

1-7-1925

Viewers Favor Repairing Old Road To Pentz

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Jan. 7.—C. M. Burkett, H. H. Hume and B. W. Coleman, named as road viewers to view a proposed new road route from Pentz to Magalia, have recommended that instead of the new road that funds be expended in reconditioning the present Pentz-Magalia road.

The viewers contend that it will cost \$3,149.50 to construct the new route while the old road can be reconditioned for half that sum. County Road Engineer Hume also declared that many steep pitches on the present road could be eliminated.

Appropriations for road construction have been made by the board of supervisors as follows: Sheldon Avenue, Gridley, \$500; Durham road, \$200; Ord Rancho road, \$500. Esquo road, \$300; Centerville road, \$990.

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ANOTHER DIAMOND IS FOUND IN CHEROKEE DIGGINGS

Another diamond has been found at Cherokee.

The gem was found this week by William Friedner, miner of the Cherokee diggings. It was picked from a gold sluice. The stone is small but very brilliant.

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1-25-1925

PETER SUES FOR MATERIAL BILL ON CONCOW RESERVOIR

Suit for \$6,248.50 was instituted yesterday by O. A. Peter against J. S. Greaves, contractor of Sacramento, who built the Concow dam. The judgment is asked for material furnished. A. J. Lloyd is attorney for the plaintiff.

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1-30-1925

CHEROKEE CANAL BRIDGE FINISHED; COST IS \$13,000

Yesterday the Cherokee Canal Bypass bridge on the State highway near Richvale was completed and opened to public traffic. The structure was built to avert almost yearly flooding of the highway to the east.

The bridge was decorated with flags. After an informal inspection, short talks were made by Bridge Engineer Harlan Dhiller, Resident Engineer C. W. Jones, District Engineer Wm. Green, County Engineer H. H. Hume, W. W. Gingles, Henry Gage, Mr. Bloom and others.

The bridge was formally christened the "Gage Bridge," by Resident Engineer C. W. Jones, who wielded the bottle of "champagne."

During the ceremony a twelve-ton county roller, which represents the heaviest load permitted upon the State highways, was made to pass over the structure.

The bridge was designed by the bridge department of the California Highway Commission in accordance with its high standards and was constructed under its supervision by R. B. McKenzie, a contractor of Gerber.

All present admired the excellence of construction and many complimentary remarks were made. It was acclaimed by all present to be an excellent job of which the state and county may well be proud.

The total cost of the structure is approximately \$13,000, which cost is to be borne partly by the county and partly by the State.

CHEROKEE GRAVEL STRUCK ON WEST SIDE OF MOUNTAIN

Further evidence that a group of local men who are sinking a shaft on the west slope of Table Mountain have struck the old Cherokee channel, came to view yesterday when a blue gravel deposit and an abundance of sea shells were encountered at 165 feet.

The shaft is being sunk by A. V. Baker, C. M. Baker, Ivan Baker, Henry Baker, L. Oberner and F. B. Radon, who have leased what is known as the O. W. Baker ranch.

The blue gravel that has been encountered in the shaft is similar to that common to the Cherokee channel.

A peculiar fact concerning the present shaft is that no hard formations have been struck, while bedrock was encountered by Lee Coferd eight years ago, at 40 feet.

2-20-1925

ANSWER FILED IN CONCOW DAM LITIGATION

The answer of Mrs. Susie Miller of Chico, defendant in a condemnation suit brought by the Thermalito Irrigation District and the Table Mountain Irrigation District, to secure possession of land owned by Mrs. Miller and now included in their reservoir site, was filed in the superior court yesterday. Mrs. Miller is being represented by Attorneys Bond and Deirup.

Mrs. Miller, one of the several defendants originally named in the action, alleges the 54.2 acres of land now covered by water behind the impounding dam of the district, are worth \$3738, and that by their being condemned and covered with water, her adjoining property has been damaged to the extent of \$750.

Under the law governing condemnation suits, the plaintiffs bring the action to obtain possession of the premises, and the defendant then in his answer must state the value of the land and damages, if any, sustained through the condemnation. The court at the close of the trial then sets the figure to be paid for the property.

