

Weekly Mercury

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E. McGrath of the Defiance Quartz Mill at Oregon City informs us that he has found a rich vein there and the chances are that he will develop a bonanza. We hope so, for he has stayed with it and deserves success. There is no doubt that the vicinity of Oregon City has many fine quartz ledges.

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Geo. Strang, from Big Bend, left at our office this afternoon some specimens of rock taken from the Louisiana Mine, at Oregon City, the rock is finely speckled with gold, and our informant says that there is lots of it in sight.

Chris. Mortensen, who lives below town, on Feather river, found, the other day, a human skeleton in an old tea jar, buried under a pile of tailings. The skull had a hole in it, as if it had been struck a very severe blow. It is supposed to be the skeleton of a murdered Chinaman.

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The locomotive for the Big Bend Tunnel should be here this week. We learn that after being used in the tunnel till the latter is completed, it will be placed on a track extending along Feather river and haul lumber and other supplies when the company begin work in the bed of the stream.

The quartz mills at Oregon City are both running and the rock is paying as well as the owners expected. Water is needed to enable them to crush ore to the full capacity of the mill.

Quartz Mining in Butte.

During the past twenty years quartz mining in Butte never was so prosperous as it is to-day. Two new mills are in successful operation at Oregon City, and a third will be built this summer. One new mill is being built at Forbestown and a second will be put up ere fall. Parties near Enterprise are developing the richest mine in Butte. Near Buckeye, San Francisco parties have bonded three ledges and will prospect them thoroughly. Near Yankee Hill there are several rich ledges. On one of them we learn that a mill will shortly be built. At Bloomer Hill, at Magalia, and at or near Lovelock still other ledges are being prospected and developed.

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Mrs. G. H. Stout, who is one of the best teachers in the county, closed her fourth term of school at Yankee Hill last Friday. The school patrons and friends of the teacher celebrated the event by a dance in the schoolhouse and a supper at Mrs. M. H. Wells' hotel. All had a very happy time and kept up the dance till four on Saturday morning.

The Standard Gold Co., will shortly re-open one of the Oregon City quartz mines that was worked thirty-two years ago and paid splendidly then. It is believed that with the improved means for working ore that it can be made to pay fabulous dividends. Thos. Graner will be the superintendent.

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Rich Mines.

Many years ago when quartz mining was in its pristine glory in Butte, the Oregon City mines were among the richest in the State. Fabulous sums were taken from them and it was confidently asserted that if better and stronger pumping machinery had been placed upon them so as to keep down the water these mines would have been worked for many years. Now they are being opened by a large company and it is thought they will pay excellently. On Saturday the following parties who are interested in these mines came up from Woodland, H. C. Gable, J. F. Fink, A. Barney and Wm. Goeggel and on Sunday in company with E. McGrath. A. T. Graner, J. N. Friesleben and E. P. Farnham all of whom are stockholders in the mines, visited Oregon City and inspected the work that had been done. It is reported that they were highly pleased with the work so far and believe they have a bonanza in the property they own at that place.

DEATH OF W. C. HENDRICKS

He Passes Quietly Away to the Other Shore.

A telegram from Thomas P. Hendricks this morning, brought the sad news of the death of his brother, William Chalmers Hendricks, at his home in Sacramento. Deceased was a native of Pennsylvania aged 67 years. The sad news of the death of this honored citizen was not unexpected, as his disease, which was an abscess in the head, had baffled all the skill of his physicians, and after several days of unconsciousness death came to his relief. His family and his brother were constantly in attendance on him, but all the kindly ministrations of loving affection availed nothing.

W. C. Hendricks was a pioneer of Colusa, but afterwards removed to Butte county and engaged in mining in Oregon City, where the famous Hendricks mine was located. It was he who located and built the famous Hendricks ditch, a stream of water which was lately secured by Major McLaughlin.

In the politics of the State Mr. Hendricks took a prominent part and in the twentieth and twenty-first sessions of the legislature he represented Butte and Plumas counties. In 1886 he was nominated by the Democratic State Convention for Secretary of State, and his popularity secured his election, while the balance of the State ticket was defeated.

He also held the position of State Prison Director of several years, and by his study of penology introduced many new rules for the benefit of prisoners.

Mr. Hendricks leaves a wife and five children and hosts of friends all over the State to mourn his loss.

The announcement of the funeral will be made later.