

Oroville Daily Register 1-2-1908

BIG BEND STAGE LINE SOLD TO CHARLES LOVELETT

Transfer of Ownership Went Into Effect Yesterday.

Mr. Charles Lovelett has purchased the Big Bend stage line from Bedell and Jones. The new owner took possession yesterday.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY OF MAILS, TRAINS AND LODGES.

MAIL SCHEDULE.

Mails Leave by Southern Pacific.
4:10 a. m.—Mall closes at 10 p. m. preceding night.
12:15 p. m.—Mall closes at 11:45 a. m.
Mails Arrive by Southern Pacific.
2:45 p. m.—California and Eastern mail.
9:50 p. m.—South California and Eastern mail.
Mails Leave by Northern Electric.
11:12 a. m.—Mall closes at 10:46 a. m.
5:12 p. m.—Mall closes at 5:40 p. m.
11:55 p. m.—Mall closes at 10 p. m.
Mails Arrive by Northern Electric.
7:07 a. m.—From all California points and from Washington and Oregon.
3:07 p. m.—Butte County local mail, also North California, Oregon and Washington.
Mails Departing by Star Route.
Oroville to Woodleaf—Daily at 5 a. m.
Oroville to Yankee Hill—Daily at 6 a. m.
Oroville to Quincy—Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 a. m.
Oroville to Lumpkin—Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 a. m.
Mails Arrive by Star Route.
Woodleaf to Oroville—At 6:30 p. m., daily.
Yankee Hill to Oroville—At 5:30 p. m., daily.
Quincy to Oroville—At 10 p. m., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
Lumpkin to Oroville—At 4 p. m., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
Government Service Rural Route No. 1—Mall leaves office at 8 a. m.; returns arriving at 5 p. m.
Any additional information about mails arriving or departing at this office cheerfully furnished at the Post-office. WM. L. LEONARD, P. M.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAIL-ROAD.

Trains Leave.
4:15 a. m.—Sacramento local, passenger.
12:15 p. m.—Sacramento local passenger.
(Both above trains connect at Davisville for San Francisco.)
10 a. m.—Freight.
Trains Arrive.
1:50 p. m.—Freight.
2:45 p. m.—San Francisco and Sacramento passenger.
9:50 p. m.—San Francisco and Sacramento passenger.



OROVILLE LODGE,
No. 323, K. of P.
Meets at 7:30 Tuesday nights in K. of B. Hall.
J. G. NISBET, C. C.
C. W. CAMPBELL, K. of R. and S.

OROVILLE LODGE, No. 40,
A. O. U. W.
Meets on the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.
E. R. JARVIS, M. W.
E. Higgins, Recorder.

I. O. O. F.
OROVILLE LODGE, No. 59,
Meets every Monday night.
THOMAS RICHARDS, N. G.
Joe Marks, Secretary.

ORO ENCAMPMENT,
I. O. O. F.
Meets at Odd Fellows' Hall on the first and third Fridays of each month.
C. A. WYCKOFF, C. P.
Joe Marks, Scribe.

OROVILLE LODGE, No. 103,
F. and A. M.
Stated communications of this Lodge are held on the last Tuesday of each month. October to April at 7 o'clock. April to October at 8 o'clock.
HARRY JACCBY, W. M.
JOE MARKS, Secretary.

OROVILLE AERIE, No. 196,
F. O. E.
Meetings first and third Wednesdays in Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., March, April and May, and the first Wednesday in June, July, Aug. and Sept.
WALTER SHARKEY, Pres.
S. S. Simon, Secretary.

COURT CENTURY, No. 85,
F. of A.
Meets every second and fourth Friday evening at 8 o'clock in Gardella Hall.
W. M. BILLS, C. R.
W. E. Duncan, Jr., Secretary.

OROVILLE CAMP, No. 7662,
M. W. of A.
Meets every Monday night in Gardella Hall.
T. W. DILLEY, Consul.
W. H. GRAVES, Adviser.
E. M. EICHER, Banker.
J. V. PARKS, Clerk.

UTE TRIBE, No. 180,
IMPROVED ORDER RED MEN.
Meets every second and fourth Wednesday at 8 p. m., in Gardella Hall, Oroville, Cal. Visiting Brothers invited to attend.
W. L. DOWNER, Sachem.
A. W. ROE, C. of R.

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Jan 7, 1908

GROWING POPULATION NEEDS MORE SCHOOLS

Petition in for Two New Districts in
Feather River Canyon.

A petition filed yesterday with the Board of Supervisors for the formation of two new school districts indicates the growing population in the Feather River Canyon. The first of the new districts that it is proposed shall be formed is to be known as the Big Bar School District. The territory is to be taken from Reservoir and Homo Districts. The hearing on this was set for February 5th, at 1 p. m.

The second district is to be known as Big Bend, and will be taken from the Yankee Hill School District. The hearing on this will be held at the same time.

The two districts are separated by the river.

POWER PLANT AND LINE LARGEST IN WORLD

CABLE TO CARRY
VOLTAGE OF
100,000

PLANT EXCEEDS THOSE
OF NIAGARA

A beginning will soon be made in the construction in Butte County of the largest power line in the world, without exception. At the meeting of the Supervisors held on Saturday, Mr. Warren Sexton appeared before them and on behalf of the Great Western Power Company asked for a franchise to erect and operate a power line from the Big Bend plant through the county. The exact route has not yet been announced, but it will come in close proximity to Oroville, though, of course, not within the corporate limits of the city. This line will carry 100,000 volts, the cables being suspended on steel towers about 130 feet in height. The power will be carried through the Sacramento Valley to the City.

It has generally been supposed that the Big Bend plant is the second largest in the United States, Niagara Falls being first. It is now announced that the plant is to be the largest power plant not only in the United States, but the world. Eight huge generators, each of a capacity of 20,000 horse-power, are to be installed. These generators are being built at Schoenady, in New York, and three will be installed immediately. The remaining five will be installed later, and the capacity of the plant will then be 160,000 horse-power.

This will easily make the plant at Big Bend the peer of any power plant in the world. While by far the largest plant in the world, officials of the Great Western Power Company state that the total horse-power produced will be less than that produced at Niagara Falls. In the latter place, however, it is produced by three companies, each with its own plant. The capacity of any one of these plants is much less than that at Big Bend will be.

POWER COMPANY GRANTED FRANCHISE

**Alameda County Supervisors
Permit Construction of
Distributing Lines**

**Two Per Cent of Gross Income
to Be Paid After Five
Years' Operation**

OAKLAND, Jan. 20.—Through E. M. Downer of Pinole, the Great Western power company was granted a general franchise today by the board of supervisors to install and maintain on the county roads and highways poles and wires for electrical current transmission. The franchise runs for 50 years. Under its terms 2 per cent of the gross income collected for the current sent over the lines under the franchise shall be paid into the county treasury after five years of operation.

Downer represents the power company which has established works at the Big bend of the Feather river, and is said to be allied with interests friendly to the Western Pacific railway. The company has purchased a site on East Oakland basin at the foot of Sixth avenue, where a large auxiliary plant of 20,000 to 30,000 horsepower will be installed. The transmission lines will come into Oakland from Contra Costa county for the most part over a private right of way. The franchise granted today was desired to cover such portions of county roads as might be required to carry the lines to their destination. A site for a large transforming station has been bought by the company in East Oakland north of Fourth avenue.

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Jan 28, 1908

WANT NEWSCHOOL DISTRICTS TO BE FORMED

NEED OF ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS
INDICATES HOW COUNTY
IS FILLING UP.

A petition was received yesterday from the residents of Mountain House and Bald Rock School Districts asking the formation of a new school district, to be known as Rockfellow. The district is to be formed out of the two districts mentioned above. There are nineteen children who will be accommodated by the new district. The signers to the petition are Messrs. William Cayton, Frank Wallace, Albert Butterfield, Frank Bennyhoff, Daniel Zink, Robert Johnson, John Chrisman and Mrs. William Forman.

The petition will come before the Board of Supervisors at the February meeting, together with the petitions for the formation of the Big Bend District and the Big Bar District. In the former district there are over thirty children to be accommodated, all children of employees of the Great Western Power Company. The Big Bar District will be on both sides of the river, the children crossing on a footbridge.

As indicating the way in which the country is filling up, it should also be stated that during the present year two other districts that had formerly

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WANT NEW SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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lapsed were again organized. These were the West Liberty District and the North Point District.

The Board at the February meeting will also consider a petition to enlarge the boundaries of the Kanaka Peak District by adding a portion of the present Mooretown District.

BIG MERGER OF ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANTS

WILL BOND COMPANY FOR SUM OF \$45,000,000

The San Francisco papers yesterday contained notice of a merger of electric light and commercial power companies that will be of great interest to the people of Butte County. Involved in the merger are the Bay Counties Power Company and the Valley Counties Power Company.

The San Francisco papers tell of the merger substantially as follows:

A deal amounting to \$45,000,000 was consummated yesterday, a mortgage and deed of trust for that amount from the California Gas and Electric Corporation was made to the Union Trust Company of San Francisco, the interests and properties of all the gas and electric lighting and power companies of San Francisco and Central California merged and a consolidation effected, and one corporation given control of the gas and electric plants in twenty-five counties of California, including San Francisco, Alameda, Santa Clara, Sacramento, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Marin, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba Counties. The consolidation of all the gas and electric plants was effected in the following manner: A transfer was made to the California Gas and Electric Corporation of all the property and franchises of the following companies: Oakland Gas, Light and Heat Company, Oakland Equitable Gas Company, Berkeley Electric Lighting Company, Bay Counties Power Company, Yuba Electric Power Company, Nevada County Electric Power Company, Butte County Electric Power and Light Company, Standard Electric Company of California, Stockton Water Company, Sacramento Electric, Gas and Railway Company, Central Electric Railway Company, United Gas and Electric Company, San Mateo Power Company and the shares of stock of the South Yuba Water Company.

Refunding of Bonds.

Of \$45,000,000 in bonds authorized the sum of \$38,282,000 is reserved for the purpose of refunding the underlying bonds of the companies making the transfer to the California Gas and Electric Corporation. Of the remainder \$3,055,000 of bonds is to be applied to take up the floating debt of

the California Gas and Electric Corporation, when evidence thereof is given to the trustee, and \$3,055,000 of the bonds is to be issued for immediate or future improvements, at the rate of 5 per cent for each \$100 of work done.

