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Death of Theodore Fischer.

Theodore Fischer of Oregon City died on Saturday night about 9 o'clock and his remains will be buried today at 1 p. m.

He was born in Kiel, Prussia, and was 72 years, 2 months and 7 days old. He came to California about 1850 and had lived in Butte nearly the entire time. He left a widow and five children--all grown--to mourn his loss. Three years ago he was paralyzed and since then has been unable to help himself but little. On Monday he was taken ill and lay in a sleep most of the time, although when aroused he was able to answer questions. Night before last he was taken worse and soon passed away. Dr. Stewart of Chico, was the attending physician and all was done for him that was possible. He was a kind-hearted, good man, with many friends and no enemies. To the grief-stricken family we extend our sincere sympathy,

BUTTE COUNTY

IN EARLY DAYS

Reminiscences by an Old Timer

Who Mined on Long's Bar in Early
Days, But Who Now Lives
in Georgia.

Tallapoosa, Georgia, Jan 12, 1898,

TO THE OROVILLE REGISTER.

While cruising for whales off the coast of Africa in the fall of 1848 on board of a "plum pudding" N. E. whaler I caught the California fever by reason of "gamming" with returning vessels from San Francisco, coming East by the way of Cape Horn. The golden accounts of the New El Dorado filled us with longing to go there, as soon as we got home again. So working with renewed energy, we soon filled our ship with sperm oil, and landed it at our home port, New Bedford, Mass. in the summer of 1849. None of us remained in port long, because the whole country was so stimulated by the mining wealth of California, but few, but what had a desire to go there. We sailed in the fall of '49 and went around Cape Horn, and arrived at 'Frisco in June, 1850, on the good ship Congress.

We hastened away from the maddening throng of the city, went up to Sacramento, on the steamer El Dorado, then to Marysville by the steamer McKim. We landed up along side of the banks of the Yuba, in deep clear water. It was not many

months before Marysville was entirely closed to navigation by reason of the immense amount of debris sluiced down from the mines. Laying in our supplies from the store of J. O. Fall, we boarded an ox-team and took passage for Long's Bar, the emporium of trade on Feather river. There were about fifteen log cabins and as many more canvass tents filled with goods doing a good business. The sides of the hills were dotted with tents and filled with enthusiastic men come in search of fortune. Not finding any diggings that paid us for our prospecting about this place, we went down the river about two miles where there were a large number of miners engaged in digging a canal, opposite Oroville, which at this time had two log cabins in it, about twenty tents, and many brush houses. Fully one-half of the residents there during the summer lived under the umbrageous oaks. The first store came down from Long Bar and located about eighty yards above our camp. I have forgotten the firm's name, as but a few of the old pioneers were known by their names as they rejoiced in the nick-names of "Handy Jim," "Brick Top," "Old Gas Bag," "Pike and Posey," at this time I cannot recall their true names. I can remember Dr. Boone and his wife; they lived in a log cabin there all the winter of '49 and during the summer of '50 and kept many boarders; the other log cabin was occupied by a family from Missouri, Pat Corral, John January, Dr. Dietz, Atroater, Kent, Osgood and Roper. I can name no more. I should say there was about seventy-five people all told living in the camp, and at least fifty of them were engaged in digging the canal over the river, and building a dam to turn the river from its bed, then all we expected to do was to scoop up the yellow metal from the bottom of the river.

Oroville had but one grand thoroughfare and that extended from Marysville to Long's Bar; it widened out from the banks of the river to the chapparal on the east, as that sufficed for all needed road accommodations. We wanted no town officers, post-office or bank, (for was not our money safe in the bottom of the river? it proved so).

Dr. Bowe prescribed for us in our illness with blue mass and quinine and the diarrhea did the rest. Our residences were delightfully ventilated, the southing winds laden with their aromatic ozone from the sweet blossoms of the manzanita, the pines and other odiferous trees, all lent an edenic perfume to our homes. No cackling hens to pull up our gardens, no mortgages to meet, no rent to pay, no taxes, no school houses or churches to assess us, no gallanting dudes perambulating around town showing off their pointed shoes, biled shirts and monocles to squint at you. All we had to do was to dig and delve, swallow our rations of sow belly, flap jacks and whiskey straight with a few dried apples, for a desert thrown in, and pray were't we a happy crowd, "I should smile" and you too if you could have heard the side splitters that made the welkin ring with fun, you would thought we were all true arcadians, the children of nymphs and swains.

The poor inured to drudgery and distress,

Act without aim, think little, and feel less,

And nowhere, but in feigned arcadian scenes,

Taste happiness, or know what pleasure means

Our dreams of "sweet, sweet home" surrounded by "the girl we left behind us," the family circle unbroken as we left them in our Eastern homesteads. We could almost see the glittering gold through the placid waters of the Feather, but a few days and we will return home with a fortune to gladden all with our presence, but as men even here, we had our tribulations.

Some Pike countian brought over his old cow from the States; she could smell a bag of flour for eighty rods, and no tent was safe from her invasions, so to circumvent her we triced the flour-bag up a tree and that settled her. Then the yellow-jackets took hand to notify us, or rather our fresh beef, they went for our rations as we couldn't hang our meat from them, we had to tie it up in a paper sack to escape them. A new trial was the sneaking coyotes; they would crawl up nights and snatch our boots from under our heads without waking us and make a breakfast of them.

With no postoffice how did you get your letters? Oh! that was easy enough if you had a \$1.00, sometimes \$2.00, what a letter would cost to get it from the expressman who listed all in his books. He kept an office at Long's Bar and every week he took a trip down to the lower cities where post-offices abounded and as we were a migratory set, our addresses were there. As he could deliver but a few letters after going so far, his charges were necessarily high. It was easier for him to find the letter than to hunt up the owner so he had to return them. The last I heard from our letter carrier was through the papers, he unfortunately had an unlucky accident happen him, so he thought discretion the better part of valor, so quit the business. One day the post-office clerk in 'Frisco, who was a big fisted fellow inquired from our poor lanky letter carrier if he didn't want to carry up the mail to that little one-horse town at the junction of the Feather and Yuba, but says he, "I have forgotten the name of the place, what is it's name anyhow?" Our innocent carrier readily responded "you-be-damned" that so angered the clerk that he let fly at the poor carrier and laid him sprawling on the floor and said "yoube-dammed, for I can't find it in the post-office directory."

"Wake snakes! days a breaking" tooted the old tin horn with "Curly Bill" behind it, making the heavens ring from Table Mountain to Bidwell Bar, and the valleys below, that meant that we had to gather at the river to cross over in the yawl and shovel dirt and gravel the balance of the day, with the hot mid-summer sun beating down on our heads.

The water was about five foot deep and so clear that we all used it for drinking water; how is it now. At this time the canal apparently was one-third dug, as the lower part of the bar was cut up with sloughs through which the river could run, thus saving us the toil of digging the whole distance of the bar.

Please let some of the "old timers" write to me and let me know if that bar opposite Oroville ever paid for working?

How did the bar just above the camp pay? I read that the Spring Valley mine in the famous old Cherokee district in Butte county, yielded \$10,000,000 from 480½ lineal feet, worked by hydraulic process in '89; pray, where is that, anywhere near Oroville? There was a Cherokee diggings just above town, say 160 rods, where we worked but it was shallow and about worked out in the winter of '49. Will some of the old veterans kindly reply to my inquiries? and I will respond telling them about our city of Tallapoosa, how it boomed and lasted.

Recollect among these people came many of you miners; who taught you the use of the cradle, long-tom and the hydraulic system, for all I know before California came into being a gold section, it was in Georgia and North Carolina from where all the gold in the United States was dug, and at the present time these mines are being worked, one of them right here in Tallapoosa.

Yes we dug and we dug, we raised the dam, and the water raised too by continuing it, we coaxed the water to run through our ditch, but it preferred to have its own way and ooze through the clean sand to it's bed again, finally we got mad and tried the virtues of puddling and instead of damming the river, the river dammed us, at last one lucky night in October, the elements settled the hash, for the storm came, the water rose and everything returned to its former condition. Defeated but not dismayed we tackled the obstinate river by easier and surer means, we went up about 160 rods at the head of the bar, on our home side, there we threw in a wing dam at the riffle. The old source of trouble was at us here, clear water, that was bound not to be controlled, put sand bags, puddling with dirt and sluicing in clay soon gave us a tight dam. The bed-rock for about 200 feet on the bed-rock was laid bare, and old Feather was turned aside and conquered and there lay the tempting lumps and grains of gold, like grain on the threshing floor; with horn spoon, several cradles and two long toms we pitched in and got rewarded.

Herein and hereby I can no longer serve you as a chronicler for the fever and ague seized on me and I was a played out digger, completely petered out, only fit to shake one day and be burnt up with the fever the next.

Now what befel the mining company after this I cannot say, and I would thank some of my old pards' to take up the history of the company and let me know its outcome as I have its income, and then I will be more than paid for this effusion.

