

WICK, Mrs. Mariah
Weekly Mercury
1-10-1879

DIED.

At South Honcut, December 31st, S. S. Pierce, aged 65 years and 25 days.

At South Honcut, December 31st, Ida J. White, aged 9 years and 2 months.

At South Honcut, January 1st, Mrs. Pierce, wife of the late S. S. Pierce.

Near this city, January 4th, Mrs. Mariah Wick, aged 46 years.

At Bangor, January 5th, John Thomas, aged 72 years.

Near Burt's Ferry, January 9th, Mrs. A. J. Harriger, aged about 42 years.

Funeral.

Mrs. Maria Wick, wife of Moses Wick, died last Saturday night, at her residence, six miles from this city. The lady had been quite ill for a brief period with pneumonia, and was also subject to spasms of the heart. Both diseases combined to cause her demise. Funeral services were held at the Congregational church Monday, and a large cortege of friends followed the remains to their last resting place.

SCHUPBACH, Frederick

Weekly Mercury

1-17-1879

Suicide.

Frederick Schupbach, for years back a resident of Cherokee, suicided in his cabin at that place, Monday night, by blowing his brains out with a shotgun. From an investigation of the premises, it appears that the determined man placed the barrel of the gun against and in front of the right eye and then pushed the trigger off with a stick. The deed was not discovered until about noon Tuesday. Schupbach has frequently acted as if insane, and it is thought that he perpetrated the deed while suffering from one of these periodical attacks. He was about 41 years of age and a native of Switzerland. The following letter addressed to a brother living in Petaluma, was found in the room:

“Dear brother Jacob—I must leave this bad world. Forgive me for this bad deed. I leave thee here in the bank a check in the sum of \$5,611, and \$500 in the Masonic bank. The pass book I leave here, and \$4,000 in the French bank. Divide that money equal between the brothers and sisters. I hope to see you all again in the next world, where I believe it will be better.”

Deputy Coroner Sexton held an inquest Tuesday night, the verdict being in accordance with these facts. The body was interred Wednesday afternoon by the Masonic fraternity, of which deceased was a member.

MATTHEWS, Francis A. (Frank)

Weekly Butte Record

1-18-1879

Death of Frank Matthews.

We learn from W. H. Chappell, Deputy Sheriff, that Francis A. Matthews, for many years a resident of Oroville, died on Saturday night last, of pneumonia, after a brief illness of two days. Mr. Matthews was about 53 years of age. He was chosen Supervisor for the Oroville District in 1857. He owned a small tract of land below Oroville, on which he reared a vineyard. After the discovery of the lava bed mines, Mr. Matthews disposed of this land to considerable advantage, for mining purposes. He was buried under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, on Wednesday, of which order he had long been a prominent member.

MILLER, Anton
2-14-1879

Vital records -1879.
Miller, Anton
Born Germany. Died Woodland, Feb. 14, 1879, aged
41 years.

Buried Cemetery situated on Cemetery Avenue,
Southwest of Woodland.

Information secured by Mrs. King Becker.- 1932.



LEAMAN, Henry S.
Weekly Butte Record
3-29-1879

Deaths.

LAYTON—In Chico, March 24th George W Layton, a native of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, aged 21 years.

LEAMAN—At McIntyre's ranch near Taylorsville Plumas county, Feb. 20, of Pneumonia Mr. Henry S. Leaman, aged 52 years, A native of Augusta Maine.

Note: Weekly Mercury obit showed his age to be 45 years.

McELDOWNEY (LAW), Mrs. William (Ann)

Weekly Mercury

5-9-1879

Obituary.

ED. MERCURY—Mrs. William McEdowney, mother of Mrs. Patterson, died here on Sunday the 27th in the 70th year of her age. For thirty years she had been an invalid, and in great suffering. For the last four months she sat upright in an arm chair day and night. Her example of patience and purity might well be copied by all of us who have our crosses to bear, for sooner or later we too take our exit and meet our just reward. T.

Mesilla Valley, May 1st, 1879.

BIRT, John
Weekly Butte Record
5-10-1879

Funeral.

