

INTERESTING INCIDENTS OF EARLY DAY LIFE

Gardner Osgood of Bangor, has spent considerably more than fifty years in California. He came into the county in the spring of 1850 and was at the old town of Hamilton in July of that year. He went to Mesilla Valley, and on the way passed the magnificent spring of water on the Thos. Byrne place near Table Mountain. On his way back he missed that spring and as the day was warmer than most July days he was nearly famished for water when he reached Hamilton. There was a splendid well of very cold water and he knew he ought not to drink too much, yet he swallowed the third dipperful ere his thirst was assuaged.

He went to work on Long's Bar on the Yuba river and used to make an ounce a day and not work over six hours a day. The dirt could be washed under the shade of a tree so the heat of the summer was not so uncomfortable.

A man who owned a mine came into a little store one day and offered Mr. Osgood ten dollars a day to run a quicksilver machine. The latter refused, when he offered the clerk in the store the same rate of wages. The latter replied that he could make nearly double that mining and not have to stand in the sun all day so he too refused the offer. This bar was very rich said Mr. Osgood, in speaking of it, but it was soon covered up by tailings from hydraulic mines. The land is now forty feet deep with tailings, but all the bar has been bought by W. R. Hammon, who will build dredgers to mine it to a depth of seventy-five feet.

"I came over into Butte," said Mr. Osgood, "in 1851 and mined at what was then known as Bagdad, some distance below Oroville. Three of us worked together. We hauled the dirt on a dump cart, drawn by a horse to our quicksilver machine and one man operated that while the two others mined and hauled the pay gravel."

"About fifty men were mining there, but many had the ague and we quit the place lest we should get sick and went to Butte Creek, where we concluded to hunt antelope and elk, of which there were thousands. One of my partners was a little Dutchman, who drove the dump cart. The night we got to Butte Creek we killed two antelopes and the next morning two more, and sent the Dutchman to Hamilton with the meat. When he got back we had killed four more, and sent these in the next day, but the town was small, and we found we had glutted the market.

"We quit there and went to Yankee Flat, near Natchez, which was quite a flourishing place. I got acquainted there with a Dr. Dustan and camped with him a part of the time. I remember one morning that he and I were going to work together, when we passed a man sitting at the door of his tent. He was suffering badly with the toothache, and wished the Doctor to look at it. 'You will have to have it pulled,' said the Doctor. 'I would,' said the man, 'if anybody had the pullekens.' 'Well, I have the pullekens,' laughed the Doctor, so went back to camp and got a pair of turnkeys and

took out the tooth. It came pretty hard, but I held the man's head and the Doctor pulled out the tooth.

"I left there and went to the Moke-lumne river and then went to Trinity county and from there back to Butte. I had made some money in Butte for in 1851 three of us went up on Table Mountain and took out \$750 apiece in three months. While I was at Moke-lumne Hill I saw a man killed on the streets. A Mexican and a Chilian got into a quarrel. The Mexican turned away and was nearly across the street when his antagonist drew a large knife and taking it by the point threw it in such a way that the sharp point struck the Mexican in the back and the blade of the knife went through his body.

"Just before I went to Bangor in 1854 members of Joaquin's band killed two young men, who had been working near Bangor. The two men were going along the road, when they were caught about the necks with lariats and dragged to death. Their heads were almost pulled from their bodies, as they had been jerked over the rocks by the robbers who were on horse-back.

"Frank Vaughn, who was on the Coroner's jury, and Justice Calloway told me the sight was a dreadful one. The young men had been working for Tom Mallet. No one knew where they were from, but it was thought they came from the New England States.

"While I was in Bangor there came near being a shooting scrape, but it was averted. Two men had robbed the Catholic priest of \$300 in money and a gold watch that had been presented to him by the ladies of Marysville, and which was valued at \$350. He described the men well.