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2-28-1925

AMEND COMPLAINT IN CONCOW DAM MATERIAL SUIT

An amended complaint was filed yesterday by the Thompson Diggs Company against J. S. Greaves, contractor, who constructed the Concow Dam. Judgment in the sum of \$886.33, plus interest and costs, is asked. The money is alleged to be due for materials furnished the contractor.

The Table Mountain and Thermalito Irrigation Districts, and their officers are joined as defendants in the action.

CAREER OF A. ABSHIRE INTERESTING

Woodland Daily Democrat

3-11-1925

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Many of the older residents of Yolo county, and many others as well, will probably be interested in a short sketch of that stalwart pioneer, Andrew Abshire, who died here early this year. The following sketch was prepared from data furnished by his widow, Mrs. A. Abshire, whose home is at 35 Oak street, Woodland:

In the spring of 1863 Andrew Abshire, then a young man, left his old home in Iowa, bent for California. He was accompanied by his three older brothers, one sister, their families and a few friends. The party left Iowa in the covered wagon peculiar to the emigrants' travel of that day.

Shortly after leaving Iowa they joined a large emigrant train and traveled with it until they began to approach Denver. Then they heard tales of the Indian Mormon massacre. After passing a stage station where the two keepers had been killed and the station burned by Indians, most of the emigrants became badly frightened.

Turn To Denver

After a long conference most of the emigrants decided to go to Denver, while the Abshires decided to continue on to California. This left only five wagons in the train.

The trip across the Colorado was fraught with sorrow and suffering. The husband of Abshire's sister died on the way and a simple funeral was conducted. The emigrants lost some of their stock, horses stampeded and there were other difficulties, including the one of often finding feed far from camping places. Owing to the dangers which beset it was necessary for the men to take turns each night, patrolling the wagon train in twos.

Meet Brigham Young

As they neared Salt Lake City they met with an experience which Abshire often referred to in later life. As they were driving along toward the city they were met by one of Brigham Young's guards, who ordered the emigrant wagons out of the way, as "Brigham Young is coming." On each side of the carriage in which the Mormon leader rode were many mounted guards, who cleared all from the road before him.

After further trials and suffering the train proceeded on to Carson City and from there came to Woodland, where they decided to settle. The following winter Andrew Abshire and his brother, Elza, cleared a home for themselves, felling many of the state-oaks which then stood upon the present site of Woodland.

At that time there were only a very few, scattered houses. The Christian church was then conducted by Wick Pendeghast. The church was like all of the small churches of that period, with the little graveyard behind it and on the site of the present cemetery.

K. L. Shipping Point

Andrew Abshire spent most of his early life in the immediate vicinity of Woodland, raising grain on Lowes Grant and hauling the grain to Knights Landing to be shipped by the only method of transportation then available, river steamer. As was the custom of the day he co-operated with other ranchers, among them being such old friends as Poffenberger, Miller, Sam Deaner, Noah Myers, Lou Baird and Jim Baird.

For years he made his home with his sister, the late Mrs. Permelia Simmons, until 1892. In that year he was married to Christie Beck, of Knights Landing, Rev. Joseph Emery performing the ceremony in the M. E. Church, South.

In the spring of 1911 the family moved to Woodland, having purchased a home here.

Andrew Abshire was generally known as a man who not only loved his family, but also loved his city and community and worked for them until health failed.

Sacramento Bee

4-2-1925

WATER PERMIT GIVEN OVER GOVERNMENT LAND

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), April 2. The Table Mountain and Thermalito Irrigation Districts have received from the federal power commission in Washington, D. C., permission to run water over government lands from Lake Wilenor, at Concow, in order that it may be carried to the groves of the Thermalito and Table Mountain districts.

In the permit the Pacific Gas and Electric Company is given the right to use the water for power purposes in the Coal Canyon and Lime Saddle power houses through which it would pass en route to the lands to be irrigated.

The Sacramento Bee

5-13-1925

MONTE BLUE FALLS FROM TRAIN AT PULGA

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), May 13. Monte Blue, film star who heads the cast in the scening of The Limited Mail at Pulga near here, suffered an accident Monday which might have proved serious, it was reported here late yesterday.

Blue fell from a train in one of the scenes and received a number of bruises. His hurts were not serious, as he continued his work without interruption.

Sacramento Bee
5-20-1925

Butte Men Make Early Excursion To Lotts Lake

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), May 20. Mike Wells and Floyd Headrick of Oroville and John Wells of Yankee Hill claim to be the first to visit Lotts Lake, in the high Sierras this year. They claim this distinction for the reason that no other foot imprints were found in the snow of that region.

