

SEEK TO FREE FOUR SCORE PASSENGERS IN CANYON

WESTERN PACIFIC IS BENDING
EVERY EFFORT TO RELEASE
STALLED TRAIN.

600 MEN FIGHT SLIDES

EXPECTED THAT WEEK'S IM-
PRISONMENT IN BLOCKADED
TRAIN WILL END TODAY.

Despite the fact that over 600 men are at work in the Feather river canyon, there is little likelihood that the canyon will be open for train service for a week yet. With at least twenty slides to clear away, the road is confronted with a gigantic task. Most of these slides are reported to be small, but at Blinzig, Big Bar and Belden the work of removing the land slide is reported to be difficult.

Every effort is being made to open the track to Big Bar where a passenger train with eighty passengers aboard has been stalled for nearly a week. It is expected that the passengers will be rescued from their plight today, although it may be necessary to transfer them over the mountain in order to secure their release.

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Southern Pacific Still Tied Up.

The Southern Pacific from this city to Marysville is still unable to operate. The company is having so much trouble on its main lines that it has all its available men at work on them and does not intend to work on the branch lines for several days.

The Northern Electric is running again from this city to Chico, but will not be able to make the run to Marysville for several days, owing to the big washout at Haselbusch.

Oroville Mercury

1-6-1914

FINDS DIAMOND AT CHEROKEE

A diamond weighing about three-quarters of a carat, the value of which was appraised by a local jeweler as \$150, was brought to Oroville yesterday by John McGregor, a Cherokee miner. He found the stone in a pan of gravel he was washing for gold in the diggings of the old Cherokee hydraulic mine, where more than 200 diamonds have been found.

HOME AT LAS PLUMAS DYNAMITED LAST NIGHT IN ATTEMPTED MURDER

SEEK LIFE OF CONCRETE FOREMAN; REVENGE THOUGHT TO BE MOTIVE

FAMILY ESCAPE INSTANT DEATH ONLY THROUGH LUCKY CHANCE--POSSE ON CLUE OF PERPETRATOR OF CRIME

Shortly after 6 o'clock last evening the home of J. T. Delaney, at Island Bar, near Las Plumas, was dynamited in what was unmistakably an attempt to assassinate Mr. Delaney. That he, his wife and child were not killed was due altogether to chance, as but a moment before they had stepped from the room beneath which the load of dynamite was placed. As it was, the rear of the building was completely wrecked.

Mr. Delaney is foreman in charge of concrete work at the addition to the power plant of the Great Western Power Company, which is now being built at Las Plumas. While he and his wife were in the kitchen last evening he heard a mysterious sound, as if some one were tapping beneath the house. He took a lantern and made a cursory investigation, but finding nothing, and thinking that he had been mistaken, he returned to the house without making his investigation thorough. Upon his return to the house he placed his lantern on the kitchen table, and he and his wife stepped into the dining-room, where they sat down at their supper. The meal was hardly well started, when the mysterious sounds were again heard, followed by a noise as if some one was scuffling to get out from beneath the foundation. Delaney again arose to make a second investigation, when the explosion occurred.

DYNAMITE PLACED BENEATH KITCHEN.

The charge of dynamite had been placed directly beneath the kitchen, and the rear end of the building was completely demolished. When the explosion occurred a wall of smoke and fire arose, the ceiling collapsed, while dishes and furniture were broken and smashed. The front end of the building, where the dining-room is located, and where Delaney and his family were at the time, escaped unharmed. None of the three were injured even in the least.

POSSE AND BLOOD HOUNDS IN PURSUIT.

As soon as he had assured himself of the safety of his wife and child, Delaney seized a revolver and made a search of the premises. The search failed in its object, and a hurry call was sent to Sheriff Webber. Sheriff Webber and a posse, accompanied by a representative of the Register, left immediately by train for the scene. Before leaving, they arranged to have the Tait and Rodley man-hunting blood hounds sent from Chico. These hounds were sent to Las Plumas on a later train.

FORMER EMPLOYEE IS SUSPECTED.

A Greek laborer, who was formerly a workman under Delaney, is suspected of the crime. This man was directed to go down into the cement house and work. He refused, whereupon he was discharged by Mr. Delaney. Other employees state that this man has threatened that he "would get Delaney."

Since his discharge he has been doing assessment work upon a nearby claim. A few days ago he was seen purchasing a shovel and a pick and other equipment at the local commissary of the Great Western Power Company. A few days ago Mrs. Delaney also saw the same fellow peering in one of the windows of her home. The man was camped about a mile and a half from Las Plumas, and shortly after midnight the Sheriff's posse left for his camp for the purpose of placing him under arrest.

The building where the attempt at murder was made is an eight-room dwelling, situated at Island Bar. It was occupied only by Mr. and Mrs. Delaney and their little child. The Delaneys came to Las Plumas from Syracuse, New York.

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BIG BAR MAN GETS \$25 REWARD FROM FOREST SERVICE

HENRY GRAMPS REWARDED FOR
CAPTURE OF MEN WHO
STARTED FOREST
FIRE.

The Secretary of Agriculture has authorized the payment of a reward of \$25 to Henry Gramps, of Big Bar, for furnishing information which led to the arrest of R. T. Reese and H. C. Bird for starting a forest fire on one of the National Forests.

Reese and Bird are two young men from Wisconsin who one hot day last September stopped to cook their noon-day meal along the Western Pacific right-of-way in Plumas County. Not being familiar with the danger of forest fires they did not take proper precautions and a light breeze soon spread the flames through the dry grass and beyond their control. Alarmed at the size of the fire they attempted to escape from its vicinity, but were seen by Gramps who informed the forest officers. The boys were later arrested, taken before United States Commissioner Webster, in Stockton, where they plead guilty and were released on parole. The fire which they allowed to escape burned over 500 acres before it was extinguished by the forest rangers and a force of temporary fire fighters.

There is a standing reward offered by the Department of Agriculture for information which will lead to the conviction of anyone responsible for the starting of forest fires either through carelessness in the handling of fire in the woods.

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2-2-1914

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS INSTALL AT CHEROKEE

JOINT INSTALLATION HELD AND
IS LARGELY ATTENDED BY
MEMBERS OF ORDERS.

CHEROKEE, February 1.—A joint installation of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Cherokee was held Saturday night, and was largely attended. The officers of the Odd Fellows were installed by Dr. J. H. Karsner, district deputy grand master, and Frank Sancomb, grand marshal. The Rebekahs were installed by Miss Vesta Kelly, district deputy president, and Miss Emma Covert, Grand Marshal.

The officers installed were:

Cherokee Lodge, Number 92, I. O. O. F.—P. G., John W. Burleson; N. G., Emil F. Hodapp; V. G., Thomas Darby; secretary, Joe H. Davis; treasurer, Andrew Armbruster; warden, Otis W. Baker; conductor, Suell VanGooden; chaplain, J. M. Delong; R. S. to N. G., J. L. Jones; L. S. to N. G., Clarence Bennum; R. S. to V. G., F. E. Lynch; L. S. to V. G., M. L. Copeland; R. S. S., George D. James; L. S. S., John Johnson; I. G., D. E. Thomas; O. G., Joseph Copeland.

Cherokee Rebekah Lodge, Number 18, I. O. O. F.—P. G., Lida Lynch; N. G., Mrs. R. P. Taylor; R. S. to N. G., F. Lynch; L. S. to N. G., Hanna Krawl; V. G., Mrs. Mary Baker; R. S. to V. G., Otis Baker; L. S. to V. G., Marion Delong; secretary, Aleata Childress; treasurer, M. Copeland; warden, Clarence Bennum; chaplain, D. B. Thomas; O. G. John Burleson; I. G., Emil Hodapp.

