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Mr. J. W. Graves visited Durham on Tuesday for the meeting of his son, Will. The latter had been employed in Placer County for the past year, and came home to spend Christmas with his parents. He will return to Placer County on Thursday.

Ed Servia, Wm. McAnarlin, Jr., and Mamie and Edna Ricketts, all of Durham, also spent Christmas at Mr. Graves'. Mrs. Graves served a sumptuous dinner for the benefit of the young people, and after dinner some excellent music was rendered. In the evening the young folks left for their homes in Durham.

Mr. Chas. Wheeler spent Christmas in Pentz.

Miss Hattie Wheeler of Oroville is spending her Christmas vacation with her grandparents on the Durban ranch. She and Miss Annie Hiett are getting to be quite expert horseback riders.

Miss Alice Ricketts of Durham, who is attending the Chico Normal school, spent last week with her parents in Pentz.

Misses Eva and Myrtle Bennum attended the Christmas tree at Cherokee.

On Saturday evening the Good Templars lodge will have a banquet for the benefit of some new members who will be initiated that evening. There will be open lodge, and the members are allowed to invite as many of their friends as they wish.

Members who are not attending lodge regularly are requested to be present on Saturday evening if they wish to have a good time.

The Pentz baseball team played a game today.

Disappointed in not having an opportunity to attend a dance on Christmas eve, some of the young folks here tried to get up a party on Christmas night. They assembled in the hall and danced until 11 o'clock. The music was rendered by Charles Wheeler and Jacob Gerholdt.

There will be a party here on New Year's eve.

Mr. Bennum and sons, Clarence and Frank came down from the Bay Power Works at Nimshew to spend Christmas at home.

Malcom Robb visited Paradise on Monday.

Miss Clara Bunnell visited Concow last week.

Messrs J. and H. Curtis have some very nice pickled olives for sale.

PENTZ HAS A CHRISTMAS JUBILEE

On Christmas night several Pentz juveniles from 40 to 83 years old gathered at the cabin of one of our well known miners for a Christmas jubilee.

The party was composed of Bill and Pat two miners, two woodchoppers, an olive employee and a former postmaster.

They spent the night in songs and dances and having refreshments.

I enclose some rhymes on the jubilee.

Christmas Night of 1902.

Pentz's jubilee just a few
Presided o'er by a lad aged 93,
Gathered at his cabin for a jubilee.
The night was clear the crowd was
gay,

As they passed the happy hours away,
A program was rendered to they say,
And was kept up till the break of day.
Our former postmaster was there too,
He sang some songs and danced a few,
Two woodchoppers too they say,
Helped to pass the hours away.
An olive employee too you see
Was at this Christmas jubilee,
And took part in a fitting way,
On the night of this gay day.
The leading features of this date,
Was a song by Bill, aged 68,
He forward stepped with heaving
breast.

With sparkling eyes he seemed at
rest.

He sang a song, he did his best,
At a ballad long laid to rest.
The house shook with loud applause,
Given him by Santa Claus,
Then Pat was called unto the floor,
To sing and dance as once of yore:
He said I will, I really know,
That I can dance as years ago.
When the program all was o'er
They assembled on the floor;
And wished at some bright future day
To help Pat pass a night—Christmas
away.

BEASTLY.

San Francisco Call

1-4-1903

**OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE
OF THE PACIFIC COAST**

Postoffice name changed—California—
Henry. Butte County, to Bloomingdale.

The following postmasters have been
commissioned: California—Hettie Jones,
Bloomingdale; Richard J. Scoble, McAl-
pine; Alvin R. Clary, Wendling.

THE MINING INDUSTRY AND ELECTRIC POWER

The part which electricity is taking at this time in the development of the mining industry, particularly in California, is of the utmost importance. In many of the older camps, where wood has long been used as fuel the nearby supply has been used up and longer haulage has increased cost. Few mining districts in the State are anywhere near a coal supply. Waterpower plants and mainly applicable to larger camps, where there are many mines, or to individual mines near streams or pipe lines.

Electric power however, can be carried to such distances from its source by main and branch lines that it may readily be made available in all sorts of out of the way places, high or low. The magnificent waterpower of the numerous streams of the Sierra Nevadas and coast ranges may be easily transformed into electric energy and distributed down wide ranges of hills, mountains and canyons. The multiplication of electrical power companies still continues in this State. Many plants are under construction and still others are planned. Along the lines of these great power companies the mills, hoists, pumps and other machinery of the mines may be operated at a cheap rate and steam plants are not necessary except as auxiliary in case of accident. This makes it cheaper to run it afterward. Every cheapening in the operation in any direction makes it possible to work a still lower grade of ore and for this reason along the further extension of electric power lines will bring more and more mines in operation.

BUTTE'S POPULATION BY TOWNSHIPS

Several times we have been asked about the population of various towns in Butte. Twice we have published the facts as taken from the last government census reports, but as there seems to be a demand for the facts we again give the figures for this County. The government figures are by townships, not by separate towns, with the exception of Chico.

Bidwell township has 384; Chico township, including Chico city, 4739 (Chico city, 2640); Concow township, 377; Dayton township, 469; Gridley township, 1224; Hamilton township, 2070; Humboldt township, 373; Honcut township, 663; KimsheW township, 1242; Mt. Spring township, 261; Nelson township, 260; Ophir township, 2804; Oregon township, 841; Oro township, 554; Wyandotte township, 856. The total for the County is 17,117.

RESIDENTS OF NELSON ASK FOR A ROAD

A petition came up before the Board of Supervisors yesterday asking for a wagon road from Durham to Nelson near the railroad track.

The matter is one that will benefit the people of both towns and ought to be granted if the damages for lands are not extreme. The people have asked for this road during the past twelve or fifteen years, but have never been able to obtain it.

SOME

FIGURES

Regarding the Population

OF BUTTE COUNTY TOWNS

The Figures are Based on the Ratio of the Number of Voters as Followed by the United States Government On Census Returns.

The United States Government in taking the census does not give the figures for unincorporated towns. Thus there are no Government figures for Oroville, Palermo, Gridley or Biggs. The precinct registration comes as near giving the correct figures as can be obtained. The Government takes the number of registered voters and multiplies by three and a half to give the population of any locality. Here in California the usual rule is to multiply the number of registered voters by four. If we apply the Government figures to Butte we get as the population of our towns the following:

Bangor has 112 registered voters, and this number multiplied by three and a half gives 393 for Bangor and vicinity.

Figured in the same manner the population of Biggs would be 1102.

Cana would have 112.

Central House and vicinity would have 213.

Centerville would have 238.

Cherokee would have 273.

As there is but one vote difference between Dayton and Cherokee, the former would have 280.

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Durham has the same population as Bangor 393.

Enterprise would have 103.

Forbestown would have 352.

Gridley with 360 voters would have a population of 1260.

Honcut is entitled to 302.

Hurleton and vicinity has 154.

Lovelock has 191.

The town of Magalla is entitled to 248.

Mt. House is entitled to 144.

Mooretown is a trifle larger, having 154.

Nelson ought to be figured at 234.

Nimshew on the same basis has 388.

Oregon City has 140.

North Point has 154.

Nord is entitled to 287.

Oroville figured in the same manner, with a registered vote of 834, has a population of 2819.

Palermo is entitled under the same figures to 462.

Pence would have a population of 245.

Paradise on the same basis would have 353.

Thermalito should be entitled to a population of 735.

Wyandotte has a population of 259.

Yankee Hill and vicinity has 269.

This is not exact as voters do not live in the town but near it in many cases, but the figures are approximately correct. We have used the lowest estimate on the above figures. If we take four times the registered voters the population of each place would be larger.

SPRING VALLEY

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Quartz Mine Situated Near Cherokee

WILL BE PUT ON MARKET

The Mine Has Been Acquired by Experienced Men and if Handled Well Will Be Made a Grand Producer of Golden Wealth.

The mine known as the Spring Valley Quartz mine and which used to be owned by John Nesbit is being put in first class condition and the stock is or will be placed on the market.

The mine is situated in Spring Valley near Cherokee, famous for its rich gravel mines, from which no less than \$5,000,000 was taken from a single mine.

The property referred to in the following article has been acquired by experienced men and will be made a great producer if properly handled.

We have long believed it to be one of the best mines in Butte and are glad to see it in such good condition for continuous operation.

This property is situated ten miles north of Oroville the County seat of Butte County, California, which is on the Southern Pacific Railway. It is situated in a valley called Spring Valley which extends from southeast to northwest and ends in a deep canyon, through which flows the North Fork of the Feather River. The mountains surrounding it rise from one thousand to twelve hundred feet.

There are about twelve hundred acres of patented land, one hundred acres being placer ground.

The gravel is forty feet deep above bed rock, which is worn smooth by water and erosion or glacier action. This placer contains approximately one million cubic yards of gravel that

can be worked by the hydraulic method; numerous tests from all points of the gravel show values of from five to ten dollars per yard. There is ample water, a flume ready for use and two reservoirs in good condition have been built at the head of the valley. The gold is of coarse grain it can be recovered in quicksilver very satisfactorily. Work can continue through one hundred and fifty days in the year, and with the water supply one monitor will wash 1,000 to 2,000 cubic yards per day of 12 hours. With a hydraulic plant costing \$1500, which is now being constructed and will be in operation within sixty days, fifteen hundred cubic yards per day can be worked. As the entire daily running expenses will not be over Twenty dollars, it will thus be seen that there will be a net profit of from \$7000 to \$14,000 per day or between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 for the six months. There is enough gravel to last for four years.

The source of the gold in this placer is from the true Fissure quartz vein, easily traceable on the surface for three miles along the east side of the valley and about four hundred to six hundred feet above the placer ground. The vein is of white ribbon quartz from four to nine feet wide with a gouge of two to six inches on both walls. Until the present time this property has been in continuous lit-

gation which stopped the working. By crude methods over \$135,000 was taken out years ago, but the rich sulphurets in ore were lost as no concentrator was combined with the plant. There is a tunnel now extending 665 feet, 300 feet below the ledge with an upraise of 28 feet and drifts of 64 feet on each side, exposing an ore body five feet thick. By driving 75 feet further the tunnel will strike the rich vein making the total length of the tunnel 731 feet. Then by sinking on the ledge and levels an immense ore body can be thoroughly and cheaply developed and stopping opened that will supply a reduction plant of large capacity for many years to come. From numerous assays it is proved this ore is worth considerably more than \$8 per ton.

There is an abundance of water and power can be obtained very cheaply from the Big Bend Power Company, whose plant is located one mile north and cost over \$2,000,000.

On the company's property is a commodious dwelling house and basement, a lodging house and barn, laboratory, office building, blacksmith shop and shaft house. That ten million dollars will be netted from this property may be positively stated.

