

# Daily Mercury

## 1-3-1884

AN IMPORTANT ROAD.—If there is a road in the county more deserving than any other of the name COUNTY road it is the one from Wick's Ranch to Oroville. It is traveled by a larger number of the citizens of the county than any other. The people of five townships, namely, Oregon, Concow, Kinsnew, Chico and Dayton, pass over it in coming to the county seat, and those of three of them use it in the transaction of their local business. Four stage lines carrying U. S. Mail use it. This road is but six miles in length, but it is situated along the edge of the foothills where the scoria from Table mountain has been deposited for ages. It has never been MADE but simply REPAIRED from time to time. Oregon Township, in which the greater part of the road lies, being in the center of the county, is intersected by roads from all directions, but is at the same time not wealthy in its road fund. We mention this subject for the purpose of suggesting that this six miles of road in which more than half the county is directly interested should be one of the several on which the Board of Supervisors might expend a share of the General Road fund with evident propriety, and much to the relief of the traveling public.

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# Weekly Mercury

## 1-11-1884

A letter received by Floyd Taber, from Mrs. Brock, states that on the morning of Dec. 31st, a week ago to-day, Mr. Brock suddenly lost the sight of one of his eyes. There was no pain or other symptoms indicating what was the matter. The family physician called oculists and specialists to his assistance and upon examination these skilled men agreed in saying that it was caused by the formation of a clot of blood in the brain which shut off nourishment from the optic nerve. Mr. Brock's many friends in Oroville and Butte county deeply sympathize with him and his family, and hope that no farther serious consequences may follow. We shall anxiously await further news from him.

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THE DAILY MERCURY.

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FRIDAY EVENING.....:JAN. 11, 1884

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There is to be a neck-tie palty at Pentz to-night in the Good Templars' ball.

The lumber company at Pentz has ceased hauling for the winter and turned their oxen out. They have hauled a large amount of lumber to the depot this season for shipment below.

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1-14-1884

## EFFECTS OF SAWYER'S DECISION,

Judging from the tone of our mountain exchanges, the decision of Judge Sawyer, which puts an end to hydraulic mining, is not regarded as the death blow to prosperity in the regions heretofore prominent, only for their hydraulic mines. While work in the mines will be abandoned for awhile, the chances are, that it will be resumed in the best paying mines, in a new and improved manner, to which no objection can be made. If hydraulic mines are abandoned entirely, capital will turn its attention to drift and quartz mines, give employment to more men than formerly, and thus inaugurate an era of prosperity in the mining regions, which the non-paying hydraulic process has hindered. Again, mining is by no means the only industry in those regions which are designated as "the mining regions." Fruit culture, stock, grain, hay and vegetable productions, are receiving much attention, and in places where ten years ago, it was thought impossible to live without mining can now be

seen evidences of the possibility to live comfortably, by engaging in pursuits other than mining. It is possible that this decision, while it may temporarily derange business and throw many out of employment, will eventually redound to the benefit of the mountains at large, by necessitating the people to engage in other and more profitable employment. With the salubrious climate, and the water facilities of the hydraulic regions, their hill sides and valleys, can, within a few years, be made beautiful with semi-tropical fruits, hay fields, grain and vegetables of all descriptions. A few years will tell the tale.

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1-19-1884

The stage ad. of H. Morrison's line to Pentz, Cherokee and Concow, which has been absent for a few days from our columns, is to-day restored. Everybody knows that Morrison is a live man and a reliable accommodating stage driver. He means to serve the public and secure the large patronage which he deserves.

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## 1-21-1884

Jas. Van Ness, of Pentz, is in town to-day. He sold his ranch at Pentz several months ago intending to seek a home elsewhere. But, like all others who spend a long time in Butte, he failed to find a section as attractive as this, and has purchased a piece of land adjoining that he sold, and intends to remain in Butte.



## From Paradise.

EDITOR MERCURY:—I wish through the columns of your interesting paper, to make it known to the public, or more particularly to the citizens of Paradise and vicinity, to the business men of Oroville, and to all settlers living north of Dry creek, and as far north as Magalia, along what is well known as the Clark road, that it is a general understanding among the people here, that the Spring Valley Mining Company are secretly working a plan by which they soon expect to be able to abandon, or rather to close that part of the road lying between "Wicke's Ranch and Clarks, for the purpose of having that portion of the country to hold their slickens, and which will cause or compel all settlers, and teamsters living along said road, to go to Oroville by the way of Peuces Ranch, making an additional distance of six miles on every trip to the county seat and back home, simply to gratify the greedy wants of a single company. To enumerate the disadvantages that such a scheme would bring upon all parties owning property or living along said road, to the teamsters, and to the business portion of Oroville; would consume too much space, and perhaps is unnecessary, and which all intelligent people can readily see. Paradise and the country surrounding is composed of good, honest, hardworking farmers, and the greater portion of those men do their trading chiefly in Oroville. No such plan or underhanded scheme should be carried into effect adding six miles more distance for us all to travel. And then should the new Butte creek road be completed, (which no doubt will be), why our inducements to trade in Oroville would be somewhat limited. Because we then can go to Chico do our trading and return home the same day, having only traveled twenty-six miles, instead of forty-six. Now we claim that it is no more than right and just, that if the Spring Valley Mining Company are allowed to work, and carry on their mining operations, and let their debris overflow and ruin property and roads, that they be compelled to pay for it as other mines or miners have to. And not allow a single corporation to discommode the community in general, by causing to be abandoned or closing an old established road and mail route. The present condition of the road at Dry creek is such that it certainly needs the immediate attention of some one, as nothing but light teams or loads are able to cross.

