

Weekly Mercury

1-16-1885

A BARGAIN.

160 ACRES OF LAND FOR SALE.

The best body of land in the vicinity. 5 or 6 acres inclosed. A good hog ranch. Plenty of oak timber on it. Situated between Yankee Hill and Big Bend. Desirable place. Inquire of E. R. Lunt near Yankee Hill, or J. M. Burt provide. Jan 2

Put Carter and Geo. Small went to Big Bend the other day to see the sights. The gentlemanly manager of the tunnel took them in, Small says on the bicycle, and when in about half way, going at the rate of a mile in three minutes, the car upset, the lamp was extinguished and the boys were pitched in the mud, and badly bruised. On coming home their buggy broke down and they had a rough time generally.

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We call attention to the advertisement of the farm owned by T. B. Jones, seven miles above Pentz, Butte county. This is a splendid bargain. He is forced to sell because a mortgage on the place has been foreclosed. In addition to the land mentioned in the ad., there are one hundred and sixty acres R. R., land, and a pre-emption of one hundred and sixty acres, on each of which he has made one payment. The place is in a healthy locality, and is in all respects, a valuable place, and can be bought cheap. It is a bargain for some man who desires a good home.

VALUABLE RANCH FOR SALE.

Situated on the Quincy road twelve miles from Oroville, and containing 160 acres, of which about 50 acres are under cultivation, and 70 acres well fenced, besides brush fences surrounding the pasture land. There are on the place 5 living springs. In addition to the above patented land there is another 160 acres of timber land filed on, and the remainder of the section. 320 acres of Government land is attached to the place. In the adjoining section of railroad land there is another 320 acres which can be purchased at a low price.

IMPROVEMENTS—FRAME DWELLING house of seven room, two barns, and other out buildings. The locality is a first-rate range for sheep, cattle or hogs. Reason for desiring to sell is simply increasing age, and desire to live near to town. Apply at the MERCURY Land Agency.

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L. C. Baker, the bridge keeper hands us the following report of the crossing over the bridge for the week ending Jan. 17: One horse buggies, 177; two horse, 232; two horse wagons, 144; four horse, 40; six horse, 15; four horse stages, 35; two horse stages, 27; horse back, 174; pack animals, 4; footmen, 410; beef cattle, 42; mutton sheep, 36. The count was kept only between the hours of 6 A. M., and 6 P. M., or the number would be much larger. We are much obliged to Mr. Baker, and hope he will favor us again. The total rain fall for the season at the bridge has been 12.61 and, the highest point reached by the river was 17 feet and 3 inches.

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Business about the Cherokee mine is booming. A new tunnel is being run into the mountain for drift mining, and all is lively. Several new houses are going up and it is said there isn't a vacant house in the town.

L. B. Cannon of Big Bend, reports all lovely at that hive of industry, and says that Tom Williams, who broke a leg the other day is getting on nicely. We are glad to hear it. Thomas is a good fellow, and deserves better luck.

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A very exciting circumstance occurred in the Cherokee mine the other day. A little boy eleven or twelve years old, descended a shaft to a subterranean flume, which extends about seventeen hundred feet below the shaft, and the waters of which, rush with considerable force. By a misstep the boy fell into the flume, and was borne with terrible rapidity down the dark course of the waters, as every body supposed, with no possibility of saving his life. But he was not destined to die that way, for after being dashed along with the rocks and debris for nearly the length of the flume, he caught hold of the planking, stopped himself, crawled out, and walked safely back, very much to the surprise and delight of his friends, who, with all possible diligence were in search of him. It is very rare that an accident of any kind takes place in this great mine, for Mr. Glass, the Superintendent, and in fact, every body connected with it, are very cautious, particularly with strangers, to see that no accident happens. This boy had probably slipped into the shaft without any of the workmen knowing it.

Wat M. Pence, who held a mortgage on the T. B. Jones ranch seven miles above Pentz, bought the said ranch at the Sheriff's sale last Saturday.

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VALUABLE
HOTEL PROPERTY
FOR  SALE.

THE VALUABLE HOTEL PROPERTY
known as the

UNITED STATES HOTEL.

Situated in OROVILLE,
Butte County.

Is offered for sale on Most Reasonable
Terms.

The hotel consists in part of a good and
substantial three-story

BRICK BUILDING

Built by the undersigned expressly for hotel
purposes, and contains splendid parlors and
rooms. The office, kitchen, and dining room
are wooden structures, large and commodi-
ous.

The hotel is well furnished inside and out
with everything necessary to run an exten-
sive business. The purchaser will have
nothing to do but step into the hotel and
take charge of a good business. The books
of the hotel are open to the inspection of
those desiring to purchase. The omnibuss
and team will be sold with the hotel.

The United States has long enjoyed the
patronage of the traveling public from Butte,
Plumas and Lassen counties, together with a
fair share of the transient travel by cars
from below.

A good portion of the purchase money may
remain on mortgage, at a low rate of interest.

For price and further particulars, see the
proprietor on the premises, or call at this
office.

L. W. HOOPS, Proprietor.
Oroville, Jan. 19, 1885. j22-1f

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2-20-1885

Henry Morrison has placed a handsome three seated coach on the line from here to Cherokee.

There was a jolly dance last Friday night at the residence of Mr. Salsbury of Clear Creek. A very large crowd was present. Westrope and Leniger furnished splendid music, the supper was all that could be desired, and every body had a "way up" time. At dances in such places, where every body is acquainted, and all go in for a jolly good time, much fun is enjoyed.

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2-21-1885

Workman, Robert—Placer mine at the lower end of Long Bar, known as the Workman placer mine, 300; imp's thereon 200; total value 500, tax 12 80, five per ct 64c, costs 50c, total \$13 96.

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3-13-1885

L. A. Snow of Lovelock, is in town. He has perfected, a new method of drift mining, and is working it successfully in his mine, which has heretofore been entirely hydraulic. He drifts by means of hydraulic pipes.

There was a jolly dance at the residence of John Knox on Clear Creek last Friday night.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

CALIFORNIA.

Butte.

