

Oroville Daily Register

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IS BADLY

INJURED

DEATH MAY RESULT
FROM HIS INJURIES

*Jack Bennum Blown Up in a Powder
Explosion at a Camp Near Barteas
Bar, Early Sunday Morning—Per-
haps Fatally Injured.*

A deplorable accident occurred yesterday morning at the camp of Contractor A. J. Hughes, near Barteas Bar. The foreman of the camp where grading is being done on the railroad, was dreadfully hurt by an explosion of powder, and it is feared the injuries are so serious that they will be fatal. Dr. Myers left here as soon after the accident as possible and went to Barteas Bar to attend the injured man. It is believed that if not too badly injured, he will be taken to Big Bar, where the local hospital will give him better accommodations than he could have at the camp. The name of the injured man is Jack Bennum. No particulars were given over the phone as to how the accident occurred, and later the line was not working.

Dr. Myers drove up to Big Bar yesterday to attend to a man who had been injured at the camp of Contractor A. J. Hughes. Several efforts were made to get details of the accident by phone, but neither Mr. Hughes nor the Doctor could get any details at noon when the accident was reported. It was thought the man would be taken at once to the hospital at Big Bar, where he could be cared for in case the accident did not terminate fatally.

Note: The next day, January 9, 1906, name of injured corrected to Jack Bannan and he was not so badly hurt as originally thought. He was taken to the hospital of the Utah Company.

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The work at Kunkle Flat by the Oro Light and Power Co. is progressing well. Already the 800-foot tunnel is half completed. The bunk-houses, cook-house, etc., were moved a day or two ago from their former location up to the site of the dam, where the big reservoir is being built. About fifty Chinese are cleaning out one of the ditches of the water system, while over a hundred white men are employed on the flumes, the tunnel and other work. The excavations for the power-house are being made. This building will be thirty-six feet wide and seventy feet long. Only a short portion of the tunnel so far had to be timbered. The timbers are very large and strong, so they will be durable. They are soaked with tar before being put in the tunnel. The tunnel will be over 800 feet long, and already 400 feet of it has been dug.

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OROVILLE DAILY REGISTER

OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18, 1906.

Dr. Light of Oakland has been placed in charge of the Utah Construction Co.'s hospital at Big Bar.

98 CARS OF WESTERN PACIFIC MACHINERY

(Sac. Bee's Special Service.)

RENO (Nev.), January 17.—T. W. Smith, representing an Illinois machinery house, is in Reno looking after the delivery of ninety-eight cars of machinery which has been sold to the Utah Construction Company for use upon the Western Pacific roadway between the Nevada line and Oroville. Sixty-eight cars of the machinery will be taken to Beckwith and the remainder will go to Oroville. The purchase was made three weeks ago, Mr. Smith says, and the delivery will begin at once.

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OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 19, 1906.

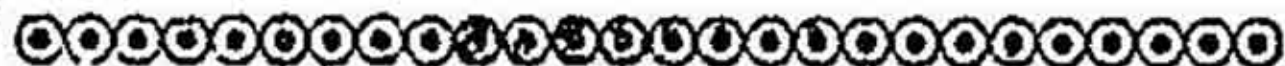
Geo. B. Springer came down from Big Bar night before last. He tells us that owing to the heavy storm the wagon road is caved in places, putting a stop to travel. The river at Big Bar rose fifteen feet and at the Fishing Grounds, between Big Bar and Barteas Bar, it rose twenty feet.

Geo. B. Springer, who came down from Big Bar yesterday, reports the water having raised fifteen feet at that point. All work has been stopped on account of the storm, which has played havoc with the new wagon road up the river, frequent landslides having occurred at various places, and a great deal of work will have to be done to put the road in passable condition again.

An immense canvas, fully seven feet in length and four feet in height, is on exhibition in Mitchell's confectionery store show-window. It is a scene entitled "Fishing Ground near Big Bar," and is the work of Mrs. J. H. Hanique.

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THE NEW POWER PLANT.

Work on the Oro Light and Power Company's new power plant at Pentz is progressing splendidly. The boarding house has been removed up to the reservoir. Hugh Murphy has finished the section of the ditch he had charge of, and has moved to the Slocum place on the Nickerson ditch.

On the 30th of December twelve inches of snow fell there.

It will be three or four months before work is completed on the plant.

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OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 20, 1906.

When the wagon road was built up the Feather for the benefit of the Western Pacific, the banks were left very high in places. The late rains softened the earth and caused it to "squash" out, as the boy says. In consequence the road is filled in many places and it will require a big lot of work to put it in shape again.

Mr. Henry, who has been running a stage from Concow Valley down to Big Bar, says that the road during the big storm got into such shape that his rig could not get away from the Bar and is there yet. Yesterday 120 Japs were at work on the road trying to get it in shape for travel again.

We are told that owing to slides on the new wagon road up the Feather, five railroad camps had to be disbanded because it was not possible to get provisions and powder to the same.

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OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 26, 1906.

Charley Henry came down from Concow yesterday and said as high as 175 Japs had been employed on repairing the road between Concow and Big Bar in order that teams could once more reach the river. He told us that the road was so one could travel it, but it was by no means in good shape yet.

Mr. H. B. Stewart informs us that owing to the trouble between the Golden State Power Co. and the Western Pacific Co. the men in Mr. Hughes' camp, near Big Bar, have for the time being been withdrawn until the matter can be settled in court.

The wagon road to Big Bar via Concow is in condition again for travel.

OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 8, 1906.

A NEW INDUSTRY

WHICH BUTTE COUNTY
WILL SOON HAVE

A Large Cement Plant, Probably the
Largest One in California, Will
Soon be Erected by a Number of
Capitalists Near Pentz.

Within the past few years the use of cement for building purposes has vastly increased. While Portland cement has long been known and extensively used, yet during the past five years it is more in demand than ever before, and since the concrete blocks came into vogue for building purposes the use of cement has greatly increased. Years ago we used to import to California all the cement consumed in the State, but it was found that this State had all the materials required for making a first-class article and a number of very extensive cement works have been established.

The cement manufactured in California has been found equal to the best of the imported article, and as it is cheaper, immense quantities of it are being made and used. The plants have been crowded with orders and have been increasing their capacities.

We are glad to say that Butte in all probability will have one of the largest cement plants in California. The time is not yet ripe for full particulars on this, but we can safely state that a plant will be erected near Pentz by Mr. J. W. Goodwin and associates that will be equal to anything in California.

Three ingredients are required in making a first-class quality of cement. A lime or chalk, a good quality of clay adapted for the purpose and a certain per cent of gypsum. In some localities clay is found that contains enough of gypsum, so that the clay and lime alone will make the very best quality of cement. This is the case in the deposits near Pentz. There are unlimited quantities of lime such as is

needed for the work and a large and very fine body of clay. These deposits have long been known, but several things were needed to make them valuable. Power in large quantities was required to run a cement plant. A railroad was needed to haul the cement cheaply to a line where it could be shipped, and capital was required to put up a plant.

These happily have been united in the Oro Light and Power Co., of which Mr. J. W. Goodwin, of San Francisco, is President. As stated, the deposits of the raw material have been purchased by this company. The power plant is now being erected and for the past four or five months a large number of men have been at work on this plant. It is believed that by May the power plant will be completed and in working order.

This plant will be able to generate between 5000 and 6000 horse-power, and the pole line to bring the same to Oroville will cross the lands where the plant for cement-making will be established. A certain amount of power will be required for the dredgers that Mr. Goodwin is running and a certain amount will be transmitted to Oroville for commercial purposes, but there will be a large quantity of power left, and it is certain that when the cement plant is in operation this power will be used for it.

We do not know that any effort will be made this year to start the cement works, for the company has its hands full in the power plant and new pole line they are building, but it is evident they are looking ahead and laying their plans, and by the time the Western Pacific is completed to this place the cement works will probably be in operation.

A short line of railroad will have to be built from the cement plant to the Northern Electric railroad between Oroville and Chico or direct to Oroville. In the one case the distance would be six or seven miles, and in the other about twelve. The company will have plenty of power for their electric railroad when it is built. Sooner or later such a road will be built and a plant for the making of cement will be established here.