# Weekly Mercury

## 1-25-1884

Mrs. M. Pence has favored the MERCURY office with a twig cut from her largest orange tree at Pence's Ranch on which there are now hanging eleven of the beautiful fruit. The tree has borne this year only about two-thirds of a crop, but the number taken off and those yet on, show that the count reaches above 500 oranges. The fruit is of the very best. Mrs. Pence has only two trees in full bearing, but a number more growing. Her testimony corroborates that of C. H. Wilcox, Judge Lott and others, that the seedling orange grown from the fruit of the old patriarch tree at Bidwell Bar, is the very best. In every nook and cove along our foothills, where the place is sheltered from the cold currents, this luscious fruit can be grown to perfection.



# Daily Mercury

## 1-30-1884

### **Mining Not Stopped.**

“It must not be supposed because the debris case has been decided against the miners that mining is to cease in California by any means. It only means the hydraulic mines, and not all of them; for there are some in some parts of the State that can run a long time yet. The quartz mines, which employ the bulk of the miners, will continue to be worked, and indeed quartz mining will be more closely looked to and the industry widened, for many mining men will turn their attention to it who have been engaged in the hydraulic branch. Hydraulic mines employ comparatively few miners. As far as actual labor is concerned, one big quartz mine wants more miners than a dozen gravel miners.” The above taken from the Sierra County Tribune, published at Downieville, is interesting. It shows that the mining regions will not be depopulated by the anti-hydraulic decision, but that it will, as we have before intimated, create an interest in quartz mining and other industries. There are also some hydraulic mines that do not come under the restriction of the decision. We hope that the mining regions will not be seriously injured.

# Daily Mercury

## 2-2-1884

R. A. Green, who has been the book-keeper for the Oroville Lumber Company, at Pentz, during the past several years, has severed his connection with the company, and is now residing in Oroville.

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2-5-1884

A petition has been received by the Board of Supervisors from the citizens of Paradise and vicinity, praying that the Spring Valley Company be restrained from obstructing the Clark road, or any part of it. The petition shows that the people are thoroughly roused with indignation at this proposed attempt to shut them off from the county seat. The Board has taken the petition under advisement, and, we suppose, are awaiting developments. As the Spring Valley Co. has not made its intention concerning this road positively understood, we see no alternative for the Board, but to wait. Whether the Spring Valley Co. intends to close the Clark road, and compel the people of Paradise to come to Oroville, by way Pentz, or whether they intend to build a new road between the Clark and Pentz roads remains to be seen. We hope the matter can be satisfactorily arranged for all parties concerned.

## From Deadwood.

EDITOR MERCURY:- Having returned to my old quarters here, after a protracted tour through the quartz mining sections of the State, and seeing your request for items of news from any one, I have taken the liberty to write you from this section of the country. The surface miners have pleasanter looks on their faces since the late rains, and every body seems to be busy. I paid a visit to Fred Wellington's mine on Jordon hill, and spent considerable time in prospecting and examining the ore. Enclosed you will find the proceeds of less than one and a half pounds of rock taken from an eight foot vein promiscuously. I have no hesitation in saying that it is one of the very best pieces of quartz property in northern California. I have often seen Mr. Editor, quartz mills erected, and not ten tons of ore in the mine so called, to run it with. But here is a good mine without a mill, here is an eight foot vein at surface, an eight foot vein one hundred and thirty feet in depth, and good milling paying ore enough to keep a twenty-stamp mill running for years, with every necessary facility for working the ore on a cheap scale. Mr. Wellington will contract to furnish five or ten thousand tons of ore that will assay over twenty-five dollars per ton. He will furnish the same to mill for two dollars per ton. There are so many idle quartz mills around the country, I should think it would be to the interest of some of the owners to see Mr. Wellington in reference to putting a mill on his mine, as I know that he is anxious to get a good mill on the property, and I am also satisfied Mr. Editor it will be the best paying investment in this county in mining.

A PROSPECTOR.

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## 2-8-1884

News reached town to-day of the sad death of Ed. Derrick, of Yankee Hill. Several persons were hunting yesterday afternoon, and Mr. Derrick was among them. After getting well into the woods they separated, and in a short while thereafter, Mr. Derrick, seeing some game got on his hands and knees, and endeavored to crawl up within shooting distance. While in this position one of the party came around the hill, and seeing the deceased in the distance under the bushes thought he was a wild hog, and fired at him with a rifle. The aim was deadly, and Mr. Derrick lived but a short time. These are the facts as far as we can learn. We hope they are not so terrible. Mr. Derrick was a good man with many friends, and leaves a wife and family to mourn his loss. This should be a warning that hunters will never forget.

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## 2-9-1884

A. Parrish, of Pentz, has a fine supply of fresh lime for sale at his kiln, about two miles north of that place on the Dogtown road.

A young man from Pentz says the marriages on docket in that happy valley have missed fire. The young ladies are so particular that it is thought the young men there will have to go on the adobe and red lands in quest of a better half.

## Weekly Mercury 2-15-1884

Mr. Louis Glass, of the Spring Valley Mine, has sent a statement to the Board of Supervisors setting forth the right of that mine to run their tailings through the Sacramento valley, and giving reasons why the farmers along the route should not interfere with this right. Mr. Glass and the Supervisors intended that this statement should be published in the MERCURY of this week, but it fell into the hands of the editor of the Record, and was sent to Chico. As few in the community most interested in this matter will see the Record, we shall endeavor to obtain and publish the statement next week.

The Board of Supervisors went yesterday to look at the Clark and Pentz roads. Our idea that it would have been well for the Board to invite some of the Spring Valley Company to go with it on this trip has proven correct. The Board has visited the contested ground, but cannot take action in the matter until the company is heard from. The probability is that the Board will have to make a second visit in order to get an understanding of the Company's intention. The fact is, it will be absolutely necessary. The prevailing idea seems to be that it will be well to abandon the Clark bridge, and have the people on the north of the Chico and Pentz road turn to the west at the point where the Clark road crosses the Chico and Pentz road, and cross Dry Creek on the bridge at the old Crum ranch, thence down the Chico road to Oroville.

