

Chico Record  
1-8-1916

## Realty Records

James Meline, guardian of the estate of Augustus Roth, insane, to C. B. Swain, the westerly half of lot 7 and 8 in block 47 of the city of Chico.

# Chico Record

1-12-1916

## PEACE DISTURBER OF RANCHERIA IS "FLOATED"

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By order of Assistant District Attorney Harry Davids, Bud Banes, an Indian residing at the Rancheria, was ordered to leave the county yesterday by Deputy Sheriff William Alexander. Others are expected to be given similar warnings within a day or two.

Yesterday's action was taken following an investigation of alleged deplorable conditions at the Rancheria and it is probable a general "house-cleaning" will result.

The officers are watching several residents of the Indian village who, it is said, are continually creating disturbances and making the lives of the other Indians miserable.

Banes was ordered to leave the county within three days and not to return upon penalty of arrest.

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## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by Stephen Meline, proprietor of the Meline Garage in Chico, California, a garage for automobiles, that on Thursday, January 27, 1916, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Meline Garage in Chico, California, he will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States, two Marlon automobiles, property of L. D. Macy, for money due to him for repairing said automobiles and for work done and material furnished upon said automobiles, on one of which automobiles there is now a balance due, owing and unpaid of \$318.12 and on the other of said automobiles a balance due, owing and unpaid of \$109.72. The same will be sold to satisfy the lien for the amount due and owing to the undersigned from said L. D. Macy and for costs of sale.

The undersigned claims the benefit of the lien as provided by Section 3051 of the Civil Code of California. This notice is given and the sale will be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 3052 of the Civil Code of California.

Dated Chico, California, January 12, 1916.

STEPHEN MELINE,  
Proprietor of the Meline Garage,  
Chico, Cal.

WILLIAM H. SCHOOLER, Attorney  
for Stephen Meline.

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Tragic.

## SISTER SHOTS LAD AND DOCTORS FEAR.

"ACCIDENT," MUTTERS BROTHER  
AT THE HOSPITAL.

Children Romp in Yard with Rifle  
Near—Small Girl Playfully Pulls  
Trigger and Bullet Fells Boy—His  
First Thought on Returning Con-  
sciousness is to Shield Her.

Ralph Hamilton's little sister, Laverne, shot him accidentally yesterday, and the boy is in the County Hospital, tossing in the shadowland, with the doctors doubtful and the mother hopeful. Laverne is so sick and frightened she lies in the home of a neighbor, crying in endless sobs.

They were playing yesterday afternoon about the back yard at their home in Lynwood on the Tweedy Abbot road. Ralph is 12 and his sister 9 years old. Their mother, Mrs. Ida Hamilton, was talking with some neighbors.

Ralph is the owner of a rifle, a fragment of armament found by him on a Christmas tree in his home after Santa Claus had called. Before Christmas he had grave council with his mother in which he debated with her why he was old enough and cautious enough for Santa Claus to trust him with a rifle.

Mrs. Hamilton, who is a widow, impressed Ralph with the responsibility he shared in the home, as the oldest boy.

"If Santa Claus brings me the gun," he assured Mrs. Hamilton, "I will be so careful, mamma. I just won't let anything happen."

And he was very careful. Nothing had marred the possession of the weapon. Yesterday he had it lying on a pile of kindling in the back yard. He instructed Laverne she was by no means old enough to tamper with a gun. So she kept her hands off.

The Los Angeles Times  
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Note: Buried in Concow Cemetery

They were fussing with the rabbits, giving them greens, petting a tame old doe, and frolicking with the baby hares. It delighted the children to watch the hares eat, moving their noses in such a ridiculous fashion.

Then Ralph wished to fix a nest. He told Laverne to watch the gun and he would go into the house and get some packing for a nest. He got up and ran to the back steps. As he was mounting them, Laverne, left without temporary amusement, began fidgeting with the gun. She looked up to see Ralph was not looking to scold her, and then touched the trigger.

The cartridge exploded. It entered Ralph's back with deadly aim and the tiny bullet passed through the bones and on into his body, ripping his vitals as it fled.

He dropped, screaming. Laverne thought he had stumbled. She was frightened at the shot, anyway, but never thought of such a tragedy as the bullet striking her brother.

The mother came and saw the blood. She summoned the Receiving Hospital ambulance. The boy was transferred at once to the County Hospital. Immediately anaesthesia was employed, and the operation began.

When he partly recovered consciousness, the troubles of his little sister were uppermost.

"She didn't mean to," he kept muttering. "Verne didn't mean to. She thought it wasn't loaded. Ma oughtn't to whip her."

# Daily Mercury

## 1-25-1916

### CONCOW AND YANKEE HILL NOTES.

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Miss Lena Hendricks has returned to her home at Yankee Hill from Woodland where she spent the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller and daughter, Eunice, have returned home. They have been spending a few weeks with their daughter, Mrs. E. L. Merrithew, of Durham, and Mrs. J. J. McCrosky, of Chico.

All the people in the vicinity of Concow and Yankee Hill are suffering from an attack of la grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hodapp and children are visiting relatives at Concow.

Roy Stokkes has moved his family to his new home at Concow.

About eight inches of snow covers the ground around Concow and Yankee Hill.

W. E. Gordon of Concow was a business visitor in Durham last Tuesday.

The dance at Cherokee was postponed on account of the storm and a great many people were greatly disappointed.

Mrs. J. W. Duensing and children are visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. A. Armbruster.

A. A. Miller is spending the winter on Butte Creek.

Born—In Concow, Jan. 20, to the wife of W. H. Butterfield, a daughter.

## FALLON, NEV., MAN SEEKS RELATIVES

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Do you know anyone in Oroville or hereabouts by the name of Morrison? If so communicate with Marshal W. L. Curran, who is anxious to know merely to oblige one Charlie Morrison, of Fallon, Nev., who writes that he thinks he has relatives here and wishes to locate them.

Morrison says he has a cousin, Mrs. Annie Morrison Reed, by name, whom he believes formerly resided here. He says he was born in Merisville, (probably meaning Marysville) and that his father's folks at one time resided in Oroville.

# CHEROKEE DAM GOES OUT DURING STORM

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STRUCTURE BUILT DURING  
EARLY DAYS GIVES WAY  
UNDER PRESSURE.

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PENTZ, February 3.—Cherokee dam, one of the early day constructions below Pentz, burst during last week's heavy storm. No damage was done by the overflowing water.

Mr. Edmon, the Yankee Hill-Pentz mail carrier, is experiencing some inconvenience in delivering mail these days, but is always on the right spot on time. He has eight inches of snow to travel through for two miles from his home to the postoffice at Yankee Hill. He has abandoned his wagon and is using a cart, which is an easier vehicle with which to get through the snow.

# Oroville Daily Register 2-4-1916

## PENTZ TRAPPERS.

PENTZ, February 3.—Irwin McClain and Everett Baker have been trapping with fair success this winter. Arthur Baker has also been trapping on a small scale as a side issue with his olive activities. Lately the trapping has not been very lucrative.

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PENTZ, February 3.—Mr. Schooling, employee of J. G. Curtis at Mt. Olivet, was taken very sick suddenly, with acute indigestion Tuesday night. Dr. Wilson, of Oroville, was summoned, and relieved the suffering man. He was taken to his daughter's Mrs. Humphrey's) home in Durham, Wednesday, to be near medical assistance. Mrs. Schooling accompanied him.

Mr. John Grover is recovering from his recent attack of la grippe.

Ben Morrielfield and wife, of Nelson, visited Ben's brother, Edward, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Gena Woods, of Seattle, Wash., is spending a few weeks here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Lee.

Earl McClain, who has been employed by Wells Fargo, at Sacramento, during the past year, is at the Lee homestead on a two months' furlough.



# CHEROKEE IS SCENE FOR ONE-REEL PICTURE

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U. S. FEATURE FILM COMPANY TO  
BEGIN TAKING OF PICTURE  
TODAY.