MOUNTAIN FARMING.—Big Bend Cor. Oroville *Register*: As an example of the agricultural resources of Butte county and the profits to be made from fruit farming in this county, even in the more elevated mountainous parts, I will give you a few notes, exact facts, from the place of Samuel Knowlton, situated about two miles north of Big Bend, 18 miles north of Oroville in the Sierra Nevada mountains, at an altitude of 2,600 feet. The ranch comprises in all 200 acres, 40 acres being under cultivation; four acres of which are in orchard, four acres in vineyard, the remainder in hay, vegetables and a fine nursery. Apples are the principal fruit, of which only the choicest varieties are grown, viz.: Swans, Spitzenburg, Pearmain, Sweeting, Winesap and Newtown Pippin, the last mentioned being the favorite for late winter use, keeping until the last of February or later. Apples grown on this place are as good as those grown anywhere in the world. The flavor is perfect, the texture fine and the quality excellent. The surrounding country affords a ready and profitable market and many orders are received from Vallejo, Oakland and other places, as these apples are so far superior to any grown in the valleys. Peaches, pears, apricots, cherries, quinces, plums, figs, blackberries and strawberries grow to perfection. Pears and peaches do especially well. A visit to the strawberry patch in spring when the luscious red berries, larger than the largest plums, peep up everywhere through the fresh green leaves, like great brilliant, shining rubies, is truly a sight to tempt the appetite of the gods. The blackberries are large and of excellent quality. The demand for these berries exceeds the supply and always at a good price. Varieties of the red, white and black cherry are grown. Wine grapes do not do so well here on account of the cold, but the Fisher Sagus and some other varieties do well. Citrus fruits have not been tried, as some seasons are most too cold for them. All kinds of vegetables and sorghum grow with little care. The orchard is planted on steep hillsides in a light red soil. Several springs furnish abundant water for irrigating and domestic purposes. The water is cold and delicious.

Chico Weekly Enterprise

3-20-1885

Deadwood Letter.

Deadwood, March 17, 1885.

Chance threw into my way an ENTERPRISE dated Feb. 28th, and in it was a scrape of news titled "A curiosity." It was a local somewhat critical in tone. When read to our good China doctor's wife, she resented the "humbug" slur in true wifely indignation. "I wish I could talk some, I tell him my husband no 'humbug.' Plenty 'Merican doctor 'humbug.' My husband study ten years before he practice, 'Merican doctor study three months or two years then kill lots of people to learn how."

There was too much truth in that to let it lie under a bushel, hence this attempt to vindicate Deadwood. Scarcely any one comes here who are not already in death's clutches, or next door to death.

Most of the cures made here are marvelous, and many more would be made could the patients be patient and wait. Unlike many physicians, Dr. Ah Sang never says positively what can be done until he tries.

There are a number of cases here of long standing receiving a beneficial treatment. The hotel is very quiet just now, but preparations are making for a lively summer.

To many it sounds queerly to say this is a lively place, but so it is to invalids and those needing a rest from business routine.

There are the croquet grounds, a splendid swing, nice walks in two flower gardens, running streams where one can play at fishing, and until lately, thousands of wild pigeons to shoot. If inclined to hunt there is game among the hills and mountains around and beyond. There are gold mines in which you can pass hours away profitably sometimes.

An excellent table *de hote* is set, in spite of restrictions, for the invalids sake. The pleasant evenings should not be forgotten, and never will be by the listeners or song-singers and musicians. Evening after evening of enjoyment passes away, bringing and leaving memories that only time can dim and distance brighten. For the most of us invalids expect to get well or nearly so, and had as lief be "humbugged" into health by a Chinese as by an American doctor.

One newcomer remarked of us, "why, this is the liveliest place I've struck in a month of Sundays," and with that I will leave my subject till next time, should you publish this one.

PILGRIM.

THE MERCURY.

FRIDAY MORNING.....MARCH 20, 1885

Friday.

They are still having dyphtheria at Moore's Station.

Saturday.

The mining excitement at New river is still increasing.

Fred Beik of Forbestown, has just returned from a trip East.

Messrs. Pence and Wilson of Pentz, were in the city yesterday.

MORRISON'S STAGE LINE



RUNNING DAILY!

FROM GROVILLE TO DEADWOOD,

VIA

Pence's and Yankee Hill.

Leaves Groville at 6 A. M. Returning at 6 P. M.

ALSO: FROM

Groville direct to Cherokee

Via MORRIS' RAVINE.

Leave Groville at 1 P. M. Leave Cherokee at 8 A. M.

OFFICE AT U. S. HOTEL, GROVILLE

Comfortable Coaches, careful drivers, and good stock.

Always Through on Time.

Stop! Read this Through!

I, C. N. WEST, AM the inventor, patentee and owner of the so called "Dr. Horn's Belt," and to any one preferring this belt I will sell it for \$10. But I have discarded it because of its defective electrical construction, for my New Improved Belt, which will



CURE ALL DISEASES

WITHOUT MEDICINE. Best and most scientific in the world. Has taken all the premiums. Price \$10. Sent C. O. D. or for cash. Send for circular to

C. N. WEST.

652 Market St., below Kearney, San Francisco

Northern Star Lodge I. O. G. T., received a solid addition last night in the person of Daniel Hilton. Miss Rodgers was also initiated.

A pair of diamonds, or at least, rare jewels were discovered in the Cherokee mine yesterday. They are of incalculable value. One weighed about 107 and the other about 130 pounds.

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3-20-1885

Jas. Van Ness of Pentz, has purchased sixty acres of land near Paradise, and intends to make of it a splendid home. He intends to plant an orchard and vineyard as soon as possible, and it is sure to prove an excellent investment. There are hundreds of acres in the vicinity of Paradise that can be easily brought under cultivation, and converted into beautiful comfortable and prosperous homes. There are mining ditches flowing through the community, that supply water for irrigation, and the soil generally will produce any of the grains, fruits or vegetables. Paradise is sure to become a flourishing community.

Daily Mercury 4-3-1885

Dr. Ah Chang was arraigned in Justice Bliss' Court to-day, charged by the People of the State of California, with violating the Statute governing the practice of medicine in California, in as much, as the said Dr. Ah Chang, is practicing medicine in Butte county, without a license to do the same. District Attorney Gray represents the people, and Hundley & Gale, are attorneys for the defendant. In the examination before Judge Bliss, the District Attorney endeavored to show first, that Ah Chang did and does prescribe medicine for sick people who sojourn at his place of business, Deadwood, and that he examined them to ascertain the nature of their disease before prescribing medicine. Gerhard Tebbe of Deadwood, was the principal witness. He testified that Dr. Ah Chang does examine sick persons, and after so doing, prescribes and sells them medicine for their-relief. The defense endeavored to show that defendant is not a regularly constituted physician, does not come under the meaning of the Statute, and is not liable to this action under the law. Dr. Ah Chang was bound over in the sum of \$250, to appear before the Superior Court.