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"Mr. Calloway was the Justice, a man named Sewell was Constable and he with James Fox and L. Hyland, started to arrest a young man, who had come out of a saloon. Sewell was very tall and the other was a small man. Just as the Constable laid his hand on the shoulder of the man he was about to arrest another man named Jim Bell stepped up. He was wearing a long drab coat, and throwing this back and drawing a revolver said, "Take your hand off the young man or I will put a bullet through you." Sewell let go and started back for the saloon crying, "Shoot the men. They killed a man last night." A number of miners all armed, drew revolvers and would have fired had not a man named Jim Drake shouted out, "Don't shoot, don't shoot. They only robbed a Catholic priest." Bell grabbed the young fellow by one hand and the two started to run. There was dense fog that morning and in a few seconds they were out of sight. Sewell, Hyland and Fox followed them, but did not capture them. This was in the spring of 1857. There were about 400 miners at that time in the vicinity of Bangor, many of them working on the Blue Lead. The Frazer river excitement broke out about then, and nearly all left the place and did not return."

Mr. Osgood stopped at this point, but promised to continue at some other time.

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SCHOOL CENSUS OF 1904 COMPARED WITH 1903

Editor Slaven and Mr. Barnes of the Mercury spent an hour or more of hard work yesterday in digging up the data found below. It will be seen they made a comparison between the years 1903 and 1904 in the number of school children in the county.

	1903	1904
Antelope	17	14
Atkins	10	12
Bald Rock	24	20
Bangor	52	52
Bidwell	27	23
Butte	26	31
Central House	32	25
Centerville	40	38
Chico	1229	1356
Cherokee	45	40
Clayton	14	10
Clipper Mills	12	12
Concow	21	19
Cottonwood	8	25
Chico Canyon	20	16
Clear Creek	17	18
Durham	97	91
Dayton	97	69
Diamondville	23	31
Dredger	40	33
Evansville	25	23
Forest	20	17
Forbestown	83	73
Fairview	5	11
Fruitvale	20	20
French Creek	—	18
Gridley	234	233
Grafton	16	14
Homo	21	21
Hamilton	193	180
Honcut	68	86
Independence	—	101
Kanaka Peak	—	15
Kings	26	20
Kunkle	14	16

Landlow	21	20
Little Chico	17	24
Lone Tree	15	11
Lovelock	29	36
Lumpkin	18	12
Manzanita	18	19
Magalia	22	24
Meadow	39	46
Meridian	80	104
Mesilla Valley	34	36
McKay	—	17
Mooretown	26	13
Morris Ravine	11	29
Mt. Spring	22	19
Mt. House	13	24
Mud Creek	15	18
Nelson	37	34
Nimshew	36	41
North Point	21	13
Olive	36	33
Oregon City	41	34
Oroville	548	568
Paradise	105	93
Palermo	112	94
Parrott	11	13
Reservoir	20	18
Rio Seco	24	17
River	34	43
Rock Creek	26	28
Roe	28	30
Salem	22	29
Stoneman	25	23
Stirling	—	53
Thermalito	73	59
Union	31	32
Upham	23	17
Webster	44	43
West Liberty	26	34
Wyandotte	36	42
York	24	23
Yankee Hill	23	15
Total	4406	4667

ANNUAL REPORT OF
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

We take from the report of Superintendent R. H. Dunn the figures on the schools of Butte for the year ending July 1st, 1904.

The report was concluded yesterday afternoon:

Number of white children over 5, but not over 17 years of age, boys 2,298; girls, 2292; total 4590.

Number of Negro children over 5, but not over 17 years of age—boys 8; girls, 5; total 13.

Number of Indian children over 5, but not over 17 years of age—boys 32; girls, 31; total 63.

Native born Mongolians over 5, but not over 17 years of age—boys 9; girls 2; total 11.

Total number of census children over 5, but not over 17 years of age, 4677.

Number of census children that attend public school during the year, 3763.

Number of census children that attend private school during the year 35.

