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DAILY REGISTER.

OROVILLE, CAL. SATURDAY MORNING JANUARY 9, 1897.

CHEROKEE NOTES.

An Interesting Letter From Our Regular Correspondent.

EDITOR REGISTER,—We have been somewhat dilatory in our correspondence of late, but now the holidays are over we will endeavor to do better.

Christmas was quietly observed at this place but a grand ball was given in the evening under the auspices of the Cherokee Literary Society. About fifty couples were present and a grand good time was enjoyed by all. Music was furnished by the local band.

New Years night another dance was given but though not as many were present as the week before a splendid time was reported.

The Literary society has not held a regular debate for the past three weeks owing to the inclemency of the weather. A mock trial is promised in the near future and much fun is anticipated.

Tuesday the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jones of Dry Creek was buried in the Cherokee cemetery.

At Yankee Hill December 31 Patrick Haggerty an old and respected citizen passed to the great beyond after an illness of ten days. Mr. Haggerty was respected by all as an honest upright man, a good neighbor and a kind and loving husband and father. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn his loss. Mr. Haggerty lived for many years in Cherokee where he was well known, but he removed to Yankee Hill ten years ago where he made a home for himself and family. The funeral took place at Cherokee, Father Ganico officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woodall of San Francisco visited Cherokee yesterday after an absence of five years. Mrs. Woodall is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Tubey of Oroville and a resident of Cherokee for many years.

Dr. Stewart has returned from Marysville where he has been spending the holidays with his family.

Mrs. O'Neil visited Yankee Hill this week.

Mrs. Joseph Miller of Yankee Hill who had an operation performed in San Francisco for the removal of a tumor two weeks ago, is getting along nicely, and is now pronounced out of danger. Mrs. Miller's many friends will be glad to welcome her home again.

Miss Gussie Duensing of Yankee Hill is visiting friends in Cherokee.

J. R. Davis of Thermalito visited his daughter Mrs. T. J. Sweetman of this place during the holidays.

The Demorest Medal Contest will come off at Yankee Hill next Tuesday evening, January 12.

THRISTLE.

Cherokee, January 7, 1897.

MINING REVIVAL IN BUTTE.

Golden Nuggets, as Well as Golden Fruits,
Are There.

The Country From Oroville to Forbes-
town — Mines About the
Latter Place.

(Special Correspondence of Record-Union.)

FORBESTOWN, March 8.—Magalia is the center of a gravel mining belt. A new and very promising enterprise is the Bader Mine, one and a half miles southwest of town.

It is a location on an ancient river channel, and the company own 110 acres.

The channel is beneath a lava capped mountain 500 feet high. It is being developed by means of a bed rock tunnel which was run 500 feet before gravel was struck by raising twelve feet. The tunnel was extended six or seven hundred feet further, where drifting is now being done.

The gold obtained is coarse, some pieces weighing as high as five dollars and from that down to grains the size of a pin head.

The gold all seems to be oxydized—or rather it is coated with oxyde of iron. It is worth from \$19 to \$19 65 per ounce. The channel is believed to be in the neighborhood of 200 feet in width, and where breasted out, is about three feet deep.

The gold is extracted by washing through a sluice, but the Superintendent intends to put in operation a newly invented revolving grizzly, when the ground is well opened. Prospect work on this mine has been prosecuted night and day for the past five years. The owners are perfectly confident they have a rich and extensive mine.

The lumber furnished this mining section comes from the hands of C. H. Hintz, a very enterprising young lumber man.

OROVILLE.

Again we return to Oroville, the county seat of Butte County. It is a beautiful valley town, facing the Sierra Nevada Mountains on the east, and the Sacramento Valley and Coast Range backing it on the west.

Oroville "is built upon auriferous sand." It is beautified by fruit and shade trees, and orchards bearing golden fruit. It has gold mines to the east, tributary to it, and it is a natural stage center—twelve miles, I understand, running to it. The roads leading out of the town toward the foothills are as fine as any in the State for a distance of ten and twelve or more miles, remaining in the best condition throughout the winter. There is an air of thrift about the town, and residents all seem to be content and prosperous.

FORBESTOWN.

East of Oroville twenty-four miles, by stage line, is the little town of Forbestown. It is nestled at the base of Sunset Hill, on Forbes Ravine. It is quite a camp. There are four stores, three hotels, a number of boarding houses, a livery stable, butcher shop, post and express office, a drug store, two barber shops, two saloons, and numerous dwelling houses.

Forbestown was one of the earliest placer mining camps of the State, min-

ing being done here as early as 1849. It was also one of the richest camps in the mountains. One dealer alone, who operated here in early days, has a record of buying in the neighborhood of three and a half million dollars of gold dust.

As the placers were after a time pretty well worked out, the town became dull—like many another mining camp in the mountains—and remained so until attention began to be paid to quartz.

About ten years ago the late Hon. W. W. Stow purchased what is known as the

GOLD BANK MINE.

It is located on Forbes Ravine, a quarter of a mile from Forbestown, at an elevation of about 2,800 feet.

It is a large ledge of low grade ore, but by a systematic system of working, and a complete and extensive plant for reduction, has paid dividends quite regularly—notwithstanding the immense amount of dead and developed work which has all the time been prosecuted, since it was started.

