

HAS NEW RIFLE

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Charles Thunen is the proud possessor of the only Newton rifle in Oroville. It was given him as a Christmas present by his son Howard. The rifle is a fine piece of work and is the famous .256 Newton calibre, shooting a soft nose, copper bullet. Its initial velocity is nearly 3000 feet per second and its energy at 400 yards is about that of a 3030 at the muzzle. It is a bolt action, modeled similar to the Mauser action but is much stronger. The extractor is the finest ever put on a bolt action and is sure of jerking out the shell. It has a safety on the rear end of the bolt but has no cutoff, this not being considered necessary in a sporting rifle.

Thunen has invented a front and rear sight which he intends to put on the new rifle. The new sight is similar to a telescope sight, the front sight being of the telescope pattern with cross wires and the rear sight and combination glass peep sight. He has tried the sight out on a 22 calibre Savage box magazine and his daughter has done some wonderful shooting with the little rifle.

The Thunen sight is about the best on the market for accurate shooting as by looking through both sights you get the cross right on the target. With the new sight Thunen's Newton will be the king pin of rifles in Oroville. It has double set triggers and both pistol grip and fore end are beautifully checked.

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OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1918.

EARLY DAY BIDWELL BAR PAINTING IS PHOTOGRAPHED HERE

In the Mercury window today there is a photograph of an oil painting of Bidwell Bar in the early days. The painting is now the property of Miss Caroline Sexton, and belonged to her father, the late Judge Sexton, who purchased it from the artist. The painting was brought here from Bidwell when Judge Sexton moved to Oroville and opened his law office here. It is now one of the treasured possessions of Miss Sexton in her home.

The photographs were taken of the painting at the request of E. D. Ward for Argonaut Parlor as many of the members of the Parlor wished to obtain pictures of the old oil painting.

At the time it was painted the late Judge Sexton and Judge C. F. Lott were practicing law in Bidwell. It was painted before the bridge across the South Fork of the Feather river was erected and shows a string of pack mules from the Sierras wending their way toward the old ford, which was used before the bridge was built.

The photo shows several buildings that are not in existence at the present time but does not show either the old court house or the jail. The late Judge Sexton purchased the painting from the artist, who traveled through this section of the state painting the mining camps, and it was considered by old timers as the best picture of Bidwell Bar in the early days in existence.

Note: This painting is attributed to Henry R. Mighels

POWER COMPANIES COMBINE TO SAVE

Operating as One Organization Will
Result in Big Conservation of
Oil, Say Managers

San Francisco.—The Pacific Gas and Electric, Great Western Power and Sierra and San Francisco Power companies, serving thirty-eight counties in Northern and Central California, have agreed on a plan to conserve fuel oil used in the operation of steam and electric plants by operating as a unit.

The three companies have agreed to allow all their electric generating plants, both hydro-electric and steam, to be operated under one head. B. M. Downing, chief engineer of the electric department of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, has been selected to take full charge of all of these plants, with authority to carry out their efficient operation with rigid economy of fuel oil and to cease the operation of as many of the steam plants as may be found compatible with proper service. This plan is to go into effect at once and to continue for the duration of the war and during such further time as may be deemed in the best interests of the public.

This action on the part of the power companies is the result of a bulletin recently issued by the United States Fuel Administrator at Washington and the act of Congress of August last, relating to the conservation, supply and distribution of food products and fuel, and is in continuation of action taken by the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

John A. Britton, Mortimer Fleishacker and H. F. Jackson, representing, respectively, the Pacific Gas and Electric, Great Western Power and Sierra and San Francisco Power companies, appeared before the State Advisory Committee of the United States Fuel Administration for California in a session held in the office of the State Fuel Administrator Tuesday, January 15.

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The Fuel Administrator in California and his advisory committee suggested a system of lightless nights such as is now in effect in the East. The power companies represented, however, that they had been working with the State Railroad Commission upon a plan which would accomplish practically the desired end. The Fuel Administrator called for a written report upon the plan.

After a subsequent meeting of the executive heads of the power companies and another with Railroad Commissioner Frank Devlin at which L. S. Ready, engineer of the Railroad Commission, was present, the plan of unit operation was agreed upon and was reported to the Railroad Commission and Fuel Administrator Schwabacher.

The report to Schwabacher contains the following announcement:

"We beg to advise in respect to this arrangement that we can not at the present time, due to climatic conditions and lack of water for the full and efficient operation of our hydro-electric plants, determine the actual saving in oil that would be accomplished by the unit operation of the plants of the undersigned companies. We shall be glad, however, to advise you weekly from this date as to the actual savings effected, and we sincerely trust that with the coming of the winter storms we may be able to make a very satisfactory showing to you."

The Universal Gas and Electric Company has advised the Fuel Administrator that it will help in the oil saving plan as far as it can, by curtailing the use of its steam electric plant in San Francisco.

A. E. Schwabacher, Federal Fuel Administrator for California, said:

"The efficient manner in which the conservation plans have been outlined should be of great benefit, not only to the United States Government at this time, but also to the State of California, where conservation of oil is so vital to the continued operation of our shipbuilding, industrial and munition plants. This patriotic action by the power companies means hundreds of thousands of barrels of fuel oil saved by the people of California."

