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1-5-1893

J. G. Curtis of Pentz manufactured some very choice olive oil lately which has been sent to the Citrus fair for exhibition.

T. J. Houghton, Superintendent of the Rainbow mine at Yankee Hill, was in town on Tuesday.

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In Oregon Gulch J. F. Hink and the Gable brothers of Woodland, have bonded the Laster mine and have six men at work. They are putting up an eating house and a bunk house, and as soon as these are completed they will increase the number of miners to fifteen. They will run a tunnel and also sink upon the ledge, and if it proves as rich as they anticipate a ten stamp mill will be erected next summer.

The following officers of Cherokee lodge No. 92, were installed last Saturday evening by C. L. Durban, D. D. G. M.: Joseph Copeland, N. G.; J. L. Lewis, V. G.; Thos. Vinton, Sec.; John Slissman, Treas.; Wm. Mullin, O. & I. G.; Wm. Esman, W.; C. L. Durban, C.; I. Kitchen, R. S., N. G.; J. Johnson, L. S. N. G.; E. C. Wilson, R. S. V. G.; G. W. Tyler, L. S. V. G.; J. Boxhall, R. S. S.; M. DeLong, L. S. S.

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The Standard Gold Company of Oregon City are putting in a sixty horse-power coiler, and with it will run two steam pumps on the Cambria incline. When this is pumped out the ledge will be tested, and if found sufficiently extensive, it will be developed and the rock worked.

Miss E. D. Potter of Pentz will teach the Nimshew school this year.

Important Suit

An important law suit is being tried today in Oroville. This is a suit brought by Paul Albers of Biggs against the Spring Valley Mining Co., of Cherokee. Judge Prewitt of Placer is presiding and the attorneys are T. Z. Blakeman for plaintiff, C. W. Cross for defendant, J. M. Allen for Bank of California defendant, F. C. Lusk for Chas. Waldeyer and Bank of Rideout, Smith & Co., intervenors. W. E. Doane of Auburn is reporting the case.

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Proposals for Road Contracts

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED
by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Butte County California, at his office in Oroville, up to

Friday, February 10th, 1893,

at one o'clock P. M. for maintaining, improving and keeping in repair, for the term of two years from date of contract, those several Public Roads in the several Supervisor and Road Districts as follows, to wit:

Supervisor District No. 5.

Road District No. 9.

Proposal No. 1.

SECTION 1. Commencing at Charles Wick's house, and running by way of Pentz to Arbuckle Hill where said road connects with the Cherokee and Magalia road, a distance of eight miles more or less.

SEC. 2. Commencing on St Clair Flat in the center of the Cherokee and Magalia road, thence running westerly by the way of Pentz and Clear Creek, to the boundary line between Road Districts Nos. 8 and 9 in section 36, Tp 21 N., R. 2 E., a distance of eight miles more or less.

SEC. 3. Commencing at Wick's, thence running by the way of the Paradise road and Clark's bridge, to where the Paradise road crosses the township line between Tps. 21 and 22 N., R. 3 E., a distance of ten miles more or less.

Proposal No. 2.

SECTION 1. All that portion of the Oroville and Cherokee road from a point at top of Morris Ravine Grade, where the boundary line between Road Districts Nos. 7 and 9 crosses said road, between sections 20 and 29, Tp. 20 N., R. 4 E., thence running northeasterly by way of Cherokee, St. Clair Flat, Arbuckle's and up to the Reservoir Hill to the township line, between Tps. 21 and 22 N., R. 3 E., a distance of thirteen miles more or less.

SEC. 2. That certain piece of road known as the "Cherokee and Yankee Hill road" from McGregor's house to the West Branch bridge, a distance of two miles more or less.

SEC. 3. That certain piece of road leading from McCloud's house in a westerly direction and intersecting the Cherokee and Pentz road at a point about one-half mile from the foot of grade, a distance of three-quarters of a mile more or less.

Road District No. 10.

Proposal No. 3.

SECTION 1. The Pentz and Magalia road from the boundary line between Road Districts No. 9 and 10, where said road crosses the township line between Tps. 21 and 22 N., R. 1 E., to the Magalia School House, a distance of seven miles more or less.

SEC. 2. That certain piece of road running from the Pentz and Magalia road, from a point near the T. B. Jones house in a westerly direction to the Paradise and Oroville road, a distance of three and one half miles more or less.

SEC. 3. That certain piece of road commencing at a point on the Magalia and Pentz road near Emmet Miller's house and thence in a southerly direction to the Paradise road, a distance of two miles more or less.

Proposal No. 4.

SECTION 1. Commencing at a point on the Paradise and Oroville road where the boundary line between Road Districts Nos. 9 and 10 crosses said road on the township line between Tps. 21 and 22 N., R. 3 E., thence by way of Paradise to where it connects with the Pentz and Magalia road about half a mile below Magalia, a distance of nine miles more or less.

SEC. 2. That certain piece of road commencing at a point on the Paradise and Oroville road at the village of Paradise, thence westerly to the Neal road, a distance of one and one half miles more or less.

SEC. 3. That certain piece of road leading from a point on the Paradise and Oroville road about one mile south of Paradise, thence westerly to the Neal road, a distance of two miles more or less:

Proposal No. 5.

That certain public road known as the "Neal Road" and beginning at the dividing line between Road Districts Nos. 8 and 10, the same being at the point where said road crosses the eastern boundary line of Tp. 21 N., R. 2 E., thence to its intersection with the Magalia and Paradise road about three quarters of a mile south of Magalia, being a distance of eleven miles more or less.

Proposal No. 6.

Commencing at a point on the Chico and Centerville road, where the boundary line between Road Districts Nos. 10 and 15 crosses said road on the section line between Secs. 34 and 35. Tp. 22, N., R. 2 E., thence running up Butte creek and by way of the Carr Hill bridge and up the Carr Hill road to its intersection with the Neal road near the Ware place, a distance of eight miles more or less.

Proposal No. 7.

Commencing at a point on the Chico and Centerville road where the Carr Hill road intersects said road and near what is known as the "Carr Hill road bridge," thence by way of Centerville to McClellan's hotel at Nimshe, a distance of thirteen miles, more or less.

Proposal No. 8.

SECTION 1. Commencing at a point in Old Magalia on the Powelton road and running by way of Happ's mill to Powelton, a distance of ten miles more or less.

SEC. 2. That certain piece of road leading from McClellan's hotel at Nimshe to its intersection with the Magalia and Powelton road at a point about one mile below Happ's mill, a distance of five miles more or less.

SEC. 3. That certain piece of road commencing at a point on the Chico and Powelton road about one half mile north of Nimshe and running thence southeasterly to where it connects with the Magalia and Powelton road, a distance of three and a half miles more or less.

Proposal No. 9.

SECTION 1. Commencing at the Magalia school house, thence by way of Mosquito creek bridge and Old Lovelock to Powelton, a distance of ten miles more or less.

SEC. 2. Commencing at a point on the Magalia and Powelton road about one-half mile south of Mosquito creek bridge, thence running northerly to Kitchen's and known as the "Doon Grade," a distance of three miles more or less.

Road District No. 17.

Proposal No. 10.

All that portion of the Chico and Humboldt road commencing at the point where the said road crosses the section line between Sec. 10 and 11, Tp. 22 N., R. 2 E., thence running northeasterly by way of Forest Ranch and Berdan's to the West Branch House, a distance of 25 miles, more or less.

Road District No. 15.

Proposal No. 11.

That portion of the Chico and North Point road, described as follows: Com-

mencing on the township line between Tps. 22 and 23 N., R. 1 E., on what is known as the North Point road, thence to Cohasset, and continuing to the Tehama county line, as near thereto as said road has been formally opened for travel, a distance of eighteen miles more or less.

Supervisor District No. 3

Road District No. 6.

Proposal No. 12

SECTION 1. Commencing at a point on the Oroville and Quincy road, where the said road crosses the township line between Tp. 19 N., R. 4 and 5 E., keeping the main Oroville and Quincy road to a point on the township line where the said road crosses, between townships 20 and 21 N., R. 5 E., being a distance of 10 miles more or less.

SEC. 2. Commencing on the township line between Tps. 20 and 21 N., R. 5 E., keeping the main Oroville and Quincy road to a point within one mile of the Mountain House on the township line between Tps. 21 and 22 N., R. 6 E. being a distance of about eight miles more or less.

SEC. 3. Commencing at a point near the Mountain House on the township line on the main Oroville and Quincy road, being that point where the road crosses the township line between Tps. 21 and 22 N., R. 6 E., continuing on said road to the county line between the counties of Butte and Plumas, near the Buckeye House, a distance of about eight miles more or less.

Road District No. 4.

Proposal No. 13.

SECTION 1. Commencing at that point where the road crosses the section line between sections 17 and 18, Tp. 19 N., R. 6 E.; thence along the main Oroville and La Porte road, that passes to the south of Forbestown, to a point where said road crosses the county line near or on the lands of Preston Young, a distance of about six miles more or less.

SEC. 2. Commencing at a point on the Oroville and La Porte road about a quarter of a mile west of Forbestown; passing through the said town to a point where it connects with the main Oroville and La Porte road, a distance of about one and a quarter miles more or less.

Supervisor District No. 1.

Road District No. 1.

Proposal No. 14

SECTION 1. That portion of the Oroville and Quincy road, commencing at the intersection of Montgomery street, Oroville; thence easterly to the township line between Tp. 19, 4 E., and Tp. 19, 5 E., a distance of six miles more or less.

SEC. 2. That portion of the Wyandotte and Oroville road, commencing at the intersection of Myers street, Oroville; thence southerly to the intersection of the Palermo road; thence easterly to the dividing line between Road Districts Nos. 1 and 18, a distance of three miles more or less.

SEC. 3. That portion of the Palermo and Oroville road, commencing at the intersection of the Wyandotte and Oroville road; thence southerly to the dividing line between Road Districts Nos. 1 and 18, a distance of one and a half miles more or less.

Road District No 18

Proposal No 15

SECTION 1. That portion of the Palermo and Oroville road commencing at the line dividing Road Districts Nos. 1 and 18, thence southerly to a point where said road crosses the track of the N. C. R. R. Co., a distance of three miles more or less.

SEC. 2. That portion of the Wyandotte and Oroville road, commencing at the line dividing Road Districts Nos. 1 and 18, thence easterly to the dividing line between Supervisor Districts Nos. 1 and 3, a distance of one and one-quarter miles more or less.

Contracts will be let separately on each proposal by number; any elector of the county may bid on one or all of the above described pieces of road.

