

Oroville Mercury
1-10-1910

DR. DAVIS APPOINTED

PHYSICIAN AT BIG BEND.

Dr. Fred Davis of this city left today for Camp 7 in Big Bend where he will have charge of the hospital for the construction company that will build the great dam near the head of the tunnel. He is preparing the hospital for the accommodation of probable patients.

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1-15-1910

BADLY INJURED IN ACCIDENT IN MINE

**DAVID HEDGE BROUGHT TO THIS
CITY IN A SERIOUS
CONDITION.**

Thursday afternoon an accident took place in the Blue Jay mine, near Oregon City, in which David Hedge a miner, received serious injuries. Hedge, in company with another miner, was operating a drill in the bottom of the shaft. The car, which was operated from the outside of the shaft, had just been drawn up, when the operator, it is said, lost control of the machinery controlling it. The car dashed toward the imperiled men, one of whom was in such a position that he stepped aside just as the cage struck, and was not injured. Hedge was not in a posi-

tion, however, which made it possible for him to step out of danger before being struck. The car was a small one, or, without doubt, the injured man would have met an instantaneous death. As it was, he was seriously injured, having his left leg fractured and also receiving wounds about the head and body which are also of a serious nature.

Dr. Wilson was summoned Thursday evening, and went to Oregon City and gave the injured man medical attention.

Friday the patient was removed to the Oroville Hospital in this city, where he is receiving every attention. Last evening it was stated that the injuries sustained by Mr. Hedge were of a serious nature, and that it was not an easy matter to foretell the outcome of the accident.

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1-31-1910

DANCE AT CHEROKEE.

CHEROKEE, January 30.—A dance which is being looked forward to with a great deal of interest will be held in Cherokee on the evening of February 11th.

PARTY AT YANKEE HILL.

YANKEE HILL, January 30.—Mrs. E. D. Hendricks was pleasantly surprised Friday evening on the occasion of her birthday. The evening was spent in music, dancing, games and other amusements.

The San Francisco Call

3-10-1910

TWO LITTLE GIRLS RESCUED BY COURT

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**Story of Brutal Cruelty Arouses
the Hot Wrath of Judge
Graham**

—
**Child Inhumanly Whipped and
Tongue Burned With Lysol
for Trifling Offenses**

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"This is the most outrageous case I ever listened to," declared Judge Graham yesterday, after hearing a long story of harsh treatment to which two little girls, 8 and 5 years old, the children of Monroe Fairbanks, a nickelodeon operator, had been subjected since their mother abandoned them. That the older girl, Eva, was beaten black and blue with a heavy horse-whip wielded by her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Fairbanks, was one of the allegations made.

A woman named Cora Emery, referred to during the hearing as the "affinity" of Fairbanks, burned the tongue of Eva with lysol on a cork as punishment for telling a lie, it was also stated.

Fairbanks and his mother opposed one another bitterly in rival applications for appointment as guardian of the children.

"I will end this matter by appointing myself guardian," Judge Graham announced after hearing all the evidence. "I never heard of a more outrageous state of affairs. This 5 year old girl Jennie is suffering from tuberculosis and she would be dead in six months if kept in these horrible surroundings. I will make arrangements for both little girls to be taken to the country and placed in a home."

Fairbanks told of seeing the grandmother tie Eva up with her night dress and then beat the child cruelly with a horsewhip. Fairbanks said he did not interfere for fear of raising a row, but now he considered he should have done so.

Another act of cruelty on the part of the grandmother, he said, was to place six liver pills in a glass of milk and make Eva consume the mixture. This was a punishment for taking some food from the table.

3-10-1910

CHILD BEATEN WITH A WHIP

Eva May Fairbanks Had Lips
Burned With Acid for
"Telling Stories."

BLAME FATHER'S AFFINITY.

Judge Graham Names Himself
as Guardian of Two
Children.

A tale of shocking brutality was told by little Eva May Fairbanks, the eight-year-old daughter of Monroe Fairbanks, before Judge Graham yesterday. If it was true—and most of its details were corroborated—it proves that in certain depraved hearts the cruel passions of the dark ages linger still. Beatings with a buggy whip, burnings with acids and the administration of medicines for the purpose of producing illness were among the things told about.

The case came before the court on the application of Mrs. Margaret Fairbanks of 424 Berlin street to be appointed guardian of Eva May and Jennie Fairbanks, her grandchildren. Monroe Fairbanks, the father, who is a moving picture operator at 1313 Fillmore street, seconded the application, and said that the mother had abandoned the children in Fresno. But after listening to all the testimony, Judge Graham refused to name Mrs. Fairbanks and appointed himself guardian. Eva May, who is aged 8, and her sister Jennie, aged 5, will be cared for at the Armitage Home, San Mateo, and their immediate wants will be supplied under the direction of Miss Kerrigan of the probation office, acting as representative of the Court.

TELLS OF ILL TREATMENT.

"They tied me up in my nightgown and whipped me with a big whip," testified Eva May.

"Who did?" demanded the Court.

It appeared that the grandmother herself had once wielded the whip, but on most occasions it was in the hands of Mrs. Cora Emery, the father's affinity.

"She (Mrs. Emery) burned my lips for telling a story," continued the child. Later testimony brought was to the effect that the burning had been done with lysol.

The father said that he had seen some of the beatings, but had done nothing to prevent them. The child was tied so that it could do nothing "but holler." He testified that the whip used had been a broken buggy whip, three and a half feet long.

The next testimony dealt with the administering of medicine as a punishment. In this, as in the other cases, Eva May had been the victim, Jennie being weak and sickly, and therefore meeting with less ill treatment. But Eva May was made to take six liver pills because she had taken food from the table before meals.

"This is horrible," cried the Court, breaking into the story of the alleged doings of Mrs. Emery, and he refused to grant any of the requests made by the father or the grandmother for continued custody of the children. If the affinity appeared to be the worst offender, the conduct of the others, in the Judge's opinion, has not been at all free from blame, and the children will henceforth be the especial care of the Court.

HORSEWHIP USED ON TWO CHILDREN

The San Francisco Examiner
3-10-1910

On Hearing Testimony Judge
Takes Tots From Father's
Custody.

Little Fairbanks
Children Taken
Over by Court

Treatment Given to Children

Father Sees Punishment

Some of the modes used of punishing Fairbanks children:

Lysol put on tongues to cure them of telling falsehoods.

Six liver pills put in their milk to stop them from stealing jams and cakes after supper.

Taken from bed, tied in nightgowns and whipped with 3½-foot horsewhip.

Stories of brutal treatment, related by Monroe Fairbanks, owner of a Fillmore street nickelodeon, and his daughters—Eva, aged 8, and Genevieve, aged 5—compelled Judge Graham to appoint himself as their guardian yesterday, taking them from the custody of their grandmother, Mrs. Margarette Fairbanks of 434 Berlin street. They will be sent to the country by the judge and properly cared for even if His Honor is compelled to "dig down" in his own pockets and provide for their welfare.

Rebukes Parents.

In appointing himself guardian of the two girls Judge Graham scathingly rebuked both the father and his mother.

"This is the most horrible case of brutality that I have ever listened to in this court," said Judge Graham. "It is a deplorable state of affairs and I will take charge of the case now. Both of the girls will go to the country for fresh air if I have to furnish the funds."

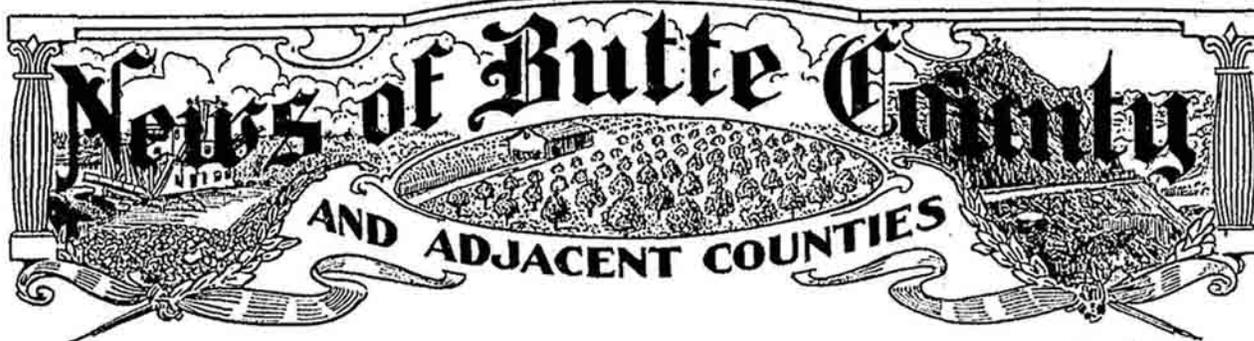
Monroe Fairbanks, the father, testified that he witnessed the whipping of the eldest child by his mother.

Use Horsewhip.

"They took little Eva out of bed, tied her with her nightgown and whipped her with a big horsewhip about 3½ feet long," he said. "I looked on, powerless to interfere, because if I had done so they would have fought me. Then my mother put six liver pills in Eva's milk because she took jam from the table and the girl was sick for several days. Because she told a trivial lie they flipped a cork in a bottle of lysol and touched it to her tongue."