*From Wednesday's Daily.*

## **THE SPRING VALLEY MINE.**

We notice a change has been made in the superintendency of the Spring Valley mine at Cherokee, Mr. G. P. Williams retiring, and the Secretary of the company, Louis Glass, taking the position of Superintendent. Mr. Glass has almost been reared in the mine, having been connected with it as boy and man for a quarter of a century, and for the past ten or twelve years has been the resident secretary of the company. While perfectly familiar with the working details of the mine, and of the means necessary to operate it successfully, Mr. Glass is well-known to the people of Butte county, and to all who are likely to be damaged by the debris from the mine, and can, if any man can, while working the claim successfully, and to the satisfaction of the stockholders, deal satisfactorily with those with whose interests the working of the mine may conflict. A recent statement by Mr. Glass, showing the amount taken from the claim, and where it had been expended, appeared in the RECORD. That statement showed conclusively that the greater proportion of the millions taken from the mine had been expended in Butte county, and must have been, therefore, an important factor in the progress and prosperity of the county. We believe Mr. Glass, from his long familiarity with the mine will be enabled to so conduct it as to render it profitable to the stockholders, without damage to those who reside in the valley below, and to continue it an inexhaustible bank which shall continue to contribute its millions to the prosperity of Butte.

# Weekly Mercury

## 3-7-1884

### The Spring Valley Mine.

We, as well as the general public, misapprehended that portion of the letter from Mr. Lou Glass published sometime ago, wherein he said that the mine has paid no dividends during the past two years. In conversation with Mr. Glass we have learned that the mine has never fallen below \$100,000 per year over and above its running expense except one year and that year, it yielded a clear profit of ninety-odd thousand dollars. The reason no dividends have been paid during the past ten years, is because this surplus yield, has been devoted to the improvements which have been made during this time. The immense tunnel which was put in during these two years, has cost about \$160,000, and other expenditures have run the cost of improvements to over \$200,000. This takes up the average yield of \$100,000 per year, which the mine has made. Mr. Glass excepts to the idea of the mine not being able to continue operations for more than two years longer and affirms that unless an injunction is served upon them, the mine will continue, and will pay handsomely, perhaps, for the next twenty years.

They have worked during all these years 250 acres, and have yet 150 acres which are supposed to be as good as that already worked. These \$200,000 worth of improvements which have been made during the past two years, will answer all purposes of the mine for years to come. It is then, fair to presume, that the yield of \$100,000 and upwards, which has been made by the mine all along, will be continued, perhaps improved in future, and a handsome dividend be realized from the mine.

We gladly publish the above statements to correct any erroneous impression which may have been created in the minds of any concerning this subject. This mining company has always shown a disposition to deal fairly with all, and they should be dealt fairly by.

# Weekly Mercury

3-28-1884

At Cherokee last Thursday night after Dr. Vernons, speech the first man to sign the roll of the Prohibition club was that typical Californian and sturdy old time Democrat O. P. Powers. Geo. Dyer followed suit, and soon a lusty roll of stalwarts was on the table. At Pentz after the speech on Friday night, the first name proclaimed was that of James M. Arbuckle, a man who says what he means and does what he says. At Oroville the eloquent speech was listened to by a packed audience, but no new names were enrolled. At Wyandotte there was "a tangle and a wrangle, and we couldn't quite agree." We shall be glad to hear how it was at other places. There are lively times ahead.



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3-28-1884

## **A Break Down.**

Yesterday W. M. Pence was busily engaged all day in hunting a cattle pasture and rode upwards of eighty miles, but concluded to start home last night anyway. He left Chico after supper, and had reached as far as Butte Creek bridge when one of his horses became balky, and threw itself upon the pole breaking it off short, as well as one of single-trees. The night was extra dark, but he found his way to Mr. Wright's, where he borrowed a spring wagon and came back to Chico to have his buggy fixed. He says after this he will not drive more than one hundred miles a day.—Enterprise.

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High water stops, some stages but the coach which runs via Pentz and Cherokee to Concow, having George Robinson for driver, and such horses as he draws lines upon, rolls on its way unceasingly. Geo. can say as Tennyson's book. "I go on forever."



# CHICO ENTERPRISE.

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4-4-1884

## NOTICE.

**A** H SANG, the Chinese Doctor of Deadwood, would announce to the public that Ah Lin, of Berry Creek, is not Quong Fat, of Deadwood, that he never practiced there, and never had any connection with Ah Sang, the original and present proprietor of the hospital at Deadwood.

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# Weekly Butte Record

4-19-1884

**AN ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD HERO.**—Milton G. Perkins, the seven-year-old son of ex-Governor Perkins, was rescued from a watery grave in Oakland Creek last Sunday by Irving Taffeheimer, aged eleven years. A crowd of men stood by advising the drowning boy what to do, but left the little hero all the work. Mr. Perkins presented the little hero a gold watch and chain for his brave act.

# Weekly Mercury

## 4-25-1884

### **An Ancient Document.**

Through the kindness of Mrs. F. A. Smith of Pentz, we have been presented with an old newspaper entitled "The Ulster County Gazette," published at Rochester, N. Y. dated January 4th, 1800. The news of Washington's death and burial had just reached that town though the hero had departed this life some two weeks before. The paper is in full mourning, and publishes a full account of the burial ceremonies, order of procession to the grave, and name of pall bearers. The eulogium which the editor pronounces upon the great and good man is in terms of highest appreciation. There is also a poem on the death of Washington by a young lady. The Congressional proceedings incident to the occasion are also given—an address to President John Adams from Congress, and the President's reply.