But where are my comrades? I kindly appeal to any of them, if living to respond; Have you all passed to oblivion and left me alone?

No longer able to work, I had to leave, and with three other comrades we threw our blankets and ourselves on a passing wagon and sought new fields of labor. My partner chose to go up to Nevada, whilst I to regain my health took to sailing the seas the wide world o'er, and circumnavigating it by merchantship, by whaler and by man-of-war for many years; I finally changed the program and took to travel far and wide by land, crossing the plains via Pike's Peak, again going up the Chagres river then by other courses comprising six different routes to California, I mined it from the Mariposa on the South to Siskiyou in the North; and I kept my pick bright in California from 1850 to 1861; I then went in the war of 1861 to 1865 in the United States Navy, and before the walls of Fort Fisher, N. C., I fell, losing a leg, for thirty-three years I used the crutches, now I have to resort to the tricycle to get about.

Now my story is told I ought to stop, but how can I be remiss to my old comrades in not renewing some of their old yarns. Brave old boys; the old miner never can be trampled down by the superfluities of society exactions.

We used to utilize the victims of the fever and ague, by making them shake the cradle, as they had to shake anyhow, why not make it profitable.

One of our fellows was eternally, externally and internally lazy, he lived on the fat of the land by the fat of his brains. he used to tell us how easy and nice he got across the plains and made money in doing so, "Lazy Jim" shipped for hunter with a big party to cross the plains. After getting well under way, going up the Platte, the Captain sang out, "you Lazy Jim, what in thunder are you about, here

we are 100 miles out and you haven't lugged in nary a pound of meat yet."

"Oh! if that is what you want it will come to you, I am the hunter but my old mule is the funder."

"Confound your lazy hide here you have been living on the train for a week with no gun, no fish tackle, no nothing but that old boney mule, this is your last day, if you don't get up and get we will give you the grand bounce and Mr. Injun will raise your topnot."

"To-morrow you will have more than you can eat" said Jim.

True enough, next morning the ground lay covered with dead sayntes, antilopes, prairie dogs all ready for the frying-pan

Says the Captain, "How in the name of good luck did you know that we would have all this game."

"Why I knew what virtue lay in that mule's heels of mine, all I got to do is to stake her out on the prairie and keep ham rinds tied on her heel, that will draw all the varmints to her, when they begin to pull her heels does the rest."

As Jim had the pelts free, he had a pile of money by the time the company got over the Sierras.

One day in crossing a bad slough, the wagon kept getting stuck in the mud, the men would work and tug and lift to get the wheels out, but they got tired out.

Now said the Captain again, "there's that lazy Jim don't lend a hand at nothing and he is just laying up money while we are sinking it, I am going for the lazy cuss again; here you lazy lout if you don't lend a hand and help us out of the mud you and your mule has got to get share this time and take your pelts with you."

"Oh! if that is what you want I am your man."

So at the next mud hole Jim was ready, says he 'you fellows is no good, all you think of is work, 'taint work that pays, it's brains; if you fellows will let me and my mule have our way the wagon will run it self."

"Why how?"

"Here is how" says Jim and he whistled for his old bony part, Jim just hitched her to the hind-axe that got stuck, mounted his mule and just said, "now you buck," that is all she would do anyway and she did buck, "now crack the black-skin on your team and there is no stick to this wagon.

So Jim was always the right man in the right place and he didn't lose his traits after he got to Oroville; passing by a camp he would gaze at the miners washing their tin plates "Well" said he "what a nice world this would be if sin and work never came in it; I am down on both. Now you fellows washing your pans think you are mighty smart, just do as I do and then things will clean themselves."

"Why how is that Jim?"

"Just eat on one side of the plate just as long as you can stand it, then change your plate over to the other side and don't you have that side clean to commence on? and by the time that side is too dirty the first side will always peel off, things do their own work if you let them; I tell you there is no work but what brains will get the best of."

He certainly was our general man about camp; one awful hot afternoon we were washing up our cloths down by the river where Jim was lounging in the shade, for every Saturday afternoon was wash day, after boiling and rubbing and rinsing until nearly exhausted Jim came along,

"What poor fools you miners be, let me show you how you can sit and fish while 'old Feather river will do all your washing better than you can."

"How is that Jim?"

"See here, you see that rifle there."

"Yes."

"Then next time you just take your duds up there, stretch a rope across the rifle, tie them to the rope, rub this soap weed on them and just let them bump and thump until there is nary a dirt speck in them, thats how," and Jim was right.

An old pard who was rather delicate, kept complaining of the hot weather, says windy Jim, "why dont you keep cool as I do."

"Why how is that."

"Why when you want to cool off just cut off a patch of cloth out from a Chili bag of flour, sew it on the seat of your trousers, and you will rest chilly and cold as an icicle, as about all our flour then came up from Chili, it was an easy medicine to take.

As Jim was fond of the ardent, his partner thought it a good time to retort on him.

So said he "Jim there is a hot headed fellow just in from Marysville, now he is bragging about camp, that he can and will lay you out on your back the first chance that he can tackle you "

Now as Jim never would take a challenge as second best man in that line he roared out "who is he anyhow?"

"Why his name is Hall."

"Hall! what Hall is that?"

"Why it is old Alcohol." Jim owned up, beat.

One more and I am done.

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We had one cunning young fellow among us who prided himself on his expert cooking and turning of flap-jacks, as he was really the only one who could manipulate the luscious dainty I will tell you how he did it. First shake all the gold specks and black sand out of the crevices of your prospecting pan, then stir in well your compound ingredients until everything is bubbling with gas then see that everything is hissing hot, open the door so there is a big draft up the cabin chimney, grease the old pan well, pour in the batter, steady now, let them brown nice, shake them around to be sure then flop your cake up in the air, then send another aloft and keep two or three up at a time and they will come down ker flop right side up everytime.

Now for the grand finale this time you must keep a steady wrist or you will get left, proceed as before only make the cakes a little smaller so that you will half a dozen going up the chimney, be spry, grab your empty pan and just get for outside work, you don't have to wait long before the little dainties come down, just catch them when falling all smoking hot, a better dish a king never ate.

A motley crew we were, individually we were broken down ministers, absconding clerks, briefless lawyers, college graduates, old whalers, men-of-war men, bull-whackers and Mormons. Collectively they were the beauty and chivalry of the incipient golden State, whose achievements will fully parallel the accomplishments of any body of men on earth, their deeds will ever rank as among the most illustrious, indomitable and invincible of heroes that are fitted to found States; their memories will ever be kept green and imperishable.

JOSEPH CLOWES.

SOME PIONEERS OF BUTTE

Who Crossed the Plains in Forty-Nine.

A Large Number are Residents of This
Town, While Others Live in
the Neighboring Towns.

Just at this time matters appertaining to the pioneer days are of interest and the names of some of our oldest residents will be marked with more than ordinary concern.

In Butte the oldest resident is Gen John Bidwell who came to the county several years prior to the discovery of gold. He it was who found gold in Butte and opened the first mines in the county. This was in March of 1848, only two months after gold had been discovered in California by Marshall. He is one of Butte's largest land-owners, a man of prominence, a thriving, energetic, progressive citizen who has largely aided in making the name of Butte famous in all parts of our country.

Judge O. F. Lott is another prominent pioneer of the county who has been Senator from Butte, and who for two terms was District Judge. He has been an active lawyer nearly the whole of his life in the county, yet like nearly every other pioneer for a time dug for gold. He is still engaged in mining as he has mining interests in the Gravel Range region. He is also extensively engaged in farming, owning on Butte Creek a fine ranch.

Jas. Robinson of Central House landed in Butte in May 1849 and has remained in the county for the past 49 years. He was on the Plains when gold was discovered in 1848, but spent one year in Oregon ere coming to this State. He has been engaged in farming and stock-raising for many years and has reared a large family.

Wm. Armstrong of Biggs came here in 1849, having landed at Lassen's Ranch, now Vina, in October of that year. He made his home at Hurleton for many years and reared a large family there. He has been living in Biggs for a number of years. Twice he filled the important office of Auditor and Recorder and served with honor. His wife is one of the few women who came in 1849.

Levi Smith of Gridley, a well known orchardist, came to this State in 1849 and engaged in mining for many years. His wife—Miss Zumbalt—came here the same year. Both were residents of Long's Bar in the pioneer days.

J. W. Bowers of Chico is a pioneer of 1849, having landed at Johnson's ranch on Bear river in September of that year.

E. M. Sparks of Oroville landed in San Francisco on March 1, 1849, and for years was a prominent miner.

Thos. Enslow of Wyandotte crossed the Plains to California in the summer of 1849.

Jerome Foster of Oroville landed in San Francisco as a fellow passenger with E. M. Sparks on the ship Regulus in March 1849.

G. G. Marquis of Concow, crossed the Plains from Ohio in '49.

Mrs E. M. Sparks is one of the few women in Butte who came here in 1849.