The balance is to be issued only with the consent of the bondholders' committee, appointed under the deed of trust and mortgage of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Upon this mortgage being recorded, the California Gas and Electric Corporation will convey all of its property so acquired to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and the Pacific Gas and Electric Company will issue a supplementary mortgage securing the foregoing mortgage. The effect of this transaction will be to secure the Pacific Gas and Electric Corporation's mortgage by transfer of the actual properties to it; the securities now being the shares of stock of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company and the preferred and common stock of the California Gas and Electric Corporation.

Owners of Stock.

The San Francisco Gas and Electric Company owns all of the stock and property of the Pacific Gas and Improvement Company, the Independent Electric Company, and also holds contracts for the purchase of the shares of the Mutual Electric Light Company and the Central Power and Light Company.

Captain A. H. Payson, I. W. Hellman Jr. and C. O. G. Miller, composing the bondholders' committee, after investigation, gave consent to the execution of the mortgage. The bonds will be issued in different denominations for thirty years, expiring in 1937, and bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent a year. Part of the bonds, enough to take up the floating debt, will be issued at once, and additional bonds as soon as practicable for needed improvements and the acquisition of additional property.

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2-4-1908

RURAL MAIL ROUTE ON PARADISE RIDGE

ORLOFF, February 3.—Rural mail route No. 1 has been established from Orloff, thus welding another link in the chain of progress in this vicinity, which is destined to become one of the most desirable places to be found for parties wishing to locate in a healthful and pleasant country.

Quite a number of Eastern people have settled here this winter, and all seem to be well pleased. Some real estate is changing hands, and the prospect for future transfers are very promising.

We will soon have an undertaking establishment and a furniture store. The building, a nice large one, is nearly completed.

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NO JOINT MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS

*Army Engineers to Proceed Alone to
Gianella Site.*

The Board of Supervisors met yesterday, with all members present. It was ascertained by communication with Glenn County that the United States Army engineers would inspect the proposed site alone. There will hence be no joint meeting.

The petitions for the formation of school districts at Big Bar and Big Bend were allowed.

The petition of E. D. Sharp for a road in Road District No. 2, north of Chico, was filed. The bond on the same was received and approved. T. M. Gunn, J. H. Oldham and M. C. Polk were appointed viewers on the road.

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**NEW POSTMISTRESS IS
SELECTED FOR YANKEE HILL**

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**Miss Edwina Lunt Will Take Charge
of the Office.**

It is learned that the Post-office Department has selected Miss Edwina Lunt to take charge of the Yankee Hill Post-office. Miss Lunt will succeed Mrs. Wells.

2-18-1908

INDIAN STELLA ROGERS ADVISED TO SEEK NEW HOME

Stella Rogers, an Indian woman, daughter of Dick Rogers, otherwise known as "China Dick," was arrested by Marshal Goe yesterday on a charge of disturbing the peace, the complaint being preferred by L. P. Nuckolls, her brother-in-law.

It appears that Stella, while in an intoxicated condition, disturbed the peace at a house in Fruitvale by flourishing a revolver. She has been seen in a drunken condition several times recently and when she came before Justice Strout yesterday she was given to understand that she must either arrange to leave town today or appear for a county jail sentence.

She was for four years a student in the Greenville Indian school.

FATAL ACCIDENT OCCURS AT BIG BEND

CAVE-IN AT NEW TUNNEL KILLS WORKMAN

COMPANION SERIOUSLY INJURED

A cave-in took place yesterday afternoon about two o'clock in the tunnel at Big Bend, and as a result one man was killed and another badly injured. The men were working in the new tunnel at Camp 7. The dead man tended the machine, while the injured man was his helper. They were working alone, when suddenly the dirt began to fall and a great mass of rock came rushing down upon them. The machine-man was struck on the head and instantly killed. His helper was pinned under boulders and debris and his foot was badly crushed.

The name of the dead man is Naylor. Little is known regarding him. He was about thirty years of age. The name of the injured man could not be ascertained last night.

Coroner Wallace will hold an inquest to-day at Big Bend, and the body will be brought here for interment.

2-20-1908

ACCIDENT ENDS IN EFFECT MERGER THE SECOND OF DREDGING DEATH COMPANIES

MAN INJURED AT BIG BEND
TUNNEL CAVE-IN UNABLE
TO STAND AMPUTATION.

Robert Agnew, who was injured in the cave-in at Big Bend tunnel, died on Tuesday night, as a result of an operation in which his leg was amputated. He was about 36 years of age. Little is known of his past history.

Edward Naylor, who was instantly killed by falling rocks at the same time, was 38 years of age. He has a brother at Scranton, Pennsylvania.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner Wallace. The bodies of the two men are at the undertaking parlors of A. A. Ward. A delegation of the fellow-workmen of the two men will come to Oroville to-day, when arrangements for their funeral will be made.

NEVADA COMPANY TRANSFERS
ALL OF ITS PROPERTY AND
INTEREST TO THE OPHIR.

A merger and consolidation has been effected between the Nevada and the Ophir Dredging Companies, whereby the former has transferred all of its property to the latter. The Nevada Company will still exist as a corporation, without property, for the purpose of carrying out its contracts. Outside of the nominal existence of the Nevada Company there has been a complete merger of the two concerns. The owners of the two companies were practically the same, and it is for this reason that consolidation was deemed a wise move.

Mr. F. C. Mayhew will still continue as secretary and manager of the Ophir Company. The company has approximately 200 acres of dredging land, which will be operated by the two boats.

**1100 MEN NOW AT
WORK AT THE
BIG BEND
PLANT**

**WORK IS PROGRESSING
RAPIDLY**

**POWER WILL BE TURNED ON FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN OCTO-
BER NEXT.**

Mr. M. A. Viele, of the Great Western Power Company, was in Oroville last night, on his way to Big Bend. Mr. Viele reports that work at Big Bend is progressing in a most satisfactory manner. A force of fully 1100 men is now at work, and the end is now in sight. Mr. Viele states that they will be ready to turn on power in October.

The great cable across the Feather River is now in operation, greatly facilitating the handling of freight. Carloads of freight are now being moved over the Western Pacific tracks.

Viele, Cooper and Buck, as well as the managers of the Great Western Power Company, are greatly pleased at the progress that has been made. Great credit is reflected upon the management of the company by the ease and rapidity with which the work has moved.

PASSENGER SERVICE ON W. P. COMING WINTER

COMPLETED LINE
EXPECTED IN
12 MONTHS
TIME

RAPID PROGRESS BE-
LOW OROVILLE

By the beginning of next winter, if the Western Pacific is not delayed in an unexpected manner, passenger and freight service will be installed over the line between Oroville and Oakland and San Francisco. The gap between Stockton and Sacramento has now been completed, and the tracklaying machine will in a short time start from its present location, two miles south of Marysville, for Sacramento, thus closing that gap. The work of piercing the Sacramento levee was started yesterday.

Niles tunnel has already been pierced, and Division Engineer Williams, who has charge of the division, states that track will probably be laid through the tunnel by June 1st.

In view of the fact that the force was not decreased during the past period of financial stringency, it is entirely probable that the work will be completed on schedule time. The summer months will be occupied in ballasting and surfacing the track. Immediately upon the completion of this work, the road will be opened to traffic and travel, and the Western Pacific from Oroville to Oakland and by ferry to San Francisco will be a working reality.

The present plans call for the completion of the road within twelve months. The date is fixed by the fact that it is expected that Spring Garden tunnel will be completed at this time. For some time the company was impeded in the work by soft ground. They are now working in harder rock, which holds, thus facilitating their work. The tunnel is approximately a mile and a half in length, of which one mile has been completed. The men are making about 250 feet a month in the tunnel now.

If the roadbed is ready by the time that the tunnel is completed, the force of men working in the canyon must be increased in the very immediate future. Whether or not this addition in force will be made depends upon the New York office, and financial conditions there.

The work in Nevada is very light, and will take but little time. It consists almost entirely of grading, which can be thrown up by scrapers. This roadbed can be built faster than the track can be laid, so that there will be no delay here. One tunnel, 6000 feet long, is being built in Eastern Nevada at Flower Lake. This will soon be completed, as 300 feet was made at one end of the tunnel last month.

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ALLEGED THAT HE FLED WITH A MARRIED WOMAN

BIG BEND SOCIETY STIRRED BY
AFFAIR THAT HAS INDICA-
TIONS OF AN ELOPE-
MENT.

Society circles in Big Bend are whispering a tale of an elopement that it is alleged took place on Sunday evening last, involving the company's store-keeper and the wife of another employee, Mrs. Patterson. On Sunday evening last, it is alleged, the two disappeared, and in view of the fact that neither made a secret of their infatuation the one for the other, the conclusion has been reached that the two left together.

Mrs. Patterson is but 19 years of age, and has been married twice.

Thus far no trace has been found of the missing couple. No word of any kind was left.

GIRL ELOPES DISGUISED IN MAN'S GARB

POSES AS MODERN CINDERELLA

YANKEE HILL GIRL ARRESTED
WHILE TRAMPING THROUGH
COUNTRY IN MAN'S
CLOTHING.

Mattie Hunter, a seventeen-year-old girl, who, up to a month ago, resided with her parents at Yankee Hill, was arrested yesterday at Nelson on a charge of masquerading in a man's costume. Lee Wilson, a man of about 45 years, was also taken into custody. The two were traveling through the country together, with all their belongings on a pack-mule. The arrest was made by Constable Patterson, of Nelson, who detected the disguise.

According to the story told by the girl, she was driven from home by the unkindness of her parents and a younger sister, of whom, she says, the parents are making a pet. All the work of the house, the milking of cows and the care of chickens, was forced upon her, and coupled with this, she was never given a kindly word. The girl states that finally her parents told her that she was old enough to do for herself, and that she should leave home. She went to Wilson, and told him her plight. He suggested that they should leave together, and they accordingly did. The girl donned a rough shirt and vest, put on overalls, and pulled an old hat over her hair, and the two started out. They intended to travel through the country until the girl reached her eighteenth birthday, when the plan was that they should be married.