The father's statement was substantiated by the testimony of Eva. She said he had been whipped unmercifully not only by Mrs. Fairbanks, her grandmother, but by Mrs. Cora Emery, Fairbanks' affinity. Fairbanks separated from his wife several years ago.





AERIAL TRAMWAY UNLOADS SOME HEAVY MACHINERY

Transformer, One Separate Piece of 35 Tons, Will be Carried Across River.

One of the large transformers which are used in the Great Western Power plant at Big Bend was delivered at Las Plumas Station by the Western Pacific Railroad. Las Plumas is situated upon the opposite bank of the Feather from the power plant, and is connected by a lofty aerial tram, which is operated by electrical machinery operated by electricity taken from the power plant.

The transformer is of the General Electric Company's make, and weighs, when ready for use, 65 tons. The heaviest single piece of the huge device weighs 35 tons. In order to unload the machinery from the cars, the train was requisitioned into service and the machinery was placed upon the ground.

In the near future the cumbersome machine will be taken across and lowered to the level of the power plant, where it will be installed.

LAYING SPUR AT BLINZIG.

STANWOOD, March 16.—A crew of men started work to-day laying a spur track at Blinzig to connect with the tramway the Swayne Lumber Company is building.

3-17-1910

NO CONTEST OVER ESTATE OF JURIST

Judge Warren Sexton's Widow Thwarted by Discovery of Old Deed.

OROVILLE, March 16.—A threatened contest over the estate of the late Warren Sexton, Judge of the Superior Court of Butte county, has been abandoned by his widow. The discovery of a deed which had been filed in the Recorder's office fifteen years ago shows that Judge Sexton had transferred all his interest in the estate of his mother to Miss Caroline Sexton, his sister.

Mrs. Maud Sexton, the widow, was preparing to contest for one-fourth interest in a valuable piece of property in this city, formerly owned by Judge Warren Sexton Sr., which was sold by Miss Sexton after her father's death to several owners who have erected homes upon it. The discovery of the deed puts an end to what promised to be an interesting legal contest.

Oroville Mercury 4-7-1910

MANY TRAINS OF CEMENT FOR DAM

ONE THOUSAND CARS FOR THE
GREAT WESTERN DAM
AT INTAKE

It was given out last evening that contracts have been let by the Great Western Power company for 1000 car loads of cement which will be used in the construction of the big dam at Intake. The cement will be hauled through this city by the Western Pacific company.

The power company is adding daily to its already large force at Camp No. 7 in preparation for the work.

WANT SALOONS NEAR LUMBER CAMPS

THOMAS DAY AND W. S. DAY
SEEK LICENSE IN STAN-
WOOD SECTION

W. S. Day and Thomas Day have filed petitions with board of supervisors asking for license to retail liquor at Stanwood and also at another point about a mile from the station. The board will hear the petition next month.

As the Truckee Lumber Company has violently opposed such licenses in the past it is surprised that the applicants will have a hard time to secure them.



Oroville
Lodge
No. 232
K. of P.

Meets every Monday night in
New Masonic Temple. Sojourning
brothers cordially invited to attend
W. B. HENGY, C. C
W. K. PALMER, K. of R. and S.

FASHION STABLES

J. A. HUNTINGTON, Prop.

City Hack

Day or Night

Stand Myers St. between Bird
and Montgomery streets, op-
posite Union Hotel.

PHONE MAIN 98.



MINING IS ACTIVE IN MORRIS RAVINE PROPERTIES

Outlook Encouraging for Big Revival
of Gold Producing Days.

Much mining activity is reported from Morris Ravine, and indications point to the fact that the revival is but at its beginning.

Bumble Bee Mine.

At the Bumble Bee mine the Chilean mill is crushing ore during one shift of eight hours, and the officers of the company express themselves as greatly pleased with the values that the ore shows. The company is now 240 feet on an incline, and will soon start sinking again. A force of eight men is at work.

Banner Mine Active.

W. E. Livesley, the owner of the Banner mine, has recently purchased the machinery of the Blue Jay mine, and it is stated this machinery will be installed upon the Amsikey vein. At the present time Mr. Livesley has a force of men at work clearing out the incline at the old South Banner, in order that the face of the old workings may be reached.

Good Gravel at Old Glory.

The Old Glory mine, which was operated by G. W. Rumble, is again being operated by its new owner, Mr. Phillips. Gravel carrying good values has been found in a section of the mine hitherto unworked. A large amount of new machinery was installed by Mr. Phillips two years ago.

May Reopen Standard Mine.

It is understood that Eastern capital proposes to reopen the old Standard mine at Oregon City, one of the famous producers of early days. It is understood that negotiations are in progress looking toward the installation of machinery to pump the mine out during the coming summer.

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<i>Pay While You Ride</i>	<i>C. G. Thunen</i> SPORTING GOODS 714 MONTGOMERY ST.	<i>Your Credit- it Is Good</i>
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\$1,000 Worth Of Bicycles To Pick From

I carry such old *reliable makes* as the **PIERCE**, **RAMBLER**, **RACYCLE**, **TRIBUNE** and **HUDSON** bicycles. ¶ These are the *leading* bicycles to-day and have *all* been made *continually* for the last *twenty* years. Every *piece* and *part* of these bicycles are *guaranteed* by their *makers* and *I* add my *personal* guarantee to theirs *also*. ¶ Prices range from **\$40-52** each

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4-9-1910

OFFICIALS OF POWER COMPANY VISIT PLANT

**Will Inspect the Work That Is Being
Done on Mammoth New Dam.**

General Manager H. H. Sinclair, Vice-President Guy C. Earl, Resident Engineer Julian Thornley, Assistant Superintendent Fields, all of the Great Western Power Company, and John R. Freeman, who owns a large interest in the company, arrived in Oroville last night and left early this morning for the plant at Big Bend. The trip is primarily to inspect the work that is being done upon the mammoth new dam that the company is in process of erection at the Intake.

4-12-1910

Oroville Mercury

OROVILLE MERCURY, OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1910.

PLANNING BIG DAM AT INTAKE

OFFICIALS OF GREAT WESTERN
POWER COMPANY RETURN
FROM AN INSPECTION

"We have not as yet completed the plans for our big new dam at Intake but roughly it will be about 700 feet long, 150 feet high and will be 60 feet through at the base," stated Vice President Guy C. Earl of the Great Western Power company last evening on his return from a visit to Intake.

Earl was accompanied by General Manager Sinclair of the company.

If you have sore eyes of any kind use Sutherland's Eagle Eye Salve. It is good for nothing but the eyes. It is painless and harmless, and is positively the best. If you don't say so we will refund your money. Try it and then tell your neighbors. Sold everywhere 25c a tube. Greens drug store.

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4-12-1910

"TEX" RICKARD SEEKS OPTIONS ON LAND IN CHEROKEE

NEVADA FIGHT PROMOTER AND
MINING MAN WOULD BE-
COME DIAMOND
MINER.

That "Tex" Rickard, Nevada's fight promoter and mining magnate during its palmy days, has opened negotiations to secure lands in Butte County with reference to mining the same for diamonds, has been learned. Rickard was here about four years ago, and at that time expressed his belief that diamond mines would be found here. At that time he took an option upon lands belonging to T. L. Vintin and situated in Cherokee. In the troublous times that followed for Nevada the option was allowed to expire. Recently Mr. Rickard has been in communication with Mr. Vintin again, seeking to have the option renewed. As a large part of the land has been transferred to the Cherokee Gold Drift Company the negotiations have been fruitless.

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4-12-1910

ENGINEERS OF VALLEY COUNTIES COMPANY AT STANWOOD

LUMBER COMPANIES BUSILY EN-
GAGED—TO RE-OPEN CAMP
ENJOYMENT.

STANWOOD, April 10.—A couple of engineers for the Valley Counties Power Company camp were up from San Francisco yesterday, and also some of the head officials. It is not definitely known what the object of the visit means.

New Sawmill.

The new sawmill being built by the Truckee Lumber Company, to saw ties and bridge timbers, will soon be in operation.

Swayne Lumber Mill.

The Swayne Lumber Company has the grading all complete from this mill at Camp Enjoyment to Swayne siding on Western Pacific, and expect to soon begin to lay tracks. The mammoth hoisting machinery at the top of the tramway is all installed and ready. The large mill belonging to this company is nearly completed.

To Re-open Camp Enjoyment.

Camp enjoyment Company has a man at work on the camp grounds helping to make ready for the opening of the resort. This resort will enjoy a good trade this year and some fine houses are planned for this summer.

Clark Standiford of Pearl Orchard arrived from an extended trip in the East. Mrs. Standiford will arrive next week from Marysville, where she is visiting.

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HINDUS ON STRIKE FOR HIGHER WAGES

Oriental Workers Quit Work, Demanding More Pay

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

OROVILLE, April 11.—Seventeen Hindus employed by the Western Pacific at Big Bar are on strike for higher wages. The men were receiving \$1.60 a day, but they claimed this was not enough to live on, and the men laid down their tools and went to Sacramento. This is the first strike of Hindus in this section.

MAIL SERVICE OVER THE WESTERN PACIFIC

Mountain Towns to Be Supplied by New Railroad

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

OROVILLE, April 11.—Mail service will be established over the Western Pacific between this city and Portola, Quincy and other towns of the mountain section within the next few days.

