

# McDanel, Thomas

## 1-9-1869

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### The Butte Record.

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DEATH OF THOMAS MCDANEL, ESQ.—Our community were pained, on Saturday morning last, by the announcement of the death of Thomas McDanel, Esq., of Cherokee, Treasurer of Butte County. To most of our residents, the announcement was sudden and unexpected. It is true, he had not been in Oroville for a week or ten days, and during a session of the Board of Supervisors, and his more intimate friends knew that he was confined to his house by sickness; yet scarcely any one seemed to think it possible that his sickness would result in sudden death. He was apparently a hale and hearty man, in the full vigor of life and usefulness, and it seems impossible yet to realize that he has passed away from earth, to appear no more among men forever. A good and true man has fallen! He had been a resident of Cherokee for years, being one of the pioneers of that important mining locality, where he was connected with Capt. Moore in the mercantile business, and was a principal person in the Cherokee Mining Company, whose operations have done so much to develop the extensive mining claims in that vicinity. He will be sadly missed by those with whom he has so long been associated in mining and other business operations, and by the community at large to whom he was generally and favorably known, as an honorable, upright man and useful citizen. He was buried under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, of which Fraternity he was a cherished and exemplary member. His funeral services were attended by a large concourse of citizens from Cherokee and the surrounding vicinity, and from Oroville. He leaves a wife and family of little ones to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate husband and father; and the entire community, within the circle and sphere of his usefulness, sympathize with them in their bereavement, for they, too, have lost from their midst a useful citizen and that noblest work of our Creator—"an honest man."

### In Memoriam.

Since by an all-wise but inscrutable Providence it has been deemed best to cut down in the prime of life and to remove from our midst by the hand of death Thomas McDanel, late Treasurer of Butte county, we, his fellow officers and personal friends, as a tribute of respect to the memory of one whose virtues we will not forget, bear willing testimony that in every walk of life he was indeed a man whom to know was but to respect and to admire.

As a public officer he was obliging, capable and faithful; as a friend he was earnest, active and devoted, and as a husband and a father he was kind, affectionate and true.

By his death our county has lost one of her best citizens, and the community at large a member whose place will not be filled.

To his bereaved relatives we tender sympathy which only those can feel who have known him as we have known him, to esteem him in life, to deplore his death and to honor his memory.

W. S. SAFFORD, County Judge,  
J. C. MARTIN, District Attorney,  
T. F. MILLER, Sheriff,  
M. H. DARRACH, County Clerk,  
J. N. VERA, Under Sheriff,  
THOS. CALLOW, Deputy County Clerk,  
H. S. MADDOX, Recorder,  
JAMES CHAPMAN, Public Administrator,  
WM. EDMUNDS, County Surveyor,  
L. VAN ORDEN, Assessor.

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CHEROKEE FLAT, Jan. 5th, 1869.

ED. REDDICK. With sad feelings of regret, I have to record the death of our fellow citizen, T. McDanel, who departed this life on Friday last. I know of no man in this community whose loss will be so generally felt as that of the deceased. In his many years' residence amongst us, and in all his business transactions, he had gained the confidence of the people here, his advice was often sought, and he was frequently made the depository of our troubles and wants. At first, his sickness was considered only temporary, and only a few days before his death was there anything serious apprehended, when the fatal Erysipelas set in and took him away, in the prime of his life and in the midst of his usefulness. The announcement of his death cast a gloomy sadness over the whole place; and all hearts were filled with sorrow, when we followed the remains of our dear friend to their last resting place. The burial and ceremonies were conducted by the Odd Fellows, of which he was a member, but a very large circle of friends and acquaintances joined in the procession, to pay the last tribute of honor and esteem to one who was ever a fond and indulgent parent, a kind and affectionate husband, and a noble, faithful and generous friend. Requiescat in pace!

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WOLFE, Peter R.  
Weekly Butte Record  
1-23-1869

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DIED.

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At Oroville, January 16th, Peter R. Wolfe, aged 48 years and 6 months.

At Oroville, California, January 20th, 1869, of Pneumonia, Warren Morrison, aged 54 years. Cincinnati, Ohio, and Lapeer, Michigan papers, please copy.