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"I did not enjoy traveling around in men's clothing," said the girl, when questioned yesterday. "Of course they were freer and it was easier to tramp in them. This was the reason why I wore them, not that I preferred them to woman's clothes. It was easy to pass myself off as a boy. Until we were arrested no one even suspected that I was a girl. When any one came up, Mr. Wilson would say that I was his son, and no further curiosity was expressed in the matter. Of course we avoided people just as much as possible.

"I left home because my parents drove me away. They were not kind to me, and wanted to get rid of me. So I proposed to Mr. Wilson that we start out. We were engaged, and he said that as soon as I was eighteen that we would be married. He was kind to me, and I would marry him now if I could. We were just traveling around putting in the time until I should become eighteen. I have never been anywhere. I was born in Butte County, but up to the time I was brought here I had been in Oroville but once. I have never been in Chico, nor anywhere else, because I could not go. My younger sister, though, goes everywhere, and she was mean to me, as were my parents. I am not sorry that I went, nor do I think that I have done anything bad."

It was impossible to learn the parents' side of the story yesterday.

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**WILL MARRY MAN WITH
WHOM SHE ELOPED**

Miss Mattie Hunter and James Wilson
Are Given Freedom.

Miss Mattie Hunter, who has been tramping around the country, dressed in a man's clothes, in company with James Wilson, was released from custody to-day, as was Wilson. The father of the girl at Yankee Hill stated that he would prefer that they should be married. They accordingly left for Yankee Hill yesterday to obtain the written consent of the girl's parents to the match. They will return to Oroville with such consent, and be married at once.

TO REOPEN MINE AT OREGON CITY

**Eastern Stockholders Decide to Begin
Work at Standard Mine.**

During the coming summer the Standard Mine at Oregon City is to reopen. It is understood that the principal stockholders, who are Eastern men, have already decided to begin the work of pumping the mine out, and have ordered the necessary machinery so to do. Electric power is to supplant steam power in operating the mill and machinery, and it is expected that a very considerable saving will be made by this.

The mine is a quartz proposition, and it is considered by mining engineers that it will be a good paying proposition when properly worked.

4-16-1908

GIRL TRAMP TRIES TO SHIELD COMPANION

OROVILLE, April 15.—Mattie Hunter, aged 17, and Lee Williams, alias Charles Durrett, aged about 40, are still in the jail here, and have been questioned and cross-questioned with a view to securing information that would warrant a criminal charge against Wilson. The girl is held for masquerading in male attire.

The story told by the girl is that one month ago she determined to leave her home at Yankee Hill and elope with Wilson, whom she loves and to whom she is engaged to be married. Accordingly, Wilson secured a pack mule and they started out. She attired herself in overalls and the camping equipment was conveyed by the mule. For one month they have been roaming over the country, and not until Constable Patterson of Nelson happened in their company, as told by The Union yesterday, did anyone suspect that she was a girl. Patterson promptly took the pair to Oroville.

The girl says she left home because her mother and sister made life unpleasant for her; that she and Wilson are to get married as soon as she is eighteen years of age; that she has been a good girl and will make Wilson a faithful wife.

4-17-1908

RELEASED FROM JAIL ON PROMISE TO MARRY

OROVILLE, April 16.—Charles Durette and Mattie Hunter, the couple from Yankee Hill arrested at Nelson Tuesday night, have been released from the Oroville jail.

The girl's father telephoned the officers that if the couple would marry he would be satisfied. The family do not want the girl at home. The couple were told that they must be married at once. They agreed to this. The consent of the girl's parents must be obtained, she lacking two months of being 18 years of age, so it was necessary to go to Yankee Hill first. Durette said: "Mattie is a good walker and we can be at my father's house tonight."

Late yesterday afternoon they started on their twenty-two-mile walk to Yankee Hill. Durette will return to Oroville for a license when he gets the consent of Mattie's parents.

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4-21-1908

NEWS NOTES FROM PARADISE RIDGE

PARADISE, April 20.—We have just had a refreshing shower which will be of great value to the growing crops. The outlook for a big crop of fruit is very promising; the only thing that troubles the people here now is that, owing to the hard times, will their fruits find a market at a living price.

Real estate is "looking up." Some deals have been lately consummated, and others are very likely to be made, and why not; when we have the best all-the year-round climate in the country; as fine water as can be found anywhere; no malaria; general healthfulness; fine school and church privileges and no saloons. As a berry country Paradise cannot be surpassed; strawberries are just now coming in.

Mr. Roe has completed his undertaking parlor and storeroom and has begun the erection of a dwelling. The hotel has been repainted outside and in and newly furnished under the management of Mr. Adams. It offers an inviting place for rest and refreshment. His father has very kindly given his services to the Baptist church which has been greatly appreciated owing to the fact that the church was in need of a pastor. Mrs. Ethel Holland of the Chico church has organized a Young Peoples' Union, which is in a prosperous condition.

The church, through the aid of the New York board has been able to lift its pressing financial burdens to the joy of all.

We expect many new buildings and a number of incoming families to be added to our community in the near future. This town having a double name, Paradise and Orloff, it is now about to be renamed to that of Bidwell.

We have just learned that parties from Santa Clara county have bought from Mr. Crew the town site.

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4-27-1908

**NEARLY MEETS DEATH
IN SWIFT NORTH FORK
BOAT OVERTURNS
E. M. McKUSICK
HAS HARD
STRUGGLE**

**ACCIDENT OCCURS AT
BIG BEND**

Mr. E. M. McKusick had a narrow escape from drowning in the North Fork of the Feather River at Big Bend yesterday. With a companion, Mr. McKusick was out in a boat taking pictures of the Great Western Power Company's plant. In order to steady the boat the boatman reached up to grasp the cable. This capsized the boat and both men were thrown into the river, which runs like a mill-race at this point.

Mr. McKusick's companion, who, it is understood, is an employee of the Great Western Power Company, managed to reach the shore without great difficulty. Mr. McKusick, however, had a more difficult time, and was almost completely exhausted when he managed to reach a place of safety. He lost his camera.

Chico Record

4-28-1908

RURAL ROUTE FOR THE ORLOFF DISTRICT.

The new rural free delivery route ordered established from the Orloff office will begin service on May 1st. The route will be between seventeen and eighteen miles in length. Mr. Lovett is carrier.

When the route was recommended some time ago by Inspector Montanya, the residents of Paradise, a mile or so from Orloff, feared that the postoffice at Paradise would be abolished and circulated a petition asking that it be retained, and this has been granted.

J. I. Driscoll, postal inspector, returned yesterday from a trip to Orloff in connection with the new route.

Los Angeles Herald

5-11-1908

Power Company Begins Work

By Associated Press.

MARYSVILLE, May 10.—The Great Western Power company, which is to operate from **Big Bend** to Marysville and through to **San Francisco**, begins work tomorrow installing its line in both directions from Marysville. Steel towers 130 feet high will be used instead of poles.

W. P. WILL START PASSENGER SERVICE

FROM HERE TO BIG BEND TODAY

IT WILL BE THE FIRST PASSENGER SERVICE ON THE ROAD IN CALIFORNIA.

The first passenger service on the Western Pacific in California will be inaugurated to-day, according to the announcement of Engineer Emery Oliver. The service will be put into effect on that portion of the road between Oroville and the power plant of the Great Western Power Company at Big Bend. A passenger coach, now at Marysville, will be put on for the accommodation of passengers, and the usual rate will be charged. Three stage lines now operating between here and Big Bend will be put out of commission by the establishment of this service. The stretch of road is almost twenty miles in length. The service was inaugurated sooner than was expected, as so many parties were riding on the freight train over the stretch of road that accidents were feared. The freight traffic over the road for the Western Power Company now amounts to many thousands of dollars a month.

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FIRST TRIP OVER

WESTERN PACIFIC

VISITORS MAKE TRIP TO BIG BEND

The first trip of the passenger coach of the Western Pacific was made from Marysville yesterday to Big Bend. The train, composed of a passenger coach, flat-car and engine, left Marysville at 9 o'clock with about thirty passengers, comprising the Yuba Supervisors, the City Councillmen, representative of the press, the Levee Commissioners, and Division Engineer Emory Oliver.

At this city the train was boarded by the City Trustees, representatives of the press, and a number of other invited guests, among them being L. L. Green, F. H. Ellerman, Warren Sexton, Carleton Gray, B. L. McCoy and others. The train left here about 11 o'clock and returned shortly after 6 o'clock last evening. The trip was

made in order to acquaint the guests of the company with the road and to allow them to view the operations of the Great Western Power Company at Big Bend. The guests pronounced the trip a most enjoyable one and the scenery simply magnificent. The train stopped at Las Plumas, the station at the end of the route, and there a large number of the guests—that is, those who had the courage to cross over the big cable which is suspended 315 feet over the river—visited the immense power plant being constructed by the Western Power Company, and the visitors were simply astonished at the immensity of the operations. After viewing the operations the visitors were entertained at a luncheon by the officials of the Western Power Company.

Leaving the plant, they were brought across over the big cable again, and joined the remainder of the party who in the meantime had made a trip up to Berry Creek, and the journey home rounded up the day's pleasures.

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STAMPS SOON TO DROP AT BANNER

Stamps will again be dropping in a short time at the Banner Mine. Mr. W. E. Livesday, a mining engineer with an extensive experience in Nevada and Colorado, is operating upon the property, and for some time has been developing a new vein leading off from the vein of the old mine. The values thus far are very good, and fully \$50,000 worth of ore is at present blocked out. Within the next week a four-stamp mill will be ready for work, and milling operations will be started.

Mr. Livesday, who has had a large experience, states in an unqualified manner that this country offers better prospects for the development of good quartz mines than does Nevada.

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PLAN TO ENLARGE POWER PLANT AT BIG BEND

ENTIRE STATE TO BE

SUPPLIED WITH POWER

COST OF COMPLETED PLANT TO BE \$25,000,000

Messrs. M. A. Viele, H. P. Wilson, A. E. Bedford, F. O. Blackwell, Guy C. Earle and Colonel F. H. Ray, all of the Great Western Power Company, are in Oroville, and will proceed to-day to the works of the company at Big Bend.

