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Oroville Register

1-31-1889

Accidental Shooting.

In another column will be found the accidental shooting of the eldest son of Supervisor A. E. Anderson. In connection it is not out of place to recall some other accidents resulting from the use of fire arms in this county.

It is but a few weeks ago since Geo. Welch, son of L. S. Welch, accidentally shot in the face Fred Sparks, son of E. M. Sparks. It is almost a miracle that one or both of Fred's eyes were not blinded as a large number of shot struck him in the face.

It has not been three months since Theodore Mauck, while loading a shot-gun accidentally shot two of his own children here in Oroville. It will be remembered that the shots went through a partition and struck the children in bed. His little boy lost one eye and had twelve shot taken out of his cheek.

It is but a short time since a little boy at Gridley fatally shot a young woman who was trying to induce him to put down a pistol that he had picked up.

It was only last summer that a little son of Dr. Frank Z. Smith was shot while he and two or three other playmates were playing with a toy pistol.

Many readers in his locality will recall the mysterious shooting of young Cass Davis, the shot striking him in the forehead, giving him a pretty sore cranium for the time but no bad results followed.

Another boy, we do not recall his name, was shot by a spent bullet in the neck while walking near the Oroville Flouring Mill.

Another well-known case is one that took place near Concow Valley some years ago when a Mr. Derrick was fatally shot by Wilhe Mullen. They were out hunting with others and separated in the bushes. Young Mullen saw what he took to be a wild hog crawling through the bushes and fired, inflicting a fatal wound.

Mr. John Schneider has hardly yet recovered from the effects of a shot fired by his nephew, Willie Schneider, while near Magalia last fall when the two were out hunting for deer and the younger mistook the elder for a deer.

It is only three or four years ago that John James of Oregon City was shot in the side by one of his brothers who was handling a pistol; fortunately it was not a fatal wound.

Mr. A. L. Van Mater, agent of the N. C. R. R. Co., at Oroville, is a case of accidental shooting where he lost his arm as a result. Nor is he the only one in this town so: Ed. Martin, brother-in-law of Charley Sadowski, lost his arm from an accidental shot. Another case that many here will recall was the killing of Zach Emerson who while drawing a gun from a wagon near the M. Wick ranch fatally shot himself.

Among other cases in point it will be remembered that Bert Mason, son of Dr. C. C. Mason of Chico lost an arm by accidental shooting. That W. K. Conger, was shot through the arm very seriously in Butte Creek Canyon, that Joe Fowler was shot in the jaw very seriously by Thos. Alpaugh and that A. L. Thiel near Chico, shot and killed himself while drawing a gun through a fence after him.

It is quite probable that many other cases of accidental shooting have taken place in this county but enough has been shown to point out the great need of more caution on the part of those handling fire-arms.

Oroville Register

3-28-1889

Pioneers.

A move is on foot in this State to obtain the names of all forty-niners and we give below a list of a large number in this county: General John Bidwell, Judge C. F. Lott, Judge P. O. Hundley, J. M. Braden, John T. Palmer, Wm. Armstrong, Jas. Brown, Thos. A. Leggett, Edgar Dunham, John W. Spencer, T. S. Enslow, Jerome Foster, John McGranaham, David Johnson, John H. Coggshall, John K. Mitchell, G. G. Marquis, Mrs. E. M. Sparks, Daniel Martin, Lewis F. Geisse, Mrs. Mary Robinson, Benj. Klohm, John Nesbit, Dr. T. J. Jenkins, Harry Williams, J. F. Deuel, O. F. Rudd, F. C. Foster, Chas. Durett, John Marcovitch, A. P. Southworth, J. O. Moseley, J. W. Woodman, Wm. Danforth, Walter Woolridge, Jordan W. Swan, Richard H. Palmer, Wm. Sharkoy, Abraham Decker, Jas. Robinson, Conrad Gerson, Hiram Arents, Ira Wetherbee, Frederick Wilcox, C. A. Grummett, Abner Barton, Wm. Carlisle, Allen Sherman, James C. Bierce, J. S. Myers, James Hasty, John Reynolds, P. A. Mullen, Robert Lidell, Louis D. Webb, C. S. Quimby, Joseph Glines, Wm. Thatcher, Thos. Fields, Sam Long, John B. Crawford, H. V. Paul, Samuel Plymire, John Nicoll, Chas. Myers, Miles Sweeney, L. J. Keefer, Wash Broyles, B. B. Bliven, John McDonald, E. M. Sparks, Samuel Huston.

