

NISBET, John

Oroville Register

5-9-1895

Death of John Nisbet:

John Nisbet of Oregon City, after a two months illness, died on Saturday last. He was of Scotch birth and seventy-three years of age. He left the Atlantic States and after an extensive trip through Central America and Mexico he reached California on board the schooner Constellation on July 4th, 1849, and we think made Butte county his home during all the intervening years. He left a widow and seven children to mourn his loss. Two of the children, John and Miss Belle, are living in Colorado, but the other five are at home. He was a remarkably well read and well informed man and was thoroughly posted on mining, mineralogy and kindred subjects. He was of strong and positive mind and like most of his race loved argument. He was a kind father, a loving husband, a true and upright citizen and died respected and esteemed by all his friends and acquaintances. His remains were interred at Oregon City on Tuesday of this week.



John Nisbet

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How to Locate a Claim.

To make a quartz location after July 1st, the prospector must sink a hole at least ten feet deep to solid formation, must have at least one well defined wall, and must stake his ground so that the stakes can be found. The notice of location must be placed in a conspicuous place at the discovery shaft—not on some stump or tree in the neighborhood. He is allowed ninety days to do this work. If he re-locates an old prospect hole, he is required to sink it at least ten feet deeper than when he first found it, and stake and record his location the same as though it was an original discovery. If he runs a tunnel it must be at least ten feet long, so as to determine the fact that a vein supposed to carry the precious metals has been discovered.--*The Mining Review.*

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Cherokee now lighted by candles and coal oil lamps was the first place outside of San Francisco in California to have an electric plant. When the mine was closed by litigation the electric plant was allowed to go to destruction and now lies in ruins in the big mine.

Standard Booming.

The owners of the Standard mine evidently mean business. H. C. White of Oregon City was in town yesterday and said there were forty men at work in the mine, the mill and on outside labor. The big shaft is now down about 275 feet and will go down if all goes well, to a depth of 425 feet. The ledge is about four feet wide and the rock is good. Mr. Spangler, the superintendent, is an experienced electrician and expert mechanic and under his direction things move ahead rapidly.

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Mining Improvements.

Messrs. Francis and Knapp went to Yankee Hill yesterday where Mr. Knapp has had Patterson & Savage running a hundred foot tunnel on the Christie mine. It is thought that Mr. Knapp will at once go ahead with work on this ledge.

It has been reported several times that when Mr. Francis came up from San Jose this time he would come prepared to open the Louisiana mine at Oregon City and many anticipate that this will be done.

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Rich Rock.

Mr. Fred Deakin who owns more land than any other man in Butte recently visited Jack Lynch of Oregon City and while there examined some ore from his mine which is named the Golden Fleece. He was pleased with the rock and said he would have some of it assayed. "Don't take that," said Lynch for I will get you some better specimens. "No" was the answer, "this is good enough for a test."

The ore was taken to San Francisco and placed in the hands of an assayer. This week Mr. Lynch received a letter from Mr. Deakin and with it a certificate showing the rock contained four and thirteen hundredths ounces of gold to the ton, valued at \$85.41.

They have run an incline of thirty-five feet on the ledge, and have run a tunnel on the same fifty-five feet. The ore body varies from two and a half to four feet in width and the deeper they go down the better the ore becomes.

Game Plentiful.

W. H. Mullen was down from Big Bend Thursday and told us the fires in the forest had driven great numbers of deer out on to the roads and they are plentiful about his home.

His fruit crop promises exceedingly well this season as the pears and prunes that are light in other localities are quite heavy while the peaches, plums and apples are all good. He will have a fine crop of figs and of French walnuts.

OREGON CITY ECHOES.

Gathered in by the Regular Correspondent of the Register.

The weather is much cooler and the sick are nearly all recovered, probably owing to the change of the temperature.

Many of our young people attended the dance at Cherokee Wednesday evening. All had a most enjoyable time. We hope this will be the opening of the season.

Mrs. Hengy visited friends near Cherokee this week.

J. Francis, B. Thayer and J. Everlith passed through our city on Tuesday on their way to the I X L mine at Jordan Hill.

Telephone connections are being put in from Cherokee to the office and mill of the Standard mine.

Geo. James attended the dance last evening. We do not know whom he escorted, unless it could have been his brother Dan.

Miss Tina Strang of Lincoln, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. D. Brandt of Oroville, and is expected up here to visit her father this week.

Mr. Teggart, representing a Philadelphia clothing establishment, visited our city this week.

Mrs. William Wilson, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Nesbit of the Banner mine, has returned to her home near Cherokee.

Henry White is erecting a residence. Are you in it too, Henry? Who is she? Bring her around and introduce her, won't you?