The paper also contains news from Europe three months old. Amongst other things the arrival of General Bonaparte from Egypt is noted, and that he landed at Frejus instead of Toulou, through fear of capture by the English. The advertisements and legal notices are unique, and yet not so different from those of our day as one would suppose.

We regard the document as a souvenir worthy of being preserved with sedulous care, and most heartily thank the generous matron who has made us the custodian of it. Any friends who may desire to see it can do so at any time at the MERCURY office.

# Weekly Mercury

4-25-1884

## **Picnic at Pentz.**

The members of the I. O. G. T. Lodge at Pentz have arranged to have a basket picnic on Saturday, the 10th of May. The place selected is in the grove owned by Watt M. Pence and his mother half a mile from the hotel on the Chico road. The leading feature of the day will be an address by Judge Hundley. There will be also musical and literary exercises. The public generally are invited to partake of the day's recreation. Lunch baskets in the grove will be the order for 1 o'clock.

Henry Morrisson's two stage lines, the one direct from Cherokee, and the other from Concow via Yankee Hill and Pentz, will have extra teams and coaches Saturday for the accommodation of those who attend the celebration.

# Weekly Mercury

4-25-1884

Wm. A. Park, an energetic and intelligent farmer of Nelson, who also owns a ranch on Clear creek, was in Oroville on Saturday, and made a visit to our office. He reports the crop as very superior, especially on the Clear creek place. The farmers are now troubled about their summer-fallow work—the hay season coming on before the summer-fallowing is half done.

## **A Successful Operation.**

William James, of Cherokee, returned last evening from San Francisco. A week ago he went down with Evan, a young son of Jenkin Morgan. The boy was suffering severely with a stone in his bladder. The intention was to take him to Dr. Lane, but at Sacramento the child was suffering so that Dr. Cluness was called, and in fifteen minutes removed the stone, which was larger than an ordinary bean, and the boy is happy at school in Oakland. We congratulate the little fellow on his relief.

# Weekly Mercury

5-2-1884

Henry Morrison has got his stage lines now in such complete running order, he makes time with the regularity of clock work. Since the closing of the Cherokee school his son, Fred, takes the line to Concow via Pentz; and Fred is the boss Jehu for his years in the county. The girls along the route, as well as the old folks are fond of sending letters and business errands by Fred. When a real handsome girl sends a letter by him, Fred gets excited and drives across the steps at the Mark's place



# THE PLUMAS NATIONAL.

5-17-1884

## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

M. Heerman to E. E. Heerman. His interest in certain mining claim on Murphy's Bar, North Fork Feather river.

R. W. Workman to E. E. Heerman. Undivided  $\frac{1}{3}$  of certain mining claim on Murphy's Bar, North Fork Feather river.

# Weekly Mercury

5-23-1884

Geo. W. Dyer of Cherokee, so long one of the Superintendents of the great Spring Valley mine, will remove with his family next week to Junction City, Trinity Co., where he takes charge of the Red Hill Hydraulic Gold Company, and will fit up the mine for hydraulic work in first class style. We regret to lose so good a citizen as Mr. Dyer. His many friends in Butte county will hope to see him back again, but wish him abundant prosperity wherever he may be.

Mr. F. Snyder, as a messenger of charity from our esteemed friend Mr. Adam Heckart of Pentz, brought to the MERCURY office this morning a box of the finest strawberries that we have ever seen, nor do we believe that any body ever saw finer ones. They were gigantic, and luscious in proportion. We succeeded in eating two or three, supplied the printers; and sent some to friends. We selected four average ones and they weighed two and three quarters ounces. Mr. Heckart's home is about two miles West of Pentz, in a nook of the foothills, and is an example of the excellence to which such homes can be brought.

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5-23-1884

Some time ago L. A. Snow of Levelock was mining in KimsheW, and had the misfortune to have a box of rocks which was used as a weight on a hydraulic chief precipitated on him by the man who was working with him. He was so badly bruised that he could not be carried home for three weeks, and as there was snow on the hills it was difficult to get him home at all. It was necessary to carry him home on a hand sled as it was ten miles and the snow was soft. Mr. Snow's experience in the snow was anything but pleasant. But this isn't all. The men who were carrying him stumbled, let the sled fall, and Mr. Snow in his bruised condition was given a snow bath. When they reached home, they found that one of Mr. Snow's legs which had been badly bruised, needed the application of some salve. The only resort was some carbolic acid, fifteen drops of which in a gallon of water, is strong enough to take the bark off. His friends, in their endeavor to relieve him, saturated a bandage with this fluid and gently wound it around Mr. Snow's leg. The remedy was worse than the disease, and took off more skin than an ordinary man could spare. We are much pleased however, to state that Mr. Snow has survived this romantic experience, of hydraulic chiefs, box of rocks, snow, carbolic acid etc., and is again at work in his mine. We hope he'll take out a million.

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5-30-1884

E. R. Lunt a former teacher in Butte is now a successful miner at Yankee Hill. He showed us to-day about six ounces of specimen quartz, which he has recently taken from his mine. Some of them were masses of the most peculiar shapes that we have ever seen, and were perfect beauties. At the rate he is now taking out gold, there is no estimating the amount that he may realize from this mine. We hope it will be a million.

Mr. Floyd Taber of the firm of Brock & Taber, returned yesterday after rustivating several weeks, at Big Bend. Mr. Taber had just recovered from a severe spell of pneumonia when he left town and looked badly. We are glad to say that he now looks as if he had never been sick, and says he feels better than he has for years.

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6-6-1884

G. G. Marquis and Harry Paul of Pentz have purchased Charley Duret's place in Coucow township, and will make their future home there. They are in town to-day purchasing barbed wire and other farm implements. It is rumored that G. G. does not mean to live alone with Harry, but may leave Harry alone by himself. Nothing would surprise us these days. Even a tour to Europe, or a sail on the broad Pacific—or anything to celebrate the event appropriately.