The arrangement will be temporary, but it will enable the people of that section to get mail earlier than at present.

Permanent routes will be established when the Western Pacific is running regularly.

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4-14-1910

CAREFUL COUNT OF INDIANS IS REQUIRED BY CENSUS

Full Information Regarding Red Men
to be Obtained This Year.

[Special to the Register.]

CHICO, April 13.—A. L. Kofer, of the University of California, has been appointed instructor for Northern California for enumerators who have been assigned the task of taking the census for Indians. It is the plan of the present census to obtain complete information relative to the Indians, and accordingly special forms have been prepared. The questions have to do with the tribal relations of the Indians, the degree of mixture with white blood, if any such mixture exists; the education of the Indian, and other questions of a like nature.

ANOTHER ASPIRANT FOR SUPERVISORIAL POSITION

J. E. Merrifield, a well-known rancher of Pentz, yesterday announced his intention to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for Supervisor from the Fifth District. Mr. Merrifield was born in this county, and has lived here practically all his life. His many friends will accordingly be much interested in the announcement of his aspirations for political honors.

There is evidently to be a merry race for the nomination, as Mr. Merrifield is the fourth candidate who has announced his intention of striving for the honor. Other candidates are R. L. Brown, of Paradise, Fred Heckart, of Pentz, and Frank Corey, also of Pentz.

4-22-1910

OROVILLE

MERCURY

Four O'Clock Edition.

OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 22, 1910.

Eight Pages.

FALSE RUMOR ABOUT BIG DAM

REPORT STATED THAT GREAT
WESTERN POWER COM-
PANY COULD NOT
FIND FOUNDATION

Discharged Workmen Say That
Government Engineers Refuse
to Sanction Heighten-
ing of Immense
Concrete Wall

There was considerable distress in this city last evening when stories were circulated to the effect that the governing engineers had refused to allow the Great Western Power Company to complete its great dam at Intake on the Feather river, because of the fact that the foundation of the dam is insecure and that no firm base could be found.

The Mercury man called up the Power Company office at Intake and the story was denied as malicious and utterly false and that work was progressing upon the structure. The story was brought here by workmen discharged from the dam. They claimed that large bodies of men were being laid off because the work could not be undertaken. This story with the announcement made by the board of trustees about 10 days ago that it would investigate the building of the dam to determine if there is any danger to the flooding of this city in case the dam was built insecurely and would break, caused many people to become very nervous for the success of the big project which has done so much for this county.

YANKEE HILL OCTOGENARIAN TAKEN TO COUNTY HOSPITAL

Misfortune Overtakes the Durrett Family, of Yankee Hill.

Misfortune seems to be dealing rather hard with the Durrett family, of Yankee Hill. On last Friday one of the sons of the well-known family was thrown from a horse and had his shoulder dislocated, and yesterday the father, C. M. Durrett, after being ill with throat trouble for some time, was taken to the County Hospital, where he will be cared for.

The sick man is 84 years of age, and is one of the oldest residents of the county. He has resided in this county for the past fifty years, the greater part of which time he has spent in the vicinity of Yankee Hill, where he is one of the best known and respected residents. His indisposition is not serious in itself, but his ripe old age makes it more dangerous than it would otherwise be.

4-28-1910

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OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1910.

LUMBER MILLS ARE IN WAKE OF

BUILDING OF ROAD STARTS BIG BOOM IN THE TIMBER INDUSTRY

Following in the wake of the Western Pacific, a great development is under way in the mountain country that the railroad opens up. The train each day up the canyon is crowded with passengers. According to Depot Agent Linthurst, the tickets are bought to no place in particular, but the passenger traffic is distributed at all points along the line.

Big Timber Industry.

One of the first effects of the coming of the Western Pacific is to be noted in the stimulation given to the timber industry. The Truckee Lumber Company was the first to enter the field. It was followed by the Swayne Lumber Company. These companies in turn have been followed by other substantial milling companies located at Cllo, Cromberg, Portola, and Delleker. The timber industry is developing a large trade for the Western Pacific.

Mining Activity.

Increased attention to the mineral resources of the mountain region is also to be noted as a result of the construction of the Western Pacific. Some mining machinery is moving, but as yet the mining activity is chiefly to be noted in the number of mining men who are going into the mountains to look at properties that have been lying idle for years. The difficulty of obtaining freight and of access made the operation of a low-grade property almost prohibitive. Many owners of these properties are now inspecting them in the belief that with cheaper transportation facilities they can be operated with profit.

Passenger Travel Heavy.

Mr. Linthurst reports that the passenger travel is very heavy and is constantly increasing. People living in the mountains are taking advantage of the operation of the train to come to Oroville and from this city go to San Francisco and other points.

Roadbed in Good Condition.

Mr. Linthurst states that the roadbed between Oroville and Gerlach is now in good condition. The fine weather has permitted the surfacing and ballasting to go on at a very rapid rate. The work trains will be kept on the division continuously, though, until the track is in as near perfect a condition as it is possible to get it.

Chico Record

5-4-1910

Concow Wants Road.

A petition was filed with the Board by citizens of the Concow road district to complete the highway known as the Croghan road to a point known as the Jarboe Saddle. The road is now finished to the Paylick district, a distance of about half a mile, where it will connect with the Barteas Bar road. The latter road will need some improvement from the Jarboe Saddle to Barteas Bar. The matter was laid over until investigation could be made.

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5-24-1910

THERMALITO ALFALFA RANCH HAS BEEN PURCHASED

W. H. DARGE, OF BIG BEND, NOW
IN POSSESSION OF THE
H. KONIG PLACE.

THERMALITO, May 23.—The ten-acre tract of land formerly known as the Harry Konig place, has been sold to W. H. Darge, of Big Bend. The land comprises an exceptionally fine alfalfa ranch, all under a high state of cultivation. The sale was made by the Lee-Bromley Company.

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6-1-1910

SETTLED HAY DISPUTE IN CHEROKEE JUSTICE COURT

Antone Joseph Ordered Hay and Then
Found That He Could Buy
Cheaper.

A suit was tried in the Cherokee Justice Court yesterday in which C. A. McCloud brought suit against Antone Joseph for \$26.50 for two and a half tons of hay. Joseph had ordered the hay from McCloud, and then left Cherokee. In his absence part of the fodder was delivered. Joseph upon his return found that he could buy hay at a cheaper price, and refused to accept that already delivered. In order to obtain payment McCloud carried the case to court for settlement, and yesterday Joseph was ordered by a jury to pay \$17 and the costs.

Judge Anderson presided, and Attorney W. E. Duncan Jr. represented Mr. McCloud. George E. Gardner represented Mr. Joseph.

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6-17-1910



NEW LOGGING CITY IS RISING IN WOODS AT STIRLING

RAMSEY BAR TAKES ON APPEAR-
ANCE OF PIONEER MINING
CAMP.

STIRLING CITY, June 16.—The Diamond Match Company's camp at Ramsey Bar has the appearance of a pioneer mining camp. There are about 600 men employed falling timber and getting it ready for the sawmill at Stirling City.

The flat is covered with tents and shacks of all sizes and descriptions. Philip Rheam, who owns a piece of ground near Ramsey Bar, has opened a saloon, and Ralph Crum, the Stirling City Barber, has opened a barber shop. The Stirling Mercantile Company has a branch store there.

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6-20-1910

CHEROKEE HOME WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE

—
OLD THUNEN HOMESTEAD AT
CHEROKEE COMPLETELY
DESTROYED SATUR-
DAY LAST.
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[Special to the Register.]

CHEROKEE, June 19.—The home of William Thunen, formerly a mail carrier in Oroville, and his mother, was completely destroyed by fire on Saturday afternoon. The fire caught from sparks from the kitchen stove-pipe, and the roof was soon a mass of flames. The lack of water and fire-fighting apparatus caused a complete loss. The barn to the rear was saved by hard fighting on the part of the residents of Cherokee. The building was a one-story frame structure, and the loss of about \$1,500 was partially covered by insurance.

The place was known as the old Thunen homestead to many, and was one of the oldest residences in the town of Cherokee.

6-24-1910

CALIFORNIA INVENTORS.

The following patents were granted this week to California inventors, reported by C. A. Snow & Co. and D. Swift & Co., patent attorneys, Washington, D. C.:

Salon W. Ballhache, Vallejo, electric lamp support; Telesphore J. Beaudette, Los Angeles, pump governor; Frank W. Burr, Monrovia, device to prevent friction on railway curves; Louis E. Cooper, Millsaps, wirestretcher; Agnes Harris, Oakland, abdominal adjuster, reducer, supporter and retainer; August F. Imbrle, San Francisco, glove-reversing device; Samuel J. Jackson, Pleasanton, automatic pump; Chris P. Johnson, Newcastle, gearlug; George A. Kahl, Plainsberg, building block; James G. Kyle, Riverside, pruning shears; David W. Lyon, Alameda, gas engine; Frank Negley, Alameda, pump; Carlo Segale, San Francisco, cheese cutting device; Charles H. Shell, Los Angeles, pliers; William A. Snyder, Los Angeles, cabinet table; Alfred C. Stewart, Los Angeles, carbureter; Knute Tharraldson, Bloomington, rain holder; George E. Witt, San Francisco, reducing-valve.