The top works are extensive and as complete as can be found on any mine in California.

The hoisting, pumping, and milling is done by means of water power, using 160 inches under about 200 feet pressure.

There are altogether, large and small, twelve Pelton wheels in use in the different buildings. At the hoist there are three—one to run the rock breaker, one to hoist, and one to run the pump. In the mill there are two wheels—one to run the mill, and one the concentrator.

The rock breaker is a Gates No. 3, which is located in the hoisting works.

The mill has forty stamps, each stamp crushing three and a half tons in twenty-four hours. There are sixteen Frue concentrators. The pulp from the battery passes over an outside plate and seventeen feet of apron and sluice plates, also through sand boxes and distributors, before reaching the concentrators.

The material is then conducted to two series of canvas tables, each of which have twenty-five sluices sixty feet long and twenty-two inches wide. Beyond these are settling boxes, and still some of the slimes escape, but the ore is probably worked up to a higher percentage than most first class plants accomplish.

The sulphurets are then chlorinated, the plant having a capacity of three tons per day. The sulphurets yield \$100 to \$150 per ton, and the slimes saved on the canvas tables, about twenty-five per cent. less. From the hoisting works to the mill, and to the chlorination works is down grade, so everything moves down by gravity.

A half mile below, about two years and a half ago, a crosscut tunnel was started, which was expected to cut the ledge 500 vertical feet below the present workings. A Union Duplex Compressor, 12x20, was lowered down the steep mountain to that point in mid-winter, and work begun on a tunnel 8x8 in dimensions. Two Rand drills, working side by side, were used. The waste water from the upper works was picked up from the ravine and carried to a point from which an 11-inch pipe conducted it to the compressor works, under a 350-foot head. The tunnel is now in 1,800 feet.

At 1,200 feet a large formation seventy-five feet in width, was encountered, which contains a large percentage of iron pyrites of low value. It being in doubt whether this is the regular ledge, the tunnel was pushed ahead about 600 feet further. An up-

raise is now being made on the foot-wall of this formation to thoroughly prospect it.

The Golden Queen, an adjoining mine, has been leased by the Stow Company, from which the rock now being worked is extracted, while the development work in the lower tunnel is being made. The whole works, including the manager's residence, is lighted by electricity.

And, speaking of the residence, it is proper to say that it is one of the finest, if not the finest, house in Butte County, in size, architecture and finish. It is a modern house with all modern improvements, and would be noticeable in any city.

The mine is an incorporated company and is owned by five of the children of the late Mr. Stow, and is under the superintendence of Harry P. Stow, to whose close attention, efficiency and skill it has been brought to a paying basis. There are 110 men employed.

Forbestown Mining District is really four miles wide. This width of territory is ribbed with large ledges of low grade ore, most of which have been prospected on the surface only. Only a little scratching has been done here and there and that is about the extent of the work done. The Gold Bank mine is the only one that has been proven good and that has been accomplished only by systematic development.

It is the belief of competent judges that there are many more ledges in the district that will prove just as valuable by the expenditure of capital in development.

Water for power is plentiful at 10 cents a miner's inch for twenty-four hours; wood is worth only \$2 75 per cord, and timber, logging and lumber in proportion. It is convenient to railroads; the climate is healthy, and the water pure as mountain water ever gets.

Three miles west of Forbestown, on the South Fork of the Feather, J. Chamberlain is superintendent of a mine called the New Oregon, for a San Francisco company, and is meeting with very flattering prospects. The ledge is twelve feet wide.

On the hill above Forbestown is located a mine called the Burlington Consolidated, owned by Ralston & Co, of San Francisco. A drain tunnel has been pushed ahead for some distance on the vein, and at the face the ledge is ten or twelve feet in width.

Work was suspended during the rough weather, but will soon be resumed.

The Missouri ledge, which is located about a mile north of town, has been bonded by a Texas company, and is being prospected under the superintendency of Mr. Stow of the Gold Bank.

A crosscut was started to tap the ledge a couple of years ago. It was run in about ninety feet, but did not reach the ledge and work was abandoned temporarily. When Mr. Stow took charge of the property some six months ago, he continued the tunnel and tapped the ledge, upon which he had drifted both ways. Yesterday I visited the mine and found some finely sulphuretted rock coming out. The rock was to-day assayed, which showed it to contain \$78 in gold and fourteen ounces in silver per ton. The ledge at the point where the rock came from varies from four to six feet in width.

The Carlisle mine is located some two and a half miles northeast of town, on the South Fork of the Feather. The vein is large and carries a heavy percentage of high-grade sulphurets. It has a five-stamp mill. In the same claim there are two other large veins, yielding a good grade of quartz. The owner is now engaged in preparing for extensive work this season.

Hampton and Martin own a ledge two miles southeast of town, which, with a shaft forty feet deep, shows a four-foot vein, the quartz being liberally mineralized. On the lower end of the claim the ledge has been worked to some extent, and the rock crushed, which yielded \$15, free gold, to the ton. It is believed the whole formation will mill \$8 to the ton. It bids fair to develop into a valuable mine. It is under a ditch from which power can be obtained and the surface has an abundance of timber. The owners are working men and have not the means to open up the property.

