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BIG BEND SCHOOL IS- OPEN TO SCHOLARS

The board of school trustees of the Big Bend district have announced the re-establishment of the school there and that Earl Allen of Oroville had been appointed a teacher. Necessary repairs have been made to the building and school was opened today.

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DIAMONDS!

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Diamonds!

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Lots of them have
been found at

CHEROKEE

Where the GRAND
BALL will be held Fri-
day night FEB. 6th

Amaral's 5-Piece

Jazz Band.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

THE THUNEN CYCLERY wishes to announce to the public that a sale has been consumated between Mr. H. Wright and Mr. George Clinton whereby Mr. Wright is now in partnership with Mr. C. G. Thunen.

Mr. Wright is an expert mechanic and his experience in automobile repairing and electrical work are being demonstrated in the high-class work put out by the establishment.

The new firm of Thunen & Wright solicits the patronage of the public as heretofore.

Thunen's Cyclery

518 Montgomery St.

Phone 247-J

**DIAMOND DISCOVERED
IN MORRIS RAVINE
BY CHAS. FISHER**

Charles Fisher, who is employed at the Butterfly Mine picked up a diamond in Morris Ravine a few days ago. The diamond was found to weigh a carat and a half, and will be sent to New York to be cut.

While over three hundred diamonds have been found in Cherokee, and a number of stones have been found at the Oroville diamond mine, comparatively few diamonds have been found in Morris Ravine proper.

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YANKEE HILL NOTES

A heavy truck loaded with machinery for the new sawmill crashed through a bridge crossing the Cherokee canal last night. No great damage was done to the truck, but the bridge was completely demolished and a new one had to be built before traffic could be resumed.

George Moak, who has been ill for some time, is being treated by a Chico physician and is improving rapidly.

Preparations are being made for the Hard Time dance to be held in the Yankee Hill school house next Saturday night the 24th. A large crowd is expected and a jolly time.

Farmers of this vicinity are preparing the ground for gardens and crops in general and with plenty of water for irrigation and construction work under way for the sawmill and other public work this bids fair to be a prosperous and flourishing year for this country.

Henry Eakle of Woodland, was a visitor at the Hendricks' home last Sunday. Mr. Eakle has a large force of men at work planting hops on his ranch at Hazlebush.

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CANYON TRIPS TO OPEN MAY FIRST

Round trip excursion rates over the Western Pacific railroad from San Francisco and Oakland to all points on the Feather River canyon will be offered the public the first of May. The special excursion tickets will sell for the same price as last year. They are especially favorable for fishermen who wish to spend the week-end fishing in the Feather.

Sacramento Bee

4-27-1920

Foothill Fruit Ranch 160 ACRES

Concow Valley, Butte County; 25 miles east Oroville. Water, timber Day for place. Near highway.

ALBERT SALMON,
YANKEE HILL CAL.

PRE-WAR Price \$2,500; Creditors' Price \$1,540. \$100 gives possession. Forty years' time. 10 acres fertile land close Sacramento, near highway. Waters-Crouch. 520 J.

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CHEROKEE NEWS

CHEROKEE, July 16.—Harry Churchman has purchased the Sturmer property in Cherokee. It is being improved.

Mrs. Aleata Childress is home for a short vacation. She, with her son, Robert, will soon return to Forest Ranch where Mrs. Childress is employed teaching.

James Franco of Chico visited friends here this week.

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JURY ACQUITS DEFENDANT IN SENSATIONAL LEGAL BATTLE

After only a few minutes' deliberation, Mrs. Sarah Reynolds of Pulga, and formerly of this city, was acquitted by a jury verdict in Judge J. V. Parks' court yesterday of a charge of disturbing the peace, instituted against her by W. J. King, also of Pulga.

According to the complaint filed against the defendant, it was alleged by King that he had been assaulted with a deadly weapon at the hands of the defendant after he had called at the Reynolds' residence with D. N. Gillis.

The occasion of King's visit to the Reynolds' home, according to testimony disclosed to the court yesterday, was for the purpose of making inquiry as to the whereabouts of certain shingles, then in the possession of Mrs. Reynolds. Both plaintiff and defendant claimed the shakes, each contending that they had purchased the same from Gillis.

Case Bitterly Contested

Yesterday's case was by far the most bitterly contested that has been heard in the Justice Court for some time. Behind the testimony given by the principals, it was apparent that the demonstration in controversy was but the sequel of a feud of developed maturity.