The funeral of John Birt, says the Appeal, who come to his death by an accident in the mine at Cherokee, Butte county, was attended on Friday afternoon from the residence of his brother-in-law, John Herbert, in Marysville. Thirty-eight vehicles formed the procession, and the Rev. Father Grace officiated at the Catholic Church and at the grave. The following friends acted as pall-bearers: John Doyle, Michael Ryan, Hugh Harvey, E. Carmody, Andrew Dillon and Malcome McDonald.

HARRY MIGHELS' BOOK,

Prospectus of It Issued by the Executive Committee Who Have It in Charge.

TO THE PUBLIC: The gifted Harry Mighels, the brilliant editor of the *Carson Appeal*, died May 27, 1879, He left a widow and four little children, and the widow in such delicate health that for some time to come she must be cherished with all tenderness, and as far as possible be relieved from all care. Mr. Mighels left his family poor. Considering these things, and feeling that Mr. Mighels' services as a Soldier, Editor and Legislator had made him and his in a measure the concern of the whole state, and it was determined to arrange for the sale of his posthumous book, "Sagebrush Leaves," now in the publisher's hands, in such a way as to procure all the money possible for it and all the profits to Mrs. Mighels. To accomplish this an executive committee to manage the business was organized, consisting of Governor J. H. Kinkead, Judge T. R. Hawley, F. A. Trittle, Geo. C. Gorham, C. J. Hillyer, George A. King, S. L. Jones, C. C. Goodwin and Samuel P. Davis. The committee now solicits the subscriptions of the friends of Mr. Mighels for his forthcoming book. Intrinsicly, the book will be worth its cost price, and a few years hence will, as a souvenir of the bright spirit that has fled, be priceless. The profits of the book will be given to a lady who for months has shown a courage, a devotedness and an energy under unparalleled trials and sorrows that have been simply sublime. The book will be called "Sagebrush Leaves." It is intended that this book shall embrace about 350 pages, duodecimo, bound in

MIGHELS, Harry Rust
Reno Gazette Journal
6-3-1879

cloth and ready for delivery on or before the 1st day of July, 1879. The price of this book, to be issued to subscribers only, will be \$3. The copy is already in the hands of the publishers, Messrs. Edward Bosqui & Co., San Francisco. Following is a transcript of the table of contents: "Sagebrush Leaves:"—Notes and Queries, More Notes and Queries, Learning to Smoke, The Little Men, The Confessions of a Bibliomaniac, Piutes, Milliners and Boys, Somewhat Owlsh, Gleanings, Dates and Mare's Milk, A Chapter on Canes, Etc., Tom Thumb, Etc., Something Critical, Random Shot, Scraps, Finding Money in the Ashes, Our Good Talkers of the Far West, Blue Monday, Man as a Barometer, Letters from Lake Bigler, San Francisco and the French Hospital, San Francisco. The frontispiece will contain a fine portrait and the autograph of the author, and added to the original contents will be a brief biography from the pen of the author's warmest friend, Hon. George C. Gorham.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
By S. P. Davis, Secretary.
Virginia City, June 2, 1879.

HOPKINS, Daniel
Oakland Tribune
6-18-1879

DEATHS.

- O'BRIEN**—In San Francisco, June 17, Patrick H. O'Brien, a native of Queen's County, Ireland, aged 55 years.
- RUSH**—In San Francisco, June 15, Fred. Rush, a native of New York State, aged 22 years.
- BIGELOW**—In Gridley, June 8, Allan Bigelow, aged 77 years.
- FREEMAN**—Near Wyandotte, June 5, W. E. Freeman, aged 49 years.
- HOPKINS**—In Cherokee, June 2, Daniel Hopkins, aged 39 years.
- MUNSIL**—In Oroville, June 11, Charlie Munsil, aged 6 years and 1 month.
- REDEKER**—In Furnaceville, June 5. Martha Redeker, aged 23 years.