RICH GOLD STRIKE MADE

IN CASCADE

MINING DISTRICT

Assessment Workers Find Coarse Gold
in the Gravel—Midwinter Min-
ing Excitement Near Stanwood—
Believed that Rich Strike Has
Been Made.

A big strike has been made in Eastern Butte County on the lands owned by the Cascade Placer Company. On Saturday Mr. Clark Standiford the Oroville representative of the company received from miners engaged in development in the Cascade district. A ounce of gold that was taken out of a prospect shaft that was being sunk as annual assessment work on the claims owned by the company. The gold is in coarse grains some of it the size of a navy bean. It was picked up out of the gravel by the men who made no effort to mine it particularly, but just picked up such as caught their eyes readily. They did not pan any, so there was none of the fine gold that is in the gravel, saved. In the absence of the usual methods employed, there is no data that tells just how much it runs to the pan of dirt, or how much values there are in a cubic yard or ton. As, however, the gold was picked out of the dirt thrown up from the annual labor work, it is inferred that the ground is very rich. Mr. Standiford was well pleased to get the golden grains, but he is not excited about the discovery, as he and his associates had taken up the land for its minerals and were expecting that sooner or later they should get gold in paying quantities.

The claim upon which the strike was made is a portion of the group that the Cascade Placer Company owns laying on the Feather River along the County line, separating Butte and Plumas Counties. In former days the river bars were worked quite extensively and yielded richly. Of more recent years the district has had the desultory attention of drift miners, no real

systematic work of exploration or development having been carried on except by a few companies in isolated and segregated sections. It is known, however, that a considerable area of that region is auriferous. Lee, an old time Chinaman cook and miner, better known among the whites by the sobriquet of "Pat," knows the country thereabouts well. He visited Mr. Standiford on Saturday to pay the latter gentleman the compliments of the China New Year season, and was shown the gold that had just come in.

"Pat" recognized the gold instantly, as the gold, peculiar to the Cascade district. He is of the opinion that a pay streak has been struck and he immediately spoke for a lease of ground there to work upon royalty later in the season.

The Cascade Placer Company has quite a number of men at work in assessments and development, they being divided into two main camps a few miles to the southeast and southwest, respectively, from the new camp of Stanwood on French Creek, and near where is located Mr. Standiford's fruit orchard.

In contiguous territory is the long tunnel being driven by H. L. Spencer of Enterprise for a Chicago company. It is an exploratory bedrock tunnel to tap a channel in a lava capped ridge the Spencer camp being situated not far from old Franklin Hill camp. A little further to the south is the granite belt of Fall River district, where some good quartz ledges were worked in former days. Two properties there at one time were given considerable development. One is the quartz ledge owned by J. C. Walters, the well-known store-keeper at Gibsonville, and the other is the extension owned by Frank Cayot, the popular hotel man at La Porte.

Having such rich tributary districts, it is not unlikely in view of the new strike, that Stanwood will in the near future develop into an important mining camp. The Cascade Placer Company has planned extensive development work for their holdings, in addition to what they are doing now, and will inaugurate activities as soon as the spring opens.

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A post-office has been established at Big Bar. The name selected is Pulga. Judge Spencer, who has interests near Big Bar and spends the greater part of his time there, was surprised a day or two ago on receiving a letter from Senator Perkins saying that he had been recommended for postmaster. The Judge says his friends "put up the job on him," but he will see that the new post-office will be put in fine running order.—Mercury.

NEWS OF THE DAY

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CONDENSED IN
READABLE FORM

Movements of Many People, Doings of Society, Local Jottings, and Many Other Newsy Items Presented to Numerous Readers This Morning.

J. S. Norris, the surveyor, returned a day or two ago from a trip to Chino Mills. Speaking of work there he said the wagon road up the Feather was completed to the Eli Piper place at the head of the Big Bend tunnel. It lacks about five miles yet of being completed to Barteas Bar. About thirty men are at work on the wagon road up to Chino Mills. This road follows Jack's Creek for quite a distance and then crosses a divide or saddle to Chino Creek and follows that up. The distance is about seven miles. This road is ultimately to be extended to the Four Trees on Walkers Plains.

The Utah Co. is running the sawmill they leased from the French Creek Company. It is understood they have on the road a sawmill of a capacity of 35,000 feet a day and this will soon be in operation.

Mr. Norris says the French Creek Co. is selling off material and residents of that locality do not think the company intends to do anything during the present season.

2-27-1906

OLE HESBOL STABBED

IN THE ABDOMEN
BY A NEGRO

Whom He Had Ejected From His
Place of Business in the Grand
Saloon—The Negro Placed Under
Arrest, With Two Others.

A stabbing affray occurred last night about 10:30, wherein Ole Hesbol, of the Grand Saloon, received a very bad cut in the abdomen. Ole and a resident of this town were playing poker in the saloon, when a colored man named Chas. Cress, came in and began to make trouble. He was ordered out of the place several times, but refused to go, and finally Ole, losing all patience, proceeded to put him out. In the tussle Ole struck at him, and at the same instant the colored man drew a knife and with all his force struck out. The blade entered the abdomen of Ole, full to the handle, the wound ranging slightly downward. As the negro struck he exclaimed, "You — — — —, do you feel that?" Ole did not know at first that he had been cut, but when he felt the wound and began losing blood he fainted dead away. He was taken to the U. S. Hotel, where Dr. Kusel attended to the injury.

Policeman Curran later arrested the knife-wielder, and on his person was found a razor, but not the knife, which he had thrown away. It was subsequently found where he had thrown it, and proved to be a bad weapon, having a pointed blade about three inches in length. Curran also arrested two other men, whites, who gave the names of J. B. Carroll and Carl Graham, and who, it is claimed, stood outside of the saloon when the negro came out before the stabbing, and urged him to go in and do his work, that they would stand by him and see him through.

The injury the wounded man sustained is in a very bad location, and it may prove very serious yet. For the Doctor could not tell a great deal about it, not daring to force the probe to any extent. The very fact that Ole carries a goodly avoirdupois may be his salvation in this instance, the blade perhaps not having touched any vitals.

Cress has been in the habit of going from saloon to saloon with a guitar, playing there and passing his hat for contributions. He is a short, heavy-set individual, of middle age.

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SETH SPRAGUE BOYNTON.

The Register greatly regrets to announce that, after a illness extending over but a few days, S. S. Boynton, its owner and publisher, passed away last evening at 6:15 o'clock.

Several days ago Mr. Boynton was attacked with pneumonia, and his system could not withstand the ravages of the disease. On Tuesday he appeared so much better that hopes were entertained of his speedy recovery, but yesterday forenoon a change for the worse came, and he sank rapidly, the most extreme measures failing to give him relief.

His son, Albert, who left on the train for San Francisco yesterday morning, believing his father to be out of danger, was summoned by wire, and at 7 o'clock last evening arrived on a special train, but too late to see his father alive again.

Deceased was born in Hallowell, Me., January 15, 1847, being 59 years, 1 month and 13 years of age at the time of his death.

He leaves his wife, and his son, Albert, and daughter, Miss Leila, also two sisters, Mrs. E. P. Smith of Burns, Oregon, and Mrs. R. B. Remick, of Taylorsville, Plumas County.

TRIBUTE TO OUR
DEPARTED EDITOR

The following sketch is reprinted from the Oroville Mercury of last evening:

The hand that so often penned eulogies of departed neighbors and friends has dropped the pencil forever. The one who wrote so eloquently of the beauties of this fair land has gone to a yet more beautiful land. The voice that greeted friends so cordially is silent. And, to the editor who faithfully chronicled the happenings of the day the Great Chronicler, above, has, in the language of the printer, said "30."

The spirit of S. S. Boynton, proprietor and editor of the Oroville Register, took its flight to its Creator, Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The sad news of the demise of the veteran journalist quickly spread over this busy city, and all stopped to say a word of deep regret and of sincere sympathy for the family. * * *

S. S. Boynton was born in the State of Maine, January 15, 1847, being 59 years, 1 month and 13 days old. In 1854 the family removed to California and located in Plumas County. There young Seth grew up amid the grand Sierras, with whose trees, flowers, animals and birds he became acquainted, and, as an amateur naturalist, he had few superiors, as Nature was a pleasing study to him. He loved the mountains and streams of the Sierras, and some of the most beautiful tributes to natural scenery have come from the pen of S. S. Boynton.