The requirements are that all of these roads and pieces of roads shall be improved, worked, maintained saved from injury by action of water or otherwise; ditches, water breaks and culverts must be made wherever necessary to protect the roadbed from being injured by water. On all of the grades the roadway must not be allowed to become sidling by reason of caving down of embankments; wherever practicable, ditches are to be made along the inside of such grades, short distances only, and the accumulation of water prevented by suitable culverts or water breaks.

The Board will hold contractors accountable for injury done to any of the roads under their charge by reason of any lack of diligence on their part in allowing water to wash away the roads or grades.

The roads must be kept in a good condition, free from obstructions, fallen timber removed with dispatch, also to be kept free from loose rocks, and where natural conditions permit they must be made and kept smooth, and in all other respects properly cared for.

It is also made the duty of contractors to keep in a proper and safe condition all bridges and culverts under twenty feet in length, and to rebuild, repair or replank the same whenever necessary. On the roads specified in Proposal No. 1; there shall be placed each year between the months of March and December one hundred cubic yards of fine gravel at places and in a manner designated by the Road Commissioner. The contractor to notify the Road Commissioner of the District of the neglect of any ditch company or corporation to keep their bridges, culverts or crossings in proper repair.

On the roads specified in Proposal No. 2, there shall be placed seventy-five cubic yards of fine gravel at the time and in the same manner as above described.

On the road specified in Proposal No. 3, there shall be placed one hundred cubic yards of suitable gravel below the Carr Hill road bridge and seventy-five cubic yards of fine gravel between said bridge and the foot of the Carr Hill grade, as directed by the Road Commissioner as above.

The graveling mentioned above is to be done apart and in addition to those general requirements which may require other gravel to be placed on the roads by contractors to fill chuck holes or mire, or for the proper fulfilling of the terms set forth in such general requirements.

Bidders must accompany their bids with a certified check or a bond in the sum of two hundred dollars, conditional that such bidder will be awarded such contract, file his final bond as required by law and enter into the performance of the work, or forfeit the sum of two hundred dollars to the County; *provided*, however, that when a person bids on more than one contract, but one bond or check is required. No bid will be considered unless accompanied by the aforesaid bond or check, as a guarantee of good faith on the part of bidders.

Contractors will be paid quarterly.

Bidders are requested to endorse their communications, "BIDS ON ROAD CONTRACTS, PROPOSAL No.—."

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

C. L. STILSON, Clerk.

OROVILLE, Jan'y 9, 1893.

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Population of Butte in 1880 and 1890

	1890.
Ophir.....	2,210
Gridley.....	1,326
Honcut.....	849
Wyandotte.....	849
Oro.....	710
Bidwell.....	630
Concow.....	459
KimsheW.....	1,482
Oregon.....	1,010
Dayton.....	808
Nelson.....	234
Hamilton.....	1,819
Chico Township.....	2,704
City of Chico.....	2,894
Total.....	17,939

	1880.
Bidwell.....	698
Chico Township and City.....	5,239
Concow.....	530
Dayton.....	686
Hamilton including Gridley..	2,785
KimsheW.....	1,455
Mt. Spring.....	400
Ophir including Honcut.....	3,728
Oregon.....	1,910
Oro.....	432
Wyandotte.....	888
Total.....	18,751

Concow township includes Yankee Hill, Concow, Big Bend, Flea Valley, and little KimsheW

Oregon township includes Cherokee, Oregon City, and Pence

Large Land Owners.

Below we present a list of the largest land owners in Butte county. This list was prepared and published two years ago and has not been revised to date, but the changes have been but few. John Crouch, who then owned 19,184 acres, has since bought the 2,071 acres owned by J. W. Bowers, and Dr. N. Watts, who then owned 3,328 acres has added largely to his possessions. To this list should be added Hatch & Rock with 1,156 acres valued at \$65,795. Messrs. Bidwell, Crouch, O. C. Pratt, the Leland Stanford University and Mrs. A. M. Parrott own 96,748 acres of the 410,065 acres of arable land in the county. In the proposed Bidwell county there are 360,000 acres of arable land and the five owners named above would possess more than one-fourth of it.

	Acres.	Value.
Fred H. Deakin	29,860	\$57,500
John Bidwell.....	24,085	711,612
John Crouch.....	19,184	254,265
O. C. Pratt	18,189	755,250
Mrs. A. M. Parrott	17,905	452,470
Leland Stanford Univer'y.	17,385	650,975
Merrimac L. & L. Co....	11,713	22,410
Lumpkin Mill Co.....	8,912	20,970
N. H. Thomasson	8,742	35,820
Shippee, Englis & Co....	7,929	155,590
D. M. Reavis and wife...	7,861	272,590
Spring Valley Gold Co...	6,943	70,010
E. H. Gould	6,255	54,980
W. and R. Campbell.....	5,335	25,280
R. Rice & F. M. Cecil....	5,038	15,230

Fifteen holders own 195,353 acres or nearly one-fifth of all the lands in Butte county. Nine of these fifteen are in the proposed new county. Of the first six who own over 17,000 acres each, five are in the proposed Bidwell county. The first fifteen holders own lands valued at \$3,554,952.

	Acres.	Value.
Garrett Keppel.....	4,872	\$117,775
P. C. Richardson & Bros	4,573	6,970
Chas. Crocker's estate...	4,210	77,210
Palermo L. & W. Co....	3,993	52,315
W. H. McKay	3,598	6,180
C. L. Wilson, Sr. estate.	3,388	109,675
Chas. F. Lott	3,365	66,605
Nelson Watts.....	3,328	101,305
J. A. Falegar.....	3,124	19,060
Jason Springer & Co....	2,840	5,960
Granger's Colony.....	2,757	69,860
J. & N. McKillop	2,625	12,805
Joe Miller & Bro.....	2,625	53,220
I. N. Bennett.....	2,574	91,785
D. K. Perkins.....	2,485	20,875
Estate of John Welsh...	2,433	85,980
E. C. Farnham.....	2,382	4,435
Wm. James.....	2,330	19,200
John M. Ward.....	2,315	14,705
J. L. Keefer.....	2,252	3,307
G. C. Nelson.....	2,167	70,040
N. Harrison.....	2,145	60,955
W. H. Proseus	2,085	5,210
J. W. Bowers.....	2,071	42,120
W. B. Heckart & Co....	2,070	4,870
Shippee & McGee	2,067	64,095
W. F. Boulware	2,062	80,200
Streeter & Boulware....	2,060	12,120
Thos. R. Jones.....	1,999	3,290

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H. Cohn.....	1,960	26,160
Elizabeth L. Howe	1,931	27,900
Martha M. Trayner.....	1,920	40,320
Mrs. O. E. Sanborn.....	1,920	24,940
Crocker Est. Co.....	1,920	56,400
J. O. Bradford.....	1,906	60,980

The total acreage of the fifty largest land holders in Butte is 287,686 acres; value, \$5,083,779.

	Acres.	Value.
Chas. Retson.....	1,805	4,900
P. Hefner.....	1,801	34,235
M. Doon.....	1,800	11,230
John Guidery & Co.....	1,760	2,500
Jas. Mann.....	1,760	4,000
Wm. Wagner.....	1,757	6,205
Jesse Wood	1,740	8,880
D. Streeter.....	1,728	50,145
D. N. Friesleben.....	1,646	42,570
South Feather River Co.	16,43	9,865
Estate of Garner	1,613	17,425
P. R. Welsh.....	1,604	21,900
M. & T. Spence	1,590	49,925
Dora E. Riddle.....	1,588	50,635
Sunset Co.....	1,560	1,950
Perkins & Wise	1,525	4,490
Joseph Farnau.....	1,520	11,920
Mary A. Banon.....	1,483	47,395
Warren Green.....	1,480	18,240
Villa Verona Co.....	1,445	16,625
James McGam	1,435	2,970
N. F. Wood.....	1,396	14,415
W. B. Jones.....	1,371	2,550
J. W. B. Montgomery...	1,346	4,395
H. H. Hewlett.....	1,338	28,030
L. McB. Rose	1,307	13,615
Morris Ravine Co.....	1,305	2,610
J. M. & O. W. Nelson ..	1,288	44,430
Shippee & Englis.....	1,256	40,195
Wm. Dunstone.....	1,253	3,870
M. Reyman.....	1,243	57,180
John C. Gray	1,240	6,040
Geo. Cople.....	1,236	13,490
D. Gage, et al	1,229	3,690
L. H. McIntosh	1,223	37,850
Ed Fagan.....	1,173	58,265
J. I. Lewis.....	1,162	34,905
O. J. Martin.....	1,159	2,430
Mrs. A. A. Moorehead...	1,154	112,655
R. M. Turner.....	1,144	40,725
Thos. Rodgers	1,141	47,600
L. P. Drexler.....	1,138	11,475
E. Wickman.....	1,099	37,635
J. F. Stevens.....	1,095	1,330
M. C. Sessions.....	1,056	33,645
John T. Rutherford....	1,012	3,170
C. L. Wilson, Jr.....	1,000	30,000

This list comprises over 350,000 acres out of a total of 1,128,960 acres in the county. The total assessed acreage in the county is 750,006 so that less than one hundred men own almost half the assessed land in the county.

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Fire Rock.

"Near Messilla Valley is a valuable rock," says O. L. Durban, that will stand an intense fire. It resembles sandstone but it is so soft that it can readily be cut with a common chopping knife. I have a fire place of this rock that has been in use since 1858 and there is scarcely a crack in any of the blocks. Henry and Joseph Curtis at one time got out a number of fire places, cutting out large blocks for the back, sides and jamb. A whole fire place could be got out in one solid piece if a person desired it. The big blocks were cemented together with ashes and salt. The lime kiln near Pentz is lined with this rock and it stands an immense heat. There are large ledges upon my place and if a railroad passed there so as to handle it cheaply it might become of great value.

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Superior Raisins.

C. L. Durban of Messilla Valley a few miles north of Oroville raises some of the largest and finest grapes in the State. He cures a large quantity of raisins each year, but is getting pretty well along in years and does not push this business as he would if he were younger. His raisins were exhibited years ago in Paris and won high premiums there. In 1887 they received a special premium at the Mechanic's Fair. This winter he received at the great Citrus and Mechanic's Fair combined, the second premium of \$100 and the silver medal. His land slopes to the southwest, is well drained and has an abundance of water. If some young man would take hold of this property, it would in a few years become of great value. We learn that Mr. Durban desires to dispose of his place in order to rest from care and responsibility. If so, here is a rare bargain for any man who desires one of the finest vineyard and fruit tracts in all California. The little valley is well sheltered from frost and wind, the altitude is less than 500 feet and no sweeter, larger or finer grapes are grown in all California. He has an extensive vineyard and a fine orchard with excellent buildings and an abundance of pure, sweet water.

