considered a diamond of the first water, the others of the second and third. The cost of cutting was \$38, and expressage \$4. Total value of the three diamonds \$100, and weight of same one and one-half carats.

Union Record

7-16-1864

THE 4TH AT CONCOW.—We are informed that the Fourth was appropriately celebrated at this place. A salute of thirteen guns was fired at sunrise, and three glorious cheers for the Union. The Declaration of Independence was read by Mr. A. L. Fairbanks, and an oration delivered by A. C. Turner. The ceremonies closed by the audience singing the Star Spangled Banner.

HUNTING GORILLAS.—The Oroville *Union* of August 13th says:

We are informed that fifteen troopers from Chico went on a sort of expedition through the mountains during the latter part of last week, passing through Dogtown, Inskip, Concow valley and Spanishtown, making a circuit of probably one hundred and fifty miles. This is a cheering indication that the "brave boys" intend to pay due regard to their sanitary condition, as well as to the peace of our mountain settlements. They are doubtless prospecting for Indians, "rich diggings," and other interesting "developments."

THE UNION RECORD.

OROVILLE, SATURDAY, SEPT. 3d.

National Union Nominations.

FOR PRESIDENT,

ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
OF ILLINOIS.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,

ANDREW JOHNSON,
OF TENNESSEE.

Presidential Electors.

J. G. McCALLUM, of El Dorado.

S. BRANNAN, of San Francisco.

C. MACLAY, of Santa Clara.

W. OLIVER, of Siskiyou.

For Congress—Third District,

GEN. JOHN BIDWELL,

For Supervisor, First District—*T. FOGG.*

Nomination of Gen. Bidwell---Compliment to Butte.

GENERAL JOHN BIDWELL has secured the Congressional nomination — secured it by acclamation! His election, of course, is a foregone conclusion. We congratulate Butte — we congratulate the State at large. Without any disparagement to his competitors, General Bidwell is certainly, the most available man. The Sacramento Union mentioned his name at an early day; other leading organs followed and endorsed the selection. We have every reason to be proud that our county has secured to itself the honor of contributing, from within its own borders, a member to the National Council; who, if he does not yet rank in the category of "Statesmen," admittedly possesses in incipency, the requisite abilities to achieve such distinction, and which a little experience will soon develop. But if there be a recommendation beyond this, it is the possession of those sterling personal qualities—elevation of character—patriotic devotion—moral qualities that will give weight to his utterances—ensure the respect of his compeers in the House, and reflect equal honor upon himself, as a man, and the State which he will so worthily represent.

9-3-1864

Third Congressional District.

The delegates from the Third Congressional District, met in the Assembly Chamber, at half past four o'clock in the evening, on the thirty first of August. T. M. Ames, of Sonoma, was called to the chair; and C. Van D. Hubbard, of Yuba, and F. Tracy, of Shasta, were appointed Secretaries.

On motion of McGravey, of Mendocino, the Chair appointed a committee of five on credentials; and on motion, a committee of five was also appointed by the Chair on permanent organization. The convention then adjourned till seven and a half o'clock in the evening.

The convention reassembled at the appointed hour, and was called to order by the President.

R. McGravy, from the Committee on Credentials, reported that a portion of the counties included in the District were represented by delegates who presented credentials to this Convention, and others by the delegates who had represented their counties in the State Convention but had no separate credentials to the District Convention. The report recommended that both classes of delegates be admitted to seats in the present Convention.

After a desultory discussion on the report, it was referred to the committee.

The convention adjourned until nine o'clock to morrow morning.

A dispatch to the Appeal, the latest we have, says the "Third District Convention nominated General John Bidwell, by acclamation, Parks and Goodwin withdrawing.

[Three cheers for Bidwell and the "Boys."]

The District Central Committee is composed of—A. Powers, of Solano; S. G. Clark, of Plumas; C. C. Bush, of Shasta; W. H. Parks of Sutter; J. E. Wyman, of Humboldt; C. E. Green, of Yolo; L. McGuire, C. E. Stone and C. E. Filkins, of Marysville.

The convention decided to meet in the future at Marysville.

Union Record

9-24-1864

MURDER OF A BUTTE CREEK INDIAN—A Butte Creek Indian was murdered last week by one of the Kimshew tribe. They were gathering pine nuts together when the Butte Creek Indian was recognized by the son of an Indian that he had assisted to kill several years ago. The son awaited an opportunity and shot the murderer of his father.

Union Record

10-22-1864

THE FIRST DISCOVERY OF GOLD ON FEATHER RIVER.—The first gold was, in an early day, discovered on Feather River, on the bar, at Hamilton, in Butte county, by the old Pioneer and Union standard-bearer of this District—Gen. John Bidwell. He was the first white settler to explore and thoroughly prospect this wild, mountainous and apparently barren region. Bidwell's Bar once a great mining point, and for several years the county seat of Butte was discovered by him. It was by thus adventuring, and by the willing labor of his own hands upon the rough sand-bars of Feather River, that he accumulated sufficient means to purchase and commence the improvement of his present great farm. By years of industry, close attention to business, and good financiering he has secured the finest and most valuable property in the State. His farm is under the highest cultivation, his extensive orchard and vineyard are of the choicest selection and he has one of the most magnificently constructed flouring mills in the State. In fact, Gen. Bidwell was the first to develop the mineral and agricultural resources of Butte, to open up her roads to trade and wealth; and by his liberality and progressive spirit has won the respect and esteem of all.

