

# May 26, 1855

## Butte Record

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### NOTICE

Is hereby given, that the undersigned will apply to the Board of Supervisors in and for the county of Butte, at the first meeting of the same, or as soon thereafter as the same can be heard, for a license to keep a Ferry across Feather river, at Ophir, in Butte county.

D. C. DOWNER.

Ophir, April 24, 1855.

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**NEW LINE OF STAGES.**—J. D. Forbes, as we learn from a handbill just posted, has started a tri-weekly line of stages from Long and Parks' Bars, on the Yuba river, to run to Lynchburgh and Ophir, on the Feather river, by way of Ousley's Bar, Brown's Valley, Prairie Diggings, Lincoln House, Kentucky Ranch, Wyandott, and Garden Ranch. The stages leave the Yuba on the mornings of Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, reaching Ophir about noon, and leaves Ophir on the mornings of Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, reaching the Yuba a little past 12 M. This line, we have no doubt, will be a great accommodation to a large portion of our traveling public.

# THE MARYSVILLE HERALD.

"EQUAL AND EXACT JUSTICE TO ALL—FAVORITISM TO NONE."

MARYSVILLE, YUBA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 9, 1855

## Feather River and Ophir Water Company.

A few days since we had the pleasure of viewing the Canal of the Feather River and Ophir Water Company, located in Butte county.

We were escorted over the entire works by Mr. A. F. Williams, the gentlemanly Superintendent, and Mr. J. E. Meacham, the able and energetic contractor. To say that we were profoundly amazed at what we saw, during our examination of the canal, and the country through and over which it is constructed, would but illy express our feelings on viewing the wonders of this creation of man. Indeed, we were dumb-founded, for we had not believed it possible, that any thing short of Omnipotent Power, could construct such a magnificent work, over such a country, in so short a space of time.

The works are truly wonderful, and the canal itself is a most extraordinary piece of art. Much of the ditching is cut through solid ledges of rock, and the excavating on the upper side of the mountain, for the first eight miles, is often from ten to twenty feet in depth.

A survey of this immense work was made about three years since by Mr. A. F. Williams, the present County Treasurer of Yuba county. He believed it feasible to construct a canal along the line of the present canal, so as to convey the waters of South Feather river to the rich mining country in and near the present towns of Ophir and Lynchburg. He labored assiduously for two years, to induce capitalists to take hold of the matter and push the works through. His labors in this respect were all in vain. Those who felt disposed to invest money in stock of this description, after examining the country over which the work would have to be constructed, pronounced it *impracticable* and denounced the undertaking as *chimerical*. This did not, however, dishearten Mr. Williams. He continued his efforts, and finally succeeded, in the latter part of the year 1854, or early in the year 1855,

to enlist one or two gentlemen—men of capital—in the undertaking. Books were opened for subscriptions of stock, the capital being fixed at \$200,000, in shares of \$100 each. In a short time the capital was all subscribed, principally by Marysville men; and, in February 1855, the first meeting of the stockholders for the organization of the company, was held. Capt. C. B. Macy, Ira A. Eaton, Esq., John C. Fall, Esq., M. Fuller, O. M. Evans and other gentlemen of Marysville and Butte county, were elected Directors, and Mr. Williams was elected Superintendent of the work.

On the 4th, 5th, and 7th days of April 1855, the lettings were made and the contract for the entire work was awarded to Mr. J. E. Meacham. On the 18th day of the same month, the first ground was broken, and on the 25th day of September, 1855—just five months and seven days after its commencement, the final estimate of the entire work was made—or, in other words, the canal, so far as Mr. Meacham's contract was concerned, was completed.

The entire length of the canal, including the branches to Wyandot, Ophir and Lynchburg, is about 37 miles. The main trunk is just twenty-two and a half miles in length; twenty-one and a half of which, main trunk and all the branches, were completed by Mr. Meacham.

The canal taps the south fork of Feather river about two miles above Stringtown, and about eight miles above the town of Bidwell. At this point a strong breast-work of heavy hewed timbers are thrown across the river, all of which are well secured with iron bolting to the bed rock in the river; thus forming one of the best dams we have ever seen in California. This breast-work, or dam, is about eight feet in height, and so constructed as to withstand the winter floods. It was built by Mr. Williams, he having secured the contract for building it.

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The water is taken from the river through a flume about thirty-six rods in length, seven feet in width, and three feet deep. It is built of heavy hewed timbers, and for strength and durability is not excelled by any other structure of the kind in this State. After striking *terra firma* the canal follows the slope of the river, passing over one of the best mining regions in all that country, and near the flourishing villages of Stringtown and Enterprise, to a point about one-fourth of a mile south of Bidwell, the county seat of Butte county. The canal at the point where it passes Bidwell, is several hundred feet higher than the town. Water can be conveyed from the canal to the town in pipes, with but very little expense. It is just eight miles from the point where the river is tapped to the point nearest to the town.

About a half mile below the dam, at the town of Enterprise, there is a tunnel, through which the water passes, about two hundred feet in length. It is a magnificent piece of work, cut through hard granite rock, much of which required to be blasted. The cuts at either end of the tunnel are about twelve feet in depth. The width of tunnel at the base is seven feet, height about the same. The canal, in the portions excavated, is nine feet in width at the top, with the banks sloped to four feet at the bottom; two and a half feet deep, with one foot of surface embankment. It is capable of carrying nearly twenty-two cubic feet of water. The excavating on the first five miles is through granite, a large portion of which was blasted. On the first eight miles there is about one mile and three-fourths of a mile of flumes, the larger number of which are on the sixth and seventh miles of the work. The flumes, as a general thing, are short and built of the best of timber and in the strongest manner imaginable. The timbers are all hewed and well framed together, and in many places are iron bolted to the mountain rock around which the flumes pass. For strength and durability they cannot be excelled.