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The U. S. Feature Film Company will begin the filming of a one-reel white slave drama today. The first settings for the picture will be in the old mining camp of Cherokee and the title will be "Innocence in the Wild." Miss Hazel Bess Laugenour, Bob Smith and Clarence Dodge will appear in the leading roles.

Manager Laugenour of the film company, announces that with clear weather the filming of the picture can be completed in two days. When completed the reel will be released through the Associated Film Sales Company of New York.

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2-16-1916

## BUYING NEW HOMES FOR BUTTE INDIANS

OROVILLE, Feb. 16.—E. L. Terrell, special Indian agent for the Government, has been spending several days here and in the mountain regions in the vicinity of Enterprise and Mooretown. The Government, through its special agents, is locating the Indians who are located on land other than that owned by the Government. In cases where it is found advisable, the Government is purchasing the land for the Indians so that the natives may keep their homes intact. In many instances the property on which the Indians have been living unmolested is the property of railroads, and while the land has not been in demand in the past, it is probable that its increasing value might induce the owners to sell, leaving the Indians without a home.

# ISHI'S HANDIWORK FOR MAN WHO AIDED INDIAN RESEARCH

In appreciation of the services rendered by him to the department of anthropology of the University of California, J. McC. Stilson has received from T. T. Waterman of the department, an arrow head carved from glass by Ishi, last of the Mill Creeks.

With the specimen of the Indian's handiwork were sent two copies of "The Last Wild Tribe of California," a booklet written by Waterman. In this issue are two reproductions of pictures of Ishi which were furnished the university by Stilson.

The arrow is chipped from amber colored glass and is of perfect workmanship. It is considered one of the best pieces of work done by the Indian.

The arrow head will be placed among the numerous Indian relics now in the possession of Stilson and in the event a display of these is made at the Butte County Spring Exposition, it will be on exhibition there.

The specimen is among the most prized in Stilson's collection.

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# YANKEE HILL MINER BADLY HURT IN ACCIDENT

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THROWN HEADLONG INTO CUT  
AND RECEIVES MANY  
INJURIES.

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YANKEE HILL, February 25.—

George Smith, a well known resident of this place is in a critical condition as a result of injuries received yesterday morning when he fell twenty feet into a cut in his mine.

Smith was cleaning out the cut and attempted to throw a piece of timber across when a nail in the end of the timber caught in his coat, throwing him headlong into the cut. He received several bad cuts and bruises on his head and face and it is thought his hip and possibly some ribs were broken. He was removed to the Oroville hospital today.

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# CANALWORKERS DIG UP INDIAN SKELETONS AT HASELBUSCH

Shades of Mobammedan!

That was but one exclamation of surprise ejaculated by workmen trenching for the Western Canal company near Haselbusch yesterday, when one by one, they uncovered the skeletons of eighteen Indians.

J. F. C. Rabe of Haselbusch, who came to Oroville this morning to register, told Deputy County Clerk John Myers of the gruesome find, adding that the head of one of the Indians was bent under his body.

"That fellow must have been a 'bad Injun,' said Rabe, explaining that this particular Red Man was probably hanged for some crime, his head doubling under his body when he was thrown into a grave.

To find the skeletons of Indians, particularly in the Haselbusch section where the Digger Indians once thrived in great numbers, is not an unusual thing, although it happens rarely that the bones of such a large number are uncovered at one time.

## **C. W. ADAMS IN SERIOUS MISHAP**

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**AUTO GOES OVER MOUNTAIN  
GRADE NEAR YANKEE  
HILL.**

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YANKEE HILL, March 8.—C. W. Adams, of Oroville, had a narrow escape from death, Tuesday night when his automobile, in which he was driving, skidded and went off the grade near Blair Ravine Curve.

The accident was the result of the automobile lights suddenly going out. Before Adams could stop the machine he had run into the bank on one side of the road and the rear wheels skidded off the grade on the other. The machine backed into the ravine and toppled nearly over. That it did not turn turtle entirely and pin the driver under it, is considered a miracle.

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## YANKEE HILL PERSONALS.

YANKEE HILL, March 7.—Walter Odneal, who has been spending a few days with his parents at Deadwood, returned to Las Plumas today.

Mrs. Bess Wilson, of Oroville, is visiting relatives in Concow.

Mrs. Frank Taylor, of Concow, returned from Paradise yesterday, where she visited her father, Caleb Scott, who has been ill for several months.

L. H. Pheal, of the Sunbeam Mining Company, was a visitor in Yankee Hill today. It is reported the company expect to put on a force of men next Monday. Preparations are being made to establish a camp on the premises.

Mrs. George Hodapp and infant daughter, arrived at the Hodapp ranch from Butte City, where Mrs. Hodapp has been visiting friends.

F. W. Taylor went to Oroville today.

# MAKE RICH STRIKE IN SOUTH BANNER

## Butte Quartz Property May Rival Production of Former Years.

Special to the Union.

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), March 19.—A rich strike was made on the 350-foot level of the South Banner mine Thursday that promises to develop into a bonanza.

The shaft has been running on the pay shoot from the surface, which varied in width and richness and shortly before entering the rich body of ore three assays were taken that averaged \$48 to the ton. While no assays have been taken from the new ore body it will undoubtedly run much higher in values.

On the first of this month Superintendent Richard Phillips let a contract to sink the shaft 100 feet and the strike was made before going half the distance and at a point where he expected to encounter it. Previous to making this strike he was so well satisfied with his prospects that he ordered a large Smith Vail duplex air compressor and contracted with the Oro Electric corporation to furnish electric power to run the compressor and other machinery at the mine. He is now operating a two-stamp mill which is wholly inadequate to perform the service required of it and which will have several stamps added to it as soon as possible.

### ORE IS FREE MILLING.

The entire bottom of the shaft contains rich ore that is free milling. Machine drills are being used and three shifts are working night and day sinking on it to determine the character and extent of the ore body. Nineteen men are now employed at the mine.

Manager Phillips, who is known to be a conservative man, is highly pleased with his good fortune, and is quite optimistic over the future of the mine. He has worked for the past four years in the face of great discouragement and trials, but nothing seemed to daunt him in his determination to open up a rich mine, and now he seems to be in a fair way to have his efforts rewarded. He claims the owners of what was known as the original Banner mine were never on the main ledge, and that he now has it. The original company took out over \$2,000,000, and if he is correct in his belief an immense fortune awaits him.

Phillips is also working the Amosky mine, which also has a good equipment and excellent prospects.

### HAS GOOD PRODUCTION RECORD.

When the old Banner was in operation by an English company about 25 years ago, a large amount of gold was produced and many men were employed. The mine furnished a large amount of business for Oroville. The real reason for closing down has never been learned, but various surmises have been made, among which were differences among the stockholders, lack of mining knowledge and the one given out that the mine had been worked out, which has never been accepted by mining men in this section.



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## THE NORTH FORK ROUTE SHOULD UTILIZE U. C. ROAD

**Report Made by A. W. Keddie to The Quincy Chamber Commerce Shows Only 20 Miles of New Construction Between Oroville and Indian Falls.**

Civil Engineer A. W. Keddie and Raymond Orr returned to Quincy Sunday from their trip through the canyon of the East Branch and North Fork of Feather river, where they made an inspection of the condition of the road built by the Utah Construction company and its availability as a part of the proposed state highway lateral between Quincy and Oroville, via Indian Falls. Mr. Orr made the trip partly in the interest of the Forest Service, although both he and Mr. Keddie really represented the Quincy Chamber of Commerce. Both gentlemen report that a great deal of the Utah Construction road is in good condition and the same can be utilized as a part of the proposed highway, thereby effecting great economy. With the exception of a few short stretches of road, the grade of the U. C. highway can be utilized from a short distance above Big Bar to Rich, at the lower end of Serpentine Canyon, a distance of approximately 23 miles.