The deceased began teaching school at an early age. He taught successfully several years in Butte and Plumas Counties. He purchased a book and stationery store in Oroville, and a few years later, in 1888, he bought the Oroville Weekly Register. Under his energy and industry the paper improved rapidly, until 1894, when it was changed into a morning paper with a weekly edition. The Register office is splendidly equipped and was the pride of the owner. In his newspaper work Mr. Boynton made Oroville and Butte County his debtors for his grand work in advertising the resources and advantages of this section.

To him it was a labor of love. His pencil was ever ready to fill space in his paper for the good of Oroville and Butte County. He never wearied of word-painting the wonderful mountain scenery of Plumas and Butte, of describing the climate of this section and of giving facts and figures about our resources and advantages. To him this work was a pleasure and to Butte County was a great benefit. In addition to his newspaper work, Mr. Boynton was a contributor to popular magazines, and his articles were always "available." He wrote on a variety of subjects, always in an interesting way.

The domestic relations of the deceased were ideal. His love for his family was a strong trait. He lived for his dear ones. He was spared to see his son, Albert, become a lawyer, building up a reputation in his profession and as a business man, and to see his daughter, Leila, a university graduate. He was a valuable citizen of Oroville, and his death is a loss to the city for which he did so much. He was an exemplary citizen in the highest sense of the term. Courteous and kind to all, he made numerous warm friends. His many good qualities won him the highest esteem and respect. If he erred, it was through kindness of heart. He was ever ready to grant a favor and to do a kind deed.

He leaves a wife, to whom he was married in 1875, and a son, Albert E., and a daughter, Leila, to mourn their loss of him who was cut off in the midst of his pleasure in seeing the results of a life's labor of love and who had years before him of a continued career of usefulness to his city and fellow citizens. He has departed from earth rich in the esteem of all and in the gratitude of a city and county.

Loving husband, devoted father, kind friend and public-spirited citizen, farewell. Your memory will long remain with all who knew you.

FUNERAL SATURDAY.

The funeral of the late S. S. Boynton will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, under the auspices of F. and A. M.

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EDITOR BOYNTON'S DEATH SINCERELY REGRETTE

The death of S. S. Boynton of Oroville was received with regret in this city and was the cause of much deep sorrow on the part of friends who had known him for the past quarter of a century. An endeavor was made yesterday to obtain a special train over the line of the Northern Electric Company to accommodate many who had expressed a desire to be present on the occasion of his funeral, but the management was unable to grant the request, as being both a dangerous undertaking as well as a serious inconvenience to the company. However, there will be quite a large delegation from this city to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased journalist.—Chico Record.

The funeral of the late Seth S. Boynton will take place at Oroville Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Inasmuch as Mr. Boynton was a prominent Mason, a number of the craft as well as friends in this section were desirous of attending, but from the fact that the funeral of the late H. T. Bell will occur on the same day and under the auspices of the Masonic order, many of those who would otherwise have gone to Oroville will be detained at home.—Chico Record.

3-3-1906

OROVILLE DAILY REGISTER

OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 3 1906.

George Turner is down from Big Bend, where he has been employed in one of the railroad construction camps. Quite a number of extra men have lately been put to work at that camp. There is quite a town now at Big Bar, a large hospital, warehouse and store, two lodging houses, and a round house.

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Hiram Thornton, who came down from Big Bend yesterday, had with him \$160 in gold nuggets, which he had taken out of a pocket he discovered. The largest specimen weighed nearly one ounce. This is not the first pocket Mr. Thornton has found in that locality, as he is an expert pocket hunter, and follows that method of mining entirely. He says Big Bend is a good pocket region, and he expects to uncover others. In two years in Colorado he took out over \$6000 from pockets. Mr. Thornton will return to Big Bend to-day.

3-17-1906

Found Man Hiding Behind a Tree

(The Bee's Special Service.)

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), March 17. W. R. Roberts was brought to town Friday morning by Constable Reilly and lodged in jail on a charge of burglary on complaint of John Clark, of Yankee Hill. Clark resides at Yankee Hill but has another place on the West Branch where he stays part of the time. Thursday he went there and found that some one had broken into the house and ransacked things. In looking around he discovered that a fire had been built in the cook house and pursuing his investigation, he discovered Roberts hiding behind a tree. As Roberts refused to give any account of his actions, Clark compelled him to start with him for Yankee Hill from which place he telephoned to Constable Reilly who drove out and met him at Cherokee, taking Roberts in charge. Roberts has so far steadfastly refused to talk to the officers.

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POWER

PLANT

OF ORO LIGHT
AND POWER COMPANY

Many Thousands of Dollars Have Been Spent in Preparations for the Building of This Power Plant Near Pentz—Nearing Completion.

Surveyor B. L. McCoy has been doing some work out at Pentz on the new power plant of the Oro Light and Power Company, and has returned home. People here in Oroville can hardly realize the importance of the work going on at that place. Thousands of dollars have already been spent in the preliminary work. Miles of ditch have been dug, an enormous reservoir completed, and the work is well under way for the installation of the machinery that will constitute the new power plant, which is planned to have a capacity of 5000 horse-power. Part of the product of this plant will be used in furnishing motive power for dredging companies, and the remainder will be reserved to increase the power facilities for the benefit of the company's local electric light and power plant here.

A project is also on foot to utilize part of the output for the running of a large cement manufacturing plant in that immediate vicinity.

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Some months ago a saloon was established at Cherokee in the old brewery building. There was no objection to it, but now it appears the party has secured another building, it is alleged under false pretenses, and intends, when his next license is taken out, in a short time, to open up in the new location, almost adjoining the Post-office. Residents in the immediate locality strongly object to the saloon being opened in that vicinity, and have protested against the reissuance of the license. It remains to be seen what the outcome will be.

Constable Reilly yesterday arrested one Paul Ryan, and charged him with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder. Ryan has a bad practice of throwing cobble stones at people, and regaled himself yesterday by practicing with a few on one John Daley. Ryan is the same party who invaded the Grand Saloon some weeks ago and smashed some glasses with cobble stones, incidentally firing a few at Ole Hesbol, the proprietor. He was arrested, and let off with a light sentence, but this time he will probably get all that is coming to him.

Bob Matthews is down from Cherokee, and is figuring that in the course of a short time he will go to Nome again, where he previously had charge of some extensive mining development work. Bob is one of the best known mining experts in the country, and while here will consult with some Eastern mining men who are looking toward the purchase of mines in this county and Plumas. At their special request he will meet with them here, and the meeting may lead to an agreement whereby a large amount of money is placed here for development work.

**BELIEVE DEAD MAN
WAS A MURDERER**

Coroner Pettit was called to Pentz yesterday to hold an inquest over the remains of an unknown man who had been found dead in the road.

The testimony adduced at the inquisition established the facts that Thursday the man had appeared at the hotel and asked permission to sleep in the barn, and that on Friday morning he had again appeared and asked that he be furnished something to eat, declining to enter the house and partake of a meal, saying that he was ill and had been fasting, and that by taking a lunch he could eat it more slowly and not distress himself. This was the last seen of him until he was found lying, with his arms under his face, alongside a fence between the barn and Post-office. The jury returned a verdict that the man was unknown, an American, about 50 years of age, and that death had resulted from exposure. There were no letters or other effects on his person by which he could be identified, nor had he any valuables.

However, his death has led to an awakening of interest in the killing of young Jerry Ford near that point and some of the people of Pentz assert that his presence in that vicinity again gives strength to the story of the McLain boys, who asserted that Ford was shot by an unknown person, out of the brush.

It will be remembered that the two McLain boys and Jerry Ford were hunting ducks in the neighborhood of Pentz on December 26th, and that Ford was shot through the right leg in such a manner that he died shortly after being discovered in an unconscious condition, after an alarm had been brought to the nearest house by the elder McLain boy.

In the testimony before the Coroner's jury, Ernest McLain, a nine-year-old boy, testified that he was some distance away from Ford when the latter was shot, and that he heard three shots fired. While his brother ran for help he remained and carried water in his hat from an adjacent stream to assuage the thirst of the suffering lad. He remained firm in his declaration that the Ford boy was shot from ambush, though subjected to a severe examination; but the opinion prevailed that he was endeavoring to cover up the fact that the tragedy happened through the accidental discharge of the gun, a fact which seemed to be borne out by the nature of the wound.