Who is it that is going to purchase a surrey? Don't forget your old friends. You know we think a great deal of you.

Miss Eva Hengy of Oroville, is expected home to spend a few days.

Rich Jones, who is hauling wood to the Standard mine, met with a slight accident the other day, breaking some portion of the wagon but doing no serious damage.

It is reported that the Standard has struck a new shute of ore.

Levi Spangler, who has been sojourning at our burg for the past few weeks, has returned to Sacramento. We know he will be greatly missed, as he was a great favorite with the girls.

THE GOSSIP.

August 22, 1895,

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Mining Notes.

Mr. J. Francis who was down Tuesday from Oregon City said he and Mr. Knapp were sinking, tunneling and retimbering on the Christie mine at Jordan Hill. They recently had surveyed a lower tunnel to tap the ledge at a depth of 550 feet. They are now down 140 feet.

In the Louisiana mine at Oregon City Mr. Francis said he had been delayed on account of wood but that work would begin by the first of September.

He intends to sink the shaft 200 feet deeper than it is at present.

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Charles Hines of Oregon City, was splitting wood a few days ago by the aid of powder when his hand was badly burned. He caught cold in it and now the hand is much swollen and in bad condition. He was taken to the County Infirmary Monday for treatment.

Another new building is being put up at Oregon City and the lumber is on the ground for still another but we did not learn the names yesterday of those who are building.

The postoffice department has changed the name of Con Cow postoffice so that Concow is to be given in one word.

FOR A LONG TIME IN LITIGATION.

The Titles all Settled and Development Work Will Soon Begin.

Col. Frank McLaughlin is one of the leading mining men in this State who has demonstrated the merits of California gravel and quartz deposits. Not content with operating a single mine he reaches out boldly and seizes or makes great opportunities.

The immense mining property known as the "Golden Feather," the great "Banner Quartz Mine," and the "Golden Butterfly Gravel Mine," are some of the valuable properties under his management. He has done much for Butte but has now on hand a proposition that bids fair to eclipse all other mining developments in the county.

Those who know something of the mining history of California will recall the famous French banker Pioche, after whom the great Nevada mining town was named. Years ago he operated in Butte when Oregon City had twenty or more quartz mills and from the "Rock River mine" of that place he took more than \$150,000.

The ore was impregnated with arsenical pyrites and had to be roasted and for this purpose works were erected and operated.

Many years after his death in the detritus of these works and on the dump of the mine itself valuable specimens of sulphureted ore were found. When he died his property became involved in litigation and a keeper for the Rock River mine was appointed and continued in charge for years.

It was not discovered until the death of this old man that the property had not been patented. Then the present owners searched the records and examined the maps. A short time afterwards they covered the locality with mining locations.

Friday the initial step was taken by Colonel McLaughlin to develop this once famous mine, as a contract was let for the erection of a power house, hoisting works, blacksmith shop, bunk houses and other buildings. A force of men will be employed to clean out the old shaft which was sunk to a depth of 250 feet and to open and develop the mine.

David Daniels of Pentz, was the last foreman in charge of the property and he says the ore was exceedingly rich when work was suspended. The proposition of Colonel McLaughlin embraces much more than the opening of this single mine and is among the greatest ever begun in the county.

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OREGON CITY ITEMS.

A Budget of Interesting News Gathered by "Gossip."

Our town grows more prosperous every day, preparations are being made for the starting of the Rock River mine under the management of Major McLaughlin.

Dr. Hendricks of Cherokee, visited patients here this week.

Miss Ruby Malign of Cherokee, passed through here today on her way to Woodland where she will attend school this winter.

Taggatt, the tailor, is over from Chico delivering goods.

Mrs. Elizabeth Davis is quite ill; her daughter Mrs. E. McGrath of San Jose, has been telegraphed for.

E. W. Welden of Oroville opened school here Monday with nineteen pupils.

Miss Tena Strang who has been visiting in Oroville, has returned home.

J. Blaisdell is reported very ill.

Miss E. Williams and Miss M. Fratis visited friends here on Sunday.

E. W. Williams's residence is nearly completed. He and his wife will probably move in in a short time.

S. D. Martin the dentist, who has been doing work here for the past few days, has returned to his regular practice in Oroville.

Mrs. C. D. Brandt of Oroville, visited relatives here this week.

Gossip.

Sept 19, 1895.

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10-17-1895

OREGON CITY NEWS.

A Batch of Personals From our Neighbor Town.

The Standard mine is running in full blast; the Rock River mine is rapidly getting there.

C. M. Spangler is below on mining business.

Jake Fuqua and wife of Redding are visiting his brother George of this place.