Four or five miles southwest of Forbestown, on the road to Oroville, is what was formerly known as the Evansville District, and was once a very lively placer mining camp. As the gravel became exhausted the sand fell into the hands of farmers, and has proven valuable as fruit land. In the vicinity are a large number of undeveloped quartz ledges, extending from the Robinson Mill to Hansonville, five miles south. The section described lies on or near the contact between granite and greenstone. The ledges are large and crop out in places a mile in length.

Hampton and Russell have a claim known as the Monarch of the West, which carries a high grade of sulphurets, together with a fair milling proportion in free gold. It is the intention of the owners to so far develop it that the value of the mine can be shown. They also own another claim, which is from two to twenty feet in width.

A ledge known as the Eureka, near by, is from two to thirty feet in width, the rock on the croppings looking very promising.

Henry Clark and Mrs. Parsons own the old Honcut lode, on which there was a mill and a shaft sunk 100 feet deep. Work will be resumed on it in the near future. These four properties lie close to the county road and have the Forbestown ditch above them, which will give fine water power.

There are several large ledges on the Robinson mill property and on adjoining properties.

The Wall Bros. are prospecting a ledge they call the Jesse James, and are meeting with favorable results.

The Davis mine, on the Wood place, has a fine stamp mill about completed. They have a twelve-foot vein which prospects well.

Mrs. McNair is having development work done on a ledge owned by her.

Pullen Bros., two and a quarter miles west of Robinson's mill, have a five-stamp mill on their mine. The rock carries free gold and high grade of sulphurets.

There are numerous other large veins in the vicinity yet unprospected. The section is below the snow belt and high enough in the foothills to insure a good climate. All kinds of fruit and vegetable are grown, and it is a very attractive section of country.

There are thirty-three drift mines in Butte County as nearly as I can learn, sixteen of which are being worked more or less extensively, employing in each from one or two to eighty men.

There are forty-five quartz mines, partly or extensively opened. Of this number thirty are working, employing from one to 110 men each.

There is but one hydraulic mine in operation which employs less than fifty men. There are a few placer mines and quite a large number of men employed in sluicing the ravines.

Butte County, it will thus be seen, has plenty of mining ground partly opened and developed, and a large number of claims, both quartz and gravel, upon which little or no prospecting has been done. There will be a mining revival in the not distant future without a doubt.

The county affords a good field for exploration, but it requires capital to make mines here as well as elsewhere. Men of small means might as well engage in some other industry.

Butte County has a large area of fertile lands, capable of growing every kind of cereals, fruits, nuts, olives, etc. The orange and olive industry promises to become very extensive. The eastern part has mountains covered with the best quality of sugar and yellow pines, spruce and oak timber. The numerous streams afford unlimited water power, and altogether it possesses advantages few counties possess. The rates charged for water, either for power or irrigation, is regulated by the Supervisors, and they are lower than in any county I know of.

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THE OROVILLE MERCURY

3-11-1897

THURSDAY.....MARCH 11, 1897

Cherokee Chips.

ED. MERCURY—Since our last there has been little of unusual occurrence, and as we sit with a balky pencil in our hand our eye encounters a table piled up with literature, stationery and electricity, like a half-dozen other places we have noticed in the town, for Cherokee is full of telegraphs, telephones, batchelors and enterprise.

It is reported that Henry Bader will put a telephone in his store.

Will Thunan, enterprising artist and scientist, thought to accelerate his advancement by purchasing a bicycle, and immediately took himself with his bike to the ball park where he trained himself to its peculiar motion and then started down the road toward Cherokee. As he was not accustomed to down grades he met with surprises, and his feet left the pedals and struck out wildly in the air in a vain effort to find anchor, while the bike shot down the hill in such a reckless manner that all whom he met climbed upon rocks and other places of security while they watched the mad procession. Will was not hurt, but had to carry the wheel home and send it off for repairs.

Mrs. T. C. Harwood, and her son Georgie Cheshire, will depart for their home in Dakota this week.

John Wells passed through Cherokee, enroute to the Oroville high school, yesterday.

A social dance will be given on the night of the 17th of Ireland, at the Odd Fellows hall in Cherokee.

The Yankee Hill contest and dance has been postponed until the first fair Friday eve.

Warren Sexton visited Cherokee last Friday on official business.

The question for debate next Friday evening in the Lyceum, is the resolution that "Ambition is a virtue, not a vice." Miss Anna McGregor and Miss Nellie Wilson will lead the affirmative, and Will Thunen and John Lawless the negative. It is a deep question and will undoubtedly be a lively debate.

Resolved that "civil law exerts more influence in preserving good order than moral law" was debated at the Yankee Hill Lyceum last meeting. The affirmative won, and it proved to be the most hotly contested debate of the winter.

James Hutchinson, proprietor of the Flea Valley saw mill, is in town. He will return to the mill in a few days to begin preparations for the season's run.

San Francisco Call

3-21-1897

There are thirty-three drift mines in Butte County, sixteen of which are being worked more or less extensively, employing in each from one or two to eighty men. There are forty-five quartz mines, partly or extensively opened. Of this number thirty are working, employing from one to 110 men.

The new Oregon mine, on the south fork of the Feather, Butte County, owned by a San Francisco company, is displaying flattering prospects with the development of the twelve-foot ledge.

The Union Consolidated mine, Amador County, is to be developed to a depth of 830 feet by sinking on the ledge 300 feet further. Meantime drifting and stoping has been discontinued and the men laid off.