Number that did not attend either public or private school during the year 879.

Number of children under 5 years of age—white, 1538; negro 3; Indian 31; Mongolian 7; total 1579.

Native born children 6229; foreign born 27; total 6256.

Number of children over 5 that are deaf 4.

Number of children over 5 and not over 17 that have been vaccinated, 2802.

Number of grammar schools, 53.

Number of primary schools, 17.

Number of regular and special teachers, 108; male teachers, 16; female teachers, 92.

Teachers holding high school certificates 3; teachers holding grammar school certificates 104.

Balance of money on hand July 1st, 1903, \$12,168.77. Amount received from State apportionment \$36,177.65. Amount received from County apportionment, \$38,028.30. Amount received from district taxes, \$7,621.27. Amount received from sale of bonds, \$3050.12. Amount received from miscellaneous sources, \$708.52.

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Total receipts from all sources, \$97,754.63.

Amount paid for teacher's salaries, \$62,576.55.

Amount paid for contingent expenses, supplies, etc, \$12,388.45.

Amount paid for sites buildings and furniture, \$8,148.51.

Amount paid for library and apparatus \$977.34.

Total expenditures, \$84,090.85.

Balance on hand at close of June 30th, 1904, \$13,663.78.

Valuation of lots, school buildings, etc., \$180,348.

Valuation of school libraries, \$11,610.

Valuation of school apparatus, \$4,843.

Total valuation of all school property \$196,801.

Average number belonging to grammar and primary schools, 2695.

Average daily attendance in grammar and primary schools, \$2517.

Percentage of attendance 93.

Number of pupils in primary schools boys 1319; girls, 1182.

Number of pupils in grammar schools—boys 463; girls, 547.

Total number of boys 1782.

Total number of girls, 1729.

Total of boys and girls, 3511.

Number of days school was maintained during the year, 158.

Number of months same teacher has been in charge of school, 267.

Amount paid monthly to teachers, \$67.20.

Number of school visits by County Superintendent, 11.

Number of school visits by trustees, 220.

Number of school visits by other persons 1607.

Average cost per pupil enrolled in the primary and grammar schools, 29.08.

Average cost per pupil in High School 67.89.

The Gridley Herald.

May 28, 1904

INCORPORATION OF MINING COMPANY

A certified copy of the articles of incorporation of the Bangor Consolidated Gravel Company have been filed in the office of the County Clerk. This is the company which has taken up the Blue Lead property at Bangor and which for several months past has been busy getting things ready at Bangor for operations. The capital stock of the corporation is \$500,000, and the incorporators are Andrew Morrison, Oscar B. Miller and Andrew P. Morrison. The incorporation is taken under the laws of Arizona.

It is understood that this company proposes to do considerable development work on its mining property at Bangor.

Marysville Appeal

Jan 23, 1905

DIED AT MADERA.

The following notice concerning a former Butte county man, well known here, is taken from the Madera Times:

"William J. Darby died yesterday morning, January 22d, at his residence in the Hughes addition, after an illness of five days, from a virulent attack of septicaemia, following erysipelas. Deceased was born in Butte county fifty-three years ago. Besides his wife and daughter, he leaves a father and mother and three sisters and three brothers to mourn his loss. The remains will be shipped this morning to his parents, who live near Bangor, Butte county.

"Mr. Darby had for several years been employed here at the mill and was highly respected by all who came in contact with him on account of his kind and genial qualities.

"Besides being an active member of the Fraternal Brotherhood, he was a member of the A. O. F."



Wm J Darby

The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon from his old home. The Rev. Mr. Cole, of Bangor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Mr. Lewis, of Honcut. The remains were interred at Upham cemetery in the presence of a large number of sorrowing friends and neighbors, who had gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased.—Appeal.

STOCK RAISING IN BUTTE COUNTY

Gridley Herald
5-18-1906

The raising of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep in Butte County has been an important industry from the organization of the county. In an early day immense herds of horses and cattle roamed the unfenced plains, but as land became subdivided and settled the herds became smaller, although there has always been many head of horses and cattle raised in the county.