Names of School Districts in Butte County.

Antelope, Atkins, Bald Rock, Bangor, Beecher, Bidwell, Big Bend, Butte, Butte Valley, Central House, Centerville, Chico, Cherokee, Clayton, Clipper Mills, Concow, Cottonwood, Dayton, Diamondville, Dockery, Eureka, Evansville, Fairview, Floral, Forbestown, Forest, Fruit Vale, Grafton, Gridley, Hamilton, Honcut, Kunkle, Landlew, Little Chico, Live Oak, Lone Tree, Lovelock, Lumpkin, Manzanita, Magalia, Meadow, Meridian, Mesilla Valley, Mooretown, Morris Ravine, Mountain Spring, Mountain House, Mud Creek, Neal, Nelson, Nimshew, North Point, Olive, Oregon City, Oroville, Paradise, Pratt, Peavine, Pine Creek, Reservoir, Rio Seco, River, Rose, Rock Creek, Sandy Gulch, Salem, Stoneman, Swan, Union, Upham, Webster, West Liberty, Willow, Wyandotte, Wyam's Ravine, Yankee Hill, York.

List of Butte County Postoffices.

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4-13-1889

A Recent Purchase.

D. M. Reavis has purchased the Third-street meat market and will take possession at once. He will still conduct his meat market at the Junction, thereby enabling him to better serve the wants of the public. Mr. Reavis has every facility for meeting the demands of his customers, as he is able to furnish the best of meats direct from his ranch, where his stock is kept and prepared, and brought to the city when needed. John Kempf will have charge of the Third-street Market, and all wishing good, fresh meats will find it to their advantage to secure their supplies from this establishment.

Chico Daily Enterprise

4-17-1889

Junction Meat Market



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D. M. REAVIS.

Oroville Register

4-18-1889

A. K. Beatson, Superintendent of Big Bend Tunnel and Mining Company, lately lost a fine horse that was being pastured on the ranch of D. N. Friesleben on Honcut Creek. The animal is a large bay, with one white hind foot and branded "P" on shoulder. A suitable reward will be paid for any information leading to his recovery.

Oroville Register 5-2-1889

There are some valuable beds of clay in the vicinity of Morris Ravine and Thompson Flat. Mr. Joe Henley says if the Board of Trade of Oroville will send samples to any pottery to have tests made of this clay that he will furnish the clay and bring it to Oroville.

5-9-1889

Mining Items.

Sol Pettit, near Lovelock, has struck a rich quartz ledge that is creating considerable excitement in this region. The vein is about eighteen inches thick, with one wall of slate and the other of granite.

It is reported here that Governor Waterman and Senator Heart have purchased the Hendrick's ditch, and that they intend to put it in good shape and rebuild the flumes. The water will be sold for irrigating purposes.

Uncle Joe Glines has a capitalist interested with himself in the famous old Willard mine.

The Aurora mine was sold last Saturday and the new owners intend to put on heavier machinery for keeping the mine dry, so it can be worked.

Abe Barton proposes to work a large bar on the east fork of the west branch this season. It lies between Jordan Hill and Fred Wellington's.

Bollanger & Morgan have struck a fine prospect of quartz on the main West Branch.

The owners of the Blue Hog mine are about selling a half interest in the same. Elkins & Jones have struck a "way-up" prospect two or three miles from the Carr mine.

