# Daily Mercury 1-8-1891

## Fire at Gridley.

Fred Morrison, the Gridley stager, says that the large barn at that place, owned by Judge Jas. S. Crain and rented by Rhoton & Speer, burned last night, consuming mine horses, about ninety tons of hay, two butcher wagons, harness, etc. Mr. Rhoton's fast trotter was among the lost horses. The barn and hay were insured, but the loss was very heavy and the suffering of the horses was, of course, too horrible for description. The sight presented this morning was sickening. The origin of the fire is unknown.

# Daily Mercury 1-17-1891

## ALWAYS IN TROUBLE.

Uherokee Miners Attach Machinery for Their Pay.

Nick O'Neill and Will Whelan came down from Cherokee last evening and swore out an attachment on the property of John Landis. O'Neill and Whelan represented about fourteen miners who had not received their pay for work from Landis who has been crushing the cement in the old Cherokee mine with an arastra.

The boys are owed for six months work from \$35 to \$300, and the management wanted to pay them off at 15 cents on the dollar. Some of the men seemed willing to take anything, but others objected as they had been deceived. They had been told that the mine was paying all along and they wanted their money in full. The sum owed to the miners amounts to \$2,400.

# Daily Mercury 1-29-1891

stage, says that yesterday as H. C. White of Oregon City was driving on the Cherokee grade his horses ran away, smashed the vehicle, threw Mr. White out and injured him considerably, how badly is not yet known. Mr. White could not walk after the accident but crawled to Oregon City where he is now being cared for. We sincerely hope that the affair will not prove serious to friend White for he is too good a man to be injured.

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The cement mining at Cherokee promises to pay well in the future. The new Supt. of the Cherokee company is willing to afford every aid possible and as there is abundance of water it is probable that a large force of men will be put to work in this line of mining.

Jas. Hutchinson tells us that he will probably be able to start the Flee Valley Mill this year by the first of April owing to the dry winter.

# Chico Weekly Enterprise 1-30-1891

## A Grave Histake.

Two days ago Fetters & Williams received notice to take a casket up to Deadwood, to bring down the hody of Mrs. Scoggins who was supposed dead at that place. Mr. Fetters did as desired but when he arrived at the China hospital at Deadwood was informed that the lady was not dead. Mr. Fetters was in a dilema, but concluded to make the most of the mistake, and left the coffin there and returned with his empty wagon, Durham cometery the grave was prepared, but is still untenanted. gather it was a grave mistake, and in future there will not be so much faith, put in the predictions of Ah Sang the Chinese doctor.

# Daily Mercury 2-12-1891

John Wagner, who owns a drift mine in Oregon Gulch, has taken out as much as \$2 to the pan within the last few days. His shaft is now down 160 feet and all indications point in the direction of a very rich mine. We hope he has a bonanza.

## Daily Mercury 2-18-1891

The Dry Creek levee south of the bridge on the road to Clear Creek broke in eleven places on Sunday and Monday and thousands of acres were overflowed, considerable damage resulting. T. H. Chiyels house was surrounded and at one time the water reached the floor which is four feet from the ground. The Bowden, Hedge and other ranches were also overflowed. Whether any permanent damage has been done the grain along the canal, we are not informed.

# Oroville Register 4-2-1891

Charley Durette of Concow valley, was in town on Monday. He brought down a lot of mohair which was sent to San Jose. Mr. Durette owns about 100 Angora goats which he finds very profitable and would raise a large number if the coyotes were not so destructive. During the past four months he has lost eleven goats that have been killed by coyotes. He finds a ready sale at \$2.50 to \$3.00 a piece for his yearling goats which is more profitable than in raising lambs for sale. The goats require no herding as they come home at night no matter how far off they may range during the day. They feed upon brush largely and are thus excellent stock for the hills.

# Oroville Register 4-2-1891

### Clear Creek Items.

W. W. Merithew is improving his place by extending his orchard. His land is this season rented to a number of Portugese who have the garden and orchard in splendid condition.

W. A. Park has this spring set out a

number of additional orange trees.

Adam Heckart, one of the most enterprising citizens of this locality, is carrying on in company with Wm. Snyder and Wm. Leonard three ranches. The crops on all three look fine and promise large returns. They will have a splendid crop of fruit on the Heckart and Wood orchards.

J. A. Fallager has lost a number of sheep from coyotes. His grain is in fine condition.

Charley Hobart, of Chicc, who owns a ranch in this neighborhood is improving it considerably.

George Hays has about 150 tons of baled

hay to sell and is offering it very low.

During the winter Merithew set out a lot of grape vines which have done well during the time they have been planted. P. L.

# Oroville Register 4-2-1891

## Improving His Land.

It is not usual for the pioneers to lead off in the line of improvements especially where new departures are taken. The men who first settled in this part of California were miners and they saw in this land nothing of merit except for digging its gold. Of late years many have become stock raisers and farmed the land, but few of them have gone into fruit growing. Among these however is D. H. Hilton who deserves praise for his labors in making his forty acres a representative farm. He has built a very pretty and convenient dwelling, excellent barns and other out buildings, has good fences, raises alfalfa and has a fine little orchard. He has just finished setting out eight acres of orange trees. The division of land has been a good thing for this locality, for when Mr. Hilton was the owner of 700 acres he did not make half the improvements that he has upon the forty acres that he retained when he sold the remainder. This place will be one of the model homes of this county.

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### Mesilla Valley.

It is not generally known perhaps, that our lovely valley lying in the warm heart of the citrus belt marks the exact geographical center of the county. It is obvious to all that the county seat should be located here, but we are modest and generous, Oroville has nothing to fear from us. Our people, however, are still holding informal indignation meetings because President Harrison treated us so cavalierly. He will probably see cause to regret that he did not stop over a day or two at Mesilla Valley.

We are not at all proud, and even Governor Markham will be cordially welcomed whenever he is pleased to visit us. Of course it is different in San Francisco. Drive out this way yourself, Mr. Register, and be astonished to find a modern Garden of Eden, and some good hospitable people inhabiting it. We will show you broad acres of perennial green in rank alfalfa, and orange trees that will dwarf those of Oroville and Thermalito.

Go to Mount Olivet and feast your eyes upon a phenomenal young olive orchard, now full of blossom buds for fruiting. Four years ago tiny trees less than a foot high were planted twenty-five feet apart and a year or two later grape-vines were set between the rows. Already the spreading trees twelve feet high, with a girth of ten inches, threaten to overshadow the vines. All the fruit trees in this vicinity are over-loaded with fruit, will require thinning.

A most encouraging sign of the times is the influx of fresh young blood into our farming ranks. When we hear Mr. Old Croaker croaking "Californy boys haint no count no how; they won't work, nor do nothin, but drink whiskey n play keards," we point with pride to our "three Williams," a trio of stalwart and enthusiastic young farmers.

William Snyder-has leased Eyrie Villa, the beautiful country home of Rev. Jesse Wood. Mr. Snyder informs us that the apricot crop will be unusually large; while the great abundance of peaches, plums, prunes, apples, etc., will make a busy season as he intends drying the fruit. He also expects to pick at least ten thousand oranges from the few bearing trees.

William McCloud on the adjoining ranch is making the hillsides blossom like the rose. A year ago he married a most estimable young lady, Miss Emma McColl, and his ranch was her father's bridal gift. They intend to plant it largely to fruit, and already have made a good beginning.

William Leonard, our third young farmer, is the eldest son of Judge Leonard of Oro-He came here for his health a few years ago, and is so charmed with the place that he has no wish to leave. Manfully wrestling with the plow, he is fast gaining breadth and brawn. He has leased the fine farm of Mr. Horn and has, sown it with grain which promises a good yield. He is not married, but if Dame Rumor may be credited he has an artist's eye for the beautiful and hopes to win and wear the queen rosebud of the valley.

With young farmers like these, staunch Good Templars, regular in attendance at church and Sunday School, shunning saloons and working diligently with willing hands, our valley must soon take high rank among rural precincts.

Another young man deserves honorable mention, Walter Horn, who is quite enthusiastic over culture. Last fall he made some oil from two trees on his father's farm and this spring he and his father have planted three hundred Redding picholines.

The Messengers have leased the Durban ranch for another year. Here also may be found industrious young farmers. Their "gilt-edge" butter wins golden opinions.

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Mr. McLain of Magalia has bought the Metcalf ranch, and will make use of it as a winter residence and stock farm.

Mining is at a standstill just now although the interest has not abated. It is a significant fact that old miners in this vicinity never lose faith in the belief that a large deposit of gold underlies the adjacent mesa.

Father Heckart, as he is fondly called by everybody, now seventy-seven years old, tramps gaily over the hills like a boy, to his prospect tent on the West Branch, where he is searching for the treasure overlooked "in the days of old, the days of gold."

It is rumored that Mr. Carter Chase of Paradise will soon resume work on the Ju-

piter mine.

Religion and morals are in no wise neglected here. Rev. Mr. Ives preaches in Good Templars' Hall every two weeks. Sunday School flourishes in the fostering care of Mr. Horn and the Heckarts. It is mentioned that some of our good Christian women contemplate organizing a local branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The lodge of the I. O. G. T. still thrives. A recent "open meeting" of the Good Templars was largely attended. The programme was varied and excellent, the musical portion under the management of Mr. Will Esman being especially fine.

JESSIMA LEIGH.

## Oroville Register 4-9-1891

### Will Furnish Water.

W. J. Lockerman, of Paradise, was in town on Tuesday and tells us that the Cherokee Company are willing to sell water from their big ditch for irrigating purposes. He has taken advantage of this and has this spring planted twenty acres of his land to alfalfa. If the company will make arrangements with land owners below their ditches and let it generally be known that they will furnish water at reasonable rates for a number of years, a marked developement would immediately follow in the section about Paradise, Pentz, and Cherokee. There are thousands of acres of foothill land that will produce almost anything that may be planted, this land is now cheap but with water upon it it would soon run up to a high figure. The climate is the most delightful in all California, the winters are not cold nor snowy, nor are the summers uncomfortably hot.

With an abundant water supply these foothills will be famous in time, they will be noted for fruit, they will become beautiful with orchards and gardens and green fields of alfalfa and other rich grasses. They are above the malaria of the valley, they are above the fog, they are not high enough to be cold yet are at an elevation which gives pure water, pleasant nights, and excellent drainage. These combined make them healthy. The time is coming when these foothill lands will bring more per acre than the finest and richest lands of the broad valley and one of the things that will work this change is an abundant water supply. We repeat that if the Cherokee Company will supply water for a series of years the footbill below the ditches will bloom and blossom like a well carea flower garden.

# Oroville Register 4-16-1891

The cement works at Cherokee are making it profitable to crush the rich cement in the Spring Valley mine and quite a force of men are at work, The Spring Valley Company have twenty or thirty men at work ground sluicing and are taking out good pay.

Frank P. Cory of Pentz, fell some days ago while at work in his mine and broke one of his legs.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1891,

### Wagon Road Down Feather River.

For many years past the people of Plumas have been isolated from the rest of the world during the winter season. All supplies had to be hauled during the summer and fall and the merchant has to pay more in interest, the consumer has to pay more in increased prices, and each one is put to too much inconvenience from this very There is some talk among the business men of that county about a wagon road down Feather river. There are always croakers and we can to-day find a thousand men in Plumas and Butte who will scoff at such a road ever being built. Hundreds will declare it an impossibility. Even so sagacious and well posted a man as Surveyor McGann said to us this week that if all Plumas county were mortgaged the money raised would not build a road down that stream.