For copy of any of above patents send ten cents in postage stamps with date of this paper to C. A. Snow & Co. and D. Swift & Co., Washington, D. C.

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7-1-1910

MORE LOGGING ROADS ARE BEING BUILT AT STIRLING

MUCH ACTIVITY IS BEING SHOWN
BY THE DIAMOND MATCH
COMPANY.

STIRLING CITY, June 30.—The Diamond Match Company has a crew of men at work laying rails on the narrow gauge logging road at Ramsey Bar. This road is now about eleven miles long, and before the end of the season it will be extended about three miles. The broad gauge logging road, from the Stirling City sawmill to where it connects with the narrow gauge road, is about nine miles long, making a total of twenty-three miles of logging railroad, over which all of the logs sawed in the Stirling sawmill are first hauled.

The company has just completed a machine shop at the transfer landing at the junction of the broad and narrow gauge roads.

Four narrow gauge locomotives and two for the broad gauge line are in daily use, hauling about 200,000 feet of sawlogs every day.

The mill pond at Stirling City covers fourteen acres of ground, and has an average depth of forty feet. The sawmill is 500 feet long by 100 feet wide, with an L on the south side 150x100 feet, from which the lumber is loaded on to the cars. The rated capacity of the mill is 250,000 feet of lumber per day of ten hours. The largest cut ever made was 328,999 feet of lumber, 40,000 shingles, and 12,000 lath in a ten-hour run. All of the machinery in this mill is driven by one Allis-Chalmers Corliss engine of 1,000 horsepower. The drive wheel of this engine is twenty-two feet in diameter with a fifty-inch face. The belt is forty-eight inches wide and 160 feet long, and is made of three-ply leather.

The engine-room contains, beside the engine, three Clayton air compressors, two fire-pumps with a capacity of 1,000 gallons of water per minute, a fifty horsepower electric generator, with an engine, two feed boiler pumps, one thirty-horsepower engine and an electric generator of 22½ kilowatt capacity.

The fire-room contains five boilers of 258 horsepower each.

Oroville Mercury 7-08-1910

MOUNTAIN HOME

Will sell or trade for valley real estate, 160 acres in Big Bend, 40 acres of which is No. 1 apple ground. Have some choice apples in bearing, also peaches and all kind of berries, fine springs. Will make an ideal summer home for man of means. This property is within easy access of W. P. R. R.; altitude 3000 feet; 50,000 feet of sawed lumber on premises; value of land and lumber \$2500

Address R. L. BOHANNON,

Yankee Hill, Butte Co., Cal.

Apr26-tf.



Oroville Mercury July 10, 1910

CRUSHED ROCK FOR BIG DAM GOES FROM LOCAL PLANT

1000. carloads of crushed rock from the Valley Contracting Company plant here has been ordered for the big Great Western Power Company's big dam at Intake. The shipments will go East over the Western Pacific every day until September at the rate of 6 cars daily.

COOK WITH GAS



Oroville Light & Power Co.

Lowest Priced Store In Oroville For Good Goods W. T. HENN DRY GOODS CO.



IN no other *medium-priced* corset can you equal—or even approach—the style, design, fit and workmanship which are sewed in *every seam* of every pair of ROYAL WORCESTER Corsets. They are pre-eminently America's *best* corsets, sold at prices *moderate enough* for any purse.



ROYAL WORCESTER Corsets are the short cut to the fashionable figure of the moment—the *correct foundation* for the prevailing modes in gowns.

Whatever the type of figure, there is a ROYAL WORCESTER designed to *improve* and *beautify* it.

PRICE \$1 to \$3

NON-RUSTABLE BONING

W. T. HENN DRY GOODS COMPANY

Lowest Priced Store In Oroville For Good Goods W. T. HENN DRY GOODS CO.

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7-13-1910

MOUNTAIN RANCH TO BE PLANTED TO APPLES

ALBERT SALMON, OF SEATTLE,
BUYS PROPERTY NEAR YAN-
KEE HILL.

Albert Salmon, of Seattle, has purchased 160 acres of land near Yankee Hill, that he intends to plant to apples. The property is familiarly known as the Fletcher ranch. Mr. Salmon arrived in Oroville yesterday, and to-day will proceed to his new ranch.

For some months Mr. Salmon has been hunting for property adapted to apple culture, and his search has extended from British Columbia to the Mexican border. In Oregon and Washington, he states that apple lands are held at a prohibitive price, from \$500 upwards being asked for the bare land. Here, he states conditions are such that he believes apples can be grown with profit, while the price of the land is within reason.

It is stated that an adjoining 170 acres have been purchased by a well-known nursery man and that this ranch will also be planted to apples.

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7-18-1910

REMAINS OF UNKNOWN MAN FOUND BY HUNTER IN HILLS NEAR CHEROKEE

FRED THUNEN MADE GRUESOME FIND YESTERDAY—THOUGH TO
BE REMAINS OF MISSING TEAMSTER.

While hunting deer about four miles east of Cherokee on the Spring Valley ridge yesterday about noon, F. W. Thunen, of this city made one of the most gruesome discoveries that has been made in this part of the State for some time. In the underbrush he found the skeleton of a man which had to all appearances lain in the desolate place for at least two years. The entire skeleton was intact, with the exception of the head, which he did not see, although he stated last evening that it may have been lying in the dense growth of underbrush. He did not hunt for it, but made a memorandum of the spot where the remains had been found, and came to this city and reported his find to the Coroner's office here.

At 2 o'clock this morning, Coroner Wallace and Deputy Coroner Merrill, accompanied by Mr. Thunen, who will lead them to the spot, left for Cherokee, where the inquest will be held.

Although the skeleton was almost

completely clothed, Mr. Thunen made no examination, and he was unable to say whether or not there were any papers in his pockets through which the identity of the dead man could be established.

Mr. Thunen states that the meager examination he made gave no evidence that the man may have met his death as the result of foul play. He also scouted the suicide theory. About two years ago when the construction work on the Western Pacific was at its height, a teamster, whose name is not known, disappeared mysteriously and was never again heard from. Although a search was made for him, there was never a trace found which would lead to his whereabouts. It is thought that the remains found yesterday are those of the missing man. He probably wandered out into the lonely section of the mountains and was stricken ill and could not reach any habitation to secure aid, passing away.

7-25-1910

SURVEY PARTY NOW ENCAMPED AT CHEROKEE

IS PREPARING A TOPOGRAPHIC
MAP OF THE SACRAMENTO
VALLEY.

CHEROKEE, July 24.—The party of government surveyors working on a topographic survey of the Sacramento Valley, under the direction of the Geological Department, which has been camping four miles out of Durham, has moved its camp to Cherokee, and later on will go to within a mile of Chico and pitch its tents.

WESTERN PACIFIC PREPARING TO OPEN PASSENGER TRAFFIC

SPECIAL ARRIVES IN OROVILLE WITH OFFICIALS

RENO RATE CASE WILL AFFECT FREIGHT TARIFF TO OROVILLE

General Passenger Agent Makes First
Trip Over Road—Says Outlook
Is "Tip-top."

That publication of the passenger schedules of the Western Pacific would probably not be made for a week was the statement made by General Passenger Agent E. L. Lomax, who arrived in this city last night on a special train. With Mr. Lomax were General Freight Agent A. F. Adams, Assistant General Freight Agent W. J. Shotwell, Chief Engineer T. J. Wyche, General Livestock Agent V. F. Nevins, Superintendent of Dining-car Service Obelt, and Division Superintendent Mulhern. The members of the party are on their way to San Francisco.

Pleased With Road.

This is the first trip that Mr. Lomax has taken over the Western Pacific, and he expressed himself as more than delighted with the road. "No one could help but be pleased with it," he said. The condition of the roadbed was pronounced most excellent.

Regarding the opening of passenger traffic, Mr. Lomax stated that the road would open upon August 22d, unless the company was delayed in receiving equipment.

Outlook Is "Tip-top."

Questioned as to the passenger travel that the road would have, Mr. Lomax stated that it would of necessity be some months before the road could hope for a full tide of travel. "It took eighteen months," he said, "for the San Pedro to get its tickets on sale through all the different roads and to get well started. You can say, however, that everything is looking most bright for the Western Pacific. Everything is looking tip-top."

As to the number of through trains that would be run, Mr. Lomax stated that at this time no statement could be made. Neither could any statement be made regarding local passenger service.

Big Advertising Campaign.

During the coming week, Mr. Lomax stated the Western Pacific would launch an advertising campaign for its passenger traffic. This campaign is to be a very wide one, and the utmost publicity will be given to the opening of the new road to passenger traffic.

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Oroville Freight Rates.

Question as to the likelihood of Oroville obtaining better freight rates than have hitherto been accorded the city, Mr. Shotwell stated that the matter had not as yet been taken up. The recent decision in the Reno case, he stated, would have a widespread effect upon freight traffics and would cause many changes in freight rates. As to just exactly the changes that this decision would make, Mr. Shotwell professed himself as yet unable to say.

Service Brings Business.