# Weekly Butte Record

6-14-1884

INDIAN BALL PLAYERS.—A novel and interesting baseball game was played in Chico yesterday by Indian clubs from Redding and the Rancho Chico. The Redding Indians came down dressed in gay uniforms, were met at the train by the Chico Indian Band, and escorted to the ground, a short distance from the rancharia. The Indians are good ball-players, strong and active, and thoroughly understand the rules governing the game. The Redding red men played well, but were no match for the Chico Diggers, as the latter won the game by a score of 9 to 3— a pretty good score. The noble red man is fast becoming civilized, and it was surprising to some of the white ball-players present to witness the knowledge they displayed of the game. After the contest each side gave three cheers for their opponents, and the visitors boarded the train and departed to the tune of "Yankee Doodle," played by the band.

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THE INDIAN CONCERT.—Misses Birdie Bernard and Nellie Reavis of this city have consented to assist in the Indian concert, mentioned in the RECORD of yesterday. These young ladies are known to be sweet singers, and the bare announcement of their appearance in public will insure a good turnout of our music-loving citizens. The concert takes place at Bidwell Hall next Saturday evening.



# Weekly Butte Record

## 6-28-1884

*From Monday's Daily.*

THANKS.—It is impossible for me to refrain from uniting with the Indians in thanking those citizens of Chico who so generously patronized their first appearance in concert, on Saturday evening last. This Mission was organized early in 1875, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church of Chico, and with unfaltering perseverance have these Indians struggled to become civilized and educated; and now that, for the first time, they have ventured to ask public recognition, it is gratifying it was so generously given. Our hearty thanks we extend to Mrs. Broyles and Mr. B. F. True for so faithfully rehearsing with the Indians and conducting their singing at the concert. Also to the Misses Barnard, Blood and Crew for their delightful music; and to Mr. Klein for leading the Indian Band, which he has so successfully instructed. Nor would we omit the Press, whose good words are so helpful. The net proceeds of the concert amount to \$89, which the band well deserves, it having paid for its instruments and instruction without any outside assistance.

MRS. JOHN BIDWELL.

Note: This article refers to one of same date entitled  
"A Progressive People"

# Weekly Butte Record

6-28-1884

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**Big BEND.**—Work on this tunnel has now been in progress some 19 months. The total distance to be made is 12007 feet. The tunnel is now in, or will be at the end of the present month a distance of one mile, or 5280 feet. It will thus be seen that the company have yet much work to accomplish before reaching the river where they propose to erect their dam for the purpose of turning the river into the flume. We understand they are now at work in soft rock, and expect to make good progress for sometime.

**HORSES, MULES AND CATTLE** for sale at a bargain, at Pentz, Butte county 26 head of work oxen and bulls; 25 head of horses and mules. Call and see the stock and secure what you want. Apply to

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S. A. HOLMES, Pentz.

How the Digger Indians Appear in Public—  
Their Musical Training.

Only a few years ago the Digger Indians of the Pacific Coast were considered the lowest and most ignorant people among the red men, and they were commonly known as "the root diggers." They were never a very savage race, but always a lazy, dirty class who lived in caves and the rudest houses. For a few years past the Digger Indians living on Rancho Chico have been educated to our ways of living, having been taught to work and instructed in the use of machinery, and as a result they are among the most industrious laborers on General Bidwell's vast possessions. General and Mrs. Bidwell have shown great pains in educating the "children of the forest," so that they can now read and write almost as well as the average class of white people. The Indians have comfortable homes at the rancheria, where they also have a church and school. It is a common saying that "the Indian has no music in his soul," but this is a mistake, for on Rancho Chico the Indians have a well-drilled band of musicians, who have been ably instructed in this art by Prof. Chas. Klein. They read music very readily, and perform difficult selections from the best composers. Their band is composed of ten or twelve young men, large, intelligent-looking fellows, who seem to have a passion for music.

For several weeks past the Indian men, women and children have been under the instruction of Mrs. A. C. Broyles and Mr. B. F. True, who undertook to train them for a public concert. The entertainment took place last Saturday evening at Bidwell Hall, which contained a large and fashionable audience. Perhaps the novelty of such an entertainment drew out the greater portion of the audience, but all who attended were highly pleased. No doubt there never was such another concert ever given in this country. To take a class of people who have always lived as barbarians and train them into good manners, and teach them to sing and perform difficult musical selections is indeed something wonderful. Besides the efforts of

Mrs. Broyles and Mr. True, the success of the entertainment was largely due to the assistance of Prof. Chas. Klein, leader of the band, Misses Lizzie Crew, Maud Blood and Birdie E. Barnard, the two former young ladies giving instrumental duets and solos, and the latter entertaining the audience by her sweet voice. She first sang a solo from Perrott in such a captivating manner that she was recalled, when she sang a ballad. The following programme was rendered by the Indians:

Selection by the band—"Marching Through Georgia."

Indian school, song—"What a Friend we Have in Jesus."

Quartette, little Indian boys and girls—"We Shall Meet."

Selection by the band.

Native song by the tribe.

Bass solo—"America"—by Austin, (a blind Indian.)

Indian school, song—"Rally 'Round the Flag"

Native song by the tribe.

Band selection.

Indian solo.

Band selection.

Indian school, song—"Pull for the shore."

Native song and chorus.

Indian school, song—"Behold, the Bridegroom Cometh."

Indian song.

The natives have powerful voices, deep and rich, those of the males being especially fine. The native songs were very entertaining. Twenty-five or thirty men, women and children would take their places on the stage under the direction of two old men, who, when they had their class arranged, would give the signal for singing by striking the palms of their hands with a thin board or shingle. At the end of each stanza in their songs, the singers would stop suddenly and wait for another signal to begin. They would stop long enough between each stanza for a person to count fifteen. The concert was a success in every feature.