Years ago we heard that no road could ever be built between American and Indian Valleys and people crossed the high divide between them for many years. enterprising men took hold of the matter and a road was soon built around the To be sure it was hard and canvon. difficult work and it took money, but the road has been a grand benefit to the whole county. A road down the North Fork from Shoo Fly could be built at no greater cost per mile than the road from Crescent Mills to Quincy. There would be no more difficult points to pass, it would always be below deep snows, it could be traveled all winter, the grade would be easy, it would be a grand route for scenery and within two years from the time that it was finished Plumas would get every dollar back in the shape of low freights, in enhanced values of property and in the increased number of visitors. A road down that stream would !

afford the dairymen and fruit growers a chance to market their produce at handsome prices. The berries, apples, cherries. pears and other fruits are grown along that stream in great perfection. There are magnificent ledges of marble, iron, copper and other valuable minerals in Plumas that would then be sought for by capitalists. This in the end would have a tendency to cause a railroad to be built. There are splendid forests that could be tapped, there are valuable mineral springs, fine lakes and beautiful valleys and all of these would be within easy travel from this town. The summer visitors after the first year would pay Plumas back all she or her citizens might expend upon such a road. If the people are in earnest and will set to work with a will they can be assured of liberal support from this town and its surroundings.

Oroville is moving onward with rapid strides and now is the time for the people of Plumas to take active measures. Let a grand mass meeting be held, have a live committee of three or more appointed, raise a little money and then set that committee to investigating, collecting data, gaining estimates, making comparisons, finding what help they can get and we will insure that in the end a road will be built.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1891,

### Proposed Wagon Road.

TAYLORVILLE, Plumas Co., April 3, 1981.

EDITOR REGISTER: The people in this vicinity (chafing under their six months isolation in each year) are beginning to agitate the question of building a good wagon road down the North Fork to connect with your town, if a practicable route can be found. The idea is to commence near Shoo Fly and run down Indian creek and the East Branch to the North Fork and down that to the county line, etc.

Is there not a public road running from Oroville up the North Fork to Big Bend? How far is Big Bend from the county line? Does the road extend above Big Bend, if so, how near our county line does it extend to and is it a good road, from heavy grades, etc? Do you know anything about the character of the country between your town and the county line or even this side regarding the feasibility of it for a road. The idea seems to prevail here that if we could get a road to the county line that the distance from there to some road at present in existence and extending to your town is not great and that the citizens of that place would probably make the connection or at least assist liberally, in view of trade and travel that the road would bring you.

If a practicable route can be found for a good road it would be a great benefit to Oroville, as almost the entire trade of this section would follow such a route. As it would seldom or ever be closed it would be an immense advantage to us as we could then get in and out at any time. Of course a railroad would be preferable, but I see no reasonable grounds to hope for a railroad unless some railroad led in trying to reach San Francisco takes this route. I

believe also that such a road as this would open up quite a territory that is peculiarly adopted to the raising of fruit, particularly apples. If so, it would be quite an advantage in that way; besides it ought to render accessible quite a lot of timber that cannot be reached at present.

Will you kindly give me your ideas in regard to this matter when convenient. We would also be pleased to know whether the business men of your town would interest themselves in the matter and to what probable extent.

Our anxiety to obtain all possible information in regard to this must be my apology for troubling you. Yours truly,

J. C. YOUNG.

## Daily Mercury 4-20-1891

### THE BIG BEND COMPANY.

### Incorporated With a Capital of Two Million Bollars.

The above named company was organized in San Francisco last week with a capital stock of two million It has been engineered by Merrill and Slaven, the enterprising owners of the ten thousand acres of fine land near Moore's Station, known

as El Mas Fino.

The directors are D. P. Merrill, Isaac Slaven, brother of T. D. M., and representing, the celebrated millionaire engineer H. B. Slaven of Nicaruagua fame, Russel H. Judson, T. D. M. Slaven and Beverly S. Taylor. The Company obtains control of the splendid tract formerly called El Mas Fine and also possesses the Big Bend Water right, one of the finest in the world.

A year ago a permanent survey was made from Big Bend to Moore's Station and right of way secured to bring the ditch to the colony land near

Moore's Station.

The MERCURY is informed that the original Big Bend Company backed by Dr. R. V. Pierce, has turned the water over to the present company taking pay in shares and that Dr. Pierce will take a large block of stock in the new company.

This is a grand scheme and was conceived by Messrs. Merrill and Slaven who got control of the Gould tract about one year ago. They realized that with water on their land and that intervening between Moore's Station and the Feather river up in the foot-hills about Bangor and Wyandotte, great developments would follow, and now we compliment them upon the bright prospect of realizing their Their water supply is inexhaustible and the country through which the proposed canal will run is rich and inviting to settlers.

We congratulate the young gentlemen upon their great enterprise and hope that they will realize a splendid remuneration for their great energy in

organizing this company.

The ditch will cross Feather river about three miles above Oroville and meander along the ridges until it debouches at Moore's Station. cover a magnificent foothill country and splendid developments will follow.

Geo. Topping has received orders from Andy Beatson, Superintendent of the Big Bend Company to repair the telephone line from Oroville to Big Bend, and will soon have it in first class order. This indicates that the mine will resume work this summer, and we sincerely hope that it will.

# Oroville Register 4-23-1891

We had a talk with Wm. Mullen of Big Bend this week and he tells us that in his judgment there would be no serious difficulty in building a wagon road down the North Fork of Feather river. He has been up the river nearly forty miles above this point and has examined the canyon with care. It is sixteen or eighteen miles from his place to the mouth of Rock Creek just over the line into Plumas and he estimates that a wagon road could be built that distance and between the points named for twenty thousand dollars.

The first of May is near at hand and the citizens of Cherokee have combined to have one of the finest picnics and balls on that day that has ever been given in Butte county. The object is to benefit their public school and all have joined hands to make this a grand success. There will be games and races, and all sorts of novelties in the way of fun during the day and at night all who love dancing can be assured that they will have a happy and pleasant time.

The Big Bend telephone line is to be repaired and put in working order at once. The move is simply an indication of what is to be done at the Big Bend this season for the river bed is to be mined and fully 100 men will be put to work as soon as the water in the stream is low enough.

# Oroville Register 4-23-1891

### The Feather River Road.

BIG BEND, Batte Co., April 20, 1891. issue of your paper that somebody has a wagon road down the North Fork of El Rio Plumas. Now I ask why have our Plumas neighbors been asleep so long? recollect years ago that this road was talked of very strongly by the people of both Butte and Plumas counties. Why it was dropped I do not know. Then a railroad was projected and a preliminary survey made and I think that the map of this survey is on file in the Court house in Oroville and can be referred to at any time. Now if the citizens of our sister county had voted for the bonds as Butte did they might have had-the road long ago, and would of course have been better off. I hope they will not go to sleep a second time but go to work and put a road through, which I say can be done. The country from the county line down is not as bad for such an enterprise as people imagine. Over two years ago two gentlemen in the employ of the Union Pacific Co. came up here and got me to go with them as a pilot up to the mouth of Rock creek, this is a little above the line between the two From that point we returned counties. down the river examining the whole route carefully. The gentlemen referred to, Mesers. Maxwell and Lee, were agreeably surprised to find the lay of the country so favorably for a railroad. Now I say that if the people of Plumas can build a road down to the mouth of Rock creek, that energy, muscle and money will not be lacking to finish said road down to the ones that connect this section with Oroville. This route only needs to be examined to be fully appreciated and I do not agree with Surveyor McGann in his wild estimate to the contrary. He only knows the road from Flea valley down where the stub tailed dog made the mare buck and roll us off the grade down the hill. Ask him about this.

The best route would be to follow the river closely down to about Big Bar, then EDITOR REGISTER: I noticed in the last leave the river and come out on a level or nearly a level and then down one of the waked up as it were out of a dream, about low gaps near here. It could then intersect either the road from Big Bend to Oroville or the road from Yankee Hill to the same The distance from Big Bend to Oroville is eighteen miles, while from here to the county line the distance is about sixteen miles. If any one wishes to go through this section and examine it for a wagon road I can show them a much more favorable country than they have ever dreamed of for building such a road. I am glad that the people of Plumas have awakened to a long and much needed enterprise. OLD SETTLER.

## May 7, 1891

## THE DAILY MERCURY.

OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY CAL., THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 7, 1891

Mrs. S. C. Farnham came up from Vellejo last night and to-day went to Pentz to look at the extensive property there embracing the lumber dump and 1700 acres of fine timber land at Flea Valley. Now there is a movement on foot that will rebuild the mills at Flea Valley and the flume running to Pentz. We hope soon to chronicle some interesting item from the lumber regions above Pentz.

# Oroville Register 5-7-1891

Jas. Hutchinson, of Flea Valley, tells us that he will start his saw mill within the next ten days if there are no storms.

Valley quartz miner, tells us that east of Cherokee as far as the North Fork the hills that in an early day would not have been considered worth twenty-five cents an acre are becoming each day more valuable. They will produce splendid grapes, figs and other fruits. The soil is rich and fertile and the climate were enough so that the rigors of winter are never felt as they are in more exposed regions. He believes that these hills will in time all come under cultivation and support hundreds of families.

### A Correspondent Describes His Experiences En Voyage.

EDITOR TRIBUNE: Unsually when people go off on a journey they write a letter to the paper describing the scenes they have viewed and the views they have seen.

Well, I am no exception to the rule, and as have just returned from a very pleasant trip to Butte county, I am going to try to "write it up."

One Sunday we left Stockton on the 1:10 o'clock train bound for Sacramento. Of course passed through "green fields." As the train skirted the city where our laws are made we caught a glimpse of the top of the capitol. Here we changed cars for Marysville and passed through more green fields. At Marysville we changed cars en route for Oroville. At first there were the same green fields, or rather some just like the others, but soon we came to the rolling foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. staid in Oroville one night and the next morning at six o'clock we took our places in the stage. The driver

#### CRACKED HIS WHIP,

shouted to his horses and we were off for Deadwood.

The morning was perfect, and the clear air of the Sierra Nevadas seemed to give us new life. The pines sobbed and moaned in the breeze. Soon we came in sight of Table mountain. Its slope is steep and uniform until within what looked to us to be fifteen or twenty feet, where it rose perpendicularly. The top is as level as the floor, giving the mountain the appearance of having been cut off. The scenery here is grand. The steep mountain sides are covered with pines and manzanita bushes. The canvons are filled with busnes bearing the red berries so dear to the childrens' hearts.

# San Luis Obispo Tribune 5-13-1891

The stage road crosses a branch of Feather river that is beautiful beyond description. The mountains here are very steep. Bold rocks stand out from the banks. The water rushes

#### OVER HUGE ROCKS

in its narrow bed, here dark and still in the shadow, there white with foam and anon sparkling in-the sunshine.

From the Yankee Hill P.O. there is grand view of Sacramento valley. The atmosphere here is so clear that one could almost fancy he could see China were the Coast Range only out of the way.

were greeted by Dr Ah Sang, proprietor of the sanitarium.

The two weeks spent at Dr. Ah Sang's were delightful. The time was more than agreeably passed in walking, talking and gathering beautiful wild flowers. One peculiarity of the flowers there is lack of fragrance. Our favorite walk was around a mining ditch which was quite a curiosity to us.

It is almost four feet wide, as many deep and several miles long. "Several" is used advisedly as nearly every one there had a different mileage for it.

There we met people from various parts of this state and several from other states.

And while our opinions might differ ou other topics we were unanimous in our praise of Dr. Ah Sang's courtesy and skill.

ETHEL WOODS.

San Luis Obispo, Cal., May 5, 1891.