Daily Mercury 4-3-1885

It is said that Colonel George Babcock, the Prohibition champion, is engaged in developing a rich mine near Yankee Hill. We hope he'll make a million out of it.

There is no doubt that there are yet many rich mines in the mountains of Butte. In the vicinity of Yankee Hill, Big Bend, Magalia, Forbestown and other places, rich "finds" are frequently made, and when mining operations become more skilful, much gold will surely be found, where even old miners, now, little expect it. If the Miocene mine opposite Oroville, could be worked, there is no telling how much gold would be taken out. And there is beyond doubt, pounds upon pounds of gold in the channel of Feather river above the Oroville bridge. If some way of mining there could be devised, the scenes of the early day, gold excitement would be repeated in Oroville. We shall hope to see these mines worked.

Daily Mercury
4-4-1885

Dr. Ah Chang was released by Judge Freer yesterday afternoon, on habeas corpus. This is equivalent to a discharge. There was not sufficient evidence introduced to hold the defendant, as it was not proved that he has practiced medicine within the past year.

Daily Mercury
4-9-1885

The telephone line reached Oroville yesterday afternoon. It was put up in about twelve days, by Mr. King of Marysville, and is well done. It was built by Messrs. Rideout and Binney, for the conveniences of their business. There is an office at Moore's Station, and one in the Bank of Rideout, Smith & Co. in Oroville. This line will probably be extended to Chico via Gridley. We hope the projectors of this good work, will continue it to those places.

Weekly Mercury
4-10-1885

Considerable excitement was occasioned about one o'clock this afternoon, by the running away of Morrison's Cherokee stage team. The horses started somewhere on Montgomery street, and turned into Myers and was stopped at the depot, after a run of about half a mile without injury to wagon or team.

Two quartz mills have been recently put up in the vicinity of Yankee Hill, and it is probable that a boom in quartz mining will be had there. We hope so, and believe that there are millions of gold in the canyons and hillsides of that neighborhood.

Daily Mercury

4-22-1885

Mrs. Johns of Cherokee, the widow of the man who was killed a few days ago by a horse, has a house of five rooms in Cherokee, which she intends to raffle for \$250, at one dollar per chance. She is a widow with several small children to support, and rather than place herself and family upon the charity of her friends, has concluded to raise some money, by raffling this house, as she is not occupying it. It is said to be a good dwelling house, and is worth the money. Some one of the 250 who take chances in this raffle will surely win the house, which can be sold in ten minutes, at a price which would be a very gratifying return for the one dollar investment. As the lady is in need, we are sure that the 250 tickets will be readily disposed of. D. R. Daniels of Pentz, is managing the raffle, and as he is a square up and up gentleman, no one will suppose that there is any sharp practice about the affair. Buy a ticket and assist the lady.

Butte County District Lodge I. O. G. T. will meet at Pentz, on Friday, the 24th, in the hall of Mesilla Valley Lodge. As the weather is fine and the place of meeting central, there will perhaps be a large attendance, and a pleasant and profitable session spent.

There is to be a May Day jollification at Concow. A basket picnic will be held on the margin of the beautiful lake, and boating, fishing, a game of base ball between the boys of Yankee Hill and Concow, and a splendid dance in the evening will be among the features of the day. Concow is a lovely place at this season, and those who attend will surely enjoy it.

John Jones an employe in the Cherokee mines, met with a serious accident this morning just after going to work. A lump of pipe clay fell from a high bank and struck him. He was knocked insensible, and by the latest advice we cannot tell the extent of his injuries. We hope that it will not prove serious.

The little adopted son of D. R. Daniels of Pentz, had his leg broken by a cow that he was trying to milk the other day. The cow stepped on the little fellow, and broke his leg below the knee.

Daily Mercury

4-23-1885

FUTURE OF MINING.

An old and very intelligent miner has some original views on the future of hydraulic mining in California, and desires to present these views to the public. We know that certain newspapers, and some of their constituents will consider these views wild and preposterous. We are not entirely satisfied as to the possibility of their being carried into execution, but as we believe that hydraulic mining is not a thing of the past, and that it will yet receive favorable consideration from the State and national Governments, we give below some of the ideas of this practical hydraulic miner. In the first place he says, the national Government, with assistance from the State, should purchase a strip of land on either side of the Sacramento river, and all its tributaries, for levee purposes. Build levees along these tributaries, and along the Sacramento. Straighten the rivers and make more tillable land along them. Ask the Government to donate lands, from the sale of which, these plans can be executed, just as railroads are constructed. Appoint a committee of representative Californians to go to Washington, present the matters to the proper authorities, and get an appropriation to carry the work through.

He argues that the gold in California is of national importance, and it is to the interest of the general Government to devise a means for securing it. He thinks that the navigation of the Sacramento is of little importance, compared with the value of the gold in the mountains. But if the navigability of the stream is to be preserved, it can be done by means of dredgers and the levees kept perfect by that means.

There are some ideas contained in the above, that may seem at first flash, wild and impracticable, but such a gigantic work, begun in this State, under the supervision of the State and national Governments, would inaugurate an epoch of business, and general prosperity, never before known in this land of wonders. The tule lands can be made a dump for slickens for the next forty years; nobody injured, and billions of gold added to the circulation of the world. What do you think of it?

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4-29-1885

R. M. Green of the Oro Drug Store, has stuffed the hide of the large California lion, brought to town Saturday, placed large glaring eyes in its head, and stood it in front of his store with a bottle of his famous Santa Abbie in the ferocious looking beast's mouth.

Tom Lockerman of Pentz, has some bucks that average ten pounds of wool at a clipping, one yielding fourteen and a quarter pounds the other day. His flock will average five pounds. His sheep have been graded up, until they have become extra fine. This kind of sheep raising pays.

Abner Randall, the Indian who died in the Hospital a few days ago, was supposed to have been at least a hundred years old, if not more. He was raised in the Northwestern States, and when N. D. Plum was a boy, Randall was an old man. Mr. Plum knew him, away back in the forties, when they both lived in Wisconsin. Randall was a citizen of the United States, his tribe having been admitted to citizenship years ago. He was an intelligent man and a good citizen. He lived for years in the vicinity of Bidwell Bar, and was well known in that community.

CONCOW, May 1, 1885.