Stretching along the eastern side of the county is a belt of low foothill land that affords good pasturage in the winter season, and in this belt much of the stock of the county is wintered. On the valley lands a large quantity of hay is raised, and hundreds of head of cattle are fed for beef on the valley farms. But little hay is fed to sheep in the winter season, for usually the pasturage keeps them in fair condition.

Hogs are raised in all parts of the county, many on the valley farms, and others in the low hills where there is a good range much of the year.

The men of the foothills who make a business of raising stock follow the example of stockraisers in Italy and drive their cattle to the high ridges of the Sierras, where there is good pasturage for several months during the summer season.

Bangor, Wyandotte, Bidwell Bar, Cherokee, Pentz, Bloomingdale, are among the localities where men make a business of pasturing stock in the winter and driving to the mountains in the summer.

The summer ranges are partly in Butte and partly in Plumas county, and the altitude of these is from 5000 to 8000.

Central House, Honcut, Gridley, Biggs, Nelson, Durham, Chico, Nord, Dayton, and Oroville all are more or less stock centers. Near Gridley is one of the largest stock ranches in the northern part of the State. The Reyman & Evans ranch cuts and puts up about 7000 tons of hay each year, nearly all being alfalfa.

Sheep are pastured in the valley or in the foothills in winter and driven to the mountains or to the tule lands along Butte Creek or on the Sacramento River in the summer, but nearly all go to the mountains. There is not a woolen mill in the county, although thousands of sheep are raised in Butte and many more pass through the county each year on their way to mountain pastures. There is a good opportunity for a woolen mill in the county.

In the vicinity of Chico much attention has been paid to the rearing of blooded stock, both horses and cattle. Near Gridley and Biggs this industry has received considerable attention, but in the eastern portion of the county, where so many cattle are kept, no effort has been made to raise fine stock as a special feature.

Water has within the past year been applied to the rich plains about Biggs and Gridley, and in the future more attention will be paid to growing corn and alfalfa and to the rearing of hogs, cattle and horses.

The dairy industry of Butte is limited, and there are splendid opportunities for experienced dairymen to build up a big business in the county. Tens of thousands of pounds of butter are shipped into Butte from other counties.

GARDNER OSGOOD DIES AT BANGOR

PIONEER OF THE EARLY '50'S
PASSES AWAY AT HOME IN
THIS COUNTY FROM AFFEC-
TATION OF HEART.

OSGOOD, Gardner
Oroville Daily Register
9-25-1906

The sad news reached Oroville of the death in Bangor yesterday of Mr. Gardner Osgood, one of the best-known citizens of Butte County and a California pioneer of the '50's. The cause of death was heart trouble.

Few men have had as varied a life as has Mr. Osgood. Coming to California in the '50's with the gold-seekers, he came almost immediately to Butte County, where he mined for a number of years. From Butte County he went both to Australia and South America, returning at a later time to this county. A short account of his life is as follows:

Mr. Osgood was born at Caladonia Springs, Livingston County, New York, December 3, 1827. He removed to Rochester, Indiana, when a boy, where he resided with his parents until he was 23 years of age, when he left for California, via Panama, arriving in San Francisco May 14, 1850.

The following three years he mined at Rich Gulch, Calaveras County, and in the vicinity of Oroville. He also conducted a blacksmith shop in Oroville.

He visited Australia and from there went to Peru and Brazil, returning to Butte County in 1854.

He mined on the Feather River until May 14, 1857, when he removed to Bangor, where he resided up to the time of his death.

Mr. Osgood served as Supervisor of the Third District for four years, from 1874 to 1878, when he was elected County Recorder, in which office he served for five years, from 1878 to 1883.