### Cherokee.

While in Cherokee last week we thought of the vast amount of work that had been done in that mining town, of the hundreds of men employed for years, of the great ditches dug, of the immense pipes laid, of the immense excavations made, of the millions of cubic feet of earth washed down, and then wondered at how little good all this had done Cherokee itself. That town has furnished gold for other towns to grow rich upon but it has not grown wealthy itself. Why should not Cherokee do something for Cherokee? It has rich and fertile fruit lands near by, fifty acres of these lands planted to oranges, olives or figs would stimulate everybody in that town to do something for their homes. Now each one is afraid to improve, each one waits for his neighbor. Cherokee has fine water, is above the malaria of the valley, has lands that will grow the orange, olive, fig, grape, peach, plum, pear and many other fruits and berries. Why should not the brawn and muscle of Cherokee's young men plant as well as delve, why not dig holes for trees and vines as well as dig for gold that will go to enrich some other town.

# Oroville Register 5-14-1891

A single five acre orchard near that town would be of great benefit in causing others improve their lands and their The town has rich citizens, homes. let them set an example; the town lias enterprising citizens, let them lead off; the town has many active young men who are seeking to get ownard, let them buy a small tract of land, form a joint company and plant it. Why should not Cherokee, have a boom from its fruit trees and its nut trees and its vines as well as other places? Their home is dear to many in Cherokee, make it more so to each one by planning and carrying out permanent improvements. Let it not die as a decaying mining camp, but revive it and put new life into it as a fruit growing town, as a land famous for its raisins, its peaches and its olives Let its citizens determine that Cherokee shall live not only for years but for centuries, till it becomes as famous for its fruit as it has been in the past for its gold.

# Oroville Mercury 5-20-1891

### MORE QUARTZ MINES.

## Butte County in the Front Rank as a Quartz Producer.

Col. A. P. Frarry arrived in town last night and in a few days will put a force of men at work on the Hercules quartz mine near Hurleton. A year or two ago he did some development work, enough to satisfy him of the quality of the rock, and now he intends to see what there is in the ledge. It is probable that a mill will be in operation there by fall.

### THE CHRISTY MINE.

This mine is situated on Jordon Hill near Deadwood was bonded some time ago by Wm. T. Coleman, one of California's mining kings, and he is there now making preliminary arrangements for opening the mine. Jordon Hill is notoriously rich in quartz. It is said to be literally ribbed with gold-bearing ledges. A. Ekman and E. B. Preston were there this week and report a good deal of prospecting going on with splendid indications.

#### PALO ALTO.

The Palo Alto, a comparatively new mine, will commence next week with a ten-stamp mill. Hundreds of tons of rock that averages about SS are now on the dump ready for the mill. The chances are that ten more stamps will be put in later in the season. The mill is owned by San Francisco and San Jose's capitalists and is superintended by E. McGrath.

### THE RAINBOW.

This mine, near Yankee Hill, opened by Messrs. Wellington, Morgan and Bollinger, has been in litigation for some time, but the matter has been adjusted and the mine will be worked to its full capacity. The young men took out large quantities of gold while they worked it.

#### THE SHAKESPEARE.

The mine at Forbestown, recently purchased from Messrs. Belding and Vail by Alvinza Hayward, promises golden returns in large quantities. Mr. Belding is there at present arranging to open the mine. The size of the mill to be erected depends upon future developments, but, from the reputation of the owner, it is safe to say that it will be on a large scale.

The Gold Bank, W. W. Stowe proprietor, and the Golden Queen at Forbestown, owned by C. J. Nickerson, are two of our older mines and

are paying handsomely.

The above named are some of the prominent quartz mines in more Butte. The names mentioned in connection with them show that Butte is taking front rank as a quartz section, and we are happy to state that this is merely the beginning. There is more prospecting going on in Butte today than at any time within the past twenty years. There is really an undercurrent of excitement concerning our quartz mines and great developments are in store for them. Butte is destined to be the leading quartz county in California. We have the largest river mines in the world, and when the Cherokee is reopened we shall have the largest drift mine in the state.

# Oroville Register 5-21-1891

Samuel Lemmon, of Clear Creek, who owns 800 head of the finest sheep in Butte county, has driven them for the summer up to Bull creek which is near the Chaparral House. Mr. Lemmon pays special attention to his sheep and it is said that he gets the longest and heaviest wool and the biggest price of any stock raiser in the county.

- P. L. Tople, the able principal of the Cherokee school is studying law and preparing himself for the bar, it is said that he already has an attachment suit in hand.
- J. D. Williams of Cherokee, was in town this week and says there is three feet of snow on the summits above the Butte Creek house, but that the stage crossed this week and the road will be open in a short time for travel. At Butte Creek there was scarcely any snow, while only in patches was there any this side of that place. The roads from there down are in good condition.

## Oroville Register 5-21-1891

### Concow Valley.

CONCOW VALLEY, May 12th, 1891. EDITOR REGISTER: Any one visiting Concow Valley at this season of the year will be amply repaid for his trouble as it must be seen to be appreciated and may well be called "Beautiful Valley" in the In-dian tongue. I do not believe there is a finer location for a summer resort in the county, nature having done her prettiest in adorning both hill and dale. Wild flowers of every hue and variety are now found in abundance. The schoolhouse, located in a grove of small pines, on quite a rise of ground, is one of the fairest spots in the valley. The neighborhood seems to be sparsely settled, but let there be an announcement made of a coming speaker or some other notable and the very pines and rocks seem to shake out a presentable audience.

Business is looking up; our general merchandise store has put in a liberal supply of new goods with the prospect of selling to the miners and farmers in the surrounding hills and canyons their share of the all needful. Pack trains and prospectors may be seen almost any day en route to the Land of Gold. Quartz is found almost anywhere and in paying quantities too, the Rainbow in this vicinity being a fair sample. Your correspondent has a ledge in view awaiting some enterprising party to prospect below the surface, as gold in paying quantities has been assayed from the surface.

We are in communication with Chico three times a week by stage and hail each mail day with happy hearts and thankfulness to our accommodating stage driver and owner.

The Oroville stage does not run to this neck-o'-the-woods regularly, Deadwood being their objective point, we find this line also courteous and agreeable.

The sawmill at Flea Valley is about to begin operations which will make traffic and travel on the road quite lively. Late rains have made the feed better than ever before, in many places the grass is a foot high and as a consequence stock is in fine condition.

Our Chinese doctor, Ah Sang, still holds the fort at Deadwood and at the present writing has quite a number of patients representing probably half the counties in the State.

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### Stock Movements.

Joe Fallegar of Clear Creek, started yesterday for his range in Mountain Meadows with 2,000 head of sheep, McKillop will start within a day or two with about 2,500 sheep and Campbell Brothers will send about the same shortly. Both bands are driven into the mountains west of Susanville. Jas. Stevenson of Wyandotte, sold last Friday 100 head of cows and 18 calves to Doc Evans near Gridley, and started yesterday with 80 head for his summer range in Buck's Valley. Jim Rutherford started on Monday with 80 head for the same place, while John Rutherford and Mrs. Daniels sent up this week to the same locality 300 head. S. W. Ross has already driven his cattle to the Mooretown ridge for the summer and Jas. Braselton will drive his up in a few days. Stevenson will send 40 head of horses to Buck's Valley in a short time, P. R. Welsh has driven his stock to Humbug and the Gould stock goes this week to Big Meadows.

Joe Fallegar the leading sheep owner in this section of Butte sold his wool lately for twenty-five cents a pound.

## OROVILLE REGISTER.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1891,

### Summer Resorts.

The people of Butte do not realize their unequaled advantages in their nearness to the mighty Sierras, so cool, shady and invigorating, to flee to during the heat of summer. The scenery is grand and picturesque, there are high, bold and rugged peaks, deep, dark and shady dells, black and yawning gorges, massive and precipitous cliffs, tremendous canyons and streams that rival in purity and clearness those that flowed through the garden of Eden.

No land under the sun has a greater variety of salt, iron, soda, sulphur, and other mineral and medicinal springs while the climate is unmatched in any other part of our magnificent State. Why go to the sea coast when these attractions are near at hand? Why pay large expenses for trips by rail when you have these magnificent mountain resorts within a three hour's ride? Each man should take his family for a few days at least out of the heat, dust, and hot winds of the valley and let them breathe the cool and invigorating mountain air. The trip need cost but little and will be worth much. A few hours' ride will take you into an enchanting region where you can fish, boat ride, gather wild flowers, sleep in the shade or amuse yourselves in a hundred other ways. You will find fresh berries, delicious fruits and vegetables, excellent meals, comfortable beds and the purest and coldest water in the world. A dozen places might be named and in either of them you can spend many

happy hours and live almost as cheaply as at home. Mr. and Mrs. Whittier will give you a cordial welcome at Mooretown, Geo. Carr of Mountain House is a most hospitable landlord, Mrs. Frank Storts of Mountain Cottage is a famous cook, at Hart's Mills, you will find a delightful place kept by David Johnson, Mrs. Crane at Berry Creek will treat you well, Smith Hurles and family at Hurleton will show you how warm and cordial a mountain welcome is and send you home fat and rosy, Caleb Scott at Concow has a lovely valley and a beautiful little lake among the attractions for summer tourists, John Wagner is one of the most genial and happy landlords in the State, P. R. Welch at Humbug has many attractions for the summer, M. H. Wells of Yankee Hill will make you glad that you visited his pleasant home, Wm. Wagner of Buck's Ranch is famous for his hotel, while J. Williams of Butte creek will feed and treat you splendidly, but can miss the truth further than any landlord in the hills, while Forbestown, Magalia and Paradise might be named among the grand and attractive mountain retreats. Don't stay at home all summer and swelter and fret, fume and grumble, but take at least a short trip to the hills and enjoy a few days of rest and repose, of sound slumber and excellent meals when you will return to your labors with renewed health and invigorated spirits.

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The quartz interests about Yankee Hill while promising, need to be pushed ahead with more energy and vigor. The Rainbow mine is in litigation, while the mines owned by Haggin and the Hearst estate, and that owned by Bacon and others of San Francisco are lying undeveloped. It is hoped that since W. T. Coleman has become interested in that locality that mines will move along with more vim and vigor.

M. H. Wells, the well-known merchant of Yankee Hill, came down sometime ago with la grippe and for two months or more had a serious time with a number of different complaints. He lost 80 pounds in flesh having weighed 287 when taken ill, and only 207 when able to be up. He has now got up to 220, so that he feels comfortable once more. His old friends—and he has a host of them—were glad to see him and Mrs. Wells in town this week.

# Oroville Register 6-11-1891

D. B. North on Monday while working on a high trestle at the Golden Feather, fell off and was severely injured.

Mr. D. B. North, who fell from a trestle work at the Golden Gate flume and was badly injured on Monday was taken up to Deadwood yesterday where he will be under the care of the Chinese doctor.

Mrs. Fred Kirby of Concow returned this week from a visit to the city. She has been away about a month on account of her health but returns greatly improved.

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Mr. Chas. Waldeyer, one of the directors of the Spring Valley mine at Cherokee think that drifting will be begun in that mine at no distant day. The report of the committee appointed by the directors to examine the mine was very favorable and he hopes that the time is not far distant when it will be opened and worked extensively as a drift mine.

Negotiations for some time past has been pending between Dr. A. McLaughlin of San Francisco and Jenkin Morgan of Cherokee for the corner lot opposite the Ohio Stable. The price was agreed upon some weeks ago but the deed did not pass till this week. It is learned that the purchase price was about \$4,500 and that upon the lot a fine brick building will be erected for the Oroville Hardware Company.