J. F. Deuel of this town is a '49er, he having reached the State via Panama in February of 1849.

Judge P. O. Hudnoll landed at Sutter's Fort on October 12, 1849.

Chas. Duret of Yankee Hill came around Cape Horn and landed in San Francisco in October of 1849.

J. W. Swan a colored man of Oroville, crossed the Plains to California in the summer of 1849.

Jas. C. Bierce of Mountain House mined the winter of 1849 and '50 at Bidwell Bar.

Joseph Glines of Mazulia is a pioneer of '49. He reached Rough and Ready in the fall of the year.

Joe Henley of Thompson Flat has been a miner in this county continuously since 1849, as he landed in the State that year.

We would be glad to add other names to this list of pioneers if we could obtain them.

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Additional Pioneers.

Yesterday we gave the names of a number of pioneers and today we add a few more names.

George F. Giesse came around Cape Horn and landed in San Francisco on June 25th, 1849.

John Palmer of Lone Tree district is one of the '49 pioneers of this State and so is Mrs. Mary Shaffer of Gridley.

In the vicinity of Wyandotte are three pioneers of 1849. E. F. Koeditz who crossed the Plains from St. Joe, Mo., in the summer of 1849. Peter Smith landed in the State on the 10th day of January, having come up from Chile, and John C. Coggsall arrived in the same year.

John Thornton of Cherokee is one of the pioneers of this State and crossed the Plains to California in 1849.

We are assured by R. A. Moore that Virgil Bannell of Biggs came here in 1849.

Thos. Jeffries of this town came here the year of the first great rush to the gold mines, so dates from 1849.

If any one can give us additional names we shall be glad to publish them. Any details of their leaving home, manner of reaching California and the day they arrived here will be of use.

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HENGY HAPPENINGS.

An Interesting Letter From our Correspondent.

I heard one of our school children ask of a seat-mate what had become of old Primrose, as there had not been any letters in the REGISTER for some weeks. I will have to account for my silence, by saying that I have been in winter quarters to escape the cold frosty weather, that has been on a visit to this section of Butte since the middle of December. Prof. Foster says a hot wave, from somewhere is on its way here and the croaking of tree toads indicate that warmer weather is at hand, so I will venture forth once more and try and pick up a few items from this quiet burg, that may interest the many readers of the REGISTER.

There has been a vacation in our school during the past week, caused by the death of our teacher's father, Mr. Campbell. Owing to the continued severe illness of her mother. It is reported that Mrs. George Stout will teach in her place for the present beginning today. Mrs. Tucker has the heart-felt sympathy of the entire community in her bereavement.

The death of Mr. Fisher two weeks ago was a severe blow to his family and neighbors, as he was an old timer and one of our most respected citizens. He leaves a wife and five children. The children are all grown up.

J. B. Crawford came to California in the year '49. He came overland from southern Illinois and landed at Long's Bar about November 1st, of that year.

P. O. Fosten is also a '49er. He landed at San Francisco some time during that year. He was in San Francisco in '46, being on board a Dutch Man of War that was on a cruise around the world. The vessel put into San Francisco for water and provisions. He could furnish many items of interest of that eventful cruise. Mr. Fosten has nearly completed his four score and two years. He enjoys robust health and is more active than many that are fifteen years younger.

Mr. W. S. Williams of this place has been in charge of the Standard mine property since it closed down over two years ago, at which time he was Superintendent of the mine. He has worked hard to get the mine started up again, feeling confident that the mine has a bright future, if it is worked economically, and on business principles. We have been assured that success has crowned his efforts at last and that the mine will start up again in the immediate future. Good news for this place indeed. This burg may blossom into the county seat some day. Who can tell?

PRIMROSE.

Hengy, January 31st, 1898.

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Some of Our Pioneers.

J. O. Moseley, who is a pioneer himself gives us the following names of men who landed in this State during the year 1849. He came from Missouri and passed his 16th birthday the 18th of August, on the Plains. The company he was in left Missouri on the 4th of May and reached California in September. Samuel, William and Frank Carlisle were schoolmates of his and came with Mr. Moseley to this State. Wm. is now living at Flora Valley, Samuel is residing at Cherokee, while Frank was up to a short time ago making his home in Chico.

John Guill of Chico is another pioneer of 1849 who came in the train with Mr. Moseley and the Carlisle brothers.

Christian Eggert of Olive district is a '49er; so is Lewis Wagner. Both of them crossed the Plains, but we do not know the date at which they left home or the day they landed in this State.

I. R. Ketchum of Bidwell Bar is a pioneer of 1849, and so is David Johnson of Berry Creek.

We are glad to obtain these additional names and shall be pleased to receive any further names that old residents can give us.

PENTZ PICKUPS.

Some Interesting Items From That Burg.

The children of Pentz have started a Sunday School with twenty-eight members. The children are more energetic than the older people.

Mr. A. Holapp of Frenchtown passed away this week, he was highly esteemed and respected and had many friends at Pentz all of whom are sorry to hear of his death.

The mining interests of Pentz are looking up. The mine on the Parish place is reported to have been sold.

The home talent on Friday night made a great success and had a crowded house. The young people did finely and deserve much credit. After the entertainment a dance was given at the Pentz hall and 100 in number were present. At 12 o'clock a fine supper was served to which all did ample justice.

Frank Cory and Booth, both have good paying mines on Dry Creek from which they can take out \$3.00 a day to the man.

Mr. J. Curtis has finished making olive oil. He pressed his own olives and those from Dr. Mack's orchard and J. Hedges orchard at Paradise.

Pentz is a lively place as most of the old folks go to the parties and now there is talk of an old folks party.

W. L. Melvin and son were down from Paradise to attend the home talent entertainment last Friday evening.

W. J. Lockerman after a long illness is able to work again and has returned to the Magalia mine.

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CHEROKEE, February 22.—T. Z. Blake-man is up from San Francisco attending to business relating to the mine.

Mrs. Mattie Armbruster of Yankee Hill is visiting Mrs. T. J. Sweetman.

Miss Josie Bader is visiting in Sacramento.

Miss Belle Nesbit of the I. O. O. F. Home has been quite sick with tonsillitis.

Miss Jennie Lafferty visited the I. O. O. F. Home last Sunday.

Maud Roe was the recipient of a new organ last Saturday.

Mrs. J. D. Williams is improving slowly.

Commencing with last Sunday, Rev. W. H. Robinson of Oroville will hold meetings every two weeks in Cherokee.

Mrs. Benjamin, an old resident of Cherokee, fell and severely injured herself on Wednesday evening of last week. Mrs. Benjamin, as was her custom, was going to a neighbor's from whom she buys milk, and in the dusk left the road and fell over a pile of rocks, severely spraining her left hip and breaking one bone in her right forearm.

The drift mine operated by W. P. Lynch resumed operations with a small force of men the latter part of the week.

J. W. B.

Big Bend News.

BIG BEND, February 21.—We had a delightful rain here last night, .74 of an inch, and this morning almonds are in bloom, apricots putting forth blossom, cherries swelling ready to burst, and the grain and feed looking splendidly.

Messrs. Sarille and Clark are busy putting up a new tramway to carry ore from a new shaft to the ore bin prior to another run at the Pinkston mine.

There is a new enterprise started here in the bench, Mr. Bohannon is going to clear his new home, by cutting the timber all up into wood, and those wanting wood in the future will do well to consult Mr. Bohannon, as he can deliver it at Oroville by water.

Mr. J. C. Evans' family have moved from the Banner mine to their new home at Deadwood, a good healthy location.

It is said that Mr. Marquis came near being burned out again, as the wood near the store was all ablaze when discovered, a close call.

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DEADWOOD.

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The Sanitarium There to be
Reopened.

IMPROVEMENTS STARTED

A Good Location, Good Water and
Pure Air—Good for
Oroville.

The Deadwood Sanitarium is to be newly fitted up and reopened under the management of Dr. B. F. Freshman, a competent physician, who has had much experience in sanitariums. The doctor has been in this section for about a week and announces that he has his plans matured. He left for Deadwood to-day where he will spend some days superintending the improvements which are being made.

All the old resident here are familiar with the history of the old Deadwood Sanitarium where Dr. Ah Sang lived and flourished and won name and fame, and most of the new comers have heard of the place and of the Chinese physician. It has been whispered that the favorable climatic conditions had more to do with the wonderful cures reported than did the medical science of the celestial doctor, but be that as it may, cures were established. The fame of Dr. Ah Sang was spread abroad and Deadwood Sanitarium became the mecca of the lame, the halt and the blind. Many of whom hobbled there on crutches and walked away in robust health.