At Chico, January 14th, Mrs. Mary D. Hallet, wife of Henry Hallet, and daughter of George Wood, Esq., aged 28 years.

At Rock Creek, January 8th, Mrs. Mary A. Signor, aged 39 years.

DEATH OF P. R. WOLF.—Mr. P. R. Wolf died at the St. Nicholas Hotel, in this place on Saturday evening last, and was buried by the Masonic Fraternity on Monday. He had long been a resident of this county, and was familiar to most of our residents. Of late years he had been a resident of Chico township, where he was engaged in sheep-raising. When attacked by his late fatal illness, he came to Oroville with a view of procuring medical aid. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss. Mr. Wolf came to this country at an early day, from Washington, Pennsylvania, and amidst the wild scenes of a pioneer life in California, retained the generous impulses of a kind-hearted man. He has passed from the scenes of a checkered existence, and those who knew him best will cover his human frailties with the broad mantle of charity, and remembering his virtues only will invoke "Peace to his ashes."

# FORKNER, Alexander Benjamin

## Weekly Butte Record

2-13-1869

DEATH OF A. B. FORKNER, Esq.—Our citizens were astounded on Monday last, by the report that Alexander B. Forkner Esq., of Dry Creek, had committed suicide! Incredible as it at first seemed, it nevertheless proved to be correct. From the evidence elicited at a Coroner's Inquest held by Justice Leggett, soon after the sad occurrence, it appeared that Mr. F. had shot himself in the forehead, just above the eye, with a revolver, between seven and eight o'clock on Monday morning, leaving the following note lying on a table in the room: "I came to my death by my own hands, this morning, Feb. 10th, 1869. A. B. Forkner." No one was present at the time; but a moment previous, he had looked into the bedroom in which his three sons slept, and was seen by two of them. When the report of the pistol was heard, Mr. P. Fetter, who with his wife lived in the house, rushed into the room, and found Mr. F. sitting on the lounge, dead.

The cause of the commission of this rash act seems entirely inexplicable. Mr. Forkner was in easy circumstances, financially—possessed more than ordinary amount of intellect and sound practical sense—was respected by his neighbors and the community at large, and was of a social and apparently happy disposition. These facts render the affair the more extraordinary. But it has been truly and wisely said, that "there is a skeleton in every house," and that "each heart alone knows its own sorrows." What these were in this instance, none will probably ever know. It appears, however, that they were sufficient in his estimation, to induce him to "shuffle off this mortal coil." Let not his brother mortal presume to condemn him for the act. It is the prerogative of God alone, who "knoweth the secrets of all hearts" and "whose mercy endureth forever," to judge of such events.

WHITELAW, J. G.  
Weekly Butte Record  
4-3-1869

**DEATH OF J. G. WHITELAW.**—This prominent citizen of Butte county, died at his residence at Cherokee Flat on Monday, and was buried by the Odd Fellows on the following day. He was an old and much esteemed resident of the county, a good man, and his loss is deeply regretted by numerous relatives and friends and acquaintances.

ROTHROCK, George  
Weekly Butte Record  
7-10-1869

**DIED.**

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At his residence, near Pence's Ranch, July 7th, and  
denly, of inflammation of the bowels, Mr. George Roth-  
rock, a native of Germany, aged 57 years.

AN OLD SETTLER GONE.—George Rothrock, long a  
resident on Dry Creek, near Messilla Valley, died on  
Wednesday morning, from inflammation of the bowels.  
He was, we believe a pioneer of the county, and identi-  
fied with its history since its organization. He came  
from Missouri here, and a year or two since paid a visit  
to his old home. He was generally and favorably  
known throughout the county, and many who read this  
paragraph will pause and drop a tear to the memory of  
Uncle George Rothrock.

SNAPE, George  
Weekly Butte Record  
9-18-1869

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**DIED.**

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At Big Meadows, Plumas county, August 3d, Henry Olston, aged 54 years.

At Ewer's Ranch, September 12th, Thomas Stanley, aged about 45 years.

At Union Ranch, Indian Flat, Oregon Township, on the 8th instant, George Snape, aged 51, a native of Stone, Staffordshire, England.