Motoring to Chaparral, in northern Butte County, the party hiked the remainder of the way, eight miles, to the lake. In places they found the snow eight to ten feet deep. Lotts Lake, they reported, was a smooth sheet of ice and snow. The main road to that region is open to Butte Creek House, but closed by snow beyond.

MOVIE MEN HAVE PRAISE FOR CANYON

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—No-where in the United States is there the equal of Northeastern California for motion picture work with mountains, cliffs, canyons and rivers, according to Frank Warner of Warner Bros., the independent motion picture producers, who has just come out of the Feather River Canyon, where a company of thirty has spent the past two weeks in filming "The Limited Mail."

"We have been wanting to produce a railroad super-picture for the past three years. After we obtained a scenario, that seems to be adequate, we searched the country over for locations," said Warner yesterday. "Barring a few locations where we wanted some sheer drops of several thousand feet—~~the Royal Gorge of the Arkansas—the~~ entire production scenically, belongs to the Feather River."

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"The Limited Mail" will not be released for months. The stars in it are Monte Blue and Jacky Huff Jr., the latter a five-year-old, who is expected to fall near to the position of Jacky Coogan in the pictures, when Jackie outgrows his opportunities.

All of the locations are on a stretch of Western Pacific track, twenty miles east and twenty miles west of Pulga, in the heart of the canyon. The equipment used in the pictures consisted of forty box cars and two Mallét engines, for freight train pictures, and seven mail cars, three coaches, a diner and two sleepers with a Mikado engine for the passenger train. The company lived in the cars at Pulga.

"Northern, Northeastern and Central California will become the Mecca for locations when the producers realize what there is to be had in this section," declared Warner.

Sacramento Bee

7-14-1925

PENTZ WILL HOLD COMMUNITY CIRCUS

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), July 14.—

Pentz will play host to nearby cities and communities on the night of August 1st on the occasion of the annual community circus and supper.

A committee appointed in charge of the program is composed of A. L. Chaffin, president of the Butte County Farm Bureau; Mrs. J. A. Stringfellow and Mrs. George Hod-dap. Many attractions are planned by the Pentz people.

Sacramento Bee

8-7-1925

CALIFORNIA INDIANS TO DISCUSS PLAN OF STATE ORGANIZATION

CHICO (Butte Co.), Aug. 7.—State-wide organization of California Indians will be the subject of discussion at a meeting of Indians of Chico and vicinity to be held at the church in the Indian village Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, W. J. Conway of the local lodge of Indian Masons announced yesterday.

"Indians of Prehistoric Time" will be discussed by Conway after the meeting. The speaker is a student of Indian customs and is an authority on Indian character lore.

The meeting is preliminary to a second session to be held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, which is to be held under the auspices of the state-wide Indian Co-operative Association.

Albert G. Gillis of Shasta County and W. C. Clark, Yankee Hill mining engineer, will address Tuesday's meeting.

Plumas National Bulletin

8-20-1925

DEPOSIT OF HIGH GRADE JADE DISCOVERED NEAR PULGA ON KING HOLDING

Colors From Pure White To
Light and Dark Green—
Stone Said To Be Ideal
For Jewelry Working

PULGA, Aug. 20.—Jade deposits recently discovered here are declared by old time miners the best opened up in this country for many years.

The jade runs in colors from pure white to light and dark green stone and is declared to be the same jade sought by expert ornamental carvers for jewelry.

The deposit is owned by W. H. King, who has made several shipments of the stone from the prospect, including one this week to San Francisco and Portland for jewelry purposes. King plans to organize a company to work the prospect.

C. E. Wallace, mining prospector who has examined the deposits, says other precious stones than jade are imbedded in the rock formations of this country as indicated by the quantity of firestone found here. Wallace has recently prospected for opals in the Humboldt county mountains.

The jade prospect here is in a solid serpentine formation and the outcrop of that stone indicates that the prospect is rich. Much of the jade will bring \$10 a pound while other portions of it will sell for \$3 a pound.

Jade deposits in the United States are rare and some deposits are said to be limitless in depth. The Pulga jade has been passed upon by Moser Brothers, San Francisco lapidaries, and pronounced to be of the best.