PENTZ PENCILINGS FROM
OUR CORRESPONDENT

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Editor Register: The little son and daughter Jerry and May, of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ford have been quite ill for the last week. May is now able to be about but Jerry is still confined to his bed with Job's Comforters.

Ernest Graves and Dave Bennum, went hunting last week and were quite successful in their hunt as they killed nine ducks.

The Odd Fellows' lodge at Cherokee had a joint installation with the Rebekahs on last Saturday night. After the ceremonies a banquet was spread consisting of sandwiches, cake and coffee. The lunch was furnished by the Rebekahs. Music was also rendered. Several members who reside elsewhere attended. Among these were Chas. Hiatt and H. Brink and wife of Biggs, Mrs. Marion DeLong of Chico, Rev. Benton attended the feast. J. W. Godfrey, a member of the lodge at Oroville was present.

Mrs. L. Bennum visited Chico last week.

The two trustees Mr. C. Bunnell and Mr. Joe Curtis visited school on Thursday. The other trustee Mr. Bennum was at Chico so could not attend.

Mr. Albert Lunt went on Sunday to get the remains of his father, Mr. Edwin Lunt, who died at the Soldiers Home in Yountville a few days ago. The remains were taken from Oroville on Monday and were buried at Yankee Hill. Mr Lunt was an old and esteemed citizen of Yankee Hill. His age was 78 years.

Austin Parish received an order on Sunday from Steifer Bros. of the Magalia mine for a load of lime.

The Salvation mine on the Parish ranch has been paying quite well lately.

The writer gives a list of the officers of Odd Fellows' lodge at Cherokee. The list has already been published.

Miss Edwina Lunt came up from San Francisco on Sunday to attend her father's funeral.

A. P. L.

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SNOW SEVEN INCHES DEEP IN CHEROKEE

C. S. Topping and Mr. Morgue drove to Cherokee on Saturday last to prepare the body of Mrs. McGregor, mother of Miss Anna McGregor for burial. It began snowing there at 11 and continued to snow till four in the afternoon. Snow fell seven inches deep in Cherokee a week ago yesterday and a little was still on the ground on Saturday. Snow at Cherokee is quite a novelty. The altitude is about 1200 feet.

DR. DON SANG'S

Wife Elopes With a Chinese Cook

DESERTING HER HUSBAND

Dr. Don Sang Will be Remembered by
Many People as Having Ran the
Deadwood Hospital, Near Chero-
kee.

A great number of people in eastern Butte remember Dr. Don Sang, who ran the Deadwood hospital near Cherokee for years. He went to Chicago, got rich, married, and his wife presented him with quite a family of children.

Now she has eloped with a Chinese cook who is said to look like a Jap. The Chicago-American lately said of the elopement:

Dr Sang was interviewed and expressed the hope that his wife had but gone to visit relatives, but his confidential adviser, Hip Lung, did not entertain such an optimistic view. He said, "All that we know about it is that the same day that Mrs. Don Sang disappeared their Chinese cook also left. His name is Chon Wong Yu. He looks like a Japanese, as he has shaved off his queue. He cooked for them for about three months.

We think that we can find where his wife has gone. Dr. Sang is a Mason and also belongs to the Yang Wah one of the Six Companies, which is very strong. Some way we can get word of Mrs. Sang."

The children of this distinguished Oriental couple are very bright; they attend the public schools of Chicago. Dr. and Mrs. Sang had planned to extend a hearty welcome to Sieh King King, the girl reformer, who stirred

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DR. DON SANG'S WIFE ELOPES WITH A COOK

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the women of Chinatown in San Francisco to great enthusiasm over the emancipation of their sex from Oriental bondage.

Later developments in the elopement scandal show that Mrs. Sang and the Chinese cook not only took over \$7000 of money and jewelry, as first discovered, but \$6000 additional. This money was deposited in the bank by Mrs. Sang for her husband over a year ago, and Dr. Sang kept the pass book. He discovered that the money was recently drawn by an unknown Chinaman, and he charges his wife with the additional offense.

More emissaries from the Chicago lodge of Masons left the city last night for the principal western cities which have Chinese colonies and they will watch for any attempt of the fugitives to double west in their flight. No new information has been received from the fleeing couple's followers in New York. While much affected by his losses already discovered, Dr. Sang said today: "I don't care for her now, only for my children, as he patted the head of little four-year-old Edwin, his constant companion."

In China when a married woman elopes these are some of the penalties the outraged law inflicts upon her:

On the first day her toe-nails are pulled out with pincers.

On the second day the tips of her fingers are cut off.

On the third, her ears are pierced with red-hot irons.

On the fourth her eye-eyeds are cut off with sharp knives.

On the fifth, the cord of her heel is cut.

On the sixth, she is put in a cage of spikes.

On the seventh, she is bastinadoed to death.

That's all.

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CHOICE FRENCH WALNUTS

FROM BIG BEND

Mr. John Mullen of Big Bend, was in town yesterday, and had with him some samples of very choice French walnuts. His brother William Mullen planted some years ago some walnut trees and they now have in full bearing fully twenty varieties of the best French walnuts. The trees were obtained from Felix Gellett of Nevada City, the leading nut nurseryman of this part of the State.

Mr John Mullen now has thirty-five of these walnut trees in bearing and about sixty more not yet old enough to bear. He has a lot in the nursery that will be planted this spring.

The nuts are extremely large appearing to us about double the size of the ordinary walnut and command a high price on the market. Mr. Mullen tells us the trees have never failed to bear, yet the particular tree bearing the nuts brought here and which is known as the Bājou has never been cultivated and has never been irrigated.

None of the trees in fact are irrigated. He tells us there are thousands of acres in that section that can be obtained for growing walnuts.

SPRING VALLEY

Mining Property at Cherokee

PURCHASED BY W. P. LYNCH

The Purchase was Made From the
Owners of the Mine, Who are
Mostly Capitalists of Pittsburg,
Pennsylvania.

We are more than pleased this morning to have an opportunity to announce that W. P. Lynch has purchased the entire property of the Spring Valley Mining Company, at Cherokee. This includes the mining property, ditches and flumes owned by the company, the buildings, etc., and all of the valley land owned by the same company.

There are 4500 acres of land included in the purchase, of which about 800 acres are mining land. In connection with having bought the property, Mr. Lynch has leased the Concow reservoir and ditch system from the Bay Counties Power Company. This system will give water enough to run the mine for hydraulic mining during eight months of the year.

Mr. Lynch in an interview last evening stated he was not prepared to give out any plans as yet as to what would be done with the property as it had recently been acquired.

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In all probability the mining land will be leased. He was adverse about giving any figures for publication, but it may be stated that a handsome sum was paid for the property.

The Spring Valley mine has a record of having yielded \$15,000,000 in the years that it was worked, and was second to no other mine of the kind in California.

The purchase was made from the owners of the Cherokee mine, who are mostly Pittsburg, Pa., capitalists.

The mine has been worked since the early '50's, and has always been very profitable. We feel certain that the change of ownership from an eastern corporation to a resident of Cherokee will be a good thing for the people of Cherokee, and we congratulate them on the change.

Mr. Lynch himself knows thoroughly the mine and knows how it can be handled to the best and most profitable advantage. We hope in the end it will more than meet his most sanguine expectations.

From Enterprise, Pentz and Forbestown

FROM OUR NEWS GATHERERS

Personal Movements, Society Notes,
Mining News, Fraternal Meetings,
and Various Other Items of News
from the Towns Mentioned Above.

Editor Register: I would like to furnish you with some information about the resources of Yankee Hill and Big Bend, but am not familiar enough with that part of the country. Perhaps a few facts about Concow will be of interest to the readers of your journal.

From Charles Bunnell I learn that Concow is a great fruit, nut and vegetable country. The principal nuts grown are walnuts. Any kind of vegetables that are planted will thrive well. Mr. Miller carries on an extensive traffic in garden vegetables and in fruit. He is just now digging his late potatoes. He is employed in his garden during the entire year. The principal garden stuff grown consists of cabbage, potatoes, beets, turnips, beans, etc. He raises some of the finest cabbage ever grown in this part of the State and the potatoes are excellent.

Some of the finest apples grown in Butte are raised in Concow. Other fruit raised there are peaches, plums and pears. In fact, all the ordinary fruits can be cultivated there. Blackberries, raspberries and strawberries are among the berries grown. The garden and the orchard are irrigated and the water facilities are good. As to the price of land I cannot say.

Concow is situated about fourteen miles north of Cherokee. It makes a pleasant summer and an agreeable winter home. The climate is temperate the entire year, it being neither extremely hot in summer, nor very cold in winter, although snow does fall once in a while as was the case this winter.

The baseball boys of Pentz and Cherokee meet in Pentz on Sunday to once more organize their baseball team.

Charley Bunnell's driving animal died last week from some unknown disease.

Saturday night was a lively time in the lodge of Good Templars. Officers were elected and much electioneering was done before lodge was called. The attendance was larger than it has been on any other night during the winter.

W. J. Lockerman and wife are visiting Mrs. Lockerman's brother, William Waite in Butte City, Glenn County.

Mrs. Sam Hiett was quite ill last week, but is much better now.

Miss Nellie Miller, who has been visiting in Pentz, has returned to Concow.

Mr. W. Hurst, Ernest Graves, and Frank Curtis went to within three miles of Nelson on Knox Creek to catch suckers. They returned home Sunday with one measly little fish a piece. I do earnestly hope that they will have better luck next time.

Austin Parish and Jimmie Franco were in Oroville Wednesday.

Charles Wheeler and Isaac Kitchen have returned to Lovelock.

The mining resources of Pentz are being developed by Pat Nagle and William Huff. Pat mines on one side of the road and William on the other. William has been busy the last few days cleaning out a ditch to run water through, so that he can wash his gold. Although he is 78 years of age, William is still industrious. As to Patrick, I can say that he too, is industrious and willing to labor and every day when the weather permits he is at work on his claim.

Austin Parish lost fourteen fine leg-horn chickens one night this week. The coyotes have a good instinct for picking out our chickens as in this case they did not stop at one and took the best while they were at it. They know a good chicken when they see it.

One of Mr. Sam Hiett's heifers died this week.

Mrs. Bell of Chico, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. Bennum. Mr. Bell has been over but has now returned to Chico.

Pentz, February 23, 1903.

L. P. L.

EARLY FACTS ABOUT SETTLEMENT OF BUTTE

When W. H. Mullen of Big Bend was in town sometime ago he promised to look up some facts concerning the early history of Yankee Hill and send to the Register. We received his notes this week and have turned them over to the printer in their original form:

The early facts about the settlement of the County are worthy of preservation.

Editor Register: Mr. A. B. Clark came here in 1851. I was here also in the fall of '57, but not to stay. The first quartz mill was put up in 1856. The 49 & 50, then the second the virgin was put up in '57. There was a ditch started in '57, also by Mr. Fargo to bring the waters from Swamp Creek. Mr. Fargo did not last long, and a Mr. Judge McCrew took hold and put it through, but they never paid their men. Then in '57 Mr. O. M. Evans came here and started and graded the present road to Yankee Hill

There were other mills put up afterwards, but I do not remember the dates. By the way, they all burned down from time to time.