The owners of the last named mine have recently made a splendid clean up.

Geo. Parry, owner of the Alki mine, is putting in a new and powerful water wheel for pumping out his mine.

It is said M. Doon will run his old and new saw mill this year.

Johnnie Howard has moved his saw mill from Paradise to within half a mile of Channel postoffice on Mosquito Creek.

The Nickerson ditch is about completed. Times are rather dull. Fruit promises to be excellent this season. T. D. M. Slaven is teaching at Magalia, Miss Lizzie Stimson at Lovelock, and Miss Josie Snow at Nimshew.

PROSPECTOR.

E. M. Sparks goes up to Fall River in a few days to build a quartz mill for Walters Bros., of Gibsonville. It is said their ledge is exceeding rich.

Oroville Register

5-30-1889

The Big Bend Company are getting ready for their summer's work, A new steel engine and boiler will soon be here. This will be used for pumping water from the river where the men are working. The superintendent Mr. Beatson is getting things ready as far as possible at the present time, but it will be late in June before the river will be low enough to turn from its channel. Hand derricks will be used this season as they can be moved from place to place when needed. A force of men will soon be at work, but it will be toward the first of July before the river mining is fairly begun.

ALSOP, Pleasanton
Chico Weekly Enterprise
6-7-1889

Sudden Death of P. Alsop.

We regret to announce the death of Pleasant Alsop, a farmer of Rock Creek, which took place in Oakland on Wednesday, all alone and among strangers. The following is the intimation of his death as given in the S. F. Call of yesterday morning:

The dead body of a man was found in a bed at Mrs. Lowyer's private lodging-house at 514 Ninth street Wednesday. The deceased came to the house on Tuesday night and engaged a room. During the night he got up and inquired for a physician, but finally said that as he felt somewhat better he would not send for one. He then went to bed again and nothing was heard from him until he was found dead in the morning. From papers found on his person his name appears to be Pleasant Alsop, and his home Chico. Among his effects was a letter from his sister, Mrs. Mary V. Barber, at Grass Valley, who has been telegraphed to by the Coroner. The deceased had several receipts from Ah Sang, a Chinese doctor, at Deadwood, Cal. On Tuesday the man took dinner at the Galindo Hotel and registered as from Chico. He said he had heart disease and was going to a hospital. A silver watch but no money was found on the person. A letter from Chico says that the crops on the ranch of the deceased are looking well. The dead man is six feet tall, has dark hair and sandy chin whiskers. The Coroner has charge of the remains.

Deceased was a native of Illinois, aged about 39 years, and was an industrious, sober, intelligent man, and when not busy on his farm was engaged in hauling lumber from the Chapman mill in the neighborhood of Powellton. He had been complaining of sickness for some time and had consulted some of our city physicians, and afterwards went to Deadwood to see the China doctor. None of his friends here were aware that he had gone to the city, and his sudden death there was a complete surprise to all of them. He had been a subscriber to the ENTERPRISE for many years.

Deadwood

Oroville Register

9-5-1889

Deadwood items.

Last Wednesday, August 28th, 1889, was a day of feasting and dancing at the Deadwood Hospital. It was the second birthday of Dr. Ah Sang's little son and heir, Willie Edgar, or Ten Gow Sang. The doctor extended invitations to friends and neighbors and threw open his house for their pleasure. The programme for the day was a dinner at four, an entertainment at seven, and at nine o'clock dancing till daylight. The patients then present together with the guests numbered nearly one hundred and twenty, and all hands made Father Time smile gaily, and the hours flew swiftly by.

Time usually drags along heavily at the hospital, but the merry-making and presence of bright, fresh faces made many forget their ailments for at least a few hours.

From Pentz to Flea Valley, business matters are progressing at a jog-trot pace. No one is making a great fortune, nor lately discovered a mine or a nugget of gold. But the future looks brilliant and we may yet be able to send a bright record for publication. Q.

