

YANKEE HILL MINES.

Much Activity Reported Therein—
Miners Welcome Rain and Snow.

BIG BEND, December 30.—A cold wave is on, the thermometer ranging from 24 to 32 above zero.

John Rysel has sold out his claim in the Old Channel to Max Mallone.

The Clark Bros' claim has the ditch in, and is ready for the storm.

Mr. Rysel is cutting timber for a new house on his new homestead.

The New Year storm was a regular old-fashioned one—terrific wind, rain and snow, the latter being now six inches deep here. The rainfall for the storm was 2.45 inches, making a total for the season of 10.38 inches.

Owing to the snow and cold at the Mallone claim, they only had one day's water for ground sluicing, but the prospects are good.

Several hands have been working out the assessments on the Clark end of the Pinkston mines. It is said that the Buchannon Hill mine is all ready to start up work.

The Wellington boys are working assessments out on the Christy mine, now owned by Wm. Lynch. Jack Lynch and a Mr. Willie are doing some prospecting in this Bend now.

The work on the Cherokee ditch and flume will be done in a day or two more, when they will turn on the water for Cherokee once more. There has been no water in the pipes at Cherokee for nearly two weeks, and the families have had a hard time of it, but they had a surplus on Sunday.

J. A. Clark, of the Eight Regiment, California Volunteers, is home from Vancouver, on a furlow, looking after his mining interests. He is glad to see him home once more. He says that garrison duty is not what it is cracked up to be.

W. H. M.

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Mr. Emerson, of San Francisco owner of the Louisiana Mine near Oregon City is in Oroville. He expresses great confidence in this and other mines of that section. Development work is what is needed.

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DOORS, WINDOWS, MOULDINGS
BLINDS, FRUIT BOXES.

Mill Work of All Kinds.

R. S. KITTRICK, Prop.

At late Lumpkin Mill Company's yard.

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P. R. Welch and wife were married at Belleview, Iowa, on January 18, 1849, and will celebrate their golden wedding at their home near Oroville, on the fiftieth anniversary, Wednesday of next week. Mr. and Mrs. Welch have lived long in this county and have lots of friends who will join in extending hearty congratulations and best wishes for continued life and happiness, bringing many more anniversaries.

Note: Name is Plummer R. Welsh

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1-10-1899

Foothill Ranch For Sale.

Four miles from Oroville. Two hundred acres of good land, well fenced in two fields. One hundred acres can be cultivated; balance, rolling land, well timbered. Good family orchard; grows finest fruits. Plenty of water goes with the place for irrigation. Improvements consist of a good one-story house, barn, sheds and outbuildings.

Above all, this property is adjoining the Morris Ravine mine, one of the finest mines in the county, and good prospects can be found in many places on this property. Apply to this office or to J. Gaub,

Oroville Mercury

1-11-1899

CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Interesting Items From the Pen of Our Correspondent.

Daniel Cory, aged 71 years, died at Pentz Sunday morning. He had been ill for some months and death was not unexpected. Two sons and one or two daughters survive him. The funeral will take place from his home near Smartsville on Thursday or Friday.

While chopping wood about ten days ago, Frank Martin, Sr., of Clear Creek accidentally chopped off two of his toes. He evidently did not consider his case serious enough to necessitate the services of a physician, but later blood-poisoning threatened to set in, and his case was quite serious on Sunday.

Cherokee acquired a new citizen Saturday. Emilio Tejeda is the happy daddy.

W. T.

Cherokee, January 10, 1899.

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1-14-1899

George Taber has sold his Yankee Hill stage line to John Cox, who is now handling the reins.

H. Francis and Mr. Tucker of San Francisco came up last night and drove to Yankee Hill today to visit the Buchanan Hill mine. Tomorrow they will visit Feathervale colony in which they are interested.

THE CHEROKEE MINE FOR THE BONDHOLDERS.

The Lady Alice Company Re-
linquishes All Claim.

CROSS FAILED TO SELL.

Time Expired on His Bond, and Ac-
cording to Agreement His Com-
pany Steps Down and Out.

At last the seemingly endless litigation in which the Cherokee mine bondholders have been engaged for years is at an end. The Lady Alice Gold Mining company, for some months the only adverse claimant, has quit-claimed all interest in a deed executed in favor of T. Z. Blakeman of San Francisco representing the bondholders, and which record was today filed for record.

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Litigation has followed litigation in regard to those mines. It will be remembered that several months ago the bondholders gave to C. W. Cross and others composing the Lady Alice Gold Mining company, in consideration of their claim to a portion of the property, an option on the same for six months, the understanding being that if a sale was not made within that time, the Lady Alice company would withdraw all claims to the mine.

This time expired several weeks ago, but as the holders of the bond for sale represented that they had a sale practically made, a postponement was granted. The time again expired and no money having been paid by any prospective purchasers, the mine reverts to the bondholders, according to agreement, and deeds are drawn in fulfillment of its provisions.

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1-18-1899

FROM YANKEE HILL.

Personals and Mining Items of Interest.

YANKEE HILL, January 16.—Well, after the snow, it has rained steadily, the precipitation being 12.04 inches for the month—not a very dry season for all the croaking. The miners are jubilant and supplied with an abundance of water at last.

The Clark Bros. had their ditch finished but did not have their flume in, so they did not reap a full benefit of the downpour.

Malone & Wing are in high glee and expect to make the people's eyes sparkle at sight of their ore.

Mr. Edon has a claim on the same channel; he has a cut run into the gravel, but has no ditch yet. His prospects are good.

This is a spring-like morning, January 17th, and business is quite lively.

Sam'l Hampton is moving his family down from the Knowlton place to Pleasant Valley again.

All is quiet at Concow and everybody is well.

The farmers are all smiling.

Jas. McGranahan, commonly known as "Paper Jim," has water now and is ground sluicing.

Billy Wilson has a surplus of water, but was sick a few days ago and could not utilize it when it first came.

John Russell has the logs all hauled to build his house on his new homestead, but the storm put him back, so he had not built yet.

The pocket hunters have plenty of water now and we hope that they will find a pocketful.

Wm. Lain has a self-shooter on his claim on Spring Gulch and is making the dirt and gravel fly. Uxo.

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1-19-1899

CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Interesting Items From the Pen
of Our Correspondent.

Cherokee January 18th. Martin Frank, of Clear Creek, who was mentioned in last weeks Mercury as being in a critical condition in consequence of accidentally chopping his foot with an ax, died Saturday night and was buried Monday. He was a native of Portugal and leaves a wife and several children most of whom are grown.

The Fischer brothers are putting up a telephone line from Cannon's resevooir to Mr. Helman's residence in Cherokee. Cherokee and Oregon City are well supplied in the way of telephone communication.

Charley Fisher has been for three weeks hunting a committee to help him smoke the gigantic cigar which he got on the Oregon City Christmas tree. But in these days of arsenicked candy etc. the people are timid about such things. Ed Lowery's anxiety to see some one smoke the cigar, which is about as big as a baseball bat, and his extreme care in putting a goodly distance between himself and the smoker suggests the idea that as there were giants in the days of old, there is also a little giant now and some of it may have got into the cigar.

W. T.

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Cherokee Mine to be Worked.

Now that there is no longer any question as to the ownership of the Cherokee Mine the owners will at once proceed to operate the mine, opening new tunnels under the "drift" system. Among the principal owners of the Cherokee are David Gage, Louis Glass, the Vogt estate, Henry Poppe, A. L. Jones, Henry Clement and H. Highton.

The Costa company is running powder drifts in a portion of the Cherokee mine leased by them.

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FIRE AT CHEROKEE.

Miss Eva Rapp Suffers Severe Burns.

The old mining town of Cherokee narrowly escaped a fire yesterday. As it was, the household of Joe Miller, Jr., is short some clothing, the neighborhood had an exciting time and Miss Eva Rapp of Oroville is suffering from painful though not serious burns.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Miller about six o'clock last evening in a closet of the house, where family clothing is kept. She at once gave the alarm, while her sister, Miss Eva Rapp, who is visiting her, turned her attention to rescuing such clothing as she could. She entered the closet and began to throw out the burning clothing. Her own clothing caught fire, and when Superintendent Hileman of the Cherokee mines arrived on the scene with the hose and water, he at once turned the stream upon the young lady and succeeded in quenching the flames before she was seriously burned, though her face and hands had suffered burns which will cause her a great deal of pain.

The fire was soon out after the water was turned on, and the property damage, which was mostly confined to clothing and to the soaking of the contents of adjacent rooms, will probably not exceed two or three hundred dollars.

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1-24-1899

FROM CHEROKEE.

Items of Interest Contributed by Our Correspondent.

CHEROKEE, January 23.—The Cherokee literary society, which had been lying in a state of dormancy since the 16th of December, held a revival meeting last Friday evening. Next Friday evening, beside the debate, there will be a spelling contest, in which everyone will be invited to engage. A basket social will also be given by the young ladies.

Mr. Rayon, the Congregational minister of Palermo, who has hitherto held services here on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings, will hereafter hold but one meeting each week—on Sunday evening.

The population of Cherokee is greater by one than it was previous to Friday, January 20th. The newcomer is an eleven-pound boy; he is boarding at the home of Geo. R. Cheshire.

A shooting match between Wm. James and Ed. Bixby furnished entertainment for Cherokee's leisure class for a while Saturday afternoon. Twenty shots apiece were fired, at \$1 a shot, by the contestants at ex-officio oyster cans hurled into the air. In the end Bixby was \$1 ahead.

Last evening a fire broke out in the clothes closet of the residence of Joe Miller. A considerable amount of clothing was destroyed, but, otherwise, little damage was done.

More Litigation for Cherokee People.

W. P. Lynch of Cherokee has made application for a homestead on 160 acres of land near Cherokee, and included in the Cherokee mining placer claim, and has begun a contest in the United States Land Office to determine whether or not the land is mineral, he declaring that it is not; that no mineral exists upon it and that no mining has ever been done upon it. The land is officially described as follows: The east $\frac{1}{2}$ of of northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ and the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ and the northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 32, township 21, north, range 4, M. D. M.

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James Leggett, one of the closest observers and an authority on matters horticultural, states that late pruning of tokay vines results in the production of cleaner and better grapes. He says vines pruned late produce a first crop which partakes of some of the characteristics of second crop grapes, and having less imperfect fruit and less waste are prepared for packing with half the trouble that they ordinarily require.

Jas. H. Leggett has leased a portion of a ravine on the land of Henry Downing, a small territory to Dry Creek just south of town, and will mine the same by means of teams and scrapers and a hydraulic elevator.

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At Cherokee.

Two adverse claims have been filed to property of the Cherokee Mining company, one by W. P. Lynch and another by Daniel Williams. Both these gentlemen have filed homestead claims to a portion of the land held by the company as mineral and the end of Cherokee litigation is not yet.

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2-4-1899

THE LEGGETT MINE

Working on Dry Creek by I. V. Hydraulic Elevator.

In a little tributary of Dry Creek, which passes through the Eastern portion of Oroville, and a stone's throw from upper Myers street. Jas. H. Leggett has constructed a hydraulic elevator, similar to the one operated so successfully by him for two or three years past at his ranch. To-day a couple of teams and several men were engaged in completing the plant, which will hoist gravel a distance of about 8 feet into sluice boxes. The gravel will be scraped into the elevator pit by horses and scrapers and there is no doubt that Mr. Leggett will reap good returns from his labor. When he first conceived the idea three or four years ago, of working old tailings by hydraulic elevator, the wise heads shook knowingly and warningly, but the tailings paid when worked by the elevator process as is evidenced by the fact that the elevator has been in use every winter since.

2-8-1899

FROM YANKEE HILL.

The DeLong Company Buys
More River Bed.

BUCHANAN HILL MINE.

Waldeyer Driving the Tunnel
Ahead—How Mountain Towns
Enjoy Their Evenings.

YANKEE HILL, February 5.—The heavy frosts we are having are a joy to the fruit grower, and, *vice versa*, an annoyance to the miner, but an advantage' on the whole, though it causes one to think that the sunny days we were having were but a mid-winter night's dream.

John Russell is building a substantial house on his homestead.

H. Reumen is building a cabin on his filing, near Sugar Loaf.

Carl Waldeyer has finished preparations, and is now tunnelling into the gravel beds of Buchanan Hill.

Miss Gussie Wells went to Chico last week, where she is attending the Normal school.

Jos. Miller, who was seriously hurt by being thrown from a light wagon, is mending slowly, and can get around.

Antone Ott has sold his mining claim on the North Fork to the DeLong Mining company.

David Gramps and Fred Johnson had a lively encounter with an angry bear that may have resulted seriously, if it were not for a faithful dog, which annoyed his bruinship so effectually that the boys gained time to reload their guns and kill him. Both the gentlemen were disabled in one arm before their engagement with the bear.