N. W. Williams was down to Oroville on Tuesday.

Mrs. Castle and her brother George visited Flea Valley last week.

E. J. Strang's new barn [is completed and is being filled with hay.

W. J. Nile has returned to Oroville.

Frank James of Oroville visited friends here on Sunday.

L. Laster and family passed through our city on Sunday.

Miss Eva Hengy who has been visiting her relatives at this place has returned to Oroville.

E. H. Jones and family who have spent the summer in the mountains have returned to their home at this place.

Mrs. Charles Stroever of Oroville is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Hedge of Oregon Gulch was up on Wednesday.

W. S. Higgins is reported quite ill.

Frank Park of Oroville paid our town a flying visit on Monday.

Miss Jennie Davies who was sick has recovered.

Tena Strang visited her sister here on Sunday.

October 10th, 1895.

Concow Cullings.

From J. R. Scott who is down from Concow we gather the following items: All the hops in the valley have been picked, dried and baled and a small portion of the crop has been sold. Caleb Scott and Mr. Stone each lost several tons of hops owing to the rains coming early in September. Mr. Scott has about eighteen tons of very fine hops now baled and ready for sale. The hop crop in the valley was unusually good this summer.

Messrs Scott and Stone have been at work most of the season at their mine at Murphy Hill one of the highest peaks in the region and their mine paid very well during the time they had water. They will extend a ditch this fall so as to have a longer season to work in next year. Three men besides the two owners were employed in the mine.

Nearly all the cattle from the Gravel Range pastures have been driven down to the foothills for the winter.

Dave Jones came down from the Jones Brothers mine at Gravel Range and reports the mine as doing as well as ever.

Four carpenters are at work repairing the big dam at the lower end of Concow reservoir and it will take from ten to fifteen days to complete the job and get the dam in shape for winter.

Two men are working on the Christey ledge at Yankee Hill cleaning out the tunnel and getting things in good shape for a large force of men to be employed.

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OREGON CITY NEWS.

An Interesting Budget From Our Correspondent.

Many of the men at the Standard are mid off; but more will probably be put on in their places soon. This would be a fine chance for a column of mysteries if we only had "Witch Hazel" of Yankee Hill to write it up.

Miss Mary Maack of Morris Ravine visited friends here this week. She reported every thing quite lively in the Ravine.

Mrs. E. W. Welden of this place visited friends in Oroville last week and attended the military ball.

Geo. Castle of Flea Valley visited our town this week.

Mr. Jay and family of Oregon Gulch have come to make their home among us. We trust they will remain for a long time.

J. H. Brady and J. Ellis of the Standard went to Oroville on Tuesday.

Miss Belle Nisbet of Spring Valley drove through our city on Sunday.

Mr. Taggart the clothing drummer of Chico, is here.

We hear that Ed and Frank of this town have recently purchased a fine buggy horse so suppose they will grace the streets of this town in a "two horse rig" as they have a buggy and one fine steed now.

Gossip.

October 22d, 1895.

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11-7-1895

OREGON CITY NEWS.

Items From That Place by Our Correspondent.

Mr. Thos. Bath and Mr. Sanders from Redding visited friends in this town on Wednesday.

Levi Spangler of Sacramento is visiting his brother C. M. Spangler of the Standard.

Mr. Fox of Oroville is on a business trip to Oregon City.

The painters and paper hangers are very busy doing work on Mr. James' new house. It will soon be completed and the family will move in.

Mrs. E. W. Welden is visiting friends in Oroville.

All enjoyed an elocutionary entertainment given by Prof. Hamilton in the school house on October 25th.

Mr. Taggart of Chico paid Oregon City a flying visit on Monday.

Barton Hengy has been quite ill with malaria.

Mrs. L. Laster of Oregon Gulch paid friends here a visit this week.

Major McLaughlin, wife and daughter Miss Agnes and a party of friends visited the Rock River mine this week.

L. H. Castle's brother Darling is expected up from San Jose.

Will Strang's new residence is nearly completed. He will no doubt move his family to this town in the near future.

Misses Medinich and Merideth of Cherokee visited Miss Jennie Davies of this place last week.

Mr. West Snieder has evidently recovered from his recent illness and he visited friends in Cherokee this week.

The Misses Hengy entertained some musical friends Monday evening. All had a most enjoyable time.

Mrs. M. Williams of Cherokee passed through our town on Saturday.

Mrs. H. Davies who has been ill was able to go out for a drive on Wednesday.

A great question is being discussed, that is "Who is the handsomest man in town?" Mr. Oberian has so far carried off the majority of votes. So of course, he feels the distinction.

Dave Williams of Cherokee Flat visited friends here on Monday.