Daily Alta California Sept 6, 1889

At the Big Bend tunnel and mine, near Oroville, a project that has for years attracted attention, nothing is being done at present. It is reported that much disappointment has been experienced in the richness of the gravel uncovered. The water supply diverted through the tunnel is valuable, and will be used to irrigate the country that lies south and west, between the foothills and the Sacramento River.

MINING NEWS.

Work of the Week in the Comstock
and Tuscarora Districts.

REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

Shipments of Bullion and Ore—Explora-
tions—Condition of the Local
Stock Market.

The *Virginia Chronicle* says that the Feather river has been diverted from its course near Oroville, at the Big Bend mining location, leaving the original bed of the river free from water for nearly a mile. The gravel in the drained river bed is now being washed by the sluicing process and the returns in coarse gold are said to be very satisfactory to the English shareholders in the property. The river was diverted from its bed by the construction of a

dam which has formed a lake behind it two miles in length, the shores fringed with giant firs, pines and tamarack trees.

The Daily Mercury
9-23-1889

The People vs. Ah Sing is the title of the case occupying the Superior Court to-day. Ah Sing is a China man, a resident of Paradise, and is charged with assaulting one of his countrymen with a knife and cutting him up pretty badly. The altercation between the two coolies was over four dollars.

The Daily Mercury

9-24-1889

The fire is raging this afternoon at Oregon City with increased vigor. A son of Mr. Pierce came in late this afternoon for help as it is feared that the Banner Mine Works, Messrs Duncan, McSmith's and other residences will burn. Several miners' cabins were burned this morning. The fire is now working up the river.

TWO MILLIONS GONE.

Complete Collapse of the Big Bend Mining Company.

Eastern Investors Sink a Pot of Money in the Feather River Scheme.

There Was Gold in the Bed of the Stream,
But the Cost of Removing the Boulders Was Too Great.

BUFFALO, N. Y., September 25th.—One of the largest financial enterprises in which Buffalo speculators ever engaged has practically collapsed and the loss is \$2,000,000. The enterprise was the Big Bend Tunnel and Mining Company, with the principal office in this city and a branch at Big Bend, Butte county, California. The field of operations is at the latter place.

The capital stock of the company is \$20,000,000, of which \$2,000,000 has been paid in and is sunk beyond redemption. The President of the company is Hon. Kay V. Pierce, ex-Congressman and proprietor of a patent medicine concern in this city. Dr. Pierce is the head of the enterprise and owns 60 to 70 per cent of the stock. The shareholders are widely scattered throughout the country.

The Feather river is in Butte county, Cal., and the north fork of the river at the place called Big Bend was considered particularly rich. Five years ago Dr. Pierce's attention was called to these deposits and he organized the Big Bend Tunnel and Mining Company, every shareholder in which confidently expected to become a millionaire. Dr. Pierce's brother-in-law, Dr. L. H. Smith, the treasurer of the company, said last night that the mine was practically a failure. The tunnel constructed to divert the river was a success, but when the river bed dried it was found that the work, so far as getting at the gold deposits was concerned, was only begun. The bed of the river was covered with innumerable boulders, and it was a losing task to secure the gold. One gang of men would strike a rich find, but another would work away at boulders and eat up the profits of the finds. It is hardly probable that anything further will be done in the way of mining, and the only revenue that will be got out of the property will come from the sale of a tract of land, some of which is valuable, including hundreds of acres of good timber.

In the official bulletin announcing the failure of the scheme, Dr. Pierce says: "But after all our efforts, and much as we regret to acknowledge the fact, yet we are quite prepared to admit that at present we see no prospect of realizing our former expectations with respect to these mines."

GENERAL TOPICS.

Collapse of the Big Bend Mining Scheme.

TWO MILLION DOLLARS SUNK.

