

NEWSY LETTER FROM  
OUR PENTZ REPORTER

Pentz, February 20th.

Editor Register: It looks like there is going to be something doing in the mining line around here soon. A gentleman who stopped at Pentz this week appeared to be looking over the ground and making tests. Other mineral tests, which were made by W. P. Lynch, were reported unfavorable, but if appearances stand for anything, the first test was but the beginning of many, and it is thought there will be not a little work in the mining line done on the land owned by W. P. Lynch, in the near future.

The Good Templars has a rousing good time with a banquet to top off with on Saturday night. They were to install officers, but on account of some errors in the officers' reports the installation was postponed. A debating club has been organized in conjunction with the lodge. The subject which is to be debated Saturday night is, "Resolved, that a smoking chimney is more easily gotten rid of than a scolding wife."

A social dance was indulged in here Saturday night. A large crowd from Clear Creek and Oregon City attended.

Due respect will be paid to the Father of Our Country here on that noted man's birthday, as the teacher of the school, Mr. G. H. Chester, is training his pupils for the occasion, and I believe has a fine program prepared to entertain the parents of the pupils under his training.

Miss Velva Parrish of Chico has been visiting in Pentz this week.

At J. G. Curtis' they will soon finish work on the olives for this year. It has been a tedious task to get the olives picked this year as help is very scarce and rainy days are often.

Sam Hieft took a party of miners up above Flea Valley Saturday, where they intend to mine.

GOOD TEMPLAR.

**3-6-1905****ESCAPE**

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**Of a Chinese Miner Near  
Big Bend**

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**FROM BEING DROWNED  
A FEW DAYS AGO**

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A Pocket-Hunter in the Vicinity Heard  
the Chinks Cries for Help and  
Rescued Him After Some Trouble  
From His Perilous Position.

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A Chinaman who is placering on the Big Bend is represented to have been nearly drowned a few days ago, according to a pocket-hunter named Roberts who came in from there yesterday. He says the "Chink" was working a small river bar, and while engaged in attempting to remove a big boulder with a pole, he lost his footing and fell into the river, and was immediately swept into deep water. He happened, however, to keep hold of the pole, and after being carried down stream several hundred feet, the pole lodged between two points of rock. The "Chink" clung for dear life and yelled lustily. His cries were heard by Roberts and some Chinamen who were working in the vicinity, and they at once rushed to the rescue. The "Chink" was fished out, as wet and weak as a half drowned rat, and his fellow-countrymen administered stimulants and dry clothes, and soon he was burning punk to propitiate the evil spirits who came so near terminating his mundane career.

# Oroville Daily Register

3-9-1905

## YANKEE HILL DISTRICT WILL FEEL REVIVAL

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Two prominent mining men from San Francisco, Messrs. A. Hunker and F. C. Leavitt, have been in Butte county for several days past, and yesterday made a trip to Yankee Hill, returning last evening. It is understood that their trip has something to do with the reopening of the Rainbow mine near Yankee Hill, and while full particulars are not obtainable at this moment, it is known that extensive developments are projected, including the sinking of the shaft an additional 300 feet, and running out drifts in order to get more backs. The Rainbow has been known as a good property in the past, and its resumption means the resurrection of the Yankee Hill district generally.

As a matter of fact, all of the northern ridge country, drained by the western tributaries of the North Fork of the Feather river, including the West Branch and Butte creeks, is looking up, and from all present indications the coming season will be more lively up there than in several years past. Many Oroville people are interested up that way, and Oroville will naturally be a gainer by the developments of the mineral resources of that section. The promised revival of Yankee Hill will, therefore, be watched with much interest.

# Oroville Daily Register

3-14-1905

## BIRTHDAY DINNER

GIVEN AT PENTZ

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A very pleasant birthday dinner was given on February 26th at the home of Mr. Thomas Esman, near Pentz, it being the sixty-sixth birthday of Mr. Esman and the sixty-second of Mr. Bennum.

At one o'clock the guests sat down to a fine turkey dinner.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Esman, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bennum, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hiatt, Mrs. Lon Stone, Mrs. L. Cable, Myrtle Bennum, Anna Hiatt, Josie Esman, Frank Bennum, Clarence Bennum, Frank Stone, Ralph Hiatt, Brantley Copeland, Leslie Stone, Hiram Blogett, Lester and Alvin Lynuch. C.

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4-4-1905

A. A. Hedge was in town yesterday from Oregon Gulch. He said he had cleaned up his mine lately and was not working it at present. He has had charge of the roads in his vicinity for some time past, and has not been able to give his attention to mining. He told us that Lasater and Grummett were opening the Bluejay quartz mine at Bloomingdale, but that they were not in the tunnel far enough yet to strike the ledge.

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Joe Frank, Sr., and his daughter, of Oregon Gulch, were hitching up a horse a day or two ago to a cart, when the horse started to run and knocked Mr. Frank over against a barbed wire fence, cutting and bruising him considerably.

# Oroville Daily Register

5-15-1905

## INTERESTING ITEMS FROM CONCOW REGION

Charles Simmons, who was stricken with paralysis about a week ago, is one of our best-known old-timers of northern Butte county. He was one of the original locators, or at least one of the early owners, of the celebrated Buchanan Hill gravel mine. His many acquaintances deeply grieve over the affliction that has befallen him, it being feared that because of his old age he cannot survive the shock long.

An effort is being made to develop the mineral resources of the country round about, and some prospecting for quartz ledges as well as pocket-hunting is being done. Not far from the Concow postoffice a seam is being prospected by C. E. Boswell, and he has good indications for mineral. The seam is in a contact between porphyry and slate. Boswell has had experience in pocket-hunting in Mariposa and Trinity counties. Postmaster Wright, and the latter's cousin, is interested with Boswell. It is hoped that they will succeed in unearthing a good ledge, as it would be a benefit to everyone in this neck of woods.

Mr. Joe Miller has recovered from a five weeks' severe siege of la grippe.

Charley Campbell and M. Thomas of Cherokee passed through here a day or two ago on their way to Flee Valley, where they are putting up fences around the stock range.

Travel to the upper country is quite brisk for this time of year. The railroad surveyors' camp in the North Fork country, and the work of the assesment gangs of the North California Mining Company cause the traffic. Concow has been pretty quiet for several years, but it looks now as if it was going to liven up.

FABER WIELDER.

Concow, May 13th.

## Buehrer, John

### MAN FOUND DEAD WAS A PROSPECTOR

A telephone dispatch from Sheriff J. M. Chubbuck, who went up to Yankee Hill to investigate the finding of the remains of a man in that neighborhood on Saturday, shows that the deceased was a prospector who had been in that neighborhood for about a year past.

Coroner Sol. Petitt, Constable Barnes and Dr. Johnson, of Chico, went up to Yankee Hill also to look into the matter, as the report which originally came to District Attorney Sexton inferred that the man had been murdered.

At the inquest held the facts elicited failed to warrant such a theory.

The body was found on the hillside along the Feather River canyon about nine miles from Yankee Hill, in the neighborhood of Bartee's Bar. He had evidently been dead not less than two weeks. The body was lying in a natural position, one hand by his side, and his pipe lying there also.

His watch was in his pocket, and the pockets had evidently been undisturbed.

Reports from parties who had met him show that the deceased had been in that neighborhood for about a year past looking for a mythical gold lake in the hills, on which subject he appeared to be a crank.

Part of the time he had lived at Yankee Hill, and part of the time in a cabin in the neighborhood of Big Bend.

Among his effects were found papers showing that his name was John Buehrer, a native of Switzerland, and 45 years of age. In 1888 he was naturalized in Ohio. In his pockets were found the address of Judge Daugherty and some letters indicating that he was acquainted in Placer county.