Defendant Is Star Witness

Mrs. Sarah Reynolds, the defendant, proved to be the best witness in her own behalf and undoubtedly the testimony given by her before the court had much to do with influencing a verdict in her behalf.

"Mr. King and Mr. Gillis came to my house" said Mrs. Reynolds, "after my husband had left. They demanded that I give them what Mr. King declared to be his shakes."

The shakes referred to had been purchased by Mr. Reynolds from Gillis several days prior to the visit,

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said the defendant, consequently the demand was refused, the visitors being told that the shingles were locked in her cellar and "that they were going to stay there."

It was then, according to the witness, that King turned to Gillis and said:

"Let's go get 'em."

"If you do you will get this," the witness testified she retaliated as she simultaneously took from her apron pocket a pistol which she had armed herself with when she first noticed the men walking towards her home.

What rivaled the heralded water fights known to Oroville as a part of the Fourth of July celebration, was said to have taken place between the defendant and plaintiff before the demonstration's finish. Mrs. Reynolds testified she had become enraged when King told her "she was some thief," so met his admonition by turning the stream of water upon him.

King, on the other hand, told the court he had not attempted to enter the Reynolds' home, and had not insulted her in any way.

A persistent effort was made by the prosecution to show that the defendant had pointed her weapon at the plaintiff, the attempt, however, failed to meet with substantiation on the part of witnesses.

Several witnesses from Pulga testified in the case.

J. M. McGee was counsel for Mrs. Reynolds, while District Attorney Robinson and Assistant District Attorney George E. Gardner appeared in behalf of the plaintiffs.

Testimony of the defense as to who actually purchased the shingles was barred from the case by a ruling of the court.

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SHAREHOLDERS HAVE FAITH IN MINES OF U. S. DIAMOND CO.

The abiding faith of the Oroville shareholders of the United States Diamond Mining Company and other leading citizens of this city and vicinity indicate renewed operations on the Oroville and Cherokee diamondiferous properties of the company in the near future. The company still retains in its treasury one-fourth of the capital stock for company's use.

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BUTTE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SUSPENDED

The Evansville and Cottonwood school districts have elapsed because of an insufficient number of students, according to an announcement made by the Butte County Board of Supervisors. The Stoneman district has been suspended for one year, while the Parrott, Rio Seco and Riverside districts have been reinstated.

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P. G. & E. Starts Surveys For Construction of Concow Dam

LAKE WILL WATER LANDS NEAR OROVILLE

Engineers for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company are now in Concow Valley, making final determinations and surveys for the dam that the Pacific Gas and Electric Company is to construct.

The engineers were sent there following a conference in San Francisco at which Thermalito water users were represented by W. W. Gingles and R. A. Liberty, and other landowners were represented by J. M. Howells.

During this conference an agreement was reached relative to the apportionment of waters to be stored in the Concow. Under this agreement Thermalito will be assured an adequate supply of water.

It is probable that two irrigation districts will be organized, one comprising Thermalito, and the other comprising approximately 6000 acres of land lying north of Thermalito.

Maps are now being prepared and a report will soon be ready for landowners in Thermalito.

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CARIBOU POWER LINE IS NEAR COMPLETION

Completion of the Great Western Power Company's tower line which is to extend from Valona to Caribou, has been effected as far north as Pulga. It is expected that the entire line will be finished about January 1st.

The power line, when completed, will carry electricity from the Caribou plant to the Valona substation, will be one of the largest in the State. After being delivered to Valona, power will be distributed to all parts of the Bay regions.

A large force of men are now at work at Pulga.

Cables are being strung upon the towers in the vicinity of Valona.

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HOP PICKERS WANTED—At Eakle
hop ranch at Hazelbusch, on Sacra-
mento-Northern railroad. Families
preferred. Good camping grounds.
Address Eakle Hop Ranch, Biggs,
Cal. a18-1w*

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HUTCHINSON LUMBER COMPANY WILL CONSTRUCT RAILROAD

T. L. Phillips, chief engineer of the Hutchinson Lumber Company, has issued a call for bids for the construction of a proposed standard gauge railroad between Bidwell Bar and Oregon Gulch, approximately five and three-quarter miles in length.

The plans and specifications, which are on file at the office of the com-

pany at room No. 1 of the Jones Building, this city, call in part for the grubbing and clearing of 30 acres of land; 185,000 cubic yards of solid rock; 57,000 cubic yards of loose rock; and 45,000 cubic yards of common excavation.