The officials of the road are greatly pleased at the success that the company has met with in running its through fruit specials. It is regarded as a demonstration of the possibilities of the road and as one of the best possible advertisements that the road could have. Not only, however, has the road been meeting with exceptional success with its fruit specials, but in handling livestock as well, all records for quick freight delivery having been

broken, and this without a mishap of any kind occurring. The livestock men, as well as the fruit men, have been quick to see the point, and the volume of business given the Western Pacific responded at once to the demonstration of their superior ability to handle the traffic.

Special Here Last Night.

The special train tied up in Oroville last night, and this morning will proceed to Oakland.

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7-30-1910

ASSAULT TO MURDER IS REDUCED TO BATTERY

EXAMINATION OF RAMSEY'S BAR
PRISONER HELD YESTER-
DAY IN STIRLING.

David Dunbar, who was accused of attempting to murder a woman of the half-world with a razor at Ramsey's Bar, near Stirling City, had his examination there yesterday. Assistant District Attorney Gardner appeared for the People.

The charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder was reduced to battery, and to this Dunbar entered a charge of guilty. He was given sixty days in the County Jail.

The Sacramento Bee

7-30-1910

NO WITNESSES APPEAR IN CASE

Dave Johnson Gives Testimony Which Convicts Himself of Minor Charge.

(The Bee's Special Service.)

STIRLING CITY (Butte Co.), July 30

On account of lack of evidence the charge against Dave Johnson at his hearing yesterday was reduced from assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder to simple assault. The defendant pleaded guilty to the reduced charge and was sentenced to serve a term of sixty days in the County Jail.

The testimony was sensational and the proceedings novel in the fact that Johnson convicted himself of the offense charged. All of the important witnesses in the case had disappeared for parts unknown and there was no evidence against Johnson other than what he admitted himself.

Witnesses Disappear.

The charges were preferred by Grace Landry, a woman who was an inmate of a bawdry house at Ramsey Bar. She alleged that Johnson locked the door of a room occupied by the pair and then drew a razor and threatened her life. Other inmates of the house, warned by the screams of the woman, broke in the door and prevented the commission of the murderous deed. The Landry woman refused to give the testimony at the trial she did when she swore to the warrant, and other important witnesses disappeared after arrest of Johnson. The Landry woman sent \$100 by a friend to pay Johnson's fine, but instead of being fined he was sent to jail.

In pleading guilty Johnson denied any murderous intent or that he drew a razor. He said that he quarrelled with the woman and slapped her. Then he kicked the megaphone attachment from a phonograph and broke up the furniture. That was the only evidence given at the hearing.

7-30-1910

LOCAL SERVICE TO BE OPENED

Western Pacific Official Announces Schedule of Passenger Trains in Butte.

First Through Train Will Stay in Oroville Overnight; Many Towns Plan Welcome.

Special to the Union.

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), July 29.—The first through passenger train on the Western Pacific will stop in this city over night. General Passenger Agent Lomax announces that the first regular train carrying passengers will leave the eastern terminus on August 22d and arrive in Oroville on the afternoon of August 24th. The first through train consisting of passenger coaches will arrive in Oroville on the afternoon of August 21st and remain in this city over night.

The special will only make the necessary stops and will stop for celebrations at Wendover, Elko, Winnemucca, Gerlachin, Nev., and Portola, Spring Garden, Hartwell, Keddie, Tobin, Merlin, Big Bar, Las Plumas and Oroville. On the morning of August 22d the train will leave Oroville for Marysville and Sacramento. The train will leave Sacramento at noon, August 22d and arrive in Oakland at 5:15 o'clock on the afternoon. On the trip from Sacramento to Oakland stops will be made at Stockton, Lathrop, Livermore, Pleasanton and Niles.

Preparations for celebrations and receptions have been made at these places to welcome the new service. The schedule has been arranged to give the towns and cities of California and Nevada an opportunity to see the opening of the Western Pacific.

It is planned to open local passenger service at the same time. After the arrival of the first through train in Oakland a local passenger train will be started from San Francisco, leaving in the morning and arriving in Oroville about noon. This train will go to Portola and return.

The Sacramento Bee

8-1-1910

RAMSEY BAR SALOONS.

(The Bee's Special Service.)

STIRLING CITY (Butte Co.), August 1.—The Stirling Mercantile Company has secured a retail liquor license for Ramsey Bar, and as soon as the new saloon building there is finished the company will be dispensing liquid joy. This will make two saloons in that thriving logging camp.

Stirling City is again a dry town, the local saloon having been attached and closed out.

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8-3-1910

PARADISE POST OFFICE IS NOW TO BE DISCONTINUED

RESIDENTS WANT NAME PRESERVED BY RENAMING ORLOFF

PARADISE August 2.—Postmaster Galbrath has been instructed by the authorities at Washington to discontinue the Paradise Post-office on August 15th, and Postmaster Day of the Orloff office has been instructed to take charge of the public property now in use in the Paradise office, says the Paradise News.

Action should be taken at once to have the name, Orloff Post-office, changed to Paradise Post-office. We have too many heads here for one calf; or too many names for one place.

In the old days Paradise Post-office and store, on the Oroville and Magalla road, was the business center for Paradise ridge, but with the coming of the railroad and the locating of a station a mile west and south of the old town, the business center was necessarily changed to the station, and a post-office was needed for the new town growing up around it. Although the station took the old name of Paradise, yet the new post-office had to take some other name, because there was already a Paradise Post-office. And the name Orloff was given the new office.

With the introduction of Orloff came confusion and inconvenience. The new railroad connected with the Southern Pacific at Chico. But in the old stage days shippers were accustomed to, and had it scheduled and mapped out that Paradise freight went via Oroville, and continued to ship that way. To both the ear and eye Orloff was easily confused with Oroville in both freight, express and mail. A Paradise dealer would head his letter Orloff and order his goods shipped to Paradise, and they would be billed to Orloff or Oroville, and the bill or invoice mailed to Paradise. A letter or paper addressed to Paradise would get into the Orloff mail bag and a letter or paper addressed to Orloff or Orloff Post-office would often get into the Paradise mail bag, and sometimes go to Oroville. Not long ago a news letter for the Paradise News came to the Orloff office from Magalla via Oroville.

Strangers ask us which direction Orloff is from Paradise, and we cannot tell. In answer to the question: "Where do you live?" we say "Paradise." And in answer to the same question, our next-door neighbor says "Orloff."

When a college was founded, someone introduced the name "Sierra." A real estate firm came along and named a beautiful grove "Sierra Park" and another "Chico Heights." And the more heights, the deeper the mist. Now we see in print: "Sierra schools," and this means the several public schools on Paradise ridge. And people come here to a public school picnic thinking they are attending a Sierra Polytechnic Institute picnic.

It is time that Sierra schools, Chico Heights, Sierra Park, Sierra Polytechnic Institute, and Orloff were all changed to Alloff, and we settled down to the plain old name of Paradise.

As we write this, our enterprising citizen, Miss Nellie Capps is starting out with a petition asking the authorities at Washington to change the name of our Paradise Post-office from Orloff to Paradise. Receive her kindly, sign her petition quickly, let her rush the matter through, and the first chance you get, vote for her.

SPARKS HAS GOOD MINING CLAIM

LOCAL MAN HAS BIG QUARTZ
PROPOSITION UNDER WAY IN
PLUMAS COUNTY.

Quincy, August 6.—M. W. Davenport was in town yesterday afternoon from his mine on Willow Creek, three miles distant from Buck's ranch. The name of the property with which he is connected and on which he has done considerable prospect work for himself and his partner, G. M. Sparks, is the Tioga quartz mine.

From the gentleman mentioned, we learned that a ten-foot vein has been developed and that the ore therein contains good values. An assay of the sulphides proved these to be very rich in gold. It is estimated that the body of ore alluded to will mill, on an average, from \$15 to -20 per ton.

Another tunnel will be run at an early date and this will tap the ledge at a depth of 230 feet. It is expected that this will open up a body of ore amounting to over 20,000 tons.

It is the purpose of the owners to make this development and thus insure the existence of a large quantity of milling ore before they attempt to erect a proposed ten-stamp mill.

8-8-1910

G. W. POWER PLANT TO HAVE OUTPUT INCREASED

SALE OF ENTIRE PRESENT PRO-
DUCT IS REPORTED TO BE
CONTRACTED.

According to statements made by officials of the Great Western Power Company, steps are to be taken immediately to add 10,000 horsepower to the capacity of the plant at Big Bend. The present capacity of 50,000 horsepower has practically all been contracted, and to meet the market demand more power has to be produced. With the plant of the Great Western Power Company the matter of adding additional units is a very simple one.

Aug 9, 1910

OROVILLE Daily Edition **MERCURY**

WEALTH OF GOLD IN BASE OF NEW DAM AT INTAKE

ORE RUNNING FULL OF SHINING METAL FOUND WHEN BEDROCK OF THE FEATHER RIVER IS REACHED BY COMPANY

Finding a solid bedrock 75 feet below the bottom of the Feather river at Intake, the Great Western Power Company borers found quartz that ran almost pure gold. The gold was so apparent that it created wild excitement among the Greek employes of the power company and it was only when ordered several times that the laborers quit trying to save pieces to attend to the work at hand.

The company has been going down into the bowels of the river bed in order to reach a substantial bedrock

that would act as a foundation for the great wall of concrete which the company is to raise to restrain the flow of the wild mountain stream and turn it into the gigantic tunnel to generate power for the Great Western Power Company's many miles of distributing system.