DEATH OF GEORGE SNAPE.--It will be remembered that we mentioned a week or two ago, that George Snape, Esq., was suffering from a stroke of paralysis brought on by falling into a mining shaft near his residence in Oregon township. He lingered until Thursday of last week. He will be missed by many friends and acquaintances, who have known him since the pioneer days of '49 and '50, as a social, pleasant and agreeable companion. Our readers, too, will miss his "Letter from Cherokee," and elsewhere, which dished up the news of their locality, with a pleasant and readable effect. An honest miner and a good man has fallen. Peace to his ashes, and farewell, Uncle George.

PERKINS, Mrs. Lillias S.  
Weekly Butte Record  
12-25-1869

**DIED.**

At Mooretown, December 22d, Emma, daughter of Frank and Pauline Wagner, aged 1 year and 6 months.

In Oroville, December 23d, Little Tinnie Hannah, only daughter of Max and Julia Brooks, aged 6 years and 7 months.

In Oroville, December 21st, 1869, of puerperal convulsions, Mrs. Lillias S., wife of W. L. Perkins, Esq., and daughter of T. Fogg, Esq., aged 24 years and 10 months.

Although born in Maine in Mrs. Perkins had grown up from childhood in our midst, and her sudden and unexpected death is sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends and relatives. A dutiful child, and an affectionate wife, all who enjoyed her acquaintance can bear cheerful testimony to the noble fulfillment of her brief mission in life, and while pining to drop the tear of friendship over her untimely death, deeply sympathise the bereaved relatives, while believing with the unfaltering faith of the Christian that all is well with Lilly,

Sam the cook  
Weekly Butte Record  
2-5-1870

**SUICIDE NEAR YANKEE HILL.**—Sam, a China cook, who has been cooking for M. H. Wells, of Yankee Hill, for nearly four years, disappeared on the morning of the 22d without giving any notice of his going away. Nothing was thought of his absence, as it was supposed he had gone to Oroville to spend the China New Year.

On the 27th—Thursday—his body was found in a deserted cabin about one mile from the Hill. His throat was cut from ear to ear, and judging from the condition of the body, the act must have been done on the day he left. The weapon used was a razor.

The deceased had of late lost considerable money by some of his countrymen, and this is supposed to have been the cause of the act.



# HOBART, Rev. Randall

## Northern Enterprise

### 2-12-1870

Died

On Butte Creek near Chico on the 7th inst., Rev. Randall Hobart, aged 70 years.

Never has it been our lot to record a death which created so much surprise and amazement as did the death of Father Hobart on Monday last. It was known to most of our citizens that Father Hobart had attended church on Sabbath, and closed the morning services with prayer and was then enjoying excellent health, and the report that he was dead could scarcely be credited. But the report as it first came to town proved to be too true and we are to-day called to mourn the death of one of our oldest and most estimable citizens. It appears that Father Hobart on Monday morning went about his business on the ranch as usual after having ate a hearty breakfast, and returned to his house about 11 o'clock. He opened the door and proceeded out a few steps into the house and called to Mrs. Hobart as if he had something to say to her but the words were never uttered. He fell forward on his face and instantly expired.

Rev. Father Hobart, as he was familiarly called, was, we believe the oldest Methodist minister on the Pacific Coast, was born in Plattsburg, New York February 15, 1800. In early life, he emigrated to Michigan and was identified with the early settlement of that State where he resided til 1849, when he came to California.

For 50 years Father Hobart has been in the ministry in the Methodist Church, and for the past 10 years has been identified with the Church in Chico. He was retiring and humble, but very conscientious, and maintained the strictest integrity in life. Those who knew him best loved him most. His religious experience was not ecstatic, but the cross of Christ, in which he firmly trusted through life, was at all times a joyful theme of meditation keeping his mind serene, his faith in Christ firm and sustaining and his hope of glory cloudless and cheering. He was a wise counsel for always endeavoring with singular prudence to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace with all believers, he looked forward with longing eyes for the re-union of both branches of the M.E. Church in one denominational family.

For his departure he was eminently prepared. He had long looked and patiently waited for it, and he was permitted, by the blessed Redeemer, in Whom was all his trust, to pass away without a single struggle or any indication of pain, his one falling into a great sleep.