BELDEN, Susan
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2-16-1918

PIONEER WOMAN OF CANYON IS CALLED BY DEATH

"Grandma" Belden Dies Af- ter Fifty Years Residence at Belden

BELDEN, February 15.—Grandma Susan Belden, who died here Tuesday, was buried in the local cemetery.

Mrs. Belden was a native of Plumas county and had spent fifty years of her life in the town of Belden. Her late husband had taken out a patent on land in Plumas county fifty years ago.

Mrs. Belden, who was 80 years of age, is survived by two sons, Charles and Robert, who manage the Belden hotel and store, respectively.

3-5-1918

TRACES OF SECOND ISHI LOCATED IN WILDS OF DEER CREEK CANYON

That the late lamented Ishi—the uncontaminated man who several years ago occupied front page position in scores of newspapers when he fell into the hands of the white men of Oroville is not the last of the Deer Creek tribe of Indians, as has been supposed is vouched for by George Buswell of this city, who recently visited the canyon and who says that another aborigine inhabits that almost impregnable fastness.

Buswell recently, while in Deer Creek Canyon, far from the haunts of men came across signs of the second Ishi. Among them were footprints large and flat, clearly distinct in the soft earth and of a size Buswell says, of a small fiddle. There were other signs left by the Indian, such as smouldering fires, and bits of food.

Ishi was supposed to be the last of the tribe. He, through hunger, was driven to leave this mountain fastness and descend into the valley. Near Oroville he was taken captive in a half starved condition and after feeding on the flesh pots of the county seat was sent to San Francisco where he became the piece de resistance at the department of anthropology of the Affiliated Colleges where he lived as a curiosity for several years, or at least until he fell afoul of liver pills, cabarets, goulash and civilization,—then he died.

Ishi attracted wide attention over the country because he was supposed to be the last remaining man in the wide world who had never come in contact with civilization and therefore was forced to answer ever demand made upon him to keep soul and body together without aid from any outside source and only by the use

of his brain and his two hands. He was as primitive as Adam and possessed a keen intelligence although it was developed less than that of a child. His clothing, his food, and his manner of life were those of a cave man. He made fire by rubbing two sticks together, got his food by snaring wild game with nets made of twisted wood fiber and clothed himself in the skins of animals. His mind was such that an aeroplane in flight did not surprise or interest him while he found immense amusement and mental excitement in trying to discover why the window shade in his room rolled up or down. He was almost like an anti-annexationist. Altogether Ishi was the most interesting specimen of mankind that came under the ken of the scientists for many years, and a book has been written about him.

Ishi would never talk of himself. He would not tell if there were any more like him in the Deer Creek country. He had an aversion to telling family secrets but he imparted some of his folk lore, as soon as they tabulated his language, which was highly instructive and showed traces of similar stories in the Greek mythology and Chinese fairy tales. His was an exemplary life save that towards the end when he lay upon a hospital cot, he fell in love with his blonde headed nurse which was only human after all and besides he was sick.

Now it appears that there is another Ishi roaming the wilds of Deer creek. Buswell found his tracks about two miles from the original Ishi camp. They were in soft red dirt and fresh. The tracks were very large indicating a large man almost a giant, Ishi was of medium height.

If the winter is hard and food gets scarce this new uncontaminated man may come strolling down Main street some day; that is if he has discretion for surely Oroville had its share of glory from the first Ishi—let the second come to Chico. It may be time for Secretary Durkee to get busy.

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3-9-1918

ANNA MORRISON REED READS FAIRY STORY

Anna Morrison Reed of Ukiah, editor of "The Northern Crown," who gave a reading, "The Soul of California," before the Social Center last evening, made a great impression with her reading. Prof. Gayley, of the University of California, author of "Classic Myths," declared that Mrs. Reed's "Soul of California" was an English classic.

Starting her article by quoting from Lord Dunsany's "The Sword of Welleran," that tells of the "Little Wild Thing," that lived in the English marshes, but wanted a soul, Mrs. Reed tells us that the Spanish Fairy, California, danced in the picturesque days of '49 and beckoned the men of every land to seek her fickle, golden heart and the best of all the world went mad with the beauty of her allurements. But she had no Soul. Her smiles were as fickle as her treasure.

But the Genius of the Land rebelled at its desecration and commenced to make a soul for California. Through the long years she wove until the magic days of 1915 when California at last had a Soul. The Soul was the Palace of Fine Arts at the Exposition. The reading was most appropriate, being on Pioneer evening at the Social Center.

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3-11-1918

ANNA MORRISON REED

TO ADDRESS MONDAY

CLUB PIONEER DAY.

Anna Morrison Reed, authoress and magazine writer, will address the members of the Monday Club next Monday afternoon on a California subject, the afternoon being "Pioneer Day" of the Club. Mrs. Howard Henderson, president of the Club, made the arrangements with Mrs. Reed today.

MACHINERY NOW HERE FOR CHROME CONCENTRATING MILL AT LIME SADDLE

Huge Deposits Uncovered and Permanent Industry Is Foreseen Under New Methods of Treating Ore Made Valuable by War Demand

With the arrival of a carload of machinery for the Western Ore company of Oakland yesterday, development work on chrome properties at Lime Saddle, near Oroville, will be started on a large scale. A complete concentrating plant is being shipped here. The deposits there have been thoroughly exploited and chrome in huge quantities has been uncovered. The chrome, however, assayed low and its commercial development required the establishment of a concentration mill. The concentrates will be hauled from the mill at Lime Saddle to Oroville by motor trucks.