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J. C. Morgan of Cherokee has been in town most of the week.

L. L. Myers and wife of Cherokee were in Oroville on Monday.

**E. McGrath, of Palo Alto mine at Merri-
mac was in town yesterday.**

**Wm. James and T. L. Vinton of Chero-
kee, M. L. Mery of Chico, C. D. Carus and
A. F. Welsh of Gridley and L. Cohn of
Magalia were in town on Monday.**

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At Oregon City the owners of the Cambria have put in a forty horse power engine to run their two steam pumps. They expect to get their mine pumped dry and timbered by the first of April.

Mrs. Trowbridge's house near Pentz was burned a few days ago.

Charley Bloomfield on Clear Creek has nearly completed his handsome residence and is now engaged in preparing a large acreage of ground to be set to olives.

The members of Table Mountain Lodge at Cherokee have lately removed their lodge and now occupy the second story of the Spring Valley Company's hall. The third or Master Mason's degree is to be conferred by this lodge on next Saturday night. Quite a number of Masons from Oroville lodge will go up to attend the meeting that night.

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OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1893.

Proposals for Road Contracts

SEALD BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Butte County California, at his office in Oroville, up to

Friday, March 17th, 1893,

at 10 o'clock A. M., for maintaining improving and keeping in repair, for the term of two years from date of contract, those several public roads in the several Supervisor and Road Districts, as follows, to wit:

Road District No. 11.

Proposal No. 23.

That certain public road commencing at Concow: thence northerly to the "Old defiance Mill," being a distance of ten miles more or less.

Proposal No. 24.

That certain public road known as the Yankee Hill and Flea Valley road Commencing at the West Branch bridge, thence northerly to Concow, being a distance of ten miles more or less.

Proposal No. 25.

That certain public road known as the "Nelson Bar" road, commencing at the West Branch; thence along said road to the intersection of the Flea Valley road, a distance of four miles more or less.

Electrical Power.

Surveyor O. M. Enslow calls our attention to the advantages presented for introducing cheap electrical power into this town. At Big Bend there is a tunnel beneath the mountain and through this tunnel Feather river in summer season can be turned. A ditch is built from the lower end of the tunnel about a mile and a half. This ditch carries 5,000 inches of water and has a fall of 300 feet. This flow of water will develop 3,000 horse power which is sufficient for very extensive factories, mills, etc. The distance a wire would extend would be about ten miles and thus there would be but a slight loss of power. We lately gave a list of localities where power is conveyed from 5 to 100 miles and will not repeat the same. It is certain that cheap power can in this manner be brought here, and it is probable that if our citizens would exert themselves the owners of the Big Bend property would take steps in this matter that might result in great advantages to Oroville.

Party at Cherokee.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Myers of Cherokee gave a party last Friday evening and a correspondent sends us an account which we have somewhat condensed. The residence was handsomely decorated with evergreens and flowers and the dining hall was ornamented and illuminated with many Chinese lanterns. The table was loaded with choice viands together with fruits, candies, ice cream, etc. All present were entertained in various ways, music, singing, games, cards and dancing. All had a happy and enjoyable evening and will long remember the delightful occasion. The party was given in honor of Miss Josie Myers, sister of Mr. Myers. The following is a list of those present: Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Tople, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. James, Mr. and Mrs. D. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Vahey, Mesdames J. Nisbet, J. Landis, M. H. Wells, Wm. Herbert, P. Jones, Misses Nellie Wilson, Emma Rapp, Josie Bader, Janet Wilson, Hettie and Annie Waldeyer, Rose and Louisa Thomas, Lucy Nix, Jennie Lafferty, Laura Landis, Josie Myers, Messrs. Jas. Lafferty, C. Waldeyer, H. F. Bader, Wm. Rapp, Wm. Wilson, Jr., S. E. Miller, G. Nisbet, Wm. Johnson, E. Slissman, A. Johnson, Wm. McGregor, Ed. Campbell, George McGregor.

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Odd Spelling.

The names of post offices in Butte are often misspelled, and if the various postmasters in the county would prepare a list of the different ways in which Pentz, Paradise, Wyandotte and some others are written it would astonish the reader. Thus Paradise is written Parodice, Paridise, Paridice, Paradies, and various other ways including Palokaies. Wyandotte is written Wyandot, Wyandott, Wiandot, Wyandatt, Wyendote. Pentz is spelled Pence, Pents, Peents, and various other ways including Pintz.

The Standard Gold Mine, at Oregon City, shut down for a few days for repairs.

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Mountain Trip.

Supervisor James and Surveyor McCoy made an eighty mile trip on Friday and Saturday to examine some of the mountain roads. From Oroville to Cherokee, thence to Pentz, up the Curtis ridge, to Paradise and over to Centerville the first day. The next day to Nimsheew, thence to Magalia, back to Pentz, Cherokee and Oroville. The roads were rough, says McCoy, but were drying up rapidly. The bridges were all in good condition. They examined a new mile and a half grade below Centerville and also a new road above that place. These are well constructed and durable highways. At Paradise several new buildings are being erected, land is being cleared and fruit trees planted. Dr. Mack is putting out 2,000 fine olive trees which will make about 6,000 trees for him. The olive trees at J. E. Curtis' place are exceedingly fine and thrifty. At Centerville C. H. Heintz is increasing the area of his vineyard. Nimsheew is having a boom in quartz. Thos. O. Carter has organized a company and put up a quartz mill where thirty men are employed. The ledge is the old McBride lode which is known to be rich. The Mood or Magalia Consolidated mine is paying well. Miners at Nimsheew predict a lively summer and are confident of a boom in quartz.

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The Woodland Company at Oregon City are driving ahead with their work and are taking out some rich quartz. They have leased the Hendricks water right for two years and talk of erecting a ten stamp mill for crushing the ore. They have a pressure of over 200 feet and will have abundant power for the mill.

The Standard Company at Oregon City are steadily reducing the quantity of water in their mine and hope by the latter part of this week to reach the bottom. They have a fine engine and boiler and except for a break in their pump they would have had the mine dry by this time.

Mesilla Valley Notes.

Since the professional quill drivers of this happy valley neglect to do their duty of late, perhaps a few items from a humbler pen may not come amiss. May I, dare I, mention the weather? Life was threatened in Cherokee when a stranger inadvertently inquired, "has it cleared off?"

Spring comes slowly up this way, yet the bunch grass now furnishes abundant grazing, fields of grain respond gratefully to the frequent rains and fruit trees are in full bloom, everything giving promise of abundant harvest.

E. C. Wilson has put his little orange grove in good order and given it a generous supply of fertilizing, mixed with brains.

Mr. Lee is plowing. Chris Maack is plowing the Horn ranch. Mr. Durban has nearly finished his spring orchard work.

Roscoe McCloud has leased the grain land of the Durban ranch for the season.

Thos. Lockerman was less successful with the kids of his fine Angora flock this year than last, owing to bad weather.

Mr. Parish has a crew of men at work on the road, indicating that he has secured one of the numerous road contracts.

Mr. Graves is taking care of the Pence ranch, W. O. McCloud is similarly employed at Evrie Villa, while the Knox ranch is rented to Portugese. These three ranches are for sale, and it is to be hoped that they will soon fall into the hands of enterprising purchasers, who will be quick to see and prompt to develop their magnificent possibilities in the matter of citrus fruits, olives or deciduous fruits.

There is no finer location for oranges than in this sheltered valley surrounded by hills and lying toward the sun.

Dried peaches sold here from nine and three-fourths to eleven and a half cents.

Pending land purchasers there is quite a stagnation in the fruit industry here. Perhaps the Columbian Exposition may bring the boom this way.

Another large tract of good land is lying idle, owned by the Farnham heirs.

We need a railroad and another water ditch and a colony, and this would soon become the Eden of California.

Up the ridge J. G. Curtis is clearing land for more olive trees, as this locality has proved to be especially adapted to olives.

Mr. Heckart furnished us with a quantity of the finest oranges last week. They seem to be in the perfection of ripeness at this season. It is to be feared that the orange industry of the county will be injured by the inordinate ambition of some growers to hasten the fruit to market in the early fall, long before it attains its luscious ripeness.

Society notes are few, "all owing to the weather." The neighborhood will long lament Mrs. Frost's departure. She has removed to Chico.

A pleasant party gathered at Mt. Olivet on the evening of the 7th to bid adieu to Miss Lizzie Potter, who has left us to teach the Nimshew school. About twenty-five of the youth and beauty of Mesilla valley were present and passed a few delightful hours in song and merry making and pleasant converse.

A basket social and a dance will be held at the hall Friday the 14th. Everybody invited.

The Good Templars lodge still flourishes and Mrs. E. S. Potter is the superintendent of the Sunday school. A Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been organized, also a Loyal Temperance Legion. The Farmers' Alliance has meetings occasionally. Mr. Burdette Cornell, an eloquent speaker, addressed an audience last night in behalf of this political organization. Frank Coulter of the State I. O. G. T. gave a rousing lecture here not long since. We have also had lectures from Mrs. Eyster and Mrs. Henriette Skelton, and Mrs. Emma Pow Smith is coming. We are not entirely out of the reach of literary comforts, even if we are off the railroad.

We have a postoffice, magazines and newspapers, but no saloon!

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Great Mining Property.

The Spring Valley Mine of Cherokee.

The suit spoken of below by the San Francisco *Bulletin* will decide what is to be done with the Spring Valley mine and whether this great mine is to be opened again and employment given to hundreds of drift miners:

For the past three weeks the important case of Alvord et al., vs. The Spring Valley Gold Mining Company et al., has been on trial before Judge Prewett of Placer county and on Friday the case was submitted. The facts and the law, taken together, presented questions of unusual intricacy and difficulty and the arguments alone occupied about nine days, during which hundreds of cases were cited.

It seems that in 1881 the Spring Valley Hydraulic Gold Mining and Smelting Company was a corporation, existing under the laws of the State of New York, and the owner of very extensive mining property in Butte county in this State. It executed, or attempted to execute, a mortgage to three trustees, William Alvord and F. F. Low of San Francisco, and W. B. Laidlaw of New York, to secure the payment of 200 bonds, each of \$1,000, with interest coupons attached. This mortgage covered all the property then held by the corporation and, by its terms applied to any future acquisitions which were necessary in its business. The New York corporation conveyed to a California corporation all its rights and interests to the property. Subsequently, the business of the California corporation proved to be unsuccessful and the Bank of California, Rideout, Smith & Co. of Marysville and Charles Waldeyer, obtained judgments in the aggregate to a large amount. The trustees then brought suit to foreclose the mortgage in the Superior Court of Butte county and made both the old and the new corporations parties defendant.