The foundation has been a success and the rich ore will be used in the foundation. No mining will be allowed by the company for it has millions invested in the power system and that is more valuable than uncovering a mine.

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PAPERS FILED FOR RECORD.

Deeds.

Stewart and Huston to Thomas Dooley, Lot 28, west $44\frac{1}{2}$ feet of Lot 27, Diller's Subdivision of Block 106, Chico.

J. O. Wilson to Edward Wilson, land near Magnolia.

Eva F. Kimmon to G. W. Morrison, NE. $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 24, T. 23 N., R. 1 W., 31 acres.

A. W. Reid to J. H. Lucas and Ira R. Morrison, part of Lot 5 of Block 23, Chico.

Syden Belden to Charles Belden, S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE. $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 36, T. 24 N., R. 3 E.

Patent.

United States to Albert George Dorage, Chico, Lots 1 and 2 and SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE. $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec 22, T. 23 N., R. 2 E., 192 acres.

Quartz Location.

Andrew Hauser and Chas. Thompson, Court No. 3 quartz mine, Secs. 19 and 30, T. 25 N., R. 5 E.

8-10-1910

BIG FOREST FIRE DESTROYS SAWMILL

**HUTCHESON PLANT NEAR BERRY
CREEK LEASED TO TRUCKEE
COMPANY BURNED.**

The big forest fire that has been raging unchecked in the Berry creek section for the past several days yesterday reached the Hutcheson saw mill, under lease to the Truckee Lumber Company, and totally destroyed the plant. It is impossible to estimate the damage.

The fire raged around the mill for four hours early yesterday morning with a big force of lumber company employes fighting the blaze, but the fire finally won and reached the property. Considerable complaint is being made that the Forestry service employes have not rendered sufficient aid in fighting the big forest fire that has swept a wide area.

Oroville Mercury

8-10-1910



BUILDERS WHO

HAVE SUCCEEDED.

have bought their lumber, lath and shingles from us. They got the maximum of quantity and quality for the minimum of price and naturally made money. The pinnacle of their example is not too high for you to obtain if you have in mind the purchase of only a single board. Think and act.

R. S. Kitrick

—DEALER IN—

LUMBER

And Building Material of All Kinds

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8-18-1910

W. P. SPECIAL BEARING NEWSPAPER- MEN IN OROVILLE THIS MORNING

WRITERS WILL VIEW FEATHER RIVER BY DAY

The east-bound special bearing the Coast newspapermen passed through this city this morning at 5 o'clock on the way to Salt Lake. The train stopped only a few minutes, and then resumed the trip through the Feather River Canyon. In the party was George C. Mansfield, of the Register, who will report the progress of the special from day to day until the trip is ended on the return to San Francisco.

The trip through the grand scenery of the Feather River Canyon will be made during to-day and the newspapermen will be afforded their first glimpse of the beauties which can scarcely be surpassed in any part of the world.

The east-bound train which passed here this morning was drawn by one of the fine new locomotives. Sleepers and dining-cars made up the train. The "Newspaper Special" is one of the finest trains that has ever been put on any line in the world, and is but a sample of the kind of service the Western Pacific will afford the traveling public.

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8-20-1910

RECEPTION READY FOR FIRST WEST- ERN PACIFIC TRAIN

OFFICIALS OF ROAD AND NEWS-
PAPERMEN WILL BE GIVEN
OVER TON OF FINE
FRUIT.

All the plans for the reception of the first Western Pacific train, bearing the officers of the road and the newspapermen of the Coast and those from the East have been completed. Secretary N. B. Crane of the Chamber of Commerce, who is acting in the absence of President J. J. Hamlyn, announced yesterday that he had secured 2,400 pounds of the choicest fruit and melons obtainable and that they would be transferred to the special at Portola, where the train will be met by a committee from this city composed of N. B. Crane, A. F. Jones, E. Meyer, and A. M. Smith.

The fruit was shipped out this morning. The shipment comprized strawberries, grapes of all varieties, peaches, pears, plums, prunes, nectarines, casabas, watermelons, and muskmelons. These fruits were all selected in a radius of several miles from Oroville, and are taken to demonstrate the productivity of this county.

Upon the arrival of the special in this city at 5 o'clock to-morrow evening, an informal reception will be held at the Western Pacific depot, while the Oroville Concert Band renders music. The people of Oroville will be given the opportunity of meeting the officers of the Gould Road and the newspapermen who are now the guests of the railroad.

Following the reception the members of the excursion will be taken to points of interest in automobiles and shown about the vicinity. Some will be taken to Palermo, while others will be taken to Thermalito. At 7 o'clock the visitors will be taken to the orange grove of Oliver Sancomb in Thermalito, where they will be "turned loose" in the grove and allowed to pluck the golden fruit from the trees.

At the Home a luncheon will be served and speeches made by those in party, also responses. A program will be rendered by the old people at the Institution.

After lying over in this city for the night, the special will make the trip into Oakland on Monday, and all along the route the various cities will receive those on the train with festivities of some sort.

The following report has been made by the committee in charge of the plans for the reception:

To the Officers and Members of the Oroville Chamber of Commerce, and the Merchants' Association—
Greeting:

Your committee which was appointed from your organizations begs leave to report to you that all the necessary arrangements have been perfected looking forward to the occasion that has been planned for the reception of the first Western Pacific passenger train, which will arrive at Oroville on Sunday evening next at 5 o'clock, and which will contain the officers of the Western Pacific and the representatives of the press from all the principal cities of the United States.

All the members of the above-named bodies have been appointed upon the reception committee, and it is hoped that as many as can will be present, as well as every person within the city limits and the surrounding country. And let us extend to our visitors that sentiment of hospitality which will not only be lasting with them, but conducive of much benefit to us,

COMMITTEE.

FIRST TRAIN OVER NEW RAILROAD IS ACCLAIMED

WESTERN PACIFIC NEWSPAPER SPECIAL SPENDS NIGHT IN OROVILLE---ENTERTAINMENT FOR VISITORS

Oroville Mercury
8-22-1910

The Western Pacific railway company yesterday redeemed the promises of eight years made to the people of Oroville and California. The finest train of Pullmans, diners and observation cars that ever came into the Golden state spent last evening in the local yards of the great transcontinental system. On it were the representatives of the great newspaper men of the west and the men who have been entrusted with bringing dividends for the investments of hundreds of millions of dollars.

The newspaper special which left Oakland mole on last Wednesday evening, raced across the mountains of California, over the sage brush lands of Nevada and through the fertile valleys of western Utah, reached Oroville at 5 o'clock last evening on its triumphal return journey to the Golden Gate. At every point on the trip from the metropolis of the Inter-Mountain metropolis until Oroville was reached there was entertainment and band concerts, speeches and congratulations passed back and forth.

At Salt Lake the visitors from California were entertained at Salt Air bathing pavilion, by a ride on an electric line 8000 feet in the air, an organ recital at the great temple of Mormonism, dinner theatre and a ride about the city. Salt Lake is a great city. More than a dozen big skyscrapers are under construction. Well dressed people, the best car

systems; sanitary drinking fountains of the coldest mountain water are on almost every street corner. The wonderful plans and achievements of Brigham Young are to be found at every hand. The Mormon church is in almost every kind of business. Sugar beets, newspapers, hotels, department stores and all lines of trade have been successfully managed by the elders of the church. Whatever you may think of the religious scheme of the early day marrying-Vermonters you cannot but stand in wonder and admiration at his carving out of a great and prosperous city in a desert, a city where every Mormon is a happy and busy worker.

Two towns in Nevada on the line of the Western Pacific stand out above all others. They are Elko and Winnemucca. Both are very busy and very prosperous little cities. The Humboldt valley is the richest and most fertile of any in the sage brush state crossed by the Gould railroad.

Road Bed is Fine.

The building of the new road is marked by substantial work that has made the new track easy of grade, solid under the heavy steel trains to be run over it and every free from curves and grades.

Service is the Best.

Courtesy and a complete knowledge of railroading is marked in the management of the trains and depots of the new company. Experienced railroad men from some of the biggest lines in the country are employed and the public will be delighted with the trip over the line.

Oroville Fruit.

At Portola, E. Myer, Mayor Jones, A. M. Smith, and N. B. Crane boarded the train with cartons of Oroville fruit. Peaches, melons, figs, and oranges that were showered on the visitors made a great hit and immediately caused a thousand questions to be asked about the "Gateway City."

Arriving here the special found the new depot platform filled with people. Autos and busses took the visitors around town, across the river through the Thermillo orange groves, to the Odd Fellows home and to the dredgers and to the rock crusher. At the home, speeches were made by Major Jones, who welcomed the visitors, by Max Tholan of the railroad party and by Kenneth Kerr, president of the Salt Lake Press Club.

This morning the train left for its run to Oakland.

ROCK CRUSHER IS WORKED TO LIMIT

The Valley Contracting company's rock crusher in this city is rushed to its capacity these days to supply crushed rock for the big dam which the Great Western Power Company is building at Intake up the Feather river canyon.

The company sends out 15 cars every day or a total of 750 tons of crushed rock. The rush will continue for another month at least.

