

# Indian Valley Record

## 4-30-1936

The recently organized orchestra of Greenville, consisting of four professionals, rendered some new and old-time music at the "Dutch" Stampfli residence Tuesday. Bryan Beavers leading on his Hawaiian guitar, Miss Marie Smith with guitar, Katie Lou Stampfli on piano, and Lee Laufman with his banjo.

Oroville Mercury Register

5-4-1936

## Concow Baseball Outfit Defeats Oroville Olives

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Holding the Olives to three hits behind the pitching of Owens, speedy right hander, the Concow CCC camp baseball team defeated the Oroville Olives 7 to 2 at Bechtel field Sunday.

Harry Gilbert pitched four innings for the Olives and Jack Gilbert five. Pipehoff and Thompson did the backstopping.

Jurnegan, catcher for Concow, hit a three bagger and Les Turner, second baseman for the Olives, clouted out a double. Pepper Martin, Olive shortstop, performed one of the snappiest plays in the game when he went behind second for a ground ball that would have meant two more runs for the visitors if it had got by.

Next Sunday the Olives will play Live Oak, peach league team, on the Live Oak diamond.

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## **Russell Vaughan Is President Of Cherokee Cemetery**

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A meeting of the Cherokee Cemetery Assn., formally organized in 1872, was held Saturday night in the supervisors' room at the courthouse.

The first recorded burial in the Cherokee cemetery was in 1869.

At the meeting Saturday night the following officers were elected: Russell Vaughan, president; Wanda Wilson, secretary-treasurer; Thomas James of Cherokee, A. M. Wilson, and Lou Jones of Cherokee, trustees.

The association functions to perpetuate the pioneer burial ground and in connection with the property upkeep, will take steps to remove mistletoe to save the oak trees on the cemetery property.

The Chico Enterprise

5-13-1936

Dewey Conway

Jodie Conway

**ARROWHEAD**

**Indian Herbs Company**

1st Ave. & No. Ivy St.

Chico, California

PHONE 772

We desire to state at this time, that most of our patrons are people who have tried every other kind of remedy for their ailments and when we are able to have these people secure relief from the use of our herbs we feel that there is some merit to the herbs.

We desire, therefore, that regardless of what experience you may have had before with others, that you give our herbs a trial. A consultation is free and it may be the means of your securing relief when, as in many cases all hope had gone.

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6-5-1936

# Deadwood Youth Cut On Head In Bicycle Mishap

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**Y**ANKEE HILL — (Special) —  
Douglas Stevens, 11, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stevens of  
Deadwood, was badly bruised this  
week when the bicycle he was  
riding ran off a curve on the Nel-  
son Bar road and threw the boy  
over the grade.

The accident happened when  
the chain on the bicycle broke  
causing the rider to lose control.  
The boy was thrown to the ground  
striking his head. He cut his  
head badly and injured one eye.  
It was at first thought that he  
might lose the sight of an eye.  
He has returned to his classes at  
the Concow school.

Oroville Mercury Register

10-2-1936

# Boy Fractures Bone In Arm

YANKEE HILL — Dickie Odneal suffered a fracture of both bones in one arm while playing on the rings at the Concow school recently.

He was taken to the Oroville hospital for treatment. He is now able to return to school. This is the second time he has suffered a fracture of his right arm in the last few months.

# Oroville Mercury Register

10-2-1936

## Delay Thayer Court Hearing

### Yankee Man Faces Trial On Fire Charge

Paul Thayer, 56-year-old Yankee Hill miner, was arraigned late yesterday before Harry Hills, justice of the peace, on charges of setting the Surcease mine fire last Saturday.

With bail set at \$5000 cash or \$10,000 in bonds, preliminary hearing on the case was postponed until Thayer could obtain an attorney.

W. E. Duncan, who conferred with Thayer, said this morning that he would probably accept the case.

Thayer was questioned today by Sheriff A. S. Kister and deputies following his arrest Thursday evening by Miles H. Young, state forest ranger.

Identified by witnesses as the man they had seen near the fire shortly after it started, according to officers, Thayer denied having been in the vicinity of the blaze.

Thayer was arraigned under section 600 of the state penal code having to do with setting fire to

property not, the subject of arson. It carries a penalty of 1 to 10 years in the state penitentiary.