The appearance of the unknown man who was found dead yesterday has caused the statement to be made in that neighborhood that the same man appeared at a house at Pentz the day before the death of the Ford boy, with a gun in hand and a sack over his shoulder, which evidently contained bedding; that he entered the house, asking for a bed as soon as it could be prepared, setting his gun and pack down in the corner. While the lady of the house was making arrangements for his accommodation he suddenly grabbed his gun and pack and left, without a word of explanation.

It is stated that after the tragedy in which young Ford lost his life, a comforter was found in the vicinity of where the boy was shot, but that it was not thought to have connection with the affair. Residents of that neighborhood now assert that the comforter was the pack which the unknown man carried in the sack and that it is their belief that he fired three shots, as testified to by the younger McLain boy, at Jerry Ford because he had intruded upon his resting place. These parties claim that the resemblance between the man found dead and the one who left without accepting lodging is so pronounced as to establish his identity.

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The description of the dead man is that of one emaciated and wild-appearing. The story is also current in that neighborhood that the same man had been subject to a fit on the streets of Oroville but a short time ago, after which he acted in a strange and apparently irresponsible manner.

While the whole matter is one of uncertainty, there is a possibility that the opinion of residents of the neighborhood may have a good foundation and that the apparent obstinacy of the younger McLain on the witness stand was simply his adherence to the truth.—Chico Record.

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4-5-1906

NARROW

ESCAPE

WHILE TEAMING IN THE MOUNTAINS

While Going Down a Steep Hill a Chain Was Broken, and the Wagon Ran On to the Horses and Upset, Killing Two of Them.

R. J. Haskins, who has been hauling freight in to Big Bar by way of Yankee Hill, met with a serious accident yesterday, which cost him two of his best animals and nearly cost him his own life. He had locked two of his wagon wheels and was going down a steep grade, when the chain binding of the wheels broke and the horses were unable to hold the wagon back. The heavy wagon crowded on to the animals and in trying to get out of the way the wagon was swerved to one side and capsized, falling onto and crushing the life out of two of the animals. The other four animals were also badly cut and bruised. Haskins was thrown from the wagon and narrowly escaped being caught under it. As it was he was badly shaken up and his back so severely wrenched that he will not be able to do anything for several weeks to come. The wagon was loaded with tools, nails, bolts, etc., the majority of which rolled down the hillside for some distance, and kegs of nails were broken open and spilled promiscuously. Men were sent up from the river camp to collect as much of the material as possible.

4-9-1906

THE BIG POWER PLANT IN PENTZ DISTRICT

The new power plant of the Oro Water, Light and Power Company, near Pentz, is nearly completed now, after many months of labor with several hundred men at work. The work has been carried on systematically, and but few people, although they had read of it, appreciated the magnitude of the operations. When finished it will be one of the most complete and best equipped power plants in Northern California, having a capacity of fully 5000 horse-power, part of which is to be devoted to dredgers under the management of the company, and the remainder will be used to fortify the lighting system of this city, and when in operation there will not be a town in the State better equipped with a splendid lighting service. The power house near Pentz will be one of the finest equipped and best appointed in the State, and it will be a rare sight to witness its operations.

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OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 12 1906.

The new Post-office, Pulger, to be established at Big Bar, will be open for business in about ten days. The stage now runs but three times a week from Yankee Hill to Concow. Inside of thirty days a daily mail service will be put on from Yankee Hill to Pulger. F. J. Spencer will be the Pulger Postmaster.

Two big steam shovels will be put to work at Big Bar on the seven-mile contract of M. J. Keith. Work is progressing nicely at that place, but they expect to have more or less trouble in getting the steam shovels in to the location.

The new wagon road up Feather River will be completed by the 1st of May from Big Bar to Granite Creek. The mouth of East Branch is but twelve miles beyond this, and when reached the difficult part of the road building is completed. From there it will be an easy matter to extend the road up into Plumas County.

Sam Woolever drove up to Big Bar yesterday to bring down Mr. and Mrs. Will King. Mr. King is the Resident Agent of the North California Mining Company at Big Bar.

Judge Frank Spencer and C. W. Taylor were elected School Trustees at Yankee Hill.

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Dr. F. J. Davis, a son-in-law of Judge Frank Spencer of Yankee Hill, will arrive here on May 10th, to take a position as Assistant Physician and Surgeon at the Utah Construction Company's main hospital.

SALOON

PETITIONED

TURNED DOWN BY
LICENSE COLLECTOR

The Petition Was to Conduct a Saloon in Cherokee by One J. A. Shaffer, and a Strong Protest Was Entered—Remonstrance Won.

J. A. Shaffer, the party who has been conducting a saloon at Cherokee, sought to move the location of his place of business from lower town up to a place adjoining the Post-office, before his license expired. A protest was put in by a number of citizens, and yesterday they appeared before License Collector Baldwin to present their case. Many witnesses were examined, and testified as to the existing conditions. The ladies of Cherokee in particular, fought the idea of the saloon being next door to the Post-office. The protestants put up a solid fight, represented by Attorney Duncan, and after a careful going over of the matter the License Collector turned the petition for a license down on the grounds that the petition did not contain the names of the ten nearest freeholders.

**AT WORK ON NORTH FORK
AT ROCK CREEK**

Harvey Abbey, who was recently appointed to the position of Assistant Forest Ranger for the Diamond Mountain Forest Reserve, came up from his home at Honcut, Butte County, Saturday, via the North Fork canyon. Mr. Abbey, in company with Messrs, Powers and Flournoy, went up to Cromberg to-day to assist in clearly making out the boundaries of the above mentioned reserve.

On his trip up the river, Mr. Abbey had a good opportunity to view the work done by the contractors on the line of Western Pacific construction through the rugged gorge. He says remarkable headway is being made, and that a camp has just been established near the mouth of Rock Creek, several miles above the Butte County boundary line. Supplies are brought into this and the other camps above the end of the new Oroville wagon road by way of Concow and Flea Valley.

A great deal of powder is being used in construction work, the road-bed, in this section, being cut almost entirely in solid rock.—Plumas National-Bulletin.

Chico Weekly Enterprise

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BURIED BENEATH

DEBRIS TWO HOURS

OROVILLE, April 30.—Another shocking accident occurred at Big Bar on the Western Pacific this morning, in which Robert Hansen and John Montez, two laborers, who, if not fatally injured, will be crippled for life.

The two men were engaged in tamping a blast when it prematurely exploded. The men were thrown over fifty feet and were buried beneath the embankment which had been dislodged by the force of the blast.

The other men working in the vicinity ran to their assistance and for two hours were unable to locate the two victims. Finally one heard a call for help from beneath the debris, and in a few moments the men were located. By some freak they had fallen alongside and practically beneath several large rocks and consequently were not smothered, although an immense amount of earth pressed upon them.

Montez was unconscious when found and Hansen lapsed in the same condition as soon as rescued. Both were hurried to the county hospital and were still unconscious at a late hour. The two men are horribly disfigured and will be crippled for life if they should survive. It is believed however, that they have sustained serious internal injuries, which may prove fatal.

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GEISSE SENT TO THE INSANE ASYLUM

HEARING BEFORE JUDGE GRAY
YESTERDAY RESULTS IN COM-
MITMENT TO NAPA ASYLUM
FOR THE INSANE.

George F. Geisse was committed to the Napa Insane Asylum this afternoon by Judge Gray after an examination in court, and upon the recommendation of Doctors Gates and Rear-dan. The witnesses in the case were Major Jones, whose life the prisoner had threatened, District Attorney Sexton, S. S. Simon and Fred Flori-ment. After the hearing Judge Gray signed the commitment. Out of respect to Mr. Geisse, he was not re-manded to the custody of the Sheriff, but placed in charge of Mr. A. Ekman, an old acquaintance and friend. He will be taken to the Napa Asylum for the insane.

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ROAD FROM STIRLING TO FLEA VALLEY

WESTERN PACIFIC CONSTRUCTS
NEW THOROUGHFARE IN OR-
DER TO LESSEN HAUL.

All the minor details regarding the construction of the new wagon road from Stirling to a point on the Flea Valley road have been completed and work will begin this morning on the actual work of construction.