New Use for Low Grade

New methods of concentrating chrome have been discovered, and a shortage which promised a few months ago to be desperate is to be met by the California mines. There is only 33 1-13 per cent enough chrome in sight for the needs of the best steel manufacture, so the new process makes possible the profitable mining of the hundreds of low-grade deposits in Fresno and other counties. The ore is usually found in deposits of several thousand tons extent, containing a "kidney" of 50 to 1000 tons of high-grade ore, running perhaps 40 to 45 per cent chromium oxide, with the rest only 10 to 20 per cent.

The price of chrome ore has gone up so that ore that used to command \$10 per ton is now worth \$40 to \$100 a ton. By separating the impurities the ore that is worth, say, \$80 a ton can be shipped at much reduced cost. A concentrating plant of average size costs \$10,000 to \$15,000. Most of the "kidneys" have been worked out, and the lower grade ores are not always worth shipping. The concentration method is expected to take chrome mining out of the speculative class and place it on a par with gold and copper mining, in that with a certain investment, reasonably made, in ore deposits and a plant, a certain income can be expected, according to the value of chrome on the market.

Attracts Investors

The investor has a good chance in this vicinity, in the opinion of E. S. Boalich, engineer of the California State Mining Bureau, who is devoting his attention to chrome mining problems, who says he must, of course, buy and build with transportation rates, mining costs and other business considerations in mind. The new process includes crushing the ore and removing impurities by the use of water, by what is technically known

as a "wet concentration." If, for instance, the miner and concentrator can take 15 per cent ore and remove enough impurities to be able to ship 50 per cent ore, he would make a good profit with the price at say, \$1.75 per unit—i. e., for each per cent of chrome contained. Nearly a dozen plants have already been installed or are in process of installation in various parts of the state, few, if any, of which have better ores than this locality.

Before the war chromium oxide was mined chiefly in Turkey and in South Africa. War blockades by land and sea have cut off most of these supplies or diverted them to other markets, although it was formerly cheaper to ship the concentrates from the foreign mines than to pay the freight from California to the Atlantic seaboard. Even if the war should end shortage of shipping will still leave a demand for California ores in the east. Probably concentrates would be sent.

Sees Permanent Industry

But California chrome, like California iron, has a future of its own. Already there are three mills, an alloy company in Napa county, a sodium salts factory and a factory in Shasta county, which use quantities of chrome. Other factories will be built. And when the iron deposits of the state, like those of Sweden, become available through electric smelting, all the numerous deposits of the coast may become valuable.



OLDEST LADY DIED AT BELDEN, CAL.

Belden, Feb. 15.—Susan Belden, one of the oldest lady inhabitants of this section was buried here today in the first real casket to enter the village, making the first death since the Western Pacific entered the mountain fastness.

She was the mother of Charles Belden, postmaster and storekeeper of this place, and Robert Belden. She had lived here for 80 years, hunting, fishing and mining at times a half-breed Indian woman whose tales of long ago were very interesting.

She was buried up on the side of a mountain where she had planned to rest.

The Western Pacific section foreman and his men, in true Western style, took charge of the funeral and carried the coffin to its last resting place up the steep mountain side in a blinding snow storm.



Susan Belden was Native American. Her son, Charles Belden, named the town of Belden after her. Her first husband, Charles Belden Sr., died in June 1868. She later married Robert Workman, formerly of Concow. Workmans Bar in Plumas County is named after him. He died in April 1896. They had one child, William Workman, who died in June 1898 at Long Bar in Butte County. Her oldest son, Charles, died in June 1940 and is buried in Paradise, Ca.

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MORE DIAMONDS DISCOVERED AT CHEROKEE FIELD

U. S. Expert Declares Evi- dence Shows Gem Stones in Place Here

That within the past ten days two diamonds of high quality have been found at Cherokee is the report that has been sent to Harry Jacoby, local lapidarian and diamond expert.

According to a statement made yesterday by Mr. Jacoby, a government gem expert was recently in Oroville and examined diamonds in the rough owned by Mr. Jacoby and recovered in the Cherokee field. After an exceedingly close microscopic study of the gems, the expert declared that there could be no question but that the diamonds originated at a place very close to where they were found. He stated that they have evidence of having traveled but a very short distance.

Mr. Jacoby, who has handled scores of diamonds in the rough found in this district, is absolutely confident that a diamond field exists here and that the gems can be found in places. He states that he submitted samples of the so-called diamond bearing formation of Butte county to diamond dealers and experts in San Francisco, and was informed that there was absolutely no question but that it was the true kimberlite formation in which diamonds are found in place in South Africa.

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BUTTE COUNTY'S HOME NEWSPAPER

OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1918

BUTTE BOARD NAMES FIRST FOURTEEN MEN FOR WAR DUTY

Lloyd A. Johnson, Geo. C. Wilbur and Caspar Bullard Among County's Selects

APRIL SECOND SET AS DATE FOR LEAVING

Agricultural Laborers Temporarily Passed by Board; May Be Drafted Later

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Provost Marshal General Crowder will begin within a few days calling out for special instruction to the men in the draft needed in technical positions.

The various schools and colleges of the country have been canvassed to discover where men can best be trained for various positions.

Fourteen men in Butte county were inducted into the service of the United States yesterday in letters sent out by the Butte County Draft Board. The men are ordered to report in Chico April 1, from where they entrain April 2 for the army training camp at Camp Lewis, Washington.