Owing to the advanced stage of decomposition a thorough autopsy could not be made, but it was plain there were no external wounds and there were no injuries to the skull.

The jury summoned by Coroner Sol. Petitt brought in a verdict that the deceased came to his death from unknown causes, and recommended that authorities investigate the case.

Sheriff Chubbuck remained on the scene to make any investigations that he might deem necessary.

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5-17-1905

T. S. Linebarger and James R. D. Moak, the parties who found the body of the old man Buehrer, on a trail near Bartee's Bar, on last Saturday, were in Chico on Monday, and were very positive that there are circumstances justifying the belief that there was foul play in connection with his death. From investigations made since by the proper authorities there was nothing found to warrant this assertion.



## WEEKS' BODY RECOVERED

From the Waters of the  
Feather River

TWO MILES FROM  
SCENE OF DROWNING

After Over Two Weeks of Con-  
stant Search Directed by Father  
of Deceased, Geo. W. Weeks, the  
Body Was Recovered Yesterday

Rarely, if ever, does the treach-  
erous currents of the Feather  
River give up their dead, for it is  
seldom that a body is recovered  
that has been drowned in it; but  
there was one exception yester-  
day, when the body of young  
Rufus Weeks, who was drowned  
near Bartee's Bar, on April 29th,  
was found and recovered.

The young man was the son of  
George W. Weeks, owner and pub-  
lisher of the Alameda Encinal,  
and was employed as the local  
manager of the Golden State  
Power Company.

On the day the unfortunate ac-  
cident occurred he had started  
to row, in the forenoon, across  
the river at Bartee's Bar. The  
current being very swift, carried  
the boat down stream some dis-  
tance, and it struck a cable that  
was stretched from bank to bank,  
and upset. Weeks was thrown  
out, and immediately sank, and  
that was the last seen of him un-  
til the body was found yester-  
day.

The parents were at once noti-  
fied, and at once a search for the  
body was instituted, and from  
that fateful day until the body  
was found, yesterday, a ceaseless  
vigil was maintained, never for  
a moment the search being given  
up, but parties patrolled the dan-  
gerous canyons, on the constant  
lookout for the body, and yester-  
day their efforts were rewarded  
by the finding of the remains.

The news was received here  
late in the afternoon over the  
North California Mining Com-  
pany's telephone line, and Mr.  
George Weeks, the bereaved  
father, who, night and day, has  
constantly been on the alert,  
having just left one searching  
party and being on his way to  
join another, was notified.

Mr. Weeks immediately left for  
the scene of the finding.

The body was found about two  
miles below where the drowning  
occurred, and was first seen by  
William King, of Big Bar, and  
was floating down stream near  
a point known as Live Oak Bar.

King at once summoned assist-  
ance, and with the aid of a pole  
the body was pulled ashore bare-  
ly 200 yards below where it was  
first seen.

The body was in a fair condi-  
tion, and the Coroner will hold an  
inquest on the remains to-day  
(Thursday).

Three searching parties under  
the direction of the father, have  
constantly patrolled the stream,  
although it was believed to be  
almost hopeless, and when their  
labors were rewarded, E. B.  
Ward, of the North California  
Mining Company, who has done  
everything to assist in the search,  
kindly notified the parties along  
the line of the company's phone,  
to stop search, as the body had  
been found.

Word was immediately dis-  
patched to the sorrowing mother  
at the home in Alameda, and the  
father lost no time in starting  
for the point where the remains  
were found.

After the inquest the remains  
will be interred at Chico by the  
side of his fiancée, Miss Eva  
Moak, who was foully murdered  
there about a year ago, and whose  
assassin was never caught.

It was the expressed desire  
of the unfortunate young man  
that his remains be at death de-  
posited by the side of his af-  
fiancée, and his wishes will be  
respected and carried out.

Little did this happy couple  
think, when they plighted their  
troth with vows of enduring love,  
that in a short space of time  
both would meet violent deaths  
—one to be ruthlessly shot down  
by a cowardly assassin, and the  
other to go down to his death in  
the deadly embrace of the  
treacherous currents of the  
Feather River.

# Oroville Daily Register

6-6-1905

## A CURIOUS SPRING IN THE BIG BEND REGION

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Mr. Clark Standiford tells us that a mineral spring exists on the banks of the Feather in the vicinity of the Big Bend tunnel that is somewhat novel in its character. The spring is of a soda nature, but the waters froth and foam and people do not like the taste of the same. The deer, however, are very fond of the water, and Mr. Standiford says that he has seen as many as a dozen deer near the spring at one time.

When the wild pigeons begin to arrive they, too, are very fond of this water, and roost upon the trees near by in countless numbers.

He does not remember seeing any other birds except pigeons that drank of this water, nor has he ever seen any other animals but deer about it.

# Oroville Daily Register

6-8-1905

## RESIDENCE DESTROYED

### A Fire at Coal Canyon Yesterday

AFTERNOON ABOUT  
TWO O'CLOCK

The Building Was the Home of M. T. Crum and Wife — Nearly Everything Was Lost, and There Was No Insurance on House or Contents.

The residence of M. T. Crum and wife, at Coal Canyon, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon about two o'clock. No one was at the house, except perhaps an old man who has been working about the place doing chores. Morris was in the field at work at the time, and Mrs. Crum was in Oroville, where she has been for the past week. From a telephone message sent in from the Water Company's ditch station only meager details could be gathered. The fire started in the rear of the building, but from what cause is not known, and this gave time for the saving of a few articles of furniture out of the front rooms. Excepting this all else was lost, including the wedding gifts of the couple. We understand that there was no insurance upon the house or its contents.

# OROVILLE

## WATER CO.

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### NEW SURVEYS TO INCREASE WATER SUPPLY

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B. L. McCoy Has Charge of the Surveys and it is Believed a Ditch and Tunnel Will be Constructed so as to Bring More Water.

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In order to increase the supply of water, new surveys, it is asserted, are being made by the Oroville Water Company. These surveys are under the direction of B. L. McCoy, and they head toward the West Branch. It is the belief of those living in the vicinity that these surveys means a ditch and tunnel will be constructed so as to bring more water from the West Branch.

It is rumored, too, that the water will be used to generate electricity. However that may be, the ditch talked of and the electric plant discussed are some distance in the future yet, as the company is now simply running lines in the vicinity of Pentz, Parish's, and over toward the West Branch.

# CONCOW SCHOOL DISTRICT HAVING FACTIONAL ROW

## GEO. CHESTER'S SEVERE FLOGGING OF A SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY CAUSES GENERAL DIVISION AMONG THE PATRONS.

Used Three and Four-Foot Live-Oak "Suckers" Which Left Bumpy Places and Brought Blood—Trustees With Him, but Parents of Most of the Children Want Him Fired.

There are warm times ahead for George Chester, a graduate of the Chico Normal School of a year ago, for he has thrashed to a finish a couple of boys of the Concow school district, and one of the boys has displayed to his father a welted body and some blood, and the father has had the boy before District Attorney Sexton and produced the live-oak sprouts with which he was flogged. So strong was the complaint made to District Attorney Sexton that he detailed Assistant District Attorney Kennedy to make a thorough investigation of the affair, and Kennedy, accompanied by M. H. Goe, carried out the instructions Sunday, giving the entire day to interviewing the interested parties and some others of the district. What Assistant District Attorney Kennedy will recommend has not been announced.