Joseph Fallegar and family were in town early this week and Mrs. F speaking of grasshoppers, said that one day lately, while her husband was sawing a board in two that the grasshoppers were so plentiful that they are up the saw dust as fast as it fell from the saw.

# Oroville Register 6-11-1891

### Stage Lines.

For the convenience of the traveling public we give below a list of the various stages running from Oroville, together with the hours of arrival and departure:

Prattville, leaves daily, except Saturday,

at 2 A. M. and arrives at 6 P. M.

Quincy, leaves daily, except Sunday, at

6 A. M. and arrives at 4 P. M.

Chipper Mills, leaves duily, except Sunday, at 4 A. M. and arrives at 3 P. M.

Yankee Hill, leaves daily, except Sunday,

at 6 A. M. and arrives at 6 P. M.

Big Bend, leaves Wednesday and Saturday at 6 A. M. and arrives at 5:30 P. M.

Lumpkin Mills, leaves Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2 A. M., and arrives Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 3 P. M.

Biggs, leaves daily, except Sunday, at

2:30 P. M. and arrives at 10 A. M.

This makes all of the mail stages.

The Chico stage arrives at 11 A. M. and departs at 1 P. M. daily except Sunday.

Henry Morrison's stage to Cherokee runs daily except Sunday; leaves at 2 P. M. and arrives at 10 A. M.

Fred Morrison's stage to Gridley leaves daily except Sunday at 2 p. m. and arrives at 11 A. M.

Sam Woolever's stage for Chaparral House leaves, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings and returns Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Sam Woolever has started a stage line from Oroville to Chaparral Hause and will leave here with his stage on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. He will return on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and remain in town on Saturday.

# Oroville Register 6-18-1891

On Sunday last a party of young folks consisting of Misses Annie Waldeyer, Fannie Friesleben, Ida Wilbur, Mrs. Louise Parry, and Messrs. Carl Waldeyer, Geo. H. Hoops and Chas. Binney drove up to Concow Valley where they had a pleasant visit and then back to Yankee Hill where they remained all night with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wells. They returned to Oroville on Monday morning.

G. G. Marquis of Concow was in town on Saturday. He has one of the finest bands of Angora goats in the State, but thinks of disposing of them as he is not so nimble footed as he once was and his boys are hardly old enough to take care of the goats.

## Oroville Register 6-25-1891

L. W. Lee of Pentz had a field of barley that averaged eighteen sacks to the acre. The land is what is called "red land," but was enriched by the use of manure. It shows that it pays well to fertilize this kind of land.

Miss Maggie Lynch of Concow has been obliged to give up her school on acacunt of ill health. She has long been a very able and successful teacher.

Walker Bell was down from Flea Valley this week and says that during the latter part of last week they had excessive rains in that locality and that the water came down in perfect torrents.

It is rumored that Judge Sawyer who lately examined the Pentz ranch at Mesilla Valley with a view of buying was so well pleased with it that he will probably make the purchase.

## Oroville Register 6-25-1891

Mrs. Jas. Arbuckle of Pentz while in San Francisco had a cataract removed from one of her eyes by Dr. A. H. Voorhees. The operation was very successful and Mrs. Arbuckle, who was almost blind, the sight of the other eye being very defective, is now able to see almost as well as when young. The lady is nearly seventy-five years of age.

Superintendent of Schools, G. H. Stout, taught at Paradise last week owing to the enforced absence of Mrs. North whose husband was seriously hurt and under the doctor's care. Mr. Stout tells us that during the week the weather was cold and a part of the time it was rainy at Paradise. The hailstones fell so heavily one day that the stage drivers could not make their horses face the storm and had to seek shelter for the time being.

## Oroville Register 7-2-1891

### Cheap Reservoirs.

Mr. C. L. Durban says that the cheapest reservoirs that a man can build on his land for retaining water for irrigation purposes is a tunnel run into a hill. An open reservoir in a canyon or other suitable place will lose one third of its water during the summer from evaporation while in a tunnel there is no loss. A small spring will supply a tunnel with sufficient water for many He has illustrated this in a purposes. On his own land at practical manner. Mesilla Valley he run a tunnel thirty-five feet long into a hill, in so doing tapping a spring, this tunnel he damned up leaving a space thirty-five feet long, and the size of the tunnel which is about five by six feet to be filled with water. The water he carried to his house in pipes and we observed that it supplied his dwelling, another near by, his barn, and drying house for raisins as well as irrigated quite a space devoted to flowers for a garden. He says that the tunnel is the cheapest and best form, and that for each dollar expended one can obtain a space equal to twenty-five cubic feet.

Some years ago every drop of water was taken out of the west branch at the Miocene head dam, yet the Flea valley ditch only eight miles further down took out 1,100 inches leaving none at that point. Now a few miles further on there was quite a stream flowing in the bed of the river. There was only one and that not a large creek flowing into the west branch and it is supposed that this increased flow was contained in the gravel in the bed of the stream and the remainder came from springs along the west branch.

### Oroville Register 7-2-1891

Ed. Lewis of Cherokee, so a correspondent of the New Era writes to that paper, went to Sugar Loaf to prospect an old shaft. He tied a rope to a board to let himself down, but when he attempted to come up he was unable to reach the top. He remained there all night but the following day was found by Mr. Myers, the superintendent of the Cherokee mine, who assisted him in getting out of the shaft.

Lee Bell was down from Flea Valley on Tuesday. He is hauling logs at the mill this summer, and running ten horses for that purpose.

#### No Old Drugs or Chemicals



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#### SANTA ABIE AND CAT-R CURE.

For sale by R. M. GREEN, Druggist, Oroville Cal.

J. H. SAIN, Druggist, Cherokee. L. COHN Macalia

Among those in town on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller of Cherokee, B. F. Saulsbury of Mountain House, B. F. Darby of Palermo.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldeyer and daughter, Miss Anna, went to Yankee hill on Sunday evening and returned on Monday.

John Tuhey, Carleton Gray, Miss Ida Gray and Miss Hester Waldeyer went up to Yankee Hill on Friday and returned early on Sunday last.

### Oroville Mercury July 09, 1891

#### Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT MARYSVILLE, CAL., [ June 5th, 1891.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the kegister and Receiver at the U.S. Land Office, Marysville, Cal., on Friday, July 24th, 1891

#### Edward Pinkston,

Homestead Application No. 3212, for the NE% of NE%, SW% of NE% and N% of NE% of NW%, Sec. 34, Tp. 22, N. R. 4 E. M. D. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of continuous residence upon, and cultivation of continuous residence.

said land, viz.:

C. M. Duret, S. W. Quigley, O. F. Rudd, E. R. Lunt, all of Yankee Hill, Butte County, Cal.

CHARLES HAPGOOD, Register.

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Mrs. J. Curtis will teach school at Pentz this winter.

G. W. Sovereign went to Yankee Hill on Sunday last.

Henry White of Oregon City was in town the first of the week.

A. M. Alby died at Deadwood, Butte county on July Fourth.

Miss Lizzie Cabe will teach this fall and winter at Stoneman district.

G. G. Marquis, of Concow, was in Oroville on Monday and Tuesday.

W. W. Merithew of Mesilla Valley returned from Colusa county on Friday.

Henry White and D. F. and B. Smith, of Oregon City, were in town on Monday.

County Supt. G. H. Stout went to Yankee Hill on Friday and returned on Monday morning.

Alfred Clark was appointed constable of Bidwell township.

#### Oroville Register 7-9-1891

#### Death of M. H. Wells.

M. H. Wells, the well known merchant at Yankee Hill, in this county, died at his home on Sunday morning. On Friday evening there was a ball at his hotel and he was on his feet all day and all night. The following day he was up and about as usual and did not get any rest until late on Saturday night. On Sunday morning he did not feel as well as usual and remained in bed later than when in good health. Mr. White, of Biggs, went into his room to pay his bill and the two were laughing and joking when Mr. Wells suddenly gasped and fell over backwards. Mr. White called his wife who was in the adjoining room and she ran to her husband but he never rallied

or spoke and died in a few minutes.

He was taken down some months ago with Brights disease and went to a number of prominent physicians, but after a long illness he recovered and began to feel much better. During the past two months he felt more like himself and gained rapidly in flesh. He was up and about and able to attend to his business and all thought that he would entirely recover, hence his death was a surprise to one and all. His body was brought to Oroville on Monday morning and buried here under the auspices of Table Mountain Lodge No. 124, F. and A. M., at half past six in the evening-The body was taken from the rooms of Undertaker Sovereign to the plazza of the Court House and a large number of friends and old acquantances gathered there to attend his funeral. The funeral services of the order under which he was buried was conducted by Judge Lott who is a Past Master of Table Mt. Lodge and after the preliminary portion of this service was over the choir, consisting of Messrs. Reece and Phares and Mrs. Braden and Misses Morrison, Reece and Martin, sang "We shall sleep but not forever." Mr. G. H. Stout then pronounced a short but touching eulogy over the deceased and as this contains a brief biography of Mr. Wells we give as nearly as possible, though necessarily much condensed:

He was a man that always looked on the bright side of life and never turned away the bright picture to look upon the dark canvass at the back. His own life was full of sunshine and he imparted his genial disposition to all with whom he came in daily contact. Many in difficulty, many in sadness went to him for counsel and relief and he a ways lightened their burdens and helped to dispel the dark clouds that hovered over them. His nature was so jovial and so full of humor that many old friends felt the result of his practical jokes.

Though starting in business in the flush times when gold was plentiful and business brisk he was never grasping or sordid but was so open hearted and generous that he failed to acquire wealth like many others and died comparatively poor. Often he knew that he never would be paid for the goods he sold, but he could not bear that the old miners and men of family who were struggling for a livelihood should be turned away. Though he was Justice of the Peace for thirty or more years, yet the cases that he tried were few in number. He was opposed to litigation and his practice was to get the parties together and try to prevent any lawsuits where parties felt aggrieved.

He was kind and loving to his family and had an ideal home his thought, being that if home was made bright and happy and pleasant that the children would not desire to leave it for any allurements that the world might offer. Never a single Christmas passed without his little ones having a Christmas tree and being made happy by an abundance of holiday gifts. He thus celebrated his own birthday and at the same time fittingly observed the great-

est holiday of the Christian world.

He was born in Philadelphia, on December 25, 1829, and was thus nearly sixty-two years of age. He arrived in California in 1849 and followed mining for a number of years, until 1856, when he went into the merchandise business at Yankee Hill, and for over thirty years has been a merchant, hotel keeper, postmaster and justice of the peace at that place. He went East in 1876 and while there married Miss Dora Spencer of Wisconsin. Three children are the fruit of this union and these all live to mourn the death of a kind and affectionate father.

No better hearted, kinder and more genial man ever lived than M. H. Wells, whose body lies before us this afternoon, and I feel that somewhere he now looks down upon us as we perform the last sed rites over his remains. He loved all that was bright and cheerful and I believe had he chosen the spot himself he would have selected just such a place as this with its bright grass and green trees where his fun-

eral service might be held."

He was a Mason, a member of Franklin Chapter and of Oroville Commandery and a Past Noble Grand of Cherokee Lodge of Odd Fellows. He was enthusiastic in the cause of education and owned one of the finest libraries in this part of California. He built a school-house at Yankee Hill and had it furnished with all things needed. He was beloved by the old miners of all races and when they heard of his death last Saturday the Indians and even the Chinese joined their white brothers in lamenting him who had gone to join the silent majority.