We are indebted to the Department of Agriculture for the receipt of the Year Book of '97, and various bulletins regarding farming that may be had for the asking. They are valuable to any farmer or stock-raiser, and, while it is his right and the prerogative of any farmer to study and discuss the politics and finances of his country, he will find his finances much simplified if he will avail himself of the valuable information which has been obtained by scientific and practical investigation by the government for his benefit and which will be sent free to him upon application.

Cherokee has an up-to-date debating club. The question: Napoleon vs. Caesar, was handled with ability, by four debaters of more than ordinary merit. Jas. McGregor and Wm. Thunen defended Caesar, but the judges decided in favor of Wm. Darby and Dr. Steward, who presented the case of Napoleon. An interesting paper was read, containing meritorious articles of science, wit and poetry. In addition to this entertainment, was an old style spellin' match, including school pupils and all who would stand up when their names were called. But they went down before the awful words like tenn-pins, until reduced to the school children, and the contest was finally declared off to make room for other entertainments of the evening.

Baskets, containing luncheon and the names of fairies as partners to assist in devouring them, were cried off to the highest bidder bidders by Wm. Johnson, at good figures; a heartless descendent of Portugal making the chivalry of Cherokee bid up with desperation. Other luncheons were to be had at 10 cents per plate for those who had not the good fortune to secure a basket, and, after refreshments, the younger portion of the assemblage repaired to the Odd Fellows' hall, and concluded the pleasures of the evening with a social hop. Altogether, it was a merry evening to be remembered.

WITCH HAZEL.

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CHEROKEE CHIPS.

A Cherokee Lad and His Useful Gun.

CHEROKEE, February 8.—The recent cold snap was severe enough to cause several water pipes to freeze and burst, but did no serious damage to orange or other trees, so far as we know.

Tom Darby, Clive Hannis and Ed Stahr went to Chico yesterday on their bicycles to witness the demonstration upon the arrival of the members of the Eighth Regiment.

Elmer Sliesman is home from Truckee for a short visit.

There will be a grand ball in Cherokee on the 22d.

Weary Waggles, Dusty Rhodes, et al, seldom wander far from the railroads, but occasionally one of the genus wanders into this neighborhood. A bold, bad specimen of the fraternity called at Rob Lafferty's cabin in Coal Canon last week, and, finding that Rob was absent, and the cabin in charge of his brother, Alfred, a lad 15 or 16 years of age, he proceeded to pocket the furniture, beginning with a looking-glass and an alarm clock. Picking up a revolver that happened to be handy, Alfred requested the tramp to put the articles back, and, after trying for a short time to outgaze the weapon, the hobo complied and left, followed by the revolver and Alf, who showed him the road and told him to make himself scarce, which he did.

W. T.

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2-14-1899

BIG BEND MINES.

Two Companies on an Ancient River Channel.

At the Clark mine at Big Bend, preparations are being made to use water from the river. A ditch was recently constructed to bring water from a ravine but the ravine is short and only supplies water for a short time each season. The Clark's have an old river channel a short distance from the present channel and will work by drifting, diverting water from the river for washing gravel. Malone & Wing on the same channel five miles further up stream are constructing a reservoir and ditch.

The advantage of a ditch in both cases is that it places the water at a point where it is most desirable. The channel is said to be very rich and both companies will probably reap good returns for their outlay of money, time and energy.

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2-20-1899

A MIGHTY EXPLOSION.

Three Tons of Powder Touched off at Cherokee.

The Enos company fired their drifts at Cherokee yesterday at about 1 p. m. There were three drifts about sixty feet in length, and about forty feet apart, and situated under a bed of cemented gravel about fifty feet deep with an immense pile of boulders on top, and when Joe Enos rammed the plunger into the battery-box, the whole mass of from 7000 to 10,000 tons of gravel and boulders rose several feet in the air, as though a gigantic gopher had burrowed under it and hunched up its back, and then it quietly settled and the job was done. 5450 pounds of powder were used for the drifts. Good returns are confidently expected as there is no upper strata of worthless sand and clay to handle.

For the same reason the mine cannot damage any ranch land in the valley, as the gravel is very heavy and will not go far before it settles. The mine employs about 15 men. The Costa mine, which is near by, is working about the same number. Both mines are working on the co-operative plan; that is, the laborers are the owners. Hogan, the Oroville photographer, took a snapshot of the drift when it went off. It ought to make a striking picture.

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BANNER MILL RUNNING.

The Famous Mine Has Started at
Last.

The 40 stamps of the new mill at the Banner Mine are dropping steadily and miners are being put on every day.

The Banner is well known in the mining world. It is situated near Oroville and is one of the deepest, if not the deepest mine in California, its lower level being 500 feet below sea level. For the past two years extensive improvements designed to reduce the cost of mining and milling have been made, a new mill erected with cement mortar blocks and electrical power and at last all is complete and the plant is in operation.

CHEROKEE CHIPS.

An Entertainment Given in Honor
of Washington, Lafayette
and Lincoln.

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THE PIGEON SHOOT.

CHEROKEE, February 23.—Most Friday evenings this winter have been so stormy that the attendance at the meetings of the literary society was often small. The weather is so pleasant now that the people prefer to spend their evenings elsewhere. The attendance last Friday night was very small, although the bell was rung vigorously to call the people; in fact it was rung so vigorously that some who heard it thought it was a fire alarm. The boys should be a little more careful about the way they ring the bell.

Dr. Reardan was called on Tuesday to attend Mrs. Davis, who lives on the Oregon City road, and has a bad case of the grippe.

Lew Jones, who now lives at Mooretown, visited friends in Oregon City and Cherokee last week. Lew is interested in various ledges in the county, but we believe that a loudstone at the base of Sugar Loaf drew him to Cherokee.

Hawks are so numerous and bold in this neighborhood that a young housewife in upper town has purchased a small arsenal to reduce their number. Fischer men who frequent the vicinity of Hotel's reservoir are advised to wear sheet iron pants and shirts.

The Cherokee Gun Club indulged in a pigeon shoot yesterday. There was some very good shooting done and some that was bad. Henry Eswan won \$10 by hitting 16 out of 20 birds. The best shooting was done by Alf Lafferty, who did not miss at all—he hit the pigeon first shot and then discreetly refused to shoot any more.

On Saturday, February 25th, there will be a match between Wm. James and "Old Sandy" and a match between Wm. James-Chas. Helman and W. P. Lynch. On Sunday, March 2d, there will be a pool shooting match which can be entered by any shotgunist by depositing \$5 toward "pot," the entire pot to go the winner.

An entertainment was given in Old Fellows hall yesterday evening by the school, in honor of Washington, Lafayette and Lincoln. Following is the program:

Parade of school; remarks by the principal, Miss Anna McGregor; chorus, "Flag of the Free," schools; sayings of Lincoln, Mary Doyle, Ruth Vinton, Belle Johnson, Will Rowe, Bertha Freshman, Hiram Sparks, Maud Darby, Henry Sparks, Russell Hannis, Will Freshman and Frank Jacinto; essay, "Lincoln," Sarah Doyle; essay, "Lafayette," Maud Rowe; essay, "Washington," Iuz Sweetman; song, "Mount Vernon Bells," schools; recitation, "The Lincoln Motto," primary class; song, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground;" unveiling of Washington's and Lincoln's pictures—address and unveiling by Russell Hannis, tribute to Washington and decoration of pictures by Harriet Helman, Lowell's "Apostrophe to Lincoln" and decoration of picture by Jessie Williams, recitation, "Washington Ever America's Pride," Grace Benner; "Our National Banner," Mary Doyle; song, "America," schools; "A Chain of Dates" Miss Wilson's class; recitation, "Addie Nix; address, "The Silver State, Colorado," Sarah Doyle; "The Colonies," a series of speeches as follows: Virginia, Maud Rowe; New York, Marie Silva; Massachusetts, Grace Benne; Pennsylvania, Isbell Azaveda; Connecticut, Bertha Freshman; New Hampshire, Annie Silva; New Jersey, Ruth Vinton; Delaware, Jessie Williams; Maryland, Mary Doyle; South Carolina, Maud Darby; North Carolina, Virginia Jacinto; Georgia, Belle Johnson; Rhode Island, Harriet Helman; address, "The Gold State, California," Iuz Sweetman; Virginia's presentation of flag to the Goddess of Liberty, Maud Rowe; acceptance speech by Goddess of Liberty, followed by recitation, "The American Flag" by the Goddess of Liberty, Mabel Cheshire; Washington march by the Colonies; flag and drill, primary class; recitation, "Washington and Lincoln," Will Rowe; song, school; flag drill by sixteen girls; dance, "The Bellamy Quadrill" or "Looking Backward" by eight girls; quartette, "Moonlight Bell and Song," Misses Katie McGregor and Nellie Wilson and Messrs. Jas. McGregor and Elmer Slissman.

The Bellamy quadrille was danced by girls with their hair combed over their faces and a mask on the back of the head.

There was quite a good audience and quite a sum was taken in for tickets to the dance which followed the concert and lasted until broad daylight.

W. T.

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3-1-1899

YANKEE HILL ITEMS.

North Fork Mines in Flourishing Condition.

YANKEE HILL, February 28.—It commenced raining lightly at three o'clock this morning, which makes things look somewhat brighter, but we have not had enough of it yet, and are hoping for more.

Fruit trees are too early in blossoming, and everything is too far advanced to be safe at this altitude and we fear we may yet have snow and frosts. The oaks are putting forth their buds and leaves, and everything has a springlike appearance.

The Miners are all anxious for water. The Clark Bros. are drifting at their Big Bend claim.

Malone & Wing, five miles further up the Feather, have their new ditch and reservoir done and are ready for work.

Mr. Malone has been blacksmithing for Carl Waldeyer at the Buchanan Hill mine, repairing engine and tools.

R. L. Bohannon has found good prospects in another part of the old channel at Fattymer bar.

Mr. Edon has his ditch completed and is waiting for water.

All the above claims are on the same ancient channel, near the present course of the North Fork.

Mrs. Russell and son have moved into their new tabernacle on their new homestead.

The Clark Bros. have constructed a chute to run their dirt to the sluices.

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3-2-1899

CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Interesting Items From the Mining Town.

Mrs. Thos. Davis died of la grippe at her home near Oregon City yesterday, and will be buried at Oregon City today. She was seventy-eight years old and leaves two sons, George and Thos, Davis and two daughters, Mrs. McGrath, of San Jose, and Mrs. George Fuqua, of Oregon City to mourn her loss.

The Durham and Pentz baseball teams played a game at Pentz Sunday which resulted in a score of 20 to 18 in favor of Durham.

The pigeon shoot which was to have taken place last Saturday did not come off as several of the contestants were out of town. It will come off however next Sunday the 15th, also the pool shoot, open to every gunner who will put up \$5.00 to enter the contest, the winner to take the whole pot. Shooting to begin at 10 o'clock.

Elmer Slissman has returned to Truckee.

Miss Helon Christie who has been visiting friends at Cherokee has returned to her home at Jordan Hill. W. T.

Cherokee March 1st 1899.

Note: Mrs. Thos. Davis is incorrect; should be Mrs. Henry A. (Elizabeth) Davis.

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YANKEE HILL ITEMS.

Personal Mention and Other Items of Interest.

YANKEE HILL, February 27.—Rain, rain, rain, we all want rain! Every farmer you meet says rain, the miners say rain, consequently, way up here in the mountains, where all you see is either a farmer or a miner, that word, rain, is getting rather tiresome, and we wish it really would rain to drive away the monotony. However, quite a number of our young people attended the entertainment and dance given at Cherokee on the 22d of February, and all report having had a splendid time.

We have learned today that Mrs. Joseph of Frenchtown is quite sick with la grippe.

Joseph Miller went to Chico today.

The Frenchtown girls seem to have something of a fad this spring, from what we can learn. A few days ago Miss Edwina Lunt was thrown from her riding pony, but, fortunately, was not badly hurt. Mina Hodapp was thrown, in just the same manner, from her horse last Sunday. Her bruises are a little more serious, but we trust nothing fatal—just ask her what scared her horse!

Some time ago we noticed in your paper a piece from a Cherokee correspondent signed "Town Talk" and headed "Don't be Too Hard on the Girls." Now, I would like to thank that correspondent for the good lesson he probably taught others. We believe that no young woman could read that article without learning a good lesson, and determine to drop all slang phrases in the future. One can so easily fall into the habit of using slang words that really to listeners do not sound well. Again, Cherokee correspondent, I thank you.

Since we sat down to write these few items, the sky has clouded up and a strong south wind is blowing so *perhaps* it may rain. So, if it does—fair thee well.

X. Y. Z.

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CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Debates, Shooting Matches and
Wildcats Make Things
Lively.

Interest in the literary society is re-
viving. Last Friday night the question
Grant vs Lee was warmly debated by
Miss Anna McGregor for the affirmative
and Thos Sweetman for the negative,
each aided by a corps of able assistants.
The judges decided in favor of the
affirmative. The question for debate
next Friday night is "Resolved that
marriage is a failure."