It appears, from all The Record can secure relative to the trouble, that there has been a decided division in the district relative to the teacher employed. The trustees of the district are Mrs. Lunt, Jesse Odniel and John Mullin. Heretofore, it is claimed by Mrs. Lunt and Mullin, the big boys of the district have run the school, and they employed Chester to take that management away from the youngsters. They say that he has done this and they propose to have him continue to run the school. They have with them in this belief, the Hodapp and Armbruster families, the sum total of whose children in the school is six. Odniel, when he could not recently bring the other trustees to his way of thinking about Chester's cruelty, and secure his dismissal, resigned, and since the severe flogging was given Verne Crogham and Butte Williams, there are lined up against Chester, the Hunter family (fourteen children, five of whom are attending school), the Crogham's, Odniel's, Miller's and Mrs. Farley, and these families represent fifteen of the school children. They declare that they will not send their children to Chester, so that if Chester is continued as teacher he will have a school of but six pupils.

The story of the flogging, as it appears from a sifting of the tales of both sides, is that Chester thrashed unmercifully Verne Crogham and Butte Williams for bringing a bottle of wine and about two tablespoonfuls of whisky to school, drinking it and then lying about it. The boys represented

two factions. Butte Williams says that he got what "was coming to him," but Verne Crogham thinks he secured an extra dose because of Chester's having received an impolite note from his father. It is also claimed by some of the pupils that Chester made a remark about how he would give Crogham's father something to roar about. The father had sent a note objecting to the teacher tearing his son's shirt in flogging him.

Judging from the stories of both sides, the conclusion must follow that

Chester gave the boy, who is about sixteen years of age, an unmerciful flogging with a four-foot live-oak "sucker" that was crooked and therefore the more severe; that the boy's body was severely welted and that blood was drawn; that Chester lost control of his temper and whipped him up and down the aisle, and in the course of this administration of punishment a curtain was torn and the door broken. The implements used in the punishment are now in possession of the Assistant District Attorney, and they are certainly beauties, one four feet in length and the other three feet. Chester admits that they were the switches employed.

In Chester's behalf it may well be said that he has brought the pupils of the district to a realization that he is running the school, as no teacher has done in the past.

Note: The names Crogham, Mullin and Odniel are misspelled throughout; correct spellings are Croghan, Mullen, and Odneal



**George Chester**

photo courtesy of Jane Homen

Chico Record  
6-27-1905

**OREGON CITY POST-  
OFFICE WAS ROBBED.**

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(Special to The Record.)

OROVILLE, June 26.—The Bloomingdale postoffice at Oregon City was robbed last night, and Sheriff Chubbuck is now on the ground investigating.

The robbers pried open the door and succeeded in getting away with about \$40 in stamps and \$12.50 in silver. The postmaster is Elias Jones. The postoffice is in a shed addition to his home, but he was not at home last night. His wife was there alone.

# OROVILLE WATER CO.

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WILL INCREASE THEIR  
SUPPLY OF WATER

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The Company is Also Preparing for  
the Construction of a Large Elec-  
trical Plant, Which Will be Put Up  
in a Very Short Time.

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Little by little we have gathered  
the data about a big improvement to  
be undertaken by the Oroville Water  
Company. From no one individual,  
but from a dozen, we have gathered  
the ends of the threads which show  
that a move of more than usual im-  
portance is being planned.

It is well known that for the past  
year the Company has been increasing  
the size of its ditches, putting in new  
flumes and putting in larger pipes.

The object of the Company was two-  
fold, to increase their supply of water  
and also to prepare for a big electrical  
plant which will be put up within a  
short time.

The Company a short time ago pur-  
chased what is known as the Kunkle  
reservoir, and this will be enlarged  
so as to hold a great supply of water.

Several surveys have been made  
within the past two years, all looking  
ahead to the electrical plant to be  
installed. Now things are nearly in  
shape for it.

The new flumes constructed from  
the head-dam to Thermalito are six  
feet wide and nearly three feet in  
depth. There yet remain three small  
sections to be put in, near the Par-  
rish place. These will make in all  
about 1600 feet.

B. L. McCoy, the surveyor, has been  
at work for several weeks with a num-  
ber of men, running the final lines and  
making the surveys for the plant.

It is understood that within a short  
time a force of from seventy-five to  
eighty men will be put at work near  
Kunkle and everything will be put in  
shape as rapidly as possible.

The Water Company will not lose  
any water, for it will all come down  
the ditches, pipes and flumes as be-  
fore, to Thermalito and to Oroville.

It is supposed that electricity will  
be generated for Oroville and also for  
the various dredgers in which Mr.  
Goodwin and other members of the  
Water Company are interested.

Our data is not exact because it  
does not come from the members of  
the Company, but it is sufficiently cor-  
rect for all ordinary purposes.

The Company will be able to gener-  
ate several hundred horse-power, and  
when the new plant is installed it is  
probable the local plant at Thermalito  
will be done away with.

It is likely that during July a large  
force of men will be put to work and  
before the rainy season sets in the  
new plant ought to be in operation.

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Daily Register  
6-30-1905

**MINE CLEAN-UP.**

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T. L. Vintin, owner of the Cherokee gravel mine, is cleaning up the mine after a long run. They began mining last September, and this has been the longest run ever known in the history of the mine with natural water. The supply of water was sold from this mine and this season the reservoir and ditches caught what was possible, but the season has been a favorable one.

So far as the work of cleaning up has gone the indications are very good.

# Daily Register 7-31-1905

## A TOWN OF                      CHEAP POWER

We wish the people of this town could and would persistently keep before the world at large through the papers, by means of articles in magazines, in booklets and by means of pictures, one important fact—namely that Oroville can give as cheap power for manufacturing purposes as any town in the United States. We have a grand river flowing by our town. That river within two miles of Oroville will afford plenty of power for a hundred manufacturing establishments.

We ought to set forth this fact in every manner possible.

The gentleman who owns one power location stands ready to build a dam to furnish power. Why cannot the citizens of Oroville through some form of committee or organization bring together the people who wish cheap power for manufacturing and the man who can give it to them?

Aside from the water power which will soon or later come into use here, we have several electric plants that will in time send power here if factories are established. Two of these plants now transmit power to the dredgers and a third plant will be established this fall or early winter.

Let us work to make Oroville a manufacturing town. It is factories that pay steady wages and steady wages make rich towns.

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Sacramento Bee

7-31-1905

## **Sacramentan Robbed**

**at Reno**

(The Bee's Special Service.)

RENO (Nev.), July 31.—Charles Durett, supposed to have escaped from officers at Yankee Hill, Cal., has been arrested here on a charge of robbing A. W. Walker, of Sacramento, of \$200. in the passenger station early this morning. Both men were drinking.

Sacramento Bee

8-18-1905

## Accuse Sacramentan of Compromising Bad Case

(The Bee's Special Service.)

RENO (Nev.), August 18.—A. W. Walker, an old man of Sacramento, who was robbed at this place of \$287.50 by Charles L. Durett, of Yankee Hill, Cal., his traveling companion, has returned home, the money having been repaid to him by a relative of Durett, who lives in Reno.

Walker played a shady part in the transaction by leaving the city immediately after the relative agreed to pay the money. Durett was being held in jail, but as Walker was in parts unknown, the guilty man was released. Later Walker returned to collect the money from the relative.

A Reno law firm of prominence is implicated in the compromise. It is said that a Grand Jury may investigate the matter.

# POWER PLANT

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SITUATED VERY  
CLOSE TO PENTZ

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The Plant is to be Constructed by the Oroville Light and Power Company, and Will Have a Capacity of 5000 Horse-Power.

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The new electric light plant to be constructed by the Oroville Light and Power Company near Parish's ranch, above Pentz, will have a large quantity of water for use, and this will drop about 450 feet. The ditch is carrying to that point fully 500 inches of water and as each inch falling 400 feet will give a horse-power, then the water in the ditch will give something over 5000 horse-power.

