

Oroville Register

1-16-1890

A National Flower.

The selection of a national flower has again and again interested the public mind with no definite result. Individual choice may be varied and therefore confusing and unsatisfactory. If the decision were left to the masses, we believe it would naturally and with common consent fall upon the flower which in all ages and climes has been designated the queen of flowers, the rose. In loveliness it is the standard of beauty and before it all other flowers are brought to judgment. The muses have deified the rose. Every gentle feeling, every exquisite thought, love, affection, is embodied in the rose. 'Tis absurd to say "the rose by any other name would smell as sweet," for there is an inspiration—a sentiment in its rich perfume that belies the accusation. Let the rose, the queen of flowers, grace the brow of Columbia; let its fragrance be the incense of loyalty upon the altar of Liberty; let its sweetness and purity be as leaven to exalt with enduring life the cause of freedom.

MRS. S. S. PENCE.

Daily Mercury

1-18-1890

Lunas, the man from Oregon City, who was arrested for assault with his hatchet, had his preliminary examination yesterday before Justice Bliss and was held to answer in bonds of \$100. District Attorney Freer and W. E. Duncan Jr. appeared for the people and W. J. Herrin for the defense. It was a lively preliminary.

The Daily Mercury

Feb 4, 1890

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Feb. 3, 1890.

Superintendent Braddock notified the Board that Swan, Beecher and Big Bend School Districts, have lapsed by operation of law, not having the requisite number of scholars.

The petition of H. Hazelbush and others in regard to road through Fernandez Grant was heard and taken under advisement.

A petition from citizens of Centerville and vicinity in regard to change in road from Chico to Centerville was received and filed.

A remonstrance against road in R. D. No. 1, through lands of J. W. Conant received and filed.

\$10 per month aid from Jan. 1st, 1890 was granted to Mrs. S. S. Blackford payable to Mrs. Samuel Eicher.

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WOND'ROUS LINIMENT !

A GREAT

California :-: Remedy !

CURES

Backache, Headache, Toothache,

RHEUMATISM,

Neuralgia, :: Sprains, :: Bruises,

Lameness, Swellings, Chilblains,

SORE THROAT AND COLDS

Cramps, Cholera-Morbus Convulsions.

It cures when all others fail. For sale by
NORTON & EKMAN, Oroville. 50 cents and
\$1 per bottle. 21-dw-1yr

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2-20-1890

On the ranch of C. L. Durban in Mesilla Valley there is a vast ledge of what is known as fireplace rock. It is so soft that when first taken from the ground it can be cut with an ax or any sharp tool, but possesses the remarkable property of withstanding intense heat. In this respect it is preferable to firebrick, for it is much more durable. Mr. Durban has a fireplace built of this rock that has been in use for thirty years, yet the heat has made no impression upon it during all those years. If this were near a line of railroad where it could be handled it would make an invaluable material for vaults, and other places where security against fire is desirable for the most intense heat does not affect it.

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2-27-1890

Dr. Ah Sang, the well known China Doctor of Deadwood in this County has purchased the J. Wentworth Sarel place on the Forbestown road, and will establish a sanitarium at that place. The altitude is a couple of hundred feet higher than Hurleton, and is one of the healthiest spots in the foothills.

Chico Weekly Enterprise

2-28-1890

Chinese Blackmail.

Dr. Ah Sang was in San Francisco last Monday, accompanied by his wife, and had rooms at a house on the corner of Dupont and Clay streets. About eight o'clock Monday night, a Chinaman named Lew Cheong, a notorious highbinder, paid the Doctor a visit and demanded \$50 as a ransom, at the same time presenting a pistol at the Doctor's head. Mrs. Ah Sang threw up the window and blew a police whistle, when Cheong left. The police arrived but could find no trace of the highbinder, so the affair was reported to the Chief and Detectives Cox and Glennon were detailed on the matter.

The Doctor and wife reached Chico yesterday and left for Deadwood in the evening.

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3-6-1890

R. M. Green a few days since rented a new house that he has lately built to Mr. Andy Rapp who will move his family here from Cherokee. As Mr. Rapp has a number of children he moves here just in time to add to the census list of Oroville.

Curtis, Charles S.

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3-13-1890

Charles S. Curtis whose home was near Pentz, crossed the dark river of death on Sunday last at the ripe old age of eighty-one years. He lived long among the citizens of Butte, he was well known and he left a good name, what more could be asked from any man? He did his part in life nobly and well. He was an earnest, useful, honest, industrious man who lived to see his sons and daughters middle aged people. Two of his sons reside in Butte, a son and daughter live in Maine, and one son is a Captain in the United States army. The funeral took place last Sunday and Rev. Jesse Wood, his friend and neighbor performed the funeral ceremonies. Mr. Curtis and the editor's father were residents of the same locality in the Pine Tree State and came to California in the same year. Years before we knew him personally, we heard his name mentioned by his old school mate in the most kind and brotherly manner as a good man and excellent citizen. May his name live long in the memory of his old friends and their children.

Curtis, Charles Stubbs

Chico Weekly Chronicle-Record

3-15-1890

DEATH OF C. S. CURTIS.

One of Butte County's Oldest Pioneers Crosses the River.