Temporarily deferred drafting for men actually and actively engaged in farming occupations has been granted in several cases by the exemption board.

The issuing of the call came immediately upon receipt from Adjutant General J. J. Borree of instructions as to the quota allotted to Butte county.

The men called to the colors are:

J. Caspar Bullard, Oroville, machinist helper.

Lloyd A. Johnson, Oroville; blacksmith.

George C. Wilbur, Oroville, dredgerman.

Thomas P. Moran, Gridley, gas engineer.

John F. Grace, Chico, gas engineer.

Virgil C. Carpenter, Chico auto engineer.

Earl P. Buchanan, Chico, lumberman.

Chester West, Chico laborer.

Frank J. Schmidt, Forbestown, miner.

George Wolfrum, Chico, fireman.

Jerome J. McNiell, Chico, jeweler.

Martin C. Gramps, Pulga, lumberman.

Roy G. Lovett, Paradise, school teacher.

Several of the men called are now outside of Butte county, but the present address of all is on file at the Butte County Draft headquarters. The call sent to the men notifies them that upon receipt of the call they are to consider themselves soldiers in the army of the United States.

Waived All Claims

George Wolfrum, a fireman of Chico, and called as one of Butte county's first drafted men, is a native of Denmark. In filling out his questionnaire he waived all claims of exemption due to his foreign birth and citizenship.

Temporary Deffered Calls

Six draft registrants were not called in their turn, but were given temporarily deferred drafting owing to the fact that at the present time and for a long time past they have been actively engaged in farming. In announcing these deferred classifications, the government makes it plain that the men thus deferred will be under constant observation and should they discontinue to be em-

ployed in the occupation of farming or food production that they will immediately be inducted into the service. The plea of being farmers is not to be used by any as a means of escaping military duty, but in cases of bona fide employment at such work registrants will not be called now but can be called at any time later that occasion demands.

The six men in Butte county whose calls were deferred are James A. Daly, farmer of Gridley; John J. Ford, tractor driver at Gridley; Clarence J. Delting, farmer of Gridley; Harvey E. Warren, farmer of Gridley; Adolph Thau, employe of Sacramento Valley Sugar Refinery; Dick Vaughn, tractor driver of Chico.

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4-4-1918

YANKEE HILL MAN TAKES WATER RIGHT

Rodney Jackson of Yankee Hill, has filed on 3 second feet of Frasher Creek in Butte county for mining. The work consists of a crib work dam 15 feet high, 15 feet long on top and 30 feet at the bottom, and a ditch 2 miles in length.

4-4-1918

KEYSTONE MINE LEDGE THOUGHT VALUABLE

A promising ledge of quartz has been uncovered at the Keystone mine in Oregon Gulch, owned and operated by W. T. Baldwin. Jack Upton, who is superintending the work at the mine, and W. T. Baldwin are enthusiastic in their opinion as to the possibilities of the ledge, which is widening out as the work progresses. Considerable coarse gold has been taken out, and in a short time the five and three stamp mills located on the property will be put to work.

4-30-1918

CHROME MINER IS HURT AT YANKEE HILL

New Deposits of Metal Are Being Uncovered in Con- cow Section

YANKEE HILL, April 29.—Frank Rhour,* the miner who was injured Friday in the chrome mines near Concow, is reported improving slowly, though his condition is still thought to be serious. He is under the care of Dr. Gates of Oroville.

Stewart and Simmons, well known chrome men of this place, are opening up a chrome mine near Deadwood and another deposit has been discovered near Concow, but, owing to the labor shortage, they are experiencing difficulty in getting men.

*Note: Last name is spelled Rohrer

5-7-1918

ANNA MORRISON REED HAS STARTED FOR THE ASSEMBLY

The announcement of Mrs. Anna Morrison Reed as a candidate for the Assembly, made through the Ukiah Times, will be of interest to local people as Mrs. Reed is well known here, having been raised at Cherokee and having a host of friends in this section. The announcement follows:

Mrs. Anna M. Reed announces her candidacy for member of the Assembly before the August primaries.

Mrs. Reed is the third lady candidate in this county. She is one of the most brilliant and active women in all California. Her career has been one continued series of successes. She entered public life very early, and was a writer and speaker before she left her teens. Mrs. Reed descended from the Scotch and French Huguenots. She possesses in a fine degree the best traits of these two illustrious races.

Her immediate relatives are a race of Democrats of national prominence. The late Chief Justice Robert F. Morrison of California, was her cousin; also Col. Wm. R. Morrison, who, during the Civil War formed his own regiment in Illinois and led it to battle, where at Ball's Bluff he was left for dead on the field, but was rescued and lived to serve several terms in Congress, and was nominated for the Presidency in the convention which nominated Grover Cleveland the first

time. Col. Morrison withdrew to cast the vote for Cleveland. Mrs. Reed's uncle, Jesse Morrison, represented Butte county in the Assembly in 1853, and Col. Don Morrison of Illinois, was one of the most brilliant orators of the west.

Mrs. Reed, in her political views, has maintained the traditions of her family. Her Huguenot and Scotch elements make it impossible for her to be anything but a progressive, "forward looking" Democrat.