The dredger company of which Mr. J. W. Goodwin is President, will have five dredgers in operation and will consume about 50 horse-power. The other 4500 horse-power will be for sale either to dredgers or for manufacturing, lighting or other purposes.

Contracts are now being made for material, rights-of-way are being secured, the line for poles has been surveyed, maps are being drawn, and everything points to early commencement of work on the new electric plant.

The distance from Oroville will not be over twelve miles, so the loss of power in transmission will be slight.

When Oroville becomes a manufacturing town this plant ought to furnish a good deal of the power.

## MERGER OF PROPERTIES

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A gigantic deal in valuable properties came to light on Saturday, when articles of incorporation of the Oro Light and Power Company were filed in the office of the Butte County Clerk.

The purposes of this incorporation are to deal in water, rights and privileges, to manufacture and generate power, electric power and electric energy, to sell and dispose of the same, to manufacture and sell gas, to engage in dredge mining, etc.

The incorporation is a combination of the Oroville Light and Power Company, the Lava Beds Dredging Company, and the Marigold Dredging Company.

The capital stock of the corporation is placed at \$3,500,000, divided into 35,000 shares, of \$100 each, of which \$5000 has been subscribed by the following-named directors:

J. A. Kretchmer, R. C. Medcraft, J. Alexander, a Redinger and A. Harvey.

Prior to this a mortgage for \$750,000 was filed in the Recorder's office by the Oroville Water, Light and Power Company to the Union Trust Company of San Francisco, all the properties formerly owned by the Oroville Water Company, Lava Beds Dredging Company, Marigold Dredging Company and the Rio Rancho Company, the object being to secure the issue of 750 mortgage bonds of \$1000 each, amounting to \$750,000.

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# POWER PLANT NEAR PENTZ

OF ORO LIGHT AND  
POWER COMPANY

Work Has Already Been Commenced,  
Sixteen Men Being Employed at  
the Present Time, and Others as  
Soon as Possible.

Pentz, September 7, 1905.

Ed. Register: The Oro Light and Power Company has started work here on the projected improvements, involving the construction of a large reservoir, a power plant, with other necessary buildings, and the taking of the water from the Miocene ditch on the Ed Merrifield place, and conducting it through pipe on the present pipe line near the north boundary of the land owned by Mrs. W. J. Lockerman.

Only sixteen men, under the supervision of Supt. C. E. Hickok, are at work at present. This is owing to the fact that board cannot be secured within a convenient distance, for a greater number. A large frame cook house is being put up, and until this is finished Mrs. W. J. Lockerman will furnish meals for the men. Two large frame bunk houses will also be put up as early as possible, and then the force will be increased to nearly a hundred men.

The lumber necessary for the work is already on the ground. It was purchased at the Heinz sawmill, about twenty-five miles north of here, and Geo. H. Taylor and Ed Merrifield had the contract for hauling it. There is a pile of it here on the Parrish place, containing 130,000 feet.

The right of way along the new line has already been cleared. The grade stakes have been set and everything indicates that the work is to be rushed.

The reservoir is located in the Kunkle ravine, and it is said that it will cover about thirty acres of land. It will take the water direct from the ditch, which has a capacity at that point of about 30,000 inches. From the reservoir an iron pipe will carry the water down the hillside about a mile to the site located for the power plant. The fall secured in this distance of 400 feet. From the reservoir the water will flow through a ditch to a point on the present pipe line near the south line of the Parrish place, and from there, instead of being forced through a pipe down to the bottom of the ravine and up the other side to connection with the present ditch, it will be borne over the ravine in three different flumes, with uniform grade, and emptied into the ditch on the other side.

On the J. G. Curtis land, between the power plant site and the Parrish place, a tunnel 1000 feet long will have to be driven through a ridge that crosses the canyon nearly at a right angle with the line.

It may be that the formation may require that the water shall be carried through this in a flume.

The work must necessarily involve a big expense, and will require a considerable time for its completion, but judging from the elaborate plans indicated, these matters are duly anticipated, and the enterprise is to be carried out with a view to being better prepared to meet exigencies that possibly may arise. R.

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**NEW POST-OFFICE.**

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The residents of Big Bar and vicinity are preparing a petition for a Post-office at that place. We are told that it requires seventy signatures for a money order office and that they already have sixty-five and more will soon be added. The petition calls for a daily stage between Yankee Hill and Big Bar.

Big Bar will be the most important place on the river between Oroville and Quincy and it will always be a place of importance from its excellent situation.



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## KILLED GIGANTIC DEER.

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A. A. Hedge of Oregon Gulch, is a very successful hunter whether it be for pockets of gold-bearing quartz or for deer. He has no idea of the number of deer he has shot in this State, but they would figure up a good many in all.

Day before yesterday he shot his prize buck, for the animal after killing weighed 366 pounds, and when it was cleaned and dressed weighed 243 pounds. He says it was one of the fattest deer he ever saw, as the fat was an inch thick on the back and nearly that on the breast. The markings and the tail of the deer were not like those of the ordinary deer of the mountains, and the animal was much larger.

His first shot hit the deer in the shoulder, and then his dog tackled it, but the deer would have killed or badly injured the dog if Hedge had not fired another shot and killed the animal.

The deer was shot near High Rock, on the north side of the Feather and near the Clark Bunyea place.

Ye editor was remembered with a generous haunch of venison.

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## NEWSY NOTES FROM THE PENTZ SECTION

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A force of seventy-five men in the employ of the Oro Light and Power Company, that had been boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lockerman, was transferred yesterday to the new quarters provided by the company. The new cook-house is finished. It is a large frame building, conveniently arranged, fitted up in an elaborate manner, with tables sufficient to accommodate about one hundred men. "Rosie," the Oroville restaurant man, conducts the culinary department. The bunk-houses are also intended to accommodate a hundred men, and will be finished in a few days. Aside from the force of men referred to, quite a number of Chinamen are employed by the company, but will furnish their own board and sleeping accommodations. E. J. Bickford, who has charge of the force, stated to the writer that no more men are wanted at the present time, but that in the course of a week or ten days the force will again be augmented until it reaches the limit, which is from a hundred to a hundred and ten men. The contract for running the 1000-foot tunnel on the J. G. Curtis place was let to Walter McDowell of Paradise, at \$4.25 per foot. He will be on hand in a few days with a crew of men to begin the work.

Pat Naghel, the veteran miner and prospector, who has been at work on his mining claims in the mountains since May, has returned to his cabin, on the Hiatt place. On his return trip he walked from his claim to Flea Valley, a distance of twenty miles, in one day, notwithstanding the fact that he is eighty-six years old.

# WORK TO BE DONE

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ON LARGE NEW  
ELECTRIC PLANT

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That is Being Put Up by the Oro Light  
and Power Company, Near Pentz.  
There Will be Twelve of Fourteen  
Miles of Pole Line.

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The Oro Light and Power Company have undertaken a big piece of work, putting in their new electrical plant near Pentz. They will have to put up a new pole line a distance of twelve or fourteen miles, to transmit the electric power to Oroville and vicinity. They have had to put in considerable new flume, to dig a new ditch, and to run a tunnel. This tunnel is 800 feet long, and is through rock. It will be run from both ends, and there will be three shifts of three men each at work on each end.

There are now 50 Chinamen and 125 white men employed. They have up a number of buildings for the men, and the eating and cook-house. It takes four cooks to do the work of providing food for the men.

The digging of the tunnel will go on day and night until it is completed.