Charles Stubbs Curtis, one of Butte county's oldest pioneers, died at his residence near Pentz yesterday morning. Father Curtis, as he was familiarly known, enjoyed excellent health for an octogenarian until within the last two months, when he failed rapidly and some two or three weeks ago called in the services of Dr. Rodley, of Chico. The doctor afforded him so much relief, it was hoped by his family that he might remain with them quite a while yet, but a return of the disease brought on the fatal termination.

Father Curtis was a native of Maine, residing with his family through all the earlier years of his life near Augusta, on the Kennebec, where he pursued his trade as a ship caulker. Early in the fifties he came to California and established himself on the West Branch of the Feather river, at Nelson's Bar, where he put in a ferry boat and ran it for many years. During the last eighteen years he has resided in the families of his sons Joseph G. and Henry S. near the same place.

His wife, a noble and most excellent woman, preceded him to the future home some year ago and her grave is near the place of their residence. Of their six children, one son has also died. Of the others, a daughter and son reside in Maine. Another son is a captain in the United States Army. Henry S. resides at Concow, and Joseph G. near Pentz.

Father Curtis was a man of strong character, steady as a clock, faithful and honest in all his affairs and possessed many admirable traits, all of the more quiet, retiring and homeloving kind.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his son, Joseph G. Curtis, to-day at 1 o'clock, and Rev. Jesse Wood, of Chico, has been summoned to officiate.

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FOR SALE.

OLIVET RANCH.

140 Acres

FRUIT AND GRAZING LAND,

**Entirely Covered by Irrigating
Ditches.**

500 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD OLIVE TREES, the thriftiest young olive grove in the county. 200 Peach Trees. fruit of unequalled size and flavor; 1,000 Raisin Grapes; Family Orchard comprises Apples, Pears, Apricots, Nectarines, Plums, Prunes, Cherries, Quinces, Figs, Blackberries, Strawberries, Currants, Gooseberries, etc. New Two-story House handsomely built and durable, Barn, Sheds, Chicken House, Blacksmith Shop with Tools, Corral. Site Healthy and Picturesque. Good Water. Elevation about 1,200 feet. Terms low and favorable.

Apply at this office or to

J. G. CURTIS.
Pentz, Cal.

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The residence of David Wilson near Cherokee, was burned on last Thursday and with all the contents, as Mr. Wilson was away from home and but little could be saved.

Quincy Stage Route.

JAMES PARKER, DRIVER.

Depth of Snow on the Ground March 4th.

	ALTITUDE,	SNOW.	
		feet	in.
Hart's Mills.....	920	....	10
Berry Creek	2015	2	...
Mountain House.....	2505	11	...
Merrimac	3930	16	...
Buckeye	4055	20	..
Letter Box	5750	35	.....
Buck's Ranch... ..	5000	30	.....
Toll Gate.....	4518	15	...
Meadow Valley.....	3825	13	.....
Quincy.. ..	3475	10	.....

Forbestown Stage Route.

FRED MORSE, DRIVER.

Depth of snow on the ground March 4th

Hurelton	1560	....	14
Robinson Mills	2575	7	...
Forbestown.....	2800	9	.....
Woodville.....	2970	12	.....
Strawberry Valley.....	3640	16	.....
Laporte	5550	35	.....

Susanville Stage Route.

SIM GARBER, DRIVER.

Depth of snow on the ground March 4th.

Paradise	1917	2	6
Magalia.	2350	4	6
Lovelocks.....	2690	9	.....
Powelton.....	3000	14	.....
Inskip	4808	18	.....
Chaparral	5083	35	.....
Gravel Range.....	6360	45	.....

Lumpkin Stage Route.

THOS. DOOLEY, DRIVER.

Depth of snow on the ground March 4th.

Mooretown.	2870	7	.....
Lumpkin.....	3710	11	6
Fall River.....	3550	18	.....
Cascade	4060	25	.....

Deadwood Stage Route.

SAMUEL WOOLEVER, DRIVER,

Depth of snow on the ground March 4th.

Yankee Hill	2735	1	6
Deadwood.....	2700	1	8
Spanish town.....	2750	2

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4-3-1890

Dr. Ah Sang is making some extensive improvements at his new place near Hurleton. He will build as soon as the weather is settled a new building two stories high and sixty feet in length, with a large addition upon one side the full length of the building. The telephone line from here will be repaired and put in good condition so that instant communication can be had with this town at all hours. It will be some weeks yet ere the place is ready for occupation.

Daily Mercury

4-26-1890

YANKEE HILL MINES.

**Rich Quartz Mines Being Developed
in that Section.**

For several years the MERCURY has been encouraging quartz mines in the vicinity of Yankee Hill, in this county, by repeating that the quartz in that neighborhood is rich in gold.

Now comes reliable information from the Rainbow Mine, that is owned by the Wellington Bros. and Messers. McIntyre and Morgan, that in the steam quartz mill they recently erected they have crushed fabulously rich rock. The first clean-up they had \$1,875; second 92 ounces; third \$1,000, and in the three runs the rock averaged \$45 per ton. The ledge is three feet wide, is soft milling rock, and the owners of the mine, all young men, have a fortune in sight and richly deserve all they get.

In the same vicinity A. Christy has recently discovered a fine ledge and took fifteen tons of the Rainbow Mill. It yielded \$400 in gold.