Mrs. Reed had an experience of eight years on their stock ranch in Mendocino county. She at one time was the owner of several thousand sheep. Her life work has been literary and devoted to promoting literary and benevolent organizations. She has been an active worker and booster for good roads, state and national fairs, and has helped along all the varied movements for the extension of the public weal.

She has always been identified with the interests of Northern California. Was appointed during the administration of Gov. Markham as Lady Manager from the First Congressional District to the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, and served in that capacity with widely acknowledged ability.

She was vice-president of the first permanent "Good Roads" organization in California.

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BUTTE COUNTY'S HOME NEWSPAPER

OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1918.

PULGA RED CROSS DANCE BIG SUCCESS

The Red Cross benefit dance at Pulga Saturday night was a big success. There was a large attendance from points throughout the canyon section. More than \$60 was raised for the Red Cross fund.

A beautiful Indian basket, presented by "Dixie" Johnson, was sold. The basket was won by Barney Gilmore, section foreman.

The event was promoted by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. King. They were ably assisted by Mrs. Pattee, Mrs. Blumenthal and Miss Helen Flanigan. Others who assisted in making the affair a success were Mrs. Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. Day, Mr. Cullen and daughters from Keddie; Mr. and Mrs. Fairfield and Mr. and Mrs. Hayward of Belden.

5-29-1918

DANCE AT BELDEN IS SHOT UP BY INDIAN

QUINCY, May 28.—When Harry Beatty, an Indian, 18 years old, wanted to murder his brother because, as he claimed, a bottle of whisky had been taken from him, he chose the Belden dance hall for the shooting. Instead of killing his brother who sat on a bench in the ball room, he did nearly succeed in killing Mrs. C. C. Galling, the Belden schoolmistress. A bullet imbedded itself in the wall, five inches from her head.

Men in the throng of dancers, who were attending the Red Cross dance, disarmed the young Indian, and held him for the authorities. He now is in the Plumas County Jail, charged with intent to kill.

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6-26-1918

CHROME ORE IS BEING SHIPPED FROM PULGA

PULGA, June 26.—A large amount of chrome ore is being shipped from this point. Among the shippers are W. H. King, Frank Stewart, Ray Stokes, Brume & Stanley and Charles Levulet.

Several new chrome deposits have been located here during the past month.

Celebrate on Fourth

Arrangements are being made for a big dance to be given on the open air platform here on July 4th. Good music will be provided and a fine supper will be served in the dining room at Kingvale Resort.

Changes Employment

Mr. Byers has resigned his position with the Western Pacific and has entered the employ of the Great Western Power Company as lineman, taking the place of A. J. Miller, who left about ten ago for Fort Leavenworth.

Summer Vacationists

Mrs. Levulet and Mrs. Mooney are enjoying their summer vacation here. They plan to remain several weeks.

Mrs. Winters and daughter arrived here for the summer months to join Mr. Winters.

7-1-1918

LARGEST CHROME MINE YET FOUND IN BUTTE COUNTY

J. A. Clark of Yankee Hill,
Discovers Rich Deposit
Near Intake.

Chrome Is Located Right
Along Side Western Pa-
cific Tracks.

What is pronounced by chrome miners to be the largest deposit of chrome yet found in California, has been uncovered by J. A. Clark of Yankee Hill at a point on the Western Pacific just above Intake. The ore lies in a ledge formation, and has been traced for 1500 feet up the mountain side. It runs from 60 to 70 feet in width. Assays thus far show that it is running about thirty-seven per cent chrome.

Chrome men are now negotiating for the purchase of the property. Its location, right upon the Western Pacific, makes the deposit doubly valuable.

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7-2-1918

BUTTE CHROME IS SHIPPED TO OHIO

Heavy shipments of chrome concentrates from the Western Ore Company's mine at Lime Saddle on the Oroville-Paradise road are now being made by that company. A carload left Oroville yesterday for Ohio.

G. F. Lee has the contract for bringing the ore to town, and from two to three trips a day are being made.

The shipment yesterday included ten tons of high grade chrome shipped by C. M. Hendrix.

CHEROKEE GEMS PRAISED BY EXPERTS

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7-6-1918

The diamond fields of Cherokee may be the scene of great operation and production sometime in the near future. During the past several years many diamonds of high quality have been found by miners in that district.

Several years ago a large stock company started operations on an extensive scale, several large shafts were sunk, flumes were built, and a number of buildings constructed for the purpose of promoting the diamond industry. The plans of the company failed, however, and the property has been idle for the past seven years.

Within the last ten days two diamonds of high quality have been found at Cherokee, is the report that has come from Harry Jacoby, local lapidarian and diamond expert. Jacoby reported the finding of the gems to the "Pacific Gold Smith," a magazine that is published by the best known diamond experts on the Pacific Coast. They have become quite excited over the quality of the stones found in this district. The following remarks appear in this month's issue of their magazine:

"A government expert has just finished examining two stones found recently in the old mining claims of Cherokee. After a close microscopic study of the gems, the expert declared that there could be no question that the diamonds originated at a place very close to where they were found. He stated that they have evidence of traveling a very short distance."

"The expert stated that he is absolutely confident that a diamond field exists here and that the gems can be found in great quantities here.

"The diamonds found in Butte county have been submitted to dealers and experts of San Francisco. These men have stated that there is absolutely no question but that the Cherokee fields have the true Kimberlite formation in which diamonds are found in great quantities in South Africa."