The Spring Valley Co. and the Bank claimed the mortgage was invalid. There were many subsidiary points raised during the trial, but the main question was whether the mortgage was good or bad. One side pleaded that the New York law held and the two years' limitation of that State held good, while the other claimed that the California law held and made four years' limitation the limit. The plaintiffs

and trustees, however, on the entire case, argued several propositions, each of which was stoutly contested; 1st, That the mortgage was authorized under the New York law, and ratified under the California law; 2d, that the California statute did not apply to a New York corporation; 3d, that both statutes were solely for the protection of stockholders against directors and trustees, and that neither established a rule of property; 4th, that even though the bonds and mortgage were executed in New York the two years statute had not run, because the old company had never been within this State; 5th, that the mortgage and bonds had been delivered within this State, and there was no question of limitation in the case; 6th, that prior to July 23d, 1886, in a variety of ways, embracing formal meetings and resolutions, written contracts and numerous other declarations, the New York stock holders had acquiesced in and ratified the mortgage and bonds, and that, in equity, that was sufficient, and the defendants and intervenors had no legal right to complain; 7th, that the California corporation had accepted the property, subject to all its burdens, and could not hold one and repudiate the other; 8th, that the California corporation, with the unanimous consent of its stockholders, had assumed the mortgage, the bonds, and all other indebtedness and liabilities of the New York company, and, by a new and independent promise, founded upon an executed consideration, had become the principal debtor, in whose favor no statute of limitations would run until from and after July 23d, 1886; 9th, that the judgment creditors of the California corporation, some of whom were represented in its directory, occupied no higher and better position than their common debtor; and, 10th, as resulting from all these propositions, which embraced other questions also, that in equity and good conscience, the plaintiff or trustees, acting for the *bona fide* bondholders, were entitled to foreclosure.

All these matters are now under submission and will be decided by Judge Prewett. The bondholders and trustees were represented by Henry E. Highton and T. Z. Blakeman, the Spring Valley Gold Mining Company by C. W. Cross, the Bank of California by J. M. Allen, and the intervenors by F. C. Lusk of Chico. Each side is to submit its proposed findings within ten days.

Chico Enterprise
4-14-1893

Stoneman Schoolhouse Burned.

From Superintendent Stout we learn that the Stoneman schoolhouse was burned, with all its contents, school furniture, library, etc., on Saturday night. This school is situated near Clear creek, and there has been a wrangle for some time, among the patrons, for a change of location. Last Saturday there was a meeting to consider the question of location, and by a large majority it was decided to have it remain in its present location. Saturday night it was burned, and now there is no schoolhouse. There was an insurance of \$500 on the building.

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4-20-1893

John B. Crawford of Oregon City was badly hurt by a cave in his mine a few days ago. The gentleman is one of the oldest miners in the county.

The Standard mine of Oregon City is pumped dry and the owners will begin sinking the shaft this week. They have a four stamp mill and will put this up on the rock. If the ore proves satisfactory they will erect a large mill this summer.

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J. M. Haskell, superintendent of the Mascot mine at Oregon Gulch, was in town on Tuesday. He is rushing work lively on the new mill.

There is to be a new shaft sunk on the Rainbow mine at Yankee Hill by which the lode will be developed 100 feet deeper than it is at present.

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5-4-1893

The Banner mine will probably give employment to a large number of men as soon as the water is pumped out and the mine is opened for work.

Work was resumed at the Banner mine on Monday morning. The pumps were set at work and the mine will as speedily as possible be freed from water. Seven men are at work under Geo. Fuqua, who will act as superintendent.

H. P. Morrison got badly hurt a few days ago by being kicked by a vicious horse. His daughter Miss Amy, mounted the stage and has driven from Cherokee to Oroville and back all this week, making regular trips and attending to all the stage business.

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The Cherokee company of Portugese that are working the cement gravel in the bed of the old mine, got up from the metropolis this week 4,000 pounds of powder to be used for blasting.

Chas. Bloomfield of Clear Creek planted this spring 3,000 Mission olive trees and all are starting to grow, not a single tree having died. The Clear Creek locality is admirably adapted to the olive, orange, fig and lemon.

Mrs. Theo. Fischer, two daughters and three sons of Oregon City, visited the well known cave on Table Mountain on Sunday, and Charley Fischer while there killed two rattlesnakes.

T. L. Vinton of Cherokee got in a large quantity of goods this week.

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H. P. Morrison of Cherokee, who got so badly injured by a kick from a horse last week is not yet able to be out. His daughter, Miss Amy, continues to drive the stage to Cherokee.

It is reported that the Rainbow mine near Yankee Hill, is coming out with flying colors, as at the last clean up \$8,000 was taken from the mine.

At Oregon Gulch the Woodland company are pushing work rapidly on the Mascot mine and some twenty-five men are employed. As soon as the mill is completed it is said this force will be increased.

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Concow Cullings.

Caleb Scott last season tested hops in this valley by planting four and a half acres, setting 780 roots to the acre. The vines did so well and bore so heavily that this year he has increased his hop yard by planting two and a half acres more. He sent his son-in-law, who is a good carpenter, to Sacramento, where he examined the form and structure of a hop house or drying kiln suitable for this purpose and this Mr. Scott has had constructed. He will add from year to year to his hop planting until he has all that he can handle. The building he erected was 12x24 feet, with a kiln 12x12 feet, but both are so constructed that an increase in size can easily be made. In addition to these a cooling room 12x12 feet was built, so that Mr. Scott is well prepared to handle the hops that may be produced in Concow. He sent some of his last year's crop to H. F. Bader at Cherokee who tested them and found them excellent.

E. Stone, encouraged by Mr. Scott's example, set six acres to hops and feels convinced that the investment will prove profitable. Mr. Stone is an expert gardner and farmer.

Fred Kirby grows as fine vegetables and apples here as can be grown in any other portion of the State.

H. Wright is our champion berry raiser, has blackberries, raspberries, gooseberries, currants and strawberries enough to supply the home market and make the business remunerative.

D. E. Goulding set out a small vineyard and a peach orchard this spring.

Miss Kate Lynch wield the mansanita switch over seventeen pupils, ranging in years from five to seventeen, at Reservoir district, H. Simmons, H. Wright and E. Wright, trustees. M.

A ditch from the Big Bend, with a large quantity of water to be used on the foothill lands, will be one of the grandest things that could happen to this section of the county.

IRRIGATION IN BUTTE.

**Steps Taken for the Construction of
an Important System.**

OROVILLE, May 19.—An important meeting will be held here to-morrow to take action concerning the construction of irrigating works to cover a large section of country east and southeast of this town. The call is as follows, and is addressed to the land-owners of Townships 17, 18 and 19 north; ranges 4 and 5 east, of Butte County:

The Butte County Land and Water Company proposes to construct a canal from the Feather River, at the Big Bend Tunnel, through by Miner's ranch to Wyandotta and thence to the Honcut, bringing in sufficient water for the irrigation of all lands contiguous to the canal and east of the river. The capitalists that F. Walker has enlisted to construct this ditch demand that the owners of 15,000 acres of land agree to take water when it is brought to their lands.

The undersigned, knowing the importance of such an enterprise for the county, take this method of calling the citizens interested together at the Courthouse in Oroville on Saturday, May 20, at 10 A. M., for the consideration of the proposition.
John M. Ward, John C. Gray, E. Tucker.

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6-1-1893

On to-morrow, Friday, the schools at Cherokee will close with a picnic in the day and a dance at night. P. L. Tople, the able teacher in charge, has taught there for three years, and is esteemed one of the brightest teachers in the county. His efficient assistant Miss Nellie Wilson, has taught for five years, and is very popular with pupils and patrons. There are seventy-five pupils attending the schools and they have made excellent progress during the term.

Richard Jones of Oregon Gulch, got his leg badly injured at the Jones Brother's mine near Gravel Range, and will be laid up with it for a long time.

Concow school, taught by Mrs. Dora Horton, is well attended, and this being the lady's third term shows that her services as an excellent teacher are appreciated,

The Yankee Hill road, under the contract of Mr. Spencer, is being put in excellent condition, and the lower end of the road, under Dave Daniels, is also in admirable condition.

Chas. Bloomfield or Clear creek recently found a fifty pound meteoric stone which is nearly all iron. It has been on exhibition at Norton & Ekman's for some days past.

Miss Kate Lynch is teaching at Reservoir district, and has seventeen pupils this term. She is an efficient teacher.

Miss Phenie Farnan is teaching her second successful term at Yankee Hill.

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Oregon Gulch Items.

Lawrence Lasater was down from Oregon Gulch yesterday and said that three shifts daily are working in the Standard mine and that the shaft was being sunk as rapidly as possible. A four stamp mill will be erected so that the ore taken from the shaft can be crushed in it, and then if the ore pays well a larger mill will be erected. In the Mascot mine the rock breaker was started yesterday and the mill will begin crushing this week. There are several thousand tons of rock in sight in this mine which will pay well to crush. Mr. D. B. Austin is superintendent of the Standard and J. M. Haskell of the Mascot.

The Clear Creek vicinity appears to be infested with a firebug. A few months ago one of the buildings of W. W. Merrithew was set on fire and burned. Within a few weeks the Clear Creek school house was set on fire and destroyed. Last week the large barn owned by Mrs. Fred Horn was burned and a span of fine horses together with hay, harness etc., were burned. If the firebug can be found out, and there is a reward of \$300 for the party, it is safe to say his wings will be clipped and his light extinguished.

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6-15-1893

J. D. Williams of Cherokee, tells us that the olive trees of J. G. Curtis on the Pentz ridge have made the biggest growth of any fruit trees in the county.

D. C. Morgan of Oregon City was in town on Tuesday and said the Standard Company was still sinking and had gone down forty feet since they started up this time. The lode was about two and a half feet wide and still increasing in width. Fourteen men are employed and three shifts are worked. The pumps and hoisting works are run by steam power and three cords of four foot wood are used each twenty-four hours. He says the working of the Standard and the Mascot has made more life and business in that section of the county than for a long time past.

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W. A. Shippee of Avon sent his sheep up to Duck Lake in Plumas county to pasture during the summer. The band started on Monday last as did that of J. A. Falegar of Clear Creek. Falegar's sheep go to mountain meadows.

The eight year old daughter of Mrs. P. Haggerty of Yankee Hill, broke her arm this week.

Fire at Cherokee.