It is expected that a 40-stamp mill will soon be erected at the Argonaut mine, Amador county, in which there are very promising developments on three levels, the deepest of which lies at 1350 feet.

A proposed consolidation of a number of California mining interests in which English capital is invested has been approved by the stockholders of the Banner gold mine, a company whose properties are in Butte County. It is proposed to amalgamate the Long's Bar gold mine, Clark gold mine, Coffee gold mine and the Hedge's gold placer and quartz mine with the Banner and Amvaky mine, under the name of the Consolidated Gold Mines of California. The shares in the new company would be issued with a liability of 3s.

Berry Creek Items.

After the gloomy days of winter, we are glad to welcome the sunshiny days of Spring.

Mr. Lee of San Francisco, who is interested in a mine five miles above Berry Creek, called the Monarch mine, and in the Bonanza on Bloomer Hill, was up on business last week.

It is rumored that Mr. J. Hutchison of Flea Valley, who has been for years in the lumber business, has leased the Springer mill on French Creek, no doubt he will employ many men and saw a great deal of sugar pine lumber.

Mr. R. Jacoby started for the county seat yesterday to haul freight.

Mrs. J. O. Moseley came up Saturday to visit her home near Bloomer, and returned to Oroville Sunday.

Mr. J. Willett, who has been canvassing around Butte county for our native herbs, returned home Saturday.

There are three stores in the vicinity of Berry Creek and are all doing a good business.

S. Windrem has all the Chinese trade and is doing well.

BEADER.

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Green's Block, Oroville

Church Social, Social Dance and Debate for Friday Night.

BASEBALL AT DURHAM.

Why "Cherokees" Lost the Game. Personal and Other Mention.

CHEROKEE, April 7, 1897.—Last Sunday was a lovely day and every one who was at all able to go out of doors was out. It was a most favorable day for the match game of baseball between the Durham and Cherokee teams, and in consequence there was a general exodus of the young men from there to Durham, leaving ye reporter to guard the town. But we had some good representatives there and can give you full particulars. The game was won by the Durham team, the score being 16 to 19. At the seventh inning the score stood 10 to 19, when the Cherokee boys realized that they would have to say nothing but bale hay, and from that time to the end of the game they made a succession of goose eggs for their opponents and runs galore for themselves. The boys say they were well received by their opponents and have no complaints to make. The reason they lost the game was because the ball lost its handles when it came near enough to the basemen to be caught, which was seldom, for they appeared to be throwing to the man in the moon and lost the game by errors. Following are notes:

Slissman, the man with the deep base voice, "which he procured at a raffle for the occasion," did not get the ball because it was too much exertion to climb the fence.

Will Darby failed to stop a grounder while waiting for Geo. McGregor to clip one of his curly locks to present to one of the beauties of Durham.

Tom Darby was bewildered by the freight train and let a fly go by unheeded.

Bill McGregor played a good game, but was out of practice and could not look out for the ball and his balmorals at the same time. Doone did not knock the ball over the warehouse as he confidently expected.

Whitcomb, attired in a combination suit, looked very pretty and excited general admiration. The battery, Messrs. Twist M. Swift and Frank Camp, did well, but Frank did not forget how to talk—witness, some of the gentler spectators.

Bob Johnson evidently was not running on "Johnson" grass, and frequently had the soles of his shoes exposed to the sun.

The Durham team may return a challenge and play a match game in Cherokee next Sunday.

We noticed in the *Register* that Fred Kelly "fell 60 feet" from a bank in the Vinton mine. The report has been increased to 200 feet, and that while dressing the wound, a portion of Mr. Kelly's brains were found on the outside of his skull, and his brains are mortifying. Yet Kelly is alive and hearty and wrestling with his fellow men. This is about as close to the truth as things are generally reported regarding this mine. Kelly was struck on the head by a small rock, which fell from above him, and he slid about six feet, after which he walked home to have his wounds dressed. It is remarkable that no serious accident has occurred in this mine since Vinton has been operating it.

The Yankee Hill and Cherokee Lyceums will meet in joint debate in Cherokee on the night of the 17th inst.

Question—Resolved: "That Education Is More Conducive to Happiness Than Ignorance."

A church social, social dance and debate are listed for Cherokee Friday night. Unique combination!

Andrew Armbruster and Clarence Christy were down from Frenchtown last Sunday.

Ed. Stone was in Cherokee Sunday and reports that spring work has begun in that vicinity.

The denizens of Cherokee are considerably exercised over a case of dog poisoning, and are vigorously at work for sufficient evidence to convict the offender. Last night a post mortem examination was held on the remains of his deceased canineship, and his contents were shipped to Oroville to be analyzed. The supposed offender left the town.

The literary society postponed this week's debate from Friday to Saturday, that there might be time for the other amusements billed for Friday. The debate will be interesting, and a special program has been prepared.

WITCH HAZEL.

Oroville Register

5-1-1897

Cherokee Miners Injured.

Yesterday forenoon a miner at Cherokee named Joe King was working with another on a hand derrick and moving a very heavy rock. The boom had been swung around to the rock pile and the two men supposed the big boulder was within a short distance of the top when they started to lower the rock. By some means they miscalculated the distance, the handle of the windlass was jerked out of their hands and struck King a terrible blow across the face breaking his nose and cutting a bad gash under his eye. He came to town and had his injuries attended to by Dr. Reardan.