In addition to the installing officers, the following Oroville visitors attended the installation: Victor Hayes, James Lafferty, Charles Thunen, Charles Wyckoff, H. E. Vance, Nels Rasmussen and C. W. Richardson.

Chico Record

2-4-1914

PORTUGUESE ACCUSED OF STEALING HORSES

CONFESSES THEFT OF TWO
HORSES FROM PASTURE ON
L. C. HESS RANCH

Charged with grand larceny, Patrick Patrice, a Portuguese cow-puncher well known in Chico, will appear before Justice J. L. Barnes this morning at 10 o'clock for arraignment. Patrice is in jail in default of \$1000 bail. It is said he has confessed to stealing several horses.

He was arrested yesterday morning shortly before noon by Constable Douglas Crum, Constable C. A. McEldowney and Deputy Constable O. H. Allwardt for stealing a horse and mare from L. C. Hess from the pasture of his Butte creek ranch.

The animals were stolen nearly two weeks ago and since that time the constables have been working in the case. Patrice was arrested near the Northern Electric carbarns in the Mulberry addition.

The mare stolen from Hess is valued at \$200. It was sold by the alleged thief for \$35 to a Biggs rancher.

Patrice confessed, it is said, to several other horse thefts and the police believe they have landed a professional horse thief who has been active in this neighborhood for some time.

In his confession, Patrice mentioned Floyd Kenyon, a local youth, as an accomplice. Kenyon has not been arrested, but may be if evidence enough against him can be collected.

Chico Record 2-13-1914

ENGLISH CAPITAL IS LOOKING TO CALIFORNIA.

OROVILLE, Feb. 12.—That English capital is looking more and more to California investments is the statement of Richard Phillips of the South Banner Mining Company, who is back in this section after an extended stay abroad. Phillips is the California representative of large English financial interests which are contemplating extensive investments here. The syndicate has several mining properties under option, included among which is the South Banner mine near this city. While no definite decision has been reached, Phillips is sanguine that the company will decide to take over this property and to begin its development on a large scale.

2-16-1914

FIND ANOTHER DIAMOND IN CHEROKEE DIGGINGS

**LARGE STONE FOUND BY TOM
RILEY LAST SATURDAY.**

The second diamond to be found at Cherokee within the past month was panned out of the gravel Saturday by Tom Riley, an aged prospector of that place.

Riley was mining for gold and by chance ran across the diamond, which attracted his attention the instant he saw it. The stone is a good sized one, and local jewelers state that it is worth in the neighborhood of \$100. It has a slight flaw in it, and if it were not for this fact, would be worth much more.

The Oroville Mercury

Feb 19, 1914

Miners Hurled Through Tunnel by Strong Current

W. H. Conway and Jack Webster, miners working in the Snow mine near Lovelock, were threatened with drowning when they dug from a tunnel into an old shaft filled with water Monday.

Conway managed to escape with his life by making his way from the torrent of freed water to a drift. Webster was washed several hundred feet through the tunnel and finally lodged on a mine timber in safety.

The miners were working in the tunnel when suddenly they struck the old shaft. The shaft was full of water which poured into the tunnel, carrying the men off their feet.

The tunnel in which they were working is 900 feet long. The water spurted in with such force that part of the men's clothes were torn off and when they finally made their way to the surface they were stiff with cold.

PIONEER TOWN TO REQUEST RECOGNITION

CHEROKEE TO PRESENT TOWN-
SITE MAP TO SUPER-
VISORS.

OTHER MINING COMMUNITIES
ARE SEEKING LEGAL
EXISTENCE.

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Monday evening, the official map of the townsite of Cherokee will be presented to the board for its acceptance. The deeds to the various properties have been completed, and all matters pertaining to the townsite have been settled in a satisfactory manner.

Despite the fact that Cherokee is one of the oldest communities in the county, residents there have simply held under squatter's rights until a patent to the entire townsite was obtained by F. B. Finley. To obtain this

patent, M. J. Cooney gave notable aid, and the residents there co-operated. When the patent was obtained, each person was deeded the land he claimed by Mr. Finley. With these questions settled, the townsite map will be presented by Civil Engineer B. L. McCoy to the board, and roads that have been in fact public highways for years will be officially declared to be such.

A tangle of a somewhat similar nature has developed at Yankee Hill, and Mr. McCoy will soon leave for that place to make surveys by which the matter can be straightened out. While at Cherokee none of the ground was patented, at Yankee Hill, it is stated, a portion of the land has been patented, and it is desired to determine definitely the limits and extent of this patented ground.

The people of Forbestown are face to face with the same problem, and the matter of patents to the land there is now pending. At Forbestown a spirited contest is on over the blanket application for a patent made by Gus Batt, a merchant of that place. As no agreement has been reached to re deed property held by residents there, the application of Batt is being bitterly opposed.

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NEBRASKANS VISIT HOME OF RELATIVE AT CHEROKEE

A party of picnickers from Oroville made a visit to Cherokee and Pentz Saturday and spent a very enjoyable time.

The trip was made with the view of visiting the old home of W. M. Wilson of Cherokee, deceased, and brother of Mrs. Thomas Todd of Broken Bow, Nebraska, as well as to show the Eastern tourists the sunshine, fields of flowers, fruit and grain of Northern California, the existence of which was unknown to them after a winter in Southern California, when the country north of the Tehachapi is there described as the frozen north.

Sun hats and parasols were one of the essential needs on this trip. Bountiful supplies of California poppies and numerous other flowers varieties showed conclusively the error of their informants.

The party included Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Todd, Miss Lizzie and Jeanie Todd of Broken Bow, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wilson, Willie Wilson, Wm. M. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Williams, James G. Nisbet, Miss Jessie Williams, Miss Lucile Haling.

PLANTING BOOM STRIKES PENTZ DISTRICT

MANY ACRES BEING PREPARED
FOR OLIVES AND
WALNUTS.

PENTZ, March 20.—Pentz is in the midst of a planting boom, and much land is being planted to alfalfa and many acres to olives, walnuts and oranges.

John Graves is preparing several acres of land, which he will plant to olive trees. He is also preparing a number of acres to plant to alfalfa.

Edward Merrifield has finished clearing a large tract of land, and is now plowing and preparing it for planting next year to olives and walnuts.

\$9000 A DAY TAKEN FROM MINE

Butte Record Published in
1853 Contained Interesting
Early Day News

Ex-Judge Charles F. Lott of this city is the proud possessor of a file of the Butte County Record, the first issue of which appeared November 12, 1853, and was published in Bidwell Bar.

From it are taken the following mining notes that will be of interest at this time:

Feather River Mines At And Near Bidwell.

We have no desire to overrate the mines and their prospects in this locality. In truth we would have to set down the amount already taken out of three claims at an enormous sum, to approach exaggeration. As the Sailor claim seems to be of the most importance at the present time we give a brief and correct account of it. The river being flumed for about 1200 feet, the several companies have been at work in its bed for four to six weeks; the celebrated Union claim having been the most successful and the Sailor claim next.

The latter claim was divided into 19 shares and worked 60 hands night and day, averaging \$2000 per day. The Union, 24 shares, worked 125 hands, averaging \$9000 per day. The Wolverine claim, 12 shares, worked 60 hands, averaging \$2000 per day.

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Since the above was written considerable rain has fallen and done immense damage, washing away the flumes, dams, etc., which will no doubt put an end to further operations in the bed of the river.

The following saloon ad appeared:

Fun at Pratt's Exchange—As the "spirits" have commenced to communicate with the citizens of this place, we deem it our duty to call the attention of the travelling public and those of our citizens who have not had an opportunity of witnessing the evolutions that are produced by the "spirits," Peach and Honey, Bourbon, Pony and a number of others that are closely connected with the above-named "spirits" to call at Pratt's Exchange and have all doubts removed relative to spiritual phenomena. "Come one, come all." The bar is at all times supplied with the choicest brands of liquors, wines and cigars.