STEWARD, Frank R.
Weekly Butte Record
9-13-1879

A Sad Bereavement.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Steward will be pained to learn of the death of their oldest son, Frank, which occurred at Deadwood, Butte county, September 4th. Some time since consumption marked him for a victim. Travel and change of climate had no effect in arresting the disease, and as a last resort he determined to try a Chinese doctor whose skill in alleviating, and in many instances curing the disease, has made him famous. 'Twas too late, however, and, after a vain struggle, he quietly laid down to a final rest. Frank was born in Frenchtown, Butte county, September 25th, 1854, and has had almost a continuous residence in the county since. His marked manliness and good nature made him a general favorite, and his early demise will bring sorrow to a large circle of friends and acquaintances. The one trait in his character, however, that above all others gained him the esteem of the community, was his tender and chivalrous attention and devotion to his mother. His funeral takes place at the Presbyterian Church this afternoon at 4 o'clock, the Rev. Jesse Wood officiating.

COX, John C.
Oakland Tribune
9-26-1879

DEATHS.

JACOBS—In Temescal, Mrs Sibble Bliss Jacobs, of Vermont, aged 93 years, 8 months and 11 days.

VAN WINKLE—In San Francisco, September 25, A J Van Winkle, a native of New Jersey, aged 54 years.

COX—In Susanville, September 19, John C Cox, aged 21 years.

DUNLAP—In Sacramento, September 21, Edna, daughter of Isaiah and Josephine Dunlap, aged 3 months and 2 days.

ELDRED—In Sacramento, September 22, Sarah E, wife of Sid Eldred, aged 44 years, 8 months and 11 days.

READ—In Sacramento, September 23, Walter, youngest son of D and Mary Read, aged 1 year and 4 months.

SMITH—In Live Oak, Sutter Co, September 20, Geo Smith, aged 9 years.

WILLIAMS—In Timbuctoo, September 20, Jas O Williams, aged 29 years, 6 months and 29 days.

Indian Tom
Weekly Mercury
9-27-1879

Killed by a Grizzly.

One day last week an Indian named Tom, of Big Bar, went out hunting. Failing to return in due season, a search was made for him, resulting in the discovery of his mangled body and Henry rifle by its side. Near the remains lay the corpse of a grizzly cub. It is thought he shot and killed the cub, and was attacked by the old she bear before he had time to reload. The ground in the vicinity was plentifully sprinkled with blood and general appearances of the locality indicated a desperate struggle. So writes a Yankee Hill correspondent.

PEARSON, John M.
Weekly Mercury
1-16-1880

Obituary.

John M. Pearson, formerly of Marysville, but a resident of Chico for seven years back, died of consumption, at Deadwood, near Yankee Hill, January 7th. Deceased was one of the original members of the Chico Guard, in which he held the position of Second Lieutenant, for several years. He was buried in Chico last Saturday, under the auspices of the fraternity of Odd Fellows, of which he was a worthy member.

DIED.

At Deadwood, Butte county, January 7, 1880,
John M. Pearson, aged 33 years.

NICHLES (NICKLES), Morris Summer*
Weekly Butte Record
3-20-1880

Died.

Morris Summer Nichles died at Frenchtown, this county, on the 5th instant, aged 61 years. Deceased was born in Massachusetts, and has resided in Butte county since 1851. He has been only once out of Butte county during his long residence in the State, and that was for about three weeks in Plumas county.

*name on 1863 and 1867 census is Moses Summer Nickles

McCALLAN, Patrick

Oroville Mercury

4-16-1880

Death of Patrick McCallan.

In last week's issue of the MERCURY we called the attention of our readers to the terrible accident that had befallen Patrick McCallan only a few days before. His riding horse had reared up and fallen over backward, severely wounding Mr. McCallan in the lower part of the abdomen. Our latest advices had led us to believe that he would speedily recover. But such was not to be the case. On Friday night about nine o'clock, surrounded by his immediate relatives and friends, and while in the possession of his faculties, he suddenly choked a little and his spirit took its flight. Mr. McCallan was one of the pioneers of this county and town. He came here at an early day, and has followed various pursuits for a livelihood, sometimes mining, sometimes engaged in stock raising, and for some years he was the proprietor of the Maine hotel in this place. He was a man quiet in his ways, very attentive to his own business, letting that of his neighbors alone. But few men could have fallen in this town who would have had more sincere mourners. With a heart in full sympathy with the masses, no one ever appealed to him in vain for aid; his hand and purse were ever open to the calls of the needy. His funeral took place at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon from the house, and was the largest that ever passed through the town. The entire town turned out, besides many came from Wyandotte, Cherokee and other surrounding towns to mingle their tears with those of the relatives for the loss of one who had ever proved himself a worthy man. He leaves a wife and three brothers to mourn his untimely death. He was about fifty-three years of age.