# Weekly Mercury

7-4-1884

During last Saturday forenoon E. C. Chase of Pentz, with his little daughter Maude, took a walk over to the lumber dump and on to the high scaffolding surrounding the flume, where, descending the stairs, a step gave way and they both fell from a considerable height to the ground. Mr. Chase lay senseless for a few moments while his little girl being only hurt on her arm was greatly alarmed at her fathers condition. Mrs. Bartlett saw the accident and came to their relief. They were taken to her house near by, and in the course of an hour Mr. Chase was sufficiently recovered to return home. Little Maude carries her arm in a sling, but it is thought that there is no serious injury to either.

# Weekly Butte Record

## 7-12-1884

The Overland Monthly of July contains an interesting article on the Concow Indians, which tribe inhabited Butte county in early days. M. H. Wells, of Yankee Hill, is spoken of by the author in the highest terms as the defender of the Indians against the white settlers who wished to exterminate them.



# Weekly Mercury

7-18-1884

Tom Johnson and Nick Zambelich started to Yankee Hill yesterday in a buggy, and while going down a grade Johnson got out and Zambelich drove. The horse took fright, ran away threw Mr. Zambelich out and bruised him pretty badly, but it is hoped not seriously.

We learn to-day that Mr. A. Heckart, of Mesilla Valley, proposes to be a candidate for Supervisor in the 5th District this fall. Mr. Heckart is an old resident of the district, having settled at his present home in 1865, and is a man of good business ability, and especially qualified for that position by reason of being a practical mechanic and bridge builder. His practical knowledge in this direction will enable him to save many hundreds of dollars to the county on bridges and public buildings.

# Weekly Butte Record

## 7-26-1884

A number of Indians came down from Shasta county on Sunday, bringing with them lots of whisky. They divided the fire-water with the Chico Indians, and all got gloriously drunk and commenced fighting among themselves three of them finally being locked up in the city prison. They were unable to pay a fine of \$5 each, and are now serving the town in the chain gang. The northern Indians say they can easily get whisky in Redding, and the authorities there do not molest them while they are drunk, and think it rather mean that they should come to Chico on a picnic and land in the calaboose. The red men find it a hard matter to procure whisky in Chico, as the officers are constantly on the watch for offenders of the law in this respect. The Chinese have become frightened at the manner in which some of their countrymen have been punished for this offence, and it is now a difficult matter for an Indian to get whisky in Chinatown.

# Weekly Mercury

## 8-1-1884

The home of the Rev. Jesse Wood, near Pentz, is a splendid illustration of what can be done on a foothill farm. He settled on this place in the spring of '81, when it was in a wild rugged condition and actually looked forbidding. It is now one of the most delightful homes in the county, has about 1,500 fruit trees on it, several hundred of which are laden with fruit this year, and has all the vegetables that a large family can destroy. There are others in the same community, such as the Curtis, Durban, Arbuckle, VanNess, Horn, Heckert, Pence and others which illustrate equally well, that these are the choice lands in the State.

## Concow.

Nestling away up in the hills of Butte county, some 32 miles from Chico, in a pretty little valley a mile and a half in length and nearly a mile in breadth is the little village of Concow. It consists of about a dozen houses, all told, the school house and hotel being the principal ones, while the wayside saloon is not to be found here at all.

The climate at this place is delightful in its nature, during the day the thermometer being about 12 or 15 degrees lower than here, but at night overcoats and shawls are very acceptable.

The Good Templars of Butte County have purchased ten acres of land here and formed an organization known as the "Oak Temple Convention."

Last week their regular yearly Camp Convention was held, and was attended by about 125 persons nearly all of whom came with their tents, prepared to lead an outdoor life for a week or so; while several families are camped there for the summer season. A small stand has been erected and seats provided for several hundred persons. Talented lady and gentlemen speakers were present and labored earnestly for the good cause of temperance and were remarkably successful, there being quite a number of converts to the good cause. The services during the day were a lecture at half past ten in the morning and in the evening at eight with occasionally a lecture in the afternoon.

The evening lectures were all well attended, as the stock raisers and lumbermen of that vicinity would then come from their homes to join with the multitude.

## AT NIGHT

The tented camp ground presented an appearance of early times the tripod being set up from which would be suspended a large iron basket of fire, to light up the grounds or mayhaps a pot of beans to be eaten just before retiring, or a pot of coffee to be sipped, while sitting around the fire, cracking jokes, spinning yarns or singing songs.

Those who were so inclined would enjoy themselves strolling down to the lakeside and perhaps indulging in the pleasure of a boat ride, and once during the week a dance was given for those who were trippingly inclined, and large was the number.

## THE LAKE

Is a smooth sheet of water one and one-fourth of a mile in length and three-quarters of a mile in breadth, with a uniform depth of twenty-five or thirty feet. It is not a natural lake, but an artificial one and was caused by the Spring Valley Mining Company building a dam across the valley at a narrow place and backing the waters up. It being fed by a large stream which enters from the north, and the whole acting as the supply reservoir of the large hydraulic mines at Cherokee.

There are three pleasure boats on the lake and they are nearly always filled with pleasure seekers who row about and fish, for there is plenty of good fishing there, plenty of speckled trout and catfish. It seems odd to see the tops of trees sticking up out of water, that had grown there previous to the making of the lake, but now are dead being killed by too much water and stand as sentinels of the sea, and at night acting as lamps to guide the way, for by applying a piece of lighted pitch they will burn brilliantly.