At many of the points, passed by these flumes, it would seem an almost utter impossibility for a man to stand, and no man except Mr. Williams would ever have dreamed of constructing a canal over and around such a country, and we very much doubt if any other man than Mr. Meacham could have accomplished such a work.

The flumes vary in height from six to eighty feet, and any or all of them are sufficiently strong to enable a locomotive and a train of cars well loaded to pass over without any injury to the works. A portion of one of the flumes, on the sixth mile from the dam, is about eighty feet in height, and about eighty feet in length. It is across a mighty chasm which separates two mountains—and a man to behold the spot, would say that nothing but Omnipotent Power could make a canal over such a chasm. Yet, Mr. Meacham did it with human power; and to him and his energy must be given all the praise.

The frame work of this high flume is a most extraordinary piece of mechanism. First, an immense structure of frame work about sixty

feet long, forty feet wide, and forty feet high—built of strong hewed timber and well framed together—is erected immediately on the rock in the bottom of the chasm. On this structure the timbers are framed, forming, when completed, as we said before, a structure eighty feet in length, and one of the wonders of the age. After passing this point, the same flume passes around the side of the mountain about three hundred yards—the entire distance being on the outer edge of a bluff of rocks which are nearly perpendicular—and is from ten to thirty feet in depth. The grandeur of the scene presented to the vision at this spot, must be seen to be appreciated. We are incapable of describing it.

The timbers for the flumes were procured about eight miles distant from the works, and were conveyed at an immense expense to the top of the mountain; from thence, they were dragged down the mountain, by ropes and other machinery, to the line of the canal, in many places a mile in distance, and down mountains almost perpendicular. At points on the line of canal, it was utterly impossible to convey the timber to the mountain top above. In such cases, the timber was let down nearly a mile distant from the point where it was required, and trucked through flumes and the canal until it reached its destina-



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tion. For this purpose, a small Canadian pony and a dray or car, were kept constantly on the works. We had the pleasure of a ride over the high flume, from one end to the other, in company with Mr Williams, on the car. The pony was driven over in a fast trot; and the ride reminded us more of a railroad ride than anything we have seen or experienced in California. The whole line of canal, from the dam at the river to Ophir, is a magnificent piece of work, and will compare favorably with any work of the kind in the United States.

A direct line, measured from the dam to the lower end of the main trunk of the canal, would be about nine miles—the bends of the river and meanderings of the canal, after passing Bidwell, lengthens the distance to 22½ miles. The end of the eighth mile station, immediately opposite Bidwell, and the end of the fourteenth mile, are only one and a half miles apart. The distance is lost by the meandering course of the canal around and among the low hills above Bidwell.

At the end of 21½ miles from the dam, the canal leaves the river. At this point, a branch canal starts to Wyandot; distance, eight miles.—The main trunk is continued one mile further, to the head of Dry Creek. Here the water is emptied from the canal into Dry Creek.

About one mile from the end of the main trunk, there is a large reservoir erected, principally for the purpose of catching the night leakage of the canal and to secure the water of Dry Creek.—The embankment or breastwork of this reservoir is fourteen feet high and extends to either or both banks of Dry Creek. In the center of the breast work, and immediately in the channel of the creek, a heavy frame work is erected, with gates so constructed as to let on or shut off the water at pleasure. Immediately after passing through this reservoir, two branch ditches commence—one leading to Ophir, about four miles distant, and the other to Lynchburgh, about three miles.

Immediately above the town of Ophir, another large reservoir is constructed, capable of holding an immense quantity of water. This reservoir is eleven hundred feet in length and about the same in width, between the bank on one side and the bluff on the other. The embankment is from four to ten feet in height. At Lynchburg, a similar reservoir is constructed of equal magnitude.

The canal from Bidwell passes the celebrated works of the Rock Island, High Rock, and other river mining companies, and through a mining country below Bidwell, unexcelled in richness and extent by any other mining locality in the world.

The canal is of sufficient capacity to supply the entire mining region, in and about Ophir and Lynchburg, with water the entire year, and that too, as long as water runs in the south fork of Feather River.

It would require a ream of paper to do justice to this splendid work, and to write a full description of it and of the country through and over which the canal passes, and of the extent of the mining localities which can be supplied with water from the canal. Suffice it to say, that it is a splendid work and was an immense undertaking; and the whole country, from the head of the canal, to its termination, is one vast and never ending gold mine.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Mr Meacham, the contractor. We venture the assertion that no other man in California could have completed such an undertaking, in the same length of time, and have done the work in so masterly a manner. He labored under every disadvantage imaginable. It frequently happened that he was compelled to open roads, for miles in extent, over mountains of immense height, to enable him to get materials to his works. He employed, almost constantly, from 300 to 500 men on the work, all of whom were under his supervision and direction. He was constantly on the works, from early morn to dewy eve, directing his men and superintending their labors; and, from its commencement to its completion, he was ever active and vigilant. Mr Meacham is a gentleman of energy and talent, combined with remarkable quick perception. We can endorse him as a gentleman, in the fullest acceptance of the term, and a man well qualified to perform everything he may undertake. It is but justice to Mr Meacham to state, that the Directors of the Canal Company were so delighted with the work of Mr Meacham, that they voted him an extra allowance on his contract, of several thousand dollars.

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It is a remarkable fact, and one, too, worth recording, that, notwithstanding the immense number of men employed on the work, most of whom were Irishmen, not a fight, or row, or an accident of any note occurred. This was certainly owing to the superior management of Mr Meacham.