WELLINGTON (Fursiear), Mrs. Jane
Oroville Mercury
4-30-1880

DIED.

At French Town, April 26th, Mrs. Jane Wellington, aged 75 years 8 months.

Death of Mrs. Wellington.

Mrs. Jane Wellington, residing at Frenchtown, was stricken with paralysis Saturday night, and died Monday. She had passed the biblical age allotted to humanity, having first seen the light of day over seventy-five years ago, in Cornwall, England. Deceased was the mother of Fred Wellington. She was known far and near as Grandma Wellington, and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. The funeral occurred at Yankee Hill, Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Jesse Wood, of this city, officiating, a large concourse of relatives and acquaintances following the remains to their last resting place.

JAMES, Peter
Placer Weekly Argus (Auburn)
5-1-1880

Fatal Mining Accident-On Tuesday afternoon the 20th, as we learn from a correspondent, Iowa Hill was thrown into a state of excitement by the rumor that Peter James, foreman of the Morning Star Mine, was killed. Contrary to all hope, it proved true. About 3:30 o'clock Mr. James relieved an employee by taking the pipe in his own hands. He had not been at his post more than ten minutes when the casting of one of the giants broke, which caused the discharge pipe to swing around and strike him on the thigh, thereby shattering the thigh bone into fragments and pitching him head-first into a cut twenty feet deep in which some twelve hundred inches of water was running with great velocity. His body was swept through the flume and into Indian Canon. A number of miners witnessed the breakage and made all haste to overtake the unfortunate superintendent. His son, William, was the first to reach him. He pulled him out of the water and from under the tailings which were fast overwhelming him. The father gasped once or twice and expired in his arms. There were two large gashes in his forehead, and the frontal bone was fractured. It is thought that these injuries were caused by the jutting bedrock where he was precipitated into the cut and were in themselves sufficient to cause death. It is certain that the loss of consciousness was immediate, and his death, so painful to relate, almost painless to himself. Mr. James leaves a wife and two sons, aged respectively eighteen and sixteen, and four other children, the youngest of whom is under eight years of age. Deceased was a member of the IOOF at Grass Valley and once expressed a desire to be buried in that town; accordingly the mournful cortege departed on Thursday morning en route for that place to perform the last sad rites. In the death of Mr. James his family mourns an affectionate husband and father, and Iowa Hill deploras the loss of one of her most popular and exemplary citizens.

MICHELSON, Nicholi

Oroville Mercury

5-28-1880

Dead Man Found.

While hunting cows, last Friday, Fred. Wellington stopped at the cabin of Nicholi Michelson, on Jordan Creek, near Yankee Hill, and rapped at the door. Receiving no answer, and smelling a very obnoxious odor, Fred bursted the door open. On the bunk lay the remains of Mr. Michelson. He had evidently been dead for some days, as the body was so badly decomposed that it was impossible for white men to approach. Deceased was a native of Denmark, aged about fifty-five years. He came to this county in 1851 and has resided here ever since, prospecting and mining in the Yankee Hill country. He was an eccentric individual, leaving among his effects a memorandum in which is recorded every occurrence that has attracted his attention since he first took up his residence in the State. He died poor. The funeral expenses were borne by Mr. Wellington. His death is believed to have been caused by exposure and old age.

DeMOTT, William

Weekly Mercury

6-4-1880

GONE TO REST.