At a meeting of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce held Monday evening, Mr. Keddie made a comprehensive verbal report of the trip and of the conditions found by himself and Mr. Orr. Starting from Belden last week, they traveled on foot down the canyon to Big Bar and proceeded thence to Yankee Hill, where they secured a team and drove to Oroville. Mr. Keddie, in his report, outlined the proposed route as follows:

Oroville to Yankee Hill, 18 miles (existing road good, with even grade.)

Yankee Hill to Bartees Bar, 8 miles (existing road is good, built on a ditch grade).

Bartees Bar to a connection with the U. C. road above Big Bar, 3 miles (new construction).

Big Bar to Workman's Bar, 13½ miles (in good condition except in three sections where slides have come into the roadbed). There is a good, strong suspension bridge, with three-inch cables, across the North Fork at Workman's Bar, needing only repairs to the flooring and one abutment.

Workman's Bar to Belden, 4½ miles (road in good shape with few exceptions).

Belden to Rich, 6 miles. On this stretch, there would be considerable new construction needed, some of which would be expensive.

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From Rich to Virgilia, 6 miles, four miles of new construction would be necessary, through the Serpentine canyon. The difficulties of this worst piece of construction on the route could, Mr. Keddie states, be largely avoided by running the road well up on the mountain side above the railroad.

From Virgilia to Twain, 4 miles, there is an existing road.

From Twain, where a bridge would probably be built across the East Branch, the distance is 6 miles to Indian Falls.

Mr. Keddie asserted that a conservative estimate of the new construction needed to complete the road from Oroville to Indian Falls is not over 20 miles, taking advantage of existing roads which are on uniformly good grades.

In very few places, according to Mr. Keddie, would the building of the road interfere with the Western Pacific railroad, and in such places the difficulties can easily be overcome.

While in Oroville, Mr. Keddie found the sentiment there to be almost entirely in favor of the use of the North Fork route for the Plumas county state highway lateral. In company with C. G. Leeson of the Oroville Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Keddie went to Sacramento to hold a conference with the members of the highway commission, but upon his arrival there he was informed that the commission would hold its monthly meeting in San Francisco on March 24th, and he was invited to be present at that time and consult with the members of that body. Accordingly Mr. Keddie returned to Quincy, but this

evening he will go down to San Francisco to perform his mission.

While in Sacramento, Mr. Keddie learned that the highway commission is considering a route for the Oroville-Quincy lateral running by way of the present wagon road from Oroville to Junction House, thence constructing a new road by way of Granite Basin to Bucks, and then using the present wagon road between Bucks and this place. Such a route will be open to strong objections from the people of Plumas county, for it would only add another summer road to the three we now possess.

As an illustration of the superiority of the North Fork route for the lateral route, Mr. Keddie states that there has been no snow in the canyon for a month, whereas the Granite Basin route would be closed to travel until June of each year.

The Chamber of Commerce tendered a vote of thanks to Mr. Keddie and Mr. Orr for their efforts in making the trip of inspection.

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# TRAGEDY MAY UNRAVEL THE EVA MOAK MURDER MYSTERY

## TRIES TO END LIFE RAVING OVER TRAGIC FATE OF GIRL

As the result of the mentioning of the name of Eva Moak, by Thomas Scott, after he had taken a tablespoonful of strychnine in an attempt to end his life near Durham yesterday, one of the most mysterious murders that ever took place in the northwestern portion of the county, was recalled to memory. Eva Moak was murdered twelve years ago last month on the upper Lott ranch, which was leased by the young lady's brothers. No reason for the crime was ever found and no arrests were made.

The story of the mysterious murder had practically been forgotten until the name of the murdered girl was mentioned yesterday by Scott, who has been employed as shepherd on the Crouch ranch near Durham. Scott took too much strychnine and it caused him to vomit. Apparently determined to kill himself and evi-

dently fearing that he had not retained enough of the poison to accomplish his death. Scott slashed his wrist with a penknife. He was found by fellow laborers, who notified Robert H. Blackford, the ranch foreman. The foreman hurried to the bunkhouse and Scott handed him a book, telling him to read some writing which was written on the back page. **Failed to Read Note.**

Blackford glanced at the page, noticed the signature of the man, but believing it was the man's last note before death he threw it back to Scott and jumping on a horse went to Chico for a doctor.

No further consideration was given to the book until the doctor began to remove articles from the man's pockets preparatory to taking him to the hospital. Scott submitted until the doctor reached for the pocket in which the book was. On the instant Scott was raving. He pulled the book from his pocket, tore the last page from it and tore it into smallest particles. Apparently temporarily crazed, the man mentioned various names, among them was the name of Eva Moak. This and the fact that the man had written something that he evidently did not want read if he lived, caused some to think that possibly the man knew something concerning the murder and that the knowledge praying upon his mind for the many years had caused it to become deranged. He apparently is temporarily insane.

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## Wrote of Girl.

The small scraps of paper, with the writing on were picked up by Deputy Sheriff James Chubbuck and District Attorney Leonard and were brought to Oroville. The paper had been torn into such fine scraps, however, that only a few words were legible. The words, girl, ruined (spelled ruiend) heart and life were practically all that could be made out. An attempt will be made to piece the note together, but owing to the smallness of the scraps of paper the task is a hard one. Scott, it is said, was employed in the neighborhood of Durham at the time Miss Moak was murdered. He is about 50 years old.

Eva Moak was shot as she was gathering eggs in the barn after she had stabled and fed a horse, at about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. She had apparently reached the highest point of a pile of bailed hay and had taken several eggs from a nest when she was shot. Se began scrambling down from off the hay and evidently was shot a second time on her way down. Pools of blood marked the

path she took. Reaching the foot of the haypile the girl leaned against a wagon and grabbing hold of it crushed an egg against it. She then walked to the barn door, stopped and removed a lever to open the door and there, it is believed, was shot a third time. She succeeded, however, in opening the door and managed to get to the house over a hundred yards away. Arriving at the house she swooned into her mother's arms.

Deputy Sheriff Chubbuck, who at that time was about to take the office of sheriff, was a friend of the family, and went to the Moak home. He was recognized by the girl and she said to him: "I want you to get the one who—" here she stopped and swooned away. Later she said, "I'll have to tell you later." She lapsed into unconsciousness and died at about midnight. Every effort to uncover the mystery of the murder failed, and it had slipped from memory until it was recalled yesterday.

# WAIST WORN BY EVA MOAK IS UNEARTHED

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TOM SCOTT DECLARED TO KNOW  
NOTHING CONCERNING MUR-  
DER OF YEARS AGO.

The waist worn by Eva Moak on the day of her murder, twelve years ago, which shows plainly the holes left by the bullets which took the girl's life, was taken to Chico yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Chubbuck when he went to interview Tom Scott, who it was declared had mentioned the name of Eva Moak, while he was raving after an attempt to commit suicide Friday morning. It was evident, however, that the man knew nothing of the crime, except what he had heard at the time. He declared that he had not mentioned the name, or if he had that he did not know it and had no reason for doing so. At the time of the murder he said he was working as sheepherder on a ranch about ten miles north of Chico.

The man appeared perfectly sane when questioned yesterday. He expressed himself as anxious to be able to return to his work.

The note which Scott had written and which he appeared so anxious to destroy, was pieced together Saturday in Sheriff Riddle's office and while it did not refer to the Moak case it lead to other disclosures, which may possibly be only the ravings of a man suffering temporary insanity.

Small particles of the paper on which the note was written are missing but the note which is legible was: "Mr. B.—— What I write to Mrs. (name) is perfectly true and in (words missing) we sure \* \* \* heart you do not deny it. May god for not to suffer as i have suffered for you have ruind the life of the girl i love." Enough of the signature to make out the name "Thomas Scott" is shown. Scott is declared to have mentioned several times at the Enloe Hospital, while suffering from loss of blood and the poison, something concerning a girl having been wronged.

Scott, it is declared, has a morbid streak in his makeup. His father committed suicide in a Chico cemetery by blowing out his brains with a rifle some twenty years ago.