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Pulga Deer Abundant Say Indians

PULGA, Sept. 9.—Indications for good hunting season are good. Indians say there are plenty of deer in the country.

The fishing is very good, weather calm and cool. It would be better if it warms up a little. Several good catches of fish were made during the last few days.

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NEW ROAD TO PULGA IS NEAR COMPLETION

The Pulga and Camp Creek districts, heretofore cut off from the rest of Butte County as far as road connections were concerned, have now been brought into travelable communication. A new county road leading from the Flea Valley ranger's station to Pulga has been completed, according to the announcement made yesterday by County Road Engineer H. H. Hume. The road cost the county but little money, since much of the old Utah Construction Company's road was utilized. Several bridges were built.

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10-25-1925

CONCOW MAN IS SECRETARY OF INDIANS

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—Delegates from nine Indian tribes of Northern California closed a modern council of their race here yesterday after hearing favorable reports on the progress of the "white man's law" to regain for them certain of their original lands and payment for others alleged illegally taken from them.

Twenty thousand Indians financed a fight through legal channels to the supreme court, also seeking an injunction against building of a dam on the Klamath River within territory claimed as theirs.

Benjamin Wilder, Karok, was elected president, and W. C. Clark, Concow mining engineer, was named secretary. Hoopa, Wintoone, Pomo, Mewuk, Klamath, Mono and Maidu tribes also were represented in the council.

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HUGE BEAR NEAR CONCOW IS KILLED

J. E. Baker of Biggs, accompanied by his brother, Charles, and cousin, John Baker, went up above Concow Valley Thursday of last week on a quiet little trip of a few hours duration, "looking for bear."

The week before while deer hunting in the same locality, quite a number of bear tracks were noticed, so the weather being about right for snow in the mountains on the 15th, they returned and in less than twenty minutes of tracking, Jesse had his game, a 300 pound cinnamon bear.

The beautiful skin which measures about six feet in length by five in width is being tanned for a rug by K. O. Williams of Biggs, for Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

FRUIT PRODUCTS OF TWO ZONES SHOWN AT FAIR

COMMUNITIES COMPETE IN SPECTACULAR PRODUCTION

The increasing skill of the communities of Butte County in the ability for artistic exhibition is shown by the community exhibits on the lower floor of the Exposition Building.

These exhibits also disclose the almost unbelievable range of the horticultural resources of Butte County and the enormous diversity of the county's agricultural and horticultural production.

Wyandotte Booth

Not the "Old Oaken Bucket" but the new olive bucket is the theme of the Wyandotte booth. A well of oranges pouring its water into an olive bucket forms the central feature of this exhibit. Contrasting color is given by massed displays of persimmons, oranges, lemons and by plates of avocados and other citrus fruits. The exhibit was installed under the auspices of the Wyandotte Farm Center.

The Wheel Goes Round

A big revolving wheel of oranges, nuts, fruits with some eggs by way of comparison, is attracting much attention to the Pentz exhibit. The exhibit is massed with a wide diversity of nuts, citrus and semi-tropical and deciduous fruits. The exhibit represents the work and thought of the Pentz Farm Center.

Yankee Hill Has Novel Exhibit

Yankee Hill is exhibiting for the first time at the Exposition. Its exhibit is one of the most diversified and interesting in the building.

The largest Indian basket in Butte County is shown heaped with fruit. This Indian basket, which was woven by a member of the Concow tribe, is due to be destroyed at the next burning of the Indians to be held the coming spring.

A miniature miner's cabin with a minor at work is shown. Back of him is the figure of an aboriginal Indian ready for attack. The scene depicts the days of Indian attacks in the Yankee Hill section. The figures were carved from wood by Miss Evelyn Hendricks.

Articles carved from serpentine by Sam Williams are also shown.

Ten stalks of gyp corn having a total height of nearly 100 feet and with an estimated 2000 kernels form the background of the exhibit. These stalks were all grown from one grain of corn.

Ore from the Surcease mine, fruit of every kind, vegetables that can not be excelled, also enter into the exhibit. This exhibit represents the work of Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Edwina Harding, Mrs. Mae Simmons, Miss Evelyn Hendrick and Gus Struebel.