The above facts go to show that there are yet rich ledges in the Yankee Hill district, and there is no reason for supposing that the two mentioned are the only ones. The quartz mines near Merrimac, Enterprise and at Forbestown are also paying handsomely, all of which goes to show that there are millions still locked in the "rock-ribbed and ancient slides" of the Sierra Nevadas.

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5-1-1890

Cherokee and Back.

On Monday, in company with Dr. J. H. Karsner and wife, Dr. D. B. Karsner and wife, the two latter of Philadelphia, Mrs. Belle Kerr, ye editor and his better half, took a trip to Cherokee and back. The day was delightful and with J. H. Preston for a driver excellent time was made.

The country by way of Wick's ranch and Pentz looked its best and newly planted orchards and vineyards in Thermalito and vicinity mark some fine improvements. At three places upon the road we saw ranchers cutting hay though it was only in April. The fruit trees appeared loaded with young fruit and all looked well except the peaches which were affected with curl leaf. There is promise of a fair but not heavy hay crop through the section that we traversed. At Pentz the alfalfa stood thick and rank on the ground and appeared ready for the mowing machine.

Cherokee lacks life and vigor and its best days have past and gone unless the Spring Valley mine is changed into a drift mine so as to give employment to a large number of men. The burnt districts in Cherokee have not been replaced except by a few buildings, and thus wide gaps appear on the street, especially in lower town. We paid a visit to the mine where we found twenty men using four monitors washing down the gravel and clay. We never saw the power of water demonstrated in a more forcible manner than in this instance where the mighty streams were thrown 200 feet upon the soft bed rock tearing it up as though it were made of pasteboard. Driving up through the town we visited the office of the company and spent half an hour with Superintendent Gregory. He showed us a handful of amalgam that he said was worth about \$320 while another lot in an iron bucket was valued at a much greater sum. Some large specimens of pure gold and also a large yellow diamond were shown us. Mr. Gregory says that this is the only place in the United States where diamonds have ever been found.

He further stated that since work began in this mine there has been over ten millions in gold taken from it. During the past winter but little has been done as owing to the long continued rains large quantities of pipe clay kept sliding in from the top and prevented them from working the pay dirt. While we were in his office Mr. Gregory received a telegram stating that John Welch a former well known and prominent resident of Cherokee, had died suddenly at Gridley.

We continued our ride on toward Oregon City, passing the fine and thrifty vineyards of Jas. Anderson and Smith Brothers, and then stopped beside a clear stream and beneath handsome oaks for a sumptuous and elegant lunch to which all did full justice. The leather medal for the champion eater we felt certain should have been voted to Dr. D. B. Karsner, but he, being a visitor, and in a strange land, it was thought best not to insist upon his wearing it.

The ride home down the sides of Table Mountain developed many new beauties, even to one who had been over the road many times. The dark and frowning cliffs of the mountain, picturesque views of Feather river, and the grand snow-clad Sierras in the distance, all formed pleasing scenes. All along the road there was a great profusion of wild flowers and several handsome boquets were gathered. The ride was most enjoyable and we felt that the country was an inviting one especially at the present time. To the strangers it presents some interesting spots for the flume hung along the great cliffs of the mountain, the scene of early Indian raids, the locality of the murder of the beautiful young girl at Cherokee—Miss Susie McDaniel, the great mountain slides in the Hendricks mine, and other noted features were pointed out by different members of the party. If our driver now and then added a story that was so marvelous the oldest resident was puzzled to remember it, they did not in the least detract from the full enjoyment of the manner in which they were related. At 5:30 p. m., we crossed the Feather bridge and reached our homes all well pleased with our drive to Cherokee and back.

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A letter to the *Enterprise* from Deadwood, says that Aleck Carpenter of Chico, is making out the plans for the new sanitarium for the China doctor, that it will contain 100 rooms and cost \$75,000. That a store is to be built, a post office and several cottages and that a number of Chico carpenters are engaged to do the work. Is there not some mistake about the above item? We simply ask for information? Dr. Ah Sang has recently purchased a place near Hurleton, is making some extensive improvements there, but the work is being done by carpenters from this town. The doctor has published advertisements that he is going to remove to the new place in June. It strikes us that the two items don't "jibe."

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More Slickens.

May 21st, 1890.

Cherokee is not dead yet, sometimes it goes to sleep or gets dull, but we will live yet. A company are talking of putting up a quartz mill to work the vast body of cement here. The cement is very hard and sun, nor rain, nor time will slack it, so a company contemplate the erection of a stamp mill, as the cement contains gold and will pay well.

Men working on the flat independently take out about \$2,000 per week, and the Spring Valley Company are working some men so that things move on slowly. School will be out in two weeks more. On the 30th of May we are anticipating a large time. Flag raising at the school-house in the morning and picnic the rest of the day. Everybody will be there with their girl. Everybody will bring plenty of eatables and we will have a good time and if any of you hungry fellows will come up from Oroville we will fill you.