# ISHI IS DEAD; CIVILIZATION KILLS LAST OF DEER CREEKS

ABORIGINE, FIRST FOUND IN  
OROVILLE, SUCCUMBS TO  
WHITE PLAGUE.

## END CAME SATURDAY

REMAINS WILL BE CREMATED,  
BUT WITHOUT TRIBAL RITES  
OR HONORS.

Ishi is dead.

The news of the demise of the "last of the Deer Creeks" was sent to Oroville Saturday afternoon. Death came at noon Saturday in the hospital of the University of California.

Death was due to the white plague. Four years of the civilization of the white man undermined a constitution that when Ishi was captured in August, 1911, at the Ward slaughter house, upon the Quincy Road, was as hardy as that of the oak itself.

For several months the aborigine had been in ill health. A year ago he developed acute lung trouble and at times he suffered greatly, bearing his pain with the stoicism of his kind.

Just a few minutes before he passed away, at noon Saturday, Ishi joked with Curator E. W. Gifford of the Affiliated Colleges. At that time he was in agony. Final relief came with a hemorrhage.

Leaves Estate of \$350.

Ishi, who never had seen any money of the white man until he was brought into civilization, left what he considered a fortune in worldly goods—about \$350 and personal effects. With the common desire of all California Indians, Ishi labored to accumulate wealth. Unlike the members of most tribes, whose standing is rated by what they give away, Ishi, with the characteristics of California and British Columbia Indians, hoarded his pennies, which he carried in various ways. His estate was taken in charge by the Public Administrator. Will be Cremated.

Today Ishi, whose age is placed between 55 and 60 years, will—in the manner of his forefathers—be cremated. He will not carry with him to the grave, as was the custom of his tribe the crude primitive creations of his nimble fingers. These will remain as monuments to his memory in the California room of the Museum to which Ishi in his lifetime drew great, curious throngs.

Thin, hungry, and clad only in a cast-off undershirt, Ishi was discovered in August, 1911, at the Ward slaughter house on the Quincy Road. His appearance caused a furor of excitement, and the Sheriff of Butte County came out, took the "wild man" in charge and gave him, as the most available lodging, the insane cell of the jail. The news of the capture traveled through the newspapers to the University of California, whose savants immediately tagged him as a possible survivor of the Yana tribe.

Questioned by Many.

Sitting upon the side of his cot in the insane cell, Ishi, uncertain of his fate, answered "nisi" (I don't understand) in Yana, the language of his tribe, to a broadside of questions in Spanish, English and half a dozen Indian languages. A few weeks later he was taken in charge by the department of anthropology and became a "scientific specimen" at the museum and later assistant janitor.

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With two twigs to assist him, Ishi produced fire out of thin air; with nimble fingers he produced monstrous fish nets; fashioned with a flaker of elk antler the finest of arrowheads; led scientists to the ancient haunts of his vanished tribe and initiated them into the inmost details of primitive life and ancient lore; explained his religious and mythical ideas, but threw a well of reserve around his parents and his movements in the years preceding his capture.

**Almost Exterminated.**

According to a history of the Yana tribe compiled by Professor T. T. Waterman of the University, who has been a close friend and observer of Ishi, the Indian was one of a small party of survivors of Yanas who fled to the hills of the Sacramento in 1865 after suffering almost complete extermination at the hands of an armed band of whites.

In 1908 evidences of the survival of four of the tribe, which shunned both Indians and whites as enemies, was discovered, when they still used the bow and arrow and other aboriginal appliances, and were according to Professor Waterman, absolutely unfamiliar with the usages of civilization.

Ishi has told the museum scientists that one of the survivors of which evidence was found in 1908 was his sister; another, his mother; and the fourth, an old man. All were dead when Ishi unwittingly passed the borders of civilization and became a "scientific specimen."

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## FRIENDS TENDER SURPRISE PARTY

J. A. ODNEAL AND FAMILY ARE  
VISITED BY FRIENDS.

YANKEE HILL, March 27.—J. A. Odneal and family were tendered a surprise party Saturday night when a number of friends gathered at their home for an evening of merry making. The evening was spent in playing games and Mr. C. W. Adams contributed several beautiful selections on the piano, after which refreshments were served. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. Croghan and daughter Gladys, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark and family, Mrs. John Clark and family, Banna Pettey, Belle Casney, Mrs. J. Williams, Martha Williams, May Barton, Lon and Fern Clark, Camby Clark, John and Andrew Miller, Cliff Brown and Robert Hendricks, C. W. Adams, Howard Adams, Ted Miller, Joe and Cal Wright, Sid Wellington and son.

### MORE CHROME DEPOSITS.

Frank Wallace has discovered a big deposit of chrome on Canyon Creek near Berry Creek. The extent of the deposit is now being prospected.

YANKEE HILL, March 27.—It is reported that the work on the chrome ledge at Lime Saddle will commence next Monday.



YANKEE HILL PERSONALS.

YANKEE HILL, March 27.—Miss Banna Petteys, who is teaching at De Sabla, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, at Yankee Hill.

Mrs. M. Miller, of this place, returned from Concow today where she has been visiting friends for the last few days.

Larry Pheal and Charles Develter went to Oroville yesterday.

The singing school in the Concow District School house was largely attended Friday night.

O. H. Lent delivered a piano at the Hendricks ranch yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Williams are visiting friends in Concow.

Miss Gertrude Lund spent the week-end with relatives in Oroville.

James Hendricks, who has been ailing for a few days is slowly improving.

Colonel August Forthand and William Levelter report work progressing rapidly at the Sunbeam Mine.

W. P. Lynch, of Stirling City, visited his mine on Jordan Hill, Friday.

Ed. Wright, of Oroville, was a Concow visitor yesterday.

Cliff Brown was a visitor in this vicinity yesterday from his ranch at Indian Valley.

O. H. Lunt went to Oroville yesterday.

Sidney Wellington, of Jordan Hill, passed through here today.

F. Barton, of Big Bend, was a business visitor in Yankee Hill yesterday.

George Brown went to Chico Wednesday.

J. Develter and Charles Develter are hauling lumber from Intake to the Sunbeam Mine.

Lena Hendricks visited Yankee Hill yesterday.

It is reported the Sunbeam Mining Company expect to have the stamp mill in operation by next Monday.

Oroville Daily Register  
3-28-1916

The Sacramento Bee

4-1-1916

## **INDIAN TRAILS TWO ALLEGED LARCENISTS**

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), April 1.—  
"Dixie" Johnson, an Indian who  
gained notoriety in trailing the two  
bandits who robbed the camp of the  
Diamond Match Company at Ramsey  
Bar, trailed two alleged thieves,  
Frank Jorman and John Breck, on  
his account, and delivered them to  
the police. The Indian alleges they  
stole some of his clothing and pro-  
visions.

4-15-1916

# Oroville THE Mercury

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD RECEIVED DAILY

UP TO 4 P. M. BY THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1916.



## REDUCED RATES Western Pacific

Station—	15-day Limit	Season Limit: 3 Months
Las Plumas .....	\$1.00	\$1.25
Berry Creek .....	1.25	1.50
Blinzig .....	1.50	1.75
Swayne .....	1.50	1.75
Intake .....	1.50	2.00
Poe .....	1.75	2.00
Big Bar .....	2.00	2.25
Cresta .....	2.25	2.50
Merlin .....	2.50	3.00
Tobin .....	2.75	3.25
Camp Rodgers .....	3.00	3.75
Belden .....	3.00	3.75
Smith Point .....	3.25	4.00
Rich .....	3.25	4.00
Virgilla .....	3.50	4.25
Twain .....	3.75	4.50
Keddie .....	4.25	5.00
Quincy Jct. ....	4.50	5.50
Massack .....	4.75	5.75
Spring Garden .....	5.00	6.00
Sloat .....	5.25	6.25
Cromberg .....	5.50	6.50
Feather River Inn .....	5.75	7.00
Blairsdon .....	5.75	7.00
Clio .....	6.00	7.00
Portola .....	6.50	7.75

Sale dates: April 29th, to September 30th.