Saloon Brawl.

Following is an account of a brawl that took place in this saloon:

Our town has been comparatively quiet through the week until Thursday evening when a fight took place at the Exchange. Two men, French and Doyle, had a dispute about \$2 over the gaming table, and referred it to Blue, who decided against Doyle. Some words then passed between Doyle and Blue, when Blue threw a tumbler at Doyle, striking him between the eyes and placing him at once hors de combat. Blue was arrested the next morning and had a hearing before Justice Wells; he was duly acquitted. We would

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gladly dispense with these nightly brawls. As usual, in such cases, the parties had been drinking.

The following personal appeared in the issue of December 3:

The Honorable John McGee, representative from this county, is on a visit at present at this place. He comes fresh from the mountains, where hard work, rough fare and a bracing climate best fit a man for the discharge of those high and responsible duties, which he is about to enter upon at the seat of government. He is a young man endowed with fine talents and will no doubt look well to the best interests of his constituents.

4-7-1914

WARD GIVEN FIVE YEAR TERM FOR SHOOTING

Frank Ward, who pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder upon the person of Charles Miller at French Creek on the night of February 14, was this morning sentenced to five years' imprisonment in Folsom penitentiary by Judge Gregory.

Ward, while under the influence of whiskey, and after he had learned that the mining claim he had claimed a title to had been filed upon by Miller, went to French Creek after coming to Oroville and shot at the Miller cabin across a ravine nearly all night. Finally he left his ambush and went to the cabin window and shot Miller in the arm.

Ward testified that he was born in Oneida county, New York, in 1856. His parents are dead and he never married. Since 1886 he has worked in the western logging camps. For four years he has resided near Blinzig. He said he was crazy drunk at the time of the shooting.

French Creek Miner Says He
Was Crazy Drunk at
Time of Fracas

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**CAPTURES PRIZE FOR
GROWING BEST CORN**

WESTERN PACIFIC FORWARDS
CHECK FOR \$25 TO CLEAR
CREEK RANCHER.

E. Hesbol, of Clear Creek, has received substantial recognition for his ability in growing corn. After a searching investigation, the Western Pacific has sent a check of \$25 made out in Mr. Hesbol's favor to the Chamber of Commerce here as an award for growing the greatest

amount of corn per acre of all the exhibitors at the last State Fair.

In order to secure the award, it has been necessary to secure a number of affidavits, and for some time Secretary E. B. Ward has been at work obtaining the necessary proof. After the proof was adduced, the check for \$25 was immediately forthcoming. It will be sent at once to Mr. Hesbol.

TRIBESMEN OF ISHI NOT ALL DEAD IF STORY IS CORRECT

CHICO, April 23.—That Ishi, who is now doing stunts in the Affiliated Colleges near San Francisco, is not the last of the Mill Creek tribe of Indians has long been the belief of the stockmen and others who live in the Deer Creek canyon, but it is now definitely certain that there is a straggling band of Ishi's tribesmen wandering up and down Mill Creek and within thirty-five miles of the town of Vina.

Jacob Moak, who in the early days drove cattle in the Deer Creek region has just returned from a six weeks' visit to his old haunts. Moak brings with him many Indian relics and a story that a party of stockmen he was with discovered on March 17 unmistakable evidences of the presence of more of the Mill Creeks.

While hunting cattle up Mill creek thirty-five miles from Vina, on the 17th the party, consisting of George Groves, Charley Groves, John Hobson, Jim Ellis and John Morris, discovered a huge cave that had never before been seen. They exploited this cave and found, to their surprise, a smoldering campfire that had been hurriedly left. Piles of acorns, manzanita berries and Indian potatoes were on the floor and other indications of the presence of the Indians were at hand.

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The men tore up things generally in the cave, scattered the supplies about and left, returning in five days. They found on their return that the Indians had been back, straightened things up and had used the cave again.

The campfire had been rebuilt and used and more acorns had been piled in the place. Not a trace of the Indians other than this was found and it was evident the redskins had heard the approach of the party and hidden.

The cave is the biggest yet seen in the Mill Creek region it being large enough to hold a large-sized house. The party searched for a day to try and find the hiding place of the Indians, but to no avail.

It is understood that an expedition will soon be started to make a thorough search through the Ishi country in the hopes of locating more of the Mill Creek tribe.



PATRICE SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS FOLSOM

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ENTERS PLEA OF GUILTY TO
STEALING TWO HORSES
FROM M. L. HESS.

WAS IN REFORM SCHOOL AT SIX-
TEEN YEARS FOR SAME
OFFENSE.

Pat Patrice, who was charged with horse stealing by M. L. Hess, today entered a plea of guilty before Superior Judge Gregory and was sentenced to five years in Folsom prison.

Patrice stole two horses from M. L. Hess on his ranch near Butte creek during January. These horses were sold near Biggs and were recovered later.

Hess is also believed by Sheriff Webber to have been the man who stole a horse belonging to John M. Ward of this city from his pasture on the Chico road north of Oroville.

Patrice was first before the police officials a number of years ago, when as a boy of sixteen years, he was sent to the reform school for horse stealing.

Chico Record

5-3-1914

MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR.

CHICO FRIDAY MAY 8th

RESERVED SEATS ON SALE AT CREW'S DRUG STORE.

BUFFALO BILL IS TO HEAD PARADE

A love of the "big top," with its waving banners, the "pad room" and the great, yellowed interior of the circus; a love of the romance of it all and the glitter and the glamor resulted in a visit to Chico yesterday of an author who has contributed to nearly forty magazines and motion picture companies.

Courtney Ryley Cooper is his name and besides being a member of the Authors' League of America and a consulting editor of the Photoplay Clearing House of New York, he is the press agent of the Sells-Floto circus and Buffalo Bill (himself), which is to play a one day's engagement here Friday, May 8.

Incidentally there is a reason for the press agent's affection for the atmosphere of the "white tops."

"When I was a boy in Kansas City I ran away from school and became a clown in a circus for one whole summer," Cooper explained, "and once you follow the elephants away you're inoculated. When spring comes you want to hear the bands and see the span-gles and—

"A parade? Certainly. At 10:30 o'clock the morning of the show with everything on view. The two-mile-long spectacle will be led by Buffalo Bill himself, America's best beloved citizen. Later Colonel Cody will hold a reception for children at the show grounds."

COL. W.F. CODY (BUFFALO BILL) APPEARS IN PARADE AND PERFORMANCE
BUFFALO BILL'S PRAIRIE OUTFIT OF INDIANS, RANCH GIRLS, COWBOYS AND RANGERS

ZORA BRAVEST WOMAN IN THE WORLD
3 HEADS PERFORMING ELEPHANTS

SELLS-FLOTO CIRCUS

ADMISSION

25 CENTS

BUFFALO BILL

120 WORLDS CHAMPION RIDERS DARING & FASCINATING
SEE THE ONLY LIVING 5 HYNEYS

MENAGERIE OF TRAINED BUT UNTAMED BEASTS OF THE JUNGLE PERFORMED BY MME RICARDO & CAPT. DUTCH

40 CLOWNS, COUNT 'EM

2 TIGERS AND LEOPARDS

11 ACRES of TENTS

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2 PERFORMANCES DAILY - MATINEE 2 - NIGHT 8 o'clock
DOORS OPEN ONE HOUR EARLIER
FREE STREET PARADE - 10:30 IN THE MORNING
BUFFALO BILL, his Indians, Ranch Girls, Cowboys, want to see all the boys and girls. SELLS-FLOTO want you to see the new Wild Beasts in open dens, its splendid new tableaux -- 600 people of all Nations -- 450 horses -- 9 bands -- COME DOWN TOWN! -- CIRCUS PARADE - 2 MILES LONG!