A great deal of credit is due Mr Williams, the Superintendent, for the able manner in which he performed his duties. The entire works were completed under his superintendence, not one of the Directors even condescending to visit the works until they were nearly completed. This carelessness of the Directors, was probably owing to the confidence which they possessed in their superintendent. If so, Mr Williams has the proud satisfaction of knowing that thier confidence was not misplaced. The entire canal, including dam, tunnel, reservoirs, and branch ditches, cost about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

We intended to give a short description of Ophir and Lynchburg, and the country in their vicinity, but owing to the great length of this article, we must postpone it until our next issue.

# October 11, 1855

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### Ophir—Oroville.

In our last issue we promised our readers a description of Oroville and Lynchburgh and the country around and about them; which promise, so far as Oroville is concerned, we now proceed to fulfill.

Oroville—lately known as Ophir—is situated about eight miles below Bidwell, on the left or east bank of Feather river. The site is a beautiful tract of land, which, we believe, was once occupied as a ranch. It is a level plain, having the river on one side and on the other a bluff, forty feet or more in height, extending a long distance. The land, at the spot on which the town stands, and for many miles in every direction from it, is filled with the precious *oro*, which will not be all abstracted until long after the present generation, and a dozen succeeding ones, shall have ceased to plague "the bowels of the harmless earth."

The name of "Oroville," we consider very appropriate and very euphonious, as we remarked in our last—though our neighbor of the *Express* dislikes it, and considers it rather foreign and anti-Know Nothingish—and is the official name of the post office already established there. It is a fine classical name, and every way worthy of the extraordinary spot that enjoys it. In sooth, Oroville is an extraordinary spot—or would be an extraordinary spot, anywhere outside of California, where towns and cities grow up as if by magic—and richly deserves a far more competent chronicler than we profess to be. In a few brief months—or, more properly, weeks—it has sprung from nothing into a big, brisk, bustling town. A smarter bit of a place—more flourishing and go-aheadative—is not to be found between Siskiyou and San Diego. Large frame buildings, which would do no discredit to San Francisco, have leaped into full-blown existence with the miraculous celerity of Jonah's gourd. Hotels of the best quality are there to be found. Three of these, which are justly entitled to the distinction of *first class*, are the *Union*, kept by Mr. Montgomery—the *Huntton House*, presided over by Mr. Huntton—and the *United States*, just opened by our worthy fellow townsman, E. M. Peirson, Esq., and Mr. Patton. There are two or three other hotels, all very excellent in their way, one of which is the *Hotel de France*.

The town can boast its full quota of drinking saloons, already in full blast, and several about to commence business. It has, also, its restaurants, its bakeries, its confectioneries, and its soda fountains. It has its blacksmiths, its bricklayers, its carpenters and joiners, its painters and paper-hangers, among the last named is our ancient and well beloved fellow citizen, J. C. Greene. It has, furthermore, a wonderful array of dry goods and provision stores. Physicians are in great plenty, one of whom is a very old friend of ours, Dr. McGuire, who associates a drug store with his medical practice. Strange as it may seem, though it speaks volumes in favor of the morals of Oroville, there are but two lawyers in the whole burg. One of them is our friend, Seneca Ewer, Esq., and the other Geo. C. Harney, Esq., well known to many of our readers by the *sobriquet* of "Our English Cousin." Both of these gentlemen are masters of their distracting but indispensable profession, and are as worthy of public confidence as any lawyers can expect to be.

Oroville has its theater—yes, its theater—erected by our former worthy-fellow townsmen, Messrs. Benson and Patterson. It is a neat, handsome building, fitted up with much taste, and capable of seating about three hundred people. The lower part is employed as a drinking saloon, superintended by the proprietors. The celebrated George Chapman Family were holding forth in the theater last week.

It is in contemplation to start a newspaper in Oroville, in a few weeks, to be the property of a limited joint stock company. The editorial and typesetting talent is already on the ground, and nothing is wanted but type, presses, and paper. We hope soon to have it on the list of our exchanges. Oroville will then have a trumpet of its own to sound its praises, and relieve us of a duty at once so delicate and so liable to mis-construction.

Oroville, take it all in all, bids fair to become one of the most important interior towns in Northern California, and is richly worth the attention of all freshly arrived immigrants. It is growing up with rail-car velocity, and on the arrival of the water in the newly built big ditch, it will grow ten times faster than ever. This event will occur in a few days—and then, if any body wishes to see gold mining done up in its briskest style, let him go to Oroville.



# THE BUTTE RECORD.

GEO. H. CROSETTE, Editor.

SATURDAY, ::::: OCTOBER 13

**SAN FRANCISCO AGENCY.**—We have appointed Mr. THOMAS BOYCE agent for the RECORD in San Francisco. He can be found at 97 Merchant street, and at No. 9, up stairs, Iron Building, northeast corner of Montgomery and Washington streets.

**MARYSVILLE AGENCY.**—The friends and patrons of the *Record* in Marysville are hereby informed that O. AMY & BRO. are our only authorized agents for the transaction of all business connected with our newspaper establishment in that city. All orders left with them, at their Book Store, on First street, will receive prompt attention.

## "Marysville Enterprise."

The California *Express* of Wednesday last, under the above caption, notices our remarks concerning the improvement of Feather River to Ophir and Marysville enterprise, and says:

"If new towns are springing up in Butte, which are already looking forward to commercial importance, it should be remembered that they owe their very existence to the capital and energy of Marysville merchants, and we may add, the very towns themselves are chiefly populated from our city. The feelings from our Butte neighbors towards us should be only that of kindness. 'Tis true we have been benefitted by their trade, but in return, have we not put forth our capital to develop their resources?"