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There was a company of surface miners working on Rich Gulch and they worked up on the point to near the mill. The mill company sued and served an injunction on the surface company, but the court decided in favor of the surface company and they cleaned up ore—\$18,000 in clean gold.

It is said that Mr. Wells came here and started his store in '57 or '58, and my father Chas Mullen, built the brick chimney to the store, which is standing here yet. Mr. A. B. Clark was the first man to put a notice on the Pershbaker mine. Then Burch and Barrett owned and worked it for quite a while and it paid well until it got so deep that they could not keep the water out. Then it laid idle for several years before Mr. Pershbaker took hold. I bought in in Concow in December 12, 1854, then in the fall of '55 I came here and been here ever since.

WM. H. MULLEN.

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FIRST CLASS WORK TO BE DONE IN CEMETERY

The cement work to be done in the Oroville cemetery promises to be of a higher grade than any heretofore done. The trustees have engaged the services of a very competent and experienced workman, who has made this line a special study and has references which show his unusual skill and ability.

Some of the references that we have seen are of a local nature, being from Cherokee, and because of their local nature they ought to have much weight with our people.

One reads as follows;

"We the committee of the Cherokee cemetery do most cheerfully give testimony to the thoroughness and beauty of the work done by Henry Murphy in our cemetery. By his work the Cherokee cemetery has made a noted place in Butte County.

(Signed) MRS. WM. JAMES
MRS D. H. WILLIAMS
MRS, JAS LAFFERTY

Cherokee, March 2nd.

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"A. P. L." SENDS INTERESTING ITEMS FROM PENTZ

Editor Register: The Paradise baseball team played our team Sunday and were badly beaten. The home team is a picked up team, and has had very little practice, nevertheless they didn't do a thing to Paradise. The score was 13 to 5 in favor of Pentz and the names of the players was as follows:

PARADISE—A. Melvin, F. Buchman, Herbert Graham, R. Buckley, Harry Graham, G. Miller, F. Lincoln, C. L. Meline, F. Buschman.

PENTZ—W. Nesbit, D. Bennum, C. Wheeler, E. Graves, J. Bakon, M. Copeland, C. Bennum, F. Bennum, F. Lee.

Superintendent of Schools R. H. Dunn visited the Pentz school on Wednesday. His wife and children accompanied him.

Our teacher, Miss Lizzie, is making preparations for an Eastern Concert.

Mrs. W. J. Lockerman left for Sacramento Friday, where she will visit friends and relatives.

The posters say that there will be a grand ball here Friday night and that all are cordially invited.

Pentz received a touch of the storm Friday. The whole place was flooded.

A. P. L.

Pentz, March 16.

FORM A

COMBINE

With a Capital of \$10-
000,000

SIX COMPANIES CONSOLIDATE

The Company Furnishes Light in Six-
teen Counties of the State and to
About Thirty-two Towns, Besides
Power for Other Purposes.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—

The California Gas and Electric Corporation is the name of the company which has been formed by the consolidation of the Bay Counties Power Company, the Valley Counties Power Company, the California Central Gas and Electric Company, the Fresno Gas and Electric Company, the Sacramento Electric Gas and Railway Company and the Oakland Gaslight and Heat Company. The Company furnishes light in sixteen counties of this State and to about thirty-two towns, among them being Grass Valley, Nevada City, Marysville, Woodland, Chico, Colusa, Wheatland, Lincoln, Benicia, Suisun, Vacaville, Vallejo, Napa, Santa Rosa, Petaluma, San Rafael, Mill Valley, Belvedere, Tiburon, Port Costa, Martinez, Point Richmond, Berkeley, Oakland and the gas plant at Fresno.

The new combine is authorized to issue bonds to the amount of \$10,000,000. Thirty year gold bonds will shortly be placed on the market to the amount of \$1,500,000.

The officers and directors of the combination are: E. J. Sabla, Jr., President, John Martin, Vice President; John C. Coleman, treasurer; John A. Britton, General Manager; E. W. Hopkins, J. Henry Myer, N. D. Rideout, R. R. Colgate, Frank B. Anderson and Frederick W. Zeile.

FLOOD WATER

The Topic of Conversation

IN THIS TOWN ON MONDAY

The Dredgers in the Stream Were All
All Laid Up, the Concow Lake
Gave Way, the Nelson Bar Bridge
Succumbed to the Flood, etc., etc.

This part of the county was visited by one of the heaviest storms known here for years on Friday, parts of Saturday and Sunday. The line was out of order last evening to the Citrus Association, so we are unable to give the exact rainfall, but it was about 2.40 inches. The rain was warm and carried off the snow on the mountains very rapidly. The river began rising at six on Sunday evening, and it was stated by a number of different persons yesterday that it rose twelve feet between that hour and seven o'clock yesterday morning.

During the night the dam at the Concow lake burst and a large quantity of water stored there for mining purposes was added to the flood.

The bridge across the West Branch at Nelson Bar and the West Branch bridge between Cherokee and Yankoo Hill were carried away.

The Feather rose rapidly after daylight here yesterday and carried off seven or eight cords of wood owned by Chas Bernhardt, of the Log Cabin bakery. It tipped over the power house of the Butte dredge. It drove Mr. and Mrs. Mayo from their home. It stopped the river dredges from all work.

It prevented the train from coming from Marysville and put a stop to the train from here reaching Marysville. It brought down hundreds if not thousands of logs and timbers. If the wood could have been caught it would have made several thousand cords of stove wood. It burst the dam near Pentz and swept immense quantities of slickens along Dry Creek, which was a raging torrent.

Before noon yesterday the water was within three inches of the top of the grade near the old Lava Bed Saloon, and it was thought ere night it would cut that grade and wash it out.

The rains flooded the section around Biggs and the water extended a mile out toward Chardan.

The rainfall for Sunday night was 1.36 inches and this added to the heavy rainfall of Friday and the melting snow in the mountains caused the highest water here for some years past.

It is hoped the water will fall so rapidly as to do little damage. The train will leave here this morning and the men expect to get across the low places in the track, and to reach Marysville without difficulty.

No train arrived yesterday and no mail from any towns except Biggs and Chico.

FLOOD RUMORS YESTERDAY.

Yesterday was high water day in the Feather.

"It has raised twelve feet since last night," said one man. "It has raised two feet since daylight," said young Grugan who works at the Ohio stable.

"The water took away forty tier of wood back of the Log Cabin Bakery" added another man.

"You can just see the top of the posts in the corrals of Tom Lee and J. F. Waterhouse," was the report of one man.

"The power house and transformer of the Butte dredger was tipped over by the water," said John Bullard.

"The Nelson Bar bridge has gone," was the report on the street. The Concow dam has burst and the bridge across the West Branch has been swept away," was the report by phone to Robert Lafferty.

"The lower gas receiver will stand two feet more water ere we have to shut it off," said Jas Havoy, Superintendent of the Gas Company.

The Yuba river at Marysville was seventeen feet above low water mark" said W. H. Honn, manager of the Ewell store.

"This water is nothing," said Henry Bird. "In 1861 I crossed the river in a boat to bring the mail from Thompson Flat and we landed right up on Montgomery street with the boat."

"The Concow lake, when I was there last week," said T. J. Kelly, "was three miles long and a mile wide. Three thousand inches of water were running over the dam at that time so we may expect high water when the water from the lake gets here."

"The dam began giving way at six last night," said Robert Lafferty.

"Half the people in town are on the bridge, and they better look out when the rush comes," was the comment of one man.

"All the dredgers on the river are hung up," said one of the dredger workmen. "Those inland can still work."

"This is the highest water in four years," said one of the men, "and the boats are standing on tip too."

EARLY QUARTZ MINES
IN BUTTE COUNTY

A Scotchman named Bruce made the first location of a quartz ledge in the fifties. It was named the Buffalo. John Nesbit formed a company called the Nesbit Co. In 1853 for the purpose of quartz mining on the Buffalo ledge. Considerable gold was taken out. This mine was worked at intervals from 1853 to 1873 by different companies. In 1873 the mill was destroyed by fire and nothing has been done on the Buffalo ledge since that date.

The Phoenix was operated earlier than the Nesbit by Dr. Smith & Co. south of Oregon City near the junction of the Oroville road from Cherokee to Oregon City

In 1857 White, Nutter & Derrick operated a quartz mine known as the Oregon City. These gentlemen were also interested in a general merchandise store and several enterprises in river mining. Beyond sinking a shaft a short distance not much in the way of development was done in their mine.

Grummett erected a mill in 1852 or 1853 on what is known as the Mascot. It fell into the hands of Armstrong Eros. To show the development of a quartz mill Messrs Armstrong had a great shaft formed of the trunk of a pine tree and fitted with cams made of wood for raising the stamps.

We are told that this was the idea of Hungerford the noted patentee of quartz machinery."

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INSTALLING GREAT POWER PLANT NEAR OROVILLE

Redding, April 14.—The Valley Counties Power Company is now getting in readiness to rush the work of installing an immense plant on French creek above Oroville, a plant that will exceed in power generating capacity that of any of the plants in Northern California, Colgate not excepted. The location of the plant will be on the north fork of the Feather river.

It will be necessary for the company to run a tunnel for some distance through rock, and to do this power will be required, consequently it is proposed to run a line from the Centerville plant of the Bay Counties Power Company to French creek gulch to transmit power for the purpose of operating all machinery used in driving the tunnel and other construction work.

A huge dam is to be built for the purpose of restraining a large amount of water in a reservoir.

In the tunnel it is proposed to use large iron pipe, which will be laid in cement, so that when rust eats the pipe away the cement will maintain a clear way.

In the neighborhood of 2000 barrels of cement have been received at Oroville to be used in the construction, and it is estimated that about 350 carloads of machinery, poles, wire and other supplies for installing the new plant will be required.

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G. G. Odneal has bought the Deadwood place on the North Fork where some years ago a Chinese doctor had a sanitarium. There are forty acres under cultivation and ten acres in orchard. He and his son and daughter will make their home on this Sanitarium ranch.

**NEWSY ITEMS FROM
PENTZ AND VICINITY**

The Pentz baseball team went to Durham and played that nine Sunday. The game was a very close one, but very short and resulted in Durham winning. The Pentz boys were not prepared to beat Durham, as the members of the team are scattered and a few boys who are not members of the team have been serving in the vacant places. Nevertheless, the Pentz boys held their own, and when their nine is once more fully organized Durham will find that they are the real thing. The score stood 12 to 11.

A large crowd went from here to witness the game and also a picnic. They spread a delicious lunch under the beautiful trees and all enjoyed a hearty, good time.