An idea of the immensity of the plant will be gained from the fact that its first cost will be \$10,000,000. It will be ready to furnish power in October.

Colonel Ray states that all the power that can be furnished by this plant already has been contracted for and announces that it has been decided that the power house on the Feather River should be enlarged to such a size that it will be capable of furnishing power throughout the State. This new investment will cost \$25,000,000

and will be all subscribed by Eastern capital.

For days Colonel Ray and Mr. Wilson have been closing the great deal in San Francisco. Among the men who were called into their hotel was P. H. Schwerin, vice-president and general manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. The financiers seldom left their rooms except for meals or to walk down to the offices of the Great Western Power Company, which are located on the sixth floor of the Crocker building.

The deal, besides revolutionizing the price of electric power in this city and in other points in California, will be a stimulus to other Eastern capitalists in investing their wealth in this State.

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OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1908.

FIRST RESORT IS LOCATED NEAR RAILROAD AT CHINO

SELECT TOWNSITE FOR CAMP

CLARK STANDIFORD FIRST TO
ESTABLISH PLACE FOR
GUESTS DURING
SUMMER.

Camp Enjoyment is to be the name of the first summer resort established in the Feather River Canyon as the result of the coming of the Western Pacific. Mr. Clark Standiford has already selected a townsite on his Chino property, and proposes to establish the resort there.

The site is a beautiful one. A narrow glade running back into Jack's Creek, with gently sloping sides, furnishes good building sites. The glade forms a natural amphitheater in a way, with a level place in the center in which tennis courts can be placed. Surrounding the whole property is a great forest of pines. One of the trees in the proposed townsite is nine feet in diameter, while another contains timber that, when milled, would be worth \$500.

The elevation of Camp Enjoyment is 2500 feet, and the climate is delightful, not only during the day but at night as well. There is an abundance of fresh, sparkling water, as cold as if it came from ice.

Mr. Standiford states that the streams in the neighborhood are fairly alive with trout this year. It will be remembered that French Creek was stocked with 50,000 trout last year. These have now grown to good size, and the fishing in the streams surrounding the camp will be of the very best when the season opens. He also states that there are many deer in the immediate neighborhood.

The new camp is about 23 miles from Oroville, and about one and one-half miles from the railroad. When the railroad is in operation, the run from this city will occupy about forty minutes.

In addition to its other advantages, Camp Enjoyment is but a short distance from Pearl Orchard, the fruits, berries and vegetables of which have become famous.

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T. A. Duensing, Sydney Wellington and John Sweetman were appointed Trustees of the Yankee Hill cemetery.

MAN'S BODY IS DISCOVERED IN NORTH FORK

The Plumas National Bulletin says in response to a telephone message, Justice McHagar went down to Granite creek, a tributary of the North Fork, yesterday, to hold an inquest over the remains of a human being which, from appearances, had been in the water when found, at least thirty days. We understand by phone late this afternoon, that decomposition had progressed to such an extent as to render it impossible to identify the remains.

It is surmised that they might be those of Henry Zillig, who mysteriously disappeared from his home near Rich Bar nearly two months ago.

Nothing was developed at the inquest, however, to justify this conclusion.

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LUMBER COMPANY SOON READY TO BEGIN WORK HERE

OROVILLE MAY HAVE MILLS

ACTIVE OPERATIONS ON MERRI-
MAC PROPERTY TO BEGIN
WITH OPENING OF
THE W. P.

It has become definitely known that the Truckee Land and Lumber Company intend removing their mills to Butte County immediately after the completion of the Western Pacific to that point where their holdings will be opened up. It is a question at this time as to whether the mills will be located at French Creek or Oroville. The company has some level ground at French Creek, but it is understood that this ground is hardly as much as they want, although it may suffice their purposes if need be. It is also understood that, owing to the mistake to which the Diamond Match Company confesses in establishing any of their mills at Stirling City, the

Truckee Land and Lumber Company is considering putting their whole establishment in Oroville, and bringing all their logs here to mill. The economy would consist not only in saving two handlings of the lumber, but would also consist in the fact that all material, including barks, would find a market.

The plant is to be complete in every particular, and will include, in addition to the sash and door mill, the box factory, in all probability a veneer plant, a paper and pulp plant, and a turpentine plant. It will employ about 700 men. The machinery will be the most improved that it is possible to purchase.

The company will be ready to begin the erection of its mills as soon as the Western Pacific opens up its holdings. If it is decided, as it should be, that these mills are to be located in Oroville, it will mean a big thing for this city.

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FINED \$100 FOR BREAKING UP GAME

Morris Jones Pleads Guilty to Charge
of Battery.

Morris Jones, the man who caused such a commotion in a hokey-pokey game at Big Bend on Sunday, was before Judge Parks yesterday on a battery charge, the arrest having been made by Constable Tobin. Morris entered a plea of guilty to the charge, and was promptly sentenced to pay a fine of \$100. Morris attacked Andy Erickson with a beer bottle after the latter had won about \$900 of his and his friends' earnings in the game.

THREW ROCKS AT DANCE GIVEN AT CONCOW

Warrant Sworn Out for Arrest of
James Jones.

A warrant charging James Jones with battery was sworn to yesterday by Oliver Lunt. Mr. Lunt charges that at a dance given in Concow on Saturday night he was called outside by the defendant, who immediately struck him, and afterwards continued the assault by throwing rocks, three of which struck him on the head, inflicting scalp injuries. Mr. Lunt came to town, and swore out a warrant yesterday for the arrest of his assailant.

HOW CHICO CAME TO HAVE ITS VILLAGE OF INDIANS

PRES. LONGLEY WRITES OF
EARLY INDIAN WAR ON BIG
BUTTE CREEK.

[Editor's Note: The following sketch of the manner in which the present tribe of Indians came to make their home at Bidwell Rancho is from the pen of Pres. Longley. To a person interested in the early history of California, Butte County offers a most interesting field for research. Not only does it teem with tales of the romantic mining era, made famous by Bret Harte and Mark Twain, but the story of Indian life here is also more interesting than in many sections of the State, owing to the fact that the Indians were more warlike, and there were many raids and counterraids between the Indians and the Whites. The Indians were of immense stature, and went perfectly naked. On the war-path they were cruel, crafty and merciless. It is a pity that the early pioneers are being allowed to pass away without leaving a permanent record of the early days of this county. There should be clubs organized throughout the county for a study into such early history. The papers presented at such meetings would have permanent historic value, based as they would be, upon the personal recollections of men who lived during the time. Not only would the work of such organizations be of value, but the work would be most interesting.]

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(By Pres. Longley.)

The Slamshew tribe of Indians lived on Big Butte Creek when I first came to California, in 1852. They were an inoffensive, ignorant people, living on what nature so bountifully offered in the shape of game, grasshoppers, fish, worms, and roots.

They lived amicably with the miners until 1863. One Saturday night the miners were at the Nesbit Store, when their cabins were gutted and two large wagon-mules were taken.

The miners, under the impression that the Slamshews had made the raid, hung five of the bucks, and then war was commenced.

The Indians made up a war party and killed several white men, women and children. The war stood thus, when the home guards came up and removed the tribe to Rancho Chico, where the members of the tribe still remain. Mrs. Bidwell has established a good school for them, and most of them can read and write. They also have a brass band, and thus they have joined in the grand march of civilization.

When they left Butte Creek, nearly half a century ago, I wrote the following song for the Slamshew Widow:

Slamshewda has gone from her man's

mountain home,

*From the hills and the vales where she
once loved to roam*

*To gather red berries for a grasshopper
feast,*

*Where she rolled under trees like another
wild beast;*

*Blue mountains, calm ocean and bright
flowing streams*

*Might perchance find a place in her
fabric of dreams.*

*But then it is doubtful, she scarce
could admire*

*Tall Shasta's white peak, shooting up
like a spire;*

*Or gaze in the lake's quiet bosom to
see*

*A picture portrayed of cloud, mountain
and sea.*

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In that Valley below, with its verdure
so rare,
The golden winged grasshoppers spun
through the air,
And charmed the brown maid' with the
songs that he sung
In the days long ago when Slamshewa
was young;
When she climbed tall trees for the
nuts they'd borne,
Descending with garments untattered,
untorn—
For her dress was composed of such
nice simple stuff
It fitted her form without ruffle or
cuff.

She ran a small mill for the use of her
folks,
And always cracked acorns instead of
small jokes.
The bread that she made was quite
bitter, 'tis true,
'Twas the best that she had, and what
else could she do?

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READY FOR THE HILLS.

The Mullen Family Making Preparations For Its Annual Trip.

The latter part of this week the Mullen family, or a part of it will leave for the hills. It has become a habit with the Mullen's to leave each summer and about the time the electric fan begins to be a thing of comfort, they begin to figure about how much longer they can stand it. The party this summer will not be as large as it usually is for the reason that some members of the family are so situated that it is impossible for them to leave, though they may get away later in the summer. Postmaster Mullen has been granted a leave of absence, and while away the office will be managed by Misses Mary and Lottie Mullen. The party which leaves this week consists of **J. B. Mullen,**

Uncle Will Mullen, J. O. Mullen and Mrs. Chas. Mullen and family. J. Oscar will probably not be away later than the first of August, but the others will enjoy the mountains until fall.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. E. F. Sides is down from Big Bar.

J. A. MacDonald, of Pulga, is in this city.

M. Gramps, of Big Bar, is in this city.

Note: During this period, the post office had been named Pulga but the train depot was still called Big Bar, so some of the people called it Pulga and some called it Big Bar. See September 1916 on newspaper index.

6-26-1908

INDIAN FIGHTERS OF BUTTE TO PARADE

NOVEL FEATURE IS PLANNED
FOR FOURTH OF
JULY.

CHICO, June 25.—A probable feature for the Fourth of July parade in Chico will be the marching of a band of Indian fighters, now gray-haired, old men, who, in the sixties, shouldered their muzzle-loaders and mixed with the Indians on Mill Creek, Tehama County, and had vengeance on the scalping of several white women and children in Butte County by killing about twenty of the dusky natives in two raids.