## AT THE CAMP OF THE NEW POWER PLANT

Ed. Register: Under the management of Supt. C. E. Hickok, the extensive work is progressing at Camp No. 1 of the Oro Light, Water and Power Co. very rapidly. Mr. Hickok has the boarding-house all completed, with a seating capacity for 125. A lodging-house with a sleeping capacity of 150 is also finished. He has now started in twenty-five carpenters, framing timbers for the 2000-foot flume, the average height to be 50 feet. Supt. Hickok is certainly a master mechanic in all branches of his business. The company is more than fortunate in having such a man at the head of its extensive works, with the assistance of A. W. Featherstone, who is the genial time-keeper, and is well liked by all the men. E. Bickford, who has charge of the iron department, is putting on diamond points with a blue temper. Last, but not least, H. C. Murphy, with his trained force of Chinese in the ditch, is throwing out yard after yard of hard rock and dirt. He certainly is a wonder at handling them. The Celestials swear by him and follow him around like lambs.

A little dissatisfaction occurred in the camp on Thursday, and it did not take him long to settle matters, with the result that Murphy was elected Mayor, Chief of Police and General Manager of "Ragtime."

Supt. Hickok makes it a point to be at the boarding-house at every meal and sees that every man is properly taken care of.

In the absence of Supt. Hickok A. W. Featherstone has charge of the boarding-house and is certainly capable of handling it.

On Friday W. H. Durbrow and President Goodwin viewed the work and expressed themselves as well satisfied.

OBSERVER.

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## MORE MEN.

About 175 men were reported last week as being at work on the power plant, ditch and tunnel of the Oro Light and Power Co. Yesterday some fifteen or twenty more men were taken to Pentz to go to work.

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## NEW POWER PLANT WILL BENEFIT OROVILLE

The new light and power plant being constructed near Pentz by the Oro Light and Power Company, will benefit Oroville when it is completed and ready for operation.

Some details about the plant will show that it is an expensive proposition, but when finished ought to prove a profitable investment.

The Oroville Water Company owns a grand water privilege and the water used in its system comes from the West Branch and other streams in the mountains, where the supply is unfailling. The owners of the water system are also owners in the Oroville Light and Power Company, and they are using the water of the Water Company to supply light and power for the Power Company. None of this water is lost, but all flows again into ditches, which bring it to Oroville and vicinity.

The new plant is situated several miles from Pentz and up toward the West Branch, on the Nelson Bar wagon road.

In order to make the water available at that point a big expenditure for ditches, flumes and pipes had to be incurred.

The Oro Company now has a large force of men at work digging the ditches, building the flumes and getting ready for the erection of the plant.

There is quite a long stretch of flume that is from fifty to sixty feet above ground, and this means expensive trestle work. A long line of large pipe will have to be laid. The company will prepare the ditches, but the laying of the pipe will be let by contract. This pipe will be made probably in San Francisco and shipped by cars to Magalia and thence by teams down hill to the plant. At least, by that route the pipe can be carried within seven miles of the plant; whereas by Oroville there will be some eighteen miles of hauling.

Quite a number of new buildings have been put up for the use of the men employed, and these include a big bunk-house and a large eating-house, etc.

A hundred and seventy-five men are employed on the work, and it will require about six months to have the plant equipped and ready for operation. When the plant is in running order it will be able to generate 2500 horse-power.

Mr. J. W. Goodwin, President of the Company, is interested in five dredgers, and this new plant will furnish power for all of these. The dredgers, however, ought not to require more than 500 horse-power constantly. These will leave about 2000 horse-power for commercial purposes.

We know nothing of the intentions of the Company regarding the disposal of this, but hope with the completion of the Western Pacific Railroad that factories of some kind will be established here, which can be supplied from the Oro plant.

Without doubt the light and power now used in Oroville will be supplied from this new plant when it is in operation.

A power-house and other buildings will be erected during the coming winter, and everything ought to be ready for operations by the first of next May.

The conception of this plant was due to Mr. Goodwin, and he and members of the Company are furnishing the means to build and equip it.

Manager Wm. Durbrow has had charge of the work, and has been a busy man for months, securing rights of way, getting a pole line in shape, having the lines for ditches surveyed, maps made, etc.

Mr. C. E. Hickok has been actively in charge of the working force in the field, and is superintendent of construction.

The Company is paying out about \$2500 a week or \$10,000 a month for labor and supplies to build and equip the system. To this must be added the cost of the pipe lines, the new flumes and the machinery of the power-house, so that it will be seen a good deal of money is being put into the new enterprise.

# WORK ON RAILROAD

NOW GOING ON  
UP THE RIVER

Much Material is Being Shipped Up to the Various Camps in Operation, and Many More Teams are Needed for the Purpose.

W gathered from various sources yesterday some notes concerning construction work on the railroad up the river. Much of the matter below was obtained from Mr. H. B. Stewart, who is acting as an agent for many of the contractors, and is in a position to know what is being done.

Four loads of lumber left town yesterday to go to Big Bar to be used in buildings. The price that had to be paid for the hauling was \$12 a thousand. The road has not yet been constructed up the river to Big Bar, hence the teams have a long up-hill and roundabout road to reach that point.

Contractor Sumsion loaded four teams yesterday with powder and supplies. Contractor Frank Myers had three teams loaded with supplies for his camp. Contractor M. H. Keefe had four big teams loaded for his camp with supplies. He begins at Big Bar and has a seven-mile contract up the river.

Brooks & Rogers were in town last evening, loading teams with supplies. Mr. A. J. Hughes has been ill, and is now at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Springer. Teams loaded here yesterday for his camp at Big Bar. He has work adjoining Mr. Keefe.

M. J. Moran loaded teams for Big Bar. Contractor Gibbons will load teams to-day for the same locality.

Richardson Bros., who had the bad accident with their teams on the Nelson Bar grade, came near losing two more of their horses in the same locality yesterday. Of the 175 cases of powder that were on the wagon when it went over the grade, fully half was spoiled, we are informed.

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Teamsters are complaining for lack of room. The big feed yard of J. C. Eicher and the Smuck feed yard are full of teams every night.

Contractor Sumsion is located about nine miles above Junction bridge, and is grading room for a round-house and for a dozen or more tracks, and it is said by those who claim to be posted that a division will be established there and helper engines will be run from that point when they are needed.

Sub-contractors are all complaining about a lack of good steady men. There are plenty of booze disposers to be had, but for the dangerous canyon work, where there is much hand drilling and where a good deal of powder is to be used, a good reliable class of men is needed.

Contractor Nelson will finish his work on the Northern Electric in a few days, and he is thinking of taking a contract on the Western Pacific.

Hunt Bros. are now located on Section 24, above French Creek, and they say they will be in working shape by next Wednesday or Thursday.

Mr. Templeton, a sub-contractor, who has a section above Hunt Bros., is one of the oldest and most experienced contractors in the United States. He is held up for the present because his supplies have not yet arrived.

Progress on the wagon road up the river is slow. This road, we are told, is to be built by different contractors, but the Utah Company will allow pay for the same. The wagon road is of the greatest convenience to the contractors in getting their supplies to their camps.

One of the contractors, Mr. Sumsion, we understand, has drilled forty holes sixteen feet deep, and some day soon will explode the forty at once, throwing down the side of a big cliff into the river. He was in town yesterday to get a heavier battery, as the one he had was not powerful enough. The blasts will be set off by electricity.

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## LOSING NO TIME ON THE LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

The Oro Light and Power Company plant completed, in the vicinity of Pentz. The plant, as the Register has heretofore published, is located in the vicinity of Kunkle Flat, and there are now one hundred white men and thirty-five Chinese employed on the work.

Three sections of flumes are being built, one of twenty-seven sixteen-foot boxes; one of twenty-eight boxes the same length, and one of sixty-three boxes of the same length. The shortest span of the flume boxes is forty-eight feet above the ground.