The Durham citizens are making preparations for a picnic on the 16th of May. The Misses Alice and Josie Ricketts and Mrs. Taylor and daughter are the chief workers. The above ladies will do all in their power to make this affair a success and deserve to be rewarded by a large attendance. They will employ good musicians.

The following officers were installed at the I. O. G. T. lodge Saturday night: C. T., Charley Bunnell; V. T., Lottie Bunnell; Superintendent of Juvenile Work, Mrs. Potter; R. S., Aleata Lockerman; Treasurer, W. B. Heckart; F. S., Agnes Graves; Marshal, Eva Curtis; Guard, Howard Boyd; Sentinel, Joseph Curtis; A. S., Bertha Graves; D. M., Jessie Bunnell; Chaplain, Mrs. J. Graves. Miss Phebe Sparks and Master Hiram Sparks were elected to office, but being absent they were substituted. After installation a table was spread with numerous kinds of cake and ice cream was served after which games were played and a short program was rendered.

Some merry girls and boys formed in a party Thursday evening and visited the lime kiln. Every year a party of young folks watch the kiln burn, and the scene is a great novelty to those who see it for the first time in this locality as any new invention.

There are two kinds of hoodlums—the sneak and the one who played his pranks in broad daylight. There is either one of the first kind in this locality, or the driving animals are becoming very intelligent for Saturday night when the members of the I. O. G. T. lodge started to depart they discovered that several horses that had been driven by members had by some unaccountable means become untied. One horse rode by Elliot Sparks had departed for regions unknown probably home, and the young man was compelled to walk to Cherokee, a distance of three miles or more. Other animals were roaming at leisure but they being of a retiring disposition did no damage. As the members who ride to lodge come quite a distance they will consider it a favor if in the future their horses are left undisturbed.

Pentz, May 4th.

A. P. L.

NEW WAY TO BUILD A DAM

Proposed to Blow Face of a Mountain Into the Feather River

GRIDLEY, Cal., May 7.—W. H. Morrell, who is promoting a ditch and power plant scheme of great magnitude, contemplates the use of water of the Feather river, where it pours through a tunnel, which was put in at Big Bend by R. V. Pierce of Buffalo. Morrell has a proposition for building a dam which is startling, and which is viewed by many who live below the proposed works with some alarm. He proposes to build a dam at a point on the Feather river where the banks slope up to the top of a considerable mountain, and instead of using cribbing or concrete he will charge the face of the mountain with dynamite and when all is ready will blow a great mass of rock into the bed of the stream, thereby making a dam which will retain the water at a considerable height above the present level of 350 feet. A lake several miles long will be formed and there is likely to be much opposition to the scheme as the fear is expressed that such a dam will not safely hold back a large flow of water.

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BIG POWER PLANT NEAR BIG BEND

It has been published in numerous papers that C. L. Morrill, who is operating on the North Fork of Feather river, intended to blow off the side of the mountain and fill the stream so as to create a dam.

We made a careful inquiry this week and find the above statement is incorrect. It is the intention of Mr. Morrill to build a dam but this will be of solid masonry and will be 150 feet high instead of 350 feet. It is to be built in a narrow gorge on the river so the dam will not be a long one and owing to the fall in the stream it will only back the water up about a mile and a fifth or 7000 feet.

The dam will be located just below Big Bar and when it is completed the water will be taken from the river by means of a canal about a mile in length. The water will then be sent down to the river bed by means of pipes, generating a large amount of electricity which will be transmitted south to Oroville and down through the Sacramento Valley to San Francisco.

The figures as obtained by us were that the water would have a fall of 400 feet, that the flow of water will be 62,000 inches and that it is expected to generate 60,000 horse power.

The loss in transmission to San Francisco is estimated at upwards of 35 per cent, but that the company would be able to deliver 35,000 horse power.

We have not attempted to verify any of the figures, but simply publish them as they were given to us by one who stated that he knew the facts.

Mr. Morrill has twenty-five men at work on surveys, trails and roads and on the first of June will increase the force by adding fifty men.

The plan of Mr. Morrill if carried out to its full extent and all the plants were in operation would furnish, we are told 225,000 horse power. The engineer in charge of the work is Henry Kleugle, but it is understood that a specialist will be employed in the construction of the big stone dam.

FIRST REPORTS OF THE CONCOW HOMICIDE

The killing of Henry C. Farley, of Concow, is one of the tragedies that will live in the annals of the County. We judge from all the accounts we have been able to gather that Bert Wright, who fired the fatal shot, was fully justified in the homicide.

Henry Farley and wife were divorced in the Superior Court of Butte about a month ago. Failure to provide, we understand, was the ground for the divorce. Farley it appears, although divorced, was very jealous of his wife, although she was neither young nor handsome. He was jealous of Wright among others. The street story is that some weeks ago he saw Wright leaving his—Farley's—house and fired a shot at him. We think this will be shown to be an error when the case comes up in court.

On Saturday afternoon Wright, who was mining on the North Fork, came up from the river and went to the Farley house to get some supper and to take home his laundry for the week. While sitting at the table he heard a step on the porch and said to Mrs. Farley, "Who is that?" She replied, "Henry." As Farley appeared he made a move as if to draw a pistol and Wright sprang into the kitchen. Farley at the same time ran into another room to get a shotgun. His son followed him, shut the door, and tried to prevail upon him not to go out with the gun. He kept possession of the latter, threw up a window and jumped out.

Either the son or Mrs. Farley told Wright what had happened and Wright caught up a rifle in the house and left through the back door.

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Farley in the meantime had partly gone around the house and the two met near the corner. Farley fired a shot and Wright stepped back around the corner, the shot having missed him. Farley advanced and was about to shoot again, when Wright fired with the rifle, and shot Farley in the mouth, the bullet passing through the head and causing instant death.

Wright started for Oroville to give himself up. From Yankee Hill he was brought here by Mr. Spencer, of that place, and reached Oroville about midnight, where he was at once locked in jail.

Farley has long had the reputation of being only too ready to use a gun, and, although he has been engaged in no tragedies, yet from his expressions and evident willingness to use a gun, he had gained anything but an enviable reputation.

He had long been engaged in mining on the North Fork and was a brother of Wm. Farley, an old miner of that locality.

Henry Farley was in town the first of last week, and sold all his mining property to Mr. H. H. Yard, of the Butte and Plumas Railway Co. He and others, who were partners with him, owned about two miles of mining land along the river. He told J. M. McGeo while here that he was preparing to go East, and expected to leave in about a week.

Mr. Wright is a son of H. Wright, of Concow Valley, an old and esteemed resident of that locality. Young Wright bears a good character, and it is believed by some that he was not to blame in the matter, but that Farley was jealous without cause. Others regard Wright as having been the cause of the separation between Farley and his wife.

CONCOW TRAGEDY

The killing of H. C. Farley by Bert Wright at Concow on Saturday, afternoon adds another of the dark tragedies to the criminal annals of Butte County. The news of the shooting was telephoned here on Saturday evening but the facts of the case have not heretofore been presented.

Below will be found all the evidence obtainable concerning the homicide. These facts were brought out yesterday at the inquest held by the Coroner at the home of the deceased, near Concow.

Without attempting to give this in the language of the different witnesses, we have put the whole in the form of a continuous narrative. For the past two years H. C. Farley, the man who was killed has been jealous of B. Wright, and he had on several occasions warned him away from his home. Even the family of Mr. Wright realized he was making a mistake and urged him very strongly to break off his relations with Mrs Farley, and to keep away from the Farley residence.

He continued, however, in spite of the warnings and for some time past has gone armed.

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About the 1st of October, 1902, Mr. and Mrs. Farley rented the North place on the road near Concow; and they continued to live together up to about two months ago. Wright continued to come to the house occasionally, when Farley was away from home. Wright was at the house on one occasion when Farley came home, but Mrs. Farley managed to get Wright away without her husband knowing he was there.

Two months ago she decided to obtain a divorce from her husband, and taking the two youngest children, went to Yankee Hill, where she obtained a situation as cook with Mrs. Dora Wells.

During these two months Wright hung about the place to see Mrs. Farley whenever he could get away from his work, and at the end of the two months Mrs. Wells discharged the woman because of this. Mrs. Farley declares she left of her own accord.

Wright, when she left, wheeled her things down to the North house, where Farley had still continued to reside. When she returned Farley expressed surprise to some of his neighbors, and said if Wright did not keep away he would kill the s— of a b—. This continued till a week ago.

Wright came there on Sunday—a week ago yesterday, if we are informed correctly—and left his Marlin rifle with Mrs. Farley, and then went away.

He left some of his wearing apparel in the house when he went away. On Saturday evening, May 23rd, Joe Farley, aged about twenty years, and son of H. C. Farley, came home at a quarter of six in the evening, while his mother was cooking supper. Bert Wright was there, and he and Joe talked until Mrs. Farley said supper was ready, when the three named and two younger children of Mrs. Farleys, a boy and a girl, sat down to the table. While eating Mrs. Farley heard a step on the porch, and the person entered the parlor. She went at once to the other room, saw it was her husband, spoke to him, and then turned back to the dining room and said, "It is Henry." To her son, Joe, she said, "Go in and make him behave himself." Bert Wright jumped up from the table, pulled his pocket knife, and stood by the door leading from the parlor to the dining room.

Joe Farley went into his own room, where he saw his father with a shotgun. He was taking off his shot pouch and powder horn at the time. He began asking some questions about the mine, thinking to give Wright time to escape by the kitchen door, where he could have gotten away through the orchard. He did not detain his father long enough, however, and Mr. Farley started to go through the parlor into the room where Wright was standing with his knife. Joe spoke to his father, and said: "Look out, papa. Be careful." At this Farley turned, went to the bedroom and caught up his shotgun. Joe tried to get it from him, but the father was too strong, and threw him off and onto the bed, but the boy sprang up, reached the door first and shut it. His mother caught the knob of the door on the other side—in the parlor—and held it fast. Farley turned and went out through a window.

Wright in the meantime had gone to Mrs. Farley's room and obtained his rifle.

Joe came into the kitchen and said,

"Papa has gotten out of the front window." Mrs. Farley went to the front door, and looked out, where she saw Farley standing at the corner of the porch with his gun leveled toward the door of the parlor. She came back and told Wright that Farley was out there, and for him to go out the back way. Farley must have heard her tell Wright this, for he turned and went along the porch, where he could see into the back yard.

Wright started from the parlor with his rifle to go to the kitchen, when Joe Farley grabbed the gun and tried to take it away from him, but was unable to do so. Wright jerked loose and ran out of the kitchen, off the back porch and into the yard. Mrs. Farley followed him, and says that when he got out he started to run through the orchard. Farley, who was standing near the corner of the house by a little picket fence, saw him and cried: "Now I have got you you s— of a b—."