Every paper has a slate; we have one. Our candidatial announcements are: M. H. Wells, Yankee Hill, weight 275, Assemblyman. Wm. James, weight 200, Sheriff. Mike Doon, weight 210, Supervisor. Henry Bader, weight unknown, Sheriff or Supervisor. Myself, weight 90, anything at all. Se you see that our climate produces good, solid men, solid in intellect, in pocket, and in avoirdupois. My candidates have all announced themselves so far and if any one comes along and says that his friends wish to announce him, that fellow will die.

The Portuguese Company started two fellows to Oroville with their bullion last week. When they arrived at Pentz they found their gold—about \$4,500—missing. Wasn't there a bustle for a while? They found it in the road near Cherokee where it had fallen out of the buggy.

There is an item in my paper like this, "Lost or strayed, one S. S. Hague. If found, send him home."

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Homo.

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5-29-1890

Census Questions.

Each land owner will be obliged to answer the following questions when the coming census is taken. There are 140 separate questions to be answered;

1. Your name as occupant of the farm, 2. Are you owner, renter for money, or for share of the crops of the farm? 3. Are you white or black? 4. Number of acres of land, improved and unimproved. 5. Acres irrigated. 6. Number of artesian wells flowing. 7. Value of farm, buildings, implements, machinery and live stock. 8. Fences: Cost of building and repairing. 9. Cost of fertilizers. 10. Labor: Amounts paid for labor including board; weeks of hired labor, white or black. 11. Products, Estimated value of all farm productions sold, consumed, or on hand for 1889. 12. Forestry: Amount of wood cut and value of all forest products sold. 13. Grasslands: Acres of each kind of grasslands cut for hay or pastured; tons of hay and straw sold; clover and grass seeds produced and sold; silos and their capacity. 14. Sugar: Cane, sorghum, maple and beet; sugar and molasses; acres, product and value of each. 15. Castor beans, acres. 16. Cerals: Barley, buckwheat, Indian corn, oats, rye, wheat; acres, crop, amount of each sold and consumed, and value. 17. Rice: Acres crop and value. 18. Tobacco: Acres, crop, amount sold, and value. 19. Peas and beans: Bushels and value of crop sold. 20. Peanuts: Acres, bushels, and value. 21. Hops: Acres, pounds, and value. 22. Fibers: Cotton, flax and hemp; acres, crop and value. 23. Broom corn: Acres, pounds and value. 24. Live stock: horses, mules and asses; number on hand June 1, 1890; number foaled in 1889; number sold in 1889; number died in 1889. 25. Number on hand June 1, 1890, of "One wool," "long wool," and "all other;" number of lambs dropped in 1889; "spring lambs" sold in 1889; sold in 1889 other than "spring lambs;" slaughtered for use on farm in 1889; killed by dogs in 1889; died from other causes in 1889. 26. Wool: Shorn spring of 1890 and fall of 1889. 27. Goats: Number of Angora and common. 28. Dogs:

On farm June 1, 1890. 29. Neat cattle: Working oxen, milch cows, and other cattle on hand June 1st, 1890; number of pure bred, grade and common; calves dropped in 1889; cattle sold in 1889, slaughtered for use on the farm, and died in 1889. 30. Dairy: Milk—total gallons produced on farm; sold for use in families; sent to creamery or factory; used on farm, including for butter or cheese; used on farm in raising cream for sale, including for creamery or factory. Butter—pounds made on farm and sold in 1889. Cream—quarts sent to creamery or factory; sold other than to creamery or factory. Cheese—pounds made on farm and sold in 1889. 31. Swine: Number on hand June 1, 1890; sold in 1889; consumed on farm and died in 1889. 32. Poultry: Number each of chickens, turkeys, geese, and ducks on hand June 1, 1890; value of all poultry products sold; eggs produced, sold and value in 1889. 33. Bees: Number of stands, pounds of honey and wax produced and sold, and value. 34. Onions: Field crop—number of acres, bushels produced and sold, and value. 35. Potatoes: Sweet and Irish; bushels produced and sold. 36. Market gardens and small fruits; Number of acres in vegetables, blackberries, cranberries, raspberries, strawberries and other small fruits, and total value of products in 1889. 37. Vegetable and fruits for canning. Number of acres, and products in bushels, of peas and beans, green corn, tomatoes, other vegetables and fruits. 38. Orchards: Apples, apricots, cherries, peaches, pears, plums, and prunes, and other orchard fruits; in each the number of acres, crop in 1889, number of bearing trees, number of young trees not bearing, and value of orchard products sold. 39. Vineyards: Number of acres in vines bearing and in young vines not bearing; products of grapes and raisins, and value in 1889.

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6-5-1890

A Visit to Mesilla Valley Lodge.

Last Saturday evening will long be remembered by many members of Northern Star Lodge, No. 207, I. O. G. T., of Oroville, as one of the pleasantest evenings it has ever been their good fortune to enjoy. Sixteen of us visited the Lodge at Pentz, eleven of whom composed our Parlor Minstrel Troupe and who went in Gale's pleasure wagon. The rest of the party went in private conveyances and all arrived at Pentz at about half-past eight o'clock after a very pleasant ride. The early evening was cool and showery, but as the great black clouds rolled away toward the mountains they revealed their "silver lining," and a most beautiful sun-set followed. The western sky gleamed with gold and silver tints, while the clouds in the east were suffused with a brilliant scarlet glow. Long after the sun had set the summit of one cottony-looking cloud, flushed a soft warm pink, so that it looked like a high, snow covered mountain with the peaks flushed with a sun set glow. Some of us enjoyed the novelty of riding along in a heavy shower of rain with the sun shining all about us, forming a rainbow so near by that we were tempted to search for the fabulous pot of gold supposed to be found where the rainbow meets the ground. But the gold in the sky was much more beautiful than that which has passed through the mint.