It is specified that the work must be completed on or before March 31, 1921.

LOCAL DIAMOND MINE STOCK IS REDEEMED

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Determined that ownership of property of the United States Diamond Mining Company should not be surrendered and lost to local stockholders in the company, M. J. Cooney, president of the company and the discoverer of the diamond-bearing ground at Oroville and Cherokee, has redeemed the property from sale under foreclosure.

Foreclosure proceedings were instituted against the property by Oakland creditors a year ago. Judgment was entered and the judgment would have become final today. On Wednesday Mr. Cooney, out of his own fund paid the amount of the judgment and redeemed the property.

It is probable that a re-organization of the company will be affected.

The property redeemed consists of 40 acres about a mile and a half from Oroville, north of the Feather River, and of 80 acres in Cherokee. On both properties kimberlite was uncovered and a number of diamonds found.

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DOSH ACCUSED BY 16 YEAR OLD GIRL

Charging that Bert Dosh of Pulga had forced Lillian C. Johnson, of Pulga, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dixie Johnson of that place to submit to indecent relationships, a complaint was yesterday sworn out against Dosh, with the result that he is now held in the county jail here awaiting preliminary examination.

The defendant was arrested by Constable John Toland, and brought before Justice of the Peace J. V. Parks where he was arraigned. Dosh declined to make a plea. He was unable to supply the \$2,000 cash bail demanded by Judge Parks and was consequently taken to the County jail.

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YANKEE HILL MAN

NABBED ON PARKING LAW

C. B. Croghan, wealthy rancher of Yankee Hill contributed \$5 to Recorder Gibson's court yesterday following his arrest for violating the state parking law. His auto, it is alleged, was parked "within 15 feet of the fire hydrant," which constitutes a violation of the law. He paid the fine.

This is the second conviction within the past week for the same offense and is in line with Recorder Gibson's "cleanup" campaign of auto law violators.

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FULL-BLOODED DIGGER

INDIAN JOINS ARMY

REDDING, Oct. 18.—Peconon, a full blooded Digger Indian, walked from Lassen county to this city and on his arrival yesterday immediately sought Recruiting Officer Corporal Warner and enlisted in the United States army to learn automobile repairing. He left last night for the Presidio at San Francisco to take up his education at the expense of Uncle Sam.

Peconon is a splendid specimen of manhood who was educated at the Riverside school, but did not learn a trade he liked.

The Sacramento Bee
10-27-1920


BURNEY WILSON WILL COACH AT CHICO NORMAL

CHICO (Butte Co.), October 27. Burney Wilson, who played alongside of Jim Thorpe, famous Indian athlete, at Carlisle, has been secured to coach the Chico Normal School football team.

Wilson is a full-blooded Indian, and played left end four consecutive years for Carlisle. He was named once on the all-American team picked by "Hurry-Up" Yost of the University of Michigan.

He was offered a lucrative position with the University of Oregon gridgers, but refused to accept because he desired to be with relatives in Chico throughout the Winter months.

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EASTSIDE
FRANKERIZED

OLE HESBOL, Agt.
HUNTOON STREET, OPP. POSTOFFICE
Phone 243-w

AN EASTSIDE PRODUCT — IT NEEDS NO FURTHER COMMENT

The advertisement features a detailed illustration of a beer bottle on the left and a glass of beer on the right. The bottle label includes the text 'EASTSIDE BEER', 'EASTSIDE', 'PILSENER BEER', and 'BEVERAGE CO. LOS ANGELES, CALIF.'. The background of the advertisement is filled with a dense, repeating pattern of the word 'EASTSIDE'. The main headline 'EASTSIDE FRANKERIZED' is prominently displayed in large, bold, outlined letters. Below this, the agent's name and address are provided in a clean, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a banner contains the slogan 'AN EASTSIDE PRODUCT — IT NEEDS NO FURTHER COMMENT'.

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VISIT YANKEE HILL

The first people to travel over Yankee Hill since the rain was taken in a model "four" Overland Saturday night, November 13, by Messrs. William Taber, Clarence Taber, Floyd Wheeler, Misses Mattie Woodruff, Hazel Woodruff and Alice Taber.

When they reached Yankee Hill school house they joined the dance given for the benefit of the school. The Yankee Hill orchestra was hard to beat for their jazzy music.