FRIDAY MEMOIR.—However enjoyable the May Day festivities were to those in the valley, the pleasure of a few in the mountains was not exceeded. At 10 o'clock a merry company of ladies and gentlemen left the pleasant hotel of J. B. Mullen, and soon arrived at the magnificent pine grove on the banks of the reservoir, selected for the picnic grounds. There we found quite a party assembled, and were soon occupied like them, in swinging, games and chatting. A prize was offered by the gentlemen for a three-legged race, which the boys especially enjoyed; and afterwards, one for a wheel barrow race by the ladies, in which about 20 participated. Their miscalculations and amazement at finding themselves facing a different point of the compass afforded much amazement. Luncheon time was announced and we soon found before us a display tempting enough in quality to have awakened an interest in epicures, and in quantity sufficient for three times our number. In the afternoon the company dispersed to amuse themselves in fishing or boating, but more went to witness the expected baseball game. Unfortunately the Yankee Hill club were unable to get here till 3 o'clock, and only three innings had been played when the game was interrupted by a passing shower. By night the weather was again delightful, and the school house was filled with young and old, who danced till an early hour and then were reluctant to leave. At 12 the company were treated to an excellent supper at Mr. Mullen's. None who attended the picnic at Concow, will soon forget the delightful occasion of May 1, 1885.

PARTICIPANT.

Weekly Mercury
5-8-1885

Concow is putting on city airs, J. B. Mullen, the 'proprietor' of that famous mountain resort, intends to put up a skating rink this summer.

Major McLaughlin has returned from the city, and will go to Big Bend, preparatory to leaving for New York. If we mistake not, the Major will make things lively in Butte yet.

Daily Alta California

5-17-1885

EUPHONIOUS NAMES.

Odd-Sounding Titles of Places in Butte County.

(Chico Enterprise.)

California is noted for the odd names it gives to places and things. There is hardly a locality without its "Poverty Ridge," "Cutthroat Cañon," "Deadman's Gulch," or "Whisky Flat." These euphonious titles have sprung into existence in curious ways. They are the selections of old miners, not much given to romance or poetry, so the first thing that entered their heads would be the name of the locality, camp or stream that they chanced to be near. With them it was another instance of "necessity is the mother of invention." Places and things had to be located and kept track of by some name. Usually some startling or amusing occurrence would suggest the name for them. In this manner the following well-known places found their titles:

Yankee Hill, in the northeastern part of Butte county, was in early days one of the liveliest mining camps in the State. Big fortunes were taken out of the creeks and mountains near by, and the neighborhood was soon settled up by a large number of men—gold-hunters from all parts of the world. The Americans soon tired of associating with a rough class of foreigners, and removed their camp to the top of a hill, and their abode soon came to be known as "Yankee Hill."

"Hog Hollow," near the Keefer ridge, was so called because it was a resort for wild hogs lost from the herds of neighboring ranchers.

"Deadman's Hill," on the Humboldt road, gained its ugly title because a man was found lying in the road years ago, robbed and horribly butchered.

"Robbers' Roost," on the same road, is a dark and narrow pass, where stage robberies were frequent in early days.

"Shirttail Bend" is the pretty name of a spot on Butte creek that was selected by the miners. A few years ago a miner was chased out of his cabin by a bear. The fellow had nothing on but his shirt, and as he made a beautiful dash around a curve, with Bruin in hot pursuit, "Shirttail Bend" was easily suggested, and so it will always be known in Butte county history.

"Poorman's Gulch," on Butte creek, got its name in a manner after the style of Bret Harte's "Poverty Flat." A miner named Noah Helm had toiled season after season in a gulch along the creek, and each year his prospects grew poorer. His flour and bacon rations grew scantier and scantier, and his neighbors along the creek had great pity for him. Often they advised him to pull up stakes and get out, but he had confidence in the claim and said he proposed to starve there or make a strike. One day Helm struck a bonanza in the claim, moved down into the valley and purchased a ranch, built an elegant mansion, brought his dear ones from the East, and he is now one of the most prosperous farmers in the county, residing near Gridley. Although the spot finally turned out well, it has always borne the title of "Poorman's Gulch," given by the miners.

"Dogtown" was so named because an old lady lived up in that neighborhood in early days and owned an almost countless number of dogs.

Hat creek, in Shasta county, on which the new fish hatchery is to be located, derived its name from a very simple incident, related as follows by the *Shasta Courier*:

In the early days D. H. Harrill, John T. Follansbee and several others were out on a prospecting expedition, and while fording the stream on horseback, Harrill's horse stumbled over a boulder and the rider lost his hat in the swift current. Harrill expressed his opinion of the creek in decided but uncomplimentary terms. In consideration of the loss his companion had sustained, Follansbee stood up in the stirrups and said, "Let this stream, which has been so thoroughly 'dammed,' be known hereafter as 'Hat Creek,'" and it has.

It would make an interesting article to describe the hundreds of odd names in Butte county, with their origin, but this cannot be done in the narrow space of a newspaper account, and the subject must close until some future time.

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5-22-1885

A pig was born the other day on W. W. Merrithew's ranch, at Clear Creek, that is a freak of nature, perhaps without a precedent. It has but two legs, and they are about middle way of the animal. The ears are cropped, but the remainder of the head is genuine hog. The hind end of the body tapers to a point from the legs, and we suppose, when the animal walks, is dragged along. It is said to be a very peculiar specimen of the pig.

It is reported that General Bidwell's Indians have been turned loose upon the grasshoppers in the vicinity of Chico, and that they are rapidly diminishing the bugs by converting them into soup. Those in the vicinity of Cherokee are raiding the hoppers, also we are told.

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Quartz mining is booming in various parts of Butte.

Fred Wellington is putting up a quartz mill near Yankee Hill.

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The various towns in Butte will soon be connected with telephone lines. From Oroville we can communicate with Moore's Station, Cherokee, Big Bend, Yankee Hill, Hurleton, Woodville, Brownsville and Marysville. In a few days more Chico, and Gridley will be attached to the net work of telephone lines, and the communication will be complete. We don't suppose that there is a county in the State, perhaps not one in the country so well supplied with telephonic accomodation as Butte. When the lines are completed there will be in the neighborhood of one hundred miles of telephone line in Butte.

Cherokee.