We were warmly received by the members of Mesilla Valley Lodge, and after the usual routine of business the stage was prepared and Northern Star's Minstrel Troupe occupied the remainder of the evening in a very entertaining manner, covering themselves with glory and evidently giving much pleasure to their appreciative audience. The programme consisted mainly of solos, and choruses, among which were several plantation melodies as well as other beautiful songs, with a sprinkling of those that were decidedly humorous. There were also several readings and recitation, and the stump speech was simply immense. The two who represented "gentlemen of color" could not have done better if they had been the genuine article. After the performance was over, we were all invited to partake of a banquet of many kinds of delicious cake with steaming hot coffee which was very acceptable as the evening was cool and we were hungry after our long ride. So we are sure the kindness of the good people of Mesilla Valley Lodge was fully appreciated by all. When we started for home we found that the clouds had rolled away allowing the moon to shine out in full splendor, so that the ride home was most enjoyable. The following are those who went from Oroville: Misses Gertrude Pierson, Edith Douglas, Belle Keifer, Bertha Downer, May Welden, Nellie Tucker, Ruby Rutherford, and Linda Tolles; Messrs. Chas. Topping, A. A. Sollman, E. E. Kusel, H. Lockwood, L. Parlin, H. Downer, J. S. Tolles and W. Tucker. **TEMPLAR.**

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6-12-1890

The grasshoppers did some damage for Smith Bros., at Oregon City, but by the use of bran soaked in a strong solution of arsenic, the pests were killed by the millions. Those who are being troubled with these insects will find this an effectual remedy.

It is claimed that Dr. Ah Sang of Deadwood bought the Sarel place near Hurleton and paid \$250 upon it, but afterwards concluded not to take the place. He has been sued for the remainder of the payments he was to make by M. J. Green, the assignee of the Saral estate.

Dr. Ah Sang at Deadwood draws a good many patients to his sanitarium, but it is partly owing to the character of the place, its high altitude and pure water. If an American doctor were to establish a rural retreat in the hills of this county, and liberally advertise its advantages he could within a few years build up a very lucrative practice.

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6-19-1890

Along in the spring just when the Banner mine was ready to take out gold, a command came from the company in the East to shut down the mine, this meant a heavy loss, for the shafts were deep and would quickly fill with water. The mill must be closed however and so the orders were obeyed. Now after letting the mine fill up word has come to pump it out and so for the past ten days the engine has been running and the great pumps lifting an enormous quantity of water and in a few weeks the mine will be dry and the men will be ready to take out rich quartz. This is a good mine and one that will pay well when worked, and we hope from this time forward the gold will come out steadily, for we are satisfied that the owners have a good property when it is run under Mr. Duncan's management.

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Several years ago the two story house of Mary Cowan at Flea valley burned down. The Pnoenix Insurance Co. refused to pay the loss. The suit has been in the courts for the past three years and each time Mrs. Cowan wins. The last decicion was this week and was as usual in her favor.

The Yankee Hill region is coming to the front as a rich qartz mining locality.

7-16-1890

THE DAILY MERCURY.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.....JULY 16, 1890

A GRAND SCHEME.

Centralization of the Irrigating Waters of Eastern Butte.

A deed was placed on record in the County Recorder's Office to-day conveying the Snow ditch, at Paradise, and its splendid right from A. A. Nickerson to Major Frank McLaughlin. It is a very valuable property.

In conversation with several gentlemen of Oroville, who are in a position to know what they are talking about, a MERCURY reporter learned that there has been formed a company for the centralization of the waters of the Snow ditch, the Flea Valley ditch, emanating from the West Branch of Feather river, and the Morgan ditch coming from Little Butte Creek. These waters will be brought to a grand center, or combined with the Miocene ditch at its head dam. The combined waters represent 9,000 inches and will be diverted in a canal as large as the West Branch of the Feather, and, it is presumed, will be brought down the present course of the Miocene; enormous iron pipes will take the place of the wooden flumes and serve as a means of carriage for the immense body of water.

It is evident that this company intends, if possible, to control the water for irrigating the entire Eastern and Southern portions of Butte. And they can do it, as they represent millions of dollars. The water rights they now possess are worth \$1,000,000, at least.

With Eastern and Southern Butte assured of these grand irrigation facilities, and a possibility that a part will flood the plains to the south of Oroville, by the assistance of Merrill & Shoven, every acre in our citrus belt will produce its wealth of fruit.

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7-24-1890

Mrs. Waldeyer and daughters have gone to Yankee Hill to escape from the heat of the valley.

The family of S. E. Bell at Pentz have been very ill lately, and we learn that a number of other families have also been sick. It is thought that the slickens of the Cherokee Company have caused the trouble as most of the cases are chills and fever.

Heavy fires have been raging a part of this week near Oregon Gulch and reports on Tuesday stated that the Banner mine was in danger. The loss in feed will be severely felt by owners of cattle.