Wright turned and ran toward a large spruce tree in the yard. Mrs. Farley ran between the two men, although at the time both men had their guns leveled. Almost instantly both guns were fired. She said she was looking at Farley, and was so close to him that the powder from his gun burned her face.

The facts show that the gun discharged by Farley must have been slightly elevated, for the shots struck the eaves of a low building about seven feet from the ground, and above the top of Wright's head.

The first bullet from Wright's rifle cut along a post about five feet high, near where Farley was standing. Mrs. Farley says she turned to look at Wright, and she heard the click of the gun, showing that another shell was being thrown, so as to be fired. As the gun was fired she turned to look at Farley; that he had turned and was going along the house two or three feet from where he stood when the first shot was fired. Wright, she says, had not changed his position.

The bullet wound from the second shot of Wright's gun showed that he must have hit Farley when he was turned from him, as the bullet went in under the lobe of the right ear and came out of his mouth.

Farley continued along the porch till he met his son, Joe, who had run out of the parlor door and along the porch. Farley spoke to Joe, and said, he was shot; was killed, and would live but a few minutes. He walked around onto the front porch, where he sat down on a lounge, and died within a few minutes.

The statement of Mrs. Farley tends to protect Wright, and in one important particular disagrees with that of her son. This is with regard to the position of Wright in the back yard. The mother says Wright ran away, trying to get behind some trees, while the son says Wright turned, and went toward his father when he, Wright, was in the back yard. It is evident that Mrs. Farley will do all in her power to make the action of Wright self-defense.

The gun used by Farley was a double-barrelled shotgun, but one barrel was rusty and would not work, so that when Farley fired one shot he was helpless.

The sentiment of the people of Concow and Yankee Hill is that Wright was in the wrong all the way through.

Wright was brought to Oroville on Sunday night by F. J. Spencer and locked in jail.

Sunday Coroner Sol Pettit, Sheriff Wilson and District Attorney Sexton went to Concow and held an inquest on the body of the deceased, when the facts as stated above were brought forth.

Bert Wright is the son of Mr. H. Wright, one of the most esteemed citizens of Butte County.

H. C. Farley owned an extensive mine along the bed of Feather River, which he and his two partners sold last week to H. H. Yard, of the Butte and Plumas Railway Company. He was planning to go East in about a week.

FARLEY'S WOUNDS

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Show That His Back Was Turned

WHEN HE WAS FATALLY SHOT

Dr. Kusel, Who Has Returned from
Holding the Autopsy Says Intense
Excitement Prevails Among the
People in That Locality.

Dr. E A. Kusel, who held the autopsy upon the body of the late H. C. Farley, says the killing of Farley by Bert Wright, has occasioned an intense excitement among the people of the locality where the homicide took place.

When the case of Bert Wright comes up in the Superior Court it will be shown that the wound of Farley was made after he turned and his back was toward Wright. Note the position of the fatal wound and you will readily see this for yourself. Farley was standing with his left side near the wall of a house. After he fired his gun he turned, bringing his right side toward the house and the bullet from Wright's rifle struck him in the neck half an inch back of the ear, and two and a half inches below the ear.

This bullet tore along the lower jaw bone on the right side, tearing out all the teeth on that side and came out of the lower part of the face.

Note the position carefully and you will see that Farley was not shot while facing his opponent, but after he had turned away and was almost with his back to Wright. There can be no other conclusion to this idea.

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Pentz, Butte Co., Cal., Dec. 20, 1901.

This is to certify that I, J. B. Gerholdt, of Pentz, Butte Co., Cal., was successfully treated by Dr. W. S. LING, of the Oroville Sanitarium, for a Bone Tumor in the palm of my right hand, of ten or twelve years' standing, and to my surprise and that of all others who saw my hand, I still retain it, and it is well and good as ever. I attribute it to the wonderful treatment of Dr. W. S. LING, the Chinese Herb Doctor of Oroville, Butte Co., Cal., and would say to all that are afflicted in this way, to try Dr. W. S. LING.

J. B. GERHOLDT.

All Diseases Cured Exclusively by Chinese Herbs

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6-6-1903

About one hundred men are working at the French Creek plant of the Bay Counties Power company. This power plant when completed, will be one of the most economical in operation in existence for the reason that there will be neither ditch, flume nor extended pipe line to maintain. The water will be piped from the reservoir to the power house through an inclined tunnel and down the mountain side.

6-9-1903

ON FRENCH CREEK

BAY COUNTIES COMPANY BEGIN-
NING TO BUILD.

WORK WILL NOW BE RUSHED

Shipping Agent Williams is Preparing
to Send Vast Quantities of Material to
the Site—50 Men Now Working—Teams
Wanted.

The Bay Counties Power company is about to begin the work of building at French Creek the great power plant for which surveys were made last year. Sixty men are now at work and are principally engaged in building a wagon road to the site of the power house on the North Fork of Feather river. When this road is completed the actual work of construction will begin, work, being prosecuted simultaneously from both ends of the tunnel through which the pipes will be laid from reservoir to power house.

Shipping agent Williams of the Bay Counties company is in Oroville preparing to arrange for the shipment of vast quantities of supplies to the scene of activity. He finds it hard to secure teams and wants all he can get. Provisions, lime, cement, pipe and machinery must be hauled by team to the works and it is expected that three years of hauling will be necessary to get the stuff on the ground.

The company has of late been shipping large quantities of groceries to the French Creek camp. R. S. Powers has sent 15,000 pounds of supplies from his store alone. Heretofore the men were boarded in private boarding houses but the company will open their boarding house this week.

The French Creek plant will be one of the largest in the west, probably the very largest yet constructed. The reservoir will be four miles in length and 100 feet deep. From the reservoir to the power house, a distance of 6600 feet a tunnel will be built and in this the pipes will be laid in a straight line. The fall is 1700 feet and the force to be generated is estimated at 30,000 horse power.

The company is now engaged in completing a new plant on Butte Creek, twenty miles north of Oroville. Pipe is now being laid and machinery placed. Two lines of 30 inch pipe will lead from the bulkhead to the Butte Creek plant and if our memory is correct about 20,000 horse power will be generated there.

Several men have been transferred from Butte Creek to French Creek and more will be added as rapidly as they can be effectively employed.

Power for the work at French Creek will be transmitted by pole line from the Butte Creek power plant.

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NEWSY NOTES FROM CONCOW VALLEY

We have had very warm weather for the past two weeks.

Mr. H. Wright was very ill last week and Dr. Higgins of Oroville was called to attend him. He is much better now and is able to be about again.

Miss Edyth Semmon paid Oroville a visit last Friday.

Miss Annie Wright was a guest at Flea Valley last week. Flea Valley seems to have many attractions. I wonder what they are.

A great many surveyors are going into Big Bar.

A number of men are at work on the old Flea Valley ditch, which is owned by the Diamond Match Company. Sid Wellington is boss of the gang, hurrah for Sid.

Sam Conway is chief cook and every one who has had the pleasure of sitting before Sam's delicious meals say he can't be beat.

The cattle men are still driving cattle to the mountains.

Mr. Jake Hottman and wife paid Oroville a visit on Monday. They say it is much warmer there than in Flea Valley.

A dance will be given next Saturday night at the Concow school house, or the Deadwood school house as it is commonly called.

Miss Lottie Bunnell and her brother and sister of Pentz are the guests of J. C. Miller and family.

Mrs. Tobe Welch, accompanied by her niece, Mattie Morris are stopping in Concow for a while. PEGGY..

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CLEARING LAND

AT FRENCH CREEK

At French Creek a number of men are engaged in clearing the land for the site of the new sawmill. Others are at work cutting logs and building roads so as to get logs to the mill. Quite a force of men are at work on the bottom land clearing off all brush and trees where the reservoir will be located. A large number of men are at work on the road that leads from the site of the dam down to the river.

BROTHERS MEET

AFTER SEPARATION OF MORE
THAN HALF A CENTURY.

VISITING THEIR OLD HOME.

John V. Goode, Eighty, and George
Goode, Seventy, Guests of Nephew
Near Owensboro.

[Owensboro Inquirer.]

Two brothers who had not seen each other in fifty-three years met in this city Friday night. They were John V. Goode, of Chicago, and George Goode, of Dallas, Tex. They are now at the residence of Mr. R. F. Goode, on the Hardinsburg road.

In 1849 what was known as the "gold fever" carried off thousands of the best young men of the country. Some went across the plains, braving the dangers of the trackless prairies, wild animals and wilder men, in their quest for wealth, while others undertook the long journey around Cape Horn or the more dangerous short cut across the Isthmus of Panama. John V. Goode took the former route, leaving his Daviess-county home in the summer of 1849 and making the trip across the plains and mountains behind a mule team. He reached the Golden Gate, and was soon afterward deep in the mountains and engaged in the hazardous and uncertain business of mining. He met with varying success, not so desperately bad as many and not so fabulously successful as a few. He acquired some good mining property, however, by taking hold when others let loose, and when the excitement had died away he found himself in possession of mining interests that brought him a steady income, while those who staked all on a single cast returned home, poor in money but rich in experience or else in both.

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Four years ago he decided to spend his declining days nearer the center of civilization. He bought some property in Chicago, retaining his mining interests in California, and moved to the Windy City to make his home. Within the past few weeks he became homesick and wanted again to see Kentucky before he died. He realized that the country he had left a wilderness must be all under cultivation, the rugged little village must be a city of good size, and that those whom he knew as boys must be old men, while all those he knew as men must have long since died. It was even as he thought, and hardly one of his old friends had stood the wear and tear of more than half a century. Men who were unborn when he went away were grandfathers when he came back, and he was almost sorry he came.

In some way his brother, George, a little boy when he last saw him, but now and for many years past a substantial farmer of Parker county, Tex., learned that his brother was coming to Kentucky, and made up his mind that he, too, would revisit the scenes that had lived only in his memory for forty years. Accordingly, he went to Dallas, and, with his wife, commenced the journey that ended at Owensboro. The meeting between the two brothers was affecting. Both shed tears as they embraced each other, but they were soon happy, as they lived over the days of their youth and informed each other of the many things that had come to both in the long years since they had parted.

Mr. John V. Goode is more than eighty years old, but is hale and hearty. Mr. George Goode is only seventy, and would not thank any man to call him old. Both are at Mr. R. F. Goode's, and will remain there for some time. He is their nephew.

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YOUNG HESBOL SHOT YESTERDAY

**WHILE TOYING WITH A GUN BLEW
OFF ONE SIDE OF FACE.**

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Kusel was called to Clear Creek to attend young Hesbol, a lad of eleven years who shot himself yesterday while toying with a pistol. Young Hesbol was fooling with a gun when his playmate told him he had better look out and he laughingly said 'Just watch me shoot myself.' Placing the gun under his chin he fired it off, and the result is that he is minus part of his tongue and the upper part of his jaw and face. Dr. Kusel stayed with him all night, returning this morning and says he does not think the boy can possibly live.