That this Sanitarium is to be reopened is good news to the people of Oroville. It will be a convenient place for our own invalids, for being but a few hours drive from here they would be within easy reach of friends and relatives, while the daily stage admits of constant communication by mail. The altitude is near 2000 feet, the air always pure and invigorating, the water pure and cold, in fact the natural conditions make it an ideal location for a health resort and, with proper medical attendance, the results from a stay there should be wholly satisfactory. Again Oroville is the nearest railroad point, and the travel and trade resulting from its operation will necessarily come this way. There is no line of business but will receive some benefit from it, and our business men will unite with the MERCURY in wishing the doctor success in the venture.

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IMPROVEMENTS STARTED

A Good Location, Good Water and
Pure Air—Good for
Oroville.

The Deadwood Sanitarium is to be newly fitted up and reopened under the management of Dr. B. F. Freshman, a competent physician, who has had much experience in sanitariums. The doctor has been in this section for about a week and announces that he has his plans matured. He left for Deadwood to-day where he will spend some days superintending the improvements which are being made.

All the old resident here are familiar with the history of the old Deadwood Sanitarium where Dr. Ah Sang lived and flourished and won name and fame, and most of the new comers have heard of the place and of the Chinese physician. It has been whispered that the favorable climatic conditions had more to do with the wonderful cures reported than did the medical science of the celestial doctor, but be that as it may, cures were established. The fame of Dr. Ah Sang was spread abroad and Deadwood Sanitarium became the mecca of the lame, the halt and the blind. Many of whom hobbled there on crutches and walked away in robust health.

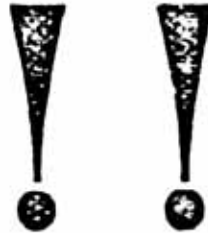
That this Sanitarium is to be reopened is good news to the people of Oroville. It will be a convenient place for our own invalids, for being but a few hours drive from here they would be within easy reach of friends and relatives, while the daily stage admits of constant communication by mail. The altitude is near 2000 feet, the air always pure and invigorating, the water pure and cold, in fact the natural conditions make it an ideal location for a health resort and, with proper medical attendance, the results from a stay there should be wholly satisfactory. Again Oroville is the nearest railroad point, and the travel and trade resulting from its operation will necessarily come this way. There is no line of business but will receive some benefit from it, and our business men will unite with the MERCURY in wishing the doctor success in the venture.

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Deadwood Springs.

Dr. Freshman returned from Deadwood springs Tuesday, where he had



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Ask your doctor.

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been superintending the alteration of the buildings and other improvements. A number of merchants realizing the great benefit which Oroville would derive from the reopening of Deadwood have suggested that a corporation be formed and stock issued signifying their intention of subscribing liberally to the enterprise.

ROYAL
Baking Powder
Absolutely Pure

BUCHANAN HILL.

History of Gold Production
There.

THE RICHELIEU MINE

Now Being Opened by San Fran-
cisco Parties—Its Former
Wealth.

The following account of Buchanan Hill mining section is furnished the MERCURY by a gentleman who has resided near Yankee Hill for many years and knoweth whereof he speaks:

Shortly after the discovery of gold by General Bidwell on the Middle Fork of Feather river, in 1849, men began to scatter and prospect the hills adjacent to the valley and especially along those streams and tributaries deriving their source from the higher mountain ranges to the east. And here, within a stone's throw of this hill, gold was found in such large quantities in the ravines and creeks as to cause such an influx of miners as to justify the creating of a small town called Frenchtown. In the fall of 1849, the same year, large stores and hotels, a dance house and saloons, constructed principally of logs, was built. Like hundreds of other towns its life was short, and being built of perishable material, nothing remains to-day, save a few toppled chimneys, to remind the stranger that he is tramping upon grounds of a once flourishing town. However, its surrounding mines could only be worked profitably during the wet season, as the summer months were so intensely hot hardly enough water remained in the gulches for domestic purposes. Owing to those conditions the town proved to be a winter resort for the miners retreating from the higher altitudes, avoiding the deep snow and cold climate.

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Such being the case, men searched everywhere, the smallest depressions in the mountain's side, commonly called "Blind" ravines, were not overlooked, and two of these, which we will note, yielded most handsomely to their discoverers, viz: Workman ravine and Shipley ravine. The former paid its owner over \$5000 worth of course gold. Nuggets weighing from two to five ounces were found. The latter, now known as Feist's ravine, paid its owners over \$3000, of a little finer character of gold. One crevice, filled with channel-wash, found at the source of this last named ravine, yielded over \$600 in two sluice-boxes lengths. This crevice was a cleft in solid bedrock. Its average width was about two inches, vertical depth twelve feet, with an occasional zig zag in its extension. These two ravines find their source at the northeast extremity of Buchanan Hill, and owing to the topography of the same flow in opposite directions north and south.

The evidence of so much gold and the character of gravel found in the Workman and Feist ravines, naturally led to farther research, and those, whose minds were more philosophical and comprehending, thought rightly that auriferous gravel existed under the lava, covering the mountain.

Buchanan Hill proper was visited in 1850 by Robert Workman. It is situated three miles west of Yankee Hill and eighteen miles north of Oroville, and is an unpretentious looking mountain, save for the sublimity of its western slope. It is bounded on the east and south by successive low, rounding hills, at the base of which rise high and lofty mountain ranges whence sprang all the gold that produced the prolific placers of early days, the west and north sides are bounded respectively by the west branch and the east branch of the west branch of Feather river.

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It extends over a mile in length by perhaps an average of a quarter of a mile in width; its entire surface is covered with lava from 10 feet to 100 feet thick, under this lies various stratas of auriferous gravel of different depth and thickness. In 1856 Buchanan Hill was named, and the first attempt at deep mining was commenced. A shaft incline was sunk by a company of local miners, and, after considerable time and expense going down through lava, gravel was reached which contained gold in paying quantities. This company worked it for several years by primitive method, reaching a depth of three hundred feet or more. The bedrock pitched away from them, and expense of getting the gravel and water out of the mine culminated in a wrangle among themselves. It was hard work for some of them to turn the "crank" all day, and discouraging and fearful to the others lest they should drown if the tub didn't go faster, and, ended, I believe, like all such quarrels—in litigation.

During several years of suspension, the mine changed hands only to be handled by parties to sell for more gold than was ever intended to be taken out. Yet this company did considerable work that would have been of material advantage to them had they completed it. They commenced operations on the west slope of the hill, which presented advantages for draining and working the mine and attempted to run a tunnel to tap the shaft or old works, but as financial difficulties overtook them, litigation again followed.

Finally, this was straightened out and the mine again changed hands to its present owners, the Williams company. They resumed work in the tunnel left unfinished by the former company, and after a couple of years of diligent work, completed the same to the old works or shaft, 1200 feet. But, unfortunately, by misjudging the results attending such a hazardous undertaking as tapping the old works or shaft in midwinter when it had become full of water, worked reverses unexpected. They had finished to within a few feet of the shaft, and, fortunately, for themselves, they had quit work for the noon hour when the gravel, owing to the immense pressure by water in the shaft gave away and swept everything before it, cars, track, tools, sluices and everything within its wake. They had been working in the gravel for some months and there were presumed to be over \$2000 in the sluices, which were arranged to wash the gravel at the mouth of the tunnel. Nothing daunted by this unfortunate occurrence, they went to work in the gulch leading from the tunnel to the river, and with pan and rocker creviced out over \$600 of the lost metal. After this had been done they refitted and resumed work in the tunnel, and have worked continuously for several years. A few weeks ago they bonded the the mine to H. Francis and others of San Francisco who have begun operations and are now running a new tunnel to tap the channel further south. Six men are employed and under the management of Waldeyer & Wilson work is being rapidly pushed and good results are expected. The latter gentlemen have named the mine the Riche-lieu.

Oroville Daily Register

3-8-1898

Death of G. G. Marquis.

The deceased was one of the pioneers of this country, as he crossed the Plains in the summer of 1849, from Ohio and landed in Butte early in the fall of that year. He worked at Thompson Flat at a very early day, but we do not know whether he came here in '49 or not. He was working in the vicinity as far back as 1852, and may have been there earlier. He went to Omeo and made his home in that valley and later on moved to Yankee Hill and in these two places lived for the past thirty years. He was a man of unusual intelligence, shrewd well read and well posted in political matters. For the past three or four years owing to paralysis, he had been in poor health. His death resulted from la grippe combined with the paralysis.

His body was buried yesterday afternoon from the undertaking rooms of G. W. Sovereign and the following gentlemen acted as pallbearers:

He leaves a wife to mourn his loss.

The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: E. Tucker, Buck Lamb, L. F. Parlin, E. A. Halstead, B. Russel and S. Elcher.

Oroville Daily Register
3-17-1898

A correspondent of the Mercury says
Mrs. G. G. Marquis of Yankee Hill will
move to this town to reside.

Oroville Register
4-7-1898

POPULAR LADY CONTEST

The following is the vote to date in the popular ladies' contest.

CHEROKEE

Mrs. Herbert.....	62
Miss Ruby Malgin.....	20
Miss Jennie Lafferty.....	20
Miss E. Williams.....	17
Miss M. Rowe.....	56
Miss R. Doyle.....	7

HENGY.