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7-31-1890

Working Cement.

In this county there are vast deposits of cement that have long been thought rich enough to pay well to work. Hitherto all attempts to get the gold have proved failures. In an early day a mill was started at or near Bangor and run for some time. Owing to the great number and extreme hardness of the rocks which were contained in the cement, the mill was finally stopped. On top the cement paid well but deeper down the pay grew less. It was thought the pay streak had been passed through, but the miners did not begin again nearer the surface on account of the difficulty they had in working the very hard rocks. Twenty or more years ago Captain Darrah and Thos. Gallow took a large quantity of cement from the deep beds of it, near old Lynchburg, mile south of Oroville, and attempted to work it by a steam process at a saw mill which was running at the upper end of town. After a two months' trial they gave up the effort as unprofitable. Attempts are now being made to successfully work the rich cement in the Cherokee mine. There are vast deposits of it there and it is said to contain from six to eight dollars a ton in gold. Should they be able to grind this up successfully and obtain the gold it will induce the building of a mill at once. Several parties from San Francisco have leased ground at Cherokee and are now putting up machinery to test this deposit. Should the tests be successful they will open a wide field for profitable gold production.

Work has been begun at Cherokee upon what may prove to be an important enterprise. Five or six parties have begun a test for working the cement in the Cherokee mine. They leased a tract of land and are putting up machinery to grind up and work the cement. Whether successful or not depends entirely upon the amount of gold contained in the cement. Should it pay them we may expect to see large mills put up in a short time. If is a failure the owners will lose but little. We hope to see this enterprise prove a profitable one for all interested.

Holliday & Co. are opening a rich quartz ledge on Stony Creek. This stream empties into the North Fork near Big Bend. They have run a tunnel 145 feet, sunk a shaft forty-five feet deep, and tapped the ledge fifty feet below the surface. The ledge is four and a half feet wide, and about one-third of the rock is decomposed quartz. Several capitalists have been up to examine the ledge, and it is likely the company will sell out as liberal offers have been made.

DR. AH SANG OF DEADWOOD.

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A Wonderful Physician who tells all Diseases by
Feeling the Pulse.

All sorts of odd and strange stories are related of Dr. Ah Sang, the Chinese physician at Deadwood in this county. Some of these may prove interesting reading for his methods of treatment are striking and peculiar.

When a patient needs his services he asks no questions, does not examine the tongue or have him detail the symptoms of his disease. The doctor tries the right wrist and then the left and without a moment's hesitation he tells what disease ails the individual.

Some illustrations of this will show how accurate he is:

He was once called to see J. B. Rider of this town. He found him in bed well covered with blankets. Taking a seat near the sufferer Dr. Ah Sang took his hand and after carefully testing the pulse said, "Your liver is inactive, you lack vitality, your feet swell greatly," and so on with all the symptoms of his disease. On being asked if he could cure him he promptly replied "yes," and in a short time Mr. Rider was up and about. Called to see Horace Crandall on the same day he tested the right pulse and exclaimed quickly, "You have a sharp pain there," and placed his hand on the exact spot on his side where Crandall for days had complained of a severe pain. Taking the other hand he tried the pulse an instant and asked "How long have you been paralyzed?" Mr. Crandall was in bed at the time and had not spoken. To relieve the pain he gave some medicine that he said would cause only one side of the body to perspire. To the surprise of all, the medicine did have the effect that he stated it would. While one side of the patient's body was scarcely moist, the perspiration ran in streams from the other side. Both men were strangers to the doctor at that time.

Some months since a resident of Berry Creek went with a prominent merchant of this town to see the doctor. He had no faith in a Chinese doctor and did not believe he could help him. He went simply because other physicians had failed to relieve him. On reaching the doctor's office he took a seat and held out his wrist without a word of explanation. Hardly had the doctor tried the pulse than he said, "That bandage on your leg is too tight." The man stooped down and began to roll up the bottom of his pantaloons. "The other leg, sir," said the doctor in a sharp tone for the man had tried to non-plus him by attempting to exhibit the wrong leg.

A prominent lady of Yuba County became one of his patients after trying the leading physicians in San Francisco. In speaking of Dr. Ah Sang she said "I had no faith in him and when I went to Deadwood meant to mislead him if possible. I wanted to see if he really knew what ailed me. I had severe and long continued trouble with my stomach. I did not tell him the slightest thing about myself but left him to find out as best he could. Taking my hand he tried the pulse and in a moment or two he described my symptoms better and more accurately than I could have done. The second or third night I passed at Deadwood I suffered greatly. In the morning I thought, now is a good opportunity of trying the doctor. I called a smile to my face and humming a merry tune went to his office. Hardly had I opened the door and entered than he glanced up. He instantly rose to his feet and coming toward me cried, 'Mrs. — you have passed a very bad night. Here drink this, your stomach is burning like fire.' He was correct and from that time forward I was a believer in his skill. He eventually greatly relieved me."