Cherokee is booming. A trip to that famous mining camp on Sunday, convinces us that the mine there, and smaller ones in that vicinity, are giving promise of richer yields in future than ever before. In company with Superintendent L. Glass, John Rogers and Will Herrin, we visited the mine, and though it was Sunday, it seemed to us that things were very lively, but Mr. Glass remarked that we should visit there during the week, when something is going on. There is a gigantic project on foot at present to mine out an immense bed of gravel by the drift process. A shaft 130 feet deep has been sunk on the west side of the mine, and a tunnel is being run from the bottom of this shaft under the great mountain on the west where there is an inexhaustible deposit of rich gravel. The reason for this resort to drifting is, that it can be mined by that process much cheaper and easier than by washing the great bed of pipe clay and non-paying earth, by the hydraulic process. The tunnel is now about 600 feet, and will be run about 1,600 feet further. Mr Glass is confident of making a big haul when the gravel deposit is reached. Ingersoll drills are being used in excavating the tunnel, and they make about five feet per day. There are 215 men employed by this mine, and their pay roll is simply immense. There are 3,500 inches of water running into this mine through hydraulic pipes, and an average of sixty million gallons passes through its miles of flumes, every twenty-four hours. It is without doubt the best regulated and most gigantic hydraulic mine on earth. Louis Glass is general Superintendent, and John Tuhey is foreman.

This mine supports a population of eight or nine hundred. There are in the town, four hotels, two well stocked stores, three saloons, livery stables, shoe and blacksmith shops, and everything else going to make up a well regulated village. It is probable that the number of employes in the mine will reach 500 in the fall, if the drifting scheme is what the company anticipates.

The amount of work done, the money expended, and the general immensity of this mine, is inconceivable unless a person visits it, and is shown through the various departments, by a person acquainted with the business.

The miners are making money, all seem to be contented and happy, and a more generous and sociable community does not exist.

Apportionment

The following is the last apportionment of school moneys, to school districts in Butte county, California, made June 13, 1885:

Antelope.....	\$ 7 80
Bald Rock.....	7 80
Bangor.....	19 80
Beecher.....	7 80
Bidwell.....	4 20
Bid Bend.....	11 40
Butte.....	10 80
Butte Valley.....	11 40
Central House.....	19 20
Centerville.....	7 20
Chico.....	277 80
Cherokee.....	80 40
Clayton.....	6 60
Clipper Mills.....	7 80
Coucou.....	15 00
Cottonwood.....	6 00
Dayton.....	34 20
Diamondville.....	5 40
Dockery.....	-20 40
Eureka.....	8 00
Evansville.....	7 20
Fairview.....	6 00
Florida.....	13 20
Forbestown.....	21 00
Forest.....	9 60
Fruit Vale.....	7 20
Gridley.....	67 20
Hamilton.....	73 80
Honcutt.....	21 00
KimsheW.....	14 40
Kunkle.....	6 00
Lowdow.....	7 80
Little Chico.....	15 00
Live Oak.....	10 20
Lone Tree.....	10 20
Lovelock.....	7 80
Manzanita.....	11 40
Meadow.....	3 60
Meridian.....	27 60
Messilla Valley.....	16 80
Mooretown.....	21 00
Morris Ravine.....	8 40
Mt. Springs.....	10 80
Mt. House.....	12 60
Mud Creek.....	6 00
Neal.....	6 60
Nelson.....	11 40
Nimshew.....	6 00
North Point.....	10 20
Oregon City.....	15 00
Oroville.....	100 80
Paradise.....	19 20
Pratt.....	5 40
Powelton.....	7 20
Peavine.....	5 40
Pine Creek.....	6 00
Reservoir.....	12 80
Rio Seco.....	5 40
River.....	11 40
Rock Creek.....	13 20
Salem.....	9 60
Stoneman.....	10 20
Swan.....	5 40
Union.....	14 40
Upham.....	8 40
Webster.....	17 40
West Liberty.....	7 20
White Washed Trees.....	12 00
Willow.....	5 40
Wyandotte.....	24 00
Wyman's Ravine.....	10 80
York.....	5 40

D. W. BRADDOCK,
Supt. of Schools.

THE MERCURY.

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 26, 1885

The Concow Camp Convention meets this year on August 18th. People are getting ready to go up and have a good time.

Cherokee is to be lighted with electricity on the Fourth.

The Oroville merchants, should by advertising in their home papers, and visiting the communities from Pentz to Lovelock, and in the vicinity of Bangor, secure the new trade that is springing up, and make sure of retaining that which has always been theirs, but which is now becoming alienated. Business men, there is a great deal for your consideration in this little item, and you know, a word to the wise is sufficient.

Weekly Mercury

7-3-1885

J. H. Hogan, the Oroville photographer, is a success as a picture taker, and hasn't a superior as a taker of photographic and stereoscopic views. He has recently finished some from the Cherokee mines, various beautiful ones along the Concow road, and has a most beautiful one of the large reservoir at that place. He has sent several views of the mines, to the East and Dr. Pierce says they are very much admired. They command a good price wherever sent. The views are perfectly true, we having seen the originals from which they are taken, and recognize many small objects in them. Mr. Hogan expects to visit many noted places this summer, and will make a large number of views. The pictures, properly framed are very ornamental. Notice those in front of Kusel & Son's.

THE MERCURY.

FRIDAY MORNING,.....JULY 10. 1885

Dan Williams, of Cherokee, lost his baby last night, the little one having been sick for some days.

The people of Concow had a nice little picnic on the lake last Saturday.

FRESH LIME always on hand at West Branch Lime Kiln on the Dogtown road two miles north of Pentz. Apply to A. Parrish, Pentz.

FOR SALE.—A good eight horse wagon and backaction. Apply to W. M. Pence, of Pentz, Cal.

Cherokee beat Big Bend in the foot races.

Weekly Mercury

7-10-1885

The Miocene.

We have been to the Miocene mine, and were shown through it by E. J. Davis the gentlemanly and efficient Superintendent. The Martin Elevator, as Mr. Davis says, is a grand success. It has been operated here, but one day, yet, but has demonstrated that it is all that is claimed for it. Just as fast as ground is worked out the excavation can be filled and every particle of debris retained on the ground. The Miocene ground is exceptionally advantageously situated. Between it and the river, there are several deep cuts which can be used as dumping ground and made to safely and everlastingly hold all the dirt that two monitors can wash out in ten years. The working of this elevator must be seen to be appreciated. All water and debris which is at first, washed into the bedrock flume, just as it leaves the lower end of this flume, is washed by the main pipe into the elevating tube the upper end of which, connects with a flumé that is twenty-eight feet above the ground. This flume can be carried in any direction and the debris from the mine deposited in a given place, with absolute certainty. This company

can deposit ten thousand cubic yards of earth, in the cuts and canyons below the mine, and there it will remain. Mr. Davis thinks that the mine will pay by this process, and that the Martin Elevator will become a power among the hydraulic regions. The ground of the Miocene company is known to be rich, and we sincerely hope, that the labors of the present management, will be richly compensated. We hope also, that those papers which are so violently opposed to mining, will send a representative to this locality, that by personal observation, they may satisfy themselves that no damage will result to the rivers or agricultural lands by its operation.