Mrs. M. N. Blackford.....	60
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BANNER MINE.

Mrs. T. Richards.....	50
Mrs. Mary Pierce.....	46

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*The beginning of baldness is dandruff.
Keep the scalp clean and promote the
growth of the hair by the use of*

Ayer's Hair Vigor

A HEALTH RESORT AT HOME.

Butte County Will no Longer Stand The Draft
on The Resources of The People Who
Have a Longing For a Sanitar-
ium Summer Resort.

MAJOR JONES TO HAVE THE DEADWOOD ON IT.

A NUMBER of Oroville people have united in an enterprise which will likely give them excellent returns. They have organized a company under the title, "Lake View Sanitarium Company," for the purpose of making a health resort of the Deadwood property, located a few miles above Prentz. This place gained first recognition when a Chinese physician, a few years ago, made his headquarters there and attracted many people to him for treatment. The climate and pure water effected many cures during his stay. The new company has secured this property.—Oroville Mercury.

This is as it should be and the DEMOCRAT congratulates the people of Butte on the prospects of a home resort, or summer sanitarium, where they can receive treatment and at the same time keep the money circulating in the county. It is understood that Major Jones is at the head of the new company, and of course he will have the Deadwood on it. The proposed sanitarium will be a little more expensive than the health-giving remedy originated by the editor of the esteemed morning contemporary, a sprinkler and band concerts.

Marysville Daily Democrat
4-16-1898

Deadwood is located only a few miles from Prentz and the last named ranch is located near to a natural curiosity, one seldom seen this side of Sheol. On the north side of the road near the residence of Rev. Jesse Wood there is a high bank of earth where a considerable mining has been done with a hydraulic monitor.

In the summer when the sun's rays get hot this bank of earth begins to burn and the fumes of sulphur become so offensive that some of the residents thought it was nearly Sheol and they moved away, including Rev. Mr. Wood.

This writer once rode, in company with Judge Gray, in a spring wagon, twenty-four miles to view this strange phenomenon. The effect was wonderful. Gray reformed and quit practicing law and has been telling the truth ever since; at the same time it has produced a great change in the writer, who now takes nothing stronger than sulphur water of home production.

The Deadwood sanitarium will be a success, because it is in the right location.

NEAR SHEOL.

A Strange Phenomenom and Its Wonderful Effects.

The Marysville Democrat in speaking of the new sanitarium at Deadwood says:

“Deadwood is located only a few miles from Pentz and the last named ranch is located near to a natural curiosiy, one seldom seen this side of sheol. On the north side of the road near the residence of Rev. Jesse Wood there is a high bank of earth where a considerable mining has been done with a hydraulic monitor.

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Note: In the Hebrew Bible, Sheol is a place of darkness to which the dead go.

Daily Register

5-20-1898

Dance at Clear Creek.

The dance at the Park place on Friday evening was as usual, well attended. It was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Will Venable of Chic, who are visiting friends hereabouts. Christman's orchestra furnished the music, the supper was delicious and Mr. and Mrs. Park spent their time in making every one welcome, and the evening passed pleasantly to all present.

W. W. Merrithew who departed a short time ago for Alaska, has written from Vancouver, British Columbia, to friends here. He expresses himself as well satisfied with that part of the country and expects to reach his destination in a short time.

Oroville Register

5-25-1898

Fire At Oregon City.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock the house occupied by David Jones of Oregon City caught fire and was destroyed. This building was owned by the Smith Brds. estate and was one of the finest buildings in Oregon City.

W. C. T. U. Convention.

ED. REGISTER: Those who were present at the W. C. T. U. Convention at Chico, can only imagine the good time that was had by all. Mrs Peet, State President, Mrs Skelton, State Organizer, Mrs Francis Lunt and daughter, Miss Edwina of Yankee Hill, and Mrs Boalt of Palermo, were guests of General and Mrs. Bidwell at the mansion.

They were tendered a reception by the General and Mrs Bidwell. It was more than enjoyed by all. Nearly eighty guests were present and it was a social success. There was singing by a male quartette, a recitation by Miss Edwina Lunt of Yankee Hill, and a solo by Miss Mae Nichols.

Refreshments were then served and all went home feeling that an evening could not have been spent more pleasantly.

F. C.

Oroville Daily Register

5-28-1898

To Flea Valley

T. O. Lee left here Friday for a trip to Flea Valley with some mining men of San Francisco. They are to prepare things this year with intention of fluming the North Fork next season. Four men from the Bay city and Charley Gambrel and Mathew Morrissey of this town were in the party that Mr. Lee took up Friday.

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LAKEVIEW
SANITARIUM



DEADWOOD SPRINGS.

Near Oroville; 2000 feet altitude; on the western slope of the Sierras.

“AN IDEAL RESORT THE YEAR AROUND.”

Celebrated for its wonderful cures and delightful climate.

Comfortable Buildings, Attractive Grounds, Game and Fish Abundant.

Sufferers from Nervous and Chronic Affections and diseases of the Digestive Tract should go where conditions are favorable to recovery.

EXPERIENCED PHYSICIAN,
PERFECT SERVICE,
MODERATE CHARGE,
MALARIA UNKNOWN

Come now or ascertain by post why sick people get well at Deadwood Springs. Address the Resident Physician, or take the train to Oroville, thence by carriage.

DEADWOOD SPRINGS, BUTTE CO.

Will Celebrate.

The schools of Yankee Hill, Concow and Reservoir will join together this year and have a picnic and celebration on the Fourth of July. They will have literary exercises and other features, while in the evening it is probable that a dance will be given at Lakeview Sanitarium.

Will Start up a Mine.

J. D. Campbell has leased from Williams & Johnson their mine near Pentz. This is often called the old Ed Davis. He will put up a large water power arrastra and bring in water about one mile to run this with. He will have abundant fall as the ditch will come over the top of a high hill and the mine is at a much lower altitude.

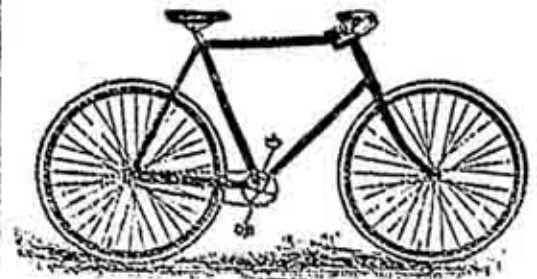
The tunnel on the mine is in 600 feet and is all the way through gravel that will pay to work. He has some men now at work clearing the tunnel and laying new tracks. It is the belief of practical miners that this mine will pay well.

TABLE MOUNTAIN LODGE,
No. 124, F. & A. M.
CHEROKEE, BUTTE COUNTY.

Meeting on Tuesday preceding full moon.

WILLIAM JAMES, W. M.
H. F. BADER, Secretary.

Oroville Ad



**Cleveland
Bicycles**

On the Square

THE BICYCLE OF THE DAY

Burwell dust proof bearings; new features of the Cleveland Flush Joints; the bearings have lock screw on the adjustment core; the new Cleveland Pedals, the hard pin in the Cleveland chain makes the chain absolutely non-structable.

Cleveland cross-thread tire excellent feature that makes up a first-class Bicycle.

Cleveland Bicycle, \$100

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I also have a full line of Bicycle Sundries on hand. New and second hand wheels for sale and rent.

Mr. George C. Moody has opened a Bicycle Repair Shop at my place and will do all kinds of repairing at reasonable prices. Also lessons given in bicycle riding.

HENRY ANTHONY.

PARADISE NOTES.

W. M. Pence has gone to Siskiyou county.

E. J. Robinson of Central Hobso, Jas. Nelson of Rackorby and Mrs. M. H. Weils of Yankee Hill were doing business here yesterday.

Among those in town yesterday were T. R. Cranley of Morris Ravine, Geo Harriger of Gridley and Jas Lynch of Bengey.

R. W. Smith of the Banner mine, Flood Grubbs of Wyandotte and Chas. Mooney of Enterprise paid Oroville a visit yesterday.

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River Mining.

Dave Atkins yesterday took ten Chinamen up to Big Bend—the mouth of Berry Creek—where a Chinese company will mine the river this summer. A headdam will be built to turn the river and 100 Chinese will be employed in operating in the bed of the stream.

Oroville Mercury

7-11-1898

AT YANKEE HILL.

A Farewell Reception Given on Friday Evening.

ED. MERCURY---A farewell reception was tendered by Miss Edwina Lunt at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lunt of Yankee Hill on Friday evening in honor of the Misses Agnes and Millicent Ward of Berkeley and Miss Mae McLaughlin of San Francisco. For some five weeks they have been the guests of Mrs. J. Miller of Frenchtown and been visiting friends in the vicinity, and returned to their home on Saturday, July 9th. All had a very enjoyable time, most of the young ladies present being dressed in pretty organdies, and, of course the boys were pretty without the organdies.