CHEROKEE, Cal., July 5th, 1893.

EDITOR REGISTER:—A fire occurred at this place near midnight, July 4th. The drug store of Wm. Rapp caught fire and was burned to the ground, also two dwelling houses owned by Mrs. F. Nix, one occupied by Mrs. Nix and family and the other by Jas. Nisbet and family. Nothing was saved, the people barely escaping with their lives. The fire was first discovered by Elmer Slissman, he immediately gave the alarm, but before help arrived the buildings were in flames. Will and his brother Andrew were sleeping in the store and were awakened by cinders falling from the ceiling. Will was slightly burnt on his neck and wrist. Will Rapp's loss is about \$2,000, insurance on stock in drug store \$750; Mrs. Nix, no insurance; Jas. Nisbet, no insurance. It is not known how the fire originated.

JAS. LAFFERTY.

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THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1893.

Olives on Lava.

J. C. Curtis of Pentz has ten acres of olives and some of his trees were planted on lava covered land that would be discouraging to any other fruit bearing tree. Holes from one to three feet deep were drilled in the rock and black powder used to blast the lava rock. The effect of these explosions was to shatter the rock and in many places break up the entire cap. for the lava lay in a shallow sheet only a few feet in thickness. The trees have thriven remarkably well and Mr. Curtis attributes their unusual growth to the warmth of the soil, the rock retaining the heat so that the trees grow all winter. He planted two hundred young olive trees in June and they made a good start and all of them will live. His older trees have made such height and girth that no editor would be willing to risk what little reputation he has for truth and veracity by giving the correct figures. Mr. Curtis says in cutting down the pine trees, he and his brother counted the rings showing the trees to be 100 years old, yet these big pines grew on top of the lava where the olives are now planted, the roots penetrating in cravices and thus sustaining the tree.

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J. B. Smith of Oregon City was in town on Monday and said that the Standard company of that place had sunk seventy feet in their mine and the lode was constantly widening as it was descended upon. When they reach 100 feet two levels will be run, one at a depth of fifty feet and one at a hundred feet, and if the ledge yields as rich as it now shows, a mill will at once be put up.

Lawrence Lasater of Oregon City was in town on Saturday and said the Mascot mill would close down in a few days owing to the lack of water. During the time that the mill has run it is understood that the ore has paid well.

Louis Slissman of Cherokee went to Tehama on Saturday to resume work for the S. P. company.

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At the Standard mine in Oregon City things look promising. The company lately purchased 400 acres of timber land and this week let a contract for cutting 500 cords of four-foot wood, to be used in running the mill at the mine. The Mascot mill is not running at present, but the mine is being developed by sinking and running tunnels.

Fruit on the Mountains.

E. Tucker, who lately paid a visit to Yankee Hill and Big Bend, said to us this week:

"While away I observed particularly the fruit at the home of Wm. Mullen near Big Bend. The altitude is 1,800 feet, and he has many varieties of fruit under cultivation. His peaches, apricots, plums and apples are doing excellently. He has figs in successful cultivation, while his French prunes are well loaded and are growing finely. His French walnuts, of which he has several varieties, are in bearing.

All his fruit is grown without irrigation. This is an important point, for many think fruit cannot be successfully produced in our hills without the use of water to irrigate the trees. The soil is not so deep as on the Forbestown and Paradise ridges, but has a slate foundation. He grows choice fruit and is setting an example for others to follow."

DIGGING FOR GOLD.

Outlook for Mining in Butte County.

Quartzmills Being Erected and Old Mines Reopened—Population Increasing.

The mining interests in Butte were never more bright and promising than at present. The demand for gold has stimulated all classes of miners to renewed efforts in discovering mines and in pushing developments in those already being worked. A new mill was lately completed at Nimshew for working quartz, and the first two runs have been very successful. Colman & Paxton at Yankee Hill will erect a new quartzmill during the present season, and the rock is said to be exceedingly rich. Colonel Frank McLaughlin and a New York company are sinking on the famous Banner mine near Oroville, which at one time was one of the richest ledges in California, and which is believed to contain a large quantity of rich quartz below where work ceased. D. K. Perkins will erect a new quartzmill at the Golden Summit mine, which has an altitude of 6300 feet, and is the highest point in Butte where any mining is done, if not the very highest altitude in the county.

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Deadwood Notes.

ED. MERCURY, kind reader ours, come with us a few moments to Deadwood and we will tell you the news from that quarter, after which we will not be responsible to the MERCURY for the doings at Deadwood, at least until our return but there is a piquant pen in that neighborhood guided over the mysterious sobriquet of "Spice Willow," who has a keen appreciation of the fitness of things, and can doubtless write a more interesting letter than we.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sewell of Chico are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Izenburg.

Nate Thompson and J. N. Irwin were guests at the Deadwood House last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and family were registered at Deadwood Saturday.

J. B. Jarboe has been doing some good work on the road from Deadwood to his homestead.

Saturday evening we attended a social hop and entertainment at Deadwood. It was a general invitation and was responded to by such grace and gallantry as can only be shown by those who have the advantage to attain salubrity, and commence with nature, as it exists in the mountains.

The evening was spent in intervals of dancing, singing and instrumenta music, to the advantage and enjoyment of all present. There are many good singers in this locality, and among them is Mr. Wellington, the "Silvery-Voiced Syd," who sang "Dreamy Eyes" in a full, pleasant baritone, that showed a meritorious voice.

A gentleman who is a patient at the hospital, and who is not slow at entertaining, favored the party with such melody and harmony on the harmonica that would require much skill and genius to equal. Ice cream and other refreshments were served at midnight, and as soon as the light of the moon permitted the party dispersed to their respective homes.

There is some talk among the young folks of this ridge of organizing a school and series of entertainments, and we trust the idea will be carried out. It would afford much amusement and save many of the young gentlemen from dancing wild and wicked jigs on the porch while their more fortunate friends are waltzing in the ball room. WITCH HAZEL.

Live Oak, July 10, 1893

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Lawrence Lasater was down from Oregon City on Monday and reports the mines there in a flourishing condition. Both the Standard and the Mascot owners are sinking and developing their ledges. The lode in the Mascot is widening and the rock contains much sulphurets.

Henry Fischer of Oregon City had a steel trap set this week for coons badgers or any similar "varminits," but when he examined the trap he found he had a queer catch, and one with no profit in. This was a good sized, able bodied and full grown rattlesnake, which was dispatched by Henry in short order.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Harkness have moved into Mrs. Morrison's house. We learn Mrs. Morrison will soon go to San Francisco.

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Alfalfa on Slickens.

Surveyor McCoy has an observing eye, for ladies as well as for lands by the way, and while out surveying the Pentz ranch a short time ago he saw where slickens from the famous Cherokee or Spring Valley mine had filled a part of Saw Mill ravine to a depth of fully one hundred feet. On top of the vast bed of detrious and far from any water, was growing alfalfa as green, vigorous and thrifty as on the richest and best watered river bottom in the State. McCoy is convinced that the great mass of debris covering the present bed of Dry creek will in time become valuable land for growing alfalfa, though it to the eye now presents a bare, bleak white waste of sand and slickens.

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8-3-1893

On Saturday evening Mrs. H. P. Morrison of Cherokee raffled off her home in that place for the purpose of raising funds with which to have her eyes operated upon in San Francisco. The building was won by Joel Peyton of Forbestown.

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A Picnic and Fishing Party.

As the *Mercury's* correspondent "Witch Hazel" is absent at present, I will take his place and write up for the REGISTER a picnic and fishing party that was enjoyed by the young people of Frenchtown and Deadwood vicinity at Concow last Sunday. The party numbering about twenty, rode five miles in carriages. When the advance portion of the party reached the lake they went out in a boat, but were unfortunate enough to run on a snag, and the boat began to leak badly. By constant bailing they were able to reach the shore with no one drowned, although some of the girls were badly scared.

By this time the balance of the party arrived. They too had a misadventure, one of the gentlemen having dislocated his buggy wheel. But he and his girl got there just the same, if they did have to walk some.

Soon we all partook of a bountiful dinner consisting of chicken, ham, "pizencakes," watermelons, etc., which was greatly enjoyed. Afterwards the party went boat-riding and fishing and came home in the evening feeling that they had spent an enjoyable and happy day, and said they would go again in the near future.

A PICK NICKER.

Yankee Hill, July 26th, 1893.

Mineral Exhibit

The REGISTER is pleased to see its contemporaries take up the suggestion of Butte making a fine mineral exhibit at the mid-winter fair. We have discussed the matter with D. K. Perkins, A. Ekman, Dr. T. W. Serviss, W. E. Duncan, Sr., and others largely interested in the mines, and it is their opinion that Butte can and ought to make a handsome and attractive exhibit. We hope miners in the county will prepare for the display of minerals at this great fair and preserve suitable specimens. Among the things which will be attractive are fossils and petrified wood and Butte has great numbers of these. Let each one who can, send specimens to be shown at their fair. We have many ledges of valuable marble; these marbles are of varying colors and make attractive specimens. Collect samples of the sandstones, granites, clays, greenstones, lavas, etc., as these have much interest for mining men. In brief, let us make a large and appropriate exhibit of all the ores and minerals of the county, the gold-bearing quartz, silver rock, copper and iron, asbestos, and all other minerals that will attract attention.

Extensive Mining Deal.

C. C. Belding, who has been instrumental in bringing a large amount of mining capital into this county this week succeeded in getting a prominent English mining company, through their representative, Mr. Rodda, to examine the Nisbit quartz mine at Oregon City.

Mr. Rodda was so well pleased with the ore and the size of the lode and the facilities for working the quartz, that within three days he obtained a working bond for a year. A force of men will at once be employed in making extensive developments and opening the mine to its full capacity. This is one of the most extensive mining deals that has occurred in the county for many years, and it shows well for the merit of the mine and the ability of Mr. Belding, when we say that in three days from the time Mr. Rodda saw the mine he had taken a bond for working it. This means much to Oroville for the mine is within ten miles of the town and this is really the base of supplies.

Mining Outlook.

The mining outlook in this county is constantly growing brighter as the mines about Bangor, Forbestown and Hurleton, are attracting many men, those in the Gravel Range region are also attracting attention and paying well, the quartz mines at Oregon City are making a fine showing and so on with other localities that might be named.

The quartz deposits of this county are mostly of low or medium grade, but the ledges are extensive and give every indication of permanency. Medium grade rock worked in a cheap and economical manner forms the best mines, as the veins are as a rule, large and a great amount of labor is demanded.