This road is being built by the contractors of the Western Pacific, and will be used to haul supplies to be used on the right of way of the new transcontinental road. The road will be ten miles in length and will take about five weeks to complete.

The material to be used on the right of way will be shipped to Stirling City via the Southern Pacific and Butte County Railroad, thence loaded on teams and hauled to their destination on the right of way. The distance of teaming will be reduced from 40 miles to about 12 miles, and the cost of hauling will be twenty-five cents per hundred, instead of fifty cents, its present cost.

STOCK RAISING IN BUTTE COUNTY

Gridley Herald
5-18-1906

The raising of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep in Butte County has been an important industry from the organization of the county. In an early day immense herds of horses and cattle roamed the unfenced plains, but as land became subdivided and settled the herds became smaller, although there has always been many head of horses and cattle raised in the county.

Stretching along the eastern side of the county is a belt of low foothill land that affords good pasturage in the winter season, and in this belt much of the stock of the county is wintered. On the valley lands a large quantity of hay is raised, and hundreds of head of cattle are fed for beef on the valley farms. But little hay is fed to sheep in the winter season, for usually the pasturage keeps them in fair condition.

Hogs are raised in all parts of the county, many on the valley farms, and others in the low hills where there is a good range much of the year.

The men of the foothills who make a business of raising stock follow the example of stockraisers in Italy and drive their cattle to the high ridges of the Sierras, where there is good pasturage for several months during the summer season.

Bangor, Wyandotte, Bidwell Bar, Oberokee, Pentz, Bloomingdale, are among the localities where men make a business of pasturing stock in the winter and driving to the mountains in the summer.

The summer ranges are partly in Butte and partly in Plumas county, and the altitude of these is from 5000 to 8000.

Central House, Honcut, Gridley, Biggs, Nelson, Durham, Chico, Nord, Dayton, and Oroville all are more or less stock centers. Near Gridley is one of the largest stock ranches in the northern part of the State. The Reyman & Evans ranch cuts and puts up about 7000 tons of hay each year, nearly all being alfalfa.

Sheep are pastured in the valley or in the foothills in winter and driven to the mountains or to the tule lands along Butte Creek or on the Sacramento River in the summer, but nearly all go to the mountains. There is not a woolen mill in the county, although thousands of sheep are raised in Butte and many more pass through the county each year on their way to mountain pastures. There is a good opportunity for a woolen mill in the county.

In the vicinity of Chico much attention has been paid to the rearing of blooded stock, both horses and cattle. Near Gridley and Biggs this industry has received considerable attention, but in the eastern portion of the county, where so many cattle are kept, no effort has been made to raise fine stock as a special feature.

Water has within the past year been applied to the rich plains about Biggs and Gridley, and in the future more attention will be paid to growing corn and alfalfa and to the rearing of hogs, cattle and horses.

The dairy industry of Butte is limited, and there are splendid opportunities for experienced dairymen to build up a big business in the county. Tens of thousands of pounds of butter are shipped into Butte from other counties.

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VERTEBRATE SEVERED SPINAL CORD INTACT

UTAH CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYEE
NARROWLY ESCAPES BROKEN
BACK IN ACCIDENT.

News was received in town yesterday of a most peculiar accident at Big Bar, in which one of the cooks of the Utah Construction Company came nearly losing his life. As it was the vertebrae of his spinal column were badly separated, and that the cord was not broken seems a miracle.

The accident occurred during the middle of the week. The man, whose name could not be learned last night, had just entered the employment of the company, and was sent to Big Bar. On climbing upon the seat of a wagon, he fell with his back directly upon the wheel.

He was taken to the Utah Construction Company's Hospital at Big Bar, where an examination revealed that though the vertebrae of the spinal column had been separated, the cord had not been broken. At the present time the physicians have him strapped to a padded board, by which means they expect to restore the vertebrae to their normal position. According to reports from the Big Bar hospital, the injured man is not suffering any great amount of pain.

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**SECOND LANDSLIDE
INJURES TWO JAPANESE**

Accident Occurred Yesterday Morning on Feather River Near Big Bar.

A second landslide on the line of the Western Pacific construction work along the Feather River resulted yesterday morning in injuring two Japanese laborers employed in making grade. The accident occurred near Big Bar and was occasioned by heavy blasting operations. The men saw the mass of dirt and rock coming, and with the exception of the two injured men, all managed to make their escape. The two men were struck by the avalanche before they could reach a place of safety. An examination revealed that one of the men had sustained severe injuries, while the other had escaped with only slight hurts. They were ordered to the Utah Construction Company's hospital in this city.

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NEW POST-OFFICE ESTABLISHED WITHIN BUTTE COUNTY

**Big Bar Officially Will Hereafter be
Called by the Name of Pulga.**

The Post-office Department has established a new Post-office in Butte County, and hereafter Big Bar in official circles at least, will be known as Pulga. It appears that there is a Post-office called Big Bar in Trinity County, and it was feared that some embarrassment would be caused through the identity in names. The result was that the Butte County Big Bar was christened Pulga.

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MINING EXPERT MAKES BIG STRIKE

QUARTZ LEDGE LOCATED WHICH
WILL APPARENTLY PUT OLD
BONANZAS INTO THE SHADE.
FIND AT CHEROKEE.

A brand new strike in one of the oldest mining districts of Northern California is what M. J. Cooney, the mining expert from Goldfield, has made within a week after his arrival in Oroville, and that strike is a new discovery not far from one of the richest placer mines in the world, the Spring Valley at Cherokee. Mr. Cooney has made two locations on the ledge which he found outcropping like a stone wall as broad as a wagon road, and from all surface indications it is one of the biggest lodes ever struck in Butte County, putting into the shade such old bonanzas as the Yankee Hill, Banner, and Gold Bank. The Sunset No. 1 and 2, which is the name given to the claim by Mr. Cooney, contains twenty acres, and the ledge running through it is thirty feet wide. That is, the main ledge, which is of white quartz. Accompanying it on the hanging wall is another ledge six feet wide. At the contact is a pay streak of very high ore. No assays had been made up to yesterday, but the quartz all pans free gold. The double ledge has been traced for 1000 feet on the surface, and there are thousands of tons of ore in sight.

How such a ledge escaped discovery before is a mystery. A pick had never been stuck into it before Mr. Cooney located it.

Mr. Cooney will at an early date begin the work of development, he leaving to-day for Red Bluff and points further north on other important mining business claiming his attention before he inaugurates active work on the Sunset.

The Sunset is believed to be the mother lode which fed the gold to the auriferous gravels of the big deposit at Cherokee. The Spring Valley Mine there has in its day output between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 in gold dust and nuggets. It is one of the few mines still being operated as a hydraulic mine, and to all intents and purposes it is destined to yield in the future more gold than it has in the past. At least there is yet a greater area of virgin ground than worked out ground.

As the placers undoubtedly all had their sources from ledges, it is a reasonable supposition that the ledge which fed the Spring Valley at Cherokee must be very rich indeed.

Mr. Cooney's discovery is also important in that it dispels the notion that there is no more new ground in Butte County for prospectors.

IMPOSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY BODY

BODY OF MAN FOUND IN THE
FEATHER RIVER HAD BEEN
IN WATER FULLY A MONTH.
EVIDENTLY A LABORING MAN.

The body of the man found hanging in the West Branch of the North Fork of the Feather River at a point near the Hendrix mine in Magalia, was yesterday rescued from its position. The man had evidently been in the water for about a month, and identification was impossible. From appearances it was judged that he was a man of about 25 years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches in height, and evidently a laboring man.

An inquest was held by Coroner Pettit, the verdict being death due to drowning. The body was buried at Magalia.

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FOUL PLAY MAY BE CAUSE OF DEATH

EMPTY PURSE AND POCKET
TURNED INSIDE OUT OF MAN
FOUND IN FEATHER AROUSE
SUSPICION.

Foul play may be the explanation of the death of the man whose body was found hanging by a limb in the waters of the Feather River near Magalia. The Morgue officials returned yesterday from the scene of the discovery of the body, and report that the man was found with one of his pockets turned inside out, and that the other pocket had a purse absolutely empty, in it. Whether the man had been robbed and his purse emptied, and thrust back into the pocket, no one can tell. Again, the skull was crushed in two places, but again no one can tell whether this was due to a blow rendered with intent to do murder or was the result of a fearful battering on the rocks of the stream. The body had been in the water so long that either identification or investigation into the cause of death was precluded. The Coroner's jury left this open, merely returning a verdict that the probable cause of death was drowning.