Dancing was indulged in until a late hour, refreshments being served at the midnight hour. After the friends of the young ladies had bidden them good-bye, wishing them all happiness, the company dispersed and all went home feeling that the evening had been well spent.

"ONE WHO KNOWS."

Oroville Mercury

7-12-1898

The Banner Mine.

Since Superintendent Evans returned from England all has been activity at the Banner mine. New men have been added and a full complement of men will soon be employed to operate the mine to its full capacity.

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7-13-1898

AFTER THE BALL.

A Sequel to the Coneow Dance on the Fourth.

M. S. Baker, who was arrested on July 5th at the residence of Dr. Freshmen on a charge of grand larceny, had his trial Monday before Justice of the Peace Anderson of Cherokee and was discharged. The evidence showed that Baker was clerk at Deadwood Sanitarium where the ball was given and had simply appropriated the receipts of the evening, amounting to \$11.25, to pay a balance due himself as a salary. The doctor admitted that a balance was due the young man of something between \$10 and \$10, while Baker claimed that the amount was in excess of the sum which he paid to himself after the ball. As the evidence showed no criminal intent on the part of Mr. Baker, he was discharged, the District Attorney making no objection.

THE FOURTH AT CONCOW.

Grand Picnic and Celebration at the Lake.

GRAND BALL AT NIGHT.

A Destructive Forest Fire—The Springer Mill—Mining News.

YANKEE HILL, July 12.—As none of your correspondents of this vicinity have written up the events of late date there are a few items that deserve mention.

Owing to the light winter, water is scarce and fire plentiful. Last week a raging forest fire was burning in the vicinity of Frenchtown, making a hot time for the residents. It destroyed 100 panels of fence for E. R. Lunt, besides a great deal of fence for Jos. Miller, and it came near getting into Mr. Miller's buildings. There is a heavy forest fire burning in the vicinity of Flee Valley at present.

Last Monday the Fourth was celebrated in Concow in a fitting way. Early in the morning anvils and other demonstrations of explosive character were a part of the program. Then a picnic attended by about 150 persons; a delightful time, a lovely day in beautiful grounds—Brannegan's grove on the upper end of Concow lake. G. H. Stout delivered a fitting address. Then followed a dinner which nearly killed us, because we were unable to participate. After dinner lively exercises, exuberantly mirthful, were indulged in heartily by all. One of the principal features was a foot race between Mr. Stout and Frank Rowe. The professor ran stoutly, but he had too hard a Rowe to hoe. Other races demonstrated that Lon Richardson has the race stock of the community.

At night a grand ball in Deadwood, a success by all those who attended, was given. The supper was good, furnished by the neighbors, and the best of music by the Clark band. As to the receipts of the dance, nobody knows, but Baker.

On the evening of the Fourth your correspondent attended a dance under the auspices of Miss Farnan and Mrs. Scott at Springer Mill. The dance was thoroughly enjoyable and well attended. Music by Henry Gramps, assisted by Ze scribe, was very good, but the ice cream was tip-top. All enjoyed themselves immensely and went home as good people should, in time to catch a recruiting nap for the coming morrow.

Springer mill is an institution well worthy of one's notice. The mill has a capacity of fifty thousand feet of lumber per day, but Mr. Hutchison prefers to cut 25,000 to 30,000 feet, and demonstrates that he knows how to run a mill. There is no friction or breakages. Everything runs smoothly. Each man in the mill knows his duty well and performs it equally well. There is an absence of boisterousness in the camp which almost makes one wonder if it is a saw mill, and each employee carries such a gentlemanly and superior air that as one approaches him one thinks surely, this is the proprietor.

Knowing your lack of space, we will not describe the working of the mill, though it is intensely interesting.

The Clark Bros are taking out dirt that prospects ten cents per wheelbarrow from their drift claim in Big Bend.

Wm. Lake is working on a promising lead in his claim.

Lee Denny is finding good looking colors in new ground in Barteece Bar.

The Gramps Bros. are starting a drift in their claim.

Prospecting is rife along the North Fork of the Feather, as the river will be lower this season than it has been for years, and a good year's clean-up may be looked for. WITCH HAZEL.

Another Yankee Hill correspondent contributes the following:

Henry Turner of Tompson's Flat has moved his family to Big Bend for the summer and Mr. Turner is to look after the Chinese company that has leased the Big Bend company claim, and are now repairing the head dam.

Five large teams loaded heavily are on the way up to the DeLong company's claim on the North Fork, near the mouth of Big Rock creek. May success attend the enterprise.

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7-13-1898

ENDS AT LAST.

Cherokee Mine Litigation Suddenly Compromised

AFTER 13 YEARS OF LAW

Nature of the Present Deal That Clears the Famous Property of All Entanglements.

The Cherokee mine litigation is at an end. For thirteen years this famous mining property has been a subject of contention in the courts, and the news that the end has been reached will be welcome news to the people of this county. The Mine is too well known to need description. Wherever stories of the wonderful mineral wealth of California have been related, the Cherokee mine is known as one of the great mines of the Golden State. It was originally a group of small claims, afterwards combined under a few companies known as the Eureka, the Table Mountain consolidated, the Welch and the Cherokee Flat Blue Gravel, and later these were all absorbed by the Spring Valley Hydraulic Gold Mining company, whose bondholders now control the property.

In the days of hydraulic mining, the Cherokee mine poured forth a constant stream of gold. Stream of water from giant monitors tore down the hills and washed away the earth, leaving the sluices of the mine rich with golden sand. Hundreds of men were employed and vast sums of money were expended in bringing in water and otherwise developing the property. It is said that there was a period of twelve years, during which the mine was worked steadily every day.

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In those days a tour of California was not complete without a visit to this famous mine, but the law against hydraulic mining brought about a great change, and of late years little has been done. Enough has been done, however, to show that the mine can be successfully and profitably operated by processes other than hydraulic; but progress has been retarded by constant litigation, the law suits growing out of titles being seemingly endless.

The latest complication was the contest of C. W. Cross, an attorney of San Francisco, who contested the company's title to a portion of the property.

All signs have pointed to an extended litigation over this contest. Mercury readers will remember that last winter Cross undertook to do assessment work on the land to which he claimed the company held no title and that his men were prevented from working by men employed by the bondholders of the old company. Since then both sides have been busy. There have been several preliminary skirmishes in the Superior court and the lining up of forces on either side certainly indicated a hard battle in prospect.

The case has been compromised, however. The bondholders have agreed to bond the property to Mr. Cross for a period of six months, at a figure sufficient to protect them, and in case he disposes of the property within that time he may realize handsomely. Mr. Cross, in turn, agrees to relinquish all claims against the company if in case he fails to make a sale within the time specified in the bond.

Every Reason to Encourage Further
Development.

A copy of *The Mining World and Engineering Record* of London is at hand, which contains an extended account of the meeting of the shareholders of the Consolidated Gold Mines of California, held while Manager Geo. H. Evans was in London, and the speech in full of Mr. Walter R. Tidd, chairman of the company, who describes the work done and outlines the plans of the directors for future operations at the Banner and other mines near Oroville.

In the course of his speech he quoted from the report of Mr. Evans, in whose integrity and ability he expressed the greatest confidence, "there is everything to encourage the further development of the Banner mine," adding: "This conclusion he has arrived at after having carefully studied the mine in all its aspects and surroundings. With regard to this, one of our six mines, he strongly recommends that the north drift at the 1,000-ft. level should be extended a further 1,000 ft., that the up-raise from the 500-ft. level should be carried to the surface, and that the east cross-cut at the 1,000-ft. level should be extended a further 700 ft., with a view to striking the Amosky vein at that depth. Mr. Evans and your directors strongly recommend that arrangements be made for such a supply of water that all the machinery can be run by water power, and steam be almost entirely dispensed with, and in accordance with this view the company has acquired rights of way to bring in water, the ditch has been commenced, and the use of a very large reservoir site secured, and when this work has been completed it will reduce our entire working expenses to the low figure of as nearly as possible \$2 per ton.

Mr. Evans informs the Mercury that the shareholders decided to proceed in accordance with these recommendations and that work will be pushed ahead at once.

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7-14-1898

23,000 Pounds Sterling Expended in Improvement.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

Full Statement of Developments
Within the Mine and Improvements Without.

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The meeting was held says the *Record*, to consider the following resolutions, viz:

"1. That it is desirable to re-construct the company, and accordingly that the company be wound up voluntarily, and that Mr. Alfred William Cook be and he is hereby appointed liquidator and he is hereby authorized to consent to the registration of a new company, under the name of 'Consolidated Gold Mines of California, Limited' (or such other name as may be determined upon), with a memorandum and articles of association in such form as the directors of this company and the liquidator may approve." "3. That the draft agreement submitted to this meeting, and expressed to be made between this company and its liquidator of the one part, and the intended new company of the other part be and the same is hereby approved, and that the said liquidator be and he is hereby authorized, pursuant to Section 181 of the Companies Act, 1862, to enter into an agreement with such new company (when incorporated) in terms of the said draft, and to carry the same into effect, with such (if any) modifications as he may think expedient."