\$36,000 SAID TO BE SETTLEMENT PRICE GIVEN MOAK

Thirty-six thousand dollars, or \$16,000 more than the company could bought the property for under option three years ago, is said to have been paid by the Great Western Power company to Jacob Moak for his 160-acre ranch at Big Meadows, which was the last piece of the 26,000-acre tract covered recently by the great reservoir to be bought by the company.

Moak has just returned to Chico from Sacramento, where the settlement was made, has refused either to deny or confirm the reported settlement price.

The settlement closes three years of negotiations and litigation, in which the company had filed a condemnation suit against Moak.

Moak gave the company an option to sell his property at \$125 an acre three years ago. The company allowed the option to lapse and then commenced condemnation proceedings. Before it was through with the case, it had to pay a higher price, which is said to have been \$225 an acre.

In addition a settlement of more than \$1000 was made by a lumber company for felling fourteen large trees near Moak's old Big Meadows home, which were felled and saved up by employees of the lumber company without permission.

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BIG BAR, June 2.—Mr. Greenwald, Mr. Dugal, Mr. and Mrs. Provo, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, Samuel Wells, Mr. Weston and Mr. Strychner, all of San Francisco, and Mrs. Van Gooden, of Mariposa, were week-end sojourners at Kingsvale, Big Bar. They arrived on the early train Saturday morning, just in time for good fishing, and they left with baskets full of "speckled beauties."

Several tenters are located for the season, enjoying the fishing, delicious water, and the cool evening breezes that never fail at Big Bar.

Saturday evening, June 13th, a grand candidates ball will be given on a large open-air platform, when good music, good supper, and a splendid time are assured.

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6-12-1914

OPEN AIR PLATFORM AT BIG BAR COMPLETED

WILL BE CHRISTENED TOMORROW NIGHT, WHEN CANDIDATES' BALL WILL BE GIVEN.

BIG BAR, June 11.—The Kingvale open-air platform, which has been in course of construction for several weeks, was completed yesterday, and the floor is being put in first-class condition for the opening dance, next Saturday night. The event, which will be a candidates' grand ball, has been widely advertised, and an immense crowd is expected. Candidates from all over the county will be in attendance. "Come out and enjoy the fresh mountain air and good water," is the slogan adopted by the promoters of the dance. The event will be the biggest of its kind ever held here.

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MANY LOCAL PEOPLE TO ATTEND DANCE AT BIG BAR

Quite a number of Oroville people are planning to go to Big Bar this afternoon to attend the candidates' ball to be given on the Kingvale open-air platform. Delegations will be present from all sections of the mountains, and a good time is expected. A large number of candidates will be there.

The Oroville people will leave on the Western Pacific at 2:40 o'clock. This will get them into Big Bar about 5 o'clock. Returning, they can leave at 11:40 o'clock, and arrive in Oroville at 1 o'clock, or can stay all night and return the next morning at 11:10.

WIFE ELOPES, IS CHARGE OF PENTZ FARMER

MRS. FRANK DUENSING MYSTE-
RIOUSLY DISAPPEARS WHILE
IN OROVILLE.

SUSPECT RANCH FOREMAN

OFFICIALS FAIL TO FIND ANY
TRACE OF EITHER OF
PARTIES.

Alleging that his wife eloped from Oroville Thursday with Elmer Howard, foreman of the Pentz Ranch, Frank Duensing yesterday appealed to the Sheriff's office for assistance in locating the couple. Although no warrant has yet been issued for the arrest of either, every effort made yesterday to locate them proved futile.

The last seen of Mrs. Duensing was about 11:30 o'clock Thursday morning, when she left her mother, Mrs. John Baker, in a local millinery store, stating that she was going to a grocery store to order groceries, and that she would return to the millinery store in a few minutes.

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Shortly after Mrs. Duensing left the millinery store, Howard came in and inquired of her mother where she was. Mrs. Baker told him that her daughter had gone to a local grocery store and that she would be back in a few minutes. Howard then left, presumably to go to the grocery store.

From that time nothing has been seen or heard of Mrs. Duensing, although Howard was seen on the Chico road, alone, about 6 o'clock in the evening, and only escaped from the young woman's irate husband by whipping his horses into a run.

Came to Oroville to Do Shopping.

According to the story told by Mrs. Baker, she, in company with her daughter, came to Oroville about 11 o'clock Thursday morning on a shopping tour. She states that Howard caught up with them before they arrived in Oroville, and all the way in stayed a short distance behind their buggy, making no attempt to pass them. When they arrived in Oroville, he put his horse up at the same stable as they did. His actions were so noticeable, she states, that she said to him, "You seem to be following us." "I am," said Howard. After she and her daughter left the stable, she states that she did not see the man again until he came in the millinery store.

After waiting all afternoon for her daughter, in the hope that she would return, Mrs. Baker, becoming uneasy about her whereabouts, telephoned to Frank Duensing at Pentz, and then started for home. Mr. Duensing, accompanied by his brother, Otis Baker, immediately started for Oroville in search of the woman, and a short distance this side of Pentz they met Howard, driving toward home.

Intercepted by Husband.

He was stopped by the two men, and Duensing asked him, "Where is Ethel?" "I don't know," answered Howard; "I haven't seen her all day." A few hot words then passed between the two men, and, without warning, Howard whipped his horse up and made his get-away down the road. Before Baker and Duensing could turn their buggy around and get started, he was too far ahead for them to overtake him.

Horse Falls Exhausted.

A short distance this side of Pentz he turned into the Chico road, still keeping the horse at breakneck speed. He traveled about two miles on that road, when the horse fell, exhausted. He then tied it up to the fence and disappeared. Nothing has been seen of him since.

It is believed that Mrs. Duensing left Oroville for Chico or Durham and that Howard had planned to join her

there. He was driving a horse that belonged to the Pentz Ranch, when he came to Oroville, and it is believed that he intended to change this for one of his own and then go on.

It was learned last night that on Thursday afternoon Howard and Mrs. Duensing had rented a room in the Union Annex, but nothing further could be gained.

Mrs. Duensing is a young woman of about 22 years and is very attractive. She has been married to Mr. Duensing for about two years.

Although it is thought that she went out of Oroville on one of the electric trains, the conductors are certain that no woman answering her description went out.

NO TRACE FOUND OF ALLEGED ELOPERS

MRS. FRANK DUENSING AND
ELMER HOWARD DROP
FROM SIGHT.

As yet, no trace has been found of either Mrs. Frank Duensing, of Pentz, or Elmer Howard, the man she is alleged to have eloped with, although the officers throughout Butte County and adjoining counties have kept a watch on all trains.

Since the time Howard was last seen, tying his horse up at the roadside, near Pentz, he has dropped completely from sight. So has Mrs. Duensing. It is believed that the couple had a prearranged plan to go out of Oroville by themselves and then to meet in some other town.

It is thought that the women may have gone to Oakland, where she has friends living, and inquiries will be made there.

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OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1914.

BROKEN FLANGE CAUSE OF WRECK ON W. P.

TRACK TORN UP—TRAFFIC DE-
LAYED FOR NUMBER
OF HOURS.

A broken flange on a freight car of a Western Pacific train yesterday caused the car to leave the track near Big Bar, with the result that about a hundred feet of the track was torn up. Traffic was delayed for a number of hours, until the wrecker could be sent out from the local terminal to repair the damage.

The delay made the overland train over an hour late.

Highway Plans Discussed at Portola

In an attempt to get the proposed transcontinental Lincoln Highway to Butte and Plumas Counties. Attended by A. W. Keddle of Quincy who first surveyed a route through the Feather River Canyon in 1867

Pentz Routing Proposed.