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DEAD BODY IS HANGING IN STREAM

BODY OF DROWNED MAN CAUGHT
IN TREE IS DISCOVERED NEAR
HENDRIX MINE AT MAGALIA—
INQUEST TO BE TO-MORROW.

The body of a dead man was discovered yesterday afternoon caught in a branch of a tree overhanging the Feather River at Magalia. The discovery was made by Mr. Fitzsimmons, who found the man while on a fishing trip. Deputy Coroner Reynolds of this city was immediately notified, and to-morrow Coroner Pettit, who happens to be in this city, will go to Magalia and conduct an investigation into the affair. From all appearances the dead man is a working man, probably an employee on the railroad. He was dressed in overalls and rough shoes. The body was found near the Hendrix mine.

**LIQUOR SOLD TO
AN INDIAN WOMAN**

**Taken Before Court, She Refuses to
Tell Who Sold Stuff to Her.**

Lizzie Doe, an Indian woman of Mooretown, was before Recorder Woodman yesterday on a charge of drunkenness and disturbing the peace. An effort was made to find out who had sold the liquor to the woman, but she refused to answer questions further than to say it was a white man. The woman was discharged.

TO DEVELOP DEPOSITS AT PENTZ

SAID THAT CEMENT MANUFACTURING PLANT WILL BE INSTALLED AT THAT PLACE WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS.

Some weeks ago the Register called attention to the large deposits of cement clay in the neighborhood of Pentz and the adaptability of the clay for commercial usage. The Chico Record is now authority for the statement that a plant is to be established there in the near future, and a beginning made in the manufacture of cement. The paper does not state who the parties are that are interested in the deal. We quote the Record's article:

"The high price of Portland cement in this State partly due to the extraordinary demand for it in all manner of building enterprises, together with the machinations of a combine or trust, has caused an increase in the price of the article so great that there is now a constant inquiry for deposits by parties seeking investment. At the start when this valuable commodity was first being manufactured in this State in commercial quantities the price was placed at a figure which forbade competition by the foreign product, which was subject to import duty. This caused the imported article to be run out of the market, a fact which was celebrated by the domestic companies giving prices a boost of huge proportions. The devastation of San Francisco has had the effect of strengthening these prices and also of reviving the import trade. It is now stated that about 50,000 barrels of cement are on the way from European points to San Francisco, in addition to some 20,000 barrels already arrived. It has been the hope of contractors and others having use for this material that this revival of importation would have the effect of reducing prices to normal, but so far it has not become evident. Some idea of the immensity of this business in the

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United States is gathered from a bulletin issued from the Washington office of the United States Geological Survey under date of June 19th, which shows the domestic production to have amounted in 1905 to 35,246,812 barrels, valued at \$33,245,867, which represents a gain of 8,740,931 barrels in quantity and \$9,890,748 in value over 1904. The increase in quantity is nearly one-quarter.

"As stated before, the demand on the Pacific Coast has become so great that despite the installation of several plants of immense size and the frequent establishment of smaller ones, the demand far exceeds the supply, and this is causing interest to turn to the Butte County deposit near Pentz, which it is confidently asserted by people in close association with the business will be developed within the next few months and a plant established sufficient to supply at least local demands.

The parties having the matter in hand are working quietly and have not yet taken the public into their confidence, consequently no authoritative statements of the details can be given.

"Locally, the scarcity and high price are working considerable injury and are the cause of delay in commencing several works of public and private nature. The street committee in this city is up against the high prices in its plans to put in cement gutters along Main Street, and the same cause prevents the enforcement of the recent resolution to cause Fifth Street to be provided with cement sidewalks from Orange to Main, formulated several months ago. It is also affecting the construction of several private enterprises and is giving strength to the movement of parties investigating the matter to invest their money in the Pentz cement works."

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DESIRES HISTORIC NAMES OF BUTTE COUNTY PLACES

Department of Interior Writes to Colonel Batchelder Asking Information as to Names.

Mr. Henry Gannett, Chairman of the United States Board on Geographic Names, which is a bureau of the Department of the Interior, has written to County Clerk Batchelder asking him to send to the bureau a list of the places "which are known by different names to the Post-office Department, the railroad people, or to common usage."

"Will you be kind enough to send them," writes Mr. Gannett, "if there are any such places in Butte County." Butte County can certainly supply a few. There is Dogtown, which is Magalia; Helltown, which is up in the Paradise country; Frenchtown, Spanishtown, Toad Town, and a number of other towns. Then there is Big Bar, which since the advent of the railroad has become Pulga, French Creek, which has become Stanwood, and Pentz, which is both Pentz and Pence. There are others which may be added to the list.

The information is desired by the bureau inasmuch as the names often contain an index to the folklore history of the country.

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PENTZ INDIGNANT AT DIS- CONTINUATION OF MAIL

Citizens Will Petition the Department
to Reconsider Its Action.

A petition is being circulated in Pentz asking the Government to restore the mail service to the people of that vicinity. The petition sets forth the number of families that are deprived of their daily mail through the discontinuance of the office, the fact that a carrier can be obtained who will bring the mail to Pentz for \$300 a year, and other information that might lead to a reconsideration on the part of the Department.

The people of the section are indignant at the action of the Government, and will attempt to secure the influence of Senator Perkins and Congressman McKinlay to secure the restoration of their office.

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THE CHEROKEE DAM.

One of the best arguments to be found for the municipal ownership of the water system is to be found in the condition of the company's dam on the Cherokee road. It would be rather interesting to know just what defense the company can make for the condition of this dam. Leaves and decaying vegetable matter are everywhere evident. The decayed animal matter which the stream has picked up in the miles of open pasture through which it runs, is as surely there, though not as plainly in evidence. The dam will soon be a quagmire, and it is this disgustingly, dirty, boggy, unfiltered slush that the Oroville Water, Light and Power Company serves to its customers at fancy rates.

"If you don't like it, what are you going to do about it?" asks the company. The answer is easy. The best water in the world is at our very door. The Water Company cries that municipal ownership is an experiment. The Oroville Water, Light and Power Company is most certainly not an experiment. It has proved to the satisfaction of every person in the community that it can supply the worst quality of water to the greatest number of people over the greatest length of time without the whole community rising in a righteous indignation and putting the company out of business, than can any other company in California.

The company has shown no inclination to better the service. Pipes are leaking all over town. The water is still unfiltered, still poisonous in the load of decayed matter that it brings with it.

It is time that the PEOPLE have their inning.

BIG BAR AND ITS MUNICIPAL SYSTEM

CORRESPONDENT WRITES REGISTER CONCERNING PULGA'S NEW WATER SYSTEM.

The Register is in receipt of the following letter, marked "Special to the Register," but unsigned, which we print as sent to us. We have made arrangements for further news from this thriving city with its municipal "brewery," and our readers may be expected to be informed from time to time through our special wireless correspondence of the manner in which the new system is working out:

(Special to the Register.)

PULGA, July 29.—Pulga, the new city on the Western Pacific, now boasts of its own waterworks, just lately installed.

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OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 6, 1906.

BIG BAR RAMBLER.

Our renowned attorney, S. E. Doran, has recently installed an original refrigerator, which causes much comment.

The fertility of Big Bar soil is confirmed by the constant roar of dynamite used by Councilman William King while digging potatoes.

Mayor Thomas Gibbons has now almost perfected arrangements for heavy daily shipments of water to Eastern points. This water, taken from the mains of the Fulga Municipal Water Company, has been tested by the Mayor and Dr. Light as a sure cure for that tired feeling.

Town Clerk Fred Hackney made a venture last week which shocked the entire community. After fishing until satisfied he decided to take a plunge. This seemingly hasn't injured his health.

Engineer George Kopp has at last caught the inventing spirit. It is rumored that his new sleeping machine is working nicely.

Contractor Hughes contemplates a trip to Oroville in the near future in search of the chewing-gum and candy lost recently.

Judge Spencer will on his next trip through our city, demonstrate how a certain, said, white mule, on a certain, said, dark night eloped on the same said dark night. Dr. Light and S. C. Doran acted in the capacity of detectives.

Photographer Robinson can tell a hog from a bear at any time.