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The lake being surrounded by mountains, and on one side they form an angle of about forty-five degrees; no one has heard anything superior to the sweet music, as played by a fine band, and echoed and re-echoed by the mountains, the surface of the waters acting as an extra good conductor of sound. The campers usually made things lively until nearly midnight when there would be a brief period of rest until daylight; simultaneously with the crowing of the chickens, the members of the Excelsior Brass Band of Oroville, would begin to make music for the day and inform their neighboring campers that they should "be up and doing."

## AS A SEASON OF REST,

A trip to Concow is well worth taking, there being nothing to do but to have a good time, eat, sleep, drink and be merry. Eat everything you can get, for all have voracious appetites who go to the mountains from the valley; sleep in the tent on the bosom of Mother Earth with the sighing of the wind through the tall pines, to lull you to pleasant dreams. Drink pure water, for be it remembered, not a drop of intoxicating liquors can be found at Concow, which well accounts for the healthy, hearty, prosperous people there and be merry as best one can, all restraint being thrown off and every one subject to a joke, Wit and Humor being two of the chief characters at a place of this sort.

Human nature occasionally will turn back to that state which was occupied by our forefathers in primitive times, and no blame can then be attached to the Red Man of the Forest, when he viewed with a jealous eye the encroachments of the "pale face." In this little valley the Concow Indians lived supremely happy, nature having bountifully supplied them with every necessity and luxury necessary to the pleasant enjoyment of an outdoor life. Here we find the American, after many years, when the tribal race has become extinct, fleeing themselves from the heated valley into the mountains to cool and refresh themselves among the tall pines and have their brows fanned by the gentle mountain zephyrs.

The Concow Convention will assemble hereafter annually and will grow in numbers, as the years roll by.



# Weekly Mercury

8-8-1884

Thos. J. James, a son of Wm. James, of Cherokee went in company with his father to San Francisco this morning, where he will enter one of the Business Colleges. The young gentleman is a graduate of one of the high schools of the city, and intends to finish with a good business education.

Garney Williams, who was for some time Superintendent of the Spring Valley Mine, has gone to Central Africa to take charge of a large gold mine, owned by an English company. We are told he is to receive \$20,000 a year and have all his expenses paid by the company.

The family of Jenkin Morgan of Cherokee, will spend the summer at Powelton.

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8-15-1884

L. Glass of Cherokee, has purchased a small one-horse power coal oil engine. It is a little beauty and is to be used to propel a small boat, we presume, on the company's reservoir at Concow. It is now in Brock & Tabers ware house.

The house of Mr. McElroy on Dry creek was entered on Sunday, by a burgular and turned topsy turvy, but we havn't learned whether anything of value was captured.

# Weekly Mercury

8-22-1884

Henry Morrison killed a rattlesnake four feet long the other day with fourteen rattles, and stuffed the skin. It is now on exhibition at Fred Hewitt's.

Fred. Morrison on the Pentz and Deadwood line is the most popular stage driver in the county. He has a "girl" at every house, and she always supplies him with peaches.

# Weekly Mercury

8-29-1884

L. B. Cannon of Big Bend, returned from Arizona last night. He was pleased with his trip there, and thinks he will return and engage in the cattle business.

W. H. Williams of Cherokee, is a candidate for Treasurer on the Democratic ticket. He is a man of experience, honor and ability.

Several parties are camping at Concow, and others are boarding at the hotel. Mr. Mullen has erected a tent on the lake side, and they have a jolly time splashing in the water.

Mrs. Edward Johns will give a social dance at her new house, in Cherokee, on Friday evening, Aug. 29th.

# Weekly Mercury

9-5-1884

The mail route between here Pentz, Cherokee and Yankee Hill will be changed to-morrow. Heretofore it has left Oroville at 1 o'clock P. M. It will leave from now on, at 6 o'clock A. M., and return at 7 P. M.

FOR SALE, 250 head of fine Angora goats. This is a bargain. The goats are fine stock, having come from imported bucks, and yield the finest quality of mohair. The lot can be purchased for \$1 75 per head. Apply to John Gramps, Mountain House, Butte county, Calif. a25-tf



# Weekly Mercury

9-26-1884

The ladies of Big Bend intend giving an ice cream festival in the school house at that place on the evening of October 3rd. Candidates will please observe the notice, and act accordingly. The people of Big Bend are noted for their hospitality, and the ladies know how to prepare splendid suppers. We have the pleasure of an acquaintance with some of the ladies interested in this social, and no doubt all who go will enjoy themselves.

Candidates will not forget the balls at Cherokee and Wyandotte on Friday evening, the 26th. We know it is difficult to decide which one to attend. Both of these places are noted for the excellence of their parties, and at either place a visitor may expect kind treatment and a jolly good time.

# THE PLUMAS NATIONAL.

9-27-1884

**LONG BAR.** — Messrs. Thomes, Gamble & Co., on this Bar, are doing good work in driving a bed rock tunnel to cut into and drain the back channel, where it is known rich gravel has been found. This will doubtless prove a fine paying claim when the present undertakings shall have been completed. Robt. Workman also mining on this Bar, is still actively engaged in cleaning up the large area of ground by. drauliced the present season, with flattering prospects for a good season's reward.

# Weekly Mercury

10-3-1884

The band boys of Cherokee have attained a degree of proficiency in their music, that is wonderful, when we remember the short while they have been organized. The band consists of sixteen or eighteen pieces, and they make fine music.

A blast of 7,500 pounds of powder was fired in the Cherokee mine yesterday, and the explosion was terrific. The earth trembled slightly and the windows rattled.

Morrison's two stage lines are well supplied, and seem to be doing a rushing business in the passenger line.

# Weekly Mercury

10-3-1884

There is a dog at Mr. Rows's saloon in Cherokee, which appreciates the value of money. Jingle silver in your pocket, and the dog will stand by and look at you, as if anxious for a piece. Give him a coin, and he will trot off into the saloon, to where the crackers are kept and offer the coin for one. He will not give up the coin till the cracker is put on the floor, when he will lay the coin to one side. He is a remarkably intelligent dog.