Hail To King Cotton

Palermo has centered upon cotton for its exhibit. Cotton in the bale, seed cotton, growing cotton and cotton seed are all shown. The exhibit was installed by Horace Onyett and is one of the much studied exhibits of the fair.

Bangor and Avocados

Bangor's booth shows the change from a wild country to cultivated. Beginning with rocky tree-covered hills, the exhibit slopes down to cultivated fields.

Avocados and feijoas and enormous prunes are featured, but due attention is also given to showing that Bangor grows oranges, olives and all kinds of fruit. The exhibit was installed by the Farm Center.

Thermalito Clay Center

Faced bricks produced at the Table Mountain Clay Company's plant are used effectively in building up Thermalito's exhibit.

Thermalito again emphasizes again this year the enormous range of its horticultural production. The list of exhibits reads almost as a glossary of the horticultural production of the temperate and semi-tropical fruits. It is all there, and every exhibit is qual-

ity stuff. Credit the Thermalito Farm Center.

Central House

Central House, which dwells heavily on the fertility of its soil for annual crops, is displaying in the center of its exhibit a bouquet of vegetables in a pumpkin vase. There are 42 vegetables in all, and it is difficult to believe that as handsome a bouquet could be built out of vegetables. While emphasizing annual crops, Central House has just enough of fruits to show that it can grow anything that it wants to grow, and grow it well. Again our hats are off to the Farm Center.

Richvale, Rice, Raisins

The Richvale Farm Center shows its appreciation of the art of salesmanship by displaying rice of all kinds and adding to it a display of Richvale grown raisins just to make the rice even a greater delicacy than it is alone. That Richvale is becoming a raisin and grape center is not generally known, but this world is being told the story at the exhibit.

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Manzanita Some Pumpkins

That Manzanita is "some pumpkins" is proved beyond question by the exhibit of that prosperous section. A pumpkin weighing 194 pounds is shown, and this is labeled as a "baby" pumpkin. What a full grown pumpkin in Manzanita weighs, is not told. But in addition to its baby pumpkin, Manzanita has one of the most diversified exhibits in the building. The Farm Center again.

A Rio Bonito Meal

A complete meal with everything from soup to nuts could be furnished

from the attractive Rio Bonito exhibit. This exhibit, like a number of others of the river bottom section is an education in itself, as to the fertility of these lands, their wide adaptability to fruits and vegetables and their capacity for both quality and quantity production. The Farm Center takes the credit for the exhibit. It deserves it.

Back Genesis

And now, kind friends, we come to the Garden of Eden, with C. M. Burket in the role of the serpent. If the Garden of Eden had as good looking apples as Paradise has on display, no wonder that Eve was tempted and Adam fell. Mr. Burket who is in charge of the exhibit, is finding no difficulty in tempting both the men and women of this generation with those Paradise apples, and they are "falling" hard for them. Paradise has also on display walnuts so big that they look like cocoanuts, and fruits of all kinds. Here is where you get fooled. The Paradise Progressive Club is entitled to the credit.

Chico's Exhibit

Chico features Richardson Springs, undoubtedly one of the biggest assets of Butte County. The Chico Teachers College, also one of Butte County's best resources, is also featured.

Durham and Dairying

Dairying is the story that Durham tells. Good, pure milk, fed on fine alfalfa and from happy cows contented because their home is in Durham, is the message of the exhibit. The Farm Center did it.

Lots of Honey

The Butte County Beekeepers' Association has its usual interesting and instructive exhibit, showing the importance of the honey industry to Butte County.

Lest We Get the Swell-head

And lest we of Butte County should get too puffed up, Browns Valley over the line in Yuba County, showing that it can grow everything that Butte County grows, and in addition to that it shows an entirely new olive, named the "Lux" olive. The olive is larger than the Mission, smaller than the Barouna or Ascalano and said to be superior fruit.

And rubbing it in is the exhibit of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, one of the artistic exhibits of the Exposition, and also revealing the fact that Sacramento County as well as Butte County, can raise darn good fruit.

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12-19-1925

BUTTE INDIANS FORM AUXILIARY SOCIETY

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Dec. 19.—
Butte County Indians have organized an auxiliary to the Indian board of co-operation, naming Charles Belden president, Mrs. Andrew Smith secretary and Mrs. T. Walch treasurer.

W. C. Clark of Yankee Hill and member of the board of directors of the Indian board of co-operation assisted in the organizing.