Sale Dates, Limit 15 days: Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning for No. 4.

Sale Dates, Season Limit: Daily (3 months.)

Final Limit, October 31st.

### San Francisco and Oakland \$6.00

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY; LIMIT, 15 DAYS.

### San Francisco and Oakland \$7.25

ON SALE DAILY; LIMIT, THREE MONTHS

For Full Information Address or Phone 381

## C. C. KEYES, Agent

Oroville Daily Register  
4-19-1916

# **SUMMER CAMP TO BE AT WORKMAN'S BAR**

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Workmen's Bar has been selected as the site for the summer camp of the Community Y. M. C. A. The site is considered by Secretary F. M. Duckles to be an ideal one for the purpose. It is located within a few miles from Belden, and has sufficient grounds for baseball and other sports.

4-21-1916

# COW RAN OVER A YANKEE HILL GIRL

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ANIMAL STAMPEDES INTO CHILDREN ON WAY TO SCHOOL.

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YANKEE HILL, April 20.—Little Blanche Miller, aged 10 years, was run over by a cow yesterday morning on her way to school. She sustained several bruises and her face was badly cut, but was otherwise uninjured. The cow was being driven from the Barton ranch by Fred Skillin, of Paradise. Skillin was unable to stop the stampeding cow before she overtook the school children.

# LEFT HOMELESS BY YANKEE HILL FIRE

HOME DESTROYED WHEN CHIM-  
NEY BECAME DISCON-  
NECTED.

YANKEE HILL, April 20.—Mrs. M. Miller and family were left homeless last night by a fire which resulted in the loss of their house and several buildings. Mrs. Miller and her little three-year-old baby were alone at the time of the fire and only a few things were saved.

The fire was caused by the stove-pipe becoming disconnected above the ceiling. Mrs. Miller is a widow with five little children. The family is destitute, and are staying with neighbors.

## YANKEE HILL PERSONALS.

YANKEE HILL, April 20.—Mr. Salmon, of Concow, arrived home last night, with his new car.

Mr. Boone, of Gridley, was a visitor here yesterday.

Mrs. Williams and daughter, Martha, went to Chico yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Maude Riddle, who died at the Landis Sanitarium Monday night.

Daily Mercury

5-10-1916

# HOWARD RANCH IS BOUGHT BY CRAIN

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By a sale completed yesterday two hundred and forty acres of land about one and one-half miles southwest of Biggs became the property of James S. Crain. The land which is known as the old Howard ranch and which has been the property of the Howard brothers and their sister, Mrs. Emma Boulware, will be used by the new owner as a stock ranch. The land is situated in the vicinity of the rice fields and is valuable as rice land.

Sausalito News  
5-27-1916

**Oroville—Great Western Power Co. to build second power house on Feather river at Barteas a few miles above plant at Las Plumas.**



Oroville Mercury

6-26-1916

## FINDS LARGE DIAMOND.

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John Hufford of Cherokee has found a large diamond on his ground across from the Cherokee cemetery and will bring it to this city to be weighed in a few days. It is said to be the largest diamond ever found in the Cherokee field.

# Oroville Daily Register

## 7-1-1916

(These rates are from Oroville)

### Reduced Rates

## WESTERN PACIFIC

Station	15 Day Limit	Season Limit (3 months)	Sunday Only
Las Plumas .....	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$ .70
Berry Creek .....	1.25	1.50	.80
Swayne .....	1.50	1.75	1.00
Big Bar .....	2.00	2.25	1.40
Cresta .....	2.25	2.50	1.55
Merlin .....	2.50	3.00	1.75
Tobin .....	2.75	3.25	1.95
Camp Rodgers .....	3.00	3.75	2.20
Belden .....	3.00	3.75	2.20
Smith Point .....	3.25	4.00	2.35
Rich .....	3.25	4.00	2.35
Virgilia .....	3.50	4.25	2.60
Twain .....	3.75	4.50	2.80
Keddie .....	4.25	5.00	3.10
Quincy Junction .....	4.50	5.50	3.35
Spring Garden .....	5.00	6.00	3.70
Sloat .....	5.25	6.25	3.90
Feather River Inn .....	5.75	7.00	4.25
Blairden .....	5.75	7.00	4.25
Clio .....	6.00	7.00	4.35
Portola .....	6.50	7.75	4.70
Marysville .....			\$ .80
Sacramento .....			2.10
Stockton .....			3.55
San Francisco .....			4.50

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7-6-1916

## CONCOW SEES SOME PRIZE BRONCHO RIDING

WILD HORSES ARE RIDDEN AT  
CELEBRATION ON FOURTH.

YANKEE HILL, July 5—The Fourth of July celebration and picnic at the Concow District school house yesterday was a very enjoyable affair, the forenoon was given over to songs, recitations, and the declaration of independence was read by Friendly Pet-  
teys. A picnic luncheon was served neath the big pines at the spring. The afternoon was spent in horse racing and dancing. Ice cream was served during the afternoon. The most interesting and exciting feat of the day was the broncho riding contest when a few real wild ones were ridden by Ferney and Tommy Clark and Ayre Josephen, three of California's best riders.

A vicious black mare belonging to a Concow rancher was ridden by Ferney Clark. He was thrown by missing his stirrup in mounting, but othr riders captured the horse and Clark again mounted and rode her to a finish. The day's merry making was ended with a dance in the school house at night.

7-7-1916

# CHEROKEE MINERS AGAIN ENJOINED

YUBA CITY, July 6.—An injunction suit was filed in the Superior Court here by District Attorney Arthur Coates for the County of Sutter against several mine owners to restrain them at the headwaters of Butte and Cherokee creeks.

The defendants in the suit besides a number of John Does are: Davis L. Vintin, Carrie Vintin, Marcus Vintin, Ruth Vintin, Maggie Vintin, Charles O'Neal, Alice O'Neal.

# Oroville Daily Register

7-11-1916

## PENTZ PERSONALS.

PENTZ, July 10.—Leslie Stone and wife and baby visited Mr. Stone's brother, Frank Stone, here, last week Thursday. They left for Westwood, where they will visit Mr. Stone's mother. Mr. Stone is a former Pentz boy. He has been living at Needles during the past two years, where he was employed in the mine recently destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Frank Curtis, of Fort Jones, spent a few days here last week visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Park.

Levi Lee is hauling his year's crop of alfalfa to this section where he has made a big sale. Clifford Taylor, Harold Baden and Earl McClain are doing the delivering.

Fred Gerholdt and wife have returned from the mountains, where they spent a few weeks camping.

Frank Cory is getting his mine in shape to develop. He is very enthusiastic over the prospects and is preparing to open it up this winter.

Earl McClain and bride have returned to Pentz. They are spending their honeymoon at the farm of the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Lee.

Marion De Long is remodeling the Messilla Valley school house and out buildings. Besides the large amount of repairing which is being done, the building will be painted.

7-15-1916

# TWIN SISTERS, TEACHERS, PENSIONED

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## STIRLING CITY WOMEN GET \$500 AWARDS

**M**ISS MAGGIE LYNCH (left) and MISS MARY ANN LYNCH of Stirling City, twin sisters and teachers who have been granted State pensions.



**S**TIRLING CITY (Butte Co.), July 15.—Included in the number of fifty-three teachers recently placed on the retired list by the State Board of Education to-day are Misses Maggie Lynch and Mary Ann Lynch, twin sisters, both of Stirling City.

These two have completed terms of teaching of thirty years and otherwise complied with the terms of the law to be regularly retired on a salary of \$500 a year.

This was the first time in the history of California that twin sisters have been retired together.

### One Sister Waits Year.

Miss Maggie Lynch had finished the required time a year ago, but decided to apply at the time Miss Mary did.

They have taught the entire time in Butte County. Miss Mary has taught every year in Stirling City since the local school house was erected.