Gossip.

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OREGON CITY NEWS.

An Interesting Letter From our Regular Correspondent.

Everyone is preparing for the storms that are pending.

Misses Nettie, Jennie and Mary Davies and Messrs. Grumm-t. Johnson and Williamson enjoyed the "Black Flag" at the Union theater last week.

Miss Minnie Hodapp of Yankee Hill, has come to make her home here for some time.

Miss Dora Fisher of Oroville, visited her family here on Sunday.

Taggart, the drummer of Chico, is here.

F. C. Francis and W. S. Williamson paid Oroville a flying trip on Monday.

H. W. White has returned from the mountains where he has been rounding up cattle preparatory to the fall drive.

Mrs E. W. Welden has returned from Oroville, where she has been visiting friends.

The Rock River mine is booming in grand style.

Miss Maggie Lynch of Yankee Hill, spent Sunday with her people here.

Miss Emma Chambers of this place, is visiting in Cherokee.

The dead body of Chas, Campbell of Table Mountain, was found near the residence of J. B Smith. A Coroner's inquest was held and the verdict brought was: "Cause of death unknown." His nephews Chas. and Ed took charge of the remains. The funeral took place on Tuesday from the residence of Mrs. J. Campbell, sister-in-law to the deceased.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The tunnel at the Golden Butterfly is now in over 500 feet.

The big shaft is down in the Magalia mine 380 feet

Work on the Standard mine at Oregon City is steadily being pushed.

Everything is progressing rapidly at the Rock River mine at Oregon City.

A full force of men is employed at the Standard mine.

Twelve men are at work on the Rock River mine above Oregon City.

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12-19-1895

Colonel Frank McLaughlin Disposes of His Mining Interests.

Colonel Frank McLaughlin, one of the leading mining capitalists of California, has disposed of his interest in the Golden Feather, the Banner, Golden Butterfly, Rock River and other mines in Butte to an English syndicate.

In an interview Monday with a member of the Mercury force he gave the following details: "The changes in the management of the mining companies will be carried out by Edmund Harvey Managing Director of the different companies and when these changes are effected and affairs are running smoothly Mr. Harvey will return to London after paying me a visit at my home in Santa Cruz. George H. Evans who put in two months on the claim during the past summer will hereafter act as manager for the River Claim, Banner, Butterfly and Rock River."

The Colonel says Herbert W. Smith will remain as secretary for the companies while Mr. Geisse will remain with him. A. J. Walsh will continue in the same position he now holds in regard to the Golden Butterfly mine. Mr. Smith will be in Oroville most of the time and will look after the Colonel's personal interests here. Mr. Sanborn will resign after he has carried out some extensive repairs on the Miocene ditches and flumes.

Colonel McLaughlin will hereafter devote more time to his orange and olive groves, to his water rights and irrigation properties and will still continue to hold large interests in this vicinity.

The REGISTER regrets to see the Colonel part with his mining interests here for he has been the most successful man we ever had in the introduction of foreign capital and in opening and successful working of extensive mining properties.

His broad and comprehensive mind grasped the most intricate details and no work was too great for him to undertake. The planning of the Big Bend tunnel, the Miocene Ditch, the Golden Gate and Golden Feather mines, the reopening of the famous Banner, the development of the Golden Butterfly and the working of the rich Rock River mines are some of the properties which he has successfully managed.

Butte county and Oroville in particular owes Colonel McLaughlin a debt of gratitude for his loyal work for their best interests.

We hope he has business ties enough to bind him to old Butte for the remainder of his life.

BUTTE COUNTY MINES SOLD.

Colonel McLaughlin Disposes of His Interest to Englishmen.

OROVILLE, CAL., Dec. 23.—Colonel Frank McLaughlin, who has for the past sixteen years managed several mines owned by himself and an English syndicate, has disposed of his entire interests to the syndicate and resigned. Edmund Harvey of London has succeeded Colonel McLaughlin, and George H. Evans will be appointed resident manager, with headquarters at the Banner mine.

"I have sold to my English associates all my interest in the River Claim, Butterfly, Banner and Rock River, and also my interest in the Mineral Slide mine, which property they propose to open if certain negotiations are carried through," said Colonel McLaughlin to-day. "This sale enables me to take a rest which nature long ago warned me was necessary. Hereafter I intend to mix the golden fruit lands with the golden gravels of quartz in my business. My control of the Miocene ditch and its great possibilities for irrigation and power for electric light and railways, is in itself sufficient inducement to attract me outside of my interest in citrus lands and a firm faith in their growing values—a faith which started in skepticism, but is now founded upon the rock of close and unprejudiced investigations."