Y-NOT CHOCOLATES

Our own make that has set
candy lovers wild.

Pleases the pure food inspector
Delights your taste

Call for them at

The Delta Chocolate Shop

The home of Deme's French
Pastry.

Phone Main 100 617 Blvd St

IMPROVEMENTS AT GOULD DEPOT

WESTERN PACIFIC HAS LEVELLED OFF BOULDER PILE AND WILL PLANT LAWN.

Work on leveling off the pile of boulders around the Western Pacific depot is progressing to a point nearing completion. A great deal of grading and placing of decomposed granite was completed and the company plans to plant a lawn around the depot on the plots of ground not used for the platforms.

VAGRANTS FROM ALL SECTIONS
COME IN OVER THE WESTERN
PACIFIC.

The tramp swarm is upon us. Within the past few days the number of beggars and hard looking characters that has "blown in" over the Western Pacific has been greater than ever before in the history of the city.

The beggars have been hitting the business places and the residences for money and food.

WILL DEVELOP BUTTE MINE.

Company Formed to Exploit
Once Famous Gold Producer.

Special to the Union.

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Sept. 2.—Articles of incorporation of the South Banner Mining company have been filed with the county clerk of Butte. The capital stock is \$50,000 and the directors are William Johnson, Richard Phillips and James Phillips of Hartford, Conn., as the principal stockholders. These men with George E. Gardner and Mrs. George E. Gardner of this city compose the board of directors. The directors announce that the work of developing the mine will be begun at once.

The Banner mine was one of the most famous quartz mines of California. In early days large quantities of gold were taken from the mine. In the early '90s a company of English capitalists was organized by the late Major Frank McLaughlin. The Banner was worked for several years, employing nearly 300 men and paying large dividends. Major McLaughlin was removed by the directors and a Mr. Evans was appointed in his place to take charge of the mine. The old miners are unable to account for the fact that the new superintendent lost the rich ledge and the mine was closed down. Mining men in this section are confident that the Banner will, under proper management, become one of the great quartz mines of California again.

BUTTE AND PLUMAS WELCOME VISITORS

San Francisco Businessmen
Prove Hospitality of the
Mountain Folk

Health of New Trade Relation
Drunk in Wine of Honest
Friendship

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

OROVILLE, Sept. 24.—San Francisco has always told the mountain folk of Butte and Plumas that when they had better railroad facilities it would show them a neighborly consideration that would warm heart cockles and cause pocketbooks to bulge.

A hundred representative businessmen of the metropolis are in the Butte foothills tonight—in the county seat—busy paving the way to make good the promise. They are being met full half way in a social and commercial hand-clasp that brings joy to everybody and great joy to the traffic department of the brand new Western Pacific. The health of a new trade relation is being drunk in the fine wine of honest friendship.

The talk between resident and visitor in Oroville tonight might lead a stranger to assume that the proposed greater San Francisco was surely intended to embrace this thriving little city of the hills.

One month ago a special train rolled from Beckwith pass down to Oakland over a route no passenger train had taken before and the people living along the whole 35 miles of the way set up a tumult of joy that arouse the country to a realization of the fact that a new railroad connecting east and west had come into operation.

MERCHANTS STUDY STATE

It was declared that great results were to follow the binding of San Francisco and the mountain counties. Today another special train has borne members of the Merchants' exchange, Merchants' association and chamber of commerce of the metropolis into the hill country for the purpose of establishing the entente cordiale and paving an easy and immediate way for those same great results.

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Through Alameda, San Joaquin, Sacramento, Sutter and Butte counties the excursionists have come today. From here they go on through Plumas to the Nevada line. The trip is proving highly educational. The merchants and businessmen are studying California geography from a new and interesting angle and are tasting of a hospitality extended by ever ytown they visit, that knows no geographical line whatever.

The special train of 10 coaches carrying 100 representatives of the three commercial bodies left the Western Pacific mole, Oakland, at 10 o'clock this morning. Brief stops were made at Stockton and Sacramento.

RECEPTION AT MARYSVILLE

Marysville was reached at 4 o'clock. The party detrained and was received by President Samuel Ewell, Secretary G. W. Harney, H. H. Derr, A. O. Brown, John Kelly, J. L. Sullivan, J. R. Foster and Herman Berg of the local chamber of commerce and many citizens, who took the visitors in autos and carriages for an hour's drive around the city.

A large crowd greeted the special on its arrival at Oroville at 6 o'clock. Secretary N. B. Crane of the Oroville chamber of commerce having met the party at Marysville. In the reception committee were Mayor C. E. Kusel, President J. J. Hamlyn of the chamber of commerce, J. B. Hall, T. C. Lee, J. H. Leggett, N. T. Britton and C. L. Bills.

Automobiles were awaiting to carry the visitors through the city, along magnolia lined avenue, through the orange groves, down among the gold dredgers, which work day and night, and out to visit the power plant and sawmills.

The merchants were delighted with the signs of activity on every hand. The special leaves at 10 o'clock tonight, and when the excursionists awake in the morning their train will be parked at Portola, their eastern destination.

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THE SACRAMENTO UNION

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 1910.—SIXTEEN PAGES.

Railroad Surveyors Will Attempt Grading Feat at Fall River Falls



FALL RIVER FALLS • • BUTTE CO. •

One Per Cent Grade Is Aim of Corps at Scenic Wonder in Butte.

Special to the Union.

MERRIMAC (Butte Co.), Oct. 7.—Engineer M. J. Lorraine, who has been surveying a route down the Middle Fork of the Feather river for several weeks, is near the head of Bald Rock Canyon at the foot of which is the wonderful bit of scenery called Fall River Falls. So far on the survey Mr. Lorraine has not encountered any serious obstacles in obtaining the maximum grade of one per cent, which is desired by his mysterious employers.

The Bald Rock Canyon has been the portion of the Middle Fork Canyon in which railroad engineers have found their great difficulty in surveying a railroad route through the Sierras from Beckwith Pass to Oroville. Engineer Rogers of the Western Pacific railway lost his life in trying to run a line down the Bald Rock Canyon. This canyon is about six miles long, with steep, rocky sides, rising hundreds of feet above the swift running waters.

Several surveys have been made on the Middle Fork, but nothing more than surveyors' maps have resulted from the work done by different surveying parties. Engineer Lorraine claims to be able to survey a line of which the maximum grade will be one per cent, with curves of eight per cent. The line of the Western Pacific has a maximum grade of one per cent and curves of ten per cent. Mr. Lorraine says the line that he is surveying will be the shortest through the Sierras.

There is much speculation in Butte and Pumas counties as to the company that is employing Lorraine. The supposition is that Lorraine is either in the employ of the Southern Pacific or the Hill system.

The Fall River Falls, owing to their distance from the railroads and to the rough country, are very little known except to those fond of trout fishing. They are more than 400 feet high and in the midst of some of the grandest scenery in the country. The falls are at the mouth of the Fall river, a tributary of the Middle Fork of Feather river.

10-15-1910

TWO MEN HURT THROUGH FALLS

ONE MAY DIE BUT OTHER HAS
CHANCE FOR RECOVERY.

(The Bee's Special Service.)

STIRLING CITY (Butte Co.), October 15.—"Teddy" Devine, a laborer at Camp 2 on the Diamond Match Company's logging road, was brought to the hospital here last evening suffering from injuries received in a fall of twenty-five feet from a bridge.

Two of the ribs on the left side are torn loose from the spinal vertebrae and the lungs lacerated. It is believed he suffered other internal injuries and he may die as the result.

Aged Man Injured.

Last evening Wilder Page, a man between 60 and 65 years of age, was brought here from Ramsey Bar suffering from injuries received in a fall from the porch of the hotel. He fell eight feet and was injured about the shoulders, chest and hip.

The soreness he complains of feeling in his lungs may be symptoms of pneumonia and in the event of such a complication his recovery is doubtful because of his age. Mr. Page is a man who weighs 215 pounds and the shock from the fall may have serious consequences with a man of his age.

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10-19-1910

MONSTER SUGAR PINE IS FELLED AT RAMSEY BAR

TREE CONTAINED 18,000 FEET OF
LUMBER—100 FEET OF
TOP LOST.

STIRLING CITY, October 18.—The Diamond Match Company yesterday brought in eight logs of sugar pine that were taken from one tree. Each log was sixteen feet long, and there is 18,000 feet of lumber in the tree. At the stump, where the first cut was made, the diameter was eight feet, and at the top where the last log was cut, it was three feet thick. Above that the tree was shattered so that it could not be used for lumber. About 100 feet was lost in this manner. The height of the tree was almost 250 feet. It was cut at Ramsey Bar.

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11-1-1910

HORSE DIED ON ROAD.

CHEROKEE, October 31. --While returning from Oroville on Saturday, Mrs. Thomas, the local Postmistress, and her mother, Mrs. James, were unfortunate enough to have the horse driven by them drop dead in the harness. A telephone message here brought them another rig to continue on their way home.

BIG BEND ELOPEMENT IS ECHOED IN OAKLAND DIVORCE

F. F. Patterson Wants Relief From Wife, Who Left With Affinity.

An echo of a sensational elopement from Big Bend is being heard in the Alameda County courts in the divorce action instituted by F. F. Hunter Patterson against his wife. On April, 1908, Mrs. Patterson eloped from Big Bend with William Flanigan, a store-keeper during the time the plant of the Great Western Power Company was in course of construction.