A tunnel 802 feet in length is being constructed. From the reservoir a pipe line 5700 feet long will convey the water to the power-house. The ditch for this pipe has been completed north of the tunnel except one section of 400 feet.

The flumes are six feet wide and four feet deep, while the ditch is eight feet wide on top, six on the bottom and three feet in depth.

On Friday G. H. Chick and G. M. Mott, who have contracts on the work went to the location to begin work on the dam. This dam is at the lower end of Kunkle Flat, which will form a reservoir covering thirty acres, and in this the water will be thirty feet deep. There is a narrow gorge at the lower end and a dam across this will hold back the water. This dam will be of concrete, and will be between 800 and 900 feet long. For 250 feet or in the center of the gorge, the dam will be thirty-eight feet high, but on either end it will simply be a good big levee of earth. The dam itself will be of concrete, and will require 8000 feet of concrete and 13,000 feet of rock-work, besides a large quantity of earth.

A part of the pipe used will be thirty-six and the rest forty inches in diameter.

The head of water will fall 480 feet, and as the usual manner of calculation gives one horse-power to 400 feet of fall, it will be seen that the horse-power generated will depend upon the quantity of water used. It is estimated that the plant will generate 2500 horse-power.

The Oro Light and Power Co. will furnish power and light for the five dredgers under the management Mr. J. W. Goodwin, President of the Oro Light and Power Co., but these will not require more than 500 horse-power, so the company will have power for commercial purposes. It will be used to run other dredgers which the company will build later on. But there will be a large quantity of power for factories, for pumping plants and for other purposes that may be required by the public.

The pipe will be made in San Francisco, we understand, and be hauled to Butte County by rail, and will be taken to the location of the plant from Magalia or from Paradise.

Mr. Wm. Durbrow, Manager of the Oroville Light and Power Co., has been a very busy man for months past getting things in shape for this plant. C. E. Hickok is Superintendent of the construction force on the flumes, while E. H. Bickford and H. S. Curtis are foremen. Hugh Murphy manages to look well after the big gang of Chinese.

One great advantage of this plant to Oroville is that the water is not lost, but it drops back into the ditch again after generating the power, and is conveyed to Oroville and vicinity, where it is used for irrigation and other purposes.



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OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 14 1905.

## RAILROAD BUILDING

FREIGHT SHIPPED  
TO CONTRACTORS

Seven Teams Left Here on Sunday for  
Hunt Bros., Who Are Located on  
French Creek — Five Wagon  
Loads for Sumsion.

Mr. P. Gibbons, head of the firm of  
Gibbons & Myers, paid Oroville a  
visit on Sunday, and went up to Sec-  
tion 24 yesterday. The firm has a big  
contract at that place.

Three teams were loaded out yes-  
terday for the above-named firm, and  
started for Big Bar, the headquarters  
of the company.

M. H. Keefe loaded yesterday a  
number of teams with dynamite and  
groceries.

Five teams were loaded here yester-  
day with supplies, tents, groceries,  
etc., for Contractor Sumsion.

A. J. Hughes was down from Big  
Bar yesterday, and will load several  
teams to-day with supplies.

Hunt Bros. loaded here yesterday  
seven teams with groceries and other  
supplies for French Creek, where they  
have a section on the Westrn Pa-  
cific.

Mr. Templeton loaded a number of  
teams yesterday with supplies for his  
camp near the mouth of French  
Creek.

A lot of beef cattle came in by train  
on Sunday for the Sparks, Humphrey  
Meat Co. of Nevada. This firm will  
supply the contractors with meat  
along the line of the Western Pacific.



# NEWS OF THE ROAD

WORK DONE  
BY CONTRACTORS

There is an Average of Fifty Men in  
Each Camp—Hospitals Have Been  
Established Along the River, in  
Charge of Dr. Myers.

A resident of Oroville was up the river this week visiting each of the camps along the river to Berry Creek Bar. Speaking of the work he said:

"Each camp will average, I think, fifty men. There are a good many more men at some of the camps. I had an opportunity to see some of this work through the kindness of Dr. E. H. Newbold, who is the assistant physician on this section of the road, Dr. Myers being the head physician, and has, I understand, the whole line from Oroville to Salt Lake.

"The Utah Construction Company has a well appointed hospital in Oroville, where the men who are sick or who have been injured are brought for treatment. Dr. Newbold makes a trip up the river each Tuesday and the men needing treatment are seen on those days. There is a complete medicine chest at each camp with all the ordinary remedies in case of urgent need.

"We drove to the camp one mile above Berry Creek, where we had dinner. We were offered dinner at a number of camps, but tried to make half of the trip before stopping. The road is a picturesque one, and it is to be hoped will be maintained after the railroad is completed. There are some twelve or fourteen camps along the river, but I cannot name the different contractors. There must be at least 500 or 700 men in the twenty miles between here and Berry Creek.

"Blasting is going on all along the road. A man would come out and shout so as to give warning and then all would run to cover. Our team was hit several times by bits of flying rock from the blasts. Almost everywhere there is a powder house for the storing of black powder and giant powder.

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"The Utah Construction Co. is building the wagon road for the Western Pacific Co., and will complete it from Berry Creek to Big Bar.

"We saw great numbers of salmon in the river from where we were riding along the road. In one place we must have seen from one to two hundred fine salmon in a school, like trout.

"Contractors estimate that all of this road will cost \$50,000 a mile."

Hogan Anderson, who is a sub-contractor on the first tunnel above town, was yesterday in after supplies.

M. J. Moran, Jr., was down yesterday from Big Bar, and reported good progress at that place. Several wagon loads of steel, powder, etc., will be sent up to Big Bar at once.

Mrs. A. J. Hughes, wife of Contractor Hughes, has gone to San Francisco on a visit.

Mr. Sumsion was in town from his camp yesterday, and reported a good headway being made.

The Utah Construction Co. is sending out lumber in considerable quantities for houses for winter along the Western Pacific.

Will Bell, son of Walker Bell, of Berry Creek, has been in Quincy most of the time for the past year. He left there on Monday morning and came down the river with some pack-mules. He informed the Register that a party of workmen were engaged at Halstead's Flat on the East Branch in building a wagon road. At Rich Bar a party of surveyors were running lines for a wagon road. At Granite Creek and also at Swamp Creek there were parties of surveyors.

At Big Bar several camps of contractors on railroad work are located. There was a camp at the Fishing Grounds between Big Bar and Bartees Bar, and another camp at Bartees Bar. Mr. Bell left the river at that point and came out by way of Yankee Hill.

He reports the weather cold at Quincy, and the thermometer had been as low as twelve degrees above zero. The Western Pacific is building a wagon road near the Maxwell place on Spanish Creek and a large number of men are at work at Spring Garden, eight miles east of Quincy.

## WORK UP THE RIVER

ON CONSTRUCTION  
OF WESTERN PACIFIC

The Following Article Gives the Most  
Full and Complete Details Con-  
cerning the Work Going On Up the  
Canyon of the River.

From time to time the Register has given facts about the construction work now going on upon the Western Pacific Railroad from Oroville up the Feather River Canyon. Below will be found more full and complete details concerning this work than we have heretofore been able to present:

Engineer Emery Oliver has full charge of the department from Oroville to Spanish Creek near the town of Quincy. Engineer J. Q. Jamison will have charge from Spanish Creek to the State line at Beckwith Pass.

The sections are under charge of section or local engineers.

Engineer Hutchinson has his camp located near Long's Bar and has about eight miles of road to look after, four miles east and four miles west. Engineer Miller is located at the Junction and has four miles of road on the east.

Engineer Clifford has his headquarters at Twelve-Mile Camp and has about five miles of road.