So far as we have been able to ascertain, Butte entertains none but the kindest feelings towards Yuba. 'Tis true there is an occasional trader in Butte, who having been confined in Marysville every winter, during the past six years, until the expenses of the trip actually cost him more than the goods he was able to haul away, indulges in a grotesque smile when the public energy of Marysville merchants is spoken of, and actually has the audacity to insinuate

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in a kindly manner, that the said energy of merchants and capitalists, should render the slough, two miles this side passable. But the energetic merchants of Marysville, have not had time to think of these things during the past six years. There was no other point from which our population could obtain their supplies, and their energy and capital was expended in the erection of commodious buildings, and their slough enabled their landlords to erect magnificent hotels, and build up in an unnatural position a flourishing city.

Marysville is selfish. We say it kindly but plainly. The erection of brick blocks is not public enterprise. She does not co-operate with other sections in any of the enterprises of the day. She does not like the Sacramen'to Valley Railroad, and creates a great smoke about the "Marysville and Benicia Railroad. Although there have been several routes surveyed for a great thoroughfare from the Atlantic to the Pacific, as none of their routes touch Marysville upon their first entrance into the State, she rejects them all, and suddenly her energy and enterprise discover a better route—first, in the Brophy pass—secondly, in the Henness route. Instead of uniting with the citizens of the north in favor of the survey through Nobles' Pass, throws her influence away and permits the south to secure the road. Marysville is selfish—hopelessly selfish—in everything, from her unbridged slough to the great Pacific Railroad.



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We do remember that her capitalists are contributing to develop the resources of Butte, and in doing this they are but giving back her own. It is not because Butte has contributed to build up Marysville, that her capital seeks our county. Capital is not invested for considerations of kindness, but where it will prove profitable. Had equal opportunity offered in Yuba, no considerations of kindness, or what Butte may have done for Marysville, would have brought her capital hither. If we have inducements for capitalists to invest, it is owing to our position, and the wealth of our mines; and because we have the means of drawing capital and population from Yuba, does it follow that we should cart and pack our necessities from Marysville, that a great city may be kept up in a remote position, when a trifling expense will bring steamers to our doors, and still more of Marysville capital and population to our county. We speak thus of Marysville because her neglect to engage in the enterprises of the day, has driven her capital and population from her. If neglect to take stock in the Sacramento V. Railroad, sends that road through north of her, thus cutting off the trade of Nevada and the Yuba, Marysville is alone to blame. And when the railroad and steamers meet at Ophir in Butte county, we trust the energetic M'ville merchants will be there also. If they should not, but should be engaged in moving down on to Feather River that they might see the steamers pass to and from Butte, we will regard them with the kindest

feelings, and will endeavor to urge the capitalists of Butte to, not only bridge their slough, but also make a substantial carriage road to their delightful country residence.

## NOTICE

Is hereby given, that the undersigned will apply to Board of Supervisors of the County of Butte, at the next meeting of their Board at Bidwell, for a renewal of their license to run a ferry across Feather River at Hamilton.

WM. N. AKINS & CO.

Sept 13th, 1855.

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## NOTICE.

Is hereby given, that the undersigned will apply at the next term, A. D., 1855, of the Board of Supervisors for Butte County, for the renewal or granting to me of license to keep a Ferry at Nelson's Bar, on the West Branch of Feather River

CHARLES S. CURTIS.

Nelson's Bar, Sept. 7th, 1855.

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## NOTICE.

Is hereby given that I will apply to the Board of Supervisors for Butte Co., at their next regular session for a renewal of my license for a public Ferry across the Sacramento river, at Tehama. [43t] D. FINCH.

## BRIDGE NOTICE.

All persons interested, are hereby notified that we, the undersigned, will apply to the Board of Supervisors in and for Butte County, in the State of California, at their next session to be held at Bidwell in said County on the first Monday in November, 1855, for a license to construct a Toll Bridge across the Main Branch of Feather River, about one and a half miles below Bidwell in said County, at or near the junction of the North Fork of said river and immediately above said junction of said North Fork of said river with said Main stem or Branch. Said bridge is designed to connect the travel leading from Marysville in Yuba County via Lynchburg and Ophir in Butte County, to the American Valley in Plumas County via Jacks Ranck in Butte County.

GARDNER GOVE,  
JESSE B. EMERY,  
SAMUEL L. HUNT.

Bidwell, Butte County, Oct. 5th, 1855.

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OUR MERCHANTS should know that some of the traders, living in and doing business at Oroville, supply themselves with goods, purchased at Sacramento, and teamed from that city, through Marysville, to Oroville. So a gentleman, residing at Oroville, informed us yesterday. Can the Sacramento merchants sell their wares for so much less than ours charge, as to make it an inducement for purchaser from Oroville to seek their market? The cost of teaming, from Sacramento to Oroville, is surely greater than the expense of shipping by steamer from Sacramento to this city, and the hauling hence to Oroville. This diversion of the trade must, then, be owing to causes which are under the control of Marysville merchants. Such a liberal policy should be pursued with all the northern country, as to keep and increase our trade with that region, rather than lose any of it.

November 1, 1855

# THE MARYSVILLE HERALD.

"EQUAL AND EXACT JUSTICE TO ALL—FAVORITISM TO NONE."

MARYSVILLE, YUBA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 1, 1855.

OROVILLE, October 30th, 1855.

*Improvements—Introduction of Water—Hotels  
—Manufactures—New Theater—Stores—Ex-  
presses—The Big Ditch, &c.*

EDITOR HERALD:

Some partial accounts of the improvements of our flourishing town have recently appeared in your paper, but to keep pace with its rapid progress, you should be posted as often as once a fortnight; for the Oroville of to-day, is scarcely the Oroville of last week. With your kind permission I will notice, in as brief a manner as possible, a few of the enterprises which render this place so conspicuous among mining towns.