Mr. Patterson has brought suit for divorce in the Alameda County courts, alleging desertion.

ANOTHER BIG ELECTRIC PLANT IS CONTEMPLATED FOR THE NORTH FORK

PRELIMINARY SURVEY NOW BEING MADE FOR MAMMOTH TUNNEL

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G. W. P. CO. MAY DUPLICATE ITS POWER PLANT AT BIG BEND

MINIMUM COST OF PROJECT, IF
FOUND FEASIBLE, WILL BE
ABOUT \$10,000,000.

Reports of a mammoth power project the preliminary surveys for which are now being made, have been brought to Oroville by those coming from Big Bend. The project in brief entails the construction of a tunnel four miles in length running from Big Bar to Bartees Bar on the North Fork of the Feather River. Although the exact fall that can be secured is not known, yet it is stated that it will be sufficient to develop electric power equal in amount to that developed by the Big Bend plant.

The Great Western Power Company is back of the new enterprise, and the land through which the tunnel would be bored belongs to that corporation. The preliminary surveys are now being made, under the direction of L. P. Cornell, whose movements in that section have been more or less of a mystery for some time.

It is estimated that the cost of construction would run well toward \$10,000,000. It would take much longer to construct than the Big Bend tunnel, in view of the fact that that tunnel is but a little over three miles in length, and a great part of it had already been constructed, for mining purposes.

It is known that the Great Western Power Company is contemplating a chain of power plants along the North Fork of the Feather River and at Big Meadows. The recent deal by which the Pacific Gas and Electric agreed to take over the entire product of the Great Western Power Company now developing and to be developed in the future, for a period of ninety-nine years, assures a market for the additional product. In addition to this, it is known that the Gould officials in the East are experimenting with the construction of electric locomotives for the purpose of utilizing electric power for the long haul over the mountains and desert.

11-22-1910

TWO TRAINMEN ARE KILLED IN RUNAWAY

**Brakes Fail to Work and Ten
Cars Jump the Track at
Great Speed**

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CHICO, Nov. 21.—R. E. Crum, conductor, and A. D. Strong, a brakeman, were killed in a runaway train accident this morning on the Diamond match company narrow gauge mountain logging road near Ramsey Bar, 40 miles from Chico.

Ten loaded cars, with no locomotive attached, were going down grade by the gravity system, when the brakes suddenly refused to work. The cars dashed through a mountain cut at breakneck speed. Crum jumped for his life, landed on a sliding bank and started to climb upward, but at that moment the cars left the track and a flying log struck him in the back, breaking it and so fearfully crushing the body that he lived but a few moments. Strong met instantaneous death under the tangled wreckage. It took an hour's work to get the body out. It was horribly mangled.

Crum was 32 years old and is survived by a wife and three children. Strong was 35 and had a wife and one child.

WILL DEVELOP OLD BANNER.

**Oroville Business Men Buy Mining
Claim and Form Incorporation.**

Special to the Union.

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Nov. 23.—Five well-known local business men—County Treasurer Roger Kitrick, R. A. Mayo, Charles Helman, S. J. Norris and Charles H. Bills, have purchased a section of the property of the Old Banner mine, located near this city, and plan to develop the property on a large scale.

The Amosky Mining company, with a capital stock of \$500,000, has been incorporated, with these Oroville men as directors. Oroville will be the principal place of business.

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FAMOUS BIDWELL RANCH MAY BE SOLD BY WIDOW

Option on Entire 15,000 Acres Taken by Eastern
Syndicate's Representative

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CHICO, Dec. 16.—The famous Bidwell ranch, known as the Rancho Chico, the home of the late General Bidwell and at present the property of his widow, Mrs. A. E. K. Bidwell, may be sold soon. An option on the entire 15,000 acres has been given to Colonel H. T. Alexander, a Washington attorney and relative of Mrs. Bidwell. It is understood a syndicate of eastern capitalists is now negotiating for the purchase of the grant. In the offer of sale nothing is reserved except the home orchard and a portion of the land immediately adjoining the Bidwell mansion. The price asked is said to be \$800,000. The tract of land extends within the city limits of Chico. A clause will be inserted in the deed of sale prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors on the place.

SHARES WORTH \$180,000 SOLD AS VALUELESS

Western Power Stock Held by
Major Frank McLaughlin
Would Make Him Rich

Property Now Pays Big Divi-
dends Although Formerly
Considered Doubtful

Attorney for Dead Man's Secre-
tary, Miss Anna Busteede,
Surprised by Discovery

HAD not Major Frank McLaughlin yielded to a fit of despondency two years ago and shot his daughter and himself, had he not been so precipitate in disposing of properties in which he lacked confidence, he might have been a wealthy man today. A few months more of patient endurance of poverty would have seen him extricated from the financial straits that led him to mortgage or sell everything of value that he possessed in order to raise funds to tide him over his troubles.

For it now transpires that among McLaughlin's possessions were securities that are today of great value, although when he held them they seemed of doubtful value. This is notably true of some shares of the Western Power company. When he purchased these shares the company was undeveloped. For about eight years he held them without receiving a dividend. Doubtless, in his mind, the stock was valueless, or its value so problematical that it could not be included in any estimate of wealth.

Dividends Now Large

The Western Power company is paying big dividends now, dividends so big, in fact, that the revenue that McLaughlin would have derived from his stock would, in the opinion of those who have

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McLAUGHLIN LOST WEALTH POVERTY CAUSE OF SUICIDE



Major Frank McLaughlin, who shot himself while despondent, and his secretary, Miss Anna Busteede, who sued for money lent and said that they were engaged to marry.

McLAUGHLIN'S STOCK VALUABLE

**Suicide Needed Patience to Wait
for Rise in Shares That
He Owned**

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made careful computations, been equivalent to that from several thousand dollars conservatively invested.

Like practically all his other property, this stock was pledged as security for money borrowed in times of financial stress, and later disposed of entirely. It was to E. T. Earl of Los Angeles that McLaughlin pledged the Western Power stock, and later transferred it.

That McLaughlin would have been rich today had he been patient is well known to Samuel N. Rucker, administrator of his estate.

"If Major McLaughlin had held on a little longer," said Rucker yesterday, "he would not only have had enough to pay off all his debts, but would have had enough left over to enable him to live in comfort. He would have been on 'Easy street' today."

Big Deals and Little Cash

"I have heard Earl upbraided for taking those Western Power shares under the circumstances that he did. Why, two years ago, when McLaughlin killed himself, they were worth \$180,000. They are worth more now."

"It was Major McLaughlin who really put through most of the big deals of the company, and he told me that he received \$22,000 cash and the block of stock which is now so valuable. It has been suggested to me that some of this stock might be recovered from Earl, but I do not know about that."

"Major McLaughlin was closely associated with Brown & Wilson of New York, who acted for the company financially. There were two or three other properties that he held and disposed of that are now of great value. A little longer and his financial troubles would have all been over."

Prospect for Secretary

Attorney Randolph V. Whiting, who, with Attorney Frank H. Gould, represented Miss Anna Busteede in her suit to recover money alleged to have been lent by her to the major, was much interested in the news of McLaughlin's wealth. It having been suggested that possibly some of the stock might be recovered from E. T. Earl, owing to peculiar legal features of the case, Whiting said:

"That this stock was owned by McLaughlin, I did not know. If so, it has an important bearing upon the suit now pending against the estate, for it will mean something tangible out of which to satisfy a judgment. We never had any doubt about securing the judgment, for Miss Busteede has documentary evidence showing that she lent Major McLaughlin about \$16,000, although the administrator of the estate allowed her but \$1,500. We brought suit for the balance, and it is now pending in the San Francisco courts, but we saw little chance for a satisfaction, as the McLaughlin properties were much involved."

Three Estates Involved

"There were really three estates, those of the major, of his wife and of his daughter. The really valuable part, which was the wife's estate, was the handsome villa at Santa Cruz. The furniture and some other valuable property was the daughter's estate."

"The major's estate consisted principally of debts. All that was in his name was some ordinary personal property, a man's ordinary belongings, some jewelry and the like. If any of this Western power company stock was in his estate I was not aware of it."

After Major McLaughlin's death Miss Busteede not only said that she had lent him thousands of dollars during his days of poverty, but that she was engaged to be married to him. She produced letters in which he addressed her in terms of endearment. At the present time Miss Busteede is in Santa Cruz, although she ordinarily resides in this city, where she conducts a multigraphing, typewriting and office supply establishment.

House Sold by Auction

It was estimated at the time of the major's suicide that the Santa Cruz house was worth about \$25,000 and its contents a few thousand more. It was sold under the hammer in 1909 for \$17,921 to W. T. Jeter of the Bank of Santa Cruz, which held a judgment against the estate.

It is known that McLaughlin raised money, toward the last, upon every conceivable form of collateral he possessed. Owning the Western power company stock, he naturally borrowed what he could upon that also, but the amount was doubtless small, as the stock was not thought to be of great value a few years ago. Now it is a big producer.

After a wait of another year, or perhaps less, Major McLaughlin would have seen a rift in the financial clouds that hung over him and today he would have been as independent and debonair as ever.