William Morran has been seen working—his way towards Oroville.

The U. C. Company Hospital cook declares that when he can stick a fork into the gravy, the beef isn't tough.

The one-half case of prunes lost on April 27th was not found under our Registration Clerk's bed, as was recently reported.

Any error in the above items will be exaggerated in our next report on request.

M. L.

CONCOW ITEMS.

Linesman David Jones passed through Concow last week. When asked if the heat troubled him while traveling, he replied that, owing to his vocation and the excellent animal which he rode, the heat did not affect him. The electric battery which he carried communicated with the ears of his quadruped, keeping them in perpetual motion, and Mr. Jones enjoyed the shade and the cooling breeze, but he kept Concow warm while he staid. Among the various improvements on the telephone, he reports a new long-distance kissing line.

Thomas Gibbons amused himself several weeks by fishing for salmon at the Big Bar Fishing Grounds and caught twenty speckled trout. The fish did not appear at camp, but he jingled a pocketful of small change when he returned from Oroville. Of course, the fish and the money had no connection.

Mr. E. Morgan and family have gone to the mountains for several weeks. They intend to fish and hunt and took a goodly supply of meat with them.

Fred Hackney, draftsman for the Western Pacific Railroad Company, made a flying trip to Oroville last week. He was gone three days.

Columbus Welsh has just completed a nine-room house. It is painted white, and presents a very neat appearance.

F. W. Taylor has gone to Oroville on business.

Mrs. Jones and daughter, Miss Kate, are spending the summer with Mrs. Wright.

Mrs. Bray and son of Woodland, are visiting with relatives.

Henry Gramps, who has been working for C. Welsh, has returned to his home at Chino Mills.

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Fred Duensing passed through here with some cattle for the Utah Construction Company.

J. F. McCall has returned to Oroville after prospecting in Big Bar and vicinity, where he found some splendid copper specimens.

This is excellent weather for coon hunting. A party of Concow's fair lads and lassies killed a fine one Tuesday night. They started in gay spirits and took four dogs which they sent through the woods in search of game. After traveling a long distance they heard the dogs barking and hurried to the scene. With the aid of a lantern they located the coon on one of the top-most branches of a tree. Six shots were fired before the animal fell from the limb. When the coon struck the ground it had a lively struggle with the dogs, but they were victorious. The young people brought their game home, to show that they had not been on a wild goose chase.

Lime Saddle

NEW PLANT IN OPERATION NOW.

POWER WAS TURNED ON SATURDAY ON THE LINES OF THE NEW POWER PLANT LOCATED NEAR PENTZ.

The new power plant of the Oro Water, Light and Power company, which the Company has had a large force of men at work on for over a year past, has finally been completed, and on Saturday the power was turned on for the first time. Several dredgers owned by this Company will be operated by this power, while the remainder will be disposed of to the public. The new plant has an estimated capacity of fully 5000 horse-power. The power plant is situated at a point about two miles above Pentz. This is but one of a number of new electric power plants that will be installed and put in operation in the near future in this immediate vicinity, and one of them, the Big Meadows, if carried out as planned, will be the most powerful electric plant in operation in the world.

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BLAST EXPLODES

1 WORKMAN

KILLED

ACCIDENT ON WESTERN PACIFIC
ABOVE BIG BAR RESULTS IN
DEATH OF CHARLEY JOHN-
SON—TWO MEN INJURED.

Charles Johnson, a workman employed at Swamp Creek, above Big Bar, was instantly killed on Monday by the premature explosion of a blast. News of the accident was brought to this city yesterday by Doctor Myers. According to his story of the affair, Johnson was tamping in the giant powder, leaning over the hole while so doing. The powder suddenly exploded, blowing off the whole top of his head. Two other workmen standing near by, were injured, but not seriously.

Nothing is known of the relatives or home of the dead man.

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NEARLY LOST LIFE BEFORE HELP CAME

W. H. KING, MANAGER OF NORTH CALIFORNIA MINING COMPANY, MEETS WITH SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN FLEA VALLEY.

News has reached Oroville that W. H. King, general manager of the North California Mining Company, was the victim of an unfortunate accident last Tuesday which nearly caused his death from loss of blood before he could receive treatment, and which may leave him a cripple for life. Mr. King was engaged in superintending the construction of a bridge across Flea Valley Creek, which is being built in connection with the mining enterprise, and in order to hurry matters, himself took a hand. Seizing an adze, he proceeded to work, but while so doing missed the mark, and the sharp blade was driven into his left ankle, nearly severing the member. Such assistance as could be given was rendered by the workmen in his employ, and he was hurried to the hospital of the Utah Construction Company near Big Bar. The resident physician was absent on a professional visit, and it devolved upon the trained nurse in attendance to treat the wound. At last accounts he was resting easily, but will be confined to his quarters for some time to come.



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CALIFORNIA LION FOLLOWS MEN TO CAMP.

EXCITED BY THE SMELL OF FRESH BEEF, THE ANIMAL BECAME SO BOLD THAT HE ALMOST ATTACKED THE MEN.

James Hart and J. H. Nimsen had an exciting encounter at Big Bend yesterday with a California lion. Lions have been numerous in that region, but rarely if ever do they attack human beings unless at the point of starvation, when they become very aggressive. Hart and Nimsen had been to Cherokee for beef and were returning to the camp of the Western Power Company, near the Ell Piper place. It was growing dusk, and they noticed that they were being followed by some animal, which Hart immediately recognized as a lion. Although not alarmed at first, the animal becoming bolder, soon aroused their fears, and by the time they had reached Hubbard's Flat, a mile from their destination, they thought it policy to throw the meat away and endeavor to reach the camp before the beast had a chance to follow them, but in this they were mistaken, and the fifty pounds of meat hardly lasted the lion enough time for a man to pick his teeth, and he again struck out on their trail, and it is probable the animal would have attacked them but for the opportune appearance of a gang of surveyors or the Company who had been delayed in the canyon at the foot of Bloomer Hill, who joined the men, who were almost crazed with fear, and the lion slunk away in the dense undergrowth.

NEGRO LUNATIC AT LARGE IN MOUNTAINS

WORKMAN AT BIG BAR BECOMES
VIOLENTLY INSANE AND
BREAKS FROM KEEPERS, CLAD
ONLY IN HIS UNDERWEAR.

Somewhere in the mountains around Big Bar a negro lunatic is wandering. The man became suddenly insane at one of the camps near Big Bar on Wednesday evening last. He became violent, and his companions attempted to restrain him. He broke from their grasp, however and, clad only in his underwear, managed to make his escape. Up to a late hour yesterday all efforts to locate him had failed.

FIRE IN MORRIS RAVINE

Started at Old Golden Gate Dam and Is Supposed to Have Originated From Explosion of Blast.

OROVILLE. Sept. 20.—Early yesterday afternoon a fierce fire broke out in the Morris ravine, and despite the fact that practically the whole male population was out fighting the flames, it was still burning at an early hour this morning. The fire started by the old Golden Gate dam, and is supposed to have originated from a blast exploded on this side of the river. It spread rapidly in the dry pasture and timber, sweeping up the canyon.

At 8 or 9 o'clock last night it was burning around the Banner mine, having jumped the road at the old cemetery. The fire is sweeping down toward the Morris ravine schoolhouse. From appearances it will be some time before it is checked.

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LEWIS FAMILY

IN HARD LUCK

**HAVE MUCH BUSINESS TO TRANS-
ACT IN SUPERIOR
COURT.**

Alice Lewis, guardian of the estate of Samuel W. Lewis, an insane person, was granted permission yesterday to sell property belonging to the estate.

Mrs. A. T. Carson, guardian of the estate of Nancy Jane Lewis, an incompetent person, was also granted permission to sell property of the estate.

FIRST AMERICAN DIAMOND MINE LOCATED IN BUTTE COUNTY

The first diamond mine ever opened in the United States will be opened today about a mile from Oroville upon the Cherokee road; says the Oroville Register. It has been known for some time that Butte and Plumas counties were being prospected for diamonds. The Register is now in a position to make public information that it has had for some time, and to announce that definite operations will be started today.

The mine is to be opened by Mr. M. J. Cooney, a well-known mining engineer of South Africa and the United States. It is understood that he is backed by eastern as well as by local capital. Mr. Cooney has the utmost confidence in the fact that he has found a diamond chute, and has convinced others of this same fact.