Note: This is Melvin, son of Ernest Hesbol.

BIG BEND

Big Bend school opened last Monday morning with Miss Dora Spencer in charge. Miss Spencer is the daughter of Judge Spencer of Yankee Hill and a graduate of the Ohio State Normal School, class of 1903. Thirteen pupils are in attendance.

Civil Engineer O. W. Jasper and his surveying force of the Western Pacific railroad, are camped at Island Bar. He will in a few days move camp further up the river.

Our friend Henry Turner has been made happier by the arrival of his family from Thompson's Flat.

Messrs. Turner and Bunyea who are building ditch for the Western Power company are catching salmon and curing it for winter use. The gentlemen will be able to keep Lent easily, judging by their success in solving the finny beauties. In the evening they set a net at the lower end of the tunnel where the fish come up Dark Canyon, and in the morning they never fail to find a fish or two.

We regret to state that our neighbor John Hunter talks of moving out of the Bend. He has sold his cattle to John M. Mullen.

I have just learned that Mr. Morris and crew will move camp in a day or so.

It is said by those who know that the old gentleman Dargee is getting quite spry, dresses in latest fashion and moves around like a young man. He has business quite frequently at the residence of a neighbor. If you chance to see the old gentleman and a nice looking lady in town you will know what's in the wind.

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There came near being a conflagration at John Mullen's on the morning of the Fourth. Nothing strange in that when boys are exploding firecrackers etc. The porch caught fire, a wagon shed was burned and some flour badly damaged. The volumes of smoke pouring in the window of the bedroom of Wm. Watson, the Plumas surveyor, awoke that gentleman who jumped out of bed just in time to save the house. Mr. and Mrs. Mullen had not awakened yet. The boys were dashing water on the flames but the fire aided by a stiff north breeze was gaining headway. It was a lucky escape I tell you.

WM. H. MULLEN.

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7-20-1903

GOLDEN GATE SEEN

FROM BUTTE COUNTY.

A story in the papers about a peak near Lake Tahoe from which Sacramento city can be seen, stirred the local pride of the Gridley correspondent of the Bee and he "goes 'em one better." He writes of a peak in Butte county from which the beholder can view a broader and wider landscape.

The peak referred to is the one on which in the early days the Government lookout station was located. To reach the peak it is necessary to ascend the Flea Valley road to a point above Concow, where Bartes trail leads to the North Fork of the Feather River. The river is then crossed and the peak confronts the traveler.

At the top the old Government buildings are still in a fair state of preservation, and with a glass one can see the Golden Gate, San Francisco, and the Bay, even discerning the shipping in the harbor. The mountain is about 1,800 feet high.

This mountain is near the place where Charles Morrell, the power plant promoter proposes to blow the side of the hill into the North Fork for the purpose of building a dam 350 feet high to obtain a great water power.

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7-31-1903

YANKEE HILL

The earthquake last Friday, which was quite heavy at this place, awoke us to the fact that no items had been sent to the MERCURY for some time, so we send you a few we have gathered.

Miss Mary Moak of Ohio is teaching the Concow school with an attendance of thirteen pupils.

Miss Dora Spencer has charge of the Big Bend school.

Miss Millicent Ward of Alameda is visiting old friends at this place.

Dr. Lowe of Paradise was called today to see Mrs. Thos. Jones of Cherokee, who is spending the summer with her niece, Mrs. Jos. Miller.

A. B. Clark, who has been quite ill, is improving nicely under the care of Dr. Kusel.

Mrs. Carl Boltjer of Oroville visited her mother, Mrs. Hodapp, last week.

Mrs. T. J. Sweetman of Oroville is visiting friends around Yankee Hill.

Miss Gussie Wells has returned from a visit to Oroville.

Mrs. O. W. Jasper is spending the summer at Frenchtown. Mr. Jasper is engaged in the survey on the North Fork for the Western Pacific railroad.

Mrs. T. J. Sweetman and Mrs. Armbruster accompanied Mr. Armbruster to Big Bar this week. A good wagon road (a little steep in places) has been built from the top of the Big Bar hill down to the railroad camp on the North Fork under the charge of R. F. Tompkins. Eighteen men are employed and work is progressing favorably. Mr. Tompkins receives visitors cordially and makes them welcome and a very pleasant visit was repored.

Mrs. F. J. King and baby are spending the summer with relatives at Yankee Hill.

A picnic party has gone to the fishing grounds on the North Fork to spend the day and a merry time is anticipated. The following ladies and gentlemen are of the party: Misses Millicent Ward, Gussie Wells, Edwina Lunt, Messrs. Robert Campbell, Mae Wells and S. Dorn.

The new bridge across the West Branch will be completed, it is reported, by the first of October. It is greatly needed by the people on this side of the river and especially by the mail stage, for passengers and mail have to be taken across a foot bridge and met on this side by another stage. When the two new railroads are completed up the North Fork the daily stage will be a thing of the past.

PHOENIX.

Yankee Hill, July 28.

8-03-1903

Oroville Mercury.

OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CAL., MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 3, 1903.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

A. W. Cook of London England, has deeded to W. P. Lynch the Frac s w $\frac{1}{4}$ of 7 and lot 1 and n e $\frac{1}{4}$ of n w $\frac{1}{4}$ of 18 all in 23-3 also s $\frac{1}{2}$ of n e $\frac{1}{4}$ and n w $\frac{1}{4}$ of n e $\frac{1}{4}$ of 12-23-3. The acknowledgment for this deed was taken before Henry Clay Evans, Consul General of the United States of America for Great Britain and Ireland at London.

O. H. Porter has purchased from the Sacramento Valley Bank certain lots in the Town of Biggs.

Clark Standiford, J. H. Hogan and others have located the following mining claims:

"Chino No. 18" in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 12-22-5;

"Chino No 19" in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 12-22-5.

"Chino No 20" in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 12-22-5.

"Chino No 15," in W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 2-22-5.

"Chino No 16" in E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of 2-22-5.

"Chino No 17" in S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW of 2-22-5.

A transcript of judgment from Santa Clara County in the case of F. W. Gross vs O. E. Cummings was placed on record today.

A decree of divorce and distribution of property in the case of Henry Finkernagle vs Margaret Finkernagle granted in the Superior Court of Tehama County was recorded this morning.

STAGE TIME TABLE.

YANKEE HILL STAGE.

Leaves Oroville daily (except Sunday) for Cherokee and Yankee Hill at..... 6:00 a m
Reaches Yankee Hill daily at..... 12:00 m
Leaves Yankee Hill daily at..... 8:00 a m
Reaches Oroville daily at..... 3:30 p m

CHICO STAGE.

Leaves Oroville daily (except Sunday) at..... 1:00 p m
Leaves Chico daily at..... 7:00 a m
Arrives in Oroville daily at..... 10:00 a m
Arrives in Chico daily at..... 5:00 p m

FORBESTOWN AND WOODLEAF.

Leaves Oroville daily (except Sunday) for Forbestown and Woodleaf at..... 3:00 a m
Reaches Woodleaf daily at..... 12:00 a m
Leaves Woodleaf daily at..... 9:00 a m
Reaches Oroville daily at..... 4:00 p m
Connects at Woodleaf daily for La Porte at 12:00 m.
Reaches La Porte at..... 6:30 a m
Leaves La Porte at..... 6:00 a m

OROVILLE AND POWELTON.

Leaves Oroville daily (except Saturday) at..... 1:00 a m
Reaches Powelton daily at..... 10:00 a m
Leaves Powelton daily at..... 1:00 p m
Reaches Oroville daily at..... 6:30 p m
Connects Daily at Powelton for Prattville.

BIGGS STAGE.

Leaves Oroville daily at..... 2:00 p m
Leaves Biggs daily at..... 7:00 a m
Arrives in Oroville daily at..... 10:00 a m
Arrives in Biggs daily at..... 4:00 p m

LUMPKIN AND ENTERPRISE.

Leaves Oroville, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at..... 8:30 a m
Reaches Lumpkin Monday, Wednesday and Friday at..... 1:00 p m
Leaves Lumpkin, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at..... 6:00 a m
Reaches Oroville, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at..... 4:00 p m

QUINCY.

Leaves Oroville Monday, Wednesday and Friday at..... 2:00 a m
Arrives Monday at..... 6:00 p m
Leaves Quincy opposite days at..... 8:00 a m
Reaches Oroville Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at..... 6:30 p m

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A NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

The steep mountain grade at Concow Valley almost claimed another list of victims yesterday. A party of six, Misses Millicent Ward, Gussie Wells, Edwina Lant and Messrs. Robert Campbell, Mike Wells and S. Dorne of Yankee Hill, after a day's outing at Flea Valley, where the day was spent in fishing, most miraculously escaped death.

The skillful driver, Mr. Campbell, successfully guided his four spirited horses down the dangerous grades from Flea Valley to Concow. Good time was made and they would have reached home without an accident had not the brake given way at a critical moment on the hill at Concow above Mr. Wright's place. The horses dashed at break neck speed down the grade, the wagon with its terrified occupants clattering at their heels in a cloud of dust.

The driver with cool headed daring, presence of mind and decision successfully made two turns. The team crossed a twelve-foot bridge, and at this point the two wheelers fell and were dragged fifty yards, the leaders breaking loose and starting for home. They were stopped by Mr. Wright, who was coming down the grade, and returned to the scene of the disaster.

After repairing the damages done, a fresh start was made and the journey finished with a dash of enthusiasm undampened by the mix-up. H. T.
Yankee Hill, August 1, 1903.

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THE LARGEST

INDIAN BASKET

One of the largest Indian baskets we have ever seen in California, was sent down on Saturday from Big Bar by Captain Tompson of the Butte and Plumas R. R. Co. The basket measures three feet across, almost two feet in height, and was estimated by a number of gentlemen who examined it to be capable of holding over thirty gallons. The basket has been made by some of the Indian women in the vicinity of Big Bar.

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French Creek Sawmill.

Frank Bean, who is hauling freight for the French Creek Power Plant, says freight just now is a little slack. Two hundred or more men are at work on French Creek for the company. The new sawmill began cutting lumber on Thursday of this week. Good progress is being made on the road from the dam to the North Fork.

NEWS ITEMS FROM

FRENCH CREEK

A note from French Creek says:

Rev. Mr. Beeks and son, Vincent, called on us on the 4th, inst.

Mrs. Fredericks has been laid up with tonsillitis.

A young man picked up a loaded rifle on Sunday and in pulling it toward him accidentally discharged it. The bullet tore away a portion of his hand. Dr. Bullington dressed the wound.

Indian Boy (grandson of Oregon Charley)
Oroville Mercury
8-18-1903

DEATH FROM

ACCIDENTAL POISONING

Deputy Coroner Reynolds went to Oregon City last night to inquire into the cause of the death of the Indian boy by poisoning yesterday.