# The Oroville Mercury

7-28-1916

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## MIKE WELLS HAS VALUABLE BUTTE HISTORICAL LIBRARY

The Oroville Record of 1864, several copies of which have been loaned to the Mercury by Mike Wells, gives some interesting side lights on the life of this community fifty-two years ago. They are a part of the collection of Butte county historical documents collected by his father, who saved all pioneer historical matter of every kind.

### Excerpts Follow.

The following excerpts from the Record of 1864 will prove interesting to the present generation:

"Thursday night last Ah Chung stabbed a Chinese woman fatally. He was recently sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, but pardoned by the governor and released Saturday. The woman he stabbed was the one he robbed.

### Rich Clean-up.

"The Union Company at Saw Mill Flat washed up 75 pounds of gold Saturday amounting to \$13,650.

"The organization of Lassen county is completed and the officers have commenced work."

### Shot By Mistake.

"Mrs. Nancy Wowley residing on the Frenchtown road near the top of Nelson Hill, was shot by mistake Saturday by Neal Southern of Yankee Hill. Mr. Southern was out looking for Indians, a party of thirteen, supposed to be from Mill Creek. Mrs. Dowling's dog was making a great fuss outside her door and she came out to see what he was yapping at. Mr. Southern, thinking she was an Indian, fired three shots at her from his revolver, one of which took effect in her neck. The chances are that she will never recover from this sad accident.

"Mr. Neal's house had been burned by the Indians the same who killed and scalped Miss Smith and Scotch John in Concow Valley a few days

ago. It was at Neal's house that Joe Miller, our butcher, was shot in the arm by Indians, but who escaped on his horse.

### Jim Returns Alone.

"Jim Beckwourth, the old Butte county trapper and Injun fighter, returned last week from a trapping trip but left his traps behind. He brought his scalp home with him. Burns, Williams and Clayton, his partners, were all killed by Indians. Jim says they were Blackfeet who raided across the Sierras."

### First Gang Plow.

This from the Weekly Mercury of 1865: "We saw a gang of men standing before C. T. Topping and Co. looking at an intricate piece of mechanism. It was a new device known as a gang plow, made in Stockton and procured by Mr. McElroy. If it proves successful more will be bought here."

### Old Firms Gone.

There were many business firms advertising in 1864 which have passed into the Great Beyond since that time. How many residents alive now remember J. Bloch's grocery store, Colton and Darrah's drug store, M. Sheyr's clothing store, or Simpson's book store? These were all prominent in the early days.

The only familiar advertisement is old Dr. Hostetter's Bitters, but all the rest are strangers to the new generation.

E. Lane, bankers, who bought millions of dollars worth of gold dust, are but a name and both the bankers, E. Lane and John Conly, are long dead.

### Old Time Brands.

G. Cohn, advertised tobacco of never seen now days. Who, of the present generation of smokers, has ever even heard of "Sweet Scented Oronoco" chewing tobacco, or "St.

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## MIKE WELLS HAS VALUABLE BUTTE HISTORICAL LIBRARY

(Continued From Page One.)

Jago" smoking tobacco? They were popular brands when Cohn ran his little cigar store.

### Marysville Prominent.

There was one whole column in the Record devoted to Marysville merchants. At that time they made a strong bid for the Butte county trade and obtained a lot of it. The Marysville merchants, as well as the local merchants, obtained trade from all the mountain regions for hundreds of miles and advertised their wares in small weekly papers, some of them printed 150 miles distant.

### Should Be Saved.

The valuable historical collection made by the late Mr. Wells, consisting of papers, books, magazines and documents, all relating to Butte county history, should be placed in safe-keeping. Either the Native Sons or the Clampers should take the matter up and take steps to obtain this most valuable collection of historical data and save it for posterity. It is one of the few complete collections in the county and would prove of interest to everyone who desires a better knowledge of early Butte history.



8-1-1916

## ACTIVITY SHOWN IN MINES OF YANKEE HILL

CHROME MINING IN BIG BEND  
COUNTRY GIVES EMPLOYMENT  
TO MANY MEN.

YANKEE HILL, July 31.—A growing interest in mining is evident in this district.

At Yankee Hill J. P. Kunkel and partner of Oakland, are developing a quartz seam, which shows very favorable prospects.

Mrs. Lunt, of Yankee Hill showed the writer two fine specimens of gold, containing about eighty dollars, that her son had taken out of his mine recently.

Mr. Odneal has a placer mine fifteen miles north of Yankee Hill, of about thirty acres, prospecting very favorable in fine gold. He has been handicapped on account of capital, but expects by another year to have it opened up and put on a paying basis.

The chrome mine which is operated by Oakland people, is showing up well. There are fifteen men on the pay roll and they are putting on every man that comes along. The chrome is taken out in the Big Bend country, then hauled to Big Bar by horse teams, and there loaded on the Western Pacific.



# Plumas National Bulletin

8-31-1916

## **BUTTE HUNTER BAGS**

### **DEER AND TWO BEARS**

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Two big black bears and a four point buck were killed by William Peachey of Las Plumas at Rock creek last Saturday, says the Oroville Mercury. Peachey had gone hunting with Dixie Johnson, an Indian scout, formerly in the government service.

He had no luck Friday morning. Then he shot a fine four-point buck. He and the Indian skinned the deer and, hanging part of the meat in a tree, packed the hide and hams to camp.

On their return they jumped two large black bears, evidently attracted by the smell of meat. Peachey opened fire with his 30-30 and dropped one of the bears with a bullet through the head. The other turned and ran for the brush, but Peachey managed to bring him down before he reached shelter.

Oroville Daily Register  
9-2-1916

**MRS. HUMBLE HURT  
WHEN THROWN  
FROM AUTO**

JOLTED FROM SEAT ON AUTO  
TRUCK NEAR YANKEE  
HILL.

YANKEE HILL, September 1—Mrs. Frank Humble, of Las Plumas, ' was painfully injured yesterday when she was thrown from an automobile near the postoffice. Mr. and Mrs. Humble were returning to Las Plumas from the home of Mrs. Salmon in Concow, where they were visiting for a few days. Mrs. Humble and Mrs. Salmon were riding on the rear of the auto truck when a rough place in the road caused Mrs. Humble to loose her balance and fall. She received many bruises and her arm and shoulder was badly cut and bruised. She was hurried to Oroville where a doctor was called., and it was discovered that her injuries though painful were not serious.

Mrs. Humble was formerly Miss Eva Simons of Concow.

9-11-1916

# MISS DANFORTH IS CHAMPION HIKER

Miss Florence Danforth returned Sunday night from Yankee Hill, hiking the whole distance of 20 miles and making the trip in good time. She was not very tired when she arrived and was good for ten miles more.

Friday night Miss Danforth motored to Pentz and there met Miss Lois Whipple, who is teaching school at Yankee Hill, and they hiked to that place. Sunday morning Miss Danforth and six girl friends hiked from Yankee Hill over mountain trails to Las Plumas.

They were royally entertained at the club house and given lunch there, returning to Yankee Hill in the cool of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Bearsley acted as their hosts. The girls making the hike to Las Plumas were Miss Danforth of Oroville, Misses Lois Whipple, Dalla, Edna and Tina Clar, May Barton and Evelyn Branscome of Yankee Hill.

Note: Florence Danforth Boyle was Chief Deputy in the office of County Clerk and the author of Old Days in Butte

Sacramento Bee

9-22-1916

**OROVILLE** — After two nights of disturbance in the Yankee Hill District, Bill Rodgers, of that place has been arrested and lodged in the County Jail. He had been running up and down the road, tearing his hair screaming. Constable Edgar B. Rugh found the residents nearly frantic.

9-29-1916

# Oroville Daily Register

## ENRAGED STEERS ATTACK CHILDREN PLAYING IN COUNTRY SCHOOL YARD

Miss Lois Whipple Has Narrow Escape—Fell Directly in Front of Maddened Animal Charging at Her—Vaquero Saves Teacher From Fearful Goring.

YANKEE HILL, September 28.—

Miss Lois Whipple teacher of the Concow District School narrowly escaped serious injury yesterday when a vicious steer stampeded and ran through the school grounds during the noon hour.