Grant Croghan, of Yankee Hill, presented for the consideration of the convention a proposal for a route between Oroville and Big Bar, extending from Oroville to Pentz, thence to Jarboe Gap and thence to Big Bar. He stated that the road would be six miles shorter than one following the river, that it was all practically built now, and that the grades would be good and adapted for automobile travel. Commenting on this proposal, Mr. Keddle stated that the route proposed was the identical one that he had recommended when he made the first survey for a wagon road down the Feather River Canyon in 1867.

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PENTZ WOMAN SAID TO BE SEEN IN WILLOWS

**CLUE AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS
OF MRS. FRANK DUENSING
FINALLY OBTAINED.**

Marshal Curran was in receipt of evidence yesterday that Mrs. Frank Duensing, of Pentz, who is supposed to have eloped, had been seen in Willows. The description given tallied exactly with that of Mrs. Duensing. The information stated that she was seen with a sister of Elmer Howard, with whom she is supposed to have disappeared.

The officers are now in touch with the authorities at Willows, and early developments are expected.

FOUL PLAY IS HINTED AT IN DUENSING CASE

PENTZ RESIDENTS DESIRE FULL-
EST INVESTIGATION
INTO CASE.

ARE NOT ENTIRELY SATISFIED
WITH THEORY OF ELOPE-
MENT.

The theory of foul play has been advanced by residents of Pentz as a possible explanation of the disappearance of Mrs. Frank Duensing, who was reported to have eloped with Elmer Howard. Yesterday this theory was presented by residents of Pentz to District Attorney George F. Jones, with a request that not a stone be left unturned until either Mrs. Duensing is found or Howard and his sister are located.

Those acquainted with Mrs. Duensing are not at all satisfied with the elopement theory, and freely state that there are several mysterious features connected with the case that they desire to have explained.

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One of the features to which attention is called is the fact that when Mrs. Duensing left her home in Pentz to come to Oroville, she evidently had no intention of abandoning either her husband or her home. She brought her mother with her, and left all of her clothes and other possessions at her home. It is stated that if she had desired to elope, she had abundant opportunity so to do, and would undoubtedly have taken some of her clothes with her.

The trip to Oroville was made for the purpose of purchasing provisions and supplies, and for this purpose Mrs. Duensing was given \$38. She made a portion of her purchases, and later met Howard. He went with her to the Union Hotel Annex. That is the last time that the woman has been seen or any trace of her has been found.

Other circumstances have caused some of the Pentz people to become suspicious of the elopement story, and to desire the most thorough examination and investigation into the case.

Sheriff Webber spent yesterday in Marysville, investigating a report that Mrs. Duensing had been there. The report proved to be without foundation. A similar report from Willows also proved to be unfounded in fact.

7-2-1914

TO GROW TEA HERE ON COMMERCIAL SCALE

COFFEE ALSO TO BE PLANTED
AT LOCKERMAN RANCH
AT PENTZ.

Five acres of tea are to be planted this fall in Pentz, according to an announcement made yesterday by Tyson W. Lockerman, of that place. Mr. Lockerman has been experimenting with the culture of tea plants here. The plants have proved to be so adapted to Butte County conditions, that he has determined to start their culture upon a commercial scale. He is now negotiating for seed to plant five acres. The seed will be planted in the fall. A small portion of the seed will be planted on non-irrigated land, to determine whether the tea can be grown without irrigation.

A number of coffee plants will also be planted upon the place. J. H. Pate has a number of coffee plants growing at his place in Paradise, and it seems to be certain that coffee can be grown successfully here. Mr. Lockerman proposes to grow coffee upon a larger scale to determine its adaptability for commercial planting here.

MYSTERY DEEPENS; NO TRACE YET OF MISSING WOMAN

POLICE FAIL TO FIND SINGLE
CLUE OF MRS. DUENSING'S
WHEREABOUTS.

FAMILY OF MISSING WOMAN
FRANTIC WITH ANXIETY
AND ANGUISH.

Despite the fact that it has been seven days since she disappeared, not a clue has developed by which the whereabouts of Mrs. Frank Duensing, of Pentz, could be determined. She has disappeared apparently almost as completely as if the earth had opened and swallowed her up. Every effort that has been put forth has failed either to reveal her whereabouts or that of Elmer Howard, who was the last person seen with her.

The family of the missing woman are almost wild with anxiety and anguish, and are more than ever convinced that their theory of foul play is correct. The Sheriff's office, however, scouts the theory of foul play, and believes that Howard and Mrs. Duensing are together; but where, they do not pretend to know. They intimate, however, also the belief that the two may not be so very far distant.

Yesterday's investigation into the case was as fruitless as that of previous days, not a thing developing by which the whereabouts of the missing couple could be learned.

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SHERIFF HAS CLUE OF WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING WOMAN

SAY EVIDENCE IS SECURED DIS-
PROVING FOUL PLAY
THEORY.

Promise of unraveling the mystery of the disappearance of Mrs. Frank Duensing, of Pentz, is given by the Sheriff's office.

Yesterday it was stated that conclusive proof had been obtained that the woman had been seen leaving Oroville. Where she was at the present time, the officials stated they did not know, but they were sanguine from the information that had been obtained that she would be located in the near future.

Further information would not be given out, the officers stating that at this time it might interfere with their work. The information in their possession, they state, effectually disposes of the theory of foul play and strengthens their theory of an elopement.

INVESTIGATION INTO DUENSING CASE TO BE DROPPED

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NO EVIDENCE THAT CRIME HAS
BEEN COMMITTED, SAYS
SHERIFF.

Satisfied that there has been no foul play in connection with the disappearance of Mrs. Frank Duensing, of Pentz, it is probable that the police officials will drop further investigation into the case.

No warrant of arrest has been issued, and the Sheriff's states states that unless proof is adduced that the two are cohabiting, no crime has been committed for which either could be arrested. In the event that the two were found together, Mrs. Duensing, owing to the fact that she is married, would be guilty of a felony, while Howard would simply be guilty of a misdemeanor.

The Sheriff's office states that Mrs. Duensing has been traced to Tres Vias. According to City Marshal Curran, he is in possession of information that she boarded a Western Pacific train at Marysville, going as far as Blairsden.

BIG CELEBRATION AT BIG BAR ON FOURTH

—
WAS LARGELY ATTENDED, AND
GREATLY ENJOYED
BY ALL.
—

BIG BAR, July 8.—Crowds gathered to enjoy the celebration, and Kingsvale was resplendent in flags and bunting, pennants and Japanese lanterns that decorated every nook and corner, and the hundreds of trees that shaded the merrymakers.

As early as 4 a. m. sleepers were awakened to the fact that the Nation's birthday had dawned, by a salute of 21 guns that made the hills resound.

The basketball games of the morning were live and interesting from start to finish.

The salmon barbecue, with all the et ceteras that make such a feast splendid, was managed by William Woods, and was enjoyed immensely by all.

After dinner, people strolled in all directions, taking in the beautiful mountain scenery, gathering flowers, sipping water from the springs that bubble, ice-cold, from the hillsides, fishing, bathing, hunting et cetera.

Messrs. Carpenter, O'Grady and Gabriel were in charge of the races, in which the following were winners:

Girls under —Glenda Carpenter, necklace; boys under 8—Cecil Carpenter, souvenir cup; girls from 8 to 10—Mary McGregor, necklace; boys from

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8 to 10—George Maynard, baseball; girls from 10 to 12—Maxine McGregor, souvenir cup; boys from 10 to 12—Corbet Gramps, baseball; girls' and ladies' free-for-all—Maxine McGregor, set of fancy hairpins, combs and barrette; boys' and men's free-for-all—Will Peachy, collar and cuff sets; three-legged race—Roy Knox and Cyril Josephson, collar and cuff sets, scarf-pin; sack race for little girls—Mary McGregor, set of belt and beauty pins; ladies' free-for-all (barring Maxine McGregor)—Banna Pettys, case of fancy writing paper; gentlemen's free-for-all (barring Will Peachy)—Roy Knox, case fancy writing paper; matched race, for coin—Will Peachy; matched race for coin—Roy Knox.