He found that a small package had been seen in a tree by a spring for six weeks. The family went to the spring Saturday evening and took the package home. It was found to contain candy, crackers and cake. The candy had been melted by the heat of the sun. The two boys ate it. Dr. Reardan gave his opinion that death resulted from accidental poisoning, and as the circumstances were so plain, Deputy Coroner Reynolds did not deem it necessary to put the County to the expense of an inquest.

The boy's remains were buried today in the Indian "resting ground" at Bloomer Hill.

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CHEROKEE ITEMS.

Jake Sturmer, Jr., and wife are taking a holiday in San Francisco.

Sid Wellington and Tom Coleman of Yankee Hill, were in town the other day.

Ben Ford is taking in the G. A. R. tournament in San Francisco and Joe Davis is attending to business affairs in the hills. As a consequence horse owners are compelled to dig around for old horseshoes and do their own shoeing.

Indian Davy, the 12 or 13 year old son of Oregon Charley, is a gritty little Indian. He is one of the two boys who were poisoned Sunday afternoon, and when the other boy died early Monday morning, he was sent on a saddle horse to inform some relatives who were at work in a peach orchard a few miles below Thermalito. He was so sick that he was unable to eat anything or even bear the sight of food since he and the other lad had eaten the poisonous stuff, whatever it was, the day before. But he kept right on until he reached his destination and delivered his message, though he was so sick he had to get off his horse and lie down under the trees by the roadside nearly every half-mile of the way.

Cherokeeites have been looking forward with much interest for some weeks to the time when a gentleman known as "Old Sandy," a hostler and erstwhile attorney, shall get his trial for unlawfully taking, stealing and purloining a chicken, the property of another, and selling the same for thirty-five cents to a Chivaman known as "Stanford."

The prosecution is non-committal, and the date of the trial is a deep and dark enigma to all who are not connected with the prosecution. It is to be a jury trial, and the defendant who intends to conduct his own case, seems anxious for the legal scrap to begin, but he has not the power to name the day. He appears to take the situation as complacently and confidently as a checker-player who has a king in a double corner. There is much speculation as to whether he will deny the taking of the chicken or admit it and argue that it was legal and proper, or whether he will admit the act and plead insanity as a defense.

It is becoming apparent now to what extent this neighborhood depends on the ditches, pipes and reservoirs that supply the mine, and the seepage from them for their water supply. Very nearly all the pools and springs are dry after about three weeks without water in the ditch. Some of the wells would probably fail also if the water were shut off permanently. Water is so scarce that a good many cattle depend on water drawn from wells for their drink. To quench human thirst, Mr. Vinton and son are busy from daylight till dark uncorking bottles of Schlitz to save wear and tear on the well wheels. Nearly every yard in town has two or three orange trees and six or eight other trees that were always well cared for and always looked green and thrifty, but now many of them are dead and the curled, yellow leaves of the others indicate that they won't need any water if they don't get it soon. But it is an ill wind that blows no good to anybody at all; the mosquitoes which used to be such a pest, are almost wiped out, and malaria is consequently not nearly so common as it was.

WM. THUNEN.

Cherokee, Aug. 19, 1903.

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9-5-1903

SCHOOL BENEFIT.

The trustees of Concow School District, near Yankee Hill, have purchased a fine organ and the people are making efforts to assist in the payment. So the ladies of that district will give a benefit social at the school house on Saturday evening, September 5, 1903. A fine entertainment will be given. A dance will follow. Ice cream and cake will be served.

A good time is assured to all who attend.

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**CHEROKEE DREDGING CO'S
LARGE MACHINE SHOP**

The Cherokee Dredging Company have lately built a large machine shop 40 by 80 feet down at the dredge and are now receiving the machinery for it. When the shop is completed it will prove a decided convenience to the dredge in the way of making repairs quickly.

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It is said two loads of lumber are now on the ground for the West Branch bridge. The people of Cherokee, Concow, Yankee Hill and vicinity have waited many months for the rebuilding of this bridge.

Dearth of Water.

It is said that at Cherokee there is a dearth of water and that the little orchards and gardens are drying up. No water has come through the pipes for some months and even some of the wells are beginning to dry up. The big well near the Vintin store got so low that people had to stop watering stock there.

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COURT HOUSE NOTES.

The following deeds have been recorded:

Date, Sept. 19, 1903. John Gable, George Gable, Fred Eilerman and L. L. Green to Valley Counties Power Company, Quit-claim deed to SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 30-22-6.

Sept 26. Frank L. Martin of Magalia to S. P. Low, of same place, a small piece of land in 31-23-4.

The following mining locations have been placed on record: "Cherry Mine" on Cherokee Ravine by G. W. Rumble; Chino No. 34 on SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 14-22-5. by Clark Standiford, J. H. Hogan and others; Forget-me-not on SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 9-26-4 by H. W. Attenborough; Rim Rock on NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 19-23-4 by Levi Cohn; — on SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 4-25-4 by James C. Wild and H. L. Holcomb.

Notice to Creditors.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY of Butte, State of California.

In the matter of the estate of John Gramps, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of John Gramps, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said Administrator at the law office of J. M. McGee; in the McGee building at the corner of Bird and Meyers streets in Oroville, Butte County, Cal., the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate in the County of Butte.

Dated Sept. 17, A. D., 1903

DAVID GRAMPS,

Administrator of the estate
of John Gramps, deceased.

J. M. MCGEE, Attorney for the Estate.

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ANOTHER SHORT SKETCH OF AN OLD PIONEER

Among those who have spent the greater part of their lifetime in old Butte is E. W. Slater, who has charge of very important construction work for the Valley Power Co., at Nimshew. Mr. Slater is one who during most of the time he has been in the county has had charge of various enterprises and he says it with some pride that during the fifty-one years in which he has been in California that he has not worked at days labor for anyone or had to ask for a job. When he worked for others it has always been in a position of trust and responsibility.

He came across the Isthmus, coming to Aspinwall on the steamer United States and from Panama to San Francisco on the Winfield Scott. He came direct to Butte County and went to Bidwell Bar, where he engaged in mining. He mined in the river and at placer mining up to 1855, when he was Superintendent of the High Rock claim about five miles up the Feather.

In 1856 he was Superintendent of the Ohio and the Rough and Ready, two claims that joined each other on the river. They were a short distance above High Rock. The flume put in there was forty feet wide and 1700 feet in length. The lumber for this flume was hauled from Hart's Mills or Virginia Mills, down to the junction of the North and Middle Fork and then floated down the river to the place where it was to be used.

In 1857 Mr. Slater was Superintendent of the Missouri Bar mine on the bar of that name. The flume there was 1500 feet long.

In 1858 he flumed the Sailor claim two miles above Missouri Bar and on the North Fork of the Feather. From that time until 1862 he was engaged in placer mining or in constructing works for others but in the summer of 1862 he flumed the West Branch. The flume there was only twenty feet in width. He worked at mining in various localities until 1866 when he got hold of the Bloomer Hill quartz mine and spent two years there putting up and running an eight stamp quartz mill.

From there he moved to Enterprise about 1868 and made that place his home for the next twenty years. He was engaged in quartz mining or in building mills for others and in similar work. During this period he built a quartz mill near Brownsville in Yuba county and was there nearly a year. He spent most of a year at Oroville, where he was engaged by Major McLaughlin and N. A. Harris as Superintendent of the Golden Gate flume on Feather river.

He spent most of a year in Oroville building a dredger, we think the Oroville.

In 1900 he went to Colgate and put in for the Bay Counties Power Co. an immense dam and during the past two years he has been in the employ of the same company or the Valley Power Co. at Nimshew where he has charge of the heavy construction work, reservoirs, dam building, etc. He has at the present time about 150 men under his direction and gets about over the country and oversees the work just about as spry now as he would have done at High Rock or on the Sailor claim nearly fifty years ago.

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INTERESTING NOTES

FROM FRENCH CREEK

Editor Register: They are building houses for the employes at French Creek, as fast as the sawmill can cut the lumber. They have their sawmill on the ground and the carpenters are kept busy building. When I left there a day or two ago there were five houses being constructed at one time. They are making preparations for winter. They will work all the men they can at camp one this winter.

There is quite a town being built there and I think by next summer they will have a postoffice established and a regular mail line.

All the work is carried on under the supervision of Superintendent G. L. Alberts. Each man working for the company is treated with respect as long as he behaves himself. There is no liquor allowed on the grounds, that is one good feature with this company.

There are three camps named No. 1, 2 and 3. The men at number 2 and 3 are building the road from number one or the dam down to the river, where the power house is to be. That will be about five miles. They have four miles constructed now. It is the best road in Butte county, a nice even grade of eight per cent.

There will not be much done this winter on the grade on account of the stormy weather, which will set in before long.

DON CARLOS.

STRANGE CARVINGS

Or Hieroglyphs Found on French Creek

ALSO A CURIOUS ROCK ON MOORETOWN RIDGE

A Government Agent and R. M. Green
Visited the Locality on French
Creek and Found Them Curious
and of an Interesting Nature.

No man in the county takes a greater interest in Indian relics and Indian handicraft than Mr. R. M. Green of this town.

He heard some months ago of some curious Indian carvings or hieroglyphics on French Creek and induced a government agent who was making a study of these things to go there. The gentleman visited the locality and found even more than Mr. Green had reported to him.

There are strange carvings on the rocks in circles and the local Indians seem to have a fear or superstition about these.

There are other figures upon the rocks in the vicinity and by some who have visited Arizona is claimed that these carvings have been done some time by the Apaches.

Mr. Green not long ago visited the Mooretown ridge where he heard of a curious rock. It is a hollow groove cut in the stone and is of life size. It is claimed by the Indians of that vicinity that when a woman is very tired or has the backache that if she will take a light stick and lay across this groove and then lie down on her back so as to break the neck the ache or pain at once disappears.

Mr. Green gave us the name of this hollow or groove, but we have mislaid our notes on the same.

We say no one takes a greater interest in Indian relics and if one will visit his store he will note the largest collection of Indian baskets to be found in the county. He has also some of the other utensils used by the Indians for gathering berries, collecting acorns, etc.

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**WEST BRANCH BRIDGE
WILL SOON BE DONE**

The people of Yankee Hill, Concow and Flea Valley are devoutly thankful to know that the bridge across the West Branch between Cherokee and Yankee Hill is to be built at last. This bridge was washed out last winter or spring when the dam at Concow was broken and the people all summer have had to go a long and round about way to get to Oroville

The Supervisors did their best to get this work hurried up, but a variety of reasons seemed to put obstacles in the road, but now the bridge will soon be finished.

SKETCH OF AN

OLD RESIDENT

Jacob Patterson, a pioneer who came to the State in 1854 says that he crossed the Plains and reached American Valley in August, 1854. He was taken a number of weeks ere he was able ill in that valley and remained there to come on further. They started to cross the Plains so early in the spring that they had to wait for a time to let feed get a better start.