Rube Burrows Turns Up in Texas.
Another Storm on the New
Jersey Coast.

(Associated Press Dispatches to the HERALD.)

NEW YORK, September 25.—A *Times* special from Buffalo, N. Y., says: One of the largest mining enterprises of late years has collapsed, and the net loss is \$2,000,000. The enterprise alluded to is the Big Bend Tunnel and Mining Company, with its principal office in this city, and a branch at Big Bend, Butte county, California. The field of operations is at the latter place. The capital stock of the company is \$20,000,000. Two millions have been paid in and sunk almost beyond redemption, it is feared by the stockholders. The President of the Company is Hon. Ray V. Pierce, M. D., of this city. Dr. Pierce is at the head of the enterprise, and owns from sixty to seventy per cent of the stock. The shareholders are widely scattered throughout the country, and some of them are doubtless feeling pretty blue over their exploded vision of fabulous wealth to be derived from the possession of stock in the Big Bend scheme.

The Feather river, in Butte county, California, is rich in its deposits of gold, and the north fork of the river, called Big Bend, was always considered particularly rich in the way of gold deposits in its gravelly bed. About five years ago Dr. Pierce organized the Big Bend Tunnel and Mining Company. The scheme was to divert the stream from its natural bed through a huge tunnel, thus exposing the rich gold deposits supposed to be lying along the bottom of the river. The bed has been drained, and contains far more gravel and boulders than gold. So many are the boulders in fact that it costs as much to get them out of the way as the gold found amounts to.

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THE BIG BEND FIZZLE.

President Pierce Denies That the Company Has Collapsed.

WHAT OROVILLE PEOPLE SAY.

The Whole Affair Claimed To Be a Scheme to Concentrate the Stock—Valuable Water Rights.

BUFFALO, September 26th. — Dr. Pierce, President of the Big Bend Tunnel and Mining Company, in a circular to the stockholders announcing the future of the company, says. Since the issue of bulletin No. 1, September 29, 1888, there has been no material change in the prospects developed by our mining operations last year at Big Bend. The vast quantity of boulders uncovered completely handicapped our operations and made them so expensive as to prevent a realization of profit. In fact, in view of the adverse developments of last season's work and the further experience of this season, it is doubtful if our mines ever can be worked at a profit—certainly not at present prices of labor, nor unless some more economical method may hereafter be invented for handling the vast quantity of boulders which exists in the river bed.

Our operations demonstrated the fact that there was a vast quantity of gold in our claims; but in the face of the obstacles mentioned, it seems impossible to extract it at any profit. The total output from our mines last season was \$17,832. This did not pay the cost of actual mining operations. Some of the ground washed was quite rich, and everywhere gold was found to exist in sufficient abundance to have paid largely but for the unexpected obstacles.

"During August of this year," Dr. Pierce says, "the output was about \$2500, but," he adds, "it is doubtful if we shall be able to do much better than pay expenses this season. Everything has been done to operate cheaply and effectively, and everything else likely to facilitate the work that experience could suggest has been done."

In conclusion, he says: "But after all our efforts, and much as we regret to acknowledge the fact, yet we are quite prepared to admit that at present we see no prospect of realizing our former expectations with respect to these mines. Great as is our disappointment at this unfavorable termination of our great undertaking, we at least have the satisfaction of knowing that we were not more at fault in our judgment with these mines than were the most experienced mining experts of the Pacific coast, and that we have been defeated by no fault in management, but by the existence of unfavorable conditions which could not possibly have been foreseen or supposed to exist, and which were only disclosed when the mines were fully opened up by our excavations in the bed of the river."