W. C.

**Thomas, Levi**

**Butte Record**  
**March 26, 1870**

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**SUDDEN DEATH.**—Levi Thomas, an old and respectable citizen of Butte, died suddenly at his home on Cherokee Ravine yesterday. He was around in apparent good health until a few minutes before his death, which is supposed to have been caused by heart disease.

**KILLED BY INDIANS.**—Capt. H. A. Good, known as Hi Good, a pioneer Indian fighter, was recently killed by the Indians on Deer Creek. His body was riddled with bullets, and his head mashed to jelly with stones. His brother was murdered by the Indians some years ago since when he has been their terror and scourge. He will be remembered as the leader of the party that arrested the Magalia robbers of Wood's stage some two or three years since.



Sandy Young, Jay Salisbury, Hi Good (sitting), Indian Ned

Note: Hi Good was involved in several local Indian expeditions, including the tracking of the Indians who killed Robert Workman's family in Concow. He was killed by his longtime Indian Companion, Ned.

Good, Harmon A. (Hi)

5-14-1870

**Northern Enterprise**

CHICO, MAY, 14, 1870.

**THE KILLING OF HI GOOD.**—It becomes our painful duty to announce the murder of Harmon A. Good, more familiarly known to our people by the name of Hi Good. On Wednesday, the 4th day of May, he was killed within a few hundred yards of his cabin, on Deer creek, in Tehama county. By the confession of the murderer we are able to establish the brutal crime as being committed by an Indian boy, about 19 years old, whom Mr. Good had raised. The deed was done with a view to obtain money known to be in possession of the deceased. Mr. Good was returning from a trip to Deer creek, and when shot was walking and leading his horse. He was shot five times, and then dragged by his own horse one and a half miles distant, to a ravine, and the body covered with stones. The possession by the Indian of money and the ring worn by Mr. Good led to the suspicion which caused his arrest, and by his subsequent confession all uncertainty was dissipated. Mr. Good was one of the most distinguished personages in this section. Years since, when the savages brought mourning into several of our families by murder and rapine, Mr. Good gallantly led the little band who avenged the wrongs inflicted and ever since he has been a terror to the savage and a protector to homes of hundreds of defenceless women and children. He was a noble-hearted man, and while the public regret his loss, "Sandy" Young, his true friend and partner, will mourn with a grief that suffers no comforting.

**Died.**

On Deer Creek, Tehama County, on Monday, May 4, 1870, Harmon A. Good, aged 35 years,

CROSETTE (DeMOTT), Mrs. Mary  
Butte Record  
12-17-1870

**Death of Mrs. Mary De Mott Crosette.**

Another gem has dropped from love's shining circle! Another of the good and loved of earth has passed away—passed from terrestrial life, which at best is but a fleeting shadow, to life celestial and immortal,—where earthly suffering is exchanged for heavenly enjoyment, and sorrow for beatitude eternal! Mrs. MARY DE MOTT CROSETTE is no more! She departed this life on Thursday last, in the 37th year of her age, leaving, besides her immediate family circle, a large number of warm and devoted friends to mourn her irreparable loss. In all the relations of life—as wife, mother, sister and friend, this inestimable lady was all that the most exacting could have reasonably required. But it was more particularly in the domestic circle—love's golden orbit,—where her worth and virtues shone pre-eminent. There it was that all her cares and earthly hopes were centered, and there, too, was her haven of happiness. Surrounded by those she so devotedly loved, and by whom in return she was little less than adored, her life flowed gently and happily along, marred though it was at intervals, by illness. But, comparatively happy as was her life on earth, full well are we persuaded that she is now in the enjoyment of that ineffable bliss which awaits all who fully and faithfully perform their duties here. This consideration should be a source of consolation—a balm for the bruised and bleeding hearts of the bereaved husband, children and relatives of the loved and lost. They sorrow not as those without hope. In this their sad bereavement, they have the warm and heart-felt sympathy of the entire community.

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**DIED.**

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In Oroville, December 15th, 1870, of puerperal fever, Mrs. MARY DE MOTT CROSETTE, aged 36 years, wife of the Editor of the RECORD, and sister of one of its proprietors.