The improvement first in importance, to the immediate interests of our citizens, is the water-works, which Mr. Garriott, the proprietor of the Oroville Steam Saw Mill, is rapidly prosecuting to completion. The pipes will be laid down and the water introduced into town in about ten days. We shall then have an advantage which few places in California possess—an abundant supply of water. We shall then have little fear of fire, the great scourge of mining towns.

A distinguishing feature of this place, is its elegant hotels; of which the United States, by Messrs Pierson & Patten, and the Orleans, by Messrs Woodward & Lawler, are the principal. Where merit is so equal it is difficult to assign the palm.

In the way of manufactures, we are not behind the times. I have only time to mention the steam saw mill of Mr Garriott, which is doing a "ripping" business; the tin ware manufactory of Mr Brock, and the soda factory of Burdock & Monte. The latter, yourself and other teetotalers, who may chance to visit Oroville, will be glad to find in successful operation.

Although we have already a snug little theater, our townsman, Mr Morris, in anticipation of the glorious future which awaits Oroville, is building a larger and more commodious temple of the muses. It is capable of seating as many people as the Marysville theater. The stage is 26 by 38 feet, with dressing rooms and all the necessary accompaniments. The followers of Thespis need not be deterred from paying us a visit, for want of a suitable place in which to display their histrionic talents. Mr Morris deserves great credit for the self-reliance he has displayed in building the theater, undeterred by the forebodings of the careful part of the community. Enterprises which have the accommodation of the public for their object, must meet with success. I shall take occasion to notice this further when completed.

The principal merchants are Judge Myers, Snyder & Co, Matthews & Co, and Ewer & Crawford, all of whom are doing better than could be expected at this time—always the dullest season in California. We have also two drug stores, one of which, opposite Pierson's new livery stable, has recently been opened by my friends Randall & McDemott, two enterprising and well informed young men of Marysville. In the same house is also a little book establishment, well supplied with cheap publications, late papers, &c.

Several expresses are running daily to and from Marysville. The business is somewhat divided, but my friend E E Meek maintains the share of patronage which is due a pioneer expressman, in spite of competition.

It is to be regretted that some unforeseen accidents have so long delayed the introduction of water into the big ditch; but we are promised in a short time an ample supply of the needful element. With plenty of water we shall have plenty of money; for, without doubt, the mining region hereabouts, if not the richest, is one of the most extensive and certain in California.

There are many other matters worth talking about in and around Oroville, but as my unchecked garrulousness, has already led me to so great an intrusion on your space and patience, I must postpone further communication until some other time.

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## THE NORTH CALIFORNIAN.

C. G. LINCOLN, )  
S. L. SNYDER, ) ..... Editors.

OROVILLE.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1855.

## SALUTATORY.

Butte County is rapidly taking the front rank among the populous and wealthy counties of the State. During the last year her population has increased at a greater ratio than that of any other county, and her resources have been developed with equal rapidity. Portions of the county which, a short time since were wholly unprospected, now contribute largely to our wealth and population. The projection and partial completion of the South Feather and Feather River and Ophir Canals has already given an astonishing impetus to the growth and business of those portions of the county which they were intended to benefit.—Villages, large and flourishing have sprung into life as if by magic, and stores and cabins, are scattered over the whole country. Quartz mining is becoming an important feature. River mining is being prosecuted with greater system and energy than heretofore; and the agricultural portion (which is nearly one half the area of the co.) is receiving that increased attention to which its fertility and its superior facilities for a market entitles it. Improvement and progress are the characteristics of the day. Roads are taking the place of trails; bridges are superseding fords and ferries, and a canvass house is regarded as a relic of a past age. Society is improving, and churches and schools are flourishing. Amid the universal prosperity and progress, our newspaper literature alone has not kept pace with the times. When the county was poor and sparsely populated, when it had hardly a frame building, no roads, and no vehicles—when it had no churches or schools, and a long com was considered the miner's latest and greatest invention, we had one newspaper, and now that the county has become great and magnificent, with populous villages, elegant residences, fire-proof stores, and commodious hotels; with roads and post routes that radiate through every portion of the county; now that we have carriages and coaches, and will soon have steamboats, and

some time hereafter a locomotive, we have got no more. Thinking under these circumstances that there was a good opening for a newspaper, we have commenced the publication of the NORTH CALIFORNIAN. We have received assistance from friends residing in different parts of the county, that a journal, independent in politics, and devoted to the Mining and Agricultural interests, that will foster a correct public sentiment, and give a faithful record of the events of the county as they transpire, is needed and will receive a liberal support. We shall endeavor to conform to these suggestions in every particular. Every enterprise calculated to develop the resources of the County will receive our hearty support, and can at all times command the use of our columns. We wish to see the settler secured in all his just and equitable rights. We shall advocate the earliest possible equalization of the representation in our State Legislature; and we will give our humble assistance to all schemes for facilitating emigration, and for increasing our permanent population. We have secured the services of able correspondents in the principal cities, and in many of the mining towns, and shall also have a correspondent at the Capitol during the session of the Legislature. In politics our views are peculiar. We believe that the Democracy have robbed the State by receiving exorbitant salaries, by creating unnecessary offices, by protracted legislation, and by pickings, stealings, and fat contracts, and the thousand and one ways known only to the initiated; and we believe the Know Nothings will continue to rob her in the same way. We look upon this state of things as the natural and unavoidable consequence of our present anomalous condition; and until we have a permanent population, who take some interest in the prosperity and reputation of the State, and will hold their representatives and officials to some accountability, there is no remedy. Entertaining those views, we shall not devote two or three columns of each paper, replete with abuse and billingsgate, to prove that the Democracy or the Know Nothings monopolize all the virtue and respectability in the State. We rejoice, however, over the late Know Nothing victory, as a change can hardly be worse, and may ameliorate our condition. If the American party will but approximate to honesty and economy in legislation and administration, we shall be glad to see them maintain their supremacy; if not, we shall cordially assist in their overthrow. By pursuing the course foreshadowed in this article, and by strict attention to business, we hope to live ourselves and do the community some service.