Several of those who engaged in the fighting now reside in Chico and vicinity. Notable among these is Robert A. Anderson, formerly Sheriff of Butte County, and who was captain of the band of eleven men who made one of the raids. Others are Richard Gore, Thomas Gore, William Van Ness, Jack Reed, Squire McIntyre, Sim Moak, J. Moak, H. Curtis, John Curtis, Thomas

Knox, W. Knox and B. McKee.

Of these Indian fighters two or three yet have their old muzzle-loaders, saved as relics of the sixties, and the Fourth of July committee has asked the men to march in the parade, bearing the guns.

Small bands of Indians camping in Mill Creek made three or four raids into this vicinity during '64 and helpless women and children were scalped. The seventeen-year-old daughter of Charles Hicox, residing on Rock Creek, was killed, and his little son was carried away and brutally murdered. Another raid was made when Mrs. Robert Wortman, her sister and a hired man, living near Concow, Butte County, were scalped, and Mrs. Wortman's wedding dress was taken, as was considerable gold dust and coin. Members of the Lewis family, on Clear Creek, were also scalped. One of the children escaped and hid on Chico Creek.

Aroused by these wanton murders, 1100 men banded together and, securing their muzzle-loaders, were led by Robert Anderson after the Indians. The band followed the Indians across Deer Creek into Mill Creek, and coming upon them, fired, killing thirteen. Another raid was also made, led by Hy Good, and more Indians were killed.

FATHER RESCUED DAUGHTER; LEFT COMPANIONS STRANDED

OROVILLE, June 26.—A local waiter named Brown, and his wife, induced a young girl from the country to start with them for Big Bend today, and this without the consent of her parents, and the father overtook them at the top of the Cherokee grade, recovered possession of his daughter and one of the horses, and left Brown and his wife to proceed as best they could.

It seems that the girl, who is about sixteen years of age, came to town on a horse. Brown had a horse, wagon and harnesses, and the girl was persuaded to join them and allow her horse to be used with their horse in making the trip. Thus it was that the father had no hesitancy in taking one of the horses from the team and leaving the Browns stranded. The Browns came trudging into town late this evening and immediately boarded a Northern Electric car for parts unknown. Their wagon is on Table Mountain at the top of the grade.

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SHOOTING SCRAPE

AT YANKEE HILL

The Mercury learns from a resident of the Yankee Hill section that a shooting scrape took place at a saloon in that vicinity a few days ago. The matter was hushed up and those interested hoped it would go no further. The story goes that a Swede whose luck and skill were with him gathered quite a lot of round money in a gambling game. A row followed in which a man named McIntyre, so the Mercury was informed, shot the Swede in the leg. The wound was a slight one and the Swede left that vicinity for parts where guns are not used in playing cards for money.

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CONCOW FIGHT TRIED IN COURT

Felony Case Against James Jones Was Dismissed Yesterday.

A large part of the younger population of Yankee Hill was in Oroville yesterday in attendance upon the trial of James Jones, accused of assaulting Oliver Lunt with a deadly weapon, to wit, a stone. Guy Kennedy appeared for the defendant, while the People were represented by Assistant District Attorney, George E. Gardner.

The arrest was the result of a row which arose at the Reservoir school-house at a "necktie" party given there. Lunt was called outside by Jones, and, it is alleged in the complaint, viciously assaulted by the latter. Some evidence was taken, but before the conclusion of the trial the District Attorney's office moved that the felony charge be dismissed. The complaining witness refused to swear to a battery charge, and the case accordingly ended.

The first witness examined yesterday was Oliver Lunt. He told of the party, and of the attack made upon him by the defendant, and stated that he had been struck with a stone and his head gashed. He stated that the assault was entirely unprovoked, and that he had done nothing other than to attempt to guard himself against the attack.

On cross-examination, the line of defense became apparent, Attorney Kennedy attempting to bring out that the act of the defendant himself had led to the fight, and that Lunt had received the cuts as the result of falling against the wall. Partners were chosen at the party by picking a necktie at random from a basket. Each necktie matched an apron, and in this manner the partner was found. Mr. Kennedy in his examination attempted to show that the young complaining witness had had it fixed with Miss Leila Simmons to select her tie, but that the signals became mixed, and that when he failed to obtain the right one after two attempts he threw them on the floor in disgust. Lunt denied this, but stated that he had drawn three ties, but that Mr. Armbruster, who was in charge of the drawing, had told him to do so, and to give them to other boys crowding around. He denied that he had fallen against the wall, but stated that he had been cut when he was first attacked on the school platform.

Miss Agnes Curran, who is in charge of the Utah Construction Company's hospital, told of dressing a number of scalp wounds on the complaining witness.

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Butte Williams and William Williams, of Yankee Hill, who were present at the dance, told of the fight, giving substantially the same account of the fight as that given by Oliver Lunt. Butte Williams told of hearing a rock fall on the porch, of later picking it up, and finding it covered with blood. His brother stated that he saw the rock fall, although he did not see Lunt struck with the rock, owing to the fact that in going from the light room out on the porch he was temporarily blinded. Both denied that at any time Lunt was knocked against the corner of the wall or fell striking it.

Hiram Hunter, a young boy, also testified to seeing the rock fall, although he did not see the defendant strike him with it. He also swore that Lunt had not been knocked against a building or had fallen striking it.

An adjournment was taken until one o'clock, and when Judge Parks reconvened court, Assistant District Attorney Gardner moved to dismiss the case of assault with a deadly weapon, holding that the testimony was insufficient to couple the defendant up with a blow struck with the missile. The order was accordingly made. The complaining witness refused to swear to a complaint for battery, and the case was accordingly dropped.

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PISTOL WITH WHICH SIM MOAK FOUGHT INDIANS

Sim Moak, an old Indian fighter of Butte county, is exhibiting an old muzzle-loading pistol which, from its appearance, was one of the earliest manufactured in this country. It has a long barrel and a very small stock.

Moak claims he took this gun from an Indian who was dressed in a plug hat and white shirt, during the sixties, in the Indian troubles of that time.

MINING AT PENTZ.

Old Time Camp Again Scene of Activity.

(The Bee's Special Service.)

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), July 13.— Mining at Pentz, at one time one of the rich mining sections of this county, is again in a fair way to enter the gold-producing field on a large scale. At the Hendricks mine the gravel is now yielding \$2 to a car. Supervisor Wilson is arranging to again start his mine, which was at one time a rich gold producer. Levi Cohn has started drill prospecting on his ground, and it is said the prospects are good.

Pentz people are also quite worked up over the claim that they have diamonds there, and as the result of opinions of experts, a drill is now at work on the Mortinson place. Capitalists have been trying of late to get options on all the big places there, but owing to the prospects, most of the property owners are holding on and only a few places have been sold.

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LARGE FORCE TO BE PUT ON

Yesterday we mentioned that 500 additional men were to be put on the Western Pacific work out of Oroville, but owing to the lateuess of our information in arriving we had to make it very brief. This will make a force of 1000 men at work between here and Big Bar.

This action undoubtedly comes as a result of the meeting held Monday when it is understood the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad and the Western Pacific were recognized and consolidated. As a result of the reorganization and consolidation, \$150,000,000 of bonds are to be issued. Of this amount \$90,000,000 will be used in paying off the old bonds of the Western Pacific and in completing the road, while the \$60,000,000 remaining will be required for rehabilitating the Denver & Rio Grande.

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Regarding The State Farm

Editor Sinclair of the Butchers' and Stockgrowers' Journal is of the opinion that the next legislature will sever the state farm at Davis from the state university. After paying a high compliment to E. J. Wickson, Mr. Sinclair says:

It will be remembered that last week we published a long article from the Davis Enterprise, giving an interview with H. P. Bakle, in which that gentleman—one of the foremost raisers of pure bred stock in Yolo county—expressed an opinion that this very question would be threshed out at the State Farmers' Institute, which convenes next October. It will then be shown, we believe, that the majority of agriculturists favor a separate management for the farm in question. There would be no objection whatever to allow the agricultural station at Berkeley ample room to carry out its experiments, or to permit the learned gentlemen connected with the state agricultural school on subjects upon which they are specialists, or take part in the short courses held there, but the farm itself should be under practical management.

We do not believe there is a single member of the faculty of the agricultural college at Berkeley who knows enough about general farming, to make it pay, and that is what we call practical agriculture. This is said with all due respect to certain large funds of knowledge these gentlemen possess upon subjects which go to make up scientific culture of land, but it must be remembered that men and women go to the short courses and young men and maidens attend the school to get practical knowledge that can be turned into money and not a smattering of some obtruse subject which they do not understand and cannot apply. A little learning of this kind is a very dangerous thing, as has been shown by the repeated failures of students of the agricultural college to succeed as farmers, stock raisers, dairymen, viticulturists. Now as that part of the state's population gaining its living from the soil is well aware of this fact, it doubts if the legislature was wise to place this farm, to which it looks for a business education, under the management of the university, and therefore it will most probably ask that the act providing for the farm be amended to meet its views. Moreover, the continuance of the use of the "University this" or "university that," when applied to an entirely separate (except, unfortunately, in the management) branch of the state's educational system supported by special appropriations, is like waving a red flag in a bull's face, and the learned professors, unless expert matadors, are likely to come to grief before this serious question is settled.

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POSTMASTER HOME HE LOOKS DIFFERENT

A Renewed Crop of Hair and Chin Whiskers Alter His Appearance Some

Postmaster J. Oscar Mullen has returned. He arrived in Tempe after a months absence Tuesday evening, having taken the train at Flagstaff the night before. With all due respect to Mr. Mullen, it must be said that his general appearance upon his arrival here would do credit to the comic supplement of any metropolitan Sunday edition. Upon leaving here, the postmaster began an heroic treatment to restore his hair, which gave visible signs of leaving him bald headed. This treatment consisted in shaving the top of his head and cutting out the crown of his hat. A month in the sun under this condition is warranted to either kill or cure and in this case it cured. Mr. Mullen now sports a luxuriant crop of hair again though it has not yet reached a great stage of length. This hair, combined with a carefully cultivated crop of chin whiskers, so changed his appearance that many had difficulty in recognizing him yesterday morning when he showed upon the street for the first time.