They had some trouble in Iowa with the Indians of the Omaha tribe who insisted on collecting toll from them. The horses ran away and he went back to Canesville to try and find them. He was riding a mule when he met four Indians and they demanded his money. One raised his rifle, cocked it, swearing in good English that they would kill him if he did not give up his money. He put spurs to his mule and took the chances of running as he had nothing to defend himself with. The mule carried him off in safety.

Later they drove 260 head of loose cattle and 20 head of loose horses across a stream where there was a bridge. Finding one ox missing after they crossed they all went back to hunt for him and when they drove him to the bridge the four Indians, who had demanded Patterson's money now demanded \$6 for letting them drive this ox across the stream. Two of the party wished to fight, but one man was much frightened and said he would pay the money out of his own pocket if they would have no trouble.

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The same Indians were bent on having trouble for very soon afterwards they went to a camp, shot at the women and wounded one man with a knife in the breast.

Patterson and others armed themselves and went with the owner of the camp back to the place to help defend the property. They found one of the Indians had been wounded and followed the trail of blood some distance, but he had gotten safely away. While they were looking, however, they came in sight of two Indians on a poney and the Indians fired at them. Patterson and another man started for them ere they could reload and succeeded in shooting both.

The description of the fight was given in a most realistic manner by Mr. Patterson.

When he reached Butte his first work was mining on French Creek. He mined in various localities and in all the different ways that men used in those days, sluices, long toms, rockers, etc. He was over in Nevada at one time and then returned to California.

He says that the summer of 1864 was very dry. He was offered flour in the fall of 1863 here in Butte for \$2.25 a hundred pounds. In the fall of 1864 he had to pay \$10 a hundred.

The Cherokee mines had been turning out by using rain water alone from \$75,000 to \$80,000 each year, but that dry year they turned out only \$74.

Water is still at a premium at Cherokee. The scarcity was caused by the break at the Concow dam at a time in the year when the reservoir did not fill up after the break. The dam has been repaired and as soon as the rains come water will be furnished at Cherokee for mining and other purposes.

Prosperous Camp.

The Valley Power Company at French Creek will very shortly put in a top saw and an edger in the new sawmill at French Creek. There are now seven families located there and new houses are going up on every side. R. M. Grubbs has lately moved there making the eighteenth family.

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West Branch Bridge.

The new bridge across the West Branch between Cherokee and Yankee Hill was completed and put in perfect order last week. The Yankee Hill stage, Frank James driver, with two lady passengers, Miss Dora Spencer and Miss Lemmons crossed the bridge Saturday, the stage being the first rig to cross it.

ASSAULTS

HIS WIFE

And at First it Was Believed

THAT HE HAD MURDERED HER

Jacob Gaub, a Resident of Morris Ravine Struck His Wife, Knocking Her Unconscious. Her Brothers Came to Town for the Officers.

News was brought to Oroville about half past eight Sunday evening of a murder having been committed on the road between this town and Cherokee, by Jacob Gaub, a well known resident of Butte, who had struck his wife and killed her. The report was brought in by Joe Entzman, a brother of Mrs. Gaub, who had come in after a physician, and to notify the officers.

Entzman went to the office of District Attorney Warren Sexton, where he told the story of the affair, to the officer, and requested that something be done.

He said that late in the afternoon he and his brother, who live but a short distance from the Gaub home were just coming in from work and had driven to the barn to unhitch their team. While doing this their attention was attracted by one of the son's of Mr. Gaub coming as fast as he could run toward them, shouting at the top of his voice that his father had killed his mother, and asking the Entzman brothers to go over and help them keep their father away from her.

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The men immediately left their team and ran over to the Gaub place, and tried to obtain an entrance, but the doors were locked, and at first there was no response to their knocks for admission. Finally the doors was opened by Gaub and upon entering the room the Entzman brothers found their sister, Mrs. Gaub, lying on the floor in the center of the room in an unconscious condition.

They asked her husband, who was standing nearby watching his victim what was the matter, but he would not reply to the questions asked him, and would do nothing but stand and gaze at the unconscious form on the floor. They tried to rouse the woman, but she was apparently badly hurt and unable to move. Restoratives were resorted to, and after some efforts the injured woman was restored to consciousness.

She was removed to a couch nearby and questioned as to what was the matter with her, and all the answer given to the queries was a moan and she placed her hand to the region of her heart and passed off into an unconscious state again, moaning as if in deep pain.

Gaub was again questioned and this time said that he had struck her with his fist and knocked her down. He said that the trouble had arose over money matters. It seems from his story of the trouble, that he had sold all the wood he had at the house to a man named Williams for \$5, and that he was to leave for Grass Valley in a day or so to appear in some case as a witness, and that Mrs. Gaub wanted him to return the money he had obtained for the wood to her so that she might give it back to Williams when he came for the wood and tell him that he could not have it, as she had nothing with which to cook while Gaub was gone.

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This her husband refused to do and during the argument that followed he struck her with the above results.

After hearing Gaub's version the attention was again turned to the woman, and as she seemed to be in a dying condition Joe Entzman, left the place and went home, where he hitched up his rig, and then went and told his wife to go over and do what she could for his sister while he came to town to get a doctor, and notify the officers of what had happened.

The District Attorney upon hearing the story of Entzman immediately sent Constable Reilly to the scene of the affair to arrest the murderer and investigate the matter, as far as was possible.

Jacob Gaub is an old and well known resident of this portion of the county. He and his wife reside on a lonely spot about half way between Oroville and Cherokee, and it is sort of a stopping place on the road, as Gaub keeps a watering trough and many stop to water their teams and to get a drink of soda water for themselves. They have been living at the place ten or twelve years. Mrs. Gaub is of Austrian birth, while her husband is a German.

They have had some quarrels in the past and we think once or twice Mrs. Gaub has threatened to leave him on

account of his drink, as when he is drinking he is of a quarrelsome disposition. A few years ago while returning from Oroville with more than a usual load of wine aboard he tipped his wagon over and broke one leg. He was laid up for several months and still limps considerable with this leg.

LATER—Constable Reilly returned from the scene of trouble about midnight, and when interviewed by a Register representative, said that the affair was not as bad as was reported. He stated that Gaub and wife did have trouble as is given above, and that the man admitted to him that he had struck his wife and knocked her down, because she had become angry when he would not give up the \$5.

Reilly says that when he arrived the woman was still unconscious, but that Dr. Reardan, who had been summoned brought her back consciousness after working over her for some time. The physician examined the injured woman, but failed to find any wounds that would cause death, and gave it as his opinion that she would recover.

The officer questioned Gaub closely as to the affair, but was unable to get much out of him. The people who were there were also put through a sort of examination by Mr. Reilly, and seemed not to know as much about it as they first thought.

Upon considering the facts of the case the officer decided not to arrest Gaub, and came back to town. The case will undoubtedly be looked into today by the authorities and it is possible that a charge of attempt to commit murder will be lodged against Gaub.

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The teams of C. Welch came down from Concow this week, bringing fifteen or sixteen surveyors, who had been in charge of Messrs. Norris and White for the Butte and Plumas Railway during the summer. Both of the surveyors named remained at Big Bar, but it is thought but little outside work in the way of surveys will be made during the rainy season.

John Wells was down to San Francisco for a few days, but came home and has gone up to Yankee Hill. He said yesterday afternoon he was talking with parties at the Hill during the day and they reported that the team of Mrs. D. E. Wells was coming down last evening to bring about fifteen surveyors who had been at work on the river.

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CHEROKEE ITEMS.

George Medanich has a cherry tree in full bloom in his front yard. The rain about ten days ago brought the bloom out.

Mr. Vintin has resumed operations in the mine. There is water enough now for hydraulicking.

Almond and apricot trees stood the drought of the past season better than any other orchard trees. The almond trees appeared to do as well as if they had had water. Orange trees suffered most.

There was some talk of christening the new bridge across the West Branch after the manner that a battleship is christened. A bottle of champagne to break on the rail being difficult to obtain it was suggested to take a bottle of beer instead. Tom Vintin suggested that two or three dozen bottles would make a more swell affair. Jack Hyde agreed with him, but he thought a couple of empty coal oil cans should be provided to empty the bottles into before breaking them.

N. R. Brown and Thos. Cortlett are in Cherokee, their usual winter quarters. They and Messrs. Jack Flynn and Iver Johnson will do a little mining on a small scale as often as the rains supply them with water.

Tom Darby is home rusticat'ng.

WM. TRONEN.

Cherokee, November 18.

Gordon Nesbit, of the Spring Valley quartz mine near Cherokee, reports fine progress in development work.

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12-2-1903

BAY COUNTIES' COMPANY

STOP DEVELOPMENT WORK

News was received here this afternoon that all construction work for Bay Counties Power Company has been stopped by orders from the head office. The Oroville office has been ordered discontinued after January 1, 1904. So the operations by the company at Nimeshe w and French Creek will cease. No reason has been given yet. This company has spent large sums of money at both places so it is reasonable to consider that the suspension of work will be only temporary.

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The surveyors are flocking down from the hills like valley quail when the winter storms begin. The parties have been breaking up and moving down for some weeks past. On Saturday twenty-six in one party of the Butte and Plumas Railway came down from Big Bar. This week one other party will come to the valley and only two or three men will remain at Big Bar during the winter. There is too much wet weather in the winter months to do much in the line of surveying.

Spring Valley Mine.

Alec Wilson was in town from Cherokee yesterday and said that work was being pushed ahead on the dam for the Spring Valley Co., and that as soon as it was completed work would begin in the mine. The tunnel now being run on the quartz ledge is in about 1000 feet.

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HOME BURNED IN CONCOW VALLEY

The home of Chas Simmons and wife of, Concow Valley was burned down last Saturday evening. The fire broke out about nine o'clock, while Mrs. Goulding, daughter of Mrs. Simmons, was over to the Miller place for a short time. The house was a total loss, and in fact, the elderly couple barely escaped with their lives. Nothing was saved from the home except two pictures. Mr. Simmons is one of the oldest ploneers in that part of Butte, and is 83 years of age. There was no insurance upon any of the property, so that everything is a total loss. We are unable to learn how the fire originated.

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WILL MAKE AN

EXTENDED TRIP

Gordon H. Nesbit will leave here shortly on a very extended trip. He goes from Oroville to San Francisco about the middle of January. Will start from there to New York, thence to London, Berlin and Moscow. While on his route he will take a side trip into Scotland to visit relatives. From Moscow he will go to St. Petersburg and from there will go to Siberia and end his journey on the Yenesei river.

He has been engaged by Mr. Donald McDonald on a dredging proposition on the river named.

Mr. Nesbit has been in Russia before and speaks the language so he will find himself better off than most men who visit that country. He expects to be away a year on his journey.

Note: Gordon H. Nisbet