THE MARIN JOURNAL.

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SAN RAFAEL MARIN CO., CAL., THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1887.

In view of the arrival at Oroville, Butte County, of Alfred Hervey, President of the English syndicate owning the Banner mine, it is thought they will resume working on that mine, which has been closed some months.

PLUMAS NATIONAL-BULLETIN.

6-17-1897

Workman Wm—Mining Claim on Long Bar
near Rich Bar 50 dol improvements 50 dol. Tax
\$2.25, 15 per cent 17c, 5 per cent 12c costs 50c total
\$3.04.

Oroville Daily Register
6-26-1897

QUEER PATIENT.

A Kitten Swallows a Hat Pin and Still Lives.

A young kitten owned by Mrs Dora Wells of Yankee Hill, swallowed a hat-pin this week. It hardly seems possible that a kitten could swallow a six-inch, sharp pointed hatpin, but Frank James, driver of the Cherokee stage, declares it did. The pin went down knob foremost and this worked a hole through the kitten's stomach and protruded out of the side through the flesh and skin.

The projecting part was cut off but the owner of the kitten did not feel surgeon enough to do more. The kitten was active and did not seem to feel much inconvenience, so Mrs. Wells will send the feline down here today for medical treatment.

Oroville Mercury

8-17-1897

W. F. Dargie, of Big Bend, who was recently shot in the back by his son during a family row and who has been at the hospital since, is recovering from the ill effects of the wound made by the rifle ramrod and the bullet. He sits up in bed, walks about the wards and is feeling first rate.

Note: Dargie is Wilhelm Friedrich Darge, who was shot by his son, Charles.

RECEPTION TO BRIDE AND GROOM

Jas. Pearce and Wife are Given a Surprise Party.

On Monday evening Jas. Pearce and wife of the Banner mine were tendered a surprise and a reception combined in one. A large number of friends went to their residence where a very enjoyable evening was spent. Quite a program was rendered consisting of songs, remarks and responses and recitations by Mrs. Pearce and by Mr. Wellington.

The bride and groom were formally addressed by Mr. Wellington on behalf of the company and then they were forced to jump over the broom stick to satisfy the young folks. At the close of the evening refreshments were served and after many hearty wishes of long life and prosperity the friends dispersed for their homes.

The following were present: J. M. Walsh and wife, K. Smith and wife, M. Blackford and wife, Jas. Pearce Jr. and wife, Jas. Pearce Sr. and wife, Geo. Stevens and wife, John Bullard, Mrs. Virginia Cox, Mrs. Frank Grugan, Misses Kate Yetter, Ray Hengy, Marie Peterson, Mattie Johnson, Lena Cane, Messrs. Sheasur, Joe McGinty, George James, Robert Gore, Ole Hebboll, Sidney Wellington, Dan James, Wm. Strang, Lon Hedge, Will and George Grugan, and Thos. Williams and wife and Miss McAleer.

A NOTED CHINESE DOCTOR.

**He Went to Indiana to Practice
And Was Barred by The Laws.**

A press telegram sent from Indianapolis, Indiana, yesterday contained the following information:

“The members of the State Board of Medical Registration and Examination are here to take action with reference to the suit brought in the United States Court by Dong Sang, the Crown Point Chinese Physician, whom the Board refused a certificate to practice. The effort to have the law declared invalid will be resisted by the Board, which will have at its command the services of the Attorney-General. The members say the suit is not a surprise and they are rather glad that the law is to be tested immediately.”

The Chico Record says this Chinese doctor is the same man who a few years ago established a sanitarium at Deadwood, a few miles from Cherokee, Butte county, and for some time did a large amount of business as a specialist.

Chico Record

9-27-1897

THIEVING ON RANCHO CHICO

**Malicious People Take Anything
and Everything.**

**Shameful Thefts and Trespassing
May Force Gen. Bidwell
to Cause Arrests.**

A notice appears in another column, warning all persons against the shameful thefts and trespassing which have been going on at Rancho Chico.

The fact is that many people have considered the Rancho Chico products public property and have helped themselves to them, without regard to quantity or value. During the summer the vineyard on this ranch was robbed of its fruit, and General and Mrs. Bidwell were forced to purchase grapes at the fruit stores while the thieves got the Ranch Chico grapes. Apples have been taken away by the sackful, and now there are constant thefts of other fruits and nuts. Many who visit the grounds do not hesitate to pluck choice flowers or to otherwise destroy the beauty of the grounds.

It would seem that all persons who claim to be above petty maliciousness would appreciate the liberality of General Bidwell in permitting the public to enjoy the surroundings of his home, and would aid him in protecting it rather than encourage thefts and trespassing, which, if continued, will force him to adopt harsh measures, and to lock gates in order to protect his interests,

The fact that an enormous amount of fruit is produced on this ranch means that an enormous amount of money has been expended. Every pound of the fruit is equal to its selling price in money, and it is as much of a crime to steal from him, as from any other orchardist. If heedless people do not desist from their depredations they will be arrested and vigorously prosecuted. It is proper that they should be.

The Oroville Mercury

10-21-1897

MINING AT CHEROKEE.