A large crowd attended and the evening was enjoyed by all. The roads were very slick to travel over the steep grades was difficult. Dainty refreshments wer served.

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FEDERAL OFFICERS ARREST ALLEGED LOCAL BOOTLEGGERS

The investigation into violations of the prohibition law reached Oroville last Saturday, when shortly after twelve o'clock, when Deputy United States Marshal Charles Glover arrived here and placed under arrest Ole Hesbol, soft drink establishment proprietor of Huntoon Street, and Tom Malles, a local Greek. Both men were charged with selling intoxicating liquors containing a larger percentage of alcohol than is allowed by law.

Both accused violators of the prohibition law were placed under a \$500 cash bail which was provided by well known Oroville business men.

Both Hesbol and Malles have been

ordered to appear before United States Commissioner John Ebert in Marysville next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

According to United States Marshal Glover, who made the arrests, evidence was obtained against the local men October 23rd last.

It was stated by officials yesterday that other Oroville "bootleggers" would be implicated in violations of the law within the next few days and would also be called to answer before the United States Commissioner. It has been known that Federal officers have been secretly investigating local conditions for some time. It was not until yesterday, however, that formal action against alleged "bootleggers" was taken.

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WATER CRUMBLES CHEROKEE DAM

Over thirty-five feet of the old Cherokee Canal dam, north of Oroville, has been washed out during the past two days by flood waters, according to George Mathews, local man who visited that section yesterday.

Roads in the vicinity of Penzt have also been greatly damaged, according to Mathews.

GEORGE DUENSING, PIONEER OF BUTTE, IS CALLED BY DEATH

Ending a long life of activity George F. A. Duensing, resident of Oregon Gulch for 67 years, passed away at his home this afternoon. Mr.

Duensing had been a resident of California for 70 years, having come to this state when 18 years of age from Germany. He made the trip to California from Germany by coming around the Horn in a sailing vessel. Seven months were required to make the trip.

After engaging in mining for about three years Mr. Duensing took up farming on the ranch on which he died and which he farmed for 67 years. He died at the age of 88 years and 14 days, having been born in Germany on December 8, 1832.

Besides a large number of more distant relatives Mr. Duensing is survived by three sons, George C., August W. and Adolph Duensing, all of Butte county, one daughter, Mrs. D. C. Morgan, also of this county and by two brothers, Ernest Duensing of Lovelock, California and Will Duensing of Forbestown.

Funeral services will be held at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Reynolds and Thomas funeral home. Interment will be in the Thompson Flat cemetery.

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Concow Valley May be Source of Thermalito Irrigation Water

JOINT DAM CONSTRUCTION WITH P. G. & E. IS SUGGESTED

At a conference held between representatives of Thermalito and the proposed Table Mountain Irrigation District, held yesterday in Oroville, details were discussed relative to the plan for the construction of an impounding reservoir in Concow Valley to irrigate lands lying in the Thermalito and Table Mountain Sections.

The plan as proposed, calls for the joint construction of a dam with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The latter company would use the impounded water for the manufacture of power. After its use for power, it would be turned over to the two districts for irrigation purposes.

A number of questions were settled at the meeting. An early conference is to be arranged with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company in order that an agreement may be reached with that company as to the division of costs.

The surveys of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company show that by the construction of a dam at Concow Valley that water can be impounded for 6000 acres of land in addition to the now irrigated by the company's system.

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LOGGING ROAD CONSTRUCTION IS STOPPED

Announcement was made yesterday by O. C. Griffith, vice-president of the Hutchinson Lumber Company, that work on the company's railroad from Bidwell Bar to Oregon Gulch would be discontinued for a period of not less than thirty days and not to exceed ninety days.

The reason for the shut-down is stated to be that the Company believes that money can be saved by constructing the portion of the line between Oregon Gulch and its timber holdings at a later date. It was desired to complete the road at

about the same time, and in order to prevent the heavy interest charges that construction necessitates, it was decided to shut down the Bechtel and Fontaine contract until the Company is ready to proceed with the other sections of the road.

"We are planning to continue with the construction of the mill on program time," said Mr. Griffith yesterday. "The engineering will proceed and building operations are scheduled to begin about March 1st. We believe, however, that we can save money without great delay in operations by halting railroad building at this time. The work will be opened in not less than sixty days more than ninety days, depending upon how rapidly readjustment in cost conditions takes place."