He leaves surviving, his widow, Anna Osgood, two sons, J. C. Osgood, of Oroville, and C. M. Osgood, of Bangor; one daughter, Mrs. S. B. Johnson, residing at Camptonville, this State, three sisters, residing in Rochester Indiana, besides a number of grandchildren.

FRIENDS GATHER TO HONOR DEAD

FUNERAL OF MR. GARDNER OSGOOD WAS HELD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FROM THE FAMILY HOME IN BANGOR.

The funeral of Mr. Gardner Osgood was held yesterday afternoon from the family home in Bangor. An exceptionally large number of the friends both of the deceased and of his family were present to testify to the honor in which Mr. Osgood was held and their sympathy for the bereaved family.

The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Thomas Muich, of Boulder Creek, who was assisted by the Rev. E. S. Robertson, of Honcut. The choir was made up of Mrs. S. E. Allen, Mrs. Henry Darby, Miss Mary Robertson, Miss Esther Allen, and Mr. S. E. Allen. The pal-bearers were Messrs. Frank Rowe, R. S. Kitrick, Robert Darby, G. W. Hill, Charles Turner, and Mr. Leal. The interment was in the Bangor Cemetery.

The service was both simple and beautiful. It was made doubly beautiful by the large number of floral offerings which friends had provided as a token of their esteem and respect.

With the death of Mr. Osgood passes one of the pioneers of Butte County, and one who did much toward the up-building of the county. The esteem in which he was held is evidenced by the fact that he was elected a Supervisor of the county, and at the expiration of his term in that office, was made County Recorder. Mr. Osgood leaves his widow, Mrs. Anna Osgood; two sons, J. C. Osgood of Oroville, and C. M. Osgood of Bangor; one daughter, Mrs. S. B. Johnson of Camptonville; three sisters living in Rochester, Indiana, and a number of grandchildren.

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Chico Record 1-30-1907

A marriage license has been granted to Jesse Newton Stattler, aged 28, of Bangor, and Margaret Gillett, aged 24, from near Bangor. The two are residents of the Dunkard Colony.

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6-8-1907

UNITED WORKMEN TO
FIGHT ALLEN CLAIM.

OROVILLE, June 7.—The Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen intends to fight the claim of Eugene Allen, the Bangor merchant, who has sued the lodge to secure the payment of an insurance policy of \$2000 held by John Berlin, who disappeared twenty years ago and of whose sudden departure no tidings have ever come to explain. The Grand Lodge in its answer denied that Berlin is dead.

Chico Record

7-28-1907

BANGOR RESIDENT DIES IN SHASTA COUNTY.

News reached Oroville yesterday of the death in Redding of Asa B. Livermore, until a few months ago a resident of Bangor. Mr. Livermore had been sick for the last few years, and some months ago sold out his ranch near Bangor and removed to Redding. There he died yesterday morning.

The deceased was about fifty years of age, and leaves a wife and two children.

It is probable that the interment will take place in Bangor. The details of the funeral have not been announced.

Mr. Livermore was convalescing from typhoid fever, but took a fit of hiccoughing, which lasted for twenty-four hours and ended in death.

Chico Record
8-11-1907

**NOTICE OF SPEC-
IAL BOND ELEC-
TION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH, AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4088 OF THE POLITICAL CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, A SPECIAL ELECTION IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BUTTE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IS CALLED FOR AND WILL BE HELD ON