At 5:15, the patriotic program began, with a flag drill by school children, after which all joined in singing the National Hymn. The invocation, beautifully rendered by Rev. Mr. Rogers, of Oroville, was followed by the reading of the Declaration of Independence, by Mrs. C. W. Carpenter.

In the absence of Mary Cameron Benjamin, detained at home on account of Dr. Benjamin's illness, the original poem entitled "Kingsvale," sent by this illustrious lady whom Butte proudly claims her own, was finely rendered by Miss Clara Gregory.

The oration was delivered by Judge H. D. Gregory.

The illumination in the evening was beautiful and the grand ball enjoyable beyond measure.

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The poem by Mary Cameron Benjamin was as follows:

KINGSVALE.

No braver men e'er fought or died
Than on that rockbound bay.
And Bunker Hill will ever mark
Our Independence Day.

When that great day by man was won,
What mighty seed was sown!
"He builded better than he knew,"
Our State was then unknown.

But mankind, filled with "wanderlust,"
(And oh! there is a throng;)
So Pioneers just made a path,
And brought our Flag along.

No brighter star shines in the blue
Than this bright star of ours.
O, California, land of gold,
Of sunshine, fruits and flowers!

The Feather River flowing through
The canons wild and grand,
Yes; here the wondrous works of God
Are found on every hand.

Man, too, has shown his mighty power
The wonders to complete,
Has made with steam and iron rail
The sea and mountain meet.

Here one the Red Man roamed at will
Ere White Man's foot had pressed
The leagues and leagues that lie be-
tween
The boundless East and West.

No lovelier spot was ever found
This day to celebrate,
Than here is found 'mid scenes so
grand,
The finest in our State.

The Feather River canon, rich
In all that makes for wealth,
In air, in water, fruits and flowers,
And best of all, good health—

Here balmy breezes fan the brow
'Mid scenes of trees and flowers;
And here we find sweet peace and rest,
And dreamless sleep is ours.

Call it "Kingsvale," or "Vale of Kings,"
Or good old name, "Big Bar";
To find a better place to rest,
You'll have to travel far.

But Progress never stops at all,
So let us hope and pray
The Feather River Canon gets
The Lincoln Great Highway.

DUENSING WILL VISIT HIS WIFE

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Frank Duensing of Pentz was informed yesterday that his wife, who ran away three weeks ago, had been found in Oakland and that she refused to return to her home. He stated that he would go to Oakland and would endeavor to effect a reconciliation with her.

Constable J. A. Franklin, who was detailed to take a couple of prisoners to San Quentin, made the tip and on his way back devoted Thursday to a search of Oakland for the missing woman. He spent the day in a skirmish of lodging houses and had given up when, on his way to the Sixteenth street station, he met the object of his search on the street. Mrs. Duensing was not wanted by the officer on any criminal charge but for the sole purpose of easing the mind of her mother. She refused to discuss the suspected elopement. She said she was getting on all right and would write to her mother in a short time. She denied that Howard was with her. She said that in getting out of Oroville she did not board the train in town, but walked to the eastern part of town and there boarded a Northern Electric car.

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FOUND INDIAN RELIC ON LINE

STONE EARRING RECOVERED BY FISHERMAN.

CHICO, July 10.—Fred Williams spent yesterday fishing in the Sacramento River, and while he did not break any records in the matter of catching fish, he brought home something that is a decided relic and novelty.

It is a stone earring, made evidently by the Indians years and years ago. It is a piece of stone two inches long and over an inch wide, thin, and with a hole bored through as large as a 25-cent piece. The rims of the hole are smooth, and the workmanship is splendid.

The stone was evidently worn by some Indian belle or brave in years gone by, and had become lost and was swept down the river.

MRS. DUENSING LOCATED IN OAKLAND

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MISSING WOMAN FOUND, BUT
UNWILLING TO RETURN
HOME.

DISCOVERED ON STREET BY CON-
STABLE FRANKLIN,
OF DURHAM.

Sheriff Webber received information yesterday that Mrs. Ethel Duensing had been located in Oakland. The information came from Constable Franklin, of Durham, who recently took a prisoner to San Quentin. He was instructed to be upon the lookout for Mrs. Duensing, and while doing so met her on one of the streets of Oakland.

Franklin had no warrant for her arrest, but immediately stopped and questioned her at some length. The woman was inclined to be rather uncommunicative relative to the reason for her strange disappearance. She stated that she was not ready to come home yet, but that she would communicate with her husband and parents in Pentz.

It could not be learned whether or not Elmer Howard, with whom the woman is supposed to have eloped, was with her in Oakland.

CLEAR CREEK RANCHER ARRESTED FOR INSANITY

WAS BRINGING ROPE TO ASSIST
SON TO ESCAPE FROM
PRISON.

Daniel Lewis, a well known rancher of the Clear Creek section, was brought to the county jail Saturday to answer to a charge of insanity. Lewis appeared in Durham with a long rope attached to his body. He stated that he was on his way to Oroville, where his son was confined in the county jail. He intended to give the rope to his son, in order that he might escape from the prison.

Lewis has been in the insane asylum before. He will be examined by a lunacy commission today.

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MAN WOULD HANG SELF; IS ADJUDGED INSANE

DANIEL LEWIS, CLEAR CREEK
RANCHER, BECOMES
VIOLENT.

Daniel Lewis, a Clear Creek rancher, who Saturday attempted to hang himself at Durham, was yesterday adjudged insane by a lunacy commission composed of Dr. F. M. Whiting and Dr. E. H. Newbold, and will be committed to the insane asylum. Lewis spent a term in an asylum before.

Lewis was insistent in his desire to hang himself Saturday, and it took four men to subdue him, and two men to bring him to the county jail.

PEACHY NOW IN RACE FOR CONGOW CONSTABLE

WILL MAKE THOROUGH CANVASS
OF TOWNSHIP.

Will C. Peachy, of Intake, has announced his candidacy for the office of Constable of Congow Township.

While Mr. Peachy has never before sought an office, he has had much experience as an officer. He served as Deputy Sheriff two years under former Sheriff Chubbuck and has served in the same capacity for four years under Sheriff Webber. He has made quite a record as an officer.

He will start immediately to make an active campaign of his township.

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INDIAN BOY FREED.

CHICO, July 15.—Aaron Wilsey, 13-year-old Indian youth, arrested yesterday morning by Deputy Constable Allwardt on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, for stabbing his stepfather in the back with a knife, was freed of the charge late last evening by Probation Officer Cline.

On investigation it was learned that the lad committed the act in behalf of his mother, Mrs. William Conway, who was being beaten by the irate father.

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WOMAN WRITES OF HER DISAPPEARANCE

MRS. DUENSING DENIES SHE
ELOPED WITH ELMER
HOWARD.

Letters have been received in Pentz from Mrs. Frank Duensing, whose disappearance was one of the sensations of the month. In the letters Mrs. Duensing denies that she left her home with Elmer Howard, or that she is now with him. She states that certain reports were brought to her attention, that convinced her that the best thing she could do was to leave her home and Pentz.

The letters state that she is now at work. She evinces no intention of returning to her home for the present at least.

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MANY DOVES KILLED NEAR PENTZ BY LOCAL MEN

HUNTING GOOD IN THAT LOCAL-
ITY AND BELOW
PALERMO.

The most successful dove hunters of the season so far are Howard Thunen, William Payne and C. Hinton, who killed 54 between them yesterday afternoon along Dry Creek, near Pentz. Edward McGregor also was a member of the party, but he contented himself with killing jackrabbits, of which he had a grand total of 13 when he re-joined the party.

The Pentz district and the district between Palermo and Honcut seem to be the best places for dove hunting.