Mr. Davis informs us that the Miocene Mine will commence operations to-morrow, the glorious Fourth. The elevator is complete and Mr. Davis is satisfied that the tailings can be securely deposited where they can be always retained, and the water be allowed to run into the river without carrying any debris. The Martin Elevator gives promise of revolutionizing the mining industry. We shall be prepared in a few days to give our readers a full description of its workings.

Weekly Mercury 7-17-1885

Mining Items.

The West Branch Feather River Mining Co., are having a large body of Chinamen distributed along their river claims, on the West Branch above the Red Hill Claim. If ever river mining is made to pay it will be this year.

The Babcock mine near Magalia, is being pushed ahead, with promising developments.

The Florence Gold Mining Co., near Yankee Hill, are putting two of Paul's Americanized Arrastras in the Wellington mine.

The quartz interest of Butte county is reviving. There are plenty of good quartz mines in Butte, and all they want is skill and coin to open them.

An expert, who has given a good deal of attention to the quartz of Butte county says, the rock on the average is as good as that of any other county in the State, but that the gold is much finer, and requires more careful working, while it has had just the opposite.

Weekly Mercury

7-17-1885

A Very Sad Story.

T. D. M. Slaven, teacher of the Yankee Hill school, came to town yesterday evening and relates the following very sad story. Josie E., only daughter of Jos. Miller of that place, was a bright young girl sixteen years of age, and has attended school there since she has been old enough for such. Yesterday morning, as usual, with books and bucket in hand, accompanied by her young and happy companions, she left her father's house and proceeded to school, reaching there apparently well and happy. She talked with her classmates about the day's lessons, and after a little while, took a book and saying that she desired to study alone for a few moments, walked several rods from the school house, and laid under one of the magnificent pines. It was then just before nine o'clock, and in the mean time, Mr. Slaven arrived at

the school house. Just at nine, he was called by one of his pupils, and told that Josie wanted to see him. Being surprised that she would send for him, he hastened to her side, and was horrified to find the bright, amiable and lovely young girl, gasping in death. It was indeed a sad and terrible reality to Mr. Slaven and the large number of children who clustered about their dying companion. When spoken to, she faintly uttered the name of her teacher, and died. This was a scene of inexpressible sadness. The departed girl was a favorite among her companions, and that the relentless Monster should strike her down, while the very roses of health and happiness bloomed upon her cheeks, is a phenomenal illustration of the uncertainty of human hopes and human lives, that can only produce consternation. We extend to the bereaved family and community our sincerest sympathy. The funeral will take place on Saturday, the procession leaving the family residence at 11 o'clock A. M. and proceeding to the cemetery at Cherokee, where the remains will be interred at 1 o'clock P. M. Friends are invited to attend.

The Oroville Mercury
July 31, 1885

The new tunnel at Cherokee has reached a length of about 800 feet. We hope it will pay big.

E. A. Pearson, is the only survivor left in Cherokee, of the first settlers of the mines at that place. He located there early in '50, and has resided there constantly since that early day. He and his kind lady, have seen many changes wrought in that vicinity, by the hand of time, and the old gentlemen is still largely interested in mines there.

While roads generally, leading from Oroville are in fine condition, the one from here to Pentz, is terrible. It is one of the most difficult in the country to keep in good condition, but with a little attention could be kept in much better order. When cattle or stock pass over it, they knock loose rocks into it, and when a team passes over it, the bumping is fearful. The road overseer should exercise a little more care with his road.

L. W. Lee, of Pentz, has taken his family to Humbug for a few weeks, and will spend the time at P. R. Welch's hotel. Oh, such water, trout and buttermilk!

N. Willoughby, of Cherokee, is now on a visit to Arizona, and it is reported will remove his family there, in a short while. We are sorry to lose such a good man from Butte.

Weekly Mercury

8-7-1885

The Good Templars' Camp Convention at Concow, which convenes on August 18th, will afford a fine opportunity to enjoy a week in the mountains. J. B. Mullen keeps a good hotel there, and has an abundance of horse feed. The Spring Valley Company's reservoir contains many trout, and is a fine place for boating. In addition to these physical sports, the Good Templars' exercises will refresh the intellectual man.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that I propose to attend the Camp Convention at Concow, in consequence of which, my office will be closed from Saturday, Aug. 15th, until Wednesday morning, Aug. 26th. W. S. READ,
d-w-2t-25 Dentist.

We understand that Excelsior Brass Band will not be in attendance, at the Concow Camp Convention, this year.

Weekly Mercury

8-7-1885

John Wagner the popular proprietor of the Merrimac Hotel called to see us to-day. Things are booming about that place. The mammoth saw mill there owned by Farnham & Rowell, is cutting from forty to fifty thousand feet of fine lumber per day, and there are several mines in that vicinity. The people there don't forget to have a good time occasionally. They have a large, new hall, and last Monday night celebrated the marriage of Mr. Johnson of that place, and Miss Hartman, by having a splendid dance, on the return of the bridal party.

The Oroville Mercury Aug 7, 1885

L. L. Robinson, President; W. A. Redford, Secretary, and D. Stokes, Superintendent of the North Bloomfield mine, came up Thursday evening, and yesterday visited the Cherokee and Miocene mines. The gentlemen were delighted with the Martin Elevator, at work in the Miocene and Mr. Robinson thinks it is the finest application of water power that he has ever seen. He likes it so well, that he thinks he will immediately put one in the North Bloomfield, as he is positive that the most rabid anti-miner could not object to it as it would be an easy matter to retain all the debris in the mine, by that process. He considers it a great invention.

The Spring Valley Hydraulic Mining Company of Cherokee Flat have about solved the debris question so far as they are concerned. They have sixteen miles of tule land west of the Marysville Buttes and from their mine to this place a distance of forty miles, they have constructed a canal at the cost of \$700,000, through which they convey the debris of the mine. By this system they will not only stop making themselves obnoxious to the valley people, but they have a money making concern at both ends of the canal. The land they will make in filling up the tule will in a few years be of the most valuable in the State. The company is now having a dredger built at Stocton to keep the canal clear.
—Napa Reporter.