Dr. Pierce says the statement that the company has collapsed is misleading and uncalled for. The company can pay all its debts if it has any. It is perfectly solvent. "It is true," he says, our expectations have not been realized in the venture, but we have a valuable property, some 4000 acres in territory, which can be utilized to advantage for irrigation and other purposes. The operations were carried out as at first planned, with every prospect of success. But the unlooked for presence of great boulders under the sand changed the entire tendency of the venture, and instead of producing gold at a profit it seems to be a losing operation. We had favorable opinions of some of the best mining authorities in the country, and everything looked favorable for a large return on our investment, but as stated in my circular, we did not find enough gold to pay expenses. Any misstatements are entirely unjustifiable, as the actual condition of affairs has been clearly set forth in the bulletins which have been issued, copies of which have been furnished for publication. If the company was in a state of collapse it would be the duty of the Attorney-General to close up its affairs."

SACRAMENTO, September 26th.—An Oroville special to the *Bee* says: A correspondent of the *Bee* this morning saw Major McLaughlin, who was one of the main instigators of the Big Bend mining enterprise and for many years its manager, but who has not been connected with the scheme for several years. "I don't believe it," were the Major's first words after perusing the telegram regarding the failure of the scheme. "It is impossible that the Big Bend mine is a failure. I know the mine is taking out \$7 to \$8 to each pick in free gold, and this does not look like the mine was not paying, and you will notice that whenever mention of the failure of the mine is made there is no reference whatever to the wonderful supply of water belonging to the Big Bend Tunnel Company, which, for irrigating purposes, is worth millions of dollars in itself. Dr. Pierce knows this, as does every land-owner in the upper part of the Sacramento Valley. He has an idea of bringing this vast treasure to the foothills in a canal, and in carrying out this idea has gone so far as to have the proposed route for the ditch surveyed from the mouth of the tunnel to Oroville."

"The dispatch is very cleverly worded and states the condition of things as it appears to a person not interested in the mine or not conversant with the facts. It is the general belief here that this dispatch was sent at the instigation of Dr. Pierce and his associates, merely to cause a drop in stocks, so that the Doctor could buy up the whole concern. There is no plausible reason why the Big Bend mine is a failure. People here don't believe it."

THE BIG BEND CLAIM.

**Comment on the Reported Failure of the
Great Project.**

SAN FRANCISCO, September 28th.—All mining men who know anything about the matter agree that there is something mysterious about the reported failure of mining prospects at the Big Bend tunnel, in Butte county. The explanation given out in a late circular to stockholders by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, is considered somewhat singular. That bowlders are in the river channel was expected. A smooth river bed would be a bad indication for gold prospects. The bowlders act as riffles and catch the gold that is washed down. Again, it is argued that this discovery of obstructions must have been made when the river was first diverted, about a year ago. Mining has been going on steadily for several months.

The Superintendent of the mine brought, a few weeks since, a lot of gold to Oroville valued at about \$3,000. The immense water flow through the great tunnel remains of value, even though mining should not pay. The incorporated articles of the company specify that the water rights are for "mining, irrigating, domestic or manufacturing purposes." It is a fact not generally known that a large lot of the 200,000 shares of stock is owned by newspaper men in different parts of the country.

The stock in many cases was given in pay for advertising. It is said that W. J. Arkell of *Judge*, William Wise of *Harper's Weekly* and others are interested. Among Buffalo merchants who own stock are Messrs. Holland, Van Vleck, Roberts and DeGraff. It is estimated by local mining men that the work performed at Big Bend has already cost \$800,000. That the electric outfit put in by the Sprague Company should have been taken out, and yet mining continued since then is regarded as singular. Altogether the comments made on the reported proposed abandonment of the claim and the objects of such action are not complimentary to the management.

11-26-1889

THE DAILY MERCURY.

TUESDAY EVENING.....NOV. 20, 1889

Justice Court Notes.

Mrs. Mary Cowan, of Yankee Hill, has had Frank Ayres, of the same place, arrested on a charge of larceny. Mrs. Cowan avers that Ayers stole from her a quantity of lumber. The case will come up in Justice Leonard's Court on next Tuesday. Constable Dan Parks went to Flea Valley to-day in search of witnesses.

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