# THE NORTH CALIFORNIAN.

C. G. LINCOLN, )  
S. L. SNYDER, ) ..... Editors.

## OROVILLE.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1855.

**OROVILLE OR OPHIR.**—As there seems to be considerable difference of opinion among our citizens as to which is the legitimate name of our town—Ophir or Oroville—the former being the one applied to it when it was but a one-horse village, and the latter being the name of the post-office—we would suggest the propriety of their meeting at some proper time and place to settle the matter.

**BANK EXCHANGE.**—This splendid saloon was thrown open to the public on Saturday evening last, by our young friends Charley Brown and Hank Hunt. It is a nice, cosy place at which to spend an hour or two. Their billiard tables are excellent ones; and as for the liquors, why—but we are no judge. We hope some day to hear the enterprising proprietors announce that they have made their piles.

**GLORIOUS NEWS FOR THE MINERS.**—We are happy to announce to our readers that the water has at length reached this place, through the Ophir and Feather River Water Co.'s ditch, and is now running into their large reservoir.—Get ready, boys.

**RACE.**—A race came off yesterday over the Lynchburg Course, between the "Oroville Maid" and Brady's mare, which resulted in favor of the former.

**Myers street** has been a place of considerable excitement during the past few days. One day a runaway "horse brute" with a water cart at his heels—water spilled in considerable quantities, but not sufficient to cause a rise in the river. The next, fight—in fact, two fights,—some blood run, so did one of the combatants. Following day, another "plate,—with a foot-race, for \$20 a side, which, with a horse-race and a small free fight, closed the day's entertainments. Lager beer is selling cheap on the aforesaid street,

**NEVER DESPAIR.**—The instance of individual success, resulting from the appliance of well directed industry and perseverance, that we are about to notice, is not without its prototype, even in our own midst. We only state the facts in this case by way of encouraging those who may be under the pressure of opposing obstacles ever scattered in the pathway of the beginner. J. H. Huntton, the gentlemanly proprietor of "Huntton's Exchange" in this place, pitched his cloth tent, in June last, upon the premises now occupied by his capacious establishment. With a determination to succeed, he took hold with his characteristic energy—at first providing entertainment for a few miners, increasing from time to time his stock and facilities for business, until his little cloth cabin has given place to one of the very best hotels of interior California, of which he is sole proprietor. This is what industry and perseverance will accomplish. Therefore we say to the disponding, never give up—go ahead—you will succeed, if you but try.

### Proceedings of a Meeting held at Ophir.

At a meeting of the citizens of Ophir, held on the 10th of November, 1855, for the purpose of organizing a Corporate Company to turn Feather River from its bed a distance of four miles, Capt. RALPH BIRD was called to the chair, and S. EWER appointed Secretary. Mr. DICKEY was requested to report plans and specifications of the work, having surveyed the same. Mr. DICKEY made an exhibit of the work, one of four and another of five miles, and advises the shortest cut as most practicable. Estimated cost \$250,000.

After as usual some considerable discussion on the subject of a name, it was agreed to call the company the Ophir and Feather River Canal and Mining Company.

The following gentlemen were elected Trustees of said company: J. W. FALKNER, GARDNER COYE, SAMUEL McCauley, J. W. SCOTT, and RALPH BIRD.

Duration of Charter 20 years. Place of business, Ophir.

The proceedings of the meeting were ordered published in the North Californian and the Butte Record, whereupon the meeting adjourned.

**HIGHWAY ROBBERY.**—On Thursday night a man named Brinker was knocked down and robbed of about \$300, on the road between this place and Chinatown. He was evidently struck with a slung-shot, and is considerably bruised on the head. Mr. B., being slightly oblivious at the time he was attacked, and the slung-shot not adding any to the brightness of his ideas, he does not now remember much about the circumstances. Night—lots of money.—morning—bruised head. \$300 out.

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Justice's Court.—Bird & Morris vs. Boyer. Boyer enclosed with a brush fence a lot claimed by the plaintiffs; they afterwards placed lumber thereon for the purpose of building, which was removed by the defendant, whereupon plaintiffs brought an action of forcible entry and detainer, before Justice Jones, and ask to be reinstated in the possession. One jury have disagreed, and the case is being tried again as we go to press. Harris & Burt for plaintiffs, and Barker & Ewer for defendant.

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SQUATTER TROUBLE.—We noticed an individual yesterday morning holding forcible possession of the lot opposite our office. He got tangled up with the fence some how or other, and had evidently held the ownership of the premises in that entirely original style all the while. Another chap, who was engaged in the praiseworthy effort of keeping the aforesaid fence from falling down, finally concluded that "the 'ere lots whatevs got fences on 'em, and aint layin' 'round loose, they isn't worth jumpin' no-how let's go and (hie) take another drink, Hie."—And the corn juice "suffered and grew strong."

P. S. At the latest advices the owner of the lot was holding peaceable possession.

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One of the firm may be consulted at their office, on  
 the Court House Hill, Bidwell; and the other at their  
 office, Myers street above the North Californian office,  
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**Hotels.****UNITED STATES HOTEL**

AND

**GENERAL STAGE OFFICE**

OROVILLE, BUTTE CO., CAL.