Mr. Cooney came to Oroville some months back, and has devoted the time since then to a thorough study of the geology of Butte and Plumas counties, with a view especially of discovering diamond bearing soil if such soil existed. He visited all the localities around here where diamonds had been found without discovering the evidences for which he was looking that the appearance of the diamonds in these places was anything but accidental.

He finally found float, which indicated diamonds, and followed it to its source. The indications referred to are alone found in diamond bearing pipes.

Mr. Cooney discovered not only this stone, but other indications which, to his mind, proved conclusively the existence of a diamond chute. This land, as stated above, is located about a mile from town upon the Cherokee road. Mr. Cooney secured

the land, and it is here that the mine will be opened.

Operations will be started in the Oroville field at first upon a comparatively small scale. The ground is washed in a circular washer, at the bottom of which a quantity of grease is placed. Exactly as gold has an affinity for quicksilver, so have diamonds for grease. After the ground has been washed away, the diamonds are found adhering to the grease in the bottom of the washer.

When asked as to whether the presence of diamonds in this one place would indicate their presence elsewhere in the neighboring country, Mr. Cooney answered in the negative. He stated that the diamond fields of South Africa were hundreds of miles apart, and that the diamond-bearing soil was confined to a particular spot or chute. As has been stated, the Oroville field was the only one where evidence of diamondiferous soil could be found.

Mr. Cooney has established a reputation as a mining engineer, and mining journals consider him as an expert in his branches. He was the assayer of the mint of the Boer republic prior to the war.

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696 More Names On the Register

WORK ON CLASSIFYING BLANKS ACCORDING TO PRECINCTS IS COMPLETED IN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE — DIVISION OF VOTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

Deputy County Clerk Belding has completed the work of arranging the registration blanks and classifying them according to the particular precincts to which they belong. The Great Register this year has upon it a total of 6773 names, as against 6077 last year, a total increase of 696 names.

The voters are distributed in the different precincts as follows:

Oroville, No. 1, 178; Oroville No. 2, 212; Oroville No. 3, 240; Oroville No. 4, 284; Oroville No. 5, 150; Oroville No. 6, 57; Oroville No. 7, 87; Central House, 46; oHncut, 97; Palermo, 147; Chico No. 1, 215; Chico No. 2, 276; Chico No. 3, 208; Chico No. 4, 210; Chico No. 5, 239; Chico No. 6, 208; Chico No. 7, 308. Chico No. 8, 137; Chico No. 9, 143; Oakdale, 333; Dump, 50; Wyandotte, 69; Bangor, 67; Evansville, 24; Hurleton, 36; Forbestown, 51; Clipper Mills, 22; Mooretown, 28; Enterprise, 37; Mountain House, 22; Stanwood, 58; Berry Creek, 107; Bidwell Bar, 22; Yankee Hill, 61; Biggs No. 1, 31; Concow, 20; West Gridley, 157; East Gridley, 157; Biggs No. 2, 147; Nelson, 59; Dayton, 73; Thompson's Island, 190; Thermaito, 190; Dredgerville, Cherokee, 60; Oregon City, 31; Crum's Ranch, 27; Magalia, Paradise, 141; Lovelock, 51; Siskiyou City, 389; Inskip, 18; Nimsheville, Centerville, 66; Forest Ranch, 80; Grove, 17; Lomo, 41; Dump, 50; Creek, 47; Nord, 75; Cana, 29; Point, 45.

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J. D. Williams, formerly of Cherokee, but now of Taylorsville, is operating extensively in Plumas, where he has a number of different properties in hand, chiefly in development. On Chipps creek, accessible from Prattville, he is running a long tunnel to tap a gravel channel upon which he has a large acreage. In the North Arm country he is exploiting the Moonlight group of copper claims, and also has in hand the Ward creek group in the Genesee district. Williams was formerly prominently identified with the Golden Drift and Black Channel, on the Dogtown ridge and has a long and varied experience in mining.

WILL WALK FIFTEEN MILES TO VOTE

George Fowler, a miner known as "Rock Creek George," has made the statement that he will walk from where he is at work, at Ramsey Bar, to Magalia on November 6th to vote, says the Oroville Register.

Ramsey Bar is about fifteen miles distant from Magalia, and the trail leads through some of the roughest kind of country. Fowler is over 60 years of age, but that does not worry him. He expresses himself glad to leave his work and walk the thirty miles in order to vote.

THAT "SOCIAL FUNCTION"

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Frank McLaughlin former
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Heavy Vote Is Predicted

NEW VOTE OF COUNTY SAID TO BE OVERWHELMINGLY REPUBLICAN — LIST OF PRECINCTS AND VOTES THAT THEY WILL CAST TO-DAY.

From present indications it would seem that an unusually heavy vote will be polled to-day. The weather fore-caster promises fair weather, and while the campaign has not been attended with any great excitement, there has nevertheless, been an increasing interest shown in both the State and county campaign.

Registration of County.

The total number of voters registered is 7,341. In all there are 64 precincts, with a total registration in each as follows:

Bangor	80
Berry Creek	107
Bidwell Bar	21
Big Bar	71
Biggs No. 1	113
Biggs No. 2	145
Chico No. 1	217
Chico No. 2	248
Chico No. 3	208
Chico No. 4	216
Chico No. 5	242
Chico No. 6	225
Chico No. 7	315
Chico No. 8	141
Chico No. 9	154
Cana	30
Central House	49
Clipper Mills	22
Centerville	69
Cherokee	59
Concow	21
Crum's Ranch	28
Dayton	74
Dredgerville	68
Durham	95
Dump	53
Enterprise	37
Evansville	27
East Gridley	168
West Gridley	285
Forest Ranch	27
Forbestown	46
Honcut	94
Hurleton	35
Inskip	23
Little KimsheW	4
Lovelock	65
Lomo	45
Magalia	74
Mountain House	22
Mooretown	23

Nelson	43
NimsheW	72
Nord	75
North Point	43
Oakdale	343
Oregon City	34
Oroville No. 1	173
Oroville No. 2	218
Oroville No. 3	246
Oroville No. 4	283
Oroville No. 5	153
Oroville No. 6	108
Oroville No. 7	39
Palermo	146
Pence	71
Powellton	5
Paradise	153
Pine Grove	16
Rock Creek	44
Stanwood	56
Stirling City	401
Thompson Flat	49
Thermalito	185
Wyandotte	70
Yankee Hill	83

Estimate of Vote Cast.

It is estimated that fully 80 per cent of this vote will be polled to-morrow. If this is so the total vote of the county actually cast will be, approximately, 5,900.

New Vote Republican.

The large number of new voters in the county will cut a considerable figure. Both Republican and Democratic nominees together with their friends who have carefully canvassed this vote, state that it is overwhelmingly Republican, the ratio standing at least 2 to 1. The normal Republican majority, estimated on preceding elections, is 400. If the Republican party develops the strength in this new vote that it promises to do, this majority will be greatly increased.

Committee Predicts Victory.

The County Central Committee yesterday received further reports from the precincts. The Committee instructed its lieutenants to give the Democratic candidates the benefit of every doubt, to estimate majorities conservatively. The reports indicate a victory for the Republican ticket, with goodly majorities for the candidates.

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School In Session But No Pupils

DIFFERENCES IN CONCOW RESULT IN PECULIAR CONDITION OF
AFFAIRS — TEACHER GOES THROUGH FORMALITY OF
OPENING AND CLOSING SCHOOL.

Reports from Concow tell of a most peculiar condition of affairs in that district. For some reason the whole neighborhood has become involved in a quarrel over the school. The trustees desire the retention of the present teacher, while the parents of the school children are equally as insistent that a change be made.

The differences has resulted in a peculiar deadlock. The trustees to whom the law gives the power of employing a teacher, have no children to send to school. The parents on their part refuse to send their children to school, and as a result the school is without

pupils.

The teacher in charge appears each day, calls the roll, and remains throughout the day, going through the regular routine of opening the school, dismissing for recess and noon, and finally dismissing for the day. During recitation periods she passes the time as she desires.

There is no indication of either side giving way, and the deadlock will probably not be broken until County Superintendent of Schools Dunn returns from San Diego, where he is in attendance upon the convention of County Superintendents.