The arrest followed investigation of the setting of the most disastrous series of fires Butte county has seen in many years. Officers continued to press inquiries today after the Swayne lumber mill fire last night.



# King, William H. Oroville Mercury 10-6-1936

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## Wm. H. King, Pulga Resort Owner, Passes

William Henry King, 61, a resident of Butte county since 1903, died at his home at Pulga Sunday at 2:15 p. m. after four years of illness. He had retired from his many duties several years ago due to failing health. Death resulted from a heart attack.

Born at Mechanicsville, N. J., Mr. King came to Oroville from the east in 1903. Here, he built the first telephone line between Oroville and Quincy. In 1904 he went to Pulga where he had charge of 365,000 acres of mining land owned by the North California Mining Co. Part of his job was to attend to the annual assessment work on the claims.

He was a mining agent there until 1912 when he took over the store operated by the company at Pulga. On Jan. 1, 1914, he filed a homestead at Pulga where he resided until the time of his death.

The homestead embraced 61 acres mostly with slopes of 6 to 10 per cent. Originally it was covered with brush and timber but King went to work diligently and cleared it. Then he installed his own irrigation system, electric light plant, sawmill, operated by water power, and in addition to running cattle in the forest, had his own ice plant and killed and butchered cattle.

He had ten acres under cultivation to berries and garden produce for which he developed a market throughout the canyon. He milked 15 cows and with the cream made his own ice cream of which he sold as high as 50 quarts a day to passengers on Western Pacific trains.

As he continued to develop his land, he planted out walnut trees on a portion of the homestead. He made his own box shook which he used in shipping his produce.

Adding so the duties of running his ranch and rearing a large family, Mr. King operated a hotel and resort and store and post office at Pulga.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary J. King and the following children: Raymond of Pulga, Mrs. Lillian La Fleur of Pulga, Mary Edna King of Oakland, Wm. H. King Jr. of Termo, Calif., Mrs. Philip Duffy of Corning, Mrs. Frances Eckart of Oroville, and one granddaughter, Phyllis Marie Duffy.

He was a member of Table Mt. Lodge No. 124 F. and A. M. of Cherokee, Junior Order United American Mechanics of Belmar, N. J., and also Knights of Golden Eagles of Spring Lake, N. J.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. at Hamilton and Rileys under direction of Cherokee lodge. The body will be taken to Sacramento for cremation.



## Judge Guilty Of Selling Indians Rum

**Mono Man Given 8 Months  
In Jail, Fined \$700  
After Federal Conviction**

SACRAMENTO — Climaxing a year's investigation by the federal government, Justice of the Peace Roy Tracy, 61, lifelong resident of Coleville, Mono county, late yesterday was convicted on all four counts of an indictment charging sale of liquor to Indians.

Federal Judge Harold Louderback sentenced him to eight months in county jail and fined him \$700.

Tracy was arrested Aug. 17 by J. Allison Moore and H. H. Quackenbush, government agents, who revealed they had been present at Tracy's auto camp and beer parlor on several occasions and had witnessed "wild drinking and petting parties, attended by all races and classes of people."

Quackenbush said:

"Once, after a few rounds of drinks, Tracy told us he had been bootlegging liquor to Indians for about 20 years. We sent him several warnings, but he completely ignored them."

The agents claim the judge, who has a license to sell beer and wines, purchased most of his liquor from A. A. Pitts, a member of the Mono county grand jury who is under indictment for operating a still. Pitts is scheduled to go on trial during the November session.

Tracy, who pleaded not guilty and waived a jury trial, contended that the government's Indian witnesses had represented themselves as Mexicans.

## PERSONALS

**BOB VAUGHAN** left recently for Oakland where he will attend a business school.

**MRS. H. E. HIGGINS** and Walter E. Higgins of Oroville are guests at the Clift in San Francisco.

**MISS MARGARET SEERY** of San Francisco formerly of Oroville is visiting at the home of Mrs. William Downer in Thermalito.

**EMIL HODAPP** of the Yankee Hill area was patronizing merchants here Friday.

**JIMMIE BURNS** of Chico has accepted a position in the meat department of a local grocery.

**MR. and MRS. GUS STREUBEL** were here Friday from Yankee Hill, transacting business.

**CLIFFORD YATES**, who recently returned from Alaska, has accepted a position in a local grocery.

**ROBERT SORENSON**, Oroville photographer, is ill with respiratory infection at his home in Thermalito. He is expected to recover in a few days.