In the course of his address to the stockholders, after calling attention to the presence of the company's general manager, Geo. H. Evans, who would he said answer any questions regarding the properties, the chairman said:

It is, of course, within your recollection that in March, 1897, the shareholders in the Banner Gold Mine decided unanimously to acquire four additional mines, known as Long's Bar, Clark, Coffee and Hedges Placer, and to work the whole under the title of Consolidated Gold Mines of California, Limited, the four additional properties being acquired for one hundred thousand fully-paid shares. When this consolidation took place an assessment of 3s. per share on all shares in Banner Gold Mine, Limited, was made, and every penny piece has been paid up. This provided your directors with funds amounting to 22,500l. to enable them to discharge liabilities, and to carry on operations, and I will now furnish you with the details of the work which has been done. They are as follows: At the 300-foot level of the Banner mine the bulkhead has been removed from the east to the west side of the shaft, 760 feet of tunnel has been cleaned out and a single track of rails laid 370 feet to the Amosky vein. Drifting has taken place on that vein to the extent of 107 feet in a southerly direction, and ore shoots have been built in the north drift.

AT THE 400-FOOT LEVEL.

the west cross-cut has been repaired. Single lines of rails have been laid in both the north and south drifts on the vein, both of which have been extended a distance of 104 feet. The east cross-cut has been driven 25 feet to the footwall of the vein, and ore shoots have been constructed. At the 500-foot level the north drift has been continued on the vein for a distance of 45 feet, the east cross-cut to the footwall 16 feet, and the upraise to surface 15 feet. Here also ore shoots have been built. At the 600-foot level the upraise to the 500 feet

stopes has been advanced 4 feet, and the drift on the northwest vein 6 feet, and ore shoots have been constructed on this level also. At the 700-foot level the north drift has been extended 10 feet, stopes have been opened up and ore shoots constructed. At the 800-foot level the upraise to the 700 foot level has been completed 49 feet, the north drift has been extended 245 feet, and the south drift 24 feet, and ore shoots have been constructed. At the 1000-foot level the east cross-cut has been extended 400 feet to intersect the Amosky vein from this level, the northwest drift 146 feet, the north drift 511 feet, and the south drift 126 feet, and ore shoots have been constructed. There have been mined and milled in old and new mills

8,200 TONS OF ORE

from the stopes, resulting in a yield of 2,245l. 17s. 7d. The main shaft has been repaired from the 300-foot level to the surface. The electric plant has been removed from the old power house to the mine. A Heine water tube safety boiler, 150 h.-p., and a tandem compound engine, 280 h.-p., have been purchased and erected. Rock breakers and reserve ore bins have been erected near the mill, having a capacity of 1200 tons. A double railway track, 2500 feet in length, has been built to connect the Clark and Coffee mines with the rock breakers and the ore bins at the mill, so that the ore may be handled economically and automatically. 2500-foot of piping have been laid from the Banner

engine-house to the hoisting plant at the Clark and Coffee mines, for carrying compressed air for use at the latter. Purchase and erection of an entirely new 40-stamp mill, and power to run same in every detail; also the formation of a reservoir for storing a reserve water supply. At the

CLARK AND COFFEE MINES

gallows frames, ore bins, junction gravity tramway, hoisting machinery, and pumping plant have been erected, the main three compartment shaft has been sunk 540 feet, and 250 feet of cross-cuts to the vein have been driven. The general manager has introduced great improvements in the machine shop, owing to which all repairs can be done at the mine, and everything except castings is made at the mine. The saving in both time and expense is, therefore, very great, and the improvements reflect much credit upon Mr. Evans. Our new mill is admitted to be the finest in California, and the property is now in such splendid order that it is the best equipped in that or any other State. Everything has been done with a view to mining and milling at the least possible cost. This has been accomplished, and the works are now in such a condition that they may be said to run almost automatically. The total net expenditure has been about 24,500l. Of this sum about 23,000l. has been absorbed by the new 40 stamp mill, the machinery, power, tools, explosives, timber, fuel, water ditch and reservoir, electrical supplies, improvements, management, labour, and other items at the mine, and the balance of about 1500l. represents the London expenses.

Oroville Mercury

7-26-1898

An Important Deal.

A number of deeds have been recorded by which A. F. Jones, Bank of Rideout, Smith & Co. and Frank McLaughlin, Walter Cutting and Elton O'Connell, transfer to the Oroville Water company, all those properties known as the Miocene Ditch System and the Thermalito pipe line.

A mortgage on the properties, in favor of N. D. Rideout, Ed Harkness and A. F. Jones, trustees for the bondholders, given to secure the \$70,000 bonded indebtedness incurred by the Oroville Water company, is also recorded.

FLAG RAISING.

Old Glory Floats from Sugar Loaf at Cherokee.

ED. REGISTER: Though Cherokee has not been represented in your paper for some time, we do not wish your readers to think we are asleep, for we are as wide awake and patriotic a little town as you will find, so when it was proposed to make and raise a large flag, everyone was ready to help and material was bought and some of the ladies, with the assistance of Harry Lott, made a flag measuring 13x23 feet. The young men then went seven miles to Yankee Hill for a suitable pole and after much hard work carried it to the top of Sugar Loaf, that famous old mountain that has yielded countless thousands of dollars and no doubt has countless of thousands more wrapped in its embrace.

When everything was in readiness Saturday, July 23rd, at 6 p. m., was appointed for the flag raising and exercises, so every one who was able to walk at all assembled on the top of Sugar Loaf after a hard climb, and Old Glory was soon raised by Mr. Lott, assisted by all the little boys and girls present, and as if in honor of the occasion the breeze lifted the folds of the handsome flag and it floated majestically above our heads.

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7-28-1898

Mr. Virgin, and Mr. James of Cherokee, Mr. Durette of Yankee Hill, and Wm Thunnen each made a short address. James McGregor read the Declaration of Independence and Miss Kate Chesire and Mae Reilly each gave a recitation. Miss Kate McGregor and Miss Lucy Nix sang the Star Spangled Banner.

After a number of the national songs had been sung and cheer after cheer had been given, we all reached level ground in safety just as it was growing dark and left Old Glory standing guard over our little town, a symbol to all the country round (for it can be seen for miles) of our patriotism and love for our country.

Following are the names of the ladies who made the flag:

Mrs. Belle Williams, Misses Janet and Nellie Wilson, Mrs. Lizzie Rowe, Mrs. Mary Thomas, Mrs. Jas. Doyle, Misses Maggie Vinton, Kate Chesire, Frons Mednich, and Nora Whelan, Sarah Doyle, Mary Doyle and Jessie Williams.

Oroville Register

7-28-1898

FLAG RAISING.

Old Glory Floats from Sugar Loaf at Cherokee.

One of the grandest patriotic demonstrations ever witnessed in Cherokee was the raising of a magnificent flag on the top of the famous Sugar Loaf mountain.

The heartiest cooperation of all our citizens continued from the time the plan was proposed, July 4th, by our patriotic fellow townsman, Harry Lott, until its successful completion, July 23, 1898.

Almost the entire population of Cherokee assembled around the flagpole and admirably witnessed the raising and listened to the interesting program, which is given as rendered:

Introduction of President, by Chairman P. L. Vintio.

Patriotic address by President Wm. James.

Raising of Flag by Harry Lott, assisted by all the children present.

Salute to Flag and pledge of allegiance
Song Red, White and Blue, choir of 25 voices.

Speech by Wm Thunen.

Poem, "Old Glory is There," Katie Cheshire.

Song, "Rally Round the Flag, Boys," choir.

Recitation, Winfield Riley.

Song, "Marching Through Georgia," choir.

Reading of the Declaration of Independence by Jas. A. Motregor.

Song, "Star Spangled Banner," by Lucy Nix and Katie McGregor.

Speech, "History of the Flag," by Chas Duret, Sr, of Yankee Hill.

National Hymn, "America," by choir and audience.

After the rendition of the program President Wm James proposed three cheers for the flag, which was responded to till the hills and valleys rang. These were followed rapidly by cheers for President McKinley and our brave Generals, the soldier boys, the lady that donated the flagpole, Mrs M. H. Wells of Yankee Hill, the ladies that made the flag, and assisted in the work generally, and for the faithful gentlemen who procured the pole, placed it in position, built the grand stand and saw us safely through.

One of the pleasing sights, Mr. Editor, in the midst of the enthusiasm and cheering, which continued all the way down the mountain, was the careful assistance given by the sturdy young men to their mothers, who scarcely realized after it was all over, that they had performed a wonderful feat in getting to the top and back.