Mr. Mullen says that the people at Mormon Lake are having a fine time and are all well and happy. At present there are some fifteen or twenty camped there, all Mullens or friends

of the Mullens and more are on the way. The climate while he was there was ideal. Just cold enough to be comfortable. A party of seven of the camp took a few days off and journeyed to Clear Creek for trout fishing. Success crowned their efforts and Mr. Mullen avers, with his hand over his heart, that the seven caught 500 trout in three hours with hook and line. They were good sized fish, too. Not little fellows.

Mr. Mullen assumed the arduous duties of postmaster again yesterday morning and Miss Lottie Mullen, who has been in charge during his absence leaves tonight for Flagstaff where she will spend a month with her sister, Mrs. Byron Carr.

FOREST FIRE IN BIG BEND

The building of the Great Western Power Company at Camp 3 in Big Bend were in danger of destruction by a forest fire Friday afternoon. The flames swept over several hundred acres of land between Camps 3 and 4. For a time the large boarding house, office building and hospital were threatened with destruction. The efforts of the large force of men saved them. Ten or twelve small houses on Pine Crest occupied by employes of the Company were destroyed. The fire is still raging but is thought to be under control.

No one knows how the forest fire originated. It is thought to have had its origin in one of the "jungle" camps used by some of the employes. A large quantity of timber has been destroyed.

WESTERN UNION TO BUILD TELEGRAPH LINE FOR W. P.

August 12, 1908

The Western Union Telegraph Company has the contract to put in the telegraph line that is to carry the business of the Western Pacific Railroad company, and crews of men were started to work yesterday getting ready to install the line, which will extend from Oakland through this city to Big Bar, about twenty miles east of Las Plumas on the Feather river.

The line will parallel the Western Pacific track and will be one of unusual strength and capacity. The poles will be of the ordinary kind but will carry six cross-arms and arranged for twelve wires which will eventually be used. At present but one wire will be used and that will be solely for the movement of trains. As soon as the road gets in thorough working order there will be additional wires.

The poles through the valleys and in the vicinity of Marysville will be placed at the rate of forty to the mile, while in the canyon and mountain regions there will be sixty to the mile. The Southern Pacific's line has thirty to the mile and that is the average number for a line of this sort.

Several crews of men will be put to work at once. One will work out of Oakland, another from Sacramento, one from Marysville and still another from Oroville east and from Big Bar west. It is believed this line can be in operating order by the first of November, when it is scheduled to have the road in operation.

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SHOOTING SCRAPE INVOLVES DOGS WIVES AND CHICKENS

INDIAN ATTEMPTS TO MURDER
HIS BROTHER IN ROW THAT
HAD ITS INCEPTION IN QUAR-
REL OVER DEPREDATIONS OF
CHICKENS.

WOMAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

GEORGE MARTIN, A FULL-BLOOD-
ED INDIAN, TAKES SHOT AT
HIS BROTHER—MISSES HIM,
BUT NEARLY HITS WIFE—EN-
TERPRISE SCENE OF ROW.

News has reached Oroville of a shooting affray that took place in the Indian village near Enterprise last Monday. The trouble was between two brothers, George and Frank Martin, both full-blooded Indians. It appears that George Martin's wife set the dog upon Mrs. Frank Martin's chickens. Frank Martin took up his wife's quarrel, and George Martin did the same for his wife. The two men came to blows, and George was beaten. He then went for his rifle, and shot at his brother. He missed him, but the bullet barely escaped striking Mrs. Frank Martin, and her escape was by a hair's breadth. No arrests were made.

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**AGED JOSEPH MILLER
IS DANGEROUS-
LY ILL**

Joseph Miller, a resident of Butte county since early days and now over eighty years of age, is lying critically ill at his home in Chico Vecino and it is feared that the end is near at hand, age having worked weaknesses which medical skill cannot often counteract. About a year ago he suffered an attack of pneumonia, and came near unto death's door, but he recovered. Since that time, however, he has been quite weak, and yesterday his condition was exceedingly critical.

Mr. Miller was born in Baden, Germany, and came to the United States in 1856. He first located in Missouri, and two years later came to California, helping to drive a band of cattle across the plains. At Jamison Creek, he engaged in the butcher business and later moved to Thompson's Flat in this county, where he engaged in the same business. He was also in business for four years in Frenchtown, in partnership with Frank Cannon, but finally located permanently at Cherokee. He is a man of vast interests and a wide acquaintanceship, and a host of friends will regret to know of his serious illness.

DEATH OF JOS. MILLER

An Old Resident of Chico
Passes Away.

Joseph Miller one of the oldest, wealthiest and most highly respected residents of Butte county died Saturday night about 9 o'clock at the family home in Chico Vecino at the advanced age of 82 years. He had been critically ill for several days and his wife and son and physicians knew that his lamp of life would soon burn out.

Joseph Miller was born in Baden, German, August 27, 1826. In 1855 he came to the United States, spending two years in Missouri and then coming to California. He mined only four days. His trade of butcher was then taken up at Jamison Creek. From there he went to Thompson's Flat where he was in the same business. At Oregon City he was in partnership with Frank Cannon for a short time. Mr. Miller then went to Frenchtown near Yankee Hill where he and his brother Wendell who died several days ago formed a partnership under the name of Miller Brothers. They had a large business and established a shop at Cherokee. Miller Brothers furnished meat by pack train to several mining camps as well as running wagons to larger camps and to sawmills. The firm had great bands of horses, cattle and sheep and their stock business was very large.

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Jos. Miller was one of the largest landowners in the county as he owned several thousand acres of land. He leaves a widow and a son, Wendel, also a prominent farmer and resident of Butte county. The deceased was widely known throughout Butte county. He was a good business man, liberal in his dealings and just to all. No man was truer to and more generous with his friends to any of whom he was ever ready to lend a helping hand. His kindness of heart and genial disposition made him popular.

The interment will take place at Cherokee. The funeral services will be held at Cherokee at 10 a. m.

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KNOCKED SENSELESS IN A RUNAWAY

Serious Accident Took Place Yesterday on Huntoon Street.

A serious runaway accident took place last evening on Huntoon Street, in which Mr. Baker, of Cherokee, who has been peddling fruit and vegetables at the camps of the Great Western Power Company, was knocked unconscious, and it was thought at first seriously injured. Dr. Whiting was summoned, and after examining the patient stated that the injuries consisted largely of the bruises he had received, and were not serious in their character.

The horses were started by a Northern Electric car. Mr. Baker was not in the rig at the time, but started after his team, swinging in to catch the reins. He ran in too close, and was struck in the back by the hub of one of the front wheels. He was knocked to the ground, picked up unconscious, and taken into the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Murchie, where he was cared for.

The team ran up the street. The wagon crashed into the posts of one of the Western Pacific crossings, where the team stopped.

NUGGET FOUND TO BE ONLY BRASS

CONFIDENCE OPERATOR WORKS
NEW TRICK BY TAKING DIS-
GUISE OF PROSPECTOR.

Here is a good story on John Wells, of Yankee Hill.

It appears that a few days ago a man, who had every appearance of being a prospector, came through Yankee Hill and displayed a fine nugget that he wanted to sell. Mr. Wells looked at it carefully, and made an offer to the prospector, which was accepted. The money was paid over, the nugget changed hands, and the prospector went on his way.

After he had the nugget in his possession for some time, the new owner thought it might be well to test it further. He did so, and found that instead of gold it was nothing but brass plated with gold.

Mr. Wells got on the telephone, and now the Sheriff is looking for a prospector with an assortment of gold nuggets which he is willing to dispose of at their bullion value. If he is found, a charge of obtaining money by trick and device will be placed against him.

1500 MEN ARE WORKING AT BIG BEND

RUSHING WORK TO COMPLETION

LARGEST FORCE NOW EMPLOYED
THAT HAS BEEN ON SINCE
START OF WORK.

Despite the fact that it will not be long before water is turned on through the tunnel of the Great Western Power Company at Big Bend, that company is nevertheless working more men now than it probably has at any time since the work was started. Approximately 1500 men are engaged at work, and every effort is being made to rush the work to a rapid completion.

The concrete work upon the walls and the upper surface of the tunnel is now nearing an end. The main work left to be done is to concrete the floor. This will not require a great length of time, compared with the other concrete work that is being done. A start has already been made in this work.

The work upon the dam at the intake is also progressing in a most satisfactory manner. The dam will not be necessary for the first diversion of the water, and hence the only effort that is being made is to complete the dam before the flood season. It should be noted that this is but a coffer-dam. The permanent dam will be built of concrete, and will not be installed for some time to come, and after a careful observation of actual river condition has been made, with a view of locating the site in the right place.

A large crew of men is also engaged in putting the pipe in place which leads from the outlet of the tunnel to the power-house at the foot of the mountain. This pipe was made in Germany, on account of its great diameter five feet, it being impossible to obtain the pipe here. It is electrically welded with a lap, the seam being thus invisible. There are four of these large pipes, with a fifth smaller one, leading to the power-house.

From the outlet of the tunnel, a pipe of approximately the size of that leading to the power-house, will be laid along and up to mountain side until a height equal to that of the intake will be reached. This will guard against destruction through water pressure, and as it will be left open will also provide a vent for the great pressure of air in the tunnel. All this work is yet to be done.

A large number of workmen are also engaged on the power-house. This is being built of reinforced concrete, and is a marvel of engineering skill. Designed in New York, every part is ready to slip into place. The machinery will be installed by means of the cable now stretched across the river. The power-house is so designed that the machinery can be dropped into place, ready to perform its work.

The success which has attended their work is a source of great satisfaction to all who have been connected with the company. It is stated that the company is finding no difficulty in disposing of its power.

No statement has been made as yet regarding the time that work will be started upon the Big Meadows development, but if the demand for power continues to be as brisk as it is said to be, it is not unlikely that work will be started soon. It is known that some of the men have been notified that their services will be wanted at Big Meadows, but how general the work will be is not known. The construction of the great restraining dam

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at Big Meadows, in which the flood waters will be stored, will be of great value not only to the company in enabling them to increase the flow of the river, but to the valley as well, as it will increase the flow of the river during the months that the water is desired for irrigation. The principle adopted by the company of conserving the flood waters of the winter in great storage reservoirs is directly in line with the recommendations of the Department of Agriculture of the United States Government.