There were not as many shootists at
the shooting-match Sunday as were ex-
pected. Henry Esman defeated Ed
Vixby in a ten-shot match for \$10.00,
Crack shots from a number of places
have signified their intention of trying
their luck next Sunday.

Alfred Lafferty is having so many
wild and woolly experiences that he is
contemplating getting a camera and a
phonograph to prove the truth of any
more adventures that may befall him.
While on his way to Oroville Saturday
a wild cat dropped from a tree onto his
horse's back, and staid there until
knocked off with the whip. As the
horse was going at a very lively gait he
crawled from the cart to the horse's back
for safety and rode that way from the top
of the mountain to Jake Gaubs place.

Jake Sturmer Sr. and Denis Whalen
are down with la grippe.

Rob Lafferty is also on the sick list.

Darby brothers have finished build-
ing an additional room to their residence
in upper town.

The Salvation Army is holding a
series of revival meeting in Cherokee.

Cherokee March 8th 1899.

W. T.

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TWO YEARS FOR FOUR SACKS.

R. B. Hunter Will Serve a Long Time for a Short Haul.

R. B. Hunter, the young man who was arrested a few days ago and held to answer before the Superior Court on a charge of burglary, was in the latter court today, plead guilty, waived time, and was sentenced to two years in San Quentin.

Hunter's crime was stealing four sacks of barley from the granary of Barney Demes, of Avon. This is the second time he has been in prison for stealing the former case being the petty thief of a pig at Cherokee. The young man seems to be afflicted with an inordinate desire to appropriate to himself the property of others, and no doubt he is considerably surprised at the prospect of serving two years in stripes for the theft of four sacks of barley. By his reasoning to be expensive grain.

CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Interesting Items From Our
Correspondent.

INFLUENCE OF WOMAN.

Judges Decide Against Her and an
Appeal Will be Taken—Train-
ing for Editor Shooting.

CHEROKEE, March 22.—Mrs. John Campbell of San Francisco is in Cherokee visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson.

Andrew Nisbet spent Friday and Saturday in Cherokee and returned Sunday to the Mineral Slide or Magalia Consolidated mine.

The Oroville Water Company is putting in about 600 feet of pipe in Coal canyon.

A number of young men spent Saturday afternoon removing rocks, grubbing stumps, trimming trees, etc., in the school yard. Urchins who may hereafter fall out will have to use their fists, as there are not enough sticks and rocks left for a rough and tumble fight.

Friday night the literary society debated the question, "Resolved that woman has more influence on man than money has." The judges, Joe Hannis, Robert McGregor and Frank Thunen, decided in favor of the negative and the speakers for the affirmative proposed to appeal the case to Wyandotte on the ground that the first-named judge is a married man, the second is a notorious woman hater and the third is so anxious to appear callous to the influence of woman that he decided against them on that account.

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We are informed that the shooting match on Sunday between Chas. Helman and "Old Sandy" resulted in a draw, each hitting eighteen birds out of twenty. The bet was then decided by shooting at five birds and "Sandy" missing one, the money was awarded to Helman, who hit all five. W. P. Lynch is the champion of the town, having hit twenty-nine consecutive birds. We understand that there will be a match next Sunday between Mr. Helman and "Old Sandy" for \$20. The members of the Cherokee gun-club are all confident of their skill and shooters from anywhere can get takers for their bets. Those who have been offended by the newspapers are respectfully advised to come to Cherokee and try their skill at the trap before going gunning for editors.

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Interesting Items From Our
Correspondent.

MILKMAIDS. CONVENT

In Cherokee and Tell of Their Ex-
periences With the Mellow-
Eyed Bovine.

CHEROKEE, April 18th.—MERCURY readers will please excuse the irregularity in the appearance of Cherokee Chips as the Cherokee correspondent damaged his foot a week ago Sunday and has been unable to get around to get the news, and also unable to get to the post office with the few items that could be scraped together.

Friday evening a "milkmaids' convention" was given in the I. O. O. F. hall by about thirty young ladies dressed in blue and pink. The convention was called to order by Miss Nellie Wilson, chairmaid, who was armed with a cow-bell instead of a gavel to keep order.

The secretary Mrs. R. L. Thomas read letters of regret from various persons unable to attend, among them being Mrs. McKinley. About the first business transacted was the election of officers, or rather, the re-election of officers. Miss Wilson the chairmaid, was re-elected by tactics that recalled to mind the Butte county Republican convention held last fall. They then proceeded to discuss the dairy business in a way that disclosed a highly amusing amount of ignorance of matters bovine. The cow-bell was frequently called into use to quell feminine squabbles that were very realistic.

As a means of mental relaxation the members indulged in conundrums and made a number of good hits on several of the towns people. They also sang several appropriate songs, after which one of the members exhibited the famous O'Leary cow; the animal that kicked a lamp over into a pile of hay, and burned the city of Chicago. She was a gorgeous red white and blue creature, and was fearfully and wonderfully made by attaching a carved head and neck to a barrel which served as a body.

With their milkstools as weapons the maids then executed a military drill which made a very pretty spectacle.

The convention then adjourned and the people emigrated to the church building where ice cream was served. Quite a number remained, however, and enjoyed a social dance.

The convention and refreshments netted the church some \$60.

Mr. Helman defeated "Old Sandy" in the pigeon shooting contest on Sunday. W. P. Lynch remains the champion of the town however.

A new pigeon shooter arrived at the home of W. P. Lynch on Sunday.

Mrs. Fischer, of Hengy, and Miss Minnie Hodapp, of Yankee Hill, attended the milkmaids' convention Friday evening and remained in town a day or two visiting friends.

Mrs. Lizzie Mellon (neo Whalen) is visiting relatives in Cherokee.

Dr. Steward is selling his furniture preparatory to leaving Cherokee. We understand that he will locate near Marysville.

Hereafter all newspaper articles reflecting on the character of living citizens of California, or tending to blacken the memory of the dead must be signed by the writer inureof. We cannot see one good feature of the law.

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It will tend to reduce journalism to the level of personal squabbles like the writing of scurrilous notes by school-boys, "Governor Gage made a donkey of himself by compelling every writer who calls the governor a donkey to sign his name to the statement." The *Stockton Mail* suggests that tomorrow, the day when the law will go into effect, should be observed as "Morehouse day" by the newspapers of the State. A good suggestion. Place his portrait on the wall of every sanctum along with Herr Most, the Haymarket murderers, and other celebrated anarchists, for it must not be forgotten that Morehouse introduced a bill to enable a citizen with a grievance against an editor to shoot him down like a sheep-killing dog. Although the Legislature of 1899 was the silliest without doubt that ever convened in California, and probably anywhere else in the country, it rejected that bill.

It is hard to see why it is worse to publish facts by means of pictures than with words, but the Legislators who signed the anti-cartoon law evidently think it is. Some people never look at the pictures in the papers, and some look at nothing else. Every journalist should be privileged to say what he pleases in the way that pleases him providing he sticks to facts and states nothing that will injure the morality of the community. Ambrose Pierce wittily says that in several states it is a misdemeanor, and in some a felony to call a man a liar, but in no state is it a misdemeanor to be a liar. If the *Call's* cartoon of "Johnson the penman" was based on *facts* it was not wrong to print it. If it was not, no lawyer ever had a better libel case than Grove L. Johnson had in that cartoon. The action of the Senate in passing the bill after it had once rejected it, creates the suspicion that there may have been more ex-convicts in the Legislature than the people had any idea of. Search the man who cries "stop thief" and investigate

the record of the Legislator who would stop the cartooning of criminals.

WM. THUNEN.

The *MERCURY* does not agree with Mr. Thunen that the publication of the cartoon, "Johnson, the Penman," was justifiable. Errors which Grove L. Johnson may have committed in the days of long ago should not be dragged to the surface at this late day. He has enough misdeeds to answer for at the present time of a class that are of public interest and importance.—W. A. BEARD, Editor.

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FOR KILLING A HOG.

Young Hunter on Trial in Justice Hills' Court.

The trial of young Hunter, of Yankee Hill, charged with stealing a hog from W. H. Mullen of the same neighborhood is progressing this afternoon before a jury in Judge Hills' court room.

The festive hog has been the source of many troubles in the mountain regions of Rutte, and this is not the first time that a citizen of our gold ribbed hills has been in for alleged trifling with the property rights of a neighbor, and it probably will not be the last so long as the hog is permitted to roam through the virgin forests and man goeth forth with a gun. Down in Dixie it is said they breed hogs for speed that they may be able to outrun the colored population, fleetness of foot being the best protection, but here in the land of cheap Winchester's the wild hog himself is unsafe, and the more nearly the tame animal resembles him the less safe is he.

The present case is dragging its weary length in the justice court, and the outcome cannot be foretold. The defendant is a mere boy, whose youth excites sympathy and arouses a hope that he may be innocent. He is defended by J. M. McGee, while the prosecution is con-

ducted by A. F. Jones, assistant district attorney. The evidence introduced up to the hour we go to press shows that Mr. Mullen missed a tame pig, weighing about 80 pounds, on April 13th, and that on the same date the defendant was seen on the road between Mr. Mullen's house and his own carrying a hog of about the same size, which he claimed to be a wild hog he had shot in the woods.

Mr. Mullen testified to the particular marks which the ears of his hog bore, and when the defendant testified that the hog was a wild one, and he had the ears to show for it, attorney Jones wanted to see the ears at once.

They were produced and the room cleared instantaneously. Our reporter was the first man out the door and doesn't know how the ears looked, though he has a keen remembrance of the horrible smell and the expression of dismay which overspread the countenance of Attorney Jones as the ears and their odor reached him.

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FROM YANKEE HILL.

A Novel Method of Planting Potatoes.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Wm. Thunen Poses as a Vaquero,
but the Colt Was Master of
the Situation.

YANKEE HILL, April 17.—"Man wants but little here below," unless, perhaps, 'tis rain.

There has been much sickness in this community during the past month.

Mrs. Jake Patterson has just recovered from a serious illness.

Mrs. R. Hendricks is convalescing from la grippe, while Mr. Hendricks is suffering with a severe attack of the same.

Miss Gussie Wells, who has been visiting with her mother, returned to her studies at the Chico Normal last week.

Many of our young people attended the milkmaids' convention in Cherokee last Friday night and report having had an excellent treat to an intelligent and instructive discourse on the selection and management of cows for the production of choice oleomargarine. The entertainment was for the benefit of the church and was a decided success, about \$60 being realized from the venture.

George McGregor has a novel way of planting potatoes. Every other tuber is planted with its eyes turned down. The advantage, he claims, is that the vine will lose time in growing around the seed while sprouting, thereby giving him early and late potatoes from the same planting.

Work is being pushed ahead on the Buchanan Hill mine, with reasonable assurance of ultimate success.

Mining in Big Bend is increasing and new claims are taken up and being worked in Shield's Gulch.

Will Thunen, enterprising artist, orator, miner and philosopher, has just added the title of vaquero to his list of accomplishments. The other day he undertook to break a colt. Will is never at a loss for ingenious devices. He thought to saddle and ride the animal in the stall, arguing that if he should buck, the roof of the stable would press him into the saddle and hold him on. He cautiously slipped the blankets and saddle on to the colt's back from over the side of the stall. The girth was fastened with a pair of tongs. This accomplished, a pair of overalls, stuffed with hay, and various other scarecrows were placed upon the horse's back, until the operator was satisfied that the animal had graduated sufficiently to receive himself in the saddle. Cautiously he stole onto the horse. After taking a survey of the situation, he concluded to make him step up, and gave him a gentle tap with his heel. The horse stepped up. Backing the colt, the operation was repeated, this time with a slightly increased punch. The colt humped his back. Another prod. The colt snorted. Then Will gave the animal a vigorous kick. (Have you ever noticed Will's heels?) The result was not as he had anticipated, for the roof did not hold him on, and, after a short skirmish, in which Will's shins were slightly damaged, he landed in the hay mow, while the colt had his front feet in the manger and his hind feet were making shakes fly from the roof like a miniature cyclone.

A. A. DENNY.

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TOOTH AND TOE NAIL.

A Clear Creek Citizen Uses His Incisors.

The use of teeth as weapons of offense and defense seem likely to become quite general in the county of Butte. Charges of mayhem have been frequent of late, and now comes one from Clear Creek, a case in which one of the participants seems to have followed carefully and effectively the example lately set by one DeShazo, a colored youth of Chico, through whose venomous bite one McKuen lost a hand.

The principals in the affray just reported are F. M. Bethard and Frank Lewis, both of Clear Creek and Lewis is the man who is charged with adopting the colored man's plan of chewing his adversary.

What the row was about we are unable to say having heard but a portion of one side of the story, but Mr. Bethard's nose, a portion of which he brought with him when he came in to swear to a warrant for Lewis' arrest, shows very plainly that the biting complained of was actually accomplished, and not by himself. Upon his complaint a warrant was issued for the arrest of Lewis upon the charge of mayhem. Mr. Bethard's nose is said to be bitten through.