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7-8-1918

Y. M. C. A. CAMP OPENS TODAY AT WORKMAN'S BAR

The Y. M. C. A. camp at Workman's Bar opens today with a full quota of boys for its first week. On the afternoon train the following boys left for their outing: Vernon Jackson, Carl Penner, Abe Penner, Hartford Kelfer, John McCloud, Jack Chambers, Ralph Morse, Randall Egan, Jack Kitrck, Clarence Wright, Ernest Steadman, Morrow Steadman, Paul Shepherd, Wesley McIntosh and Herbert Gillisple. On next Monday another group of boys will go up to camp and the week following that the girls' camp will open under the leadership of Miss Alta Duncan.

Two burros have found their home in camp and are bearing the burden of a lot of work in bringing supplies from the train as well as furnishing enjoyment in the way of burro rides over the mountain trails. During this week a long hike will be taken over to Bucks Ranch and up to Three Lakes on a fishing trip. Everyone is going with the expectation of having the best time of their lives.

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7-8-1918

PENTZ AND CLEAR CREEK PLEDGE LARGE AMOUNT TO W. S. S. STAMPS

Following is a list of the contributions to the War Savings Stamps Fund for Pentz and Clear Creek:

Chico Meat Co., Inc., \$250; John Johnson, \$240; John Williams, \$120; Ole Hesbol, \$120; E. C. Wilson, \$120; Wm. M. Graves, \$120; Mrs. Sarah Compton, \$100; George Phillips, \$60; James Franco, \$60; Mrs. Annie L. Hickart, \$60; A. J. Bender, \$60; Mrs. E. G. Stephenson, \$60; Mary J. Richardson, \$50; W. W. Williams, \$50; J. E. Merrifield, \$50; A. D. Cranford, \$50; E. Hesbol, \$40; A. S. Johnson, \$40; Miles and Loyd Sanders, \$40; E. H. Shaw and Mrs. Della Shaw, \$40; Bertha Graves, \$35; Edward Ray Edmiston, \$30; J. E. Whister, \$25; Frank Bennum, \$25; J. D. Gard, \$25; Charles Cahle, \$25; Levi W. Lee, \$25; Mrs. Eva Duensing, \$20; Raymond B. Johnson, \$20; V. E. Austin, \$20; Miss Alma Hesbol, \$20; Irving Long, \$20; Mr. L. A. Bethard, \$20; Miss Mattie O. Hesbol, \$20; Mrs. Aleata Childress, \$20; Adelia Lockerman, \$20; C. E. L. Koford, \$20; F. M. Cory, \$20; F. M. Hamilton, \$20; S. W. Lewis, \$20; William Dansey, \$20; W. B. Heckart, \$15; W. S. Williams, \$15; Miss Auralie R. Carlyle, \$10; J. W. Dansey, \$10; Harold A. Bades, \$10; Lorraine M. Collins, \$5; Freda Duensing, \$5; Ethel A. Collins, \$5; Violet Hunter, \$5; Elmer H. Collins, \$5; Mrs. E. J. Carlyle, \$5; Mrs. W. S. Baldwin, \$5; Genevieve Duensing, \$5; Mrs. Bessie Blum, \$5; Robert Lyle, \$5; Robert E. Blum, \$5; Mrs. Marie Dansey, \$5.

Chico Record

7-16-1918

Police Notes

Pat Patrice was arrested last night on complaint of a woman whose name was not revealed by the police, but who promises to appear today and swear to a complaint bristling with sensation.

7-23-1918

Chico Record

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MINING MAN JAILED ON BAD CHECK CHARGE

OROVILLE, July 22.—Richard Phillips, well known in connection with his operations with the South Banner Mine, was arrested in Nevada City on a charge of passing a worthless check.

The particular charge upon which Phillips was arrested was that of issuing a check for \$194 to L. F. Riley. It is charged there were no funds in the bank to meet the check.

P. G. & E. to Use Concow Reservoir for Power

OROVILLE, July 26.—That the Pacific Gas and Electric Company is planning increasing its output of hydro-electric power in this district in the immediate future is the information contained in a letter written by John A. Britton, vice president and general manager of the company, to the Oroville Chamber of Commerce.

Some time ago Secretary E. B. Ward of the Chamber began an investigation into the possibilities of increasing the irrigated area of the Thermalito and Table Mountain section by augmented water storage.

Ward wrote Britton, asking as to the company's plans for utilizing the Concow reservoir.

In his reply Britton writes:

"I beg to advise you that, as the Pacific Gas and Electric Company intends using its Concow Valley reservoir for power purposes at an early date, we cannot contemplate the use of it for any other purpose.

"As to the possibility of giving you water from any other source, I have referred your letter with our reply to our chief engineer, Mr. P. M. Downing, who will report to me on the subject."

It is believed that, with the utilization of the Concow area for power, the water will become available for irrigation.

Surcease Mine in Big Bend District Is Closed

Because of unfavorable conditions confronting the gold mining industry, announcement was made that the Surcease Mine would close down until labor conditions were easier and the outlook for gold mining was more promising.

The mine is situated in the Big Bend district and is under option to the Goldfield Consolidated Gold Mines. Thus far the work has consisted largely in exploration.

The work of prospecting the mine has been completed, and the management announces that the prospect was sufficiently satisfactory to warrant the purchase of the property. No attempt, however, will be made at operation until the situation as far as gold mining is concerned is changed.