### Oroville Register 7-9-1891

Wm. Mullen of Big Bend was in town yesterday and he tells us that Superintendent Beatson is doing some preliminary work on the mine but that the water is not low enough yet to do much. Mr. Beatson does not think that any work can be done in the river before the 20th inst. As soon as the water can be turned through the tunnel a force of miners will be put at work in the river. The plan taken this year will be the same as that pursued by the early miners in working river claims.

### Daily Mercury 7-15-1891

Frank Giovannetti has purchased the Deadwood stage-line. Attention is called to his ad in another column.

### Deadwood Stage Line!

FRANK GIOVANETTI, Proprietor.

Stage leaves every morning at 6 o'clock, (Sundays Excepted) for

CHEROKEE, YANKEE MILL AND DEADWOOD. jy15-1m

### Oroville Register 7-23-1891

W. B. Story and W. B. Brown, two engineers of the S. P. Co. have gone to Big Bend for the purpose of examining the North Fork. Neither gentlemen will discuss the object of the visit but it is presumed that it has something to do with the practicability of a road up the North or the Middle Fork of the Feather as they will examine both streams.

### Oroville Daily Register 7-23-1891

#### Will Likely Open.

Sometime ago three commissioners were appointed to report upon the feasibility of opening the Spring Valley Mine at Cherokee as a drift mine. Mr. Chas. Waldeyer. a practical mining engineer and who for years was superintendent of the mine. made a careful and elaborate report setting forth in detail and illustrating by maps the various reasons why it would pay the stockholders to open the mine as a drift mine. He showed that when the hydraulic mining process first came into use the owners of this mine were preparing to drift on an extensive scale and that hydraulic mining had only delayed for years the drifting process. He has given thirty-five years to the study of this mine and knows it better than any man living. His able and careful report was examined with care by the other two commissioners, Mr. Louis Glass and Mr. Pichoir, the secretary of the company, and they concurred with him in his views and conclusions. Mr. Meyers, the present superintendent, who is one of the ablest practical miners and who has had long experience also concurred with the ideas and opinions as expressed by Mr. Waldeyer regarding the practicability of making the mine a profitable drift mine. Mr. L. L. Robinson, the president of the company is now East, but as soon as he returns a meeting of the directors will be called and in all probability work will be begun on the Spring Valley mine. If so from 100 to 200 men will be employed and Cherokee will become one of the liveliest mining towns in the county.

#### Staging from Oroville.

If one wants an enjoyable ride into the hills he should board one of the various stages running from Oroville to the mountain towns of this and Plumas county. Tom Dooley, an excellent driver and one who confines himself strictly to the truth when on the box runs a stage to Lumpkin and has many passengers. Frank Morse, who runs a line to Forbestown, is one of the oldest drivers in this section and business with him is good. The Deadwood and Cherokee stages seem to be well loaded. Finnicum, the owner of the Chico line and the boss prevaricator, always has a load of passengers. Charley Heitt, who drives to Biggs is so good natured and accommodating that all who can ride with him. Quincy stage affords passengers a fine ride into the mountains, with good horses and fine coaches. Sam Woolever who drives to Chaparral House has all the business that he can attend to. The stages of H. J. Langdon are excellent and the horses are fine to ride behind and a drive up the Magalia road and over to Big Meadows is a treat to anyone who loves mountain staging. The roads are in tip top condition this summer, the stage drivers are polite and accommodating, the roads lead through picturesque regions, and there are so many people going to the hills that staging is livelier than it has been for many years past.

### Oroville Mercury 7-29-1891

#### NO CLUE AS YET.

To The Mysterious Shooting of Little Harry Nichol.

Details of the Occurrence From a Mercury Correspondent.

YANKEE HILL, July 26.— Editor Mercury. The mysterious shooting of little Harry Nichol, of Spanishtown, near this place, on last Thursday morning, July 23d, bids fair to rival the famous Roddan case at Wheatland some years ago, and it is more than likely that the truth will never be known.

The facts of the case are these.

Little Harry, who is not yet four years old, went out from his breakfast into the front yard, which is on the border of the high road from Yankee Hill to Deadwood, About five minutes later his mother and others who were occupied inside the house were startled at a report something like a pistol shot. Hearing Harry scream they rushed out and found him screaming with blood from several wounds.

Upon examination it was found that a charge of shot had penetrated the little fellows knee, not very deeply, most of the shot having glanced off as if the shot had not been heavy or that it was nearly spent. Many more shot were embedded in his left arm rather deeply. There were scattering wounds from stray shot in his face and wrists.

The assistance of a doctor was called in and the little fellow seems to be rapidly recovering.

There seems to be no idea as to what was the cause of the shooting. To have been accidently shot from the bare side hill a hundred yards away seems out of the question.

It also seems hardly probable that any one would have gone along in open day and maliciously shot the little fellow, although this idea is held quite freely here. Little Harry says some one came close to the gate and shot him.

That it might be an accident from a shot cartridge in Harry's own bands appears to be impossible as Mr. Nichol has all of his cartridges; also from the nature of the wounds, and because no remains of paper or brass could be found.

The home of Mr. Nichol last Thursday was the scene of consternation and grief when the little fellow was shot. Miss Mattie Smith, an aunt of his, who has been in rather poor health for some time, started to hunt up his father, who had gone to his work. The shock and excitement overcamher and she fainted, remaining in that state about two hours, or until she received medical assistance. Imagine Mrs. Nichol alone with her injured boy and perhaps dying sister. A nathetic incident was, that while Harry's mother was attending to the fainting girl, Harry sat on the floor and batned his wounds himself.

### Oroville Register 7-30-1891

#### MINING IN 1849.

How "Rocker" Separating Was Carried on in Pioneer Days in California.

The most expensive instrument of the early miner was the rocker, which, though simple in construction, cost in the mines from fifty to a hundred dollars. In general appearance it was not unlike a baby's cradle as used by our grandmothers and as still seen on the frontier. It consisted of a flat bottom with two sides that flared outward, and an end board at the head, while the foot was open save a riffle about an inch and a half high at the bottom to catch the gold that might pass another riffle across the bottom near the middle. At the head of the cradle was a hopper about eighteen inches square, with a perforated sheet iron bottom or wire screen. Under this was an apron, or board, sloping downward toward the head. Two substantial rockers under the whole completed the simple machine which gave to the world millions of dollars.

The modus operandi may be described as follows: Two sticks of wood hewn on the upper side were imbedded at the river's brink, one four inches lower than the other, on which the rockers were to rest, thus securing a grade in the machine to facilitate the outward flow of the water and sand. Two miners usually worked together as partners. One shoveled the earth into the rocker, while the other, seated on a bowlder or block of wood, dipped the water from the river and poured it upon the earth in the

hopper with one hand, all the time rocking with the other. When the earth was thoroughly washed, he rose, lifted the hopper from its place, threw out the stones and gravel, replaced it, and thus the work went on. As the ground about the rocker became exhausted to the bedrock, recourse was had to the bucket, and the earth was carried sometimes a few rods, making laborious work for the miner.

To keep the rocker going another hand would be employed to carry earth, and each would carry two buckets at a time. Hard work of this kind suggested improvements in mining. At noon the gold and black sand collected above the riffles were taken up on a scraper and thrown into the pan, which was carried to the river and carefully washed to remove as far as possible all but the gold. The yield of the forenoon was carried to the camp, dried over a blaze, the dry sand blown out, and the gold weighed in scales or guessed at, and poured into the partnership purse and deposited under the bed or anywhere else out of sight.—Century.

### Daily Mercury 8-7-1891

The Gridley stage line was sold today by Fred Morrison to George Heffner.

### Oroville Mercury 8-13-1891

#### FAST MAIL.

A Runaway on the Deadwood Line -The Driver Slightly Injured.

It has been the gustom of late for the driver of the Deadwood stage to run the heavy wagon only as far as Cherokee, and then convey the mail from there to Deadwood in a cart. On Tuesday, while ascending the grade beyond Cherokee, the horse became frightened and dumped cart, driver and mail over the bank. The driver landed on his shoulder and head, and undoubtedly, saw millions of stars heretofore undiscovered, while horse and cart disappeared in the brush. The driver called on all the gods, ancient and modern, to bear witness that he was not a profane man, and, after sending a parting blessing after the horse and shouldered the mail sick and proceeded on foot-a means of carrying the mail, that, from all accounts, would best please Uncle John Wansmaker. Yesterday he returned, and after a short search, found that the animal had caught himself and cart safely in the brush. The vehicle was uninjured, and the horse had his Jay-Eye-See propensities considerably conled down by twenty-fours' solitude.

#### Oroville Mercury 8-14-1891

#### THE NICHOL SHOOTING.

According to a Correspondent the Mystery is Still Unsolved.

Some time ago the MERCURY published a statement that by the finding of a portion of an exploded shell in the roof of the porch above where the Nichol child of Yankee Hill was so mysteriously wounded, (the facts of which are well known to our readers,)

the mystery had been solved.

We have received a communication from Mrs. E. R. Lunt of that place, which tends to show the mystery is still as deep as ever, and will proba bly never be explained. Ιt that the child was found on the ground some distance from the porch and not under the place where the shell was found. The boy's flesh was punctured by shot holes and by a piece of Ant copper which was extracted from the upper lip. As the shell was of brass the copper could not have come from There were no powder that source. marks on the child, and no toy pistol about the premises. As our correspondent avers, the mystery is as deep as ever and will probably never be solved. The child has nearly recovered from his wounds.

# Daily Mercury 8-27-1891

#### TAPPED THE INCLINE,

The Old Buchannan Hill Mine to Yield its Treasure.

George Williams Ras a Narrow Escape from Death.

EDITOR MERCURY-It will no doubt! be interesting to many Butte countians to learn that the incline of the old Buchannan Hill mine has at last been tapped and the Imprisoned waters let loose. The present owners of this mine Messrs. Solomon and George Williams have been at work for over two years to tap this incline, thereby making a continuous tunnel through the hill from east to west, and had run a distance of nearly a thousand feet. Last Saturday; August 22d, as Mr. George Williams was about to quit work for the day he set off a giant powder blast and leisurely wended his way out of the tunnel, not expecting to top the incline so soon. As he neared the end of the tunnel he heard the rosr and rush of the oncoming water and lock no time in geting out of the way of the torrent which Mr. Solomon Wiliams says was not quite as large as the Johnstown flood but the next thing to it. The water filled the tunuel and rashed out with great velocity tearing up and taking with it the rail track inside of the tunnel, as it did the dump of pay dirt, sluice boxes, etc., outside the tunnel and swept uncermoniously into the west branch of the Feather river.

The Williams Brothers think their dump must have held about three hundred dollars. Their loss by this sudden break is considerable, but they are very glad to have an orening through the hill and thankful to have escaped with their lives, for had they both been in the mine when it gave way, as was their custom to be, only at few scraps of mutilated remains would have been left to tell the tale.

The Messrs. Williams intend to put a flume in their tunnel and expect to wash up tons of tich paying gravel, much of which in the old incline is

now in sight.

This mine has been worked by various persons for over thirty years and large returns have been realized.

The mine, formerly owned by Wm. Merrithew, Mr. Harris and others, was sold some thirteen years ago to a San Francisco company who put up an engine and pumping outfit, but seemingly found the effort to pump the incline ary a failure or too expensive, they abandoned the mine and it fell into the hands of the present owners, the Williams Brothers.

About two years ago the Smith Brothers and Henry Curtis leased this mine and took therefrom over fitteen hundred dollars in a short time. Now that the incline is typed and presumably the best part of the mine drained and laid open to a better working, there is little doubt but that the owners will reap rich returns for their labors.