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IN JUDGE HILLS' COURT.

A Hog Case, a Burglary and Case of Mayhem.

The case of people vs. young Hunter, charged with killing a hog belonging to William Mullen, of Big Bend, was dismissed after the jury disagreed, the defendant paying \$15 costs. The defendant was willing to plead guilty to killing a wild hog, but maintained that he had killed no other, and with the memory of those ears still lingering in his nostrils. Justice Hills very properly decided that dismissal with costs attached was a very good way to get rid of the matter. Killing a wild hog is not a crime, and the chances of convincing a jury that the hog was not wild in the face of the striking testimony of those ears was very remote.

The two hobos, Porter and Bogardus, who raided a Chinese cabin on Saturday were in the Justices court today and were bound over to answer a charge of burglary.

Frank Lewis of Clear Creek, charged with mayhem in having with his teeth slit the nose of F. M. Bethard of that place, was released on giving bail in the sum of \$1000 and is to appear for examination on Friday at 10 a. m.

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A Good Sized Claim.

Geo M. Sparks yesterday filed a claim against Butte county for the sum of \$6,000 of which amount \$4,800 is alleged to be due for 240 loads--480 tons of gold-bearing gravel and tailings removed by O M Turner et al under orders of Supervisor Ormsby from his (Spark's) land in Sec 1, Tp. 19 north, R 4 East, and used on the county road between the Whitewashed Trees and Miners Ranch, during the months of February, March and April, 1899. He values said gravel at \$10 per ton. For damages to his property by the cutting down of timber and making road across the land and by removing gravel and tailings, he asks the sum of \$1200, bringing the total up to \$6,000.

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MORAL ON REPUTATION

Also Personal Mention, Social Notes
and Other News from a Busy
and Enterprising Town.

There was no debate Friday night, as several of the members who were appointed to speak were not present. A good program was rendered, however. There will be a debate as usual next Friday night.

A neat artificial stone border has been laid around the grave of the late Mrs. James Lynch. Mr. Lynch intends soon to have a monument erected to her memory.

Lon Cheshire is developing his mine back of Sugar Loaf.

Miss Jennie Lafferty will go to Santa Cruz soon to take a course in a business college.

Roscoe McLoud has purchased a telephone instrument, and is now on the Cherokee and Oregon City telephone line.

Oregon City school children enjoyed a picnic near that village Saturday.

Those readers who, like the writer, consider dancing to be an innocent and wholesome amusement, may skip this paragraph; but to others we would say that the dance after the milkmaids' convention was not given by or for the church; and if the devil is pleased when people dance, he is not under obligation to the Congregational church of Cherokee or its pastor.

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The present appearance of the *MERCURY*, with the editor's name attached to the uncomplimentary articles, suggests visions of that gentleman with a chip on his shoulder, "daring" the uncomplimented to knock it off.

An unenvyous reputation created by evil deeds followeth a man like his shadow, and sticketh closer than a brother; but it is no more the duty of the state to protect a man from a reputation earned by an unrighteous life than it would be to protect the buzzard and the polecat from their predominant characteristics. The only way for the owner of such a reputation to dodge it is to emigrate to where he is not known, change his name or keep out of politics. It is doubtful if the prime movers for the press-gag laws were half as notorious before the passage of those laws as they have become since. Moreover, the failure to pass the law establishing a "continuously open season for the killing of editors," as the *Bee* puts it, makes the signature law about as satisfactory to the legislator with a past as the privilege of swimming was to the girl in the old rhyme:

"Mother may I go out to swim?"

Yes, my darling daughter.

You may hang your clothes on a hickory limb,
But don't go near the water."

WM. THUNEN.

THE MAYHEM CASE.

Clear Creek Turns Out to
Hear the Evidence.

HELD FOR BATTERY

Evidence Regarding the Use of Teeth
Was Conflicting and Mayhem
Charge Was Dropped.

The case of People vs. Frank Lewis of Clear Creek, came up for preliminary hearing in Justice Hills' court room this morning. There was a large attendance, friends and neighbors of the principals to the affray turning out in numbers to hear the evidence in the case.

Jo D. Sproul represented the people and Geo. E. Gardner looked after the interests of the defendant.

F. M. Bethard, the complaining witness, with his nose partly covered by plasters, was in court accompanied by his wife, and the defendant, who is charged with slitting the nose of Bethard with his teeth, was also in court and there were so many spectators that court was adjourned to Firemen's Hall that all might be able to see and hear.

F. M. Bethard, the complaining witness, testified that on April 22, the day of the encounter, he went to the house of the defendant, Frank Lewis, for the purpose of asking him to sign a petition. His request was refused and, with his wife who accompanied him, he started to leave the premises but was followed

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by Lewis who wanted to discuss some trouble which children of the two families had had at school and which was given as the cause of his refusal. Bethard testified that he told Lewis that he desired no trouble but the latter continued the quarrel and ended by striking him. He was struck several times both before and after he fell and his nose was bitten by his adversary.

Bethard's testimony was corroborated by his wife who testified that she saw Lewis strike her husband several times while he lay prostrate and also saw him bite her husband's nose.

Dr. Karner testified that he dressed the wounds on Bethard's nose and described them but could not say whether or not they were inflicted by teeth. The flesh of the nose was cut through. The wounds on both sides were circular in shape but marks of teeth could not be distinguished.

The defendant, Frank Lewis, also testified to the circumstances of the fight but the difference in the descriptions of the affair might lead one to believe there were two fights, for the two descriptions did not tally by considerable. According to the defendant, Bethard struck the first blow and was not bitten at all. The circular incised wound was not accounted for by the defense, but defendant, his wife and little daughter all testified that he did not inflict it with his teeth.

Owing to the conflicting testimony, District Attorney Sproul did not ask that the prisoner be held for mayhem and he was bound over to appear before the Superior Court to answer a charge of Battery.

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POWER THAT GOES TO WASTE.

Two Grand Opportunitites for Electric Power in Butte

THE FALLS AND BIG BEND

Nature Made One, the Hand of Man
the Other—Either Can Supply
Almost Unlimited Power.

The discovery of the fact that power may be transmitted to almost any distance by means of electricity bids fair to revolutionize methods of applying power for the operation of all kinds of machinery. Heretofore it has been the custom to generate power at the place where it is needed, but the advent of electrical transmission, brings a promise of a time near at hand when the forces of nature will be utilized at the most available points, and when the machinery of the world will be operated by harnessing the power which is now daily expended to no purpose, thereby effecting great saving to those who use power. California will no doubt lead in the application of electricity, and ere many years, we may expect to see our State traversed by bands of copper, conveying power from its native source to operate mills and factories and to drive the machinery of mines and farms.

California is blessed with innumerable mountain streams, all of which offer advantages for power plants, and on some of them are such superior advantages for the generation of power on a large scale that they cannot fail to be utilized as the demand for cheap power increases. In Butte county there are two opportunities for power generation on a mammoth scale, to which the *MERCURY* desires to call attention at this time—the Big Bend tunnel and the Fall river falls. The Big Bend tunnel was constructed as a mining enterprise for the purpose of drying the bed of the North Fork of the Feather river, and, is, perhaps, too well known to require extended description. The tunnel is $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles long, 16 feet wide and 12 feet high, and through it the waters of the North Fork may be diverted leaving dry the bed of the river for several miles. The story of the construction of this tunnel and of the final abandonment of the enterprise, after it had been completed, need not be told here. At that time transmission of power by means of electricity was unknown, and the projectors never dreamed of the opportunity which their tunnel afforded. They simply desired to get the water out of the way, and, having succeeded in providing a means for so doing, they gave no thought to the power generated by the great volume of water which could be made to pour through the tunnel. It is estimated that the North Fork of Feather carries, in the driest season, 40,000 inches of water, all of which may be diverted through the tunnel, and this volume of water, with the fall of 300 feet from the mouth of the tunnel to the river bed below, would generate power enough to run all the machinery in Northern California.

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The Fall river falls, situated on a tributary of the North Fork of Feather river, twenty miles from Oroville affords another excellent opportunity for the generation of power for transmission by electricity. The falls are 540 feet high and below them are rapids, the canon descending at a sharp angle for several hundred feet. Over these falls 15,000 miner's inches of water are now flowing and double this amount flows over them when heavy snows are melting. In the driest season the flow is estimated at not less than 3000, and possibly is not less than 5000 inches, and this volume of water, with a fall of 500 and perhaps 1000 feet, represents an immense power, all of which can be harnessed and utilized.

CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Interesting Items From the Mining Town.

CHEROKEE, May 3rd.—The infant child of Elias Jones of Oregon City was taken with spasms Monday morning and died very soon after. The funeral took place this afternoon.

There will be no preaching in Cherokee at present, the minister, Rev. Mr. Rayon having resigned and left for the East, where he will make his home in future.

Evan Morgan has been quite ill for several days. Dr. Reardan was called twice to attend him.

The population of Cherokee has been reduced by one, Lou Cheshire and Miss Lucy Nix having been made one yesterday. May the tacks of discord never puncture the tires of their tandem, and capsizo them into the ditch of dissension, which runs by the macadamized road of wedded bliss.

The men who have been working under James Lafferty, ropairing and enlarging the Miocone ditch are apparently an exceptionally industrious lot of men; Frank James worked so hard that he developed an abcess in his hand which necessitated daily trips to Oroville for weeks; Tom Malgan carried a bottle of arnica in his pocket all the time to keep his hands in good condition, and several of the others took a lay off with the same object in view; Mike Overnauer was so intent on his work that he did not notice that he had dislodged a big boulder, and it rolled on his foot, bruising it considerably; but "Deek" Jones staid with it to the end. After the last days work, however, he got "that tired foelling" so bad that he yawned his jaw out of place, and had to go to Oroville to get Dr. Reardan to put back. He is finding out now that riders of wild horses are not the only recipients of unsolicited advice, which, if it has no good quality, has the virtue of costing nothing.

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BITS FROM BIG BEND.

Slight Freeze at That Altitude— 2000 Feet.

BIG BEND, May 8.—Ed. MERCURY: We have had more than 1.5 inches of rain since April 20.

This locality was visited by a hail storm, accompanied by heavy thunder and lightning on April 30 and a freeze on the morning of May 1 which slightly injured the grape crop here. Apples were not injured. Cherries are looking well yet and are ripening rapidly. Strawberries are beginning to ripen. At Yankee Hill, Old French Town and Concow the grapes were all killed.

I am informed that grain, feed and vegetation are doing well.

Mines in this section are all quiet now on account of shortage of water.

Mrs. Sarah Russell leaves here on the 10th inst., for Soulsbyville, Tuolumne county, where her son, John now resides. Luke Methsin takes their place here in a few days.

Mrs. Bohannon has returned from the Buchannon Hill mine to her home at this place.

Work on the Nelson Bar grade is progressing favorably. MULLEN.

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Kind People.

The editor of this paper desires to return thanks to the many friends on the North Fork, who, during his recent trip to that section, manifested such a kindly interest in the object of his trip and rendered him generous assistance, especially Mr. Evans, Foreman of the DeLong mine, who left nothing undone to aid our mission. We also desire to acknowledge the kindness of Messrs. J. W. Taylor, Wm. Peachy, Louis Deering, Henry Cook, Chas. O. Cook, Fred and Chas. Rogers, David Johnson, Wm. Johns, David Gramp and Fred Johnson. The spirit manifested and the aid rendered by these open-hearted gentlemen will never be forgotten.

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Interesting Items From the Mining Town.

CHEROKEE, May 11.—The stockmen are driving their cattle to the mountains. A good-sized band passed through town this morning.

Ed. Campbell had a valuable horse badly cut by getting his leg sawed on a barb-wire fence last week. The animal nearly bled to death before the flow of blood could be stopped.

Last Sunday a party of young people from Banner mine, Oregon City and Cherokee went on a picnicing jaunt to the Lemon ranch at Clear Creek, which has recently become the property of Albert Johnson of Banner mine. The day was pleasantly spent in gathering wild flowers, blazing away at Nature with a camera, running chariot races and putting a fine lunch out of sight under one of the spreading groves of oaks which abound in that vicinity.

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Cherokee is to have a shooting club. W. P. Lynch, Chas. Helman and other crack shots of the old mining town have secured a large quantity of blue rocks and a trap and will practice for the Chico shoot which takes place next Sunday. A club will be formed and when the Cherokees get into training the gun sharps will need to look to their laurels. The majority of the Cherokee sportsmen have had little experience at the traps, but with some practice they will make things interesting for those who shoot against them.

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H. Wright of Concow, roadoverseer of the road district in which that village is located, came down yesterday and had a warrant issued from Judge Hills' court, charging Hugh Blair of that place with destroying a breakwater in one of the roads under his supervision. Constable Evans left to-day to make the arrest.