Union Record 11-5-1864

PANTHER KILLED — John Mullen, a famous young Nimrod of Concow valley, assisted by his faithful dog, killed a large and ferocious panther, one day recently, after an exciting encounter in which the dog was pretty roughly used. The panther received his death shot from a five-inch revolver. This is the third panther killed by young Mullen during the past six months. *P. S.*—Nimrod & Co. report a "cinnamon" bear and three deer as trophies of a day's hunt since the above affair. Game is said to be unusually fat this year; the specimens of bar meat and venison "laid on our table" were *wano*, and we hope to record more like it.

Great, Grand and Glorious Results in Old Butte.

Copperheads Demoralized.

The results in old Butte are glorious. The Union majorities show a large gain over last year. The Copperheads have carried but seven precincts in the county, and with trifling majorities! The 'total vote' of the precincts is imperfect; but the column headed "Union majority," will vary but little, if any. The Copas have sailed up Salt River to the bosom of the Grave Digger of the Chicahominy:

	Union vote.	Cop. vote.	Union majority.	Cop. maj.
Oroville	270	130	140	00
Oberokee Ravine	13	5	8	
Central House	43	33	10	
Carpenter's Flat	25	6	10	
Hamilton	28	20	8	
Shoefler's	50	58		8
Robinson's Ranch	10	1	9	
Thompson Flat	34	18	16	
Chico	243	110	133	
Dayton	30	52		22
Rock Creek			1	
Pine Creek			4	
Morrill's Mill	31		31	
Bidwell's Bar	29	11	18	
Berry Creek	21	8	13	
Mt. House	37	20	17	
Peavine	23	35		12
Mooretown	18	17	1	
Lumpkin	10	20		10
Enterprise	44	6	38	
Mt. S. House	36	6	30	
Stringtown	24	24		
Forbestown	45	47		2
Clipper Mills			1	
Mooreville	19	12	7	
Evansville	30	30		
Bangor	53	24	29	
Wyandotte	39	31	8	
Oregon City	36	26	10	
Cherokee Flat	66	64	2	
Mesilla Valley	37	9	28	
Forkner's Ranch	33	23	16	
Morris Ravine	28	3	25	
Cowcow Valley	17	3	14	
Yankee Hill			15	
Little KimsheW, Union majority unknown.				5
Magalia				5
Centreville				5
Forks of Butte			17	
Leonard's Mill	21	3	18	
Lovelock's			20	
Nimshew	48	43	5	

Soldier votes at Chico, 48, all Union.

So far as heard from Old Butte rolls up a majority of six hundred and forty five for Lincoln and Johnson. Two precincts to hear from which will probably give small Union majorities. Majority for Gen. Bidwell may reach 700. T. Fogg, first Supervisor District has a majority of 235.

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11-12-1864

Union Record 12-3-1864

CHEROKEE FLAT.—The miners in this extensive and rich mining section, who have for the past two years remained almost idle for the want of rain are now reaping a rich reward. In many instances capital to the amount of from thirty to fifty thousand dollars has been invested in running tunnels and putting in condition for working the different claims, and have yielded little or nothing until within the last ten days. The rains have changed the monotonous scene. Some twelve hydraulic claims are now being worked, using from one to six hundred inches of water—and the owners receiving from two to six hundred dollars per day to the claim. Cherokee district is rich in gold. Should the rains cease at present, there will be sufficient water for two weeks to come to supply the miners in this district.

Union Record

12-10-1864

FROM THE MINES.—Many of the miners on Rock Creek, in Concow township, at the commencement of the rain, rigged up their hydraulic hose and commenced piping. Soon they were compelled, from the torrents of rain and heavy wind, to seek shelter, when the reservoirs filled and broke, banks caved in, and in many instances, sluice boxes were washed off and destroyed. The bridge across Rock Creek was swept away. Our miner friend says though a rough winter is visiting them they don't ask for an "armistice."

Union Record 12-17-1864

PUREUANT to notice, a meeting was held at Pence's ranch, Mesilla Valley, for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Soldiers' Aid Society. The meeting was organized by calling to the chair, H. A. Fairbanks, and choosing Dr G F Glick, Sec. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the goodly attendance manifested the prevailing zeal of patriotism in this vicinity. The following officers were elected—M. Pence, President; Thos. Harrison, Treasurer; John Peairs, Vice President Dr G F Glick, Secretary. Collectors—Mrs. M Pence, Mrs James Vanness, Mrs H A Fairbanks, Mrs G F Glick, Mrs Samuel Dewey, Mrs B A Merithew, and Wm S Dean. After many enthusiastic remarks and suggestions as to the best method of promoting the interest of our cause, the meeting adjourned sine die.

NEW QUARTZ MILL:— The Company owning the quartz ledge recently struck on Jordan Hill, in Concow tp., were engaged this week in transporting the machinery for a mill to be erected upon the ground. We understand that they have crushed a considerable quantity of the rock by the arastra process, with gratifying results. Owing to the bad condition of the roads in the mountains, the hauling of the machinery to the claim was a tedious job