Will Try Drifting — Eight-Hour Shifts.

For the first time in fifteen years, or since the big main drain tunnel of the mine was run, eight-hour shifts are being employed at Cherokee. In that part of the mine leased from the bondholders by H. D. Gage, an inclined tunnel seven by six is being run, and by the three shifts is being run ahead at the rate of 250 feet a month. An upraise in the channel is expected to be made by the first of the year. The gravel is raised by a friction hoist run by a four-foot Palton wheel under 300-foot pressure.

Alex Wilson, an experienced drift miner, is in charge of the work.

The operations are in the center of the channel of the big mine and will develop the width and richness of the lead clear across the face, and the more important fact as to whether this once famed hydraulic mine can be successfully drifted or not.

10-22-1897

The Red Bluff News.

Big Storage Reservoir.

A force of men have been at work for some days past at Hengy, eight miles from Oroville, surveying for an immense storage reservoir. Other surveyors are at work running a line from there to the north fork of the Feather river.

It is understood that the purpose is to bring a very large mining and irrigation canal to Hengy, Morris Ravine and Oroville.

The force of men employed is under the control of the Golden Feather Company (limited). This company, an English syndicate, owns the Feather river mines, the forty-stamp quartz mill known as the Banner mine, the Clark and Coffee mine and others. They have unlimited capital to build the canal.

Oroville Daily Register

10-27-1897

Cherokee District.

SPRING VALLEY QUARTZ

Near Cherokee and in what is known as Spring Valley, is the Spring Valley or Nisbet quartz mine. The ledge is large and was worked for many years by its owner, the late John Nesbit. At the foot of the ledge is a small valley containing a body of gravel that will pay well.

Wm. Wilson Sr. has a placer mine at Hengy which he works by himself. The ground is wheeled out and allowed to air slack before it is washed. He now has fully 2,000 wheelbarrow loads ready for washing.

THE STANDARD MINE

Is located at Hengy, (Oregon City) eight miles northwest of Oroville, at 1,425 feet in elevation. It comprises two claims, carrying four parallel veins. The quartz is said to carry $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of high grade sulphurets. The pay shoot is 170 feet long. A single six by nine foot incline is down 487 feet and the mine has been developed by drifts run from the various levels. No rock has been crushed in the mill for several months. It is owned by an incorporated company of which O. M. Wooster of San Jose is President and W. S. Williams of Hengy is Superintendent.

STRANG'S DRIFT MINE

Is one-fourth of a mile from Hengy, at an elevation of 1,375 and comprises 240 acres. A 400 foot tunnel was run to tap the pay gravel but being too high a shaft was sunk from the tunnel to tap the pay gravel. The owners are George Strang and L. Bottjer of Hengy.

Nisbet Bros own a gravel mine in Spring Valley, which is worked in the same manner that Wm. Wilson's mine is operated. They now have 1,500 car loads of gravel, which is being air slacked and will be washed later in the season. Two men are employed.

MASCOT MINE—QUARTZ

The Mascot quartz vein is from one to eight feet wide, dips 60° between greenstone and porphyry, the latter being the hanging wall. The mine has been developed by a shaft and several drifts. A ten stamp mill run by water power and two concentrators are on the property. It is owned by the Mascot Mining Co. of Woodland, but no work is now being done in the mine.

Davis Bros. own a quartz ledge on which they have done a good deal of development work. The vein is two and a feet wide and promises exceedingly well.

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TAX LIST.

Plumas County, 1897-1898.

[NOTE—In the following list, the first column states the amount of the "first installment." In the second column, the total tax is given. To find the second installment, subtract the first installment from the total.
—ED.]

BRIGHAM MRS W C.....	40 90	51 50
Bunnell L W.....	153 73	255 39
Bennett T D.....	32 96	18 89
Belden & Workman.....	2 60	4 55
Beatty Thos.....	1 82	3 12
Belafer Antone.....	2 60	5 20
Barton Fred.....	2 60	5 20

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Outlet to Cherokee Channel.

Robert Andrews, one of the most experienced miners in Butte, has lately been tracing the outlet of the famous Cherokee channel of auriferous gravel and is certain that he has struck it. This channel has long been sought as all miners are confident that it is very rich. We are not informed yet as to the details, but any one who is interested can probably acquire that information from Mr. Andrews.

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LETTER FROM CHEROKEE

"Thistle's" Bright Budget of News.

In Favor of Levying a Tax on Every Misguided Bachelor in the State of California.

ED. REGISTER: Cherokee's correspondents have grown strangely negligent of late. In vain we have watched the columns of your paper for items from the pen of the Father of Our Country, or the dainty "Sweet Briar," till we have given up in despair, and send you a few notes ourself.

Mrs. Henrietta Skelton delivered a series of lectures to the people of Cherokee the past week and last Wednesday organized a W. O. T. U. with seventeen members. Last night she spoke to a crowded house and today departed for Magalia.

Mrs. John D. Jones, an old resident of this place, died Friday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Rowe. She had been ill with pneumonia for the past two weeks and but slight hope was entertained for her recovery. She leaves a husband and four children, Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Jas. Campbell, Mrs. Wm. Nesbit and Dave Jones, besides a number of grandchildren. The interment took place yesterday at the Cherokee cemetery, Rev. Van Vliet of Oroville, officiating.