Butte Williams and Billy Brown were driving some beef cattle for S. Wellington. Upon nearing the school house the cattle became frightened at the school children and stampeded.

Miss Whipple started to run toward the school house with the smaller children when the steer gave chase. Had not Miss Whipple tripped and fell just as the enraged animal made a lunge at her she no doubt would have been gored to death. As it was she fell directly in front of the steer and would have been trampled beneath the animals hoofs only for the quick action of Butte Williams one of the cowboys who forced his horse between the charging steer, and the frightened girl

# MONSTER BEAR AND HUNTERS IN ALL-DAY FIGHT AT PULGA

Many Bears Are Seen—Name of Big Bar is Now Formally Changed—Chrome Mine is Operated—Power Company Has Surveying Crew in Field.

PULGA, September 29.—D. R. Johnson and the Azavedos with five dogs arrested a monster bear in his tracks yesterday morning at Cedar Creek. It took the entire day and till 9:30 in the evening to land him at Pulga Station for shipment to the Western Meat Market at Sacramento.

It seems that fancy prices are paid for bear as well as trout at the markets and some of the leading hotels of the cities.

Shortly after the passing of the Johnson crew with their bear, the track walker at Cresta met an old bear and three cubs on the track three miles from Pulga.

## Change Name of Big Bar.

Big Bar as a station name in Butte county is a thing of the past. Expensive delays occasioned by mis-

shipments to Big Bar, Trinity county, induced a change to Pulga Station.

## Operate Chrome Mine.

William Stewart of Oakland is operating a chrome mine a couple of miles from Pulga. They have made several shipments of chrome to Pittsburg, Pa.

## Power Company Survey Crew.

G. W. Ham of the Great Western Power Company with a crew of eight men in a surveying party invaded Big Bar before breakfast this morning. They will operate from this point for eight or ten days.

## Personal Mention.

Monsieur Albert Grunwald reluctantly vacated "Camp Victoria" at Kingsvale at the week end to spend the rest of the campaign season in San Francisco.

The Gramps brothers left the hills on a bear and deer hunt of a week yesterday morning.



## DEVELOP BANNER ON LARGE SCALE

Ore in Famous Quartz Mine  
Near Oroville Runs to  
Good Values.

Special to the Union.

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Oct. 8.—Operations upon a large scale upon the Banner mine property are contemplated in the immediate future by Richard Phillips, who is now securing rights of way for a power line from the line of the Oro Electric corporation to his property. For some time the heavy cost of wood fuel amounting to \$700 a month has prevented operations upon the scale that the development of the mine warrants.

A contract has been entered into with the Oro Electric corporation for the extension of its line to the rich Banner properties. Work upon this mine is to be rushed. Immediately upon obtaining electric power mining operations upon a large scale will be started.

Phillips has done a vast amount of development work upon the Amoskey and the South Banner. He is down 600 feet upon the Amoskey ledge and the ore is running exceptionally good values. The development of the South Banner has not proceeded as far, but the outlook there is very bright.

Phillips will proceed with the erection of the first unit of his big crushing station, and sufficient ore is now blocked out to assure the successful operation of the plant.

Oroville Daily Register

10-12-1916

# **INDIAN CHILDREN TO BE GIVEN EDUCATION**

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County Probation Officer C. S. Cline went to Enterprise yesterday to look after the McCauley Indian children, who will soon be sent to the Government Indian School at Greenville to be given an education. There are two boys and one girl of whom the father is dead and the mother has been receiving aid from the county to support.

BEARSE, Jim

Oct 16, 1916

# Oroville Daily Register

OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1916

## INDIAN CHIEFTIAN PASSES AWAY; AGED ONE HUNDRED YEARS

### Dwelt Here Long Before the White Man Came to Valley.

Jim Bearse, an Indian whose age is said to be over 100 years, died on Saturday at Swayne. With the death of Bearse, a character unusual interest passes away.

Bearse was one of the older race of Indians, and was one of the chieftians of his tribe. His memory dated back beyond the times when the first white man came to this country. His appearance was impressive and stately, and he cherished the traditions of the tribe to which he belonged.

Death was due to old age. Coroner Johnson was summoned in the case as there was no attending physician. The necessary burial permit was given by the coroner.

The question of the place of burial precipitated a great discussion. The ancestors of the dead man lie buried in a remote Indian burying ground in the Concow Valley. His burial there would necessitate carrying the remains for miles over the mountains. It is probable that the interment will be in an Indian burying ground near Big Bar.

# **SAM CLARK SAYS AJO IS BOOMING**

Bisbee Daily Review  
10-21-1916

## **New Cornelia Is Employing 1200 Men—Talk Is Heard of R. R. to Gunsight.**

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clark of Ajo, where the great New Cornelia copper properties are located, are passing the week at the Copper Queen hotel in Bisbee. Clark is generally known as the father of the Ajo camp, being not only a veteran of that place, but once the owner of the Ajo Consolidated properties which now have \$18,000,000 worth of ore blocked out. He is also the founder of the new townsite called Clarktown which is now solidly built up with business buildings. Six months ago the new town had hardly started.

Work on the New Cornelia properties is assuming great proportions, over 1200 men being employed by the company. The company's townsite is now taking on shape also, several large business buildings being under way, including a big railway station.

Clark says there is persistent talk of extending the railroad running from Gila Bend to Ajo, on to Gunsight eighteen or twenty miles southeast of Ajo where valuable silver properties are being reopened.

Mariposa Gazette  
10-21-1916

Oroville—The W. J. Miller ranch of 2,000 acres on the Pentz road has been sold to the Chico Meat Company for \$40,000.

# MRS. WEST DENIES SHE USED NAUGHTY WORDS

Mrs. Lilly West, defendant in a suit for divorce instituted by her husband, Leroy West, was the principal witness in the case, which occupied nearly the entire day in the Superior Court in Oroville yesterday. The case was taken under advisement by Judge H. D. Gregory.

Mrs. West declared that all charges of her husband that she had cursed him were false. She admitted that they had quarreled on numerous occasions, but stated that these were caused by interference on the part of her husband's parents.

Attorney J. O. Goldstein, representing Mrs. West, made a lengthy argument, in which he stated that the evidence produced by the plaintiff was not sufficient to support the charge of cruelty which was alleged in the complaint. He placed emphasis on what he declared to be an attempt of the parents of West to separate him from his wife, saying this was the reason for the divorce proceedings.

The plaintiff in the case is the son of Hiram West, one of the wealthiest and most prominent Glenn county residents. The defendant, Mrs. West, who appeared in court attractively gowned, is a daughter of Simeon Moak, a prominent resident of Chico.

While the alleged acts of cruelty of which the husband complains occurred in Glenn county, the case is being tried in Butte county, where the plaintiff resides since her separation from her husband.

In a cross-complaint the wife asks \$50 a month maintenance. On November 13 a suit for \$10,000 damages instituted by Mrs. Leroy West against Hiram West and his wife will be started in the Superior Court of Glenn county. The suit is for alienation of the affections of the young husband.

The suit follows a sensational elopement of two years ago. The two were married in Sacramento. It is alleged that the parents telephoned to the police department to prevent the marriage, but the police arrived just a few minutes after the ceremony had been performed.

The cruelty charges centered about accusations of frequent quarrels, which it is alleged the wife precipitated. During these quarrels, the husband alleges that his wife addressed him in profane epithets.

Most of the quarrels, apparently, started over trivial matters. Marion Hilliard testified to one quarrel which started over the kind of mush that should be cooked. The wife wanted one kind, the husband another.

"Well, what happened?" asked West's attorney, Frank Freeman of Willows.

"Both kinds were thrown into the swill barrel, and I did not get any mush," plaintively replied the witness.

Other quarrels centered about the question of washing dishes, the husband flicking the ashes from a cigar on the carpet and other matters of similar import. It was testified that the wife abused her husband because he would not go to a dance that she desired to attend. On another occasion it was stated that the wife abused her husband roundly because he did not play cards to suit her.