Oroville Mercury

8-7-1918

ANNA MORRISON REED WRITES OF BUTTE CO.

"The Northern Crown," a periodical of literature and advertising devoted to the interest of northern California and published by Anna Morrison Reed, formerly of this city and who was born in Cherokee, has been received. Mrs. Reed publishes the "Northern Crown" each month and devotes much space to places of interest about Oroville and vicinity.

Mrs. Reed was in Oroville a few weeks ago collecting her material for this month's publication. She has a very interesting account of the Ehman Olive Plant, and gives a very excellent description of the operation and future of the local olive mill.

A lengthy article which appeared in the Mercury some time ago also appears, giving the opinion of Judge Lafferty, a miner of this section, during the early days. The article deals with the possibilities of millions of dollars being hidden under Table Mountain.

Another article entitled "Early Day Mining in California," which appeared in this paper written by Henry Vall, deceased, gives a vivid description of the early gold seekers of this district, their methods of procuring the precious metal and all other interesting subjects.

Many beautiful illustrations are also included in Mrs. Reed's publication.

The authoress is well known in this city and has a great number of friends throughout the State.

Daily Mercury

8-15-1918

BUTTE MEN WHO WILL ENTRAIN AUGUST 26

The Butte County Exemption Board has made all arrangements for registering young men who have become 21 since June 5 last, on the 24th of this month.

Class One men in Butte county are practically exhausted. This means that all young Americans who register the 24th of this month will be inducted in the army.

The following men will leave the 26th of this month for Camp Lewis. They are all from the 1918 class.

Robert L. Cole, Oroville.
William B. Martin, Oroville.
Robert M. West, Oroville.
Thomas H. Richards, Oroville.
William E. Strang, Oroville.
Lewis E. Bonello, Gridley.
William Metzger, Chico.
Charles L. Dugger, Chico.
Charles Vietz, Chico.
Basco J. Alves, Chico.
Otto Sizelove, Biggs.
William B. Sutherlandson, Sterling City.

Harold A. Beavers, Lerry Creek.
Vernon E. Keeley, Chico.
Fred C. Binney, Nimshew.
Harry Lutz, Paradise.
Oroville Johnson, Biggs.
Fen Gauva, Stirling City.
John H. Wright, Thermalito.
Gloyd E. Albers, Chico.
Clifford Birdsley, Bangor.
Lewis M. Burket, Paradise.
Robert S. Lambert, Bangor.
W. A. McJunkin, Paradise.
Arthur J. Brown, Gridley.
Sheridan P. Starkey, Chico.

All of the men drawn above were part of a regular call. The following men have been selected to go to Camp Lewis to take the places of men previously sent who have been rejected by reason of physical disability:

Fred W. Thunen, Oroville.
Melvin G. Miller, Stirling City.
Raymond D. Taylor, Durham.
Fred J. Westlein, Redding.
Howard Mecum, Oakland.
Raymond Whisman, Chico.
Clarence L. Price, Chico.

COMMUNITY OF SIXTY PERSONS SENDS 16 MEN TO WAR

YROVILLE (Butte Co.), August 22.—The little mining community of Yankee Hill has established its right to be classed as 100 per cent American. Out of sixty people in the community there have been sixteen enlistments. In other words, more than one-quarter of the population is now in the service.

San Francisco Chronicle

8-28-1918

Eleven Rattlers Are Nothing to These 'Uns

Special Dispatch to The Chronicle.

OROVILLE, August 27.—A den of eleven rattlesnakes failed to deter Robert Hendricks and his daughter from locating a chrome ledge near Yankee Hill. The two spotted the ledge and proceeded to locate it when they saw the reptiles' nest. Together they killed the snakes and went on with their location work.

CLEAR CREEK SCHOOL IS RE-ESTABLISHED

It was learned yesterday that Clear Creek would again be provided with a school. Last year the attendance dropped so low that it was doubtful as to whether or not a school could be maintained. There are now, however, a sufficient number of students signed to open the school.

Oroville Daily Register

Sept 18, 1918

A. E. Vandercook, superintendent of the Western Ore Company, was in Oroville yesterday. The company's concentrator is being moved from its present location at Lime Saddle to the Taylor property.

"THESE ARE WAR TIMES AND WAR CONDITIONS PREVAIL."

Your property of every description is in greater danger of fire today than it has ever been before. See us before misfortune overtakes you. We will safeguard your interests. We are especially well prepared to care for CROP INSURANCE. See use regarding protection.

OROVILLE REALTY AND INSURANCE COMPANY

GAR DELLA
THEATRE

**TO HELL
WITH THE
KAISER**

THURSDAY
And
FRIDAY

To Sell Banner Mine Under Foreclosure

Special to the Union.

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Sept. 25.—
A decree of foreclosure ordering the sale of the Banner mine to satisfy a judgment of \$6110 98 was handed down by Superior Judge H. D. Gregory.

The plaintiff in the case was Charles Lastreto of San Francisco, and the original indebtedness was for \$5000. Interest and costs have increased this amount by \$1110. The date of sale was fixed as October 21.

The Banner mine has been operated sporadically since the fifties, and has a record of producing many thousands of dollars in gold.