Sacramento Daily Union Aug 12, 1885

The tunnel at Big Bend, by which the Feather river is to be turned, is now in 10,000 feet. It is to be 11,200 feet in length, and will dry the bed of the river for twelve miles. It is expected that very rich diggings will be developed.

Some good work is being done on the Pentz road just this side of Dry Creek bridge. Pity such cannot be done through that entire lane.

A man by the name of Burns was killed in Cherokee mine this morning, by a piece of pipe clay falling on him. Coroner Bliss went up to hold an inquest.

G. W. Lewis of Pentz, is opening a drift mine just above that place, which protpects well, and bids fair to turn out a bonanza. We hope George will get rich out of it.

N. A. Harris Superintendent of the Big Bend Company, was in town yesterday. He informs us that the tunnel was lengthened 395 feet last month, and if the rock remains as it now is, they will make 400 feet this month.

The Oroville Mercury Aug 14, 1885

The Cherokee dredger is at work on the company's canal just below Nelson. W. M. Bowers, who was over there the other day, informs us that it is a gigantic institution, run by an engine of about fifteen horse power. It scoops the slickens from the channel of the canal by means of buckets attached to a large chain working on pulleys over the ends of timbers extending at a given angle from the end of the institution. The mud is scooped, and by means of slides, is deposited on the levees. The Cherokee Company has always taken care of its debris, as far as possible, and when the land of anybody has been injured, it has paid the owner his figures for the injured land. Time will demonstrate, that the Cherokee canal is a blessing to the country through which it runs.

Weekly Mercury
8-21-1885

Off for Concow.

A party of four, consisting of Dr. W. S. Read, Jno. P. Leonard, Miss Ida Fisher and Frank Gray, left early this morning for Concow, where they expect to remain a week, participating in the Camp Convention exercises. This is the third or fourth party which has left here for that place, during the past few days, and we hear of still others intending to go up and spend two or three days, during the week. Aside from the moral and intellectual attractions, the climate is splendid, and a very desirable change from the swetting heat now prevailing in the valley.

Weekly Mercury

8-28-1885

CAMP AT CONCOW.

CONCOW CAMP, Aug. 20, 1885.

ED. MERCURY:—They still keep coming. Every little while another load of dusty campers are dumped in amongst us. But every body is welcome. We are glad to see them come.

The weather has moderated, and this morning is as beautiful and balmy as could be desired by the most fastidious. Sleeping seems to be a favorite pastime here, one can sleep all night and half the day, and then feel as though they wanted to eat all the rest of the time.

We have two regular services daily, at 10 A. M., and 7:30 P. M., and people are at liberty to put in the balance of the time in any way they think will best promote their happiness and comfort. Croquet playing, boatriiding and fishing are the chief amusements.

Miss Henrietta G. Moore of the W. C. T. U., arrived last evening, and will deliver an address this morning. She will probably be with us over Sunday.

Prof. Crowhust delivered a splendid address last night, am sorry to say however, that a few unappreciative ones in the rear part of the audience were so far forgetful of the proprieties, and of the rights of others, as to make themselves conspicuous by their loud talk and laughter while the lecture proceeded. Could they have listened to the few caustic remarks on the subject, made by Miss Moore, after the close of the meeting, I think they would avoid a repetition.

Our camp was shocked yesterday, to learn of the sudden and unexpected death, at Pentz, of Mrs. G. M. Taylor, and several of our campers have left to attend the funeral services.

The general health of the camp is excellent, though there are a few slightly indisposed. CAMPER.

Weekly Mercury

9-4-1885

C. Waldeyer of Cherokee has been on a visit recently to the mines about Magalia. He informs us that a rich prospect has been found in the Aurora mine, owned by Dyer & Babcock and it is thought that they have a bonanza. So mote it be. Mr. Waldeyer says there is no doubt the of great wealth of that mining section, and believes that in a few years many rich mines will be worked there.

The fire demoralized the telegraphic and telephonic communication of the town. Some of the wires were attached to the mill and several posts also were burned. Sadowski of Brock & Taber's went out fixing up yesterday, and thought he had established the line between Big Bend and that store. This morning Howard Taber answered a ring of the bell, and found, very much to his surprise and mistification, that he was talking to La Porte! Howard rushed over to D. K. Perkins and wanted to know how it was that the La Porte line was running into his store. Mr. Perkins coolly informed him that he supposed Brock & Taber had designs on the La Porte country, and had commenced the work of securing it, by attaching his telephone line. Sadowski had put up the wrong line.

A. H. Pease, a nephew of Joseph Waterman, of Yankee Hill returned to his home in Connecticut this morning. He is a lively young gentleman and came to California about a year ago. He has a collection of relics from the wilds of the Sierras such as rattle snake skins and rattles, and will startle the people of his native town when he arrives there. Jos. Waterman came down to ship him East.

Weekly Mercury

9-11-1885

The **MERCURY** was the first paper on the Coast, to suggest that the N. S. G. W., erect a monument to Marshall, the discoverer of gold, and now the question is being agitated. The idea was suggested to us by R. Thompson of Spanish Ranch.

This session of the District Lodge L. O. G. T., though not as largely attended as some previous ones have been, was pleasant and profitable to the Order. Representatives were present from the majority of Lodges in the county, and a large amount of business was transacted, consisting of the election of district officers, and other matters.

Miss Angelina Ross of Wyandotte, has been engaged to teach the school at Big Bend, for the ensuing term, commencing on Monday, the 7th. Her sister Miss Lizzie, will teach the Fairview school again. Both these are good selections, as the young ladies are earnest, conscientious and capable.

The dwelling house of John D. Jones, of Cherokee, was burned yesterday, and nearly all its contents destroyed, though there was some insurance on the building.

The Flea Valley lumber property is for sale. We should like to see some enterprising lumber man purchase it, as it is a fine property.

N. Willoughby of Cherokee, desires to dispose of his hotel and other property in that town. See ad. in another column. Good chance for some lively hotel man.

The young folks at Big Bend, have a good joke on two young couples who went out the other day blackberrying. They wandered off, got lost and didn't get home till 2 A. M.

Daily Mercury

9-29-1885

A miner named August Hynes was pretty badly burned in the Cherokee mine this morning, by the unexpected explosion of a blast. It seems that one shift had just gone off after firing several blasts, and another shift went on. The injured man being on the shift commencing work, was digging among the earth where the former shift had blasted and struck his pick into a hole containing a charge that had failed to explode with the general blast. The jar exploded the charge and the man was badly burned in the face severely injuring his eyes and lacerating his right hand. The doctor thinks he can save the eyes, but the face is so swollen that it is impossible to ascertain the extent of the injury. Considering the number of men employed in the Cherokee mine very few accidents occur. The managers use every precaution against danger, but some times powder plays tricks on the most careful.