WILL SAVE DREDGES LOSS

The Gold Bar Dredging Company which secured one of the Horning places in Butte creek canyon, about two miles above the Diamondville bridge, says the Chico Record, undertook a few months ago to mine the property by means of a steam shovel, but the plant was so poorly handled that the venture was practically given up by the managers of the company, and on behalf of the stockholders the Black Sand Mining Company has taken hold of the proposition, and promises, by saving all of the gold, to make the proposition moderately successful. The company is handicapped, however, by the cost of handling the gravel.

The Black Sand Mining Company has patented a sluice which, it is claimed, will save not less than 97 per cent of the gold. To do this, it is apparent that it must not save by the ordinary methods of mining. The installation of the new sluice was accomplished Thursday, and a brief run was made, but not of sufficient length to warrant any estimate being made on the richness of the gravel. That which is of greatest interest to the dredging world is the saving power of the Company's sluice, and this will be tested shortly by one or two of the Oroville dredgers, as the claims of the man who patented it are backed up by his determination not to sell his production, but

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to install them on a royalty basis, the royalty to be paid out of the gold it will save that otherwise would go into the tailings.

The Gold Bar's system of sluicing was rather crude, but averaged well with other sluices, when the inventor of the Black Sand Company's riffle sluice took a yard of the tailings for a test for his sluice. From this yard of tailings he secured 43 cents a remarkable result.

The important feature of the contrivance is the system of riffles, which cause the small gold particles to come in contact with and be taken up by the mercury located beneath each riffle. Ordinarily the major portion of this dust gold continues down the sluice, but if checked and agitated in the vicinity of the mercury is most likely to be taken up.

That there is an immense loss in flour gold at the dredgers is not questioned, and any successful contrivance to prevent this will attract the attention of the dredging world.

The Black Sand Company, operating on the Horning place, is not allied with the black sand fake that was projected in Oroville a couple of years ago. It is an entirely different system, the inventor is a different man and he is only seeking an opportunity to place his machines where he can make them profitable to those with whom he deals and thereby profits himself.

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DENIES THE CHARGE.

Yankee Hill Man Gives Himself Up to Sheriff.

(The Bee's Special Service.)

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), September 29.—Charles A. Henry, of Yankee Hill, came to this city this morning and surrendered himself to Sheriff Chubbuck to answer to a charge of selling liquor without a license. Henry heard that there was a warrant out against him, and came to town to answer the charge. He was placed under arrest and immediately released on bonds.

Henry claims that he is innocent of the charge. It appears that Henry intends to purchase the saloon at Yankee Hill, but that the ownership has not yet been transferred and will not be until Henry gets the license transferred from the present owner to himself. It is claimed that he has been selling liquor without the license, but this he stoutly denies.

NARROW ESCAPE OF AUSTIN JONES

FROM MEETING INSTANT DEATH
IN ACCIDENT—RIGHT LEG
IS FRACTURED.

Loaded with an engine weighing 6000 pounds, a freight wagon ran off a mountain grade yesterday, tipped over and rolled over the driver, Austin Jones, the well-known freighter and stage-driver, and although his right leg is broken, nothing but a miraculous interposition of providence saved him from having his life crushed out of him instantaneously.

Jones was hauling a load of freight to the Bumble Bee Mine. The wagon had a very high seat, and when near Oregon City, one of the seat springs broke, throwing him backwards into the wagon. The horses became frightened at the unusual racket, and started ahead at a lively pace, a front wheel passing over the grade and the wagon overturning and rolling completely over.

Jones was thrown against the broken spring in his fall, sustaining a bad fracture of the right leg.

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The wagon was loaded with an engine weighing 6000 pounds, and Jones owes his life to the fact that when he was thrown back into the wagon he was caught between the two large fly-wheels of the engine, weighing probably 800 pounds each, which, when the wagon topped over and rolled over him, acted as a shield for his body and effectually prevented his life from being crushed out of him. Castings on the big engine from two to three inches in diameter, were broken off as if they were mere pipe-stems.

As soon as word could be received here, Dr. Whiting and O. N. Pauley departed immediately for the scene of the accident, and Mr. Jones was brought here as soon as possible and taken to the Utah Construction Company hospital, where, although he is suffering great pain, it is not believed that any internal injuries were sustained.

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**RELATIVES ARE
FOUND BY
REGISTER**

—
DAUGHTER OF DAVID JONES OF
CHEROKEE CLEARS UP
MYSTERY.
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Through the efforts of the Register, the relatives of David Allen Jones have been located and information of their whereabouts, as well as of the death of David A. Jones, has been forwarded to the family in Wales. It will be remembered that a short time ago the Register published a letter from Richard Jones, of Glyn, North Wales, asking for information regarding David A. Jones, who when last heard from was in Cherokee. A letter had been sent to the Sheriff's office, and was turned over by the Sheriff to the Register.

Yesterday the Sheriff received a further letter from Wales, with an enclosure from Mrs. Mary Ellen Jones Darby, of Berkeley, in which she writes the family regarding her father's death. The letter is as follows:

"Berkeley, September 9, 1908.

"1628 Belvedere Ave.

"Mr. Richard Thomas Jones.

Dear Sir:

"The advertisement which you had inserted in the Oroville Daily Register for information in regards to David Allen Jones, reached me. I am David Allen Jones' daughter, and the only living child. My brother, Llewelyn Woodard Jones, died a year ago. My father's death occurred about thirty-five years ago.

"My father dropped dead very suddenly. My brother came immediately to inform my husband and me. When we arrived at the house a great many of his personal effects had been stolen, and in the confusion his home address was lost. At the time of his death he was justice of the peace at Cherokee.

"Any further information will be gladly given, and would be pleased to hear from you.

"Yours very truly,

"(Mrs.) MARY ELLEN JONES
DARBY.

"1628 Belvedere Ave., Berkeley, California."

It pays to advertise.

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MISS ROSE DOYLE ENTERS - CONVENT AS A NUN.

Friends of Miss Rose Doyle, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Doyle, of Chico, will possibly be surprised to learn that she has entered the convent of the Sisterhood of the Holy Family, and will take the vows consecrating her life to the service of the Sisterhood as a nun. The convent is located in San Francisco where the sisterhood has a widespread reputation for its work of charity among children and the unfortunate.

The step was not taken by Miss Doyle without deliberation for she has contemplated it for several years. She went to San Francisco several weeks ago and then finally concluded to enter the convent, which she does with the full sanction of the family.

Miss Doyle was born in Cherokee, where the family resided several years before removing to Chico. She has an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. O'neil in this city and friends in Chico Oroville and Eastern Butte. From the high nature of her character they will realize that in becoming a nun she does so with the conscientious desire to be of benefit to humanity and is fully willing to devote the remainder of her life to that service.

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Sam Melne exhibited yesterday samples of quartz taken from the mine owned by himself and his uncle, J. J. Melne, at the head of Philbrook Valley. One showed traces of gold and another of silver. They have a gravel mine also which produces \$150 to the car.

INDIANS IN WILD STATE LIVE ON DEER CREEK

ABORIGINES ATTIRED ONLY IN SKINS OF WILD ANIMALS ARE
FOUND BY CHICO HUNTERS—MAINTAIN CUSTOMS OF
THEIR ANCIENT ANCESTORS.

The wild Indians of Deer Creek canyon have been found. The question, debated through these many years by the stockmen of Tehama and Butte Counties, as to whether or not a remnant of the once ruthless band of Mill Creek remains in the remote gorges of the hills, has been answered affirmatively. The claims made by I. N. Speegle, Jacob Moak and others that their cattle camps have been frequently plundered by these wild savages has been bolstered by almost conclusive evidence, says the Chico Enterprise.

An Indian was seen by a couple of surveyors late Thursday evening. These two were passing up Deer Creek Canyon en route to a camp occupied by other surveyors near the mouth of Sulphur Creek. They saw a stranger on the creek bank above them and called to him, thinking possibly they had encountered one of the party from above. Immediately the stranger whirled on them and showed the astonished whites the features of an unusually bad looking Indian. The two had been looking diligently for a crossing over the turbulent stream,

and both frankly admit that they found one then and there.

They found their way to the camp that night and told their story. The following morning the surveying party, having enlisted the services of Jack Apperson, Charles Herrick and Harry Keefer, all experienced foothill men, returned to the spot where the Indian had been seen and after a careful search found the camp of the wild man.

It lay some eighty rods up from the creek and in a frightfully rough portion of the canyon. A rude wicki-up, sapling stayed and canvas-covered, seemed to be the principal place of abode, although a space of several acres was occupied with the strangely assorted articles of the Indian's cache. As the party approached the hut some thought that they caught glimpses of fleeing human forms in the jungle of brush and shouted to Apperson, who was ahead, to look sharp. The latter, however, swiftly approached the hut, loosened a fold of canvas, thrust his head inside and in a moment shouted:

"Come on, boys, just in time for

dinner!" and reaching inside he set out a pot of acorns. And although this choice dish was still steaming hot, the most painstaking search revealed not so much as the spark of a fire by which it could have been heated.

Leaving the hut a trail like that made by wild animals was soon discovered, and up this the party advanced. So ingeniously had the wild men covered their paths that at no time was a distinct footprint discovered while no less than ten set steel traps were brought to light. Apperson and Herrick were soon ahead of their comrades. Suddenly the former exclaimed, "What was that? Something struck my hat and then clicked on the bushes behind me."

"Probably a falling acorn," replied Herrick.

"Only acorns don't fall up," said Apperson. "Whatever it was struck the under side of my hat brim."

He paused to look in the brush for the object that had passed so close to his head, and Herrick stepped up beside him. Suddenly Apperson cried out: "There there are."

And there, less than three rods ahead, on the edge of a thicket, crouched two unkempt, glaring Indians. The whites advanced, when one of the Indians motioned them violently back with both hands, at the same time crying:

"Cambodee, go back; Cambodee, go back!"

But as the whites continued to advance, the Indians whirled and sprang away with incredible speed, bounding up the almost precipitous rocks by use of hand as well as foot. They were dressed in skin upper garments, with legs blackened as if by pitch, and both carried bundles.