Wm. DeMott, proprietor of the MERCURY, departed this life at twenty-five minutes past three this morning. For two years back he had suffered from the ravages of that fearful disease, consumption. His indomitable will and energy, and a hardy constitution, enabled him to resist the inevitable until seven weeks ago, when the drain upon the vital forces became so great that he was compelled, from sheer exhaustion, to become a comparatively helpless invalid and remain within doors. From that time on the decline was rapid and every effort to check it proved futile. He was conscious up to within fifteen minutes of expiring. The last act of his life was to bid each of the little circle of relatives and friends "Good night," give a farewell kiss to his loving companion, and with a calm expression upon his face his weary spirit took its flight. Words of sympathy are of little solace to the mourning ones; we can only point them to the merciful Father above for the consolation their hearts so sadly need. Will DeMott was a man among men. He was honest, upright, conscientious, generous and noble. He had resided in this city the greater part of the last sixteen years, and during all that time no one ever heard a word uttered against him, or his motives in either public or private transactions questioned. He was an enemy to none; a friend to all. His generosity kept him poor. In his dealings with his fellow-men he always stood ready to sacrifice his own interests for their benefit. An affectionate husband, appreciative employer, accommodating neighbor, faithful friend, thorough business man, and good citizen, his death is a public calamity to our little community, and leaves a vacancy that cannot be easily filled.

The funeral services will be held at the Court House on Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. H. Stoy, of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, officiating.

VAN ALSTINE, Oscar
The Record Union (Sacramento)
6-10-1880

DIED.

Sacramento, June 8—Oscar Van Alstine, a native of Michigan, 52 years and 7 months.

[Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, which will take place from his late residence, I street, between Seventh and Eighth, this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.]

Sacramento, June 9—Albert L., only son of M. A. and M. T. Burke, 1 year, 5 months and 20 days.

[Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, which will take place from the residence of parents, corner Thirteenth and P streets, this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.]

DeMOTT, William
Weekly Mercury
6-11-1880

The Funeral of Mr. DeMott.

The funeral of Wm. DeMott, late proprietor of the MERCURY, took place from the Court House last Sunday afternoon. The room was beautifully decorated with flowers, the work of the lady friends of the deceased and his family. The Episcopal service was read by Rev. W. H. Stoy of Marysville, who delivered a very able and impressive sermon. The large court room was densely crowded and the halls filled with people who were unable to find room inside. The day was pleasant, though hot, and people came from all parts of the county. Hon. L. D. Freer, D. K. Perkins, H. C. Bell and J. C. Feeney of Oroville, Louis Glass, of Cherokee, and Charles Faulkner, of Chico, were pall bearers. As the procession started for the cemetery and the long line of carriages filed down the street, there was many a tearful eye for the loss of one who had so long been identified with the interests of Oroville and the county. The procession was one of the largest ever seen in this city. He was buried beside his sisters, Mrs. Crosette and Mrs. Callow, the place he had often desired to rest in when suffering intense pain.

DeMOTT, William

Weekly Butte Record

6-12-1880

Death of Wm DeMott.

Wm. DeMott, editor and publisher of the Oroville Mercury, departed this life this morning, at the age of thirty-seven years. He had been in ill health for some years, and his disease finally settled into consumption, for which even his iron will and determined and courageous spirit could find no remedy. He had been unable to attend to the business of his office for some months, and yet, as if not realizing his condition, refused to surrender his post of duty until thrown upon his bed by exhaustion, never to rise again. He was a native of Michigan, his father's family having removed into that State from Rochester, New York. He came to California in the Spring of 1864, since which time he has made Oroville his home, having purchased into the Mercury in 1874. He was for some years associated in the publication of the RECORD, and was a faithful and energetic worker and friend in all the business relations of life. His integrity and business tact had made the Mercury a financial success and a general favorite with the people of the county. He leaves a wife and sister and a host of personal friends to lament his untimely death. His brother, John DeMott, who died with the same fell destroyer in Oroville in 1860, will be remembered by many of the older residents of the county. Friends and relatives in their far-away Eastern homes, who have known of his sickness, and still continued to hope against hope, will hear of his death with sadness, and feel the stroke as keenly as if unheralded by the insidious approaches of the fell destroyer that had been wasting his physical energies for many months. May he rest in peace. His funeral services will take place at Oroville on Sunday.

SIGNARUX, August
Weekly Mercury
7-2-1880

Suicide.