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The plaintiff testified to many quarrels, and declared that the conduct of his wife toward him humiliated and worried him.

On cross-examination, Attorney Goldstein, who is representing the wife, elicited from the husband an admission that he had sent his wife to Chico to find a house in which to live, and had then pinned a note on the wall of their Glenn county home and left for

Los Angeles. This note, which was introduced in evidence, was as follows:

"Lily: I am gone. Don't you try to find me. I am all right and you stay all right, and some day you will realize how much you worried me while we lived together. We will never live together again. Don't blame the folks, for this is my own doings. So now, good-bye.—Leroy."

Marion Hillard, an employe of Hiram West, who had testified to the murder incident, was cross-examined by the defense as to his drinking habits.

"I drink like a fish," he frankly confessed.

Elmer Longmire, a brother of Mrs. Hiram West, also testified as to the details of quarrels between his nephew and his wife.

Mrs. S. Davis, who was a member of the card party at which Mrs. West is alleged to have cursed her husband, was called by the plaintiff, but failed to corroborate the evidence relative to the use of profane language. She stated that she heard no such language used. She testified, however, that Mrs. West had told her that she "treated Leroy mean."

On behalf of the defendant, her sister, Miss Mabel Moak, and her brother, Frank Moak, were called to the stand. They declared that they had spent much time at the home of their sister and had never heard her curse her husband. The brother told of the incident of finding the husband's note of farewell and declared that his sister fainted when she read it.

Miss Mabel Moak was asked by the court if there was a possibility of reconciliation. She replied that she believed that the trouble was due to the interference of other people, but that the treatment of her sister had been such that she could not see how she could again live with him.

# SWAYNE LUMBER MILL IS DESTROYED BY FIRE CONFLAGRATION CAUSES LOSS OF \$300,000

## MYSTERIOUS FIRE SWEEPS PLANT; FLAMES CONQUER FIRE FIGHTERS

Origin of Fire is Unknown—Dynamite Used in Attempt to Save Main Buildings, But Effort Fails—Many Men Will Lose Employment.

The Swayne Lumber Company, one of the largest lumbering establishments in the Feather River Canyon, was destroyed by fire at an early hour yesterday morning. The entire season's lumber output was burned, together with the mill and dry kiln. It is estimated that six million feet of lumber were destroyed in the conflagration. The planing mill and the box factory, both small and unimportant buildings, and the cottages in which the men lived, alone were saved. No statement would be made by officials of the company as to the loss, but those familiar with the plant here, estimated the loss to be in the neighborhood of \$300,000. It was partially covered by insurance.

The fire was first detected by the night watchman shortly before midnight. It broke out in the lumber yard beneath one of the piles. But a short time before the flames were detected, the night watchman had passed by the spot, and nothing out of the usual had been seen.

The flames spread with incredible fury. The whole camp responded to the clanging of the fire bell, and streams of water were soon upon the fire. Sixty men were engaged in fighting the flames. They climbed upon the lumber piles, and a number of the men narrowly escaped death when a pile on which they were standing to fight the flames, collapsed.

When the flames reached that portion of the lumber yard where the dryer timber was stacked, the heat became unbearable. The whole heavens were lighted with the flare of the fire. The lumber burned with a white heat that drove the men back from the flames. The fire jumped from one stack to another.

In a vain effort to save the mill, dynamite was used, and an attempt was made to clear a path between the yard and the mill that the flames would not cross. The effort was futile. The mill was soon on fire, and the dry kiln burned next.

Driven back by the intense heat the men were forced to abandon their fight to save the mill and lumber property and to devote themselves to saving their homes. All night long the conflict continued. That the cottages were saved was due almost wholly to the protection afforded them by trees.

The company had a very elaborate system of caring for its lumber in its yard, involving three distinct tramway systems. All this was wiped out by the flames.

It is estimated that from 100 to 150 men will be thrown out of employment by the fire. The woods camp was closed yesterday and in a few days only the watchmen and a few others will be left.

No statement could be made yesterday by the officials upon the ground as to the cause of the fire or the future plans of the company. The main offices of the company are in San Francisco, and it was stated that such information would come at the proper time from the main offices. The company has a large forest of fine timber, and it is thought probable that the mill will be rebuilt for next year's run.

Yesterday any attempt to get at the company books or to settle with the men for their labors was frustrated by the fact that Bookkeeper Miller, some time during the course of the firefighting lost his keys to the safe. It is probable that the safe will have to be blown in order to pay the men off.



## Morris Ravine Shows Mining Activity

Special to the Union.

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Oct. 29.—Mining is booming in Morris Ravine. So great has the traffic between the mines there and Oroville become that a jitney service has been established, and it is doing a rushing business.

The Banner mine expects to have its electrical equipment completely installed by December 1, when operations upon a large scale will be started. Carpenters are now at work upon the buildings there.

The Ford brothers of Los Angeles yesterday received a carload of machinery for the Bumble Bee mine.

Active work in the development of other properties is in progress.

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# BOY IS INJURED BY FALL FROM TRAIN

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Charles Odneal of Yankee Hill, son of J. A. Odneal, of that place, suffered severe injuries at Durham Sunday night as he was getting off a Northern Electric train. Either the car started suddenly as she left or some other accident happened, for he was suddenly hurled from the car platform and knocked unconscious. He was taken to a friend's house and a physician called. The boy suffered a bruised shoulder and a badly lacerated leg. He is unable to explain the accident and says he knew nothing until he found himself in bed. His father is here today making an investigation of the accident.

# Oroville Daily Mercury

11-16-1916

## Have Valuable Relic.

The Native Daughters decided last night to add the "Cherokee Flat Boys" the last writing of Press Longley, "Bard of Butte," to the California relic section in the public library. The "Cherokee Flat Boys" is framed and was written by Longley when he was 84 years of age. It was presented by Judge Lafferty.

The Native Daughters would welcome any addition to their relic section, especially anything bearing on the early history of Oroville or Butte county. The "Cherokee Flat Boys" is a list of the men who worked at the famous mine and tells what became of them afterward.

11-27-1916

# **SOUTH BANNER MINE TO BE ELECTROLIZED**

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Superintendent Phillips of the South Banner mine announced this morning that the complete electrolization of the mine and its machinery would be completed by December 1. The hoist, compressor and in fact, all the mining machinery will be run by electricity, Superintendent Phillips stating that this method would give increased efficiency at less cost than by the former method.

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## MRS. LILY WEST LOSES BIG SUIT

Jury Is Out Thirteen Minutes;  
Admits She Has Child Living  
in Sacramento

Even though she barred her soul and was forced under cross-examination to tell of the existence of a child that was born to her before she was married to Leroy West, Mrs. Lily Moak West of Chico lost her suit for \$30,000 damages against her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram West of Hamilton City, whom she sued for alienating the affections of her husband in the Glenn Superior Court.

The jury, which heard the case for three days, returned a verdict in favor of the defendants after having deliberated but thirteen minutes.

Although the trial bristled with sen-

sation charges and counter charges, the real sensation came when Mrs. Lily Moak West, testifying in rebuttal, was being cross-examined by Frank Freeman, attorney for the defendants. She admitted that she had a child living in Sacramento, that was born before she married young West.

Under the cross examination Freeman brought out that her testimony did not agree in some particulars with that given by her at the divorce hearing in the Butte county court.

Her mother, Mrs. Sim Moak of Chico, also was called as a witness in rebuttal. On cross examination she said she had informed Leroy West of the existence of her daughter's child.

When she last was called to the stand, Mrs. Hiram West testified she had done her best to keep peace in her son's family, and had given good advice to the young wife, telling her to "make herself a lady now, or she never could."

She said that at one time Mrs. Lily West had arrived home with some money and she had asked her daughter-in-law where she had gotten it. The witness declared the young wife replied that she had been given the money to take care of her child.

It is stated that the plaintiff's attorney, J. O. Goldstein, will make a motion for a new trial. The divorce case still is pending in the Butte court.