**MRS. O. L. DAVIS**, who visited her mother Mrs. Henry Landon for a few days, has returned to her home in Carmel.

**MRS. ALICE KING**, who has been visiting her friends and former schoolmate, Mrs. O. A. Studt the past five weeks, left this morning to visit friends in Bakersfield and Los Angeles before returning to her home in Topeka, Kansas.

**MR. and MRS. ERNEST CROSS** and daughter Mrs. Oleva Owens have returned from a visit to relatives in Kansas City, Missouri.

**MR. and MRS. G. A. LOWERY JR.** of Graeagle visited Thursday at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Lowery.

**MR. and MRS. ARTHUR CRUM** of Chico visited yesterday with his mother, Mrs. Ella Crum.

# Feather Camps To Be United To Save Money

## *Haselwood Tells Plan That Will Increase Efficiency On Job*

Consolidation of the two convict camps now working on the Feather river highway about Nov. 1, was announced today by F. W. Haselwood of Redding, district engineer.

The merger of Camp 28 at Pulga with Camp 30 at Rock Creek will eliminate fixed charges enabling completion of grading on the highway during this biennium with the finances available, said Haselwood.

In a letter to the M-R. Engineer Haselwood tells of plans already made to complete the highway during this biennium which ends June 30, 1937:

### **Reduction in Forces**

"There has been a substantial reduction in forces in the two camps in the canyon. It is our present plan, on the first of November, to close Camp 28 and transfer the crew to Camp 30 which will complete the work remaining to be done.

"The work yet to be done to complete the grading is confined to approximately 9,000 feet between Grizzly Tunnel No. 3 and Rock Creek, and Tunnel No. 3 must be enlarged. It was not possible to work all of the equipment on this unit that has been in use in the canyon, and since our funds are set up to provide for maintenance of the convict personnel for a definite period, terminating June 30, it is necessary that our force be reduced to a size that can be carried for that period with the finances available.

### **To Reduce Overhead**

"The elimination of Camp 28 will materially reduce overhead and a number of fixed charges. The saving brought about by this consolidation appears to be the only way that we can assure completion of the grading during the current biennium with finances available.

"Before this road is in a condition for continuous use, considerable oiling will be required, including a light surface treatment on all of the road on which a light dust oil has now been applied. Funds for this oiling will not be available until they are provided by the legislature in the next budget.

### **Oiling Done By Aug. 1**

"Inasmuch as this oiling work will cover the entire length of the road, it does not seem advisable to declare it open for the public use until the oiling has been completed. If it were declared upon, it would virtually have to be closed during the oiling period. Contingent upon the action of the legislature in making the funds for the next biennium available in the early summer, it is possible, if the oiling can be started late in May, it can be completed by the first of August.

"Yours very truly,

"F. W. Haselwood.

"F. W. Haselwood, District Engineer."

# Opening Of Highway Set For Aug. 1st

Verification of a previous report that the Feather River highway cannot be opened by the end of present biennium, June 30, was received from Earl Lee Kelly, state director of public works, today by the Mercury.

Kelly said that the opening cannot be accomplished before Aug. 1.

"From the looks of the situation now I do not see how we can get the Feather River Canyon highway open before Aug. 1," Kelly said in the letter. "A certain amount of money was budgeted during the present biennium and no more can be obtained, and we must keep our work within the present funds which have been budgeted and are available.

"I have tried to do everything I could to get this highway opened but it seems as if one hurdle after another has to be topped, and I am just as anxious as you are or any other citizen of Oroville that this road be opened at the earliest possible moment.

"As I see the situation at the present time, provided the legislature will adjourn in May, as is the usual custom, I believe the road can and will be finished on Aug. 1, barring unforeseen difficulties."

# Fred Tebbe Recalls How "Chinee Doc" Cured Brother At Deadwood Hostlery

Deadwood, near Yankee Hill, is just a name to most people but to Old Timers it recalls the days when "Chinee Doc" was the talk of the country side. Dr. Fred H. Tebbe of Oakland, whose father befriended the Chinese, and who was regarded as the founder of Deadwood, gives his recollection of the place as it was in the seventies and eighties. This story follows in his own words:

By FRED H. TEBBE, M. D.