Daily Mercury

10-9-1918

SCHOOL TEACHER MOVES HER OWN HOUSE TO SCHOOL HOUSE GROUNDS

Down in Imperial valley the school ma'ams are blessed with what are known as "teachers' cottages," which are built on skids and may be moved from site to site in the school house neighborhood to please the nature fancy of the occupant, but it has remained for a Butte county teacher to set a style in "teachers' cottages" that will go Imperial several points better, according to J. W. Johnson, of Stoneman.

The Butte county teacher is Mrs. Emily E. Smith, whose pupils are the children of the Stoneman district, near Durham. Mrs. Smith evidently could find no accommodations to suit her or, perhaps, sufficiently close to the school, where she had previously taught for a season. So this season, when reassigned to the district, she packed up her own house and suit case and brought them all along from her Glenn county home. Incidentally she brought along two Glenn county children for purposes of companionship, because it gets lonesome at Stoneman after "school is out" and everyone has gone home.

Mrs. Smith's "cottage" consists of a cook wagon and it is located outside the front door of her school. Because on wheels, if she finds it too close to her daily duties, or if she wants to do a little gardening, she can persuade one of her school trustees to let her have a patch of land a little further away.

As it is now, she can ring the "flat bell" for school while cooking her "bacon and," and can set the coffee pot on for lunch while the pupils are engaged in study. Questions of "room and board" are too plebian to consider as mere questions of economy, but if the neighboring farmers have any gallantry at all, Mrs. Smith could fill up a root collar with an entire season's provender by dropping the psychological hint.

But how in the mischief can they all three find a place to sleep in the cook wagon, unless they have a couple of wall beds?

Oct 18, 1918

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BUTTE COUNTY'S HOME NEWSPAPER

CHROME MINERS VOICE DEMAND GOVERNMENT PURCHASE ORE

That the market for chrome has completely collapsed, and that miners who responded to the call of the country to produce chrome are threatened with financial disaster and in many instances bankruptcy, is the statement of operators in this district.

It is stated that it is now impossible to get even a bid upon chrome no matter how rich the ore may be in chrome units. Buyers who a short time ago were eager to investigate any chrome prospect, and who were buying the ore heavily are now not even interested enough to inquire into the quality of the chrome.

In Butte, Shasta, and Siskiyou counties operators have expended thousands of dollars in getting out ore, which is now lying upon the dumps apparently without prospect of market. Added to the expense of mining the ore is the further expense of building roads, securing trucks, and providing transportation facilities to get the ore to the market.

Attempts made to get in touch with authorities in Washington and to ascertain if the miners are to be protected have failed even to get an answer in reply to telegrams, according to A. L. Wakoham, who has been operating an extensive chrome deposit near Magalla.

Some time ago Alfred Burch connected with the bureau of mines stated that chrome miners would be protected in the base price for some months to come. But the chrome miners now found themselves without a market, and are seeking to ascertain without success whether or not the government will actually purchase the ore. Burch himself is in Seattle, and thus far every attempt to get an authoritative statement from the War Industries board or the bureau of mines has failed even to elicit an answer.

Complicating the situation is the fact that the bureau of mines is still sending out posters and other appeals to chrome operators urging them to maintain production and urging employees to remain at their employment as a patriotic duty.

SUFFERS INJURY AT FRENCH CREEK

Mrs. Edith Jensen was badly hurt at French Creek about thirty miles north of Oroville, Friday morning, by being thrown from a horse.

Mrs. Jensen was thrown completely over the head of the animal and struck upon her back upon the hard roadbed. Though painfully bruised and shaken she does not seem dangerously hurt.

Alfred Beavers rushed to Oroville and secured a jitney driver who went with the boy to French Creek and brought Mrs. Jensen to Oroville in his car. The boy who is the son of Mrs. Jensen made the distance of over three miles from French Creek to the railroad on foot in thirty-five minutes in order to catch the train to Oroville.

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December 10, 1918

PHELAN ENLISTS AID FOR STATE CHROME MINERS

WASHINGTON, December 9.—Senator James D. Phelan of California today took steps to secure relief for the California chrome miners who held contracts with the Government which were later cancelled. When the United States entered the war the chrome ore miners were urged to expend every effort to increase the output of chrome ore and many of them equipped their mines for the increased production. The signing of the armistice, however, caused a cancellation of the contracts and the miners are faced with the loss of the money put into their plants unless the Government comes to their aid.

GOLD COMMITTEE BEGINS SESSIONS

WASHINGTON, December 9. — Plans to stimulate the production of gold in the United States and to stabilize production methods are being considered here by Secretary McAdoo's recently created "gold committee" and representatives of the gold producing companies who form the executive committee of the American gold conference.

BIG DAM WILL BE BUILT IN CONCOW VALLEY BY P. G. AND E.

Oroville Daily Register
12-20-1918

According to reports received here from Concow Valley. The Pacific Gas and Electric Company is preparing to begin the development of a storage proposition there for power and irrigation purposes. It is stated that surveys have been completed and that the plans of the company contemplate a dam that will impound water covering an area of 2,500 acres. This water is to be fed into the ditch that now serves Oroville. The capacity of power plants on this ditch will be increased, and the water will finally be used for irrigation in Thermalito, Pentz and Table Mountain, bringing many thousands of acres in those districts now without water under irrigation.

Title to the Concow Reservoir was obtained by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company when it absorbed the Oro Electric Corporation by purchase. The valley was originally used as an impounding reservoir to supply water during the era of large hydraulic operations in Cherokee. The dam gave way a number of years ago, and since then has not been replaced.