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WHITE MAN'S BURDEN

Discussed at Length by Our Chero-
kee Correspondent—Cemetery
Improvements.

CHEROKEE, May 17.—Sam Carlisle has been in Oroville the greater part of the week with his brother, Wm. Carlisle, who has been quite sick.

The Oregon City school closed last Friday with appropriate exercises followed by a dance in the evening. The Cherokee school will close next Friday. There will be a concert and dance in the evening.

Butte county produces the earliest oranges in the State, and it is probable that she comes near producing the latest, as the trees here are only about half through blossoming now.

Several citizens went to the cemetery yesterday and surveyed the new addition and divide it into lots. Saturday the town will turn out *en masse* and clean out the stones, stumps and other rubbish.

Tim Cranley is doing some good work on the Oroville road. He is building up the lower side of the Jake Gaub grade and leveling it with rotten bed-rock instead of the pipe-clay and loam used by many of his predecessors.

We read and hear so much nowadays about the "White Man's Burden" that we are constrained to add our bark to the general racket. We do not think there is any burden in the Philippines that the white man has any business to

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shoulder until he has succeeded in disposing of his burden at home by making the election of such corrupt legislatures as the one that lately adjourned at Sacramento an impossibility, by putting a stop to prize fighting, instead of meddling with the Filipinos' inoffensive little cock fights, by making the national bread bill and the national liquor bill have a more decent ratio than they have at present, and by curing a hundred other evils at home. We should not be hunting other fields to conquer until we have mastered the battle at home. However, the Filipino is not the real object in holding the Philippines, notwithstanding the fact that a great many citizens try to make themselves believe that it is. We are holding the islands for the almighty dollars that they will put into our coffers. There is no doubt that the islands would produce a great deal of wealth, but the presence of so much cheap labor would make it impossible for the American laboring man to get more than a very small part of it, although he would have to put up for most of the cost of vessels, soldiers and officials to protect the capitalists interests and govern the islands.

Wm. Turner.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS.

Mining and Agriculture Around
Big Bend.

We are having very favorable weather for our growing crops. Have had about an inch of rain in the last week.

Mr. Marshall Miller has moved out to the Dargee place with his family, and Max Malone has bought the old Mike Lannes place near the Concow district school house, where his family now resides. They hope to have better health here than in Cherokee.

John Miller and son Warren and Bert Wright have gone to Concow to cut 20 cords of wood for Mrs. Glidden.

Billy Wilson, wife and baby, have gone to Chico to see a doctor.

Born—To the wife of William Wilson, about two weeks ago, a daughter, of which Billy is very proud.

Mr. Bohannon states that he has made arrangements to start an exchange and supply agency, located near old Frenchtown.

Ransom Clark will soon have in Oroville some of the most beautiful and artistically mounted buckhorns ever offered for sale.

It is said the Nelson Bar grade will be finished this week.

The Clark Bros. are at work again drifting and getting their flume ready to wash from the river.

Malone & Wing have a good claim, and their clean-up was very satisfactory. Mr. Malone has arranged to be nearer to the claim and will have more time at the mine, and be at home nights.

Ransom Clark and his cousin Claude Clark just returned from the Little Hope mill, where they have been at work for some time. They report the mill running with about twenty men employed. Ransom Clark is going back to work for Jas. Hutchinson at the saw mill, which will start about June 1st.

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William Mullen of Big Bend is suffering from a bruised heel and sprained ankle, which necessitates the use of a crutch. Though well on in years, Mr. Mullen is active, and the injury from which he is at present suffering was received while he was engaged in the somewhat unusual exercise for men of his age, of jumping over a picket fence. He informs us that he had his orchard and vineyard work nearly all done when the accident occurred. He will have no prunes and few peaches, but apples and French walnuts promise a good crop. His cherries are ripe and oat hay awaits the sickle.

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Good Work by Wilson—Two Miners Narrowly Escape Fire.

CHEROKEE, May 31.—Mrs. Jo. Miller of Frenchtown is visiting friends in Cherokee.

Saturday, the writer in company with T. J. Sweetman, took a trip to Nimshe. The only change in the appearance of the country since we were there a year ago is caused by a lot of signboards which Supervisor Wilson has had erected where roads fork. They are a great conveniences and save strangers much time and annoyance. Now, if the supervisor can contrive a way to make the shotgun fiend confine his attentions to tin cans instead of shooting the signboards to pieces, he will earn the everlasting gratitude of the travelling public, and his birthday would be made a public holiday throughout the country.

The abundance of notices of "No Hunting Allowed" suggests that the farmers on the Dogtown ridge are all going into the hog business.

The Nimshe school children had a picnic Saturday.

Lew Cheshire and Jim McGregor have raised the outlet of the pipe at Gaub flat sixteen feet, and they are confident that they can now get a supply of water to their mine, back of Sugar Loaf, that will enable them to work the ground rapidly and profitably.

They had rather lively experience the other day which might have resulted seriously. Jim, who was in the pipe manipulating a gasoline torch, let out a little too much of the inflammable stuff, and it caught fire and blazed up with such suddenness that Jim retreated in a great hurry. He got out of the way none too soon, however, as some of the gasoline had trickled under him and he would have been singed like a Thanksgiving turkey if he had not scrambled out of the way so promptly. He managed to shut off the gasoline and get the reservoir out of the reach of the flames, and all he has to show for it are the charred relics of what was a luxuriant mustache, Cheshire, who was also in the pipe, was about to take a hand in the gasoline affair, but stepped on a large bottle of muriatic acid, breaking the same and saturating his clothing with the fiery fluid, so that he had to abandon the flames and turn his energies to getting out of his acidulated apparel. We were told that McGregor drove Cheshire's team all the way down town for him in order that he (Cheshire) could sit in the bottom of the wagon, as all that was left of his nether garments was a handful of iron buttons.

W. THUNEN.

BALLOT STUFFING AT CHEROKEE.

93 Voters Cast 95 Votes at
the School Election.

A LETTER FROM PENTZ.

May Picnic Near Magalia and Other
News of Interest—W. C. T. U,
News.

CHEROKEE, June 7.—There was quite a large attendance at the revival services conducted by Captain Stinehoff and Lieut. McCurdy of the Salvation Army last evening.

Fred Thunen and family are visiting relatives in Cherokee.

The debating society has not met for some weeks. There is talk of having a cake and ice cream banquet and adjourning until fall.

The family of T J Sweetman are visiting relatives in Thermalito and Oroville.

The Cherokee Gun Club was greatly disappointed Sunday at the non-appearance of the Chico Gun Club in response to Old Sandy's challenge. What's the matter, boys, are you wanting in snail? If you are, come to Cherokee; there are millions of cubic rods at your disposal. Don't let the miners bluff you. The members of the club declare that there will be matches for all comers every Sunday. None barred out.

When Cherokee does anything she generally does it with all her might. At the election of school trustee on Friday the officers had recorded the names of 93 persons who had voted, and the ballot box contained 95 votes, one of which was cast by an ex-convict, which fact caused considerable feeling. Moreover, his name was not on the Great Register, which was not known until after he had cast his ballot. Jas Hannis undoubtedly received the majority of the legal votes that were cast, but no man knows how many. As usual, the personality of the candidate cut almost no figure, Mr. James and Mr. Hannis both being men of unquestioned integrity and about equal popularity, but the fight was waged on side issues. The writer's observations, which extend over a period of ten or twelve years, tend to show that the campaigns for the election of school trustees are rarely waged for the welfare of the schools, but to further the interests of teachers and the trustees and their friends or to spite their enemies, or both. That others share in this opinion is evident from the fact many persons refuse to vote at school elections, because they dislike to take part in an affair which amounts to little more than a personal, private row between certain cliques of individuals. We believe that every voter should attend the elections and cast his vote for the candidate that he thinks has the welfare of the schools most at heart. Each voter should prepare his own ballot; it is an insult to a voter's intelligence to offer him a written ballot. The present old-fashioned method of balloting makes fraud and blunder much easier than the Australian, and should be discontinued. With the Australian system and officially printed ballots, fraud and blunders would be reduced to a minimum. We do not know why the

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Australian system is not in use, unless the cost is considered too great a drain on the funds, the distribution of which makes the holding of the office of school trustee an object. A school election is generally a disgrace to the town in which it is held, and is characterized by as much dignity as a quarrel at a little girl's tea party. If school trustees were selected by lot from the names of all the persons in the district eligible to serve as such, it would prevent most of the scheming persons, with axes to grind and spite to gratify. Of course, it would be necessary to make it compulsory for the victim of the lottery to serve, the same as if he were chosen for jury duty, unless he could show good evidence of inability to serve, and he ought to be paid what his time and the performance of his duty are worth, and no more. Selecting trustees at random in this way might sometimes result in a bad choice, but that would not happen any oftener than it does as they are now elected, and it would give all a chance to serve whether they have political influence or not.

W. J. PUNNEN.

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PERSONALS.

Dr. Freshman, of Cherokee, was appointed Health Officer for Oregon Township, upon petition signed by residents thereof.

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CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Measles Prevalent in the Old Mining Town.

CHEROKEE, June 14.—Dr. Reardan has been called to Cherokee several times during the past week to see Evan Morgan, who is down with peritonitis.

Miss Agnes Lafferty has gone to Lincoln to visit friends and relatives.

Will Nisbet, who lately returned from Idaho, visited relatives in Cherokee and vicinity last week and has returned to his home in Forest Hill.

Mrs. Frischolz has returned to Oroville.

The Sparks children, grandchildren of H. E. McCloud, have the measles. They are also reported as prevalent in mountain localities.

Some persons seem to take our statement that "campaigns for the election of school trustees are usually waged to further the interests of teachers, etc.," to mean that teachers taking part in a school election by electioneering for a candidate favorable to their interests thereby commit a gross crime. We do not consider it any more *dishonorable* for a teacher to electioneer for a candidate for school trustee for the purpose of receiving the patronage at his disposal than it would be to work for a candidate for sheriff, tax collector, surveyor or any other office to earn a deputyship or other favor; but it is not to the best interests of the schools to permit those who would be employed

(the teachers) to use their influence in selecting the employer (the trustee); hence our suggestion that the trustees be selected by lot to avoid the political maneuvering that so frequently characterizes the choosing of school trustee, and can but have more or less evil influence on the school.

When the votes were being counted last Friday, two ballots were found to be folded together, which would account for one of the extra votes that were cast. It is said that a certain man voted, but there was such a pow-wow going on around the tally keeper, that, in the confusion, he failed to get his name down, which would account for the other extra vote. There should be two tally keepers to avoid errors. Whoever voted the two ballots folded together, doubtless did not know that he was voting more than one, but a system that makes such an error possible is rotten and should be abolished.

WM. THUNEN.

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Accident at Magalia.

George James a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. James, of Oregon City, is laid up at Magalia from the effects of an accident which befell him yesterday. From meagre details at hand it seems that Mr. James was riding in a buggy between Magalia and the Magalia mine, when the vehicle was upset and he thrown out. At first it was reported that he had met with serious injuries, but later reports are to the effect that a dislocated shoulder was the worst.

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CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Items of Interest from a Famous Mining Town.

While Ed Noble, John Thornton and — Wing were returning with a load of provisions to their mine on the North Fork Monday their wagon upset and all three were badly bruised. Noble's nose was broken and Thornton may die from his injuries.

Mike Vahey Jr., is reported to have died in San Francisco. He was 22 years of age and had lived in Cherokee up to a couple of years ago.

Henry Debock, well known hereabouts, has gone to British Columbia to work in a mine there.

It was reported that on account of the mumps which prevail in Concow there would be no celebration there. However, they had a picnic and dance and a very patriotic time.

Cherokee celebrated by firing anvils and skyrockets, etc. and an oxhead was barbecued at Ed Vixby's cabin.

W. THUNEN,

Cherokee, July 6, 1899.

BIG BEND NEWS.

Accidents on the Fourth—No Place Like Old Butte.

BIG BEND, July 11.—The glorious Old Fourth has come and gone, but not without some severe and serious accidents. As a party of our neighbors went from Deadwood to Chico to spend the Fourth, Mr. Robert Hendrix had an arm broken and pretty badly shattered, I understand, by a sky rocket. John Miller, his brother-in-law and wife have gone to Chico to look after him.

Another severe accident and a smash-up occurred down on the Big Bend road near the bridge on the West Branch. It was a little previous, though, as the parties were coming from Cherokee on the third well loaded with tarantula juice to have a way up time on the 4th. When they arrived near the bridge the road was either too crooked or too narrow, and the whole outfit went over the embankment and rolled several times over. Mr. Noble, the veteran old stage driver, held the reins, but did not hold the horses good. John Thornton was badly hurt, and Dr. Freshman was called in to dress his wounds. Mr. Wing also had some cuts and bruises, but not so bad as the others. Mr. McCloud came over and took the Noble driver home with his head and face badly cut up. The horses were badly bruised and skinned up and the wagon was a total wreck. I understand the team belonged to Mr. McCloud of Cherokee.