Mrs. James Hannie, who has been very ill, is improving nicely under the care of Dr. Steward.

Wm. James who has been ill for several months in San Francisco under the care of physicians, is much improved, but will not return for some time yet. Mrs. James is expected home in a few days.

Wm. Lynch and his bride returned home last week after an extended trip through

Lower California, Oregon and Washington. Mr. Lynch has purchased the old Rapp place and has had it thoroughly renovated both inside and out and in a few days will begin housekeeping. We join their numerous friends in wishing them long life and happiness.

It is rumored that the wedding bells will ring again soon, for one of our popular young men. That is as it should be. We are in favor of levying a tax on every bachelor in California.

Mrs. Powers has rented a house in lower town, near the mine, and has opened a boarding house. As she is a splendid cook she will soon have a house full of boarders.

Mr. Mike Vahey and family have removed to San Francisco to make their future home. A few evenings before their departure being Miss Tessie's birthday, her schoolmates concluded to give her and her brother Will a surprise party. About 7:30 the children gathered at the residence of Mrs. Van Gooden and marched to Mrs. Vahey's where a grand time was had until 10 o'clock when refreshments were served, and by 12 all were safely home. The following were present: Mary and Sarah Doyle, Katie Jones, Inez Sweetman, Jessie and Dave Williams, Russel and Elise Hannis, Frank Jacinto, Maud and Willie Rowe, Ena Van Gooden, Will Herbert Mamie Lynch, Tom Nix, Hiram and Hensy Sparks, Tessie, Will and Tom Vahey, Mesdames Vahey, Powers, Williams and Van Gooden, Misses Nellie and Janet Wilson, Frank Vahey, Elmer Slissman and Will Johnson.

Mrs. Herbert returned from Oroville yesterday, where she has been quite ill for some time. We are sorry to state that she is but little better.

Wm. Wilson Jr. returned from the Needles last week, where he has been engaged in mining for the past two years, on a visit to relatives and friends.

J. Doyle is down from Trinity county on his annual visit to his family.

Mrs. J. Miller and Mrs. John Chambers are down from Yankee Hill on a visit to their mother, Mrs. Benjamin.

Mrs. Doon and daughter Miss May are expected home from San Francisco in a day or two.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coats of this place, died yesterday and was buried this afternoon.

It is rumored that several new families are to move into Cherokee for the winter in order to send their children to school.

Miss McGregor has eighteen pupils and Miss Wilson forty-three, making sixty-one in all.

We would tell you something about the mines if we could but our education in mining matters has been sadly neglected. However we hope by the next letter to have learned something.

THISTLE,
Cherokee, Nov. 1, 1897.

CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Sickness and Death Visit the
Mining Town.

W. C. T. U. ORGANIZED.

Some Excellent Advice Given Young
Men Who Own Untrustworthy
Buggy Horses.

CHEROKEE, November 1. — Dennis Whalen, who has been very sick, is improving slowly.

Mrs. Jas. Hannis is on the mend.

Will Darby is on the sick list.

The infant son of August and Anna Costa died Sunday evening and was buried Monday.

James Campbell, while repairing the trestle that carries the pipe of the Spring Valley company's ditch across the West Branch of the Feather river, rolled a heavy timber on his foot, bruising it severely, but, fortunately, no bones were broken.

W. P. Lynch and wife have taken up their residence in the house Mr. Lynch has been having repaired.

Miss Maggie Roe, who was thrown from a buggy near Oroville about two weeks ago and severely bruised, is recovering very slowly.

We would suggest to the young man who had the accident some time ago, the plan we used to adopt when buggy riding, and which, to our personal knowledge, is much safer than putting the lines over the dash-board—that is, to put the lines around the neck. Although somewhat inconvenient, still they are handy in case the horse becomes frightened.

Quite a number of the ladies in Cherokee have joined the W. C. T. U., just organized here.

Mrs. Tom James of Oroville spent Saturday and Sunday in Cherokee.

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Mrs. John D. Jones, and old resident of this place, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Jas. Roe., Friday, October 29th, of pneumonia. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Mrs. Maggie Herbert, who has been in Oroville under the care of a physician, is home again, and able to attend to the duties of the postoffice.

J. W. B.

FROM THE HILLS.

Prosperity, Health and
Happiness.

YANKEE HILL-CHEROKEE

Prosperous Farmers and Promis-
ing Mines—Social and Busi-
ness Matters.

ED. MERCURY: As we are at home at last, where our pencil and paper are handy and where we hope to stay hereafter we will again assail your readers with a regular weekly correspondence.

Last Saturday we made a trip to Cherokee, and as this is the time of holidays, when writers make a summary of the year's improvements, we will write to you of the improvements we noticed and of which we heard.

It was a cloudy morning but a fair day consistent with the past agreeable autumn, and along the road were fields which had been freshly cultivated and seeded to grain, some of which were covered with a rumor of green that undoubtedly gladdens the owner as he thinks of the returns the harvest will yield—"As ye sow, so shall ye reap"—and truly they were glad, for every person we met had a smiling face, persuading us that this is an era of good will.

B. J. Jarboe has added to his inclosure and has applied for a patent on his homestead, so that with fence and title he will soon own his possessions; a home that he has made praise-worthy and comfortable within a very few years. There are four or five others in this community who will make final proof and apply for title to their homesteads within another year.