Many valuable mines are being opened in the county and these are pouring forth gold every week that adds to the wealth of the State, while the men employed and the animals at work furnish a market for farm and orchard produce and assist business men in many ways.

Plumas Items.

J. H. Hogan returned a few days ago from a trip up through Plumas and Lassen counties. He says the grain crops are good, the fruit trees are filled and the hay crop is fair. Miners are feeling encouraged and the mining towns in Plumas are improving somewhat. At Susanville many new buildings are being erected to take the place of those destroyed in the late fire. Prattville is well filled and is lively. Many campers have been about Humbug lately, although the season is backward this year. P. R. Welch is erecting a two-story addition to his hotel, the new part being eighty feet in length. On the 23d of this month a large party will leave Humbug for a trip to Hot Spring valley and to ascend Lassen Butte. H. J. Langdon will run two four-horse stages and Claud Mitchum one four-horse one, and there will be two other four-horse teams, so that the party will be composed of thirty or more individuals.

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J. Buck Smith was down from Oregon City on Monday and says the outlook is very encouraging for mining in that part of the county. The owners of the Standard mine are better pleased than ever the further they sink on their lode, and the ore increases in richness. Large contracts for wood have been given, and as several different ones have these contracts it divides considerable money among the different residents. The Nesbit mine he thinks will prove a splendid property for the English company that has bonded it, and he is confident that it will become one of the most profitable mines in the county.

Mr. and Mrs C. L. Durban of Mesilla valley were in town on Saturday last. It is the intention of Mr. Durban to put up a fine quality of raisins to exhibit at the midwinter fair. His raisins are among the very best produced in California.

M. T. Sparks has the contract for building the Stoneman school house. There were six or seven bidders for the work.

Mrs. Henry Morrison and her daughter Miss Amy have gone to San Francisco.

New Mill.

The Standard mine at Oregon City is proving so good that the owners will shortly begin the erection of a new mill to crush the quartz. The shaft is now down 240 feet and the levels being run show excellent rock, so the owners feel justified in putting up a mill. Fifteen men are employed beside the number of men cutting wood. We learn that the money paid for wood alone each month amounts to quite a large sum and this, as well as the wages paid to miners, is benefitting the people of Oregon City.

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A vein of plumbago has been discovered
in the Banner mine.

Oregon City Mines.

The recent development in quartz at Oregon City calls to mind the many mines in that locality which have been worked to some extent, and others which have been merely prospected. The first quartz mill built in this county was erected at Oregon City on a ledge now owned by George Strang. This was in 1853, and it cost \$50 a ton to get out the rock and crush it in the mill. Among the ledges in the district, which extends over a tract about a mile and a half wide by five miles in length, are the following: Louisiana, White & Nutter, Rock River, the latter was sunk upon 200 feet and the former 300 feet, Hitchins, Gold Blossom developed by a 60 foot shaft, Buffalo, Reece, Table Mountain. White & Crawford, Charles Retson's ledge, James Lynch ledge, Little Jewel, Bloomingdale, opened by a 120 foot shaft, and Smith Bros ledge. In addition to these are the Mascot, Standard and Nesbit ledges which are now being worked. Many of the others paid well, and the ledges did not pinch out, but in some there was too much water to work without machinery, and in others there was a lack of capital to fully open and develop the mine. When capital takes hold of these mines Oregon City will become a noted district, and there will be a dozen paying mills at work.

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Tobacco in Butte.

In studying what crops can be with profit produced in this part of the State we are reminded that tobacco is being discussed to some extent by those who have made a success of growing it in other parts of California. It was thought by many for years that tobacco could not be produced in this State. It was extensively tried and while the tobacco as a plant grew well it was claimed by experts that it could not compete with the tobacco grown in the more moist sections of our country. A recent communication from a prominent tobacco grower in the State says these reports were made up for a special purpose by those interested in putting a stop to the culture of tobacco in the State. When we glance over the extensive parts of the earth where this plant is successfully grown, India, southern Europe, Sumatra, Java, the West Indies, nearly all of the Atlantic States of our Union and still other parts of the earth, it would seem something uncommon if tobacco could not be grown in California that grows nearly every other plant and vegetable so successfully. It is a staple crop in sixteen different States, and grows in all the States and Territories except three, so that it would seem as if California ought to produce this plant as profitably as other sections do.

Tobacco has been tested in various parts of this county. W. Y. Bliss tells us that he tried a patch of tobacco at Wyandotte and that the leaves were large, rank and thrifty and that they cured well and had a good color.

John Rutherford of the same place raised quite a quantity of tobacco, which made very good smoking tobacco, but did not make first class cigars.

In an early day an old Virginian grew tobacco on the bluff above this town.

Romeo Breden tells us that his father raised tobacco in the bottom lands on Feather river years ago. Joe Freydt for some years grew tobacco near Pentz Ranch. Tobacco years ago was produced successfully in Bidwell Bar canyon. It was also grown by a man just below Mountain House.

At the first Citrus fair held in this town W. W. Merithew of Clear Creek exhibited a quantity of tobacco in the leaf, while J. B. Thomas of Cherokee had at the same fair a fine display of excellent tobacco. This was grown on red land and the color is light. Thos. Kelley tells us he smoked this tobacco for a long time while living at Cherokee and he thinks it is the finest he ever used. J. W. Snyder of Wyandotte exhibited tobacco at one of our citrus fairs. Rickman Bros. of Bangor have for some years grown and cured a considerable quantity of tobacco for their own use.

It will thus be seen that tobacco will grow over a large part of the county and yield well. The statistics of the census of 1880 show that the average yield per acre, in Alabama was only 206 pounds per acre, in Georgia 235 pounds, in Texas 323 pounds, in Michigan 494 pounds, in Minnesota 429 pounds, while in New Jersey by careful cultivation and the liberal use of manure it amounted to 1163 pounds per acre. That this State compares well with others may be seen when the crop for San Benito county was 923 pounds per acre and in Los Angeles 820 pounds. As it will grow in all the hill parts of Butte it will be well for those interested to test tobacco and learn from actual experience what the plant will do and what profits it will yield.

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Desire for Homes.

The mad rush of homeseekers into the Cherokee strip shows how desirous people are of obtaining desirable land upon which to settle and make a home. To the disappointed ones the papers of this State ought to say in California there are millions of acres yet awaiting the homeseeker. The land here will produce twice as much in a year with water upon it as any land in the Cherokee strip. This land is in the foothills or at least the greater portion of it lies there, and the climate and water cannot be surpassed. The winters are mild and genial, the summers superb, the soil good and nearly everything one desires will grow. Up to an altitude of even 4,000 feet most of the best fruits will grow while the apple, pear and cherry will thrive still higher. This land can be bought for five or ten dollars an acre. It will cost from \$20 to \$25 an acre to clear it and get it ready for the plow but part of the cost will be returned in the shape of wood, rails or saw logs. Once cleared it will grow the finest of clover or timothy, all kinds of berries, vegetables, and such fruit as apples, pears, plums, prunes, apricots, nectarines, grapes and olives the latter up to 2,000 feet in altitude. The snow does not fall deep nor lay long and the region is as healthy as any in the world. The land would cost a little more than land taken up in the Cherokee strip but it will produce more, and yield a greater variety of crops. After all a home does not consist in mere land, but in what that land can be made to grow, and in this respect one acre here is worth any three acres in the region where such a mad scramble was made to own a little of mother earth.

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F. C. Bader of Cherokee has been appointed postmaster in place of T. L. Vinton.

L. L. Myers and P. L. Tople, of Cherokee, were in town yesterday. The latter qualified as Justice of the Peace and is now ready to tie the matrimonial knot, kiss the bride, acknowledge a deed, or perform any other official act that comes within his province.

We understand that Caleb Scott of Concow will have this year about three tons of hops from four acres of land. As a part of the vines are not old enough to bear the yield will be about one ton per acre. At present prices this will give better returns than any other production in the county for the present year.

H. P. Morrison brought us down from Cherokee this week a leaf of a tobacco plant grown by Mr. Cheshire of that locality. The plants average four and a half feet high and this leaf was eighteen inches broad by twenty-eight inches long. Mr. Morrison said this was about the average size of the plants. Mr. Cheshire has about 300 of the tobacco plants this season, which is the first he has ever grown in the county.

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The life of Miss Nella Reavis, daughter of Davis Reavis the well-known stock raiser in this county, has not been a smooth one. It will be remembered that she married W. M. Pence, and after living with him a few years she obtained a divorce, and subsequently married a wealthy resident of San Francisco. Now her husband Holt has been sued for a divorce by a woman with whom he formerly lived. She affirms that they were married and lived together as man and wife for six years. He does not deny living with the woman but does deny that they were ever married. The issue of the present contest is watched with much anxiety by Mr. and Mrs. Holt and the friends of both.

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P. L. Tople of Cherokee has been appointed Justice of the Peace to fill the position left vacant by the death of Wm. Herbert.

Joseph Curtis and wife of Pentz were in Oroville yesterday. Mr. Curtis said he was over on the Pratt grant this week and bought good baled hay for six dollars per ton. This is cheaper than he ever bought it before, except once, when he got some for \$5.50 per ton. Speaking of fruit on the Magalia and Paradise ridge he said his olive trees were heavily loaded with berries this season. A young man working for Mr. Vine near Paradise, told him that the prune crop had been gathered and dried and that Vine would have this season ten tons of prunes.

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Prunes in the Foothills.

The day is fast coming when men owning small tracts of land must use this land to the best advantage. Those in the foothills labor at some disadvantage over others in the valley or near the markets and in consequence they must grow such productions as can be handled to the best advantage. Often the owner of an orchard is where he cannot get extra labor and thus he is prevented from increasing his orchard beyond the ability of his family to handle the fruit. In prune growing less labor is required than in the drying of any other fruit, and in consequence this fruit is one of the most profitable that can be planted. The success of the prune in the foothills of this county is assured. The very best prunes are grown at Paradise, altitude nearly 2,000 feet, where John Hedge and others have some very fine trees well loaded with excellent fruit. At Big Bend where Wm. Mullen has for several years raised large and luscious prunes, at Mountain House where E. J. Rutherford and others have heavily laden prune trees, although the altitude is 3,000 feet, and on Berry Creek where Flynn, Zink and others have splendid prunes. It is thus assured that prunes will thrive from the valley up to an altitude of 3,000 feet. The fruit does not require much labor, dries heavily compared to the number of pounds of green fruit and keeps well when dried.

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Chas. R. Farnham has been engaged to drive the delivery wagon for Wells, Fargo & Co. He is a well known young gentleman, reared in the county, most of his life having been spent in this town and as he is popular and accommodating we predict that he will make an excellent official for the company.