Some time ago Sid Wellington and Claude Clark left old Butte in search of better pasture. They went north to Washington, and now they are back, like a great many others that have left and found that there is no place like home, or old Butte, after all. Claude tried to ride a wheel today, but got a terrible fall.

M.

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CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Items of Interest from a Famous Mining Town.

The rumor of the death of Mike Vahey in San Francisco turns out to be a false report and the boys threaten to flog Mike if they get a hold of him.

In the used-to-be it was thought that one of the essentials of feminine grace was to be afraid of everything (or pretend to be) and ladies would go into convulsions if a cow would happen to roll up her eyes to examine the flowers on a spring bonnet, and they could easily be treed by a mouse, but the new woman is made of different stuff. A rattlesnake tried to bluff Miss Mary Nisbet into giving the road the other day, and she promptly slew him with her rifle. The snake was about $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet long and had fourteen rattles.

It is reported that the Cherokee mine has been sold.

WE THURSEN,

Cherokee, July 12, 1899.

P. S.—The age of Dennis Whelan was 68 years instead of 87 years as reported in Monday's Mercury.

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CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Items of Interest from a Famous Mining Town.

A frightful accident occurred on the Magalia ridge last week, when Mr. H. F. Bader, together with the Misses Eva Lott and Edwina Lunt were driving to Magalia. In trying to pass a wagon heavily loaded with pipe and other mining machinery, the horse became frightened and ran into a barbed wire fence, and both front wheels of the buggy were hurled off in an instant. The young ladies got off very fortunately, the barbed wire only scratching them a little just to remind them where they were. In some way Mr. Bader was thrown to the ground and the remainder of the buggy ran over him, bruising him up considerably. He finally succeeded in stopping the horse, and they should all feel very thankful indeed that a more serious accident might not have happened.

Lewis Cheshire is the proud papa of a bouncing baby girl, and the midnight cries remind Lew that he is still living.

Miss Josephine Bader departed for Sacramento last week and from there, in company with her sister, will spend the summer in Santa Cruz.

Mrs. Newland and son of Oakland are visiting relatives at this place and at Frenchtown.

Miss Edwina Lunt of Yankee Hill is visiting Miss Eva Lunt.

We have heard that an ice cream social will be given at the church a week from Friday by the ladies of Cherokee.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Miss Eva Lott last Wednesday as a farewell to Miss Edwina Lunt. A pleasing program was rendered consisting of songs, music, dancing and recitations. At the usual hour ice cream and other refreshments were served, and all remained until quite a late hour. Those present were: Mrs. J. Williams and little Miss Jessie, Mrs. Mary Thomas, Mrs. Fitch, Misses Kate Cheshire, Edwina Lunt and Eva Lott; Messrs. William James, H. F. Bader, Evan Morgan, Harry Lott and W. Fitch.

Miss Prena Medanich left for the Biggs cannery last week.

Edith Williams has gone to Sacramento to visit friends.

AN OLD TIMER.

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Win. Pinkston was down from Yankee Hill today and called at the Mercury office. He is engaged in mining, having a placer claim which, with plenty of water, would yield handsome returns. At present water is scarce and he is wheeling dirt about one hundred yards to a spring where he washes by primitive method, the only way possible with the limited water supply.

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7-27-1899

CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Items of Interest from a Famous Mining Town.

CHEROKEE, July 25.—Fish are plentiful in the rivers now, and the noble redmen and their mahalas are gathering a supply for next winter. Meanwhile the paleface will have to swing the axe and the nasty whitewash brush, while his spouse skins her knuckles at the kitchen piano until the fishing season is over.

Men given to the diversion of fixing themselves up as ghosts, etc., for the purpose of "scaring the ladies" will do well to give the Cherokee ladies a wide berth as several of them are pretty handy with a gun.

Mrs. J. D. Williams, Miss Nellie Wilson and Mr. Dan Morgan went skunk hunting recently and bagged six.

A load of lumber, drawn by four horses, was stranded on the Nelson Bar bridge Sunday afternoon. The road near the bridge is so steep and the bend so sharp that it is almost impossible to work four horses to advantage, and the wheel horses could not pull the load alone. We would respectfully suggest to the Board of Supervisors that, as the upper side of the road at this point is composed of loose stone, earth, etc., no blasting would be necessary to straighten out the road, which would make it a much better throughfare than at present.

The Enos company have resumed work, after an idleness of about ten days, occasioned by the breaking of a gear-wheel of their derrick, which prevented any further work until a new one could be cast and shipped by a Marysville foundry.

A couple of pilgrims returning from the hills, report having seen evidence of a moonshine distillery near Deadwood. They claim to have seen large volumes of smoke issuing from a tunnel. It is a well known fact, however, that at high altitudes the mirages which occur during the hot, dry weather, instead of making images of lakes, rivers, etc., to deceive the weary traveller, suggest brewery chimneys, belching smoke. At any rate, the sight made the two pilgrims so thirsty that they did not stop until they got to Cherokee.

While in Big Bend recently, we were shown the handsomest specimen of mounted deer horns that we have ever seen. They were mounted on an artistically carved and stained board, and the work shows considerable skill and patience. The work was done by Ransom Clark, a Yankee Hill young man.

CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Items of Interest from a Famous Mining Town.

CHEROKEE, August 1.—Our correspondence of last week and the communication of "An Old Timer" were sandwiched together in such a way that it would appear that "Old Timer" had written it all. We think that "Old Timer" has sins enough of his own to answer for without being blamed for our writings.

Miss Agnes Lafferty has returned from an extended from an extended visit to Lincoln.

Mrs. Dora Roberts (erstwhile McCloud) and family are visiting Mrs. Roberts' parents in Cherokee.

Charley Johnson and Frank Thunen have gone to Folsom to work on the dredger.

Mead Thomas, who is down from North valley, informs us that there was a heavy frost there the other morning.

Mr. Plymire, the Marysville marble man erected a family monument for James Lynch last week. The monument, which is one of the handsomest in the cemetery, is granite with gold lettering, and is surmounted by a draped cross. Monuments were also erected over the graves of John O'Neil and Michael Lynch, and the cemetery trustees took advantage of Mr. Plymire's presence in town and had him raise the fallen gravestones and repair the broken ones. It goes without saying that the work is well done. The trustees are having all the graves put in order, regardless of the fact that the occupants of many of the graves left no relatives to pay for the work, and all persons having friends or relatives buried here may be confident that their graves and monuments are well cared for, and they need not be at all backward about contributing their mites to the fund which is so much needed to keep the cemetery in perfect order.

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It is rumored that Enos Strang is the father of a daughter.

The path of the Midland mail company, the Missouri concern that takes mail contracts all over the country and sub-lets them at starvation rates to stage drivers, is not altogether strewn with roses—at least not thornless roses. The parties to whom they sub-let the contracts to carry the mail to Cherokee, Yankee Hill and way stations, found the job too bum to stick to and threw up the sponge a month or two ago, and their bondsmen carried the mail until last Saturday when they too concluded that they had bit off more than they could chew. The Government authorities then took it into their own hands and put Carl Waldeyer on as driver. It is expected that a new contract will soon be let, but Mr. Waldeyer will continue to carry the mail until then. Carl ought to make a success as a stage driver as he is a good conversationalist and lots of company.

The Cheshire—McGregor company and the Enos and Coster companies are preparing to have their cleanups completed before the Cherokee mine changes owners, a transfer is anticipated very shortly. There is therefore no water for the small miners, and work "on the flat" is suspended for the present.

Mr. Bryan, a mining expert in the employ of a Pittsburg syndicate, has been in town for some time.

WM. THUNEN.

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8-8-1899

A fire at Cherokee was plainly seen from elevated points near Oroville last night. We are informed that the fire destroyed a dwelling house belonging to Ed Campbell, situated a short distance this side of Cherokee and known locally as the "Red House." It is not the hostelry known far and wide as the Red House, situated about three miles from Oroville on the Cherokee road. This should not be confounded with the other. The house burned was situated in the edge of Cherokee.

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8-10-1899

CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Items of Interest from a Famous Mining Town.

CHEROKEE, August 9th, 1899.—Wm. McGregor has returned from Nevada City where he has been for some months.

Jake Hotman received a bad injury to his hand last week; one of his fingers being nearly severed.

H. H. McCloud took half a dozen young men to Dobbins Ranch last week to work on the Yuba Power company's dam.

The Enos company will begin cleaning up in a few days.

A house, known as the Heynen house, was burned down Monday night. The house was unoccupied, and was probably ignited by a cigarette "butsy" thrown into the grass by some person who had entered the place for fruit.

WM. THONEN.

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8-14-1899

A YANKEE HILL CASE.

Miner Accused of Stealing From His Ex-Partner.

W. B. Melone of Yankee Hill is under bonds to appear before the Superior Court to answer to a charge of entering the cabin of I. C. Wing and stealing therefrom effects to the value of more than \$50.

The preliminary examination was held before Justice Spencer on August 5th. The evidence showed that a dispute exists between Melone and Wing regarding their rights to certain mining and other property. Mr. Melone claims that on the date when he is accused of theft, July 31st, he went to Wing's cabin to seek a settlement of accounts. That he searched for a pair of scales left there by himself. One Mary Anderson testified that he took from Wing's bed a quantity of gold dust and certain valuable papers.

Oroville Mercury

8-18-1899

CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Items of Interest From the Famous Mining Town.

CHEROKEE August 16th, 1899—Fred Stone, a resident of Pentz, died Saturday of consumption, and was buried Monday from the residence of his father-in-law Thomas Esman of Pentz. The interment took place in Clear Creek cemetery. He was 42 years of age and leaves a widow and two young children.

Mr. B. G. McLain is having a ditch dug to convey water from the Cherokee company's ditch to the China ditch, to work his mine near Pentz. The ditch will carry four hundred inches of water.

Miners and everybody else in town were without water for a couple of days last week on account of a tunnel at Concow, through which the water passed, being caved in.

Tom Darby went to Dobbins' Ranch last week to work on the Yuba Power company's ditch.

John Leisure returned from the same place Sunday on account of ill health. Mr. Leisure says that Fred Nix of this town, was struck by lightning during the thunderstorm last Sunday, and knocked down but was not hurt.

Miss Myrtle Brandt, of Oroville, is visiting friends and relatives in Cherokee.

Mrs. Daniel Morgan of Table Mountain, is quite sick, and is not expected to live.

WM. THOMAS.

Oroville Mercury

8-22-1899

Wm. Mullen, of Yankee Hill, was in Oroville today and called at the Mercury office. Mr. Mullen informs us that he was with M. B. Melone when that gentleman visited a certain cabin on July 31st, the date on which he is accused of theft. It will be remembered that Melone was arrested at the instance of J. C. Wing, charged with stealing articles from the cabin where he, Wing, resided. An Indian woman testified that Melone took a quantity of gold dust and certain valuable papers, while Mr. Melone swore that he took nothing of the kind. He said that he visited the cabin to secure a settlement of accounts with Wing, and searched for a pair of gold scales belonging to himself. Mr. Mullen stated today that he saw all of Melone's arts and was positive that he took no such articles as he is charged with taking. He says that he so testified at the preliminary examination but for some reason his testimony was not taken down, and it does not appear in the manuscript of the testimony filed in the office of the County Clerk. The cabin it seems was company property.

THE CHEROKEE MINE.

Probability That There Will
Be a Sale Soon.

OPTION EXPIRES SOON

The Hum of Busy Workers May Ere
Long Be Heard Again at
Cherokee.

The fact that there is a deal on in the matter of the Spring Valley mine at Cherokee has led to a rumor being circulated to the effect that the big mine is sold. This is not the case, though a deal is pending which may result in the sale of the majority of interests in the property.

It will be remembered that something like a year ago litigation that had long been pending was concluded and the property passed into the hands of the bondholders. Since that time there has been several rumors of sale, it being known that a majority of the present owners are not mining men and are simply desirous of realizing on their investment.

The mine is one of the best known in California and its name is known all over the world. In the flush days when hydraulic mines ran without restriction it yielded \$12,000,000 in golden nuggets.

Since mining by hydraulic process has been discontinued, work has been prosecuted by other methods to a limited extent, 75 or 100 men working ground independent by or in companies under lease. It has been demonstrated that the mine can be worked by drifting, and sooner or later the big mine will be in operation, the auriferous gravels being taken without washing down the mountains under which they lie.

At present an option is held by a Los Angeles gentleman who, it is believed will close the deal before its expiration. The option is upon the majority of the interests and will expire in a short time.

There seems to be good reason to hope that the mine will ere long be worked again upon an extensive scale. It has been demonstrated that the supply of gold is practically inexhaustible, and there is no doubt that once operations are begun the mine will pour forth a shower of gold, enriching its owners and promoting the prosperity of Butte.