About 1875 Gernardt Tebbe and family moved into the old Deadwood home. George, the eldest son, had fallen and slightly bruised his thigh. The injury had far reaching consequences. In a few weeks the leg began to swell and gradually grew more and more tender and painful. The boy was taken to many doctors without benefit. His knee flexed till he could no longer touch the foot to the ground and he went to school for many months on crutches.

The elder Tebbe had been a miner all his life. He came to California in the gold rush days, and spent most of his life mining on the old Feather River, at Big Bar on the North Fork, and at Flea Valley he dug out the gold and sunk it again looking for more. At Deadwood he farmed a little, worked for the Cherokee Gold Mining Co., tending ditch during stormy weather, and at other times mined in Deadwood Creek near his home. While engaged in the latter capacity one day, a Chinese came along looking for work, and as Tebbe needed help, he gave him employment.

## "Chinee Doc" Arrives

This Chinese was Ah Sang—the Chinese doctor whose reputation in a few short years spread throughout the state and to different parts of the United States through the reports of friends who had come to him with their chronic ailments, and had gone away well and happy.

Ah Sang was friendly and soon became greatly attached to the children. He viewed with pity the boy on crutches. He told Tebbe that he was a doctor as well as a miner, that he had studied the healing art since he was a boy, and that he would be glad to undertake the cure of what had been considered a hopeless case.

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The symptoms grew worse for a time, and then slowly subsided. The tendons relaxed, the swelling was reduced, and use of the leg was restored. He was cured—permanently cured.

## News Spreads Afar

The news quickly spread and from far and near came inquiries, and applications for treatment from chronics and so called incurables. The old home was small and there was no room for patients, so a new location, one mile west and on the highway was selected. The present Deadwood Fox Farm marks the site.

There was little money available and expansion was slow, but people kept coming and the carpenters had no sooner completed one building than they had to start another until the plant finally assumed the proportions shown in the picture, where accommodations were adequate for from 50 to 100 people counting those who camped in their own temporary quarters on the premises. These were busy days for the Tebbe family who fed and cared for this great number of invalids, and for Dr. Ah Sang who alone examined and furnished medical attention.

## Doctor's Procedure

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tion. He was ushered into a dimly-lighted room and seated at the end of a table near the corner. The doctor sat opposite him at the side. No history was taken and no questions asked. The patient's right wrist was placed on a small flat cushion. Carefully the doctor placed three fingers over the artery. He bent over somewhat, closed his eyes, and there as if in a trance he sat for 8 or 10 minutes in deep contemplation. He lifted one finger, put it down and lifted another, and so continued until satisfied with his findings. Then he took the other wrist and did likewise. The patient, tired by this time, wished the doctor to begin his examination, but was agreeably surprised when told that that was all; that he had gained all the information he desired, and so he proceeded to tell the patient what his trouble was and where his aches and pains were located. He was so exact in this that the patient was amazed and confidence was immediately established. After that the bitter teas and the big fat pills were taken with a relish and the patient went on to recovery without a hitch, for the medicines were harmless, the food good and the air superb.

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# 'Chinee Doc', Early Day Herbalist At Deadwood, Was Famous Over West