The Daily Mercury

10-7-1885

The Cherokee Mining Company
has bought the lumber at Pentz,
and that at the Flee Valley Mill.



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For Cough and Colds.

DIRECTIONS.—Teaspoonful 3 to 7 times a day and on going to bed. If there is pain or soreness in the chest, throat, sides or back, bathe freely with FRYER'S ABIETENE over parts affected.

For Asthma.

DIRECTIONS.—Same as for Cough and Colds.

For Bronchitis.

DIRECTIONS.—Same as for Cough and Colds, with the addition of using FRYER'S ABIETENE as a gargle 3 to 5 times a day.

For Croup.

DIRECTIONS.—Teaspoonful every 15 minutes until relieved. Bathe throat and chest freely with FRYER'S ABIETENE.

For Pneumonia.

DIRECTIONS.—Teaspoonful every 2 hours, and bathe the throat, chest and back freely with FRYER'S ABIETENE; also saturate a flannel cloth with it and lay over the affected lung.

For Pleurisy.

DIRECTIONS.—Teaspoonful every hour until relieved, and saturate a flannel cloth with FRYER'S ABIETENE and lay over the affected part.

If constipated, or you need a cathartic, (which is generally the case, as in most of these diseases there is more or less fever) use FRYER'S BLOOD AND LIVER PILLS. They are safe, reliable and purely vegetable.

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The Daily Mercury

10-8-1885

A Good Chance.

It is very remarkable that the Flee Valley mill property, in Concow township, cannot be sold. It is true the lumber flume running from the mill to the dump at Pentz, is in a bad condition. But this is a small portion of the property. It embraces 2,700 acres of finely timbered sugar pine, has a splendid, never failing water right, and the mill, which is said to be in excellent condition, has a capacity of fifty thousand feet per day. The trucks, lumber wagons, and all the machinery necessary, are on the ground and ready for use. The buildings at the mill, and at Pentz, are in good condition, and the planing mill at the dump is in running order. Now this isn't a paid notice. We don't expect to get a cent for writing it. We simply know that if some business man should buy and operate the property, that it would be a fine investment for him, and make business for the community. The property can be bought at half its value, being owned by a widow, with a fortune without it. We should like to see a Butte countian buy it and operate it. John Frey, Mrs. Farnam's agent has been in town this week endeavoring to sell it, and has now gone to Vallejo.

The Flee Valley saw mill is a good property for somebody to purchase.

Weekly Mercury

10-9-1885

A fire took place in Cherokee early this morning, burning the dwelling house and contents belonging M. Vahey, and the Catholic Church adjoining. There was no insurance on either, the loss on Church being about \$2000 and on the house \$800. Fortunately no wind was blowing or a large portion of that end of the town would have been burned. Good work was done, and adjoining buildings were saved.

Dry Creek Dredger.

In company with Floyd Taber, we had the pleasure yesterday, of a drive over to Dry Creek where the monster dredger is at work in the Cherokee canal. On approaching, it looks like a ship at anchor. This dredger is seventy feet long and seventeen feet wide. The machinery is worked by means of a forty horse power engine, and it excavates eight feet deep and twenty-five feet wide. There is a beam attached to uprights in the center of the boat, and extends forward and downward, at will of the person handling the machinery. Over this beam an endless chain is stretched on rollers, having iron scoops attached about two feet apart. As the beam protrudes into the slickens, and the chain revolves, each bucket is filled with mud, carried to the upper end of the beam and dumped into slides which extend over the levee at the side. The machine has not given entire satisfaction, and it is thought that a change will be made, some other plan being substituted. They have excavated as much as eighty feet per day, of twenty-four hours, and it is very substantially done. The dredger cuts its own channel and floats slowly down stream. A few feet in the rear of the dredger floats the hotel, a two story building in which the men eat and sleep. They have a first class Chinese cook, and live in fine style. It is to be hoped that the machine can be made to do the work, but if the present one can not, it is thought that another which the company has in view, will work successfully.

The Daily Mercury

10-19-1885

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Use as directed, and a cure is warranted.



Weekly Mercury

10-30-1885

J. B. Mullen who has been for a number of years, proprietor of the Concow ranch and hotel, has sold that property to Caleb Scott, formerly of Nord, we believe. We regret to state that Mr. Mullen has concluded to remove to Arizona. Mr. Scott is a practical hotel man and no doubt will do well at Concow.

The Cherokee school has been closed for a few days on account of diphtheria.

Dr. Benjamin informs us that a boy in Cherokee named Willie Johns, had his arm badly mutilated from the elbow down to the wrist, by getting it caught in the machinery of a derrick yesterday. The arm was amputated.

Weekly Mercury
12-4-1885

The people out in the Pentz community and all along that road seriously object to the change petitioned for in the road from Wick's to Coal Canyon. They all say it is the only decent piece of road between Oroville and Pentz, and that it should remain as it is. We think there is no doubt about its remaining unchanged, for we have too much confidence in our Board to believe that they will change it in the face of so much opposition just to please one or two.

Weekly Mercury

12-11-1885

Rich Strike in Cherokee.

Since the Cherokee Company commenced to prepare for drifting they have within easy reach one of the finest channels of gold-bearing gravel ever found in this State. The tunnel spoken of before in these columns, has tapped an old river channel, containing a solid bed of gravel, that is estimated to be one thousand feet wide. The gravel in the vicinity of this, which has been worked by the hydraulic process, has been rich, every foot of it, and now that they can get at this immense bed, without washing surplus earth, there is no telling how much gold they will take out. Superintendent Glass expects grand results from his drifting scheme.

Daily Mercury
12-24-1885

Father Hynes requests us to announce that services will be held in the new Catholic Church at Cherokee on Christmas Day. First Mass at 8 o'clock, Second Mass at 9 o'clock, Third Mass at 10:30 o'clock.

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San Francisco Daily Alta
12-27-1885

CHEROKEE, December 26th.—Johnston Glass, uncle of Superintendent Glass, was blown from the Spring Valley Mining Company's flume at Concow Valley on Christmas Eve and instantly killed. His remains were found in the rocky gorge below and indicate that his skull was crushed by the first fall. He arrived in California from Ottawa, Kansas, in September.