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Wm. Mullen of Yankee Hill, has sold a large quantity of dried fruit to the De-Long mining company, and has delivered a portion of it at Camp Creek, five miles above Flee Valley from which point it will be packed to the mine by the company's pack train.

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YANKEE HILL ITEMS.

Seeks Information Regarding the Kissing Bug.

YANKEE HILL, September 4.—We are having great fall weather here now, and is no good for drying fruit. A strong wind is blowing a great deal of the fruit off the trees.

Edwin North was down from Red Bluff to see his mother and fix up things for her for the winter. He returned home last week.

The Deadwood Sanitarium is getting a few more patients and they report favorably.

Old Mr. Feist was taken quite ill, and they had the Chinese doctor go post haste to see him yesterday.

Henry Bader of Cherokee is at Deadwood helping to fix the water pipe, which was broken.

On Friday they had a school exhibition at Yankee Hill, which was a grand affair. Had much ice cream and cake—hence the cold wave now.

Mining news are scarce here now. The Clark claim is paying well, so say the boys.

The Wing & Malone claim, owing to being in litigation, is not doing anything at present.

I see a great deal in the papers about the kissing bug, now pray tell me if they are anything like the old fashioned kissing bees that we used to have back in the old States, when I was a young man? They did not have any sting about them or poisonous effect—on the contrary, they were like the honey bee. They had a good deal of sweetness about them and all seemed to enjoy them.

M.

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FIRE AT CONCOW

The Hotel of Mr. Blair was Destroyed
Thursday.

A heavy fire has been raging in the hills about Concow valley for a day or two. Dense volume of smoke have swept over the country and made it look like clouds in the Sacramento valley. This smoke came from the vicinity of Concow, also at Inskip and other points of the Magalia ridge. At Concow people have been working energetically to protect their fences and buildings, but Thursday the flames reached the hotel owned by Mr Blair and the building was soon destroyed.

We had a dispatch from Cherokee last evening saying the hotel had been burned down.

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9-25-1899

Petition for Franchise.

D. M. DeLong has petitioned the Board of Supervisors for franchise for an electric railroad to meet the proposed road asked for in Plumas county. The route to be traversed is as follows:

From Oroville, crossing the Feather River bridge, thence to Pence Ranch, thence up the road to the Parish place, thence following the Nelson Bar road to Yankee Hill; thence from Yankee Hill on the road to Concow to where it turns to Big Bend, and thence following the Big Bend road past Mullen's to the Butte county line.

Also, to commence at a point on the Oroville and Chico road where the main road to Biggs starts, thence by most direct line to Biggs. Also, the right to construct telegraph and telephone lines, also, for purpose of conducting electricity for lighting and power.

A LARGE MINING DEAL

The Cherokee Property to Be Bought by a Pittsburg Syndicate.

W. P. Lynch, formerly the Assessor of Butte County, is at the Lick for the purpose of seeing various interested parties in this city and winding up a great mining deal which will result in the famous Cherokee mine, which is situated five miles from Oroville, near the north fork of the Feather River, changing owners and becoming the property of a Pittsburg syndicate.

The Cherokee mine is so well known to the people of this State that it is not necessary to repeat its history. Suffice to say that it was first operated in the early sixties, and from then up to the time it was tied up in litigation, some thirteen or fourteen years ago, it produced over \$14,000,000 of the precious metal. It is a hydraulic mine and one of the richest in the entire State.

The property now stands in the name of T. Z. Blakeman, who was the attorney for the bondholders, and who, after thirteen years of almost continuous litigation, won for them their suit against the Bank of California. The Pittsburg syndicate is represented by Dr. I. B. Hamilton of that city, and Mr. Lynch is associated with him, acting at this end of the line in securing an option on the stock held by local investors.

The property is principally owned in the East, as out of the 140 shares of the capital stock only twenty-four are held in California. What the price will be is a secret, but some idea can be obtained from the fact that at a sale held some time ago the 140 shares, of a par value of \$1000, were bid in by the bondholders for \$275,000.

THE EXHIBIT.

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pings and Platinum—Treasures
From Nature's Bank.

The display of Butte county minerals prepared for inspection by the mining engineers, was a varied and valuable collection. Union hall, where the display was placed, was prettily decorated and presented an attractive appearance, enhanced by the virgin gold on exhibition. The DeLong Mining company had a fine display of virgin gold from their mine on the North Fork. About \$3200 in gold dust composed the display, which contained many large nuggets, the largest being worth \$300. This fine display of the genuine article attracted much attention and was a source of delight to the visitors. It is a portion of the fine display which this company will send to Paris.

The Bank of Rideout, Smith & Co. also had a fine display of virgin gold. This was a sample of the wealth of Butte. The gold displayed, about \$2000, represents the purchases of dust during the past week at that one bank.

The Gold Bank mine had an exhibit of quartz heavy with sulphurates and of very fine appearance. A section of hanging wall was also shown.

A chunk of cemented gravel from the Magalia mine, showing large nuggets of gold embedded, was a center of much interest. This cemented gravel is taken from the bed of an ancient river channel and is pulverized in a stamp mill in order to save the gold.

The Golden Trout mine exhibit consisted of quartz, gouge and waste, the managers taking pains to give the quartz experts of the party every opportunity to judge the qualities of the property.

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A. Ekman had a fine display of quartz and other specimens including some handsome specimens of crystalized quartz which he intends to take to Paris.

J. M. McClung had a fine exhibit of specimens in which big nuggets of gold predominated. Cohn and Goodday of Magalia, exhibited a nugget as big as a hens egg from the Oro Fino. Gold in the sandstone from Cherokee was shown. Wm. Pinkston of Yankee Hill showed some fine rock from the Morning Star mine.

Fine specimens of quartz were shown from many other Butte county mines, among them the following: Carlisle and Mammoth mines at Enterprise, Matteson mine near Nimshew, Bloomer Hill mine near Berry Creek, Yellow Jacket at Oregon City, The Banner mine and Rock River near Oroville, the See & Jolly and the Robinson mines at Granite Basin, the Crystal Peak mine near Mooretown, James Bros'. mine near Hengy, George Sparks mine at Olive, the McGibbons mine near Magalia and Wm. McGregor's mine near Cherokee.

Copper cropping from near Magalia and from the foothills near Sheridan, Placer county, aroused considerable interest as did an exhibit of platinum by the Marigold dredging company and a pan of rich dirt from the Little Hope mine. W. H. Patterson of Yankee Hill exhibited an interesting collection.

The exhibit was very good, and was a subject of much interest on the part of the visitors,

**RIGHTS OF PROPERTY HOLDERS
ALONG A STREAM.**

The rights of property holders along the bank of a river has recently come into question again near Oroville Butte county, California, by a number of persons taking up land on Feather river between the lines of the owners' lots and the stream itself, it has been stated, for the purpose of dredging for gold. It has been formerly maintained that the rights of property holders located along streams extended to the center of the stream, but recently it has been asserted that the rights only extend to the meander lines as indicated by the United States Geological Survey.

The proper solution of this question will depend somewhat on the nature of the original grant and the intent of the granter in making the conveyance. As a rule the meander lines are run on lakes and streams, not for the purpose of establishing a boundary for the land, but in order to determine the quantity of upland to be paid for by the purchaser.

Ordinarily, a meander is not a boundary, but water whose body is meandered is the true boundary, whether it in fact coincides with the meander line or not. The owner of the lands so bounded has a right to follow the water as it recedes, and he is entitled to all lands which may be added by recession or accretion. On navigable streams the boundary is low water mark; on non-navigable, the center or thread of the stream.

As a general rule, we do not think land lying between a government meander line and the actual water boundary can be located under the mining laws after the government has issued its patent for the land bounded by the meander line.—*Mining and Scientific Press.*

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YANKEE HILL AND CONCOW.

Here were the scenes of some of the first quartz operations in the State and both quartz and placer mining is followed. Clark Brothers of Yankee Hill have a fine placer mine on the north fork and one of the leading quartz is the Pinkston, the property of Mr. William Pinkston. Drift gravel mining is also followed here.

CHEROKEE, PENTZ AND HENGY

Are situated near the scenes of early mines that are historical. The Cherokee alone is credited with yielding thirteen millions. The tailings of this mine are to be worked near Pentz on a large scale. An elevator has just been put in for this purpose.

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CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Items of Interest From the Famous Mining Town.

CHEROKEE Oct. 11th—Mr. C. L. Durban, of Pentz, who has been quite sick is able to be about again. Mr. Dave Daniels is also very sick.

Mrs. Cushman returned to her home in Oregon Saturday.

Mr A. W. Houston, of Clear Creek, is the sire of a daughter.

George Medanich has put some new windows in the Congregational church building, and hung some neat new curtains to replace the blinds, the hanging of which has done so much to distract attention from the services in the past. Those swains who have heretofore been in the habit of admiring and flirting with the beauty of Cherokee through the battered blinds and shattered panes will have to join the church and become deacons in order to get front seats if they would continue to admire during church hours.

Like Esauw of the bible times Joe Miller, otherwise known as "Little Joe," is a mighty hunter. Tom Nix's dog treed a porcupine under the stairway of the Masonic hall, and Joe came forth with his gatling gun to slay it. He fired seven shots without effect, and the porcupine finding the pastime monotonous started to come out, and Joe getting frightened threw his rifle at it and started to run. The weapon in striking was fired and the bullet happened to strike the porcupine, killing it instantly. Joe is very proud of his feat. His marksmanship is not so bad when one considers the fact that he had but one hand to manipulate the gun with, as the other was employed to cover the eye he does not aim with. Joe's eyes are broke to work double only, and when he shuts one the other shuts also, making it necessary to cover one with his hand when he shoots. This is the only porcupine we have ever heard of being seen in this vicinity. It weighed twelve pounds.

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J. R. SIMMONS IN TROUBLE.

A Concow Youth Arrested on an Insanity Charge.

On account of his very erratic conduct Marshal Chubbuck arrested J. R. Simmons, a young man whose home is at Concow, and booked him at the city jail as being insane, says the *Chico Record*.

"Simmons is a well dressed young and quite intelligent except when his mind is directed to the subject of mines. For two days past he has been laboring with the hallucination that several hundred dollars of nuggets belonging to him are either at the bank or express office. He went the express office and demanded that his mineral wealth be given him, but Barham had none for him. He also believes that he has sold three shares of his mine for \$1500 to Chico people and that he tried to convince the Marshall that the sale would be broken if he could not take the purchasers to Concow yesterday afternoon. "I have a wonderful mine," he said to a *Record* representative. "I took my pick and knocked off great nuggets of gold. The quartz is nearly all gold." Simmons will be examined by physicians today."

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SPARKS ON TOP.

His Invention Makes Him Prominent and
Will Bring Him Wealth.

Friends of T. J. Sparks, who is well known in this section and particularly on the Magalia ridge, where he developed the mine in the defense of which he got into trouble by being "handy with his gun" will be glad to learn that he is in a fair way to realize his dream of riches through the successful working of an invention on which he was known to be working while here. It seems that the machine on which he worked was an automobile and that its success is demonstrated. The Sparks Automobile company, capital stock \$1,000,000 has just been organized in San Francisco, with offices at 325 Parrott building, and from Mrs. Caroline Church we learn that the head of this company is none other than our own T. J. Sparks. Mrs. Church says the chances of success are many and predicts for our old friend a successful future. She says that the development of the Sparks mine near Coutolone will follow the return of prosperity to Mr. and Mrs. Sparks.

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CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Items of Interest From the Famous Mining Town.

CHEROKEE, October 25.—Three men representing the company that is negotiating for the purchase of the Cherokee mine are in town, and it is confidently expected by the public generally that the sale will take place shortly. It is to be hoped that it will, as the mine would furnish employment to a great many men and would liven times as nothing else has done for many a day.

Mr. McLain had to stop his elevator last week on account of the high water. The clouds were filling the pit up faster than the pump could empty it, and work was not resumed again today.

Wm. James, who was paralyzed in San Francisco last week, is reported much improved and is expected to return home soon. He received two strokes.

The Indians will have a burning at Moseley's near Berry Creek next Saturday night. The burning is in the nature of a sacrifice, and clothing, food, baskets, etc., will be burned for the benefit of the souls who are buried there. The ceremonies are quite weird, and it is worth a trip of a few miles to see them. It is also a good opportunity for those who have a fancy for collecting Indian relics, such as baskets, etc., to gratify their fad.

A gentleman, whose name we did not learn, passed through town last week with a band of goats which he will pasture on the North Fork, Nimrods who go in search of venison in that direction will have to bring their game home with their hides on if they care for their reputations.

Thos. Malgan returned from San Francisco Monday, but not as a Benedict as many expected. The boys have not thrown away their tin cans yet, however.

Gordy Nisbet is getting quite a reputation as a goat herder. He strings the goats together like the rattles on a snake's tail, with bale wire, and makes the big goats pull the little ones along.