Chispa de Smith

BUCHANNAN HILL, Aug 24, 1891.

### Oroville Register 8-27-1891

During the hot spell in this section the thermometer climbed rapidly up to the top notch. At Smith Bros. in Oregon City it went to 114 degrees, at Thompson Flat it was 112, at Yankee Hill 110°, Joe Gardella reports it at 115° at his place; at Central House 108° is said to have been the limit. Many saw it at 110 and 112° here and at Wyandotte 110° was shown.

Caleb Scott of Concow valley was in town on Tuesday and reports things rather quiet in his section. He says that the fruit and hay crop in Concow were never better than this year.

The thermometer at Yankee Hill last Saturday was 110 degrees, the highest ever known at that place.

#### Oroville Register 9-3-1891 Big Bend Mine.

Forty miners are now employed at this mine and two localities are being worked, one is at Island Bar near the foot of the mine and the other at Huff's Bar at the upper end of the mine. The two places are ten or twelve miles apart. At Huff's Bar they are stripping an ancient river channel on which large white oaks are now

growing.

The section that is being cleared is about forty feet up and down the stream and some sixty feet across it. The gravel here is from twenty to twenty-five feet deep and this must all be removed by wheel barrows before the pay dirt can be reached. This pay dirt is from three to five feet deep. The rocks are removed by powerful hand derricks or cranes while the mine is kept dry by means of a steam pump. To get this engine to its place it was necessary to let it down the mountain half a mile on skids. At this place thirty men are at work under L. Wakeman, but we are not able to learn the amount of gold that is being taken out. On Island Bar there are ten men under James Rowe and they are working in the bed of the present stream. The mine is kept dry by means of a China pump run by an overshot wheel. They expect to strike pay dirt at this point in a few days and it is hoped that something rich will be found. We obtained these facts from A. K. Beatson the superintendent of the mine who was in Oroville a few days ago.

The Big Bend electric light plant which was designed to be used for pumping and moving the cranes and derricks in that mine, has been shipped back to New Jersey by Supt. Beatson. The machinery weighs 40,000 pounds.

Editor Register:--Communications from Cherokee being somewhat uncommon in your paper of late, a few items from here

may not come amiss.

In the first place, the town is not dead as has been reported. A corpse that would do one one-hundredths of what Cherokee does would indeed be startling. Doyle and Donovan cleaned up in July after a five months run, and are now at work on their second run. They employ from fifteen to twenty men. The Portuguese are crushing cement on the Flat with an arrastra. About fourteen men are working there and it is said to pay very well. About forty others are working with sluice boxes in different parts of the mine, and more are constantly joining them. siderable gold is taken out every week.

The Thermalito Company have now a telephone line from their office in Oroville to the end of their ditch which is a great convenience for their employes on the

ditch.

Superintendent Meyers of the Cherokee Mine has taken his family to Magalia for summer. Miss Josephene Meyers, who has been visiting her brother's family for some little time returned to her home in Berkeley not long ago. This is given as the reason for a certain young man's disconsolate appearance.

Mrs. Landis and her daughter Miss Laura, paid a short visit to Magalia and have returned much improved in health.

Mrs. Rosa Bice and her sister Miss Grace O'Donnell have been visiting old friends in Cherokee. They are trying to meet all their Butte County friends before returning to their home in Portland, Oregon.

Miss Anna McGregor has gone to Chico to resume her position in the public school. Her sister Katie and brother James accompanied her to attend the Normal School.

The Cherokee school house has just been repaired. School will begin September 14th. G. W. M.

CHEROKEE, August 28, 1891.

### Oroville Register 9-3-1891

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From Harry Hoad we learn that Mr. E. McGrath came down from the Palo Alto mine this week for the purpose of making arrangements for a new quartz mill near Cherokee. A company has been organized to be known as the Standard Company and it is their intention to erect a quartz mill during the present summer on a ledge that is is now being developed.

Charley Thunen of Cherokee has been studying crayon drawing in Sacramento for some time past and we saw this week a good sample of his work in the form of a picture of G. Tebbe. The drawing was nicely executed.

### Oroville Register 9-3-1891

Deputy District Attorney Guidery was over to Gridley yesterday to try Fred Morrison for trying to get ahead of landlord Brown in a matter of board. The case was left to a jury, but the jurymen disagreed and Fred was allowed to go on his own recognizance. It is not probable that the case will ever come up again as it is not thought any fraud was intended.

### Oroville Register 9-24-1891

#### Cherokee Items.

EDITOR REGISTER: No one could wish for pleasanter weather than we are having at present. The recent shower was very welcome here as the street sprinkler does not make its rounds quite as often as one could wish. Even our sidewalks were be-

coming dusty.

Magalia was visited by a cloud-burst on the 15th inst. The water came down in torrents. The Thermalito Company's ditch was filled for seventy-five feet of its length with dirt and huge boulders. The Superintendent secured what men he could on short notice, and they repaired the damago in about twenty-four hours of steady work.

School commenced on the 14th with an atsendance of fifty-five, twenty-nine in Mr. Tople's room and twenty-six in Miss Wilson's. This is considered very good for the first day as many families who went away for the summer have not yet returned; and of the children living in town, many of the larger ones can not be spared from their homes until later. There is now a new organ in the schoolhouse, bought mostly with the proceeds from the May Day picnic and ball. The school is justly proud of this acquisition. The trustees are untiring in their efforts to improve the school in every way. They have had the grounds cleared off, had all the buildings repaired, carefully selected the library books and last but by no means least, employed good teachers.

Mesilia Valley has a belfry added to the school house and a bell which serves the double purpose of calling to school on week days and to church on Sundays. Work in the mines goes on much as usual. We are in hopes that arrangements for mining by the drift process will soon be completed. Business seems to be livening up a little.

Mr. Lafferty has just had his house reshingled and John L. Lewis is building a

large new barn.

J. R. Preston recently brought a number of gentlemen in his four-in hand on a flying visit to Cherokee. Among them were A. F. Jones, Louis Glass and E. W. Fogg. Your correspondent did not learn who the others were. Colonel Frank McLaughlin and Superintendent of Schools Stout were here later.

Quite a number of Orovillians were in town on the 15th to attend the Masonic

Lodge.

Mr. J. J. Morrison spoke in Cherokee on Saturday evening on the subject of the Farmers' Alliance. The audience was small as few persons knew of it.

G. W. M.

The gravel cement in the bottom of the Spring Valley mine at Cherokee after having been thoroughly cleaned of its gold by the company has been leased to other parties. They have been at work for some months past and have paid little more than expenses. Lately they have put in some new machinery for grinding or crushing this cement and the last run paid them well. There is enough of this cemented gravel to last for ten years' work.

# Oroville Register 10-15-1891

Jas. Laferty of Cherokee, one of the most experienced miners in the county, told us not long ago of a man who is now engaged in mining near that place. He does not work the ordinary gravel as most miners do, but obtains the gold from a bed of clay. This clay is spread upon the ground to loosen or disintegrate, when it is washed through a sluice. The tailings are then allowed to lie for months when they in turn are washed. At the end of the year they are washed again, and at the end of the second year they are washed for the fourth and last time. The miner told Mr. Lafferty that where he obtained \$20 from the first washing he got \$10 from the second. \$2 from the third and \$1 from the last.

### Oroville Register 10-22-1891

The workers in the cement mine at Cherokee are doing quite well. They pay a royalty to the Spring Valley company and also to Mr. T. L. Vinton yet they make good fair wages and are well satisfied with the mine.

#### Our Correspondent Sends Social and Other News of Interest.

DEAR MR. EDITOR—Are you aware that Mesilla Valley is the exact geographical center of Butte county?

Have you not been informed that this is the very thermalest spot in the thermal belt? And you lived here yourself once upon a time, before we can remember.

Did you never see the wonderful oranges, lemons, shaddocks, pomaloes, watermelous, owls, and other citrus fruits that grow here? Come up and

we will show them to you.

Why, then,—and we ask it in anxious sincerity—O, why do you not sometimes print something about us in your "valuable paper?" "The Owls" scan its pages with eager eyes for notes from this section, but all in vain. We are reduced to the last extremity. The world must hear from us. We are compelled to send you some items ourselves.

Every vacant cottage in our village

has been rented.

Mr. A. Burt, or Magalia, and Mr. H. S. Curtis, of Oroville, have moved here to send their children to school. Mrs. L. A. B. Curtis is the teacher. The school is full and will soon run over into the street. Barbara Obernauer received the most votes for correct deportment in school. She got a present of an "owl." We read a chapter in "Black Beauty" every day in school. Last Friday we read three.

Sunday-school has reopened. Mr.

Harn is superintendent.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union has fifteen members, "good workers," they say, whatever that means. Miss Alice Snyder is secre-

tary.

Saturday night the Good Templars elected officers. H. S. Curtis, C. T.; Mrs. Frost, V. T.; Geo. Frost, S.; J. G. Curtis, F. S.; Mrs. Luce, T.; Geo. Smith, M.; F. Heckart, G.; R. Mc Cloud, Sec.; Mabel Potter, organist; Wm. McCloud, L. D.

### Daily Mercury 10-27-1891

Hay is scarce and high. The alfalfa has been sold from the Lee and Pence ranches, the last at \$12 per ton.

Superintendent Stout visited the

school last week.

Professor Garlichs has a music class Mrs. and Mrs. Will Snyder have gone here.

to Susanville for a visit.

Several bands of cattle and horses passed through our village last week.

T. Lockerman has brought his fine band of Angora goats down from the mountains.

Mr. Thos. Esman, Mr. McLain, Mr. Copeland and Mr. Stone will soon move down from the mountains.

Mr. Parrish and family have re-

turned from Big Meadows.

Mr. Wilson has rented the Horn ranch.

Mr. Will Leonard was up from

Oroville last Friday—business.

Mr. Wm. McCloud is curing the

raisins on the Durban ranch.

If you are not too jealous of our lovely valley, lest it should became a formidable rival of Oroville, I trust you will print this, and so encourage the literary aspirations of

THE OWLS.

#### Four-Legged Chicken.

The other morning on the ranch of Amos Merrithew near Clear Creek a chicken was hatched that had four separate, distinct and well formed legs and feet. Though the monstrosity lived but a few hours, it was a well formed chicken. Had it lived it would have become one of California's curiosities and would have brought its owner a nice little sum.

### Daily Mercury 10-28-1891

#### FELL FORTY FEET.

Two Men at the Golden Feather Fell From the Dam.

Yesterday afternoon Geo. James and John Logue, who are employed on the Golden Feather concrete dam, were thrown by the breaking of a scuffold 40 feet into the bed of the river. Their comrades fully expected to pick them up lifeless, as they were precipitated head first. Strange to say, however, by some means they turned in the air and struck in a pool of water. Beyond a general shaking up and a few bruises they were uninjured. They can thank their lucky stars that they are not now occupying a slab in the undertaking rooms.



Agent for the celebrated diamond spectacles and eyeglasses. Every pair purchased are guaranteed, so that if they ever leave the eyes [no matter how rusted and scratched the lenses are] we will furnish the party with a new pair of glasses free of charge.

#### In Medicine QUALITY is of First Importance.

Mail and stage orders filled with dispatch. Twenty-five years experience in the drug and prescription ousmess. R. M. GREEN, Proprietor.

ORO DRUG STORE, Opp. Union Hotel, Myers St., OROVILLE, CAL

#### Oroville Register 10-29-1891

#### Cherokee Items.

ED. REGISTER:—Cherokee has been very quiet for some time. A season of great activity is usually followed by a period of rest; the converse is also true, so we shall expect lively times next winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Powers, who have been living near Feather river, have moved to Cherokee. Mr. Powers intends to mine here next winter. Their friends gladly

welcome them back.