Wednesday of last week, August Signarux, a miner living in Dark Canyon, three miles east of Yankee Hill, was found hanging by the neck to a rafter in his cabin. The body was cut down and an inquest held before Justice Wells. From the evidence submitted it was quite clearly shown that deceased had committed suicide the Saturday previous during a fit of temporary insanity, and a verdict was rendered accordingly. The deceased was a native of France, aged 57 years. A little dog that the deceased had possessed for several years is missing, and as the man had been eking out a scanty existence for many months it is thought he ate the animal and that his insanity was caused by the pangs of starvation.

BRESLAU, Mrs. D. (Ida Beck)

Weekly Mercury

8-13-1880

Funeral Obsequies.

Mrs. D. Breslau died in Redding, Shasta county, Tuesday. The body was brought to this city via Biggs, and buried in the Hebrew cemetery, yesterday. Deceased was a former resident of this place, her maiden name being Miss Ida Beck. She was also the sister of Mrs. A. Wolf, of Cherokee.

RICHARDSON, William Horn

Weekly Butte Record

8-21-1880

Sudden Death.

It becomes our painful duty to chronicle the sudden death of Wm. H. Richardson, which occurred at the Sutton House at 11 o'clock last night. Richardson and Fred. Ackerman left Chico on Sunday morning, on horseback, for the Sutton House, and reached their destination about 8 o'clock in the evening. Shortly after their arrival Richardson was taken with violent pains in his stomach, and before medical aid could be obtained, death had relieved him of his suffering. His remains were brought down this morning and placed in the morgue of Fetters & Williams, from whence the funeral will take place to-morrow. Richardson was a native of Indiana and about forty-eight years of age. He was well known in Chico. The deceased is brother of J. V. Richardson, of Nord.

HUFFORD, Mrs. Elizabeth

Weekly Mercury

10-15-1880

DIED.

In Oroville, Oct. 11th, Ellen, wife of J. C. O'Riordan, aged 28 years.

In Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 9th, 1880, Alexander C. Hyer, in his 87th year. He was among the oldest surviving members of the Cincinnati Society, and the father of Mrs. Judge Lott, of Oroville.

At his residence, ten miles east of Oroville, Oct. 3rd, 1880, Lewis Bessac, aged 45 years.

The deceased was one of the early settlers of Butte county, and resided a number of years in the vicinity of Berry Creek. He has ever sustained the character of an honorable, upright citizen, and leaves many friends who were painfully shocked to hear of his sudden demise. During his last moments he expressed a strong desire to be buried upon the hill overlooking the old Berry Creek mansion, where some of his early associates have already preceded him, and others must soon follow. On Tuesday last his sorrowing family and others fulfilled his last request. Oh! winter winds blow gently among those murmuring pines. Fall softly ye winter snows upon his tomb, for ye cover no kindlier, truer heart, than that of Lewis Bessac.

L. E. J.

Near Cherokee, October 13th, Mrs. Elizabeth Hufford, aged 79 years; a native of Kentucky. Madison papers, Scott county, Ind., please copy.

Near Cherokee, Oct. 13th, Steward H. Hazard, aged 76 years.

CHASE, Edward
The Gridley Herald
10-29-1880

An Aged Suicide.

Edward Chase, an old resident of this county, was found hanging to a tree near Lovelocks, Monday of last week. From appearances it was evident that he had committed suicide. Old age is supposed to have been the cause, the deceased being in his eighty-eighth year. He was the father-in-law of M. Pence, of Pence's.

MORGAN, Mary Jane "Jennie"
The Weekly Oroville Mercury
10-29-1880

DIED.

In Oroville, Oct. 26th, Volney Howard Welsh, aged 1 year, 5 months and 16 days.

In Cherokee, October 22d, Mary Jane Morgan, aged 21 years, 7 months, 16 days.

"Alas! for love, if thou art all,
And naught beyond, O earth."