Engineer Gray has his headquarters at Bloomer Bar and has charge up to the Big Bend region. Engineer Derby comes next and has charge to French Creek.

Engineer H. D. Graçon is assistant to Mr. Oliver or perhaps, we should say Division Engineer.

Engineer Coval is in charge of sections 15 to 25.

Engineer Kippel has charge of section 25 to 30. His headquarters will be at Big Bar.

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Engineer Kopp is Division Engineer and has charge from sections 30 to 40.

Engineer Green has charge of sections 40 to 55, and Engineer Gill has sections 65 to 70.

Each engineer has about eight men to aid him in his work. The various engineers under Mr. Oliver have charge of the work from Oroville to Spanish Creek.

Commencing up the river at the camp of E. J. Hunt, he has a section of construction one mile this side of Chino Creek. He has a barn, shop, powder house, and sleeping arrangements for 150 to 200 men. He now has about forty men at work.

Mr. Templeton, who has a contract which joins that of Mr. Hunt on the west is clearing the right-of-way. He has tents, cook house, etc., all ready and can accommodate 100 men. He now has twenty-five men on station work. He has a tunnel 250 feet long to bore and this is being done by a company of Sweedish workmen.

McLain & Sweeny are located at French Creek and are doing wagon road work for the Utah Construction Company. They have thirty men now at work.

The next camp coming toward Oroville is that of the Utah Construction Company, and they have camps A and B, with thirty men to each camp.

The bridge over Berry Creek is now complete so as to open the wagon road further up the river.

McLain & Sweeny have a contract at Berry Creek and are well fixed for winter. They have their buildings in good shape. They have forty men here besides the 30 on the road work above mentioned.

The Utah Construction Company have a good force of men working at Berry Creek.

Almagia & Antonelle have made a

good showing and have a quarter of a mile already graded. They have thirty men now, but have things ready for a hundred men.

Roylance Bros., are well located, have the right of way cleared and have twenty-five men now at work.

Contractor Jones, who comes on the west of Roylance Bros., has the right of way cleared, and all his camp buildings are up and ready for use.

Contractor Sumsion has made the best showing of any contractor on the river. He has two camps with a hundred men at each one. His camps are above the Junction of the Middle and North Fork, but are the near east camps to the Junction. He has a mile down to road grade. He is now engaged in grading for room for four tracks and for a round house. The station there will probably be a good deal like the Rocklin station to the Central Pacific road over the Sierras. He has a Burleigh drill at work. We are told the Utah Construction Company, is now putting in a Burleigh and will soon have it running.

On this side of the Junction Contractor E. Duncan, has a half mile contract and has thirty men employed. Making a good showing, but claims he has the right of way cleared and is the rock there is very hard.

Contractor Messinger comes next and has a force of twenty-five men. He has a half mile of road to grade and is well fixed up for winter work. He has done considerable grading.

The Utah Construction Company comes next, and Mr. McDonald is in charge. They have a Burleigh drill at work and are fixed up well for the winter. They are grading for a switch or side track and this will be the first one out of Oroville. Although this contract is comparatively near Oroville, yet the character of the country can be seen when we say that in a distance of 2000 feet they have 50,000 cubic yards of earth and rock to handle. All the camps from Oroville to French Creek are supplied with powder houses for storing black powder and giant powder. In each of these houses is stored from 100 to 500 kegs. A good deal of the work is drilling and blasting yet the contractors have the dump carts and scrapers and hope to make considerable use of these in handling the work.

In going along the river now it is like being near an army, there is a constant bombardment.

Hogan Anderson has the first big tunnel to build and has the right of way leading to both ends of the tunnel cleared and work is now in progress on the cuts leading to the tunnel. In a few days he will have a Burleigh drill at work.

J. M. Grubbs, has charge of the men clearing the right of way out of Oroville has about twenty men at work.

All the contractors at Big Bar and vicinity have provided mattresses and other sleeping accommodations for the men who will be employed on the railroad.

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### SEEKING SOURCE OF CHEROKEE DIAMONDS

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James Lausen, an expert diamond miner, went up to Cherokee, Butte County, last week and will make a thorough examination of the territory where the Cherokee diamonds have been found, with a view of discovering if the mother ledge is located there, or if the stones were washed in from some other source.

In the past sixty years over sixty diamonds have been found in the Cherokee Mine, the most valuable one having been placed at \$1200, but most of them ran in value from \$20 to \$100. Most of the stones are of a light yellow tinge, although some pure white ones have been found.

Lausen is reported to be in the employ of Colonel Andrews of the Diamond Palace, San Francisco.—The Pacific Goldsmith.

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# MET WITH ACCIDENT

WHILE WORKING AT  
NEW POWER PLANT

Hugh Murphy Fell From a Flume a  
Distance of Twenty-eight Feet, and  
it is Simply a Miracle He Was Not  
Seriously Injured.

Hugh Murphy, who has charge of the Chinese employed at the works of the Oro Light and Power Company, near Pentz, where a big power plant is being put up, was the victim of a serious accident and one which it was a miracle that he did not lose his life, on Tuesday last. He was brought to Oroville, and under the efficient care of Dr. Wilson, had improved so on Sunday that he was able to go back to camp and resume his duties in a way, although it will be a long time before he will be able to perform hard manual labor.

Mr. Murphy stepped out on a flume on which the flooring was being laid, the planks being not nailed as yet, and owing to carelessness on the part of some one, a plank was allowed to project over a cross-beam, and when he stepped upon it, down he went, a distance of twenty-eight feet. For two hours Mr. Murphy was unconscious, and it was feared he was dead. A medical examination disclosed the fact that nearly every rib was broken loose from its fastening, and it was simply a wonder that his neck was not dislocated by the fall.

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The reservoir being made at the new power plant of the Oro Water, Light and Power Company, near Pentz, will submerge about thirty acres of ground. A 200-foot tunnel has just been completed by the Contra Costa Engineering Company, the work being under charge of Walter McDowell.

# WESTERN PACIFIC

SOME WORK THAT  
IS BEING DONE

Every Available Force of Men is at  
Work on the Extension of the New  
Wagon Road That is Being Built  
Up the River.

Templeton & Dye have quite a crew of men at French Creek, where there is much activity in railroad and in wagon road building. Hunt Bros. have a camp at the same place.

A large number of Japs have been sent to that locality, and it is reported that they will be employed on the construction of the wagon road from French Creek to Big Bar.

A crew of twenty men is at work on the wagon road that is to be built up to Chino Mills. This is about four miles that will have to be built. The road, however, when completed to Chino Mills, will not end there, but sooner or later this will be continued up to what is known as the Four Trees on Walker's Plains.

According to the talk of the contractors the wagon road from French Creek to Big Bar will be pushed ahead regardless of every other consideration.

Frank Bean was loading his team with freight yesterday for French Creek. He tells us there are forty teams hauling freight out of Oroville for the Utah Construction Co., the North California Mining Co. and the various contractors on the Western Pacific Railroad.

Frank James, of the Oroville and Yankee Hill Stage Line, tells us that about the 15th inst. he will begin running a stage to Big Bar. The stage that now runs to Concow will extend its run so as to go to Big Bar and this we presume will mean three times a week to the Bar. He says that no snow fell at Big Bar during the late storm, but that four inches fell at Yankee Hill and six inches at Concow.

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Wm. Duensing has been hauling concentrates from the Southern Cross Mine to Oroville for shipment. The long 900-foot tunnel at the mine to reach the ledge was lately completed.

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## A VICIOUS ASSAULT

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MADE UPON TEAMSTER

BY THREE JAPS

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But for the Intervention of Two Ladies  
They Would Probably Have Beat  
Unfortunate Teamster to Death.  
Will Now Serve Six Months.