After a fruitless chase the whites returned to the spot where they had started, and were looking about when Keefer, who had come up suddenly shouted: "Here we are papoose!" and snatching at a strangely muffled bundle on the steep hillside, he uncovered not a child, but a bent and withered old woman. Perceiving that she was discovered she immediately began to cry and moan:

"Malo, malo," which Apperson interpreted as meaning "sick."

The old woman had evidently been carried thus far by her companions, who had deserted her only when hard pressed. She was bent and deformed, and helpless with the infirmities of age. Her legs were tightly bound in strips of cloth, while her shoulders were covered by a skin robe. Her hair was short and gray and stood stark upon her head, while her scalp seemed like dried leather. She showed evident relief when the white man offered her no violence, and drank thirstily from a canteen which Apperson put to her lips.

After a discussion the men decided to leave her undisturbed. Before retiring from the spot Apperson gave her another drink, bundled her up as comfortably as possible, and shook her hand as a token that no harm was intended her.

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In the camp the most striking savage equipment probably that lies today in any of these forty-six broad States was brought to light. Stanch and serviceable bows, beautifully feathered and tipped arrows, a quiver made of the entire skin of a beaver, this skin as well as those of the various robes, dressed with the fur on, and so skillfully as to be unusually soft. There were several of these robes, one of dappled wildcat skin still bearing the clawed toes as ornaments. The arrows are works of art both as to form and coloring, the head in some cases being of flint, on others of glass. Two broad knives made of glass and bone can be seen at a glance to be formidable weapons. The Indians' match safes consist of sacks made of tanned squirrel skins dressed with the hair on. Cooking utensils and pieces of clothing, a pocket looking glass and various other articles were identified as objects that have been taken from foothill cabins during recent years. There were several sacks of ground barley suspended in trees and nearly a full sack of flour within the hut. No firearms were found except in pieces, and it is undoubtedly true that these wild creatures have had it bred in their very bones that any killing of white men will assuredly bring the deadly rifles of Bob Anderson and Hi Good once more into the hills.

As an evidence of the cleverness with which the Indians have protected their retreat by means of the steel traps it is but necessary to state that no sooner did the whites neglect to scan the footing beneath them on overtaking the savages than Herrick stepped into a trap, and in springing back to avoid its stroke was caught in a second one.

William J. Conway of the Bidwell ranch, states that the Indians of the Deer Creek district are a remnant of the tribe that was subdued in the

last great fight with Government troops in 1853, and that these Indians have steadily refused to give up their own religion and adopt that of civilization. There was with them up to a year ago, he says, a chief named Krogdo, nearly 100 years of age, who has preserved the traditions of the tribe for thousands of years, covered in deerskins and buried in a place known to himself.

STORY OF EARLY DAYS IN BUTTE

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RECALLED BY DEATH OF FORMER
RESIDENT OF PENTZ IN
THIS COUNTY.

SUSANVILLE, November 16.—The death of William S. Davis, recorded on November 11th, recalls a bit of early history. While the details are somewhat confused, old residents of Butte Creek will remember the occurrence which cast a thrill of horror over the northern part of the State at the time.

Mr. Davis died a bachelor. When a young man he owned valuable farming land near Pentz, in Butte County, and while residing there became engaged to a charming young woman. The wedding day was set, and very shortly before the date fixed upon the young couple attended a ball. When the enjoyment was at its height the young woman was approached by a rejected suitor, mad with jealous rage. Seizing her by her hair with one hand the frenzied brute drew her head backward and with a razor-edged knife almost severed her head from her body. The fiend escaped for the time being, but was chased down, and captured after being shot, and his remains were thrown upon a trash-pile and cremated.

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DEL NARANJAL SANITORIUM

The beautiful home of Mrs. Dr. Hepburn, one mile from Oroville, has been leased and fitted up in a high class manner by Miss Charlotte Regan--a trained nurse--who is prepared to care for patients.

P. O., Oroville R. F. D.
Phone, Sub. 158

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A FEW NOTES FROM CHEROKEE DISTRICT

The frequent showers and mild weather have given the grass a fair start. The price of hay is a little less strenuous than it was, and the jaws of the stockmen are not hanging so low as they were in the recent past.

Mrs. Chalmers' saloon business has been moved to the old drug store building. Ed Hopkins is the manager.

Ed Campbell who had a couple of ribs broken loose from the vertebrae in an accident with his freight wagon a few weeks ago is able to be about again but will not be able to do any hard work for some time yet.

The Cheshire house and the Patrice house or Squire Williams house as it was sometimes known, have been

dismantled for lumber to build in other places. Guillermo Andrada will erect a cabin on the Patrice place.

There will be a Christmas tree for the children in "the little school house" on Christmas eve.

The population of the town has been increased one unit by the birth of a son to Mrs. John Arrida. Mother and child are both doing well; likewise the father.

Surveyors have been running lines in the vicinity of the Concow reservoir recently. There is much speculation as to who is employing the surveyors and what is the purpose for which the new dam will be used if one is built. The reservoir or water right is the property of the Valley Counties Power Company.

A wedding at the home of Antone Joseph is scheduled for New Year's eve. Miss Mamie Joseph and Antonio Diogo are the ones most deeply interested.

Cherokee, December 9, 1908.

PENN-SPENCER WED- DING WAS ONLY A JOKE

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That joke marriage of Justice Frank Spencer of Yankee Hill, who was for a time a member of the Butte county Democratic Central Committee, and Mrs. Stasia Penn, is causing the latter considerable annoyance.

"My name is not 'Mrs. Stasia Penn-Spencer,' as you had it in an item in Monday's issue," declared Mrs. Stasia Penn, mining promotress and charming widow, who visited the Plumas National-Bulletin office for the purpose of correcting an impression that she had been wedded to Justice Spencer, the "sage of Yankee Hill."

The Plumas National-Bulletin says: "Our readers will remember that several months ago an account was given of the efforts made by Mrs. Penn's attorney to secure the annulment of a marriage ceremony in which Mrs. Penn was alleged to have been the fair bride and Mr. Spencer the groom. Newspaper reports at the time stated that the lady versed in mineral lore had entered into the spirit of the occasion at a merry dinner party, and consented, as she supposed, to the performance of a mock marriage ceremony, in a spirit of fun. Later on, Mr. Spencer is alleged to have so far taken the matter seriously that the records of the marriage were hunted up, and found to have been performed by a minister and the marriage certificate filed for record. The minister who performed the ceremony was interviewed and he also declared that the marriage knot was tied according to Hoyle, as he understood it.

"Mrs. Penn now informs us that this matter has been straightened out by her attorney; that she never was wed to the Yankee Hill justice; that blackmail was at the bottom of the matter; that she is yet single and satisfied, and had no present idea of embarking upon the sea matrimonial."

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THE MESSILA GOLD GRAVEL MINING COMPANY

Files Articles of Incorporation in
County Clerk's Office.

A company incorporated under the laws of Arizona and known as the Messila Gold Gravel Mining Company, filed articles of incorporation yesterday. Capital stock is placed at \$1,000,000. The carrying on of a gravel mining business is the purpose of the company.

The directors chosen for the ensuing year are E. C. Wilson, of Pentz; A. M. Wilson, of Cherokee; William Es-son, H. D. Suffern, I. A. W. Pine and I. W. Coffin Jr., all of New York.

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TWO INDIAN FIGHTERS MEET AFTER YEARS

Two old Indian fighters of Butte county, who had not seen each other before for two-score years, met in this city yesterday when R. A. Anderson, ex-sheriff of Butte county, and Frank Curtis, formerly of Chico, but now of Poland Springs, Maine, met on the street.

Curtis and Anderson, now both well along in years, were together in the fight with Indians on Mill creek in the early days of Chico, which followed murdering of white people by the red men in several parts of Butte county. Curtis was then but a boy of fifteen, and left Chico for the east many years ago. A few weeks ago Curtis, accompanied by his sister came to Chico and renewed many old acquaintanceships. They left for the return to Maine yesterday.

**POWER COMPANY SOON
TO BUILD GREAT DAM**

**Will Begin the Construction of
Work at Big Bend in Spring**

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

OROVILLE, Dec. 16.—Reports here are to the effect that the Great Western power company will begin the construction of its mammoth dam at Big Bend as early in the spring as possible. The dam will be three hundred feet high, three hundred feet across and will require train loads of concrete. About a thousand men will be employed in its construction.

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VAST HORSEPOWER BEING DEVELOPED

Great Western Power Company
Starts Plant Costing
\$12,000,000

Lines for Transmission of Elec-
tricity Already Completed
to Oakland

OROVILLE, Dec. 18.—The current of the Great Western power company was turned on today at the Big Bend plant, said to be the largest in the world. The line has been completed into Oakland. The expenditure thus far is \$12,000,000.

Although the first development will be but 15,000 horsepower, this will be immediately increased, and during the month of January a total of 50,000 horsepower will be produced, making it the largest single plant in the world.

A goodly portion of the power is expected to be used by the Western Pacific in electrifying its division over the Sierra Nevadas. Secretary H. P. Wilson of the Great Western power company is authority for the statement that the Western Pacific will electrify its system within the next five years. The waters of the north fork are diverted through a great tunnel $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length and 13 feet in diameter, solidly concreted throughout. They are carried beneath a mountain around which the river bends. The waters are dumped back into the river after they have been used in the manufacture of power.

The Big Bend plant is but one part of the system the Great Western power company will establish. Next year the company will begin the construction of a great dam at Big Meadows, where the Feather takes its rise. More than 20,000 acres of land will be flooded and another power plant will be located here. The capacity of the plant at Big Bend is to be increased to 100,000 horsepower, and when the plant is fully completed the enormous total of 450,000 horsepower will be developed.

It is known that some of the same capital that is backing the Western Pacific is backing the Great Western power company. One of the largest stock holders in the company is Colonel Ray of the tobacco trust. The plant has been built by Viele, Cooper & Buck, a well known engineering firm of New York. M. A. Viele has been the engineer in charge of the work, and S. B. Roberts, who built the Lucin cutoff, the superintendent of construction.