Death and his reaper has visited Cherokee many times this fall, but not content with taking those who were longing to pass to the loved ones waiting in the spirit land, he comes again and chooses one of the fairest, sweetest young ladies that ever was reared to womanhood. Miss Jennie Morgan, kind, affectionate, beautiful, talented, was the only daughter, the consolation, comfort and companion of her widowed mother, Mrs. William Morgan, of Cherokee. Miss Jennie was born in Cherokee, and her home has always been there, yet none of her many acquaintances could speak aught against this gentle girl whose life has been so pure, so true, so good. She faded slowly, gradually, consumption being the wave which carried her away from life's sandy shore, and now she is waiting for the friends who suffered so much pain at parting. We bow our heads at the strange decree of Providence, in cutting off the flower just budding into bloom, while her life-work was still in the future. But we have her pure sweet life as a noble example for the young. Charitable towards all, kind even to strangers, amiable through all provocation, our dear young friend was indeed a fit subject to climb the golden stair and take her place among the angels there, while her early death again recalls the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, "Be ye therefore watchful, for ye know not the day, nor the hour when the Son of Man cometh."

B. M. M.

Hark! 'tis the low-toned muffled bell
That tolls out the funeral knell,
And tells us that cruel Death again
Has come with his sable train,
And claimed for his own the fairest flower
That bloomed in its dear home bower.
He cast the shade of his sable wing
O'er the path of this fair young thing,
'Till she faded and drooped neath his cruel eye,
And died without murmur or sigh.
Oh! why did he blight so fair a flower
In its clear, bright morning hour!
And snatch away in her early bloom
She who now rests in her cold, cold tomb.
Alas! 'twas the will of Him who guides
All things, while stern Time abides.
Perhaps 'tis better she's gone away
To the land of eternal day.
But we'll miss her lovely form and face,
When we meet at the dear old place,
And list for her voice in the evening choir,
Where it trilled so oft like a sacred lyre.
We'll miss her laugh in the merry throng,
Or her cheerful aid in the festive song.
We'll weep for the mother now forlorn,
From whose arms Jane was rudely torn;
For the sister who kneels by her silent grave;
For the brother whose love, e'en could not save.
But we know she's better off above,
In the regions of heavenly love,
Where no sorrows come to blight the hour,
Nor no stormy sin-clouds lower.
By the glorious throne of God on high,
She stands with her father nigh.
An angel pure she shines above,
At the feet of the God of love,
She'll wait to welcome her friends some day,
When they end life's journey and pass away.

BELLA J. GRANT.

BARNEY, Catherine
Weekly Butte Record
10-30-1880

Deaths.

OWENS—In Ch!co, Oct. 27th, of Typhoid fever. John A. Owens, aged 20 years. The friends of the deceased are requested to meet at the Fourth street Methodist Church tomorrow (Oct. 29th) at 11 A. M.

COFFIN—Near Oroville, Oct. 13th, Elizabeth Coffin, aged 85 years.

ALLEN—At Wyandotte, Oct. 15th, Ann Allen, aged 86 years.

BARNEY—Near Oroville, Oct. 15th, Catherine Barney, aged 70 years.

CHASE—At Lovelock's, Oct. 18th, Edward Chase, aged 87 years.

WALSH—Lomo, Butte county, Oct. 29th, of pneumonia, John Walsh, aged 34 years.

SPARKS (MEEK), Mrs. John M. (Mary)
Weekly Mercury
11-26-1880

Death.

Yesterday (Thursday) morning at about the hour of 2 o'clock, Mrs. John M. Sparks died at her residence in this town, of pneumonia. She had been sick but a few days. For many months past she had been troubled with a cough that seemed to grow worse and more troublesome. Mrs. Sparks has lived for many years in this town, having come here when but a child. Her school days were all here. About ten years ago she was married to John M. Sparks and has resided here since. She was a quiet person, whose highest object in life seemed to be to make her home the pleasantest place on earth for her husband and children; and she succeeded well. Never have we seen the members of a family more devoted to each other than were those of this stricken family. Her kindness was not confined to the members of her own family, but whenever her services or means could give aid and comfort they were freely given. She leaves a family of five children, the eldest but a little over nine years age, and the youngest seven months. At the time of her death her husband lay in an adjoining room, blind with erysipelas. Two weeks ago there was not a happier or more joyous family in town. To-day they are in terrible affliction. The funeral will take place from the Congregational church, to-day (Friday) at 2 o'clock.