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At Yankee Hill on Wednesday some Japs accused a teamster of stealing their blankets. There were about sixty Japs in the crowd, but we understand that only three took an active part in the trouble. The teamster denied taking the blankets, but the Japs became furious and attacked the man and after tying his hands behind him they beat him and then poked him in the sides and ribs with a gun.

Mrs. D. E. Wells and another lady at Yankee Hill, believing they would kill the man, interfered and put a stop to the attack. The man was taken into the hotel, and yesterday was still so sore and bruised that he was unable to be up.

The three Japs were arrested and taken before Justice Spencer of Yankee Hill, who, after hearing the evidence, sentenced them to pay a fine or to spend six months in jail. All three were brought here last evening and placed in the jail to serve their sentence.

Not many women would have had the courage and nerve to go into a crowd of angry foreigners and put a stop to the beating they were giving the teamster. It is evident that it was the prompt action of the ladies that prevented the men from killing him.



## THE NEW POWER PLANT BEING BUILT NEAR PENTZ

Some facts showing the progress made on the new electric plant for the Oroville Light and Power Company are given below.

Nearly all the new ditch has been finished, and the entire job will be completed in a few days. This ditch is about two miles long and is six feet wide on the bottom, three and a half feet in depth, and nine feet wide on top. It will take the place of certain parts of the old system and will replace about half a mile of pipe line.

The work of digging the trench for the big pipe line will begin this week. This pipe is to convey the water from the reservoir down to the power-house. The reservoir will cover thirty-five acres, and the dam which will restrain the water will be forty-two feet high at the highest point. This dam will be about 1100 feet long and will be 200 feet wide at the base. It contains a concrete and rock core or wall, so as to make a permanent dam.

There are 120 boxes of flume under construction, and this flume will be four feet deep and six feet in width.

A tunnel 806 feet long will be constructed through a portion of the mountain.

There are now 100 white men and 40 Chinese at work. The cook-house is capable of seating 100 men, and four cooks are employed. The ditch will be completed in about a week, but it will take two weeks to finish the flume.

The new pipe that is to be laid is of varying sizes. At the upper end it is 44 inches in diameter; there are about 2500 feet of this size. The next section of 2500 feet is 42 inches in diameter. The next section of 500 feet is 36 inches, and the last section of 500 feet is 30 inches in diameter. This gives a total of 6000 feet of new pipe to be laid.

The excavations for the power-house are now being made. This will be 30 by 66 feet, and the foundations and building will be of concrete.

Three-quarters of a mile of wagon road have been built from the main county road to reach the works. This will run to the new power-house.

We learn that the pine will be taken to Magalia by train from San Francisco, and then hauled to the line from there.

The pole-line from the power-house to Oroville will be fifteen miles long, and down to the Lava Bed Machine Shop will be sixteen and a quarter miles. The line will extend on below the shop, to where the dredges for the Lava Bed Company are working in all probability when the new plant is ready for operation.

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## RAILROAD NOTES ON THE WESTERN PACIFIC

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Among the sub-contractors who were down on Saturday and yesterday from their various camps along the river were M. H. Keefe of Big Bar, A. J. Hughes of the same locality, Mr. Sumsion of Junction, M. J. Moran Jr., of Big Bar, Hogan Anderson of the big tunnel above town, Contractor Nelson of Seattle, who is looking over the ground here with a view of taking a contract. Mr. McDonald of Camp II who is working a large force of men and is making a good showing for the Utah Construction Company.

Mr. Hunt of Section 24 will go to San Francisco in a few days for treatment of his eyes.

Mr. Templeton will put on quite a large force of men in a few days.

The Utah Construction Co., is making a 500-foot cut through the Ward land and under Bridge street. This cut will be from twenty-two to twenty-four feet deep.

Only half a mile of wagon road is left to complete between French Creek and Berry Creek along the river.

At Mr. Keith's camp at Big Bar there are about thirty-five men at work. At the camp of Chas. Warren thirty men, at Moran's camp thirty men, at the camp of Gibbons & Myers 35 to 40 men, at the camp of A. J. Hughes 50 men. There are fifteen men at the camp of the North California Mining Company at Big Bar, and in the vicinity three camps of Western Pacific men with about twenty men in all.

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# OROVILLE DAILY REGISTER

OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 18 1905.

## WILL SEE THE RAILROAD.

Martin Gramps, of Big Bar, has lived on the North Fork for the past fifty years. It was a wild, lonesome region with very few people ever passing until the railroad surveys for the Western Pacific started, nearly three years ago. Mr. H. H. Yard came to Big Bar one day, and in talking with Mr. Gramps, said they were surveying for a railroad up the river. Mr. Gramps replied, "There is a survey there," pointing to a certain line, "one there, and another there, but no railroad has ever been built, and I don't believe one ever will be." Mr. Yard replied, "If you live two years you will see a railroad along here." "The two years is up," said Mr. Gramps yesterday, "and I have not seen the railroad, but this time I am convinced that the road is to be built, and it will not be a great while until I do see it."

## DID NOT HELP MATTERS.

The Utah Construction Company is blasting a big ledge of rocks in the Hewitt mine just back of the handsome home of C. C. Belding. The blasts jar the building and make things pretty lively at the Belding home. Lately a piece of rock broke a window and landed on a handsome table. Another day a rock came through and struck the piano. Mr. Belding suggested to the men that they place some heavy ties on top of the ledge where the next blast was to go off and they did so. That big tie weighing perhaps a hundred pounds went flying through the air and came down end first right along side of Mr. Belding's hen house. Now he is glad it did not reach his home and he won't make any more suggestions about putting anything on to keep down the rocks.

## RAILROAD BUILDING AT BIG BAR; MUCH BLASTING DONE

Martin Gramps, one of the oldest residents of the North Fork, is down from Big Bar, and yesterday said of work on the river that there was a good deal of blasting being done along the river. He said that many blasts were being fired and in some of these they were using from 150 to 200 kegs of powder a day.

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OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 20 1905.

QUARTZ

LEDGE

MADE YESTERDAY  
OF OLD LEDGE

Formerly Known as the Smith &  
Sparks Mine, and Produced Over  
Half a Million Dollars in the  
Early Days.

Many years ago the Smith & Sparks quartz mine was a famous gold producer and the yield from the single mine was more than half a million dollars. It was believed by many that the enormous quantities of gold in the gravels below Oroville came from that ledge. Miners tried in vain to trace the ledge on the south side of the river. They were satisfied that it was to be found there, for the ledge on the north side indicated that it crossed the stream, but although shafts were sunk and tunnels run they were unable to strike the rich quartz ledge.

This was, however, found yesterday by Paul Riecke, and he was a happy man over it. He and Judge Gray lately purchased what is known as the Robinson land, on the south bank of the river, and the Western Pacific Railroad is being cut across the land. Yesterday while the workmen were engaged on the road Mr. Riecker went to

the spot, and noticed they had cut across a vein of quartz. He has been a mining engineer for many years, and his attention was at once directed to the ledge. He made a careful examination of the rock, and found it was gold-bearing, and that it was wide enough to prove a valuable property. He made further tests and examinations, and then without an hour delay he put up mining notices on the land so as to hold the discovery.

He is satisfied that in an early day this ledge was cut in two by the river and the vast quantities of gold now in the dredging lands below Oroville came from the ledge. He is confident this will prove a valuable discovery for Oroville and one that will cause a mill to be put up and run on the rock.

San Francisco Call Dec 21, 1905

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**Two Japanese Are Killed.**

**OROVILLE, Dec. 23.**—In a powder explosion on the Western Pacific Railroad at Big Bend, twenty miles above Oroville, this afternoon several Japanese were severely injured and two were killed.