R. F. Croghan had several coils of barbed wire on his premises which show that he intends to own his lands ere long.

Clarence Christy had a lot of shakes and posts delivered at Deadwood which indicate the improvements to be done at his home this winter.

The property at Deadwood has been purchased by John Evans of the Banner mine, and we learned that he intends to tear down the gloomy hospital which had been the scene of sorrow and mirth alike in the days of Doc Ah Sang, and will convert the buildings and surrounding lands into a practical farm.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marquis the sound of the hammer tells one that their new house is under headway to replace their residence lately destroyed by fire. Moses Herman is the carpenter.

Mr. Napp and the Emmerson Bros. are doing assessment work on the I. K. L. quartz ledge in Jordan Hill.

Pet Simmons and company made a neat clean-up of \$1000 for two months' work in the Farley mine on the North Fork of Feather river.

Mr. Herman has a deep gravel claim on Live Oak bar which prospects promising at present.

Wm. and Jno. Mullen contemplate planting an olive grove in addition to their fine orchard in Big Bend.

Tom Coleman has completed a neat cabin, which is built on a prominent point in the vicinity of Deadwood.

George North, though successful in putting in a good crop, still looks crest-fallen. His wife is visiting with her daughters in Mendocino, and will not return until after the holidays.

Emery Jones is supplying the Butterfly with timbers from this vicinity.

At Yankee Hill times are improving and life is more apparent. Trade at that stand is reviving, as it should, for there is no economy in running miles for groceries when a good trading point can be established close at hand.

At H. Duensing's we noticed that a new picket fence had been built to front the road.

At West Branch the water pipe of the Spring Valley mining company had been substantially repaired and re-housed; the work having been done by James Campbell, Wm. McGregor and F. Nix.

J. H. McCloud has built an addition to his barn in Cherokee for the accommodation of transient teams, a much needed arrangement in Cherokee.

Sewell Van Goodwin was drawing his barn into shape with a jackscrew and a severe twist; he has added to his acreage of tillable soil and has a neat looking crop of summer-fallow, and a number of posts for more fencing.

Lon Cheshire, enterprising blacksmith, has re-covered his shop and has laid a brick pavement in the inner side of his shop door. He is doing a good business.

A new and efficient iron worker has pitched his tent in the stand formerly operated by Mr. Smith—success to him.

The two merchants of Cherokee, Messrs. T. L. Vinton and Henry Bader, are doing a thrifty business and keep teams continually on the roads for the purchasing and delivering of merchandise.

The road from Flee Valley to Cherokee is in the best condition it has been for many years at this season of the year, which is due both to the obliging season and competent road master. Still there is much room for improvement.

Most of these improvements are small but they are only a part of what has been done and on the whole they amount to much and go to show that this ridge has started from its Rip Van, etc., slumbers, and ere long the day of petty gossip and whittling drygoods boxes for pastime, and poaching our neighbor's hogs to replenish our larder, will slide into oblivion, to be forgotten and supplanted by thrifty homes and circles of enlightenment.

That this will be the case is a certainty for there are several good mines, quartz and gravel, in this vicinity which are only waiting for the usual and apparently necessary law suits and other freeze-out preliminaries to be cleared away that they may be operated. Agriculture is steadily increasing and there is a large belt of sugar pine extending from Camp creek to Gravel Range that will be the scene of a lumber industry as large as any on the Coast.

Last Saturday eve the young folks of Yankee Hill tendered the Misses Gussie Wells and Dora Spencer a farewell party, apropos their departure to the

Oroville high school. We did not attend, but can vouch for the statement that it was a complete enjoyable occasion. We trust they will be good girls and study hard.

Dr. Steward's family arrived from Yuba county to make their future home with the doctor in Cherokee.

Alex Wilson is drifting the rotten boulders from under the high sand banks of table mountain. This was considered by many practical miners as a very difficult undertaking, but the work has been systematically and successfully prosecuted from the start and proves the manager a competent miner. The enterprise, if successful, will be of much advantage to the community.

The last of the three schools on this side of the West Branch closed last week for this season at Reservoir district after a satisfactory term; Miss Kate Lynch, teacher.

The young idea is being shaped satisfactorily at the Cherokee school under the management of the efficient teachers; the Misses Anna McGregor and Nellie Wilson.

Miss Lydia Christy was compelled to abandon her work at Lovelock by illness and returned to her home last Thursday.

Thanksgiving was duly celebrated at Yankee Hill by a big eat and ball. It is meet that we should be thankful. Thankful that we have had such a good year and accommodating fall, thankful that we are alive and have a sack of flour in the house and a cross-cut saw, thankful to McKinley, since everyone else has something to write about him. Perhaps McKinley too, is thankful, thankful for the season so favorable to his administration. Yet Mac probably is "onto his job," and perhaps he will point out clearly that the working man is benefitted by a high tariff; the irrepressible "J. W. B." notwithstanding.

It is reported that one of Cherokee's popular young men, the most affable and Frank man of the Camp, (we would't give his name for anything) while at the Hill Thanksgiving Eve, strayed from the scene of revelry, and when he returned his comrades were so alarmed at his condition that they administered to him a chill tonic.

WITCH HAZEL.