Of course, the young ladies all had attendants and they all skipped off at a lively pace and were soon whizzing homeward in the various conveyances which awaited at the foot of the mountain.

So our beautiful flag now waves greetings to our venerable patriot, Jos Gines, and his flag on Sawmill Peak, and to you all,

Corr.

Oroville Mercury

7-29-1898

YANKEE HILL.

Big Fire at Flee Valley — Two Lions Killed.

YANKEE HILL, July 26.—We have Boston baked beans and roasted ears of corn on the stalk, and everything has become so dry that we are hourly expecting to see the woods go up in spontaneous combustion. Some varieties of wild shrubbery have lost their foliage and are parching in the sun from want of water.

The fire in the vicinity of Flee Valley shows no signs of abatement and at last accounts had burned over an area of ten miles square. It came near burning out Chris Grosklans', if it has not done so ere this. It has destroyed the remnants of the old Hutchison mill, and was headed for the new sawmill last Sunday.

Three 8-mule teams passed through Yankee Hill last week destined for the upper waters of the North Fork, loaded with heavy mining machinery. We were unable to learn further particulars.

Jno. Evans of Deadwood returned to resume his duties in the Banner mine last week.

Jas. McGrannahan has moved his hermitage from Deadwood divide to the Bid Bend road. While constructing his new domicile he came near amputating his thumb, leaving enough holding together to retain the dismembered portion in its proper position.

Dave Gramps is suffering with a severe case of blood poison, but will probably escape with no more than the loss of a thumb nail. Dr. Freshman attends the case.

Mr. Daken, from the city, is up in this vicinity looking after his vast timber possessions, and rumor whispers, as of old, that a large English syndicate is about to purchase the timber and plant a huge sawmill thereon. We are not sanguine that this is the case, but we do know that ere many years there will be more than one sawmill running on this ridge, for there are millions of feet of lumber standing in an entirely untouched forest.

If the signs of old times do not fail, the next will be a hard winter—many acorns and yellowjackets. Of the latter there are already more this season than in any ordinary year, and they have the whole of the ordinary yellow-jacket season in which to multiply.

Because of the warm weather Yankee Hill school will have a two week's vacation, beginning Monday, August 1st.

Henry Gramps shot a mountain lion a few days ago measuring nine feet from tip to tip, and on the same night Wm. Pinkston shot one measuring nine and one-half feet.

WITCH HAZEL.

Oroville Mercury

8-10-1898

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Oroville Register

8-11-1898

A New Ditch.

The Chico Record says that J. P. West and Mr. Cummings have built a ditch from the Cherokee ditch near Inakip to the Tom Neal Diggins. It has taken eight months on this ditch but when they are ready for work it is believed that the mine will pay well. They had to cross the ridge near Lovelock with 2,500 feet of eleven-inch pipe.

San Francisco Call

8-22-1898

Gold dredgers are a new thing to the mining industry of California, but they are now multiplying rapidly and will in the future cut a large feature in the gold production of the State. They are and will become in a greater degree an economical method of working gravel deposits in low lying ground, as well as in rivers, and it is well to keep track of their progress. Regarding one among a number of fields of present operation the Oroville Register says:

"For years it has been known that the gravel deposits south of Oroville and near the banks of the Feather were rich in gold, yet owing to the enormous quantity of earth to be handled the mines have not been worked on an extensive scale. Within the past year, however, a number of companies have been prospecting these gravel beds and some months ago it was realized that the only feasible method was to work them by dredgers. One boat was constructed, and that it has paid is evident from the length of time that it has been operated. Since this boat showed that dredgers would pay other companies have become interested, and as a result fifteen shafts have been sunk on one section and more than that on another on the east side of the river, while on the west side about 110 shafts have been sunk. Not more than fifteen or twenty were able to reach bedrock on account of the flow of water. The cost has averaged from \$125 to \$250 for each shaft."

The English Syndicate or Banner Mine Company are putting a large force of men to work on the ditch which is to convey the water from the Jones reservoir near town to the Banner mine. The reservoir is tapped by a tunnel 2300 feet in length. From there it empties into the Cannon reservoir, thence to the mine for the purpose of having water power with which to run the mill and hoisting works by electricity instead of steam as heretofore. It is Mr. Evans' intention to have everything complete and in running order by the 1st day of January, 1899.—Oroville Register.

Oroville Mercury

8-24-1898

Chico Man Kicked.

Yesterday, at the Sierra Lumber company's yards, Sim Moak came in contact with the business end of a vicious horse, as a result of which he is now laid up at his home in Chapman-town suffering from a badly lacerated mouth and numerous sore spots in various parts of his anatomy.—*Chico Enterprise.*

Oroville Mercury

8-25-1898

FROM CHEROKEE.

Items of General Interest—The
"Mercury" is the Paper.

CHEROKEE, August 23.—In the absence of your regular correspondent. I send a few items of news. So few about here subscribe for any other paper, we have come to look upon the **MERCURY** as our local news dispenser.

Our boys are all busy repairing the flume which brings the *aqua pura* from the "Lake of Cono" (Concow) to furnish the mines. Those who are not so employed provide muscle for the Banner people, who are trenching from the reservoir to that famous mine.

The ever courteous and genial superintendent of the Cherokee company informs the writer that before many days we shall have such an abundance of water that the flood of biblical times will fade into insignificance.

John Slissman is rustivating at Truckee, where his son has opened a drugstore.

Mr. Morgan, Sr., is expected here next week and will remain with us over the winter. His son, a worthy young lad, returned yesterday, after a few days' fishing on the West Branch. He brought back about half an apple pie, I do not care to say how many fish.

Cherokee now boasts of a baseball team composed of boys who range from 11 to 14 years. They play well and doubtless give the Paradise boys a hard tussle next Saturday.

Judge Gale visited here yesterday. He says with Cherokee at his back, the District Attorneyship is a clinch.

Dr. B. F. Freshman, formerly resident physician at Deadwood is now located here.

Cherokee lacks two very important things, and in behalf of a suffering people, I respectfully ask the **MERCURY** to agitate through its columns for our deliverance. First, we need a regular Sunday service conducted by an ordained minister, and, second, a lockup where our energetic and unassuming policeman, Brother Johnson, could place those who always want to know "the other fellow's business."

PRO RE NATA.

[The news that Cherokee stands in special need of religious guidance or a lockup comes a surprise. Worldliness must be on the increase in the good old town.—ED. **MERCURY**.]

Oroville Mercury

9-20-1898

ANOTHER MINE SOLD.

Buchanan Hill Property Near Yankee Hill Changes Hands.

A number of deeds filed yesterday for record, transfer from A. Ambrester, Geo. and Solomon Williams of Yankee Hill to H. Francis of San Francisco, the Buchanan Hill mine, near Yankee Hill.

This is the property which Carl Waldeyer has been developing and which is more or less known to our readers. Its sale to Mr. Francis and other San Francisco gentlemen means that the work which Mr. Waldeyer has prosecuting will be pushed ahead, as been that gentleman has been engaged to superintend the mine.

The Buchanan Hill is one of the oldest drift gravel mines in this section, and was profitably worked many years ago. At present a tunnel is being driven to tap the channel at its lowest point, and this tunnel will be driven ahead steadily until the gravel is reached. New buildings will be erected on the property, new and modern machinery erected, and the mine will no doubt become a gold producer at an early date.

Sutter Independent
10-14-1898

Lakeview Sanitarium.

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11-14-1898

Oroville Mercury.

OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CAL., MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 14, 1898.

The DeLong Mine.

E. B. Jones, a former resident of La Porte, accompanied by Harry Beatty, on Monday, were out from the DeLong mine, fourteen miles below Long Bar, on the North Fork. Mr. Jones has a lumber contract from the mine. The claims of the company cover about eight miles of the river bed. Twelve men are cutting wood for the engines.

It is proposed to work the gravels from the bank of the river, and for this purpose derricks and elevators will be used. The company now employs 40 men only, but it is intended to employ 200 next summer.

The owners, about 50 in number, are men of moderate means residing in San Francisco. The mine is in Plumas county. A road has been built by way of Flea Valley, so that freight comes from Oroville. The enterprise is a big one and full of promise,—*Plumas National-Bulletin.*

11-25-1898

Oroville Weekly Mercury.

OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CAL., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1898.

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Y. P. S. C. E.
Meets every Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

CHEROKEE LYCEUM
Meets every Friday night.

I. O. O. F., No. 92.
Meets every Saturday.

REBEKAH DEGREE, I. O. O. F.
Meets first and third Tuesday of each month

TABLE MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 123
F. & A. M.
Meets Saturday on or before full moon.

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Oroville Mercury

12-31-1898

New Graduates.

Of the nine who took the teacher' examination this week four were successful. Elizabeth D. Potter and Alfred L. Wakeham of Bangor secured grammar grade certificates and Miss Anna Haggerty of Yankee Hill and Miss Cordelia Sala of Gridley secured primary certificates.