**THIS NEW AND ELEGANT HOUSE** is located  
 in about the centre of the above-named flourish-  
 ing town, being on the corner of Montgomery and  
 Myers streets. The proprietors of the house are de-  
 termined not to be excelled in its management, their  
 intention being to PLEASE THEIR PATRONS IN  
 EVERY PARTICULAR—in fact, to keep pace with  
 the times shall be our object, and improvements  
 as the wants of this flourishing and fast-growing lo-  
 cality may seem to demand.

Stages to all parts of the count.

JENKINS & ATTON,  
 Proprietors.

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**HUNTOON'S EXCHANGE.**

**THE** undersigned would respectfully inform the  
 citizens of Oroville, and the traveling public,  
 that the appointments of his Hotel are now complete,  
 and that he is fully prepared to comfortably accom-  
 modate all who may favor him with their patronage.

It is the design of the proprietor of his house, to  
 keep a FIRST CLASS HOTEL—one that shall at all  
 times afford such ATTENTION, COMFORT and CONVE-  
 NIENCES as shall constitute it a "HOME" to all his  
 guests.

The Bar shall always be furnished with the  
 choicest quality of Liquors and Segars.

The Table shall ever be supplied with the very  
 best the city and town markets can afford.

Board, with or without lodging, by the day or  
 week.

The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited.  
 J. H. HUNTOON.

The Coaches of the "California Stage Com-  
 pany" arrive and depart daily from Huntoon's Ex-  
 change.

**ORLEANS HOTEL**

OROVILLE, BUTTE CO.

**WOODWARD & LAWLER, Proprietors.**

**THIS** new and splendid HOTEL, to which  
 large additions have recently been made, is now  
 completed and open for the reception of travelers and  
 the public. No expense has been spared to render  
 this house the largest and most commodious Hotel in  
 Northern California; and the proprietors, from their  
 long experience in the business, feel confident of their  
 ability to render satisfaction to all who may favor  
 them with their patronage.

The Orleans contains over thirty well furnished and  
 neatly furnished rooms, besides other sleeping apart-  
 ments, sufficient to lodge 150 persons. The beds are  
 clean and entirely new, and the servants are atten-  
 tive and obliging.

The Table will be furnished with both substantial  
 and luxuries of the season, and the Bar with the  
 best of Liquors and Segars.

In all things which compose a first rate hotel, the  
 proprietors are determined to render the house un-  
 surpassed by any other in the country. The public  
 are respectfully invited to give the Orleans a trial.

Meals, ..... cents.

Lodging, ..... & 75

Single Rooms, ..... \$1 00

Board without Lodging, ..... 8 00

Board with Lodging, ..... 10 12 00

Board with single Rooms, ..... 11 00

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### DAGUERREAN ROOMS.

**MR. A. J. BAHNEY** would beg leave to inform the citizens of Oroville and vicinity, that he has just opened rooms at the **United State Hotel**, where he is prepared to take Likenesses in the most improved style, and at very low prices. All kinds of fancy cases on hand, and of the latest patterns.

#### STEREOSCOPIC PICTURES

Taken in the best style—it being a new improvement in the art—giving the likeness all the distinctness and life-like appearance imaginable, making you think they were just ready to speak to you, and some are ready to swear they have heard them say several words (in a horn.)

Also, Halo Pictures, which give the likeness the appearance of being surrounded with the brightness of the sun in a perfect halo of glory.

Also views of all kinds taken in a style that cannot be surpassed in the known world.

Pictures of deceased persons, portraits, &c., copied with the greatest accuracy.

Pictures warranted not to fade, and if not perfectly satisfactory will be taken over free of charge.

**MR. BAHNEY** has had considerable experience in the art, and flatters himself that he can give perfect satisfaction to all.

Come one, come all, and try  
To save the shadow ere the substance fly.

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NOVEMBER 11, 1855.

WM. T. MANNING, FRANKLIN SMITH.

### MANNING & CO.'S

**Express Office and General Agency,**

NEARLY OPPOSITE UNITED STATES HOTEL,  
OROVILLE.

Agents for San Francisco, Sacramento, Marysville, and Atlantic Papers, at Oroville, Lynchburg, Thompson's Flat and Cherokee.

Letters, Papers, Coin, Dust, and Packages forwarded with dispatch to and from all parts of the mines.

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### Murray's WESTERN HOUSE

AND GENERAL STAGE OFFICE OF  
**THE CALIFORNIA STAGE COMPANY,**  
Corner of Second and D streets,  
MARYSVILLE.


OPEN ALL NIGHT.

Particular attention will be paid to Families. **THE WESTERN HOUSE** will be responsible for all Treasure left on deposit with the proprietor in person.

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### MEAT MARKET.

Montgomery Street, Oroville.

 THE undersigned take pleasure in informing the citizens of this place and surrounding country, that they have established themselves permanently, as Butchers, and would call attention to their extensive assortment of Meats, which for quality and variety, shall not be surpassed by any market-stall this side San Francisco.

PRICES AS LOW AS THE LOWEST.

CAMERDEN & CO.,  
Proprietors.

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**Ophir & Feather River Canal Mining Company.**—The stockholders of said Company are hereby notified that an assessment of ten dollars to each share has been levied, and is hereby ordered to be paid to the treasurer of said Company, (C. G. Lincoln) at Ophir, or to J. M. Faulkner, Bidwell, on or before the first Monday in December, A. D. 1855.

By order of Board of Trustees.

R. BIRD, Pres't.

J. W. SCOTT, Sec'y.

**Notice.**—A meeting of the Stockholders of the Ophir and Feather river Canal Mining Co. will be held in the town of Ophir, at 3 o'clock P. M., on the first Monday of December next. A full attendance is requested, as very important business will come before the meeting.