## Town Erected At Healing Scene

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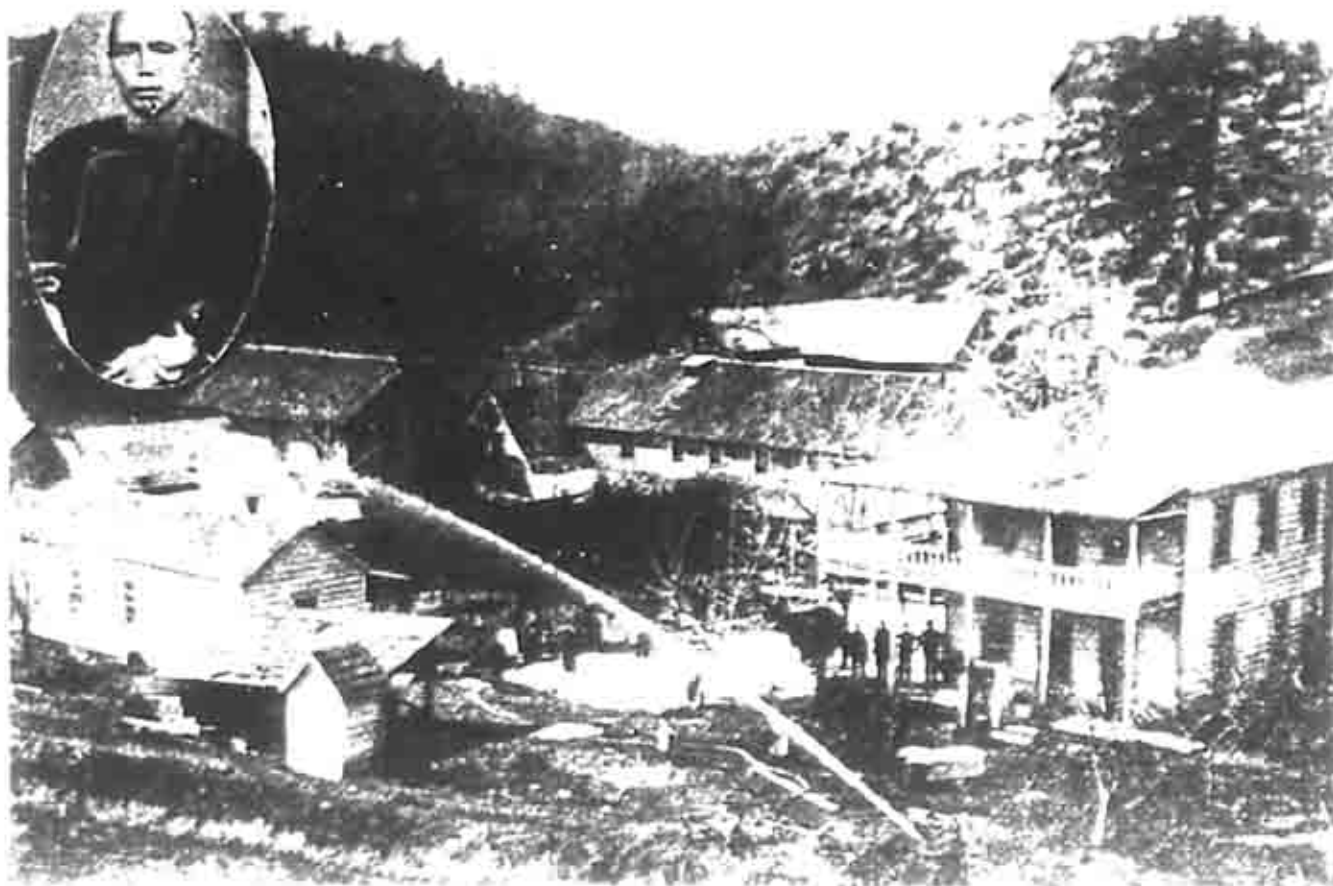
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## Where Dr. Ah Sang Relieved Sufferers



The scene above is that of Deadwood, the mountain health resort established by Gerhardt Tebbe, a miner, after Dr. Ah Sang (Chinee Doc) made it famous by his healings in the '70s. The original pictures are the

property of Mrs. Nellie Sweetman of Oroville, who once lived in that vicinity. Inset is a picture of Dr. Sang, whose fame spread after curing one of the Tebbe boys. The large building at lower right is the general hospital and

women's quarters. The building at the extreme left is the men's quarters. The structure shown nearest the inset of Dr. Sang is the old Tebbe home. In the center is the croquet court. Hundreds of people came to Deadwood to be cured of ailments.

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## Indian Woman, 106, Asks for Federal Aid

OROVILLE, Dec. 17.—Kitty Williams, 106, has decided to ask the Great White Father for old age aid. Not that she is helpless—she walks five miles twice a week to deliver manzanita cider, but she is eligible.

Kitty, the last of the Concow Indian tribe, has outlived two husbands. Her manzanita cider is used to sweeten coffee and foods. She also makes willow baskets to obtain pocket money.



Fresno Bee  
12-18-1936

## **ATTACK SUSPECT GETS BAIL**

**LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—(AP)—**Raleigh Fremont, middle-aged mining man of Yankee Hill, was free on \$1,500 bond today, awaiting preliminary hearing January 4th on charges of attacking a 13-year-old girl.

Young Bonnie Wrankel said Fremont, family friend, took her for an automobile ride and forced his attentions upon her. She fled to the nearby home of Ann Harding, film actress, for help. Fremont denied the girl's story.