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Stamp and Die.

Reports come from Oregon City of an encouraging nature, though it is said that work on the Spring Valley or Nisbet mine has ceased and it is not known whether it will be resumed or not. The Mascot has however struck excellent rock and the ledge is four feet wide and well defined. It is rich in free gold and contains a large amount in very rich sulphurets. The mill will be started up again as soon as water comes to run the machinery.

The Banner has shut down for a short time, but it is whispered among those who think they know all the ins and outs of this celebrated ledge that excellent ore has been struck on the 500 foot level and that work will be vigorously pushed during the winter.

Laster and Graner are sinking to reach a bed of gravel and think they will soon strike it.

Tony Maack has a tunnel in between 700 and 800 feet and has some of the best paying gravel in the State, so that the Oregon City neighborhood is looking up.

The Standard Co. is greatly encouraged and the prospects are that Oregon City will be a lively mining camp this winter.

There are 61 pupils in the two departments of the Cherokee school.

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Cherokee Items.

CHEROKEE, Cal., October 8th, 1893.

EDITOR REGISTER:—As I have not seen anything in the REGISTER from this place for some time past, I thought it best to send you a few lines to let you know that the people are alive and manage to keep up with the times. Not an idle man in the place. No tramps. Everybody is busy and doing business on a gold basis.

The Portugese are still working on the bottom and are making good wages. They intend cleaning up the first of next month and expect to realize about \$12,000.

The Slissman mine is still paying well.

The McGregor Bros., are preparing to open up a new claim. The prospects are very encouraging.

The Darby Bros., are still doing well, making from two to three dollars per day.

Mr. Vahey is still working his mine and is making good wages.

The Nisbet and Wilson boys mine is doing remarkably well. They are taking out about two hundred dollars per week. They have six men working.

T. L. Vinton is building a new barn and repairing his store. He is carrying on a large business.

School opened October 2d with an attendance of sixty-two pupils in the two departments and is still increasing, as many families that have been away for the summer are now returning.

Mrs. James Landis and family have returned from Weaverville, where they have been visiting relatives in that vicinity.

Mrs. James Lafferty and family have returned from Inskip, where they have been spending the summer.

Mrs. Wm. Jones is home from Concow.

Mrs. L. L. Myers and family are home from Yankee Hill.

Ed. Campbell has returned from the metropolis.

R. Cheshire, who has been ill for some time past, is able to be around again. His many friends are glad to see his old familiar face in his blacksmith shop once more.

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The frame work for the Standard Mill at Oregon City is up and the will be running ere winter sets in.

C. L. Durban of Pentz, will put up this season about 14,000 pounds of raisins.

Mail Contracts.

The following contracts for carrying the United States mail will soon be let and as many in this region are intered in them we publish the following:

From Oroville to Wyandotte, Hurleton, and Forbestown and Clipper Mills and back six times a week, distance 32 miles.

From Oroville to Cherokee and Pentz to Yankee Hill 23 miles and back, six times a week.

From Oroville to Lumpkin 31 miles, and back, twice a week.

From Oroville by Sundale, Clear Creek, Paradise, Magalia, Cotoleuc, and Lovelock to Powelton, $34\frac{1}{2}$ miles, six times a week.

From Oroville by Bidwell Bar, Berry Creek, Brush Creek, Merrimac, Buck's Ranch, and Meadow Valley and Spanish Ranch to Quincy 65 miles and back, three times a week.

Contracts will also be let from Biggs to Oroville by way of Avon, daily except Sunday.

Also from Yankee Hill to Concow six and a half miles, three times a week.

A contract will be let for carrying a daily mail from Honcut to Central House.

The bids will be received up to Dec. 1st, 1893.

The attention of many in this county at the present time is turning to the production of hops on a more extensive scale. There are many thousands of acres in the county that may be devoted to this industry that will produce better returns than they now do. Along the Feather river are many hundreds of acres that will realize more in hops than if planted in anything else. Along the foothills and in the mountains are favored spots where hops can be grown to great advantage. This has been conclusively proved by Mr. Caleb Scott at Concow, who has this year produced a large crop of extra fine hops. For the interest of those who have an idea of entering into this industry, we give the following extracts taken from an article in the *Sutter Independent* by Mr. P. Carroll, a Sutter county grower of many years' experience. Among other things, Mr. Carroll says:

"I will consider the conditions existing in the countries where hops are produced. Take England first: Her lands must be fertilized, and climatic conditions are favorable to lice and other pests and spraying must be resorted to. Germany the same. New York is often troubled with pests and must spray to get her 547 pounds per acre. Washington has a rich soil and needs no fertilizers, but her climate breeds pests and she must spray. The same conditions exist in Oregon. Next comes California; her soil is fertile and a warm, dry atmosphere produces no pests. She has no rains in the picking season, and the skillful grower can produce good hops for the market, which are held in high favor by the English brewers, and they import extensively of Pacific Coast hops. So now let us consider where California would be in a fight for existence with other hop-growing countries. California would stay while the others would have to go out. Give California labor for the same price that New York pays, and New York would have to go out in the end. The acreage of the coast has been increased in the last few years, while other places remain about the same. California has 3974 acres, producing on an average of 1648 pounds to the acre.

"And, as the hop has got a footing in Sutter county, I will give some information for the benefit of those who contemplate going into business. First, the character of land and other requisites. Any land that will produce three crops of alfalfa will do for the hop. It must be free from alkali, with no sipage to trouble after the first of March, as the land will need to be worked during the growing season, and cultivation should be kept up to the first of July. On good land and with proper cultivation a ton of dried hops can be rellod on, but I say to new beginners, if you have no experience don't go into the business without first securing the services of an experienced person for the first year at least, for it costs money and a good marketable hop should be produced, and then you have the best business that can be engaged in. The present prices of hops at Sacramento are 17 cents per pound and for choice lots 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents. The average price at Sacramento since the dollar-pound year has been about 15 cents.

"Ten cents a pound will cover all expenses, counting interest on capital invested in the land, kiln, cooling house, tools and implements of every kind and labor to make the crop ready for market; so all over that is clear profit. The first year of planting, if taken care of, from 1000 to 1200 pounds can be safely counted on. The next year a full crop can be rellod on, as the roots have a deep hold in the ground."

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Mrs A. Morrison for over thirty years a resident of Oroville has gone to San Francisco to live with her daughter Miss Kittie, who is now making her home in the metropolis.

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Mining Progress.

Butte has made excellent progress in the mining line during the past two years and the future in this line is very bright. Three classes of mines are being extensively worked, the ordinary gravel beds, the cement mines and the quartz lodes.

The cement mines are being worked extensively at Cherokee and at Bangor, and many thousand dollars are taken out each month. At the last shipment from Cherokee over \$13,000 in gold was brought to this town.

The miners at Bangor employ 100 men or over and a large sum is being extracted from them. These mines have only been worked about a year and as they are extensive it is supposed they will continue to pay for the next fifty years.

The outlook for gravel mining is good and several very profitable mines are now being worked. The Jones & Reeca mine at Gravel Range is one of the best paying gravel mines ever opened in California and several others will soon bring forth gold in the same vicinity.

The quartz developments have been rapid and encouraging. There are three quartz mills at Forbestown with 80 stamps running and a fourth mill will be started next month.

Near Hurlton three good mines are being opened and at Oregon City two more. Two mills at the latter place will run this winter and at Hurlton at least one mill will be in operation.

It is thought the Banner mine near this town will be started during the winter. Near Enterprise, at Lumpkin and in other parts of the county a good deal of work is being done in quartz.

D. K. Perkins is just starting a new mill on good rock in the Gravel Range region. The indications all point to much progress in the mines of Butte.

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Solomon Williams, his son and his son-in-law Charles Deval of Robinson Mills, have built two arrastras and are now ready to begin work on a quartz lode which they have opened in that vicinity. One of the arrastras was to have been started up yesterday and the other will be ready in a short time. Mr. Williams was in town yesterday on his way to examine some mines near Yankee Hill in which he is interested.

S. B. Crist of the Standard mine, was in Oroville on Saturday. He thinks there is a bright future for the mine.

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Banner Mine Sold.

From the deeds filed this week in the office of the County Recorder, it will be seen that Major McLaughlin has bought from W. E. Phillips and the Hazard Mining Company, the property locally known as the Banner quartz mill and mine. This property the Major has sold to the Development Syndicate, limited of London. The mines include the Banner, Banner extension, Amosky and the Clark & Coffee ledges. In an early day the top ground of the Banner ledge was worked and proved very rich. The shaft is now down 500 feet and it is reported that fine rock has been struck in the lower levels.

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Closing of School.

YANKEE HILL, Nov. 13th.

EDITOR REGISTER:—Miss Farnam closed her school at this place last Friday, after having taught a very successful term.

The entertainment in the afternoon and also the dance in the evening was a grand success. All the surrounding towns as Pentz, Concow, Cherokee and Oregon City were well represented and all who attended had a very pleasant time. The following was the programme:

Song—America	School
Opening Address	Eddie Duensing
Song—The Seasons	Little Folks
Dialogue—The Tattlers.....	Gussie Wells { Bessie Haggarty {
Recitation—Elf Child.....	John Duensing
Recitation—Sun Set on the Border	Willie Patterson
Recitation—The Elegy of the Mad Dog	Nichie Haggerty
Song—Days that are Gone.....	Inez Sweetman
Recitation—The Boy's Complaint.....	Mike Wells
Recitation—A Little Girl's Hopes	Daniella Lunt
Recitation—Grandfather's Barn.....	Dora Spencer
Recitation—Home is the Best.....	Millicent Ward
Recitation—Evening at the Farm	Inez Sweetman
Recitation—Hunter's Round.....	Anna Haggarty
Recitation—First Flag of Liberty	Gussie Duensing
Recitation.....	Mike Wells
Song—The Folded Leaf.....	Edw'na Lunt
Song—The General's Block.....	Agnes Ward
Song—The Old School House.....	Mary Haggerty
Song.....	Edwinna Lunt
Recitation—The Hermit.....	John Wells
Recitation—The Wine Cup.....	Claude Clark
Song	Inez Sweetman
Recitation.....	Mary Haggarty
Parting Song:.....	School

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Miss P. Farnan returned this week from Yankee Hill to her home at Palermo.

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Jas. Laferty of Cherokee was in town on Tuesday. He says everything is quiet at his home, but that everyone is busy at work.

W. P. Lynch, County Assessor, was down from Oregon City yesterday. He reports nothing of an unusual character in that locality.