7-24-1914

ALLEGED EMBEZZLER IS ARRESTED AT YANKEE HILL

LOUIS THOMAS CAUGHT BY
DEPUTY SHERIFF WIL-
LIAM PEACHY.

After a search that lasted for over a week, Louis Thomas, formerly employed by the City meat market, driving a delivery wagon, was arrested yesterday morning at the Sweetman home near Yankee Hill, on a charge of embezzlement. He was brought to Oroville last night and lodged in the county jail.

Thomas disappeared over a week ago, and it was afterwards learned that he had collected bills for the meat market and had appropriated the money to his own use. As he had relatives living in the Yankee Hill district, Deputy Sheriff William Peachy was warned to keep on the watch for him. He learned three days ago that Thomas was hiding in the Yankee Hill section, and yesterday morning he arrested him when he left a cabin to go to the Sweetman home.

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LEG LOST IN TRYING TO BOARD W. P. TRAIN

ACCIDENT OCCURRED YESTER-
DAY AT BIG BAR.

Frank Davis of Montreal, was seriously and possibly fatally injured at an early hour yesterday morning when he attempted to swing under a moving cattle train at Big Bar. He lost his hold and fell beneath the wheels. He was badly crushed.

The injured man was picked up by the east bound passenger and taken to Portola where he is now in the Western Pacific hospital there. Fear for his recovery is entertained.

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MINING ENGINEER IS UNDER ARREST

GEORGE F. DYER ACCUSED OF
DRAWING KNIFE ON
EMPLOYEE.

ATTENTION TO STENOGRAPHER
SAID TO BE CAUSE OF
TROUBLE.

INTENT TO COMMIT MURDER, IS
CHARGE IN COM-
PLAINT.

CHICO, July 28.—George F. Dyer, one of the best known mining engineers in Northern California and the president of the Undine Mining and Operating Company, which owns property on Butte Creek, was arrested this afternoon and charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder. He was brought to this city tonight and was released on \$2,000 bonds. The complaint was sworn to by J. S. DeLong, an employee at what is known as the Dwyer mine, the property of the company, and is the outcome of a personal fight between DeLong and George Dyer over the affections of Dyer's private secretary.

According to DeLong, Dyer has been objecting for some time to the attentions that he and other employees of the company have been paying to the stenographer. He alleges that on July 3d he was visiting at the mine with Miss Boulware, when Dyer appeared on the scene and, drawing a knife, threatened to kill him. DeLong states that he picked up a chair to protect himself and that then Dyer put the knife away. The men reached an amicable agreement for the time being, he states, but it was not long before Dyer again made threats that "there would be a killing" if DeLong persisted in his attentions.

Today the couple visited Chico, and after they left to return to the mine, Dyer hired an automobile and overtook them. According to DeLong, just as Dyer passed them he stood up in his automobile and pointed a pistol at them. However, he did not shoot.

It was then that DeLong decided to swear out a warrant for his arrest. The charge is not based on today's incident, but is based on the trouble the two men had at the mine on July 3d.

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WATER RIGHT QUARREL LEADS TO ARRESTS

A dispute over a water right on Clear Creek today led to the arrest of Jack Powers upon a charge of peace disturbance. A warrant was also issued for Marion Bethard, the father-in-law of Powers upon the same charge, but he had gone to Chico when Deputy Constable James Toland went to Clear Creek to make the arrests. The warrants were signed in Oroville yesterday by Albert Johnson, a well known rancher of Clear Creek.

Johnson alleges that as a result of a dispute both Bethard and Powers disturbed his peace and threatened him with bodily harm.

The hearings of the two men have been set by Justice J. V. Parks for next Thursday.

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9-5-1914

Butte's Oldest Voter Is B. F. Croghan, 94

Considerable has been said in the county press in regard to the advanced age of different voters. Judge C. F. Lott and Mrs. Adeline Whipple, both of Oroville, were credited with being two of the oldest voters in Butte county, both being over 90 years of age.

Fred Wellington of Yankee Hill, newly elected justice of the peace, has entered a claim for that town having the oldest voter. He says that B. F. Croghan of that town was 91 years old on the 10th of last June, and voted at the primaries and is liable to cast several more votes, his physical condition justifying that belief.

Solomon Williams of the same town, is 92 years old and also voted at the primaries.

Chico Record

9-17-1914

VALUABLE LIBRARY THAT SHOULD BE PRESERVED

OROVILLE, Sept. 16.—Miss Sexton has received a letter from State Librarian Gills, requesting her to send to the State library the collection of old county newspapers and Eastern magazines that date back to the early fifties, collected by her father, the late Judge Sexton.

Miss Sexton has in this library almost a complete file of the Butte County Record that was first issued in Bidwell on November 12, 1853, for several years. She also has several files of the Sacramento Record that date back into the early sixties. Among other valuable records on her shelves are copies of popular magazines that contain a vast amount of war history.

Judge Sexton was a great student and among his effects left a large number of almanacs, some of which date back to the early thirties.

Miss Sexton also has an oil painting of Bidwell by a painter named Mighels, that shows the town in all its early mining glory.

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* YANKEE HILL PERSONALS. *
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YANKEE HILL, September 22.
John Wells returned home last week from Alaska, where he spent the summer.

Meibourne, the young son of J. M. Jackson, departed recently for Mexico, Missouri, where he entered a military school.

J. M. Jackson, wife and daughter are expected back Tuesday from a two weeks' visit in San Francisco.

Supervisor Whipple was here recently, en route to Flea Valley, where he inspected the new bridge over Rock Creek, being constructed by the stockmen and the county.

Our townsman, F. B. Clark, killed a fat, seven-point buck at Rock Creek Friday, and is treating his neighbors to venison.

George Duensing passed Sunday, going up country.

Mrs. George Welsh has been having malaria of late at Concow.

Ed Stone, of Concow, is quite ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dr. Morrell, in Greenville. Mrs. Stone is at his bedside, also.

Elias and Lou Jones are busily engaged in hauling posts from Flea Valley to Oregon City.

D. B. Thomas and John Wells spent the week end in Oroville, returning Saturday evening, via Las Plumas.

Mrs. Dora Wells spent the week end in Sacramento, in attendance at the State Fair. She returned home Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. John Wells.

Mrs. M. McMilland and daughter, Georgia, spent Saturday in Oroville.

Butte Williams was a Yankee Hill visitor in Oroville Saturday.

Solomon Williams returned from a week's visit to his son at Gridley. Mr. Williams is one of our oldest residents being close on to 94 years of age, and is in full possession of all his faculties. Keeping well informed on all the current topics of the day, he is a very entertaining conversationalist.

Dan Morgan is at Flea Valley for a few days' stay.

The stockmen from Cherokee and Oregon City are beginning to round up their beef cattle above here.

Jerry Trapp and Lutie Thomas went to Oroville Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Armbruster were calling on friends here Sunday.

By F. W. LOCKERMAN.

PENTZ (Butte Co.), October 1.—

PThe spineless cactus being one of the greatest producers of the many forage crops is gaining much favor with stockmen, dairymen and poultry raisers, owing to the fact that it is such a heavy producer and contains a great quantity of nutriment.

Cactus culture has long passed the experimental stage and the plant has been developed until it now has a great commercial value for its feeding qualities.

Grows Well on Rock Pile.

The cactus being a desert plant will grow as well on a rock pile or barren hillside land as it will on the richest bottom and loam soil. It has been proven by Supervisor E. C. Wilson of Pentz, Cal., who is growing the plant on quite an extensive scale.

Wilson first planted an acre of rock land two years ago and has since put under cultivation four acres more and has had wonderful results.

About 1,000 pads are planted to the acre, costing twenty cents per pad; labor, leveling, fencing, etc., making the total cost about \$250 per acre. After being once planted there is little or no trouble, for further planting is not necessary.