By order of the Board of Trustees.

R. BIRD, Pres't.

J. W. SCOTT, Sec'y.

### B. F. MYERS

**W**OULD respectfully inform the citizens of Ophir and vicinity, that he has constantly on hand a full assortment of

MINERS' TOOLS,  
PROVISIONS,  
HATS,  
CLOTHING.

Together with everything that is kept in a Miners' Store.

The Highest Price Paid for Gold Dust.

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F. A. MATHEWS.

### Provision Store.

Corner of Montgomery and Hinton Streets,  
Oroville, Butte Co., Cal.

**A**T the above store may be found a constant supply of Flour, Pork, Bacon, Hams, Lard, Butter, Cheese, Coffee, Sugar, Tea, Rice, Boots and Shoes, Clothing. All kinds of mining implements. In short every variety of goods suited to this market. Quick sales and low prices for Cash, is our motto.—Give us a call.

### MEAT MARKET.

Wild Game and Poultry.

**T**HE subscribers would now inform this community, that they are located here to stay. We intend to spread before our patrons a supply of luxuries as well as the necessities of life in our line that cannot be beat.

We butcher the very best of American Beef; also Mutton, Pork, Veal, &c. We have made arrangements for a constant supply of wild Game, Poultry, &c., in endless variety.

We shall sell as low as any one in town.

Our establishment is on Myers street, between Bird and Montgomery streets.

JONES & CO.

Oroville, November 17, 1855.

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New Advertisements.

**NEW YORK  
RESTAURANT.**

MYERS STREET, OROVILLE.



**MRS. GOODHART**

WOULD respectfully inform the citizens of Oroville and vicinity, that she has opened the above house, and hopes by paying strict attention to the wants and convenience of her guests, to make for them an agreeable and comfortable home.

The TABLE will be supplied with the best the market affords, and the BAR is stocked with superior Wines, Liquors and Segars.

Meals served up at all hours. Particular care taken to keep clean and comfortable beds.

Board and Lodging, \$9 per week; Meals 50 cents; Lodging 50 cents.

**UNION  
RESTAURANT.**

MONTGOMERY STREET, OROVILLE

OPEN AT ALL HOURS—DAY AND NIGHT.



NO pains or expense have been spared to make this one of the best houses in the country.

Chickens, Eggs, and Game of every variety, Oysters, Sardines, Lobsters, Crabs and Fish served up to order. Pies and cakes of every variety constantly on hand.

The Bar is furnished with the best Wines, Liquor and Segars. The best the market affords will always be supplied, and no pains or expense spared to give full satisfaction to our friends and the public.

23m

N. CHAMBERS.

**Positively no Humbug!!**

**DANCING & WALTZING  
ACADEMY.**

MR. GEORGE BROWER would respectfully beg leave to inform the Ladies and Gentle men of Oroville and vicinity, that his academy for the further instruction of Dancing, will open at the United States Hotel on Tuesday evening, November 27th, at 8 o'clock. The following Dances and Waltzes will be introduced:

Polka Redowa, Polka Mazourka, Highland Schottische, Italian, Sicilian, Cellarius, Plain Waltz, do Schottische Polka, Bell Schottische, Esmarelda, Mazourka Gallopade, Waltz La Gallopade, and Bohemian Polka.

Also, Mazourka, Schottische, and Lancier's Quadrilles, etc., etc.

Mr. B. begs leave most respectfully to inform his friends and the public generally, that the services of Mr. C. C. CLAPP, whose qualifications are too well known to require comment, have been secured, and will visit the class semi-monthly, which is a guarantee to this community that they will be taught Dancing in an easy and graceful manner.

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WAR WITH THE INDIANS!!

**SNYDER & HAFLEY,**  
Cheap Cash Store.

MONTGOMERY ST. OROVILLE.

WHOLESALE & RETAIL Dealers in  
GROCERIES,  
PROVISIONS,  
LIQUORS,  
FLOUR AND GRAIN  
CLOTHING,  
BOOTS AND SHOES.

In short, all things suited for Families' and Miners' use. Their motto is CHEAP FOR CASH.

THE HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR GOLD DUST.

N. B. They also have the BLACKSMITHING and WAGON MAKING business connected with their store. Picks made to order.

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**SACRAMENTO STORE,**  
**E. E. DENNISON & CO.**

164 Montgomery St., corner of Bird,  
OROVILLE.

DEALERS, at Wholesale and Retail in  
CLOTHING,  
STOVES,  
CROCKERY,  
HARDWARE,  
GROCERIES,  
PROVISIONS, and  
MINERS' SUPPLIES GENERALLY.

Remember the place—No. 164 Myers street, next door to the Printing Office.

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**Progress!!!**

Something New in Oroville!!

**NEW DRUG STORE**

THE undersigned have just opened an establishment for the sale of CAMPHENE and OIL, together with a general assortment of Drugs and Medicines, which will be sold at Marysville prices and no mistake. Try and be convinced. Their stock consists in part of the following articles:

Townsend's Sarsaparilla, Sands' do., Ayers' Cherry Pectoral, Osgood's Cholagogue, Blake's Bitters, Hoofland's German Bitters, Mothe's Capsules, Thorn's Extract, Mustang Liniment, Thompson's Eye Water, Davis' Pain Killer, Russia Salve, Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills, Brandroth's do., Lee's and Jayne's do., Lyons' Flea Powder, and others *ad libitum*.

They have also constantly on hand, Paints, Oil, Alcohol, Lamp Chimnies and Wicks, Perfumeries, Fancy Articles for the Toilet, &c., all of which may be had CHEAP FOR CASH, at their store on Myers street, opposite the United States Livery Stable.

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RANDALL & McDERMOTT.