The residence of Samuel Lewis, near Paradise, was burned on Sunday last. It is but a few days since Mrs. Lewis was thrown from a cart and had her shoulder blade broken.

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Mining Developments.

Within the past few years the developments in this county have been marked and extensive. At Forbestown there are now three quartz mills with eight stamps and a fourth mill is being built which will give ten more stamps.

At Oregon City within the past year two mills have been built and one is now in operation and the other will be in a short time.

At Hurlerton a new mill has been built within a year and two other mines have been developed so extensively that mills will be erected.

There has been a new mill built by D.K. Perkins at the summit of the mountains near Gravel Range, while the mining developments about Bangor have been great and one hundred men are now employed where two years ago not ten found work.

A new mill was erected this season at Nimsheew. It is thought that the quartz mill on the Banner mine will soon be started.

There have been more ledges opened and more mines developed in Butte within the past two years than during the six years that preceded 1892. This progress is by many thought only a beginning and the sanguine ones predict that Butte will yet become the banner mining county of California.

Death of D. K. Perkins.

Last Thursday evening the residents of Oroville were startled by a rumor that one of the best known, most highly esteemed and most popular citizens of this town—D. K. Perkins—had been seriously injured near his mine in the Gravel Range region.

A pall appeared to fall upon the spirits of his friends here, there was an ill defined yet preceptible impression that this would terminate fatally. Other men had been severely injured and recovered so might he, but there was an undercurrent of feeling, a dread, a fear, a more than suspicion that he would not recover.

Many knew the wild, rugged and mountainous country, knew how hard it was for him to receive the needed medical aid, and how difficult to get the proper medicines. Many would have liked to have been of some aid but they were powerless to render it, unable even to offer it.

Mr. Perkins had lived here many years, had extended many favors to residents and all his old friends felt as though they would like to be of some help or benefit to him or to his family.

Dr. Benjamin had been summoned, he being the family physician, and all awaited anxiously for his report.

From the meager accounts that were received of the accident, it was known that Mr. Perkins left his summer or temporary home with a team to drive up to the mine which is at a very high altitude, 6,300 feet. The day was raw and cold, the clouds hung low upon the high summits and threatened rain. The team was gentle and Mr. Perkins secured the lines and walked behind the wagon throwing stones from the road. Busy with this work he did not watch the animals quite close enough and they were suddenly on the edge of the grade. He sprang forward to stop or turn them when the wagon upset and horses, wagon and driver went down together. The unfortunate man was struck by a portion of the freight and literally pummed to the earth. He told his son, Clem afterwards that it took him three hours of the hardest work he ever did to free himself. He was severely, if not fatally injured by the fall, as his legs were paralyzed by an injury across the kidneys. His arms were free at last and those who know the splendid and powerful physique of the man will realize how like a giant he labored for freedom. When he had thrown off the last weight upon him and fully realized his helpless condition he

dragged himself to old Fred a powerful but old gray horse that had faithfully served him many years. The gentle old animal lay on his back unable to turn and Mr. Perkins thought that if he could release the horse he might climb upon his back and manage to reach home.

When he attempted to release the horse the latter struggled violently to get up and in doing so kicked his master seven or eight times. The latter threw up his hands and arms to protect his face and though he thus saved his face, his hands and arms were terribly bruised from the kicks. He at length got out of reach of the animal and rolled down the hill where he lay for hours in the cold rain and snow that were now falling.

He lay there for many hours, alone helpless and suffering. No one passed by as the road was a wild mountain one rarely traveled. When supper time came and Mr. Perkins did not return, his wife feared some accident had happened and sent her eldest son Clem, a manly lad of eighteen in search of his father.

He found him after going three miles, but when found he was so chilled by the cold that he could not help himself. Clem managed to lift him up, carry him to the road and then get him upon the horse. It was a hard struggle even then for Mr. Perkins to reach home, but his son got him there at length and he and his mother worked over him for hours until the chilled and benumbed frame was alive again with life.

Medical attendance was summoned as we have stated and Dr. Benjamin said the greatest danger was from the kidneys and other organs failing in their usual work. The secretions were ineffectual and there was danger of the whole system being poisoned. The necessary medicines were administered but they failed to give relief and after living from Tuesday the 7th until the 14th, he breathed his last at 8 P. M.

When the sorrowing news was received here there was deep feeling expressed by all for the reports that had come down were favorable for recovery and each one felt as though he might live.

Yesterday morning at an early hour the undertaker was sent to bring down the remains which arrived about two o'clock.

This morning an escort of Sir Knights A. F. Jones, T. W. Serviss, L. E. Norton and Warren Sexton left here for Magdala. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2 P. M. under the auspices of Oroville Commandery, No. 5, K. T.

David King Perkins was born at Kennebunkport, Maine, fifty years ago and at the opening of the civil war he served several years in the navy under Admiral Farragut. He took part in several important engagements was in the "Seminole" during the Mobile bay fight and held the position of acting Master's Mate. He was advanced to the position of Ensign ere the close of the war. He afterwards made several voyages to Europe and also made two or three voyages on the Pacific from San Francisco to China.

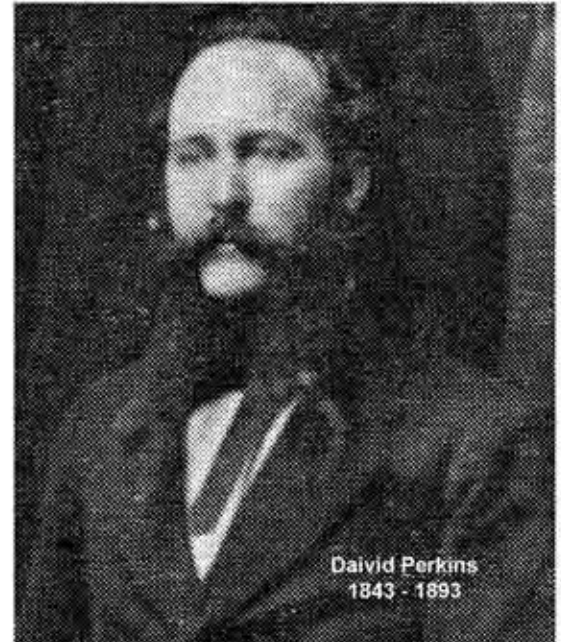
He came to Oroville in 1868 and entered the store of his brother George C. Perkins. He was connected with the store for the past twenty-five years. He was a member of Oroville lodge No. 103, F. & A. M., a member of Franklin R. A. Chapter, and of Oroville Commandery No. 5, K. T. He became a member of the latter in July, 1870, and was advanced to be Eminent Commander.

He was a man of great energy and activity, a hard and untiring worker and one that ever labored for the good of the town and county. He was engaged in mining, farming and fruit growing, besides retaining his interest in the house of Perkins & Wise. He leaves a family, consisting of his widow and five children, for whom great sympathy is felt by all in their sudden and sad bereavement. He was a member of Sherman Post, G. A. R., and of Ophir Hook, Ladder and Hose Co., and these organizations will escort his remains to the grave.

Much might be said in his praise, but his own acts and deeds, and the example he set, are the best monument that can be erected to his memory, and they are better than any words of praise that can be written.

On Saturday evening, the Ingrass residence in Chico was destroyed by fire, together with the entire contents. The house was insured for \$2,100. The fire is supposed to have originated from the explosion of a lamp.

On Saturday last, the hotel of Jas. McGann at Butte Meadows, together with the barn and saloon, were destroyed by fire. The entire property was a total loss, but the insurance was heavy, amounting to \$6,000.



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Lawrence Laster was down from Oregon City on Monday and said the Standard mill would start up this week. The engine was being set in place a few days ago, when it tipped over and broke off the governor and a big pulley. This delayed the work, as Mr. Stockton had to go to San Francisco and back to replace the broken parts. It is expected that the mill will begin work to-day. At the Mascot the tunnel is being driven at the rate of from twelve to fifteen feet a week and there is about a hundred feet yet to run before the lode is struck.

On Sunday last L. L. Myers of Cherokee, and A. Ekman of this town, started on a three day's trip through the mines of Butte to gather minerals for the Butte county exhibit at the Mid-Winter Fair.

E. H. Jones of Oregon City, was in town Saturday. He said he had been moving his house over near the home of Smith brothers, and that he expected to remain at the mine-up at Gravel Range during the winter.

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Pick and Drill.

The Standard Mill at Oregon City began running on Tuesday. The mill is a Bryant Roller mill and is driven by a powerful steam engine, so the company have power in abundance. The lode has been developed so fully that the company is greatly encouraged with the prospects of the mine and anticipate handsome returns during the winter.

The Mascot tunnel is being pushed ahead rapidly and within a couple of weeks it is expected the ledge will be struck.

The prospects at Hurleton are excellent and at Bangor the mines are doing well.

The Pactolian at Hurleton is not being worked at present but it will be in a short time. There will be some new developments about Hurleton in a short time and everything indicates that the district will be one of the best in the county.

At Enterprise and at Lumpkin the mining outlook is first-rate.

At Forbestown the mines are increasing in number and by the first of the year there will be two more quartz mills at work, making five for the district.

Concow Valley grows the biggest potatoes in the State and we have been promised one big enough to make a meal for a big boarding house.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1893.

Mrs. J. Tuhey of Cherokee, has been seriously ill for some time past and fears are entertained that she will not survive her present sickness. Her daughter Mrs. J. Woodall of Stockton, came up this week and is now at Cherokee with Mrs. Tuhey.

Concow Valley will spread itself in hops next season. Come to think of it, Concow ought to make a fine exhibit of superior hops at the Mid-Winter Fair. Come brother Scott don't let Concow's light be hidden under a bushel when Concow hops will raise it.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James Bolinger of Cherokee died on Tuesday night.

Oroville Register

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Valuable Discovery.

R. W. Miller & Co. have struck a mine near Oroville that promises to rival any in the county if it develops as well as it now prospects. The shaft is only down fifteen feet but neither side touches the edge of the lode so that the ledge is wide. The quartz contains considerable free gold and is rich in sulphurets.

Mr. Miller is a miner of many years experience and thirty years ago mined in this vicinity. Since then he has been in Colorado. The ledge is three or four miles up the river and on the east bank of the river. It is a matter of significance that the lode is directly opposite the famous Banner mine. Mr. Miller and his partner are working energetically to open up this quartz deposit and bright to light its hidden riches

It is confidently stated that the Banner mine is soon to be the banner mine in Butte. The ledge has been sold to an English syndicate and that active work will in a short time be commenced. As an indication of this we learn that a contract has been let for cutting 1,000 cords of four foot wood. The recent discovery of extremely rich ore in the mine led to the reported sale.