James Doyle is down from his Gravel Range mine to visit his family.

WM. THUNEN.

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YANKEE HILL ITEMS.

The recent Fierce Storm Plays Havoc
With Mining Companies' Possessions.

YANKEE HILL, October 24.—We have had a record breaker of a storm for October. Up to the 13th one and a half inches fell, from the 18th to the 21st 10.75 and the 22d .35, making for the month 12.60. It beats the oldest settler. It has been very damaging to winter apples, as they were not gathered. And such washouts! The storm took off tons of plowed ground. Where are the Debris Commissioners that they don't have it stopped? The old North Fork got raging and cleaned out the mining companies. I am told by Mr. Farley that the flood raised them out just as they were ready and before they had cleaned up.

The Clark Bros. are ready to wash, but the water is all gone now.

John Miller will leave the Bend and move to the Eckler place in Concow.

Jake Hotman and wife are going to remain at Flea valley this winter.

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THE McLAIN MINE.

Tailings Being Worked by Hydraulic Elevator.

The McLain mine, situated about a mile from Cherokee and the same distance from Pentz, commenced operations a few weeks ago. It is known that considerable gold from the Cherokee mine escaped with the tailings and is generally believed that most of it did not get very far. To work the tailings Mr. McLain has an elevator constructed of eleven inch pipe similar to the Martin elevator and ingeniously contrived by means of a slip or telescope joint and several ball joints to sink itself as occasion requires, and to permit of being bent in any direction that the position of the gravel may require. The gravel is ground sluiced to the elevator, and is by it conveyed to the flume which is four feet wide and one and one-half feet deep, and about 160 feet long and empties into another flume about twelve feet wide, and about thirty-six feet long which is set at an angle to the smaller flume to break the force of the current, and to prevent the loss of gold.

In case of accident to the elevator the water is pumped out of the pit by means of a pump constructed of six inch pipe, and working on the same principle as the elevator, which gets the water out of the way very quickly to permit repairs.

It requires about four hundred inches of water to operate the mine, which is conveyed in about half a mile of fifteen inch pipe and two miles of ditch. The waste water from the Cherokee mine is conducted past the mine by means of a flume three feet deep and six feet wide with sufficient grade to carry all the water that comes from the mine, and all that is likely to fall above the dam in the rainy season. The mine is run continuously night and day, about six or eight men are employed in the day and the same number at night. Harry McLain and wife conduct a boarding house near the mine. B. G. McLain is Superintendent.

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BIG INJUN BURNING.

Native Sons Have Their Annual Burning
at Berry Creek.

BERRY CREEK, October 30.—The great event of the closing season, the annual Indian burning has come and gone. All the Indians of the surrounding country were present, dressed in their best Sunday suits. The Indians from far and near had brought sacks of flour, clothing, bear skins and trinkets to be burned for their dead friends who had passed on to the spirit land. The night was cloudless, raw and chilly, the ground was wet and in many places muddy, yet these these sons of the forest met at their old burying ground on old Bloomer Hill, thinly dressed, many being barefooted, to show their faith by their works and sacrifice to the dead. Huge pine log had been heaped together, set on fire and into this fire was thrown nearly all the hard earnings of a year.

Every article of clothing, the principal part of which were light colored, were strung from the bottom to the top of long poles fastened firmly to the ground. These decorated poles, in the night time, under the star light, stirred gently by the wind, looked quite ghost-like and added to the weirdness of the scene. The last thing to be burned was a rude, hideous looking figure of what they call the "conkena" or devil.

When the devil was started toward the fire, the screams and antics of the Indians were beyond description, such as to make night hideous. Many of the older Indians tried to jump into the fire, but were restrained from doing so by the younger and less excitable ones. As long as the devil burned, the awful confusion and noise continued and died out only when his satanic majesty had been completely annihilated. Satisfied that for a season their enemy had been destroyed, completely exhausted, they lay down to sleep and rest. That they were in earnest in their belief of a future existence cannot be doubted. The big tears rolled down their cheeks and their pitiful wailing could be heard a long distance. One Indian said there would be only a few more burnings, that the tribe was fast dying out, and in a few years they would only exist as a memory.

Nearly all of the white people of the neighborhood, men, women and children were there. They stood around all night and left only when the sun was painting red the eastern sky. The crowd of whites were orderly, well behaved and orderly and seemed to be in sympathy with the Indian in his sorrowful sacrifice. The photograph fiend was there as usual with his camera and took by flashlight a picture of the leading Indian chiefs. These pictures we expect to see for sale in all the show windows of Oroville. J. L. R.

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CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Items of Interest From the Famous Mining Town.

George Lowe and wife, formerly Miss Rose Thomas, are the guests of J. B. Thomas and family. Their home is at Forest Hill, Placer county.

A washing machine on the porch of the mining company's office is exciting much comment. It consists of a frame holding a barrel, which is revolved by means of a crank and was constructed under the direction of Chas. Helman. It is not calculated for the cleansing of dirty linen, however, but is intended to wash boulders, old flume nails, etc., and remove the particles of gold from them.

A couple of Salvation Army soldiers held a meeting in the Congregational church building last night.

Tom Darby has returned from Dobbin's ranch where he had been working for several months back.

A number of young men of this neighborhood who figured on going to the Indian burning at Bloomer hill were disappointed as the high water in the North Fork floated the boat away. The burning was quite a gorgeous affair, considerable more clothing, groceries, etc. being burned this year than at the burning last year. There were probably 150 Indians present and about as many whites.

The Boers seem to be holding their own in South Africa in a way that will probably cause renewed efforts on the part of the English to secure an Anglo-American alliance. The American people should not be so foolish as to be cajoled by English flattery into forming an alliance with the British. The pretext that the two nations are of the same race is all bosh. More than half of the American people are not of English extraction and even if they were it would be no concern of ours what England takes or gives outside of the American continent. "Mind your own business" is as safe for a nation as for an individual. Some years the writer's father purchased a sack of apples. A schoolmate of the writer finding it out promptly formed an alliance "offensive and defensive" which disappeared when the apples disappeared. We do not want to furnish apples for this would-be British "pardner."

Wm. Gregory, a well known citizen of Cherokee died in Oakland the other day. Will be buried tomorrow. He was superintendent of the Cherokee mine for several years. Was one of the earliest settlers in Cherokee.

WM. THUNEN.

THE CHEROKEE MINE.

Sale Practically Consummated
But Not Closed.

OTHER CHEROKEE NEWS

A Deer Killed in a Cherokee Back Yard.
Citizens Now Carry Clubs
for Protection.

CHEROKEE, November 15.—The Cherokee mine has not changed hands yet though practically it is sold. It is reported that the Pittsburg syndicate has put up part of the money, but the mine cannot be called sold till all chance for either the buyers or sellers to back down is gone. The consummation of the sale is anticipated with pleasure by the inhabitants of the town, as the new company propose to mine the claim systematically and also to use the magnificent water system for the generation of electric light and power, and will necessarily employ about two or three hundred men.

There seems to be more game on the streets of Cherokee than on the neighboring hills. A hunter fired at a deer near the edge of Table Mountain just below town the other day and the deer in its fright lost its bearings and ran through the diggings until it got to the rear of the mining company's office when it jumped the fence and was killed with clubs. Everybody in sight was drafted into the service of skinning and dressing the animal and the meat and responsibility were divided among nearly the whole town. It was a fine

young buck and was killed within 60 feet of where Joe Miller shot a porcupine a short time ago. Rifles and shot-guns are getting cheap, but clubs are trumps. All the citizens carry pick-handles with them when they go after their mail in the hope that they may get a boa constrictor or zebra on the way home.

When men have walked the straight and narrow path of virtue all their lives sometimes surprise their and neighbors by going on a rampage, and horses seem to have the same weakness.

E Vixby hitched a span of horses for Mr. Helman the other day and as soon he got out of the stable, one of them, which is certainly old enough to know better, cut up such extravagant monkeyshines that the buggy was soon so battered as to be unusable, and the horses had to be unhitched and the buggy taken to the blacksmith shop. There was quite a crowd present while the performance was going on and Vixby is consequently receiving a good deal of joshing and instructions in the art of handling fractious horses. Vixby says that when the horse was prancing and waltzing in the street most of the spectators dodged into Vintin's store, and he declares that those who give the most advice mounted the counters.

T. F. Malgan went to San Francisco last week where he will reside hereafter.

The dismissal of the case against the three illegal salmon fishers at Chico last week is a fair example of the way a good percentage of the California laws work. The game laws are evidently designed to prevent the killing of game and fish except when there is none to kill, and the hunter or fisher is also prohibited from using any but inefficient means. No wonder the game laws are a dead letter. The heavy penalty attached makes the salmon law as foolish as the wide-tire law which prescribes rollers instead of wheels. The average legislator has much conception of a dollar or an inch as a pollywog has of a logarithm.

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CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Interesting Items From the Mining Town.

CHEROKEE, November 22d 1899.—
Emilio Tejeda is laying the foundation of a warehouse for T. L. Vinton. It will be 30x60 feet, and will be used for storing grain, flour and mill stuffs. Underneath will be a cellar the same size for groceries and other sorts.

Cherokee is nothing if not sporty. "Old Sandy" and Rob Lafferty ran a race Monday, around the Catholic church. "Old Sandy" was to go around the church three times on foot while Lafferty would go twice around the yard on horseback. Sandy had circumnavigated the church twice when Lafferty had finished his course.

A number of young people met at the residence of J. D. Williams last night and organized a progressive whist club. The club was organized with about ten members, but will need more members to make it a success, and all the whist players in the vicinity who would like to join will please make their wishes known to any of the charter members. The club will meet again tonight at the residence of T. L. Vinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rapp were in town last week visiting their daughter, Mrs. Joe Miller.

Robert Lyte of Pentz was in town yesterday. He says that his son, Fred, who was so injured three years ago by jumping from a high bank, as to almost entirely lose the use of his legs, is improving under the care of the Chinese doctor at Deadwood.

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Yankee Hill Notes.

Wm. Mullin of Yankee Hill was in town this morning. Among items of news gleaned from conversation with him were the following:

John Miller has moved his family to Big Bend to the Eckles place at Concow.

J. M. Hotman has moved to Cherokee and bought the Cherokee and Oroville stage line of T. L. Vinton.

The DeLong Mining company have taken possession of the Flee Valley House and have a man in charge.

The rainfall to date for the season as measured by Mr. Mullen is 21.26 inches.

CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Items of Interest From the Mining Town.

CHEROKEE, December 13, 1899—This is the wettest winter we have seen for many years. Almost any rainy day some one may be seen on his house repairing his roof.

Jako Hottman and Frank Van Gooden have taken the contract to carry the mail to Cherokee, Pentz, Oregon City, Yankee Hill and Oroville. Hottman will drive a stage from Cherokee in the morning returning in the afternoon, and will carry the Oregon City mail. Van Gooden will leave Oroville about 6 a. m. with the mail for the other places, and will return in the afternoon.

Miss Jennie Lafferty, who has been studying stenography at Chestnutwood's business college at Santa Cruz, is expected home in a few days. She has made great progress in her studies, and is now a full fledged stenographer.

Ransome Clark of Yankee Hill passed through town Saturday on his way to San Francisco where he will take up the study of pen sketching for the purpose of becoming a newspaper artist. He has marked talent in that line, and his friends predict success for him.

The recent killing of a man in New York by Walter Rossor, the worthless Tennessee soldier who killed an inoffensive market salesman in San Francisco without any provocation whatever about a year ago, is another example of the folly of trifling with manslaughter instead of effectually disposing of them by making it impossible for them to commit any more murders. The only rational way to dispose of the devilish instinct of such as Rossor to kill their fellow beings, is to squeeze it out with a rope whenever a murderer can be caught. All who were instrumental in turning the fiend loose after the San Francisco murder, are guilty of murdering his second victim.

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CHEROKEE CHIPS.

Brieflets of Interest From the Mountains.

CHEROKEE, December 20th, 1899—
The whist club spent an enjoyable evening last Wednesday at the residence of W. P. Lynch. This evening they will go out to Spring Valley in a couple of stages to be the guests of Miss Mary Nisbet and Gordon Nisbet, providing the weather will permit the trip.

There will be turkey shooting in Cherokee on Sunday the 24th. There will be shooting at the whole turkey at two hundred yards and at the head sixty yards. There will be pool shooting, bluerock shooting, crap shooting and shooting-stars, and on the 25th and 26th there will be shooting pains in many heads. Come everybody and bring your shooting irons.

There will be a dance at Yankee Hill on the 25th and one at Pentz on the 29th.

While at church Sunday evening, Mrs. Johnson was taken with an attack of heart trouble that for awhile seemed likely to prove fatal, but she has since fully recovered.

B. G. McLain of Pentz is quite sick. His life was despaired of Sunday but he is improving under the care of Dr. Hicks.

Ed. Stubr has returned from Truckee for the winter.

WM. THUNEN.