The grain crop in the vicinity of Pentz has turned out finely this year. There is a thresher in the community and the other day on Thos. Knox's place, it was found that a certain two acre patch of barley yielded 80 bushels to the acre. Of course this was an unusually rich spot, but it serves admirably to show that with proper attention and enriching, the lands in that neighborhood are capable of growing grain in abundance. The lands there are of the same soil that covers the entire foothill country, all along the Sierras. These 80 bushels to the acre are a striking evidence of what can be done in the foothills.



### Big Bend.

We had the pleasure on Wednesday last of visiting that gigantic mining institution in Butte, known as Big Bend. It is safe to say, that in the immensity of its proportions it exceeds anything of the kind on this coast, and perhaps, in the world. It is about seventeen miles northeast of Oroville, in the most rugged country in this vicinity. The nature of the project, and the intent of the energetic projectors, have been described too often to need any further description. But one can not approach the settlement without admiring the great outlay of capital, and the marvelous enterprise displayed there. In the mere item of roads, which were necessary to get to the Big Bend, \$25,000 or \$30,000 have been expended. The mine is now supporting a population of perhaps 300. There are now about seventy men employed there, and there is a school of 25 pupils, taught by Mrs. Beatson. Mr. L. B. Cannon has a store, post office and hotel, and does a business of seven or eight hundred dollars per month. The Bend is connected with Oroville by telephone, and Messrs. N. A. Harris and Ed. Harkness, the obliging and efficient Superintendent and Secretary of the Company, find it very convenient in communicating with business men in Oroville. The great tunnel, the mouth of which is in Dark Canyon, has now reached a length of 6,150 feet, and there are yet something over 6,000 feet to be completed. By the kindness of Messrs. Harkness and Cribbens we were taken to the face of the tunnel on a hand car, and were much interested in watching the drills which are operated by compressed air.

# Weekly Mercury

## 10-17-1884

The sensation produced as a person recedes from the mouth of the tunnel, is somewhat peculiar on first experience. Daylight at the mouth, gradually disappears as a person looks back, until at about 4,000 feet it dwindles to a mere spark, and in another moment disappears, when the darkness is really oppressive, and one imagines that he can feel it, or slice it with a knife. When within about a thousand feet of where the drills are at work, faint glimmerings of the candles are obtained, and a rumbling, unearthly clash of the drills, as the sound proceeds down the tunnel, makes one feel somewhat like he was going down Dante's dark grade to the infernal regions. When a little nearer the candles look like a narrow street in a distant city, but upon arriving at the end, all delusion is dispelled, for we find a fine looking set of sturdy miners delving away at the solid rock. The machinery is the very latest improved, and every man is always in his place at work. It will require perhaps two years, possibly more to finish this great enterprise, and everybody joins in the hope that the river bottom which is to be drained, contains millions to the rod. This Company has dispersed many hundreds of thousands of dollars in the project so far, and we sincerely hope that such splendid energy and enterprise will be abundantly repaid. The Company is very confident that there are millions in the river, and there is every reason to believe that it will not be disappointed.



# Weekly Mercury

10-24-1884

J. B. Jarbo of Paradise, while driving home yesterday afternoon, out near Henry Preston's fell from his wagon and broke his right fore arm. It seems that his lines fell from his hand, and in attempting to catch them, lost his balance and fell. We hope he will speedily recover. He was brought to town and Dr. Karsner set the broken limb, and at last account it was doing well.

# Weekly Mercury

11-7-1884

Sunday afternoon Mrs. Beatson Supt. of the sabbath school at Big Bend organized a Band of Hope with twenty-five members, and the following officers were elected: Sup. Nettie Williams; Assistant Supt., Jenny Presley; Chaplain, Kate Strong; Treasurer, Stella Wakeham; Secretary, Annie Presley; Usher, Edward Wakeham.

The bridge across Coal Canyon between here and Pentz, is about completed, and is a good piece of work. It will be a great accommodation to travelers in that direction.

# Weekly Mercury

11-14-1884

Lost.—The other day as Watt M. Pence was coming to town, somebody gave him a porcupine to pet. The animal was so sticky that he become uncongenial and Watt concluded to leave him at Mark's saloon. until his return home. While in town Watt saw a Chinaman with a porcupine, but the celestial told him that he obtained the animal in Cherokee. So Watt rested easy until he reached Mark's on his return home and found that the Chinaman had purloined his pet. He was then furious, and wrote hurriedly to a friend in Oroville to go to Chinatown in search of his prickly pet. The friend went, but the porcupine had disappeared and Watt is inconsolable. The discoverer of the lost porcupine will confer a favor by shipping him to W. M. Pence, Pentz, Cal.

# THE PLUMAS NATIONAL.

12-6-1884

day.....The Workman claim, on  
the East Branch, was sold at Sheriffs  
sale last Monday to Geo. Meri.....

## Weekly Mercury

12-11-1884

Dr. Jenkins, physician to the Infirmary, assisted by Dr. James Green, amputated an Indian's arm yesterday at the Hospital. The Indian, a young fellow living at Yankee Hill, while hunting, dragged his shot gun muzzle toward him through the bushes, and the hammer striking them, very naturally fired, and the load entered his arm.

The large barn on the old Vinton place near Pentz, was blown down on Sunday.



# Weekly Mercury

12-25-1884

Jack Welch of Cherokee came across the Gridley and Central House bridge on last Saturday morning and says that in one of the depressions on this side, the water reached over the hubs of his buggy wheels. R. C. Long esq, of Gridley came to Oroville this morning and upon reaching the new bridge discovered that damage done the approaches or the abutments on this side, rendered it necessary to return and come some other route to Oroville.