Five More Acres Planted.

On this acre of rocky land the cactus thrived and the second year there was sold \$500 worth of pads and four additional acres were also planted from pads taken off the first planting.

The leaves or slabs are used for forage for all kinds of stock, including poultry. The whole plant, including the leaves and fruit, find favor with all herbivorous animals. After being fed on the cactus they frequently prefer it over all other foods. More than that, it makes a superior quality of beef and exceedingly rich milk. This is not surprising, as the cactus is one of the richest in the elements sodium, potash and magnesium, which are the principle salts found in milk. These valuable organic salts are found in the cactus more abundantly than in any other food.

Good Dairy Food.

Spineless cactus will prove especially valuable in feeding dairy cattle, as it will furnish succulent food throughout the entire year, so that an even flow of milk may be obtained. When fed with a little cotton-seed meal or about fifteen pounds of alfalfa hay it will prove the ideal food by which dairymen may obtain the same quantity and quality of milk in January as in June.

Poultry take readily to cactus and are very fond of the fruit. One great advantage in using it for poultry is that green food is available the year around.

What Is Forage Worth?

Cactus forage has no particular value in the markets, as there is none for sale, the pads being more valuable at the present time for propagation purposes. The question is often asked, what is it worth? The best answer is that where one acre of land will produce enough feed for one cow, the cactus plant will grow four times the amount of food. In other words, it is four times as valuable in quantity and quality from a feeding standpoint as alfalfa.

Production Doubles.

One may reasonably expect under favorable conditions a yield of 100 tons of good forage per acre per year. The spineless cactus will produce nearly double the amount of forage the third and succeeding years as it will the second season after planting.

Comparative Values.

The following table shows the comparative value of the average cactus, alfalfa hay and gama grass:

	Cactus	Alfalfa	Gama
	fruit	without fa	Hay Grass
Ash	19.19	5.67	15.11
Protein	6.48	12.74	6.99
Fiber	10.22	39.04	30.31
Nitrogen Free			
Extract	61.48	51.06	45.63
Ether	183.	1.49	1.95

The fact that cactus will thrive on dry land is of great value in time of droughts and especially to the farmer of the dry land regions in the foothills of the Sierra and Coast Range Mountains.

Oakland Tribune

10-11-1914

Gave California A Railroad

Herbert H. Yard, who died this week, did a great thing for California when he induced George Gould to build the Western Pacific as an extension of his railroad system, and at the same time he did a bad thing for himself. It was not stated that the Western Pacific ever did any harm to Yard, but on that foundation he builded a far-reaching scheme that ended for him in disaster. In Plumas and other counties of the Sierra within the zone of Western Pacific influence he located many thousands of acres under the placer mining law. These were located necessarily under that law in small tracts of not more than thirty acres each. In fact, they were chiefly valuable as timber lands. The operation cost a great deal of money and when the land office held that there was no proof of mineral content or character the claims were declared invalid.

Note: Worked with William King and William Standiford filing mining claims along the Western Pacific Railroad route to secure land for the tracks along the Feather River. King later founded Pulga and Standiford founded Stanwood as resorts along the route.

DEDICATED

Oroville Daily Mercury
10-12-1914

The following piece of poetry was written by B. F. Croghan, father of Grant Croghan of Yankee Hill.

Mr. Croghan is now past his ninety-fifth milestone, which makes the little story all the more interesting.

The people that wonder at me,
And my ways,
Come lend me your attention,
And I will relate
My past exercise,
And my present state.

The people I follow
I once did despise,
And oftimes like you,
Gazed on with surprise.

Their praying and mourning
Gave me such a pense,
I thought it delusion,
And naught but pretense.
I oftimes determined,
I'd hear them no more,
But still on occasion
Would go as before.

The sparks of conviction,
Beginning to burn,
I set into preaching,
And there felt the dart.
I strove to conceal it
But soon found it vain.

I lay for some hours,
All motionless,
Till Jesus, in his great mercy,
His love did reveal.

I stood up and praised him,
Without dread or fear,
Nor would I regard,
Though the world had been there.

My God and my Bible
Is all I desire,
And to holiness of heart
I continually aspire.
—Written for the Oroville Mercuy.



This poem was written shortly before he passed away.

- Rest In Peace -

Oroville Daily Register

11-3-1914

STIRLING LOGGING CAMPS CLOSE FOR WINTER

RAMSEY BAR STORE TO MOVE
FURTHER INTO WOODS
NEXT SEASON.

STIRLING CITY, November 2.—The logging camps have all shut down for the season. The last of Camps Numbers 3 and 4 moved in yesterday. A few men are at work at each camp—bracing the cabins and getting the camps into condition to withstand the heavy snowfall. The transfer crew will work about ten days longer, while the logs are picked up along the tracks, that tipped over and spilled off during the season's work.

The branch store of the Stirling Mercantile Company at Ramsey Bar was moved in Saturday, after a successful season in the woods. The store has been located at Ramsey Bar for five years, but next year will be moved farther out, as the logging camps get farther into the woods. It will then be located about 25 miles from Stirling. A commissary car twice a week takes provisions to the store and families.

Oroville Daily Mercury

11-16-1914

ACCIDENT TO TWO PNETZ MEN

Quite a serious accident happened at Pertz Saturday. Lee Mortenson and his brother-in-law, Joe Hanson were sinking a shaft on their property in order to get water. They had been using a windlass for hoisting the buckets of gravel, but for some reason not known to our informant, this was changed to a block and tackle system. The tackle was attached to a wooden stake, driven in the ground at the surface of the shaft.

Mortenson and Hanson used this system for getting up and down the shaft. It seems that late in the afternoon, Hanson started to go to the surface. He was ascending the shaft by means of the block and tackle system with the assistance of Mortenson, and when within about ten feet of the top and about twenty feet of the bottom of the shaft, the stake at the top pulled out and allowed Hanson to fall back and hit squarely on top of Mortenson.

The fall stunned Hanson, but Mortenson was able to get to the surface by means of a small rope that the men had provided for raising and lowering tools when the windlass was discontinued. He was completely ex-

hausted, however, from the effects of the fall and the climbing out of the shaft, so much so that he could not walk. Luckily Mr. Merrillfield happened to be passing along the public highway and was hailed and went to the assistance.

With what aid Mortenson could give they were able to get Hanson to the surface. It was seen immediately that he was quite painfully hurt and Dr. Enloe of Chico was sent for.

When the doctor arrived he found that neither of them was dangerously hurt. Mortenson was badly shaken up and bruised. Hanson was scratched and bruised and had a sprained back, otherwise they had both escaped without serious injury.

VOTED AT RAMSEY BAR OVER 50 YEARS AGO

**WAS ONE OF TWO WHO VOTED
FOR LINCOLN.**

L. A. Snow, of Lovelock, while in Stirling City last week, fell to discussing the early days of Butte County with some oldtime friends, during which he told of having voted for Abraham Lincoln at Ramsay Bar the first time Abe ran for the Presidency. The old log cabin where the miners voted at that time still stands, a few hundred yards from the Ramsay store.

Snow said there were hot times in the old mining camp at that election, and only two votes—those of Snow and his mining partner, were registered for Abraham Lincoln. One hundred and three votes were cast in the precinct.

Snow is now 83 years old, is hale and hearty, and works hard on his farm near Lovelock. He makes regular trips to the Brown Bear mine by wagon, where in the early days he took out many thousands of dollars in the yellow metal.

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CATTLE FOR SALE.

Will be sold Monday, December 7th—
75 head, more or less, belonging to
estate of Edward Stone, deceased; sit-
uate at Concow. Send offers in writ-
ing, with 25 per cent deposit or certi-
fied check, Administratrix of Estate of
Edward Stone, law office of J. M. Mc-
Gee, Oroville, Cal.

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