Those who are working in the mines are trying to get in all the time they can while the weather is fine. Reports from Big Bend are quite encouraging. We hope their expectations will be more than realized.

News was brought last week of an old man named Mike Lannon being found dead in his door. He had been picking apples last Thursday, and a little girl coming shortly after on some errand found him lying dead. He probably died of heart disease. Mr. Lannon had a confortable home with a small orchard and vineyard near Spanish town on the Yankee Hill road. He was unmarried and leaves no relatives in this State. One by one the old settlers are passing away. Only a few months ago an old man named Ellis was found in much the same way as Mr. Lannan. G. M.

### Oroville Register 11-5-1891

No End to the Mines.

Mr. John Nisbet of Cherokee, has been engaged in mining in Butte county for over forty years and has given careful attention to all forms of extracting gold from the earth. He says, "There is no end to the resources of gold mining in this county. All the accessible or easily got at mines were long ago filed upon and many have been worked out, those that remain are the ones that require capital and labor to extract the

gold.

The drift mines are nearly in the same abundant. condition that the quartz mines are. The whole northern end of the county is covered with an enormous flow of lava and beneath these vast fields lie the rich mines of the future. The outlay and labor required in getting at the old channels beneath these lava coverings have prevented the mines from being exhausted. It takes capital to open and develop these mines, but I am convinced that the ancient river channels will turn out more gold than the placer mines that have been worked during the past forty years. Our present ravines and even our flowing rivers are small compared with the rivers of the past. The present gravels are not so well washed as the gravel found in the ancient channels. The volume of water in them must have been much greater than that in the streams of to-day and the erosion of the past was very much greater than that indicated by the present rivers and creeks. These old gravel mines will be more permanent and lasting than the modern streams. I judge of this by the great volume of water that it must have taken to wash the immense deposits of gravel. There is a great quantity of gold there yet but it takes capital, labor and skill to reach it. In quartz mining special knowledge is required both for developing the mines and for working and amalgamating the ores.

About Cherokee, Yankee Hill and Oregon city the outlook is encouraging at present. Outside capital and aid is coming in and I think it is a good time, for capital will never be able to obtain mining property to better advantage than now. Mines of all kinds will advance in value in the future and more work will be done each succeeding year. When the methods employed at Grass Valley, Amador and of er places are adopted here, the result will be the establishment of a profitable busin, as, as our ores are, to say the least, of equal grade and abundant.

#### The Rich Gravels of Cherokee.

Mr. Jas. Lafferty who has been engaged in mining for many years and was one of the foreman in the great Spring Valley mine

at Cherokee, says:

"The gravel mines in this county are good. I am satisfied that the Magalia ridge mines are extensive and permanent. It requires capital to prospect and develop these mines and that is what is now needed. One trouble with mining has been the oxpense and one great item of expense has been the office holders, or those who earn no money and draw large salaries. The, laborer earns his two and a half or three: dollars a day, but much of the profit of the mine goes into the pockets of the officeholders who draw large salaries or have, done so in the past when the mine was being worked. The Cherokee mine will pay well by the drifting process. It will cost about \$30,000 to open the mine for this work but once opened there is ground enough for the next ten years that will pay two and a half dollars per cubic yard. While in charge of one tunnel that was run I took out for the company enough money in five weeks to give \$800 clear above all expenses.

Most of the shallow gravel mines in the State have been exhausted but the deep mines are rich and lasting. Many of these extend under the lava and carry coarse gold. They run in spots; ten feet will pay well and the next ten will not pay anything. It all depends upon the nature of the bed; rock; the smooth rock will not contain gold while the riffle will be found to be rich in the precious metal. There are large tracts of ground at Cherokee that were worked! over and left, the miners believing no. more gold could be obtained. The ground worked is a hardpan or gravel cement. It is run through a crusher worked by water power; this acts on the principle of a rock breaker and pulverizes the cement. This is then fed into an arrastra and ground into a pulp. The power is furnished by a large wheel and the miners find that they can realize about three dollars a day. There is a large amount of this land and will last probably for the next eight or ten years. There is a strip of it about one mile long, from ten to thirty feet deep and 1,000 feet wide.

### Oroville Register 11-5-1891

Under the Table Mountain there is a pay streak of blue gravel and cement that is about forty feet deep and 800 feet wide that will average two dollars to the cubic yard while the rotton bowlders will average from three to fifteen feet deep and 800 feet wide. This bowlder streak I would estimate to, pay fully two and a half to three dollars per cubic yard. This one great mine if properly developed would give employment to fully 150 men for many years. The cost of opening the mine lies in running tunnels, a main one to drain the mine and side tunnels to get out pay dirt."

I send you some facts that will I think be of service in the mining edition of the REGISTER. The total amount taken from the Spring Valley Hydraulic Gold mine of this place was, from 1870 to 1884, \$5,800,108. Some of the old settlers estimate that prior to 1870 fully

\$5,000,000 were taken out.

In 1873 the company made a thirty-five day's run with 2,000 inches of water and with a partial cleanup of 800 feet of flume and fourteen undercurrents, there was produced a bar of gold worth \$91,273 and which weighed 299 pounds. I have lived here for twenty-one years, and was in the employ of the company for fifteen years. I have perfect confidence in the mine and believe there is as much gold in the mine to-day as every has been taken out.

### Oroville Register 11-12-1891

Lawrence Laster has been opening a quartz mine near Oregon, City and will by another week be ready for crushing quartz.

The team of Jas. Logue of Oregon city ran down Huntoon street on Tuesday and struck a wagon in front of Bell & Waldeyer's store, no serious damage was done.

Andrew Beatson, superintendent of the Big Bend mine, has resigned his position which will be filled by a gentleman named Hawkins. Mr. Beatson is one of the most experienced miners in the county.

### Oroville Register 11-12-1891

Mrs. G. H. Stout, who is one of the best teachers in the county, closed her fourth term of school at Yankee Hill last Friday. The school patrons and friends of the teacher celebrated the event by a dance in the schoolhouse and a supper at Mrs. M. H. Wells' hotel. All had a very happy time and kept up the dance till four on Saturday morning.

The Standard Gold Co., will shortly reopen one of the Oregon City quartz mines
that was worked thirty-two years ago and
paid splendidly then. It is believed that
with the improved means for working ore
that it can be made to pay fabulous dividends. Thos. Graner will be the superintendent.

### Oroville Mercury 11-19-1891

#### A MOUNTAIN HOME.

A Correspondent Describes the Manch of Wm. H. Mullen.

ED. MERCURY: Knowing that you are interested in the development of Butte county and that you are ever ready to speak a good word for citrus, nut and deciduous fruit culture, I must tell you of a visit the writer with a companion made to the beautiful home of Wm. H. Mullen, situated midway between Yankee Hill and Blg Bend. Only a few years ago, I think seven, Mr. Mullen settled upon this place, built a handsome house, which is well furnished throughout, and planted an orchard of nut and fruit trees. Last Sunday afternoon when we were there, we were shown an exlithit prepared by Mr. Mullen to be shown at Marysville and then to be sent to the San Francisco board of trade as a permanent exhibit. selection consisted of French and Hungarian prunes, pealed and unpealed peaches, two or more varieties of English and French walnuts, two or three kinds of almonds and a French chest. All these were grown by Mr. Mullen at an altitude of about 1900 feet without irrigation. Besides this we were regaled with the finest kinds of apples and large, luscious muscat grapes. We were also shown quantities of dried fruit ready for shipment to market. Mr. Mullen's French prunes cannot be excelled. They are waxy and sweet, and could not be told from the prune of commerce. Mullen's method of curing prunes is to dip them in boiling lye, rinse them and dry in the sun. He thinks the lye makes the fruit tender and facilitates drying.

Such a spot as this of Mr. Mullen's seems a paradise, and certainly one ought to be happy to call such a place home.

SECNARE.

YANKEE HILL, Nov. 17, 1891.

### Oroville Register 11-19-1891

#### Grow Good Apples.

Fred Kirby of Concow valley was in town last week and speaking of the apple crop he said, "Butte produces as fine apples as any section of the United States, but we are not careful enough in selecting the best varities, nor do we exercise care enough in picking out the poor, wormy and bad looking apples in sending our fruit to market. I make it a point to go over my apples and select only those that are nice looking and will bear examination in any market. What we want is to build up a reputation for Butte county apples so that we can always find a market for them whether others can sell apples or not. To do this we must get rid of the poor varieties and plant and grow only the best such as the Newton Pippin, Spitzenberg, Baldwin, white winter Pearmain and other choice kinds. The apples that rot early in the winter, that are small, inferior looking and tasteless should never be put on the market. The best apples we can grow are the ones that sell well, keep well and eat well during the winter. Growers in planting should exercise care in selecting only the best kinds and never attempt to sell their poor fruit for this injures the sale of good apples and hurts the reputation of all apples grown in the district.

### Oroville Register 11-19-1891

Wm. Mullen of Big Bend went to Marysville this week to attend the State Fruit Grower's convention. He took with him a large case of French prunes, peeled and unpeeled, sun dried peaches, Hungarian pitted prunes, French walnuts, chestnuts and almonds. The fruit was very choice and neatly put up for exhibition. After the convention in Marysville he will ship the fruit to the State Board of Trade in San Francisco.

On the morning of the tenth inst. the wine cellar and store house of W. W. Merithew of Clear Creek was burned. The loss is about \$500 with no insurance. G. W. Crapo saw the fire and ran to the spot but it was impossible to put it out as coal oil had evidently been used to spread the flames. Two men were seen rapidly riding down the lane below Hays' place and it is thought that these were the parties who had set the building on fire.

C. A. Grummett of Oregon city says that the mine about to be opened at that place by the new company that has recently been organized was exceedingly rich when it was formely worked by Col. Derrick thirty years ago. He asserts that if the machiney had been used that will be used now that fortunes would have been taken from the mine.

# Daily Mercury 11-28-1891 THE SUPREME COURT.

Abott and Wm. Gregory, on appeal from an order of the Superior court of Butte county, denying the defendant's motion for a new trial, the commissioners of the Supreme court, in an opinion filed today in the Sacramento office, reversed the order and granted

The plaintiff sued the defendants as mining partners, to recover for services alleged to have been rendered as superintendent of their mine.—Bee.

a new trial.

## Oroville Mercury

A. K. Beatson has retired from the superintendency of the Big Bend mine. Work has discontinued for the present and H. A. Hawkins, an eastern man, has been installed there to look after the property. Mr. Beatson retires with honors as he has left everything in first class order.

#### A Sure Cure for Optum and Liquor Habits.

The East India cure for these awful habits can be given without the patient's knowledge, and is the specific for the purpose, it is not injurious in the least degree; manufactured by the Emerson Drug Co., San Jose, Cal., and for sale at Jenkins' Drug Store, sole agent for Oroville.

#### LAND HOLDINGS IN BUTTE COUNTY FOR FOUR DIFFERENT PERIODS.

The following table shows the one hundred largest land-holdings in Butte County in the years 1875, 1896, 1885 and 1890.

We have, for the purposes of more ready comparison, placed these years side by side in the table.

The table has also been subdivided by footings showing, first, the acrosse held in excess of 5,000 across accound, the acrosse held by the fifty largest land-owners, third, the acrosse held by the one hundred largest land-owners, and in each case the values of such acrosse. Of course, each total includes that of the proceeding subdivisions.