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1907

AT WHICH TIME WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE COUNTY OF BUTTE THE QUESTION OF BONDING THE SAID COUNTY FOR THE SUM OF \$150,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING MONEY TO PAY FOR WHAT IS REQUIRED OF THE COUNTY OF BUTTE TO BUILD AND CONSTRUCT A BRIDGE ACROSS THE SACRAMENTO RIVER BETWEEN THE SAID COUNTY OF BUTTE AND THE COUNTY OF GLENN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, (SAID BRIDGE TO BE BUILT AND CONSTRUCTED JOINTLY BY SAID COUNTIES OF BUTTE AND GLENN), AT A POINT ON SAID SACRAMENTO RIVER, IN SAID COUNTIES, WHICH SAID BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHALL DETERMINE PRACTICABLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID BRIDGE AND ADVANTAGEOUS AND CONVENIENT FOR PUBLIC TRAVEL BETWEEN SAID COUNTIES, AND FOR THE INHABITANTS OF SAID COUNTY OF BUTTE; AND ALSO TO BUILD AND CONSTRUCT A BRIDGE ACROSS THE FEATHER RIVER AT OROVILLE, IN SAID COUNTY OF BUTTE, TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE FORMER BRIDGE ACROSS SAID RIVER AT SAID PLACE WHICH WAS DESTROYED BY THE RECENT FLOODS, OCCURRING IN MARCH, 1907.

The bond election precincts formed for the purpose of holding said election, the polling places therein, the places at which said election will be held, and the names of the election officers to conduct the same, are as follows, to-wit:

BANGOR.

Polling place, Slater & Allen building. Inspector, G. W. Hill; Judges, B. S. Lambert, L. E. Cole; Clerk, W. H. Robinson.

Chico Record
11-5-1907

BANGOR GUN CLUB TO PROTECT QUAIL

OROVILLE, November 4.—Bangor has been long renowned as the best district in Butte county for quail, and hunters in great number visit that place to enjoy hunting. The residents of that locality, for the purpose of preventing indiscriminate hunting and the extermination of the quail, have organized a gun club which will have a preserve covering an area of about twenty-five square miles.

FIFTY-CENT COR- PORATION FORMED

OROVILLE, February 14.—Articles of incorporation of the Bangor Gold Mining Company have been filed in the office of the County Clerk. The company is incorporated under the laws of California, and the principal place of business is Gridley. The capital stock is \$10,000, divided into 100,000 shares of 10 cents each. The subscribers are: William Brown and R. E. Taylor of Gridley, C. W. Slater of Bangor, I. Copeland of Alameda and A. A. Andrews of Oroville, each having one share, 10 cents. The company holds the championship for the smallest subscription of stock on record, as the total amount subscribed is "four bits."

These men are members of a company that worked a mine on the Blue Lead at Bangor about sixteen years ago. They encountered too much water to make the mine pay. The Blue Lead at Bangor is now being developed on a plan that drains the water. The syndicate is working the property night and day. It is very probable the members wish to buy the mining property of the above named men, and that the incorporation is to meet legal requirements, hence the small subscription of 50 cents.

Hill-McGregor

At a pretty ceremony celebrated Sunday at the home of the bride's parents in Bangor, Miss Bessie Hill of that place became the bride of Robert McGregor. Rev. C. H. Darling of Honcut officiated at the wedding, which was attended by only the most intimate friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The bride was attended by Miss Whittler Turner, while Robert A. Hill, brother of the bride, supported the groom.

After the ceremony, a sumptuous wedding repast was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. McGregor drove to Oroville. They will spend their honeymoon in San Francisco.

Both the bride and groom are known to a host of friends, who will extend their best wishes and congratulations. The bride has resided in Bangor with her parents and has a large circle of friends throughout this portion of the county. The groom is principal of the Bangor public school and is a member of the Butte County Board of Education.

Mr. and Mrs. McGregor will make their home in Bangor.

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6-2-1908

N. Lambert, superintendent of the Big Blue Lead Mining Company, operating near Bangor, spent the last few days at his old home at Nimsheew, returning to his duties at Bangor today.

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The Big Blue Lead Mining Company, which has been doing development work on property in the Bangor district, has taken up its options and will start at once on active mining.

Chico Record
10-7-1908

BORN.

ROWE—At Bangor, Cal., October 2d,
1908, to the wife of F. S. Rowe, a son.

OSGOOD—At Bangor, Cal., September
25 1908, to the wife of C. M. Osgood, a daughter.