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A boy was shot at Chico through his hand. The upper part of the hand was blown away leaving the palm and fingers. The physicians said the hand must be amputated. Having heard of Dr. Ah Sang's wonderful skill the boy refused to have his hand removed and started for Deadwood that night. He reached the place before daylight and roused the doctor. An examination was made. "I can save it" said he. As soon as it was light a pig was killed, the warm leaf lard removed, and the hand wrapped up in this. The same treatment was continued for nine days. The hand was saved and the boy can now use the fingers of that hand almost as readily as those of his other hand.

A lad at Cherokee received the contents of a shot-gun in his foot. Two physicians examined it. The foot must be cut off at once they said. The father took the boy to Deadwood. "In six months he wear his shoe again," said Dr. Ah Sang. The foot was saved and in seven months the boy was wearing his shoe as usual. He is now a resident of that place and his father is a well-known citizen of that place but does not want his name published.

In a fight a young man had a finger bitten. Blood poison set in. Two doctors said the finger must be cut off. "Cut the finger, then the hand, then the arm, then the man die," said Dr. Ah Sang. He began with a series of poultices and these were kept up till at the end of many weeks the hand and finger were both saved.

A young woman had a bone drawn from her limb by the steady and continued application of medicine. The doctors in San Francisco to whom she showed it were incredulous. No person in the world could do that said they. Twenty people at Deadwood however could swear to the whole circumstances.

In cases of sores or of broken bones Dr. Ah Sang probably has no superior in the world. He undertakes the most desperate cases yet meets with remarkable success. In sickness he prepares his own medicines. These are generally pills almost as large as walnuts. The outside appears to be bees-wax and inside of this is a smaller pill. The patient thinks he would as soon try a small loaf of bread as one of these gigantic pills. They must be chewed up to be swallowed.

One more illustration of the Doctor's skill. Last summer John Jones went from here to see him. Jones had been drinking impure water and the Doctor told him there were three snakes in his stomach. "If you drink no whiskey I can cure," said Dr. Ah Sang. He gave Jones some medicine and cautioned him about his eating and drinking. "You vomit up, maybe one, two, maybe all three snakes." A few hours later two horrid black things three or four inches long of snake-like form were thrown up. They were saved and shown to the Doctor. The pulse was tried. "There is one more," said he. I give you some medicine but you must not touch whiskey."

Jones felt very much better. He took the medicine, one of the mammoth pills, and then went to see some friends. That night he got to drinking and before morning suddenly died.

Dr. Ah Sang has performed hundreds of miraculous cures. His name is known far and near. Patients come from all parts of the State to consult him and in most instances they are greatly benefitted. His hospital at Deadwood averages from thirty to forty patients all the time. He is a plain, unassuming man, quick of speech and very intelligent. Many think he is a mind reader and performs his wonderful cures by means of this power. He has been very successful and fully deserves the reputation he has gained.

An Atrocious Murder.

One of the most cold-blooded and atrocious murders that ever happened in Butte County took place near Pentz on Sunday or Monday last. One Louie Billard, a Frenchman about sixty years of age, had been left in charge of the property of Thos. Lockerman near Pentz, while the family were in the mountains. A party of Chinamen were working upon a portion of the Miocene ditch and camped close to the orchard. Billard found the men were stealing the fruit and chickens and tried to prevent them. It is said that on Sunday he had words with the Chinese about their actions and it is thought that one of the men, who is said to be a worthless fellow, unwilling to do his share of work, went to the house and murdered Louie.

From Dr. Benjamin, who visited the spot with Coroner Guidery, we learn that there were no less than eight distinct wounds upon the head of the murdered man. These were made with a hatchet or some similar implement. Four of these were in the right temple and penetrated the brain. Others were on the back and top of the head. A rope was found around the man's neck, but there was no mark on the neck as though it had been drawn tight. The Doctor's theory is that the Chinaman had thrown the rope around his victim and pinioned his arms by his side thus rendering him incapable of resistance. The rope used was a single strand taken from a piece of large three strand rope. It was found that the Chinaman had a piece of large rope from which one strand had been taken and it was also learned that he had used this single strand to carry boxes with. A hatchet was found that had recently been scoured and filed very bright as though to get rid of any blood stains. It is known that the Chinaman who is now under arrest had on Monday washed a pair of overalls to get rid of blood stains. He said the blood had been on them from fighting with his cousin. It is believed that the right man has been arrested. He evidently went to the house in the evening, found the old and feeble Frenchman alone and murdered him in a spirit of revenge.

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In this issue appears the announcement of Samuel Mullen for the office of Road Overseer in this district. Mr. Mullen is well known to the electors of this district, he has lived here many years, he has served in the capacity of Road Overseer one or more terms and no word of introduction upon our part would be of service to him. He hopes to receive the nomination, he means to work for it, and if nominated he will put his shoulder to the wheel and do all he can for himself and every other man upon the ticket.

The Spring Valley Quartz Mine so long operated by John Nesbit near Oregon City began crushing quartz on Monday last. Gen. Geo. B. Tolman is Superintendent of this mine and is a quartz miner of much experience. Thirty-two years ago he was mining in Butte for a short time and now he returns to it to take charge of the mine we have named. About twenty men will be kept at work and twenty tons of ore a day will be crushed. The mine has been extensively prospected, a tunnel having been run in 340 feet with drifts from it both north and south along the ledge for six hundred feet. It is estimated that there are 35,000 tons of good paying rock in sight. The ore can be worked cheaply as it can be run from the tunnel directly into the third story of the mill and there dumped into the chute. The ledge is from four to twenty feet wide and promises to prove one of the best mining properties in Northern California.

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Charles W. Miller, an old miner of Concow, disappeared last January. He lived alone and it was supposed that he had wandered away while drinking and was lost in the snow drifts. Last week his bones were found bleaching in the sun not far from his house.

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A PREMATURE BLAST.

A Miner at the Golden Feather Nearly Loses His Life

An accident to one of the miners working on the Golden Feather occurred to-day at noon, the man being named John Hussey.

Hussey and another miner were preparing to put off a blast in the rock, while the remainder of the shift went to dinner. Hussey, who is an "old powder man" having blasted at Cherokee for years, put a cap about five inches long and a short piece of fuse into the hole, after lighting it, and started to shove it down in the hole so as to "spring it," in miners' parlance. Somehow or other the blast went off before it was expected it would, and before it got shoved very far into the hole. It shot up past Hussey's face, part of it striking his mouth, nose and eyes. The reason of the premature explosion is attributed to the shortness of the fuse.

The injured man was brought to town and his wounds dressed by Drs. Benjamin and Reardan. It is thought that the sight has been injured in the right eye. The young man had a very narrow escape from having the top of his head blown off.

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Angora Goats.

G. C. Marquis of Concow has engaged in an occupation something out of the common run. He is raising a large number of Angora goats. These animals, as most of our readers are well aware, live upon the hills and mountain sides and do not require the pasture, care and constant watching that sheep do. The fleece brings from thirty to fifty cents a pound and each goat will average about five pounds of wool. Mr. Marquis has 170 full-blooded Angoras and is keeping them at his home at Concow. He turns them out on the hills in the morning and they return of their own accord about four in the afternoon. He thus does not have to provide them with pasture nor seek for them at night. The milk of the Angora goat is rich and sweet while the meat is more juicy and has less of a strong flavor than mutton. The industry promises to become a profitable one with Mr. Marquis.

A suit was in progress this week in the Superior Court between G. G. Marquis and Thos. Knox. The suit was brought by Marquis to recover money loaned to other parties and for which Knox was security.

A GHASTLY FIND.

**Digger Indian Skeletons Exhumed
Near Oroville.**

While workmen were excavating in the road which is being built to the Golden Feather mine on the other side of the river yesterday, they dug up half a dozen skeletons. The bones were not buried very deep beneath the surface of the ground. The bodies were evidently interred in a sitting posture as the skulls were struck first.

Many years ago there existed in the locality where the decayed bones were found a large Digger Indian "campoodle," and a part of their ancient burying ground has been run through by the road.

Major Frank McLaughlin has preserved a skull intact which he is thinking of having silver mounted and presenting it to Dr. Lewis Burwell for a drinking cup to sip his favorite punches out of.

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The survey for the Big Bend ditch is now completed to the vicinity of Wyandotte. Should this ditch be constructed it will place a vast area of fine fruit land under cultivation, and be the means of enhancing the value of thousands of acres of foot hill land. From Big Bend down there are immense sections of good land fit for growing the finest grapes, olives, and other superior fruits, and when the vicinity of Oregon City and Morris ravine is reached, all varieties of fruit could be profitably grown with water upon the land. We sincerely hope the projectors of this enterprise may carry it forward to completion. The ditches and canals in other portions of the State have been the means of marvelous developments, and when one sees the change here from land with water to land without, he can realize that if a ditch from the Big Bend were constructed, the value to this part of the county could hardly be calculated.

Should the Big Bend Company build a ditch so as to irrigate thousands of acres in this section, should the Merrimac Mill Company build a railroad to their property, should a cannery be started, should the Golden Feather Company continue its canal so as to convey water over the lower portion of Thermalito, then these improvements would prove of vast advantage to this town. While none of these may be built, yet all are contemplated and surveys have been made for the same. We hope each of them will be pushed ahead for the benefit of Oroville and vicinity will be very great.

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The Cherokee or Spring Valley hydraulic mine shut down on Saturday last for good, and its final clean up begun on Monday. If any further work in the mine is done, which is more than probable, then it will be done by drifting. There is a vast body of rich gravel that it will pay to work by drifting and it is thought that this method of mining will be resorted to. If such is the case a large number of men will be employed. This mine has turned out an immense amount of gold during the past twenty years, and is the last of the big hydraulic mines in this part of the State.

We received this week some samples of dried prunes put up by Wm. Mullen of Big Bend. They are choice and elegant samples of this fruit, and those desiring something extra in dried prunes will do well to try those put up by Mr. Mullen. These prunes were grown on the hills at an altitude of fully 1,500 feet.

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Now that the Cherokee mine has closed down as a hydraulic mine the work on the cement crushing will be pushed ahead with great energy for there will be an abundance of water to use for this purpose. This idea for obtaining gold from the hardpan or cement opens a new source of wealth in this State and one that promises to last for many years. The quantity of gold bearing cement is almost unlimited in California and this will continue to be worked for many years. The cement is blasted and then crushed like quartz rock. It is then run through an arrasta and ground up into a fine powder. While the returns are not large, yet they are certain, and the amount of gold obtained pays well for the labor of obtaining it.