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16. Robert and Wm. Campbell 2,740	5.800	14. Fred A Shaether 3.	990 58,960 976 67,640 320 15,632	16. L H Meintonh	4,320 4),600	Total acreage of hold- ings in excess of 5,000 scres	8 \$3,554,952
18. Daniel Abbey 2,086 19. Garret Keppel 2,080 20. CF Lott 1,994	9,780 4,588 10,400 22,816	17. W and R Camp-	840 38,620	and Mining Co 18. J M Ward 19. Indiana C Rickette 20. P C Richerdson &	4.149 5,555 8,719 9,156 3,696 5,580	16. Garrett & Kepple. 4.87:	117,775
21. J L. Keefer 1,960 22. J W Bowers 1,800 23. P Ord 1,714	22,316 17,640 21,600 6,852	19. Mrs C E Sanborn 3, 20. Bank of Chico 3,	529 44,550 263 49,480 140 52,900	20. P C Richardson & Erros 21. J A Faleger 22. J J Benvis	3,627 4,515 3,014 17,756 8,013 70,110	18. Estate of Charles Crocker 4,21	
24. Falegar & Stemple 1,680 25. Kinney & Perkins 1,680 26. Max Brooks 1,600 27. Decker & Belcher 1,576	2,282	22. Ricketts and Hon-	796 25,230 787 4,550	23. CF Lott 24. Capital Savings	2,921 45,685	20. W H McKay 3,990	6,180
28. M B West	3,838 5,544 18,457 17,415	28. J H and M J Bennett 24. Trayner and Mo-	779 50,890	25. Thos R Jones. 26. A H Chapman 27. W H Pares, Jr	2,918 77,720 2,912 4,005 2,717 6,835 2,686 23,790	21. CL Williams, Sr. 3,38: 22. Charles F Lott. 3,36: 23. Nelson Watts 3,32: 24. J A Falleger 3,12:	68,605 101,305
30. J J Verckier 1,495 31. G Seaverns, et al. 1,479 32. W C Hendricks &	23,664	25. John Bowers 2,	480 20,360 070 38,280 988 10,200 870 35,000	28. Grangers' Hank of California 29. J L Keefer	2,592 64,570 2,420 40,600	20. Jacob springer &	5,960
33. John Crouch, et al 1,368 84. J N & M J Bennett 1,268 35. Builard & Gliky	\$7,350 \$1,556		840 4.600	30. Merrimac Mill Co. 31. 8 C Farmham	2,415 6,085 2,407 9,755 2,396 97,900	26. Grangera Colony. 2,75 27. J & N McKillop. 2,621 28. Jasp Miller 2,600 29. J N Hennett. 2,57 30. D K Perkins. 2,481	12,808
3a, D J Williams 1,225 37, Wm Sharkey 1,200	5,785 2,131 6,400	31. M and T Spence 1,	821 31,850 787 10,340 600 29,740 590 29,140	33. N McKiliop & Bro. 34. Spring Valley Min- ing and Irriga- tion Co		32. Elma C Farnham 0 39	20,875 85,980
38. Jacob Krusi-k	8,400 8,400 6,750 8,960 1,745	33. Oroville Mining	520 10,450	36. Joe Miller & Bro	2,302 23,880 2,235 61,380 2,175 36,335	34. John M Ward 2,33 35. J L Keefer 2,25	19,200 3 14,705 2 3,307
41. E D Clark 1,120 42. Joseph Farnan 1,120	14,025	35. A M Pitte 1.	497 18,835 420 25,520 384 24,876	37. W H Pramens 38. J W Howers 39. J C Moore	2,080 3,800 2,060 47,195 2,001 6,740	37. N Harrison 2,16 38. W II Prosects 2,00	7 70,040 5 60,955 5 5,210
44. John Errington 1,080 45. W T Boulware 1,031 46. Pitta & Posey 1,030	8,348 8,348	38. D P Fryer	360 19,600 360 5,800 280 24,000	40. Bowden Hedge 41. Streeter & Boul- ware	1,999 14,600 1,930 5,790	39. John W Bowers 2,07 40. W B Hockhart & Co. 2,07	42,120
48. Henry Presion 960	2,630	41. Samuel Danville 1.	280 20,360 244 18,560 214 26,600	42. Mrs C E Fanisaru. 43. C W Clark. 44. Daniel Streeter 45. J N Bennett	1,920 34,720 1,910 22,800 1,894 45,895	41. Shippes & McGes. 2,06: 42. W T Houlware. 2,06: 43. Streeter & Houl- ware. 2,06:	80,200
50. Hunsucker 4 Farmham 905	4,525	44. M Killop & Bro 1.	200 20,610 135 2,900 120 4,380	47, W T Boulware	1,889 58,875 1,883 25,055 1,866 59,650 1,845 14,975	44. Thomas R Jones 1,99 45. H Cohn	3,250
Total acreage of the fifty largest land holders 184,386 \$1	,950,829	46. E Pagan. 1.	080 21,600 057 18,260 056 2,640	50. G. C. Nelson	1,760 7,600 1,692 50,760	47. Martha M. Trny. Ber. 1,920 48. Mrs C E Sanborn 1,920	40,320
51. Geo Smith	7,920 4,400 7,540	50, N H Thomassen 1,0	040 2,500 018 12,840	Total acreage of the fifty largest land holders 2:		50. J O Bradford 1,90	56,400
54. John C Moore 851	7,540 8,925 6,880 1,012	Total acreage of the fifty largest land-holders 216,8	869 \$3,507,898	51, James Trayner 52, Shippee & Englis 53, J D Bradford	1,680 35,160 1,676 34,325 1,670 43,660	Total acreage of the fifty inrgest land-holders287,686	
57. JS and TB Hutch- ins. 800 58. Crop & McKillican 815	6,600	53. E Crouch	000 6,880 990 17,040 988 26,780	55. J C Garner 56. Pacificus Ord	1,624 28,650 1,621 14,335 1,603 10,390	51. Charles Retson 1,803 52. P Hetner 1,803 53. M Doon 1,800	34,235
60. Marion Biggs Sto 61. J McK Smith 80.3	8,800 1,300	54. John M Ward	954 10,020 954 10,668	58. H Cohn 59. F M Cecil 60. Max Brooks	1,600 46,040 1,599 24,675 1,596 1,995	55. James Mann 1.766	2,500
62. Isane Kitchen 800 63. Isan'i Streeter 780 64. J J Moorehead 763	1,000 4,480 24,416	58. John Shannon S	927 2,842 920 16,485	61, Thomas Marce 62, C A liraselton 63, Wn Wagner	1,593 45,555 1,520 3,700 1,520 4,760 1,520 3,800	57. Jesse Wood 1,740	6,205 8,680
65. Orius Walker 760 66. W W Stone 720 67. John I Lewis 729	14,060 3,600 4,800	60. J C Oamer	916 16,488 914 4,400 905 17,010	64. JR Haughton 65. R M Turner 65. McLaughlin B	1,520 3,800 1,482 21,610 1,479 47,355	69. M Biggs, Jr, and James Farts. 1,702 60. D N Friesieben 1,646 61. South Feather	1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -
68. Lemnel Sweena & 720 69. Dan'i Bidwell 700	6,580 21,350	63. J H Morgan	884 25,610 880 4,100 878 3,408	67. Nelson Watts	1,477 11,125 1,440 43,200	River and Union Mining Comp'y. 1,643 68. Fred Hamibusch. 1,615	9,865
70. A M Pitta	6,125 5,865	67. J J Moorehead	798 11.512 767 14.960 763 24.760	69. Perkin & Co.	1,440 42,080 1,440 8,550 1,440 8,540		17,425
er. 680 73. John Shannon. 680 74. Posey & Jenkens. 671 75. Stone & Posey. 640 76. R W Goodell. 640	5,865 5,160 3,335 3,200	69. C Throsher	750 23,870 742 14,200 737 21,385 782 21,298	70. M Doon 71. J F and W H Rowell 72. N F Wood	1,437 2,770	66. Dorn E Riddle 1,588 67. Sunset Land and	49,925 50,635
	2,880	72. Josiah Troxwell 2	782 21,298 781 23,400 700 14,000 700 14,120	72. N F Wood	1,313 7,225 1,324 43,110 1,290 39,650	68. Perkins & Wise 1,526 69. Joseph Farnham 1,526	4,490
79. Henry Black 640 80. Chas Cliffman 640	6,120 4,160 8,200	76. J F Entler	994 11,940 183 7,071	77. Jacob Krusick	1,280 1,280 1,280 41,360 1,280 2,400	72. Villa Verona Land	47,395 18,240
84. Photos nimoore 640	5,120 4,160 8,200 3,210 8,400 2,560 5,120 2,700	79. Daniel Bidwell	2,600 350 22,950	79. M Reyman 80. W Broyles 81. H H Hewictt 82. D Abbey	1,266 31,250 1,256 37,995	74. N.F. Wood 1,39e	16,525 2,670 14,415 2,550
		84 P.C. Plebundson	155 19,650 140 2,880 140 1,220	83. Charles Retson 84. James Mc Jann. 85. Henry King & Co. 86. J P Stevenson	1,251 8,975 1,234 2,705 1,200 1,700 1,191 3,575	76. JWB Montgomery 1,34:	4,395
88. L A Snow	15,965 1,286 3,876	84. G W Gridley	40 12,500 40 4,040 40 10,000	86. J P Stevenson 57. S S Kelly	1,156 3,240	79 Morris Paris 1,307	13,615
	10,470 8,875 700 1,752	88. Henry Block 6	12.7:0	87. S S Kelly 88. Mrs A A Meore- bead. 89. W L Moore	1,134 63,565 1,120 2,800 1,104 7,040 1,102 24,890	*1. James Faris	44.480
93. John Hupp	1,752	91. James C Gray	907 11,958 904 11,760 900 1,820 960 2,425 960 2,600	91. Mrs A Hobson 92. James Braynen 93. J W Westwood 94. Wm James	1,080 2,700	83. Wm Donstone 1,253 84. M Reyman 1,243	57.180
95. D 8 Benner 560 96. W 8 Riddle 560 97. Darius Huriburt 580	2,800 1,400 2,400 2,800 16,120	94. For & Howard	660 10,480 159 6,182		1.077 31.270 1.060 2.750 1.006 81.205	87. D Gage et al 1.229	13,490 3,690 37,850
98. Harmon Bay 520 99. Thos J Moon 517 100. John Scharfenberg 500	16,120 8,709 4,000	97. P M Gwynn 5	348 11,890 348 12,640	90. M C Sessions. 97. Mrs C is oker. 98. Jas T Stephens. 99. John Rutherford. 100. J I Lewis.	1,010 2,200 1,040 1,300 1,020 3,200	90. J I Lewis 1,162 91. OJ Martin 1,155	55,265 54,905 2,430
Total acresge of the 100 largest owners 206,595 #2.		100. Mrs A Wright 5	342 7,592 331 7,765 320 16,900	Total acreary of the 100		92. Mrs.A. Morehend 1,154 93. R.M. Turner 1,144 94. Thomas Rodgers 1,141	112.655 40,725 47.600
Total assessed acresses in Butte	14.0,000	Total acreage of the 100 largest owners253,3		largest owners25	PU,VUS \$4,792,383	00 P. Prexier 1.138	37,635 1,300
County Value of same \$5 Total tax of county \$16	504,496 930,123 1,638 55	Total assessed acreage in Butt County Value of sums Total tax of county	534,642			97. JF Stevens 1,001 98. M C Sessions 1,051 99. Jno T Rytherford 1,011 100. C L Wilson, Jr. 1,000	3,170
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						County	2,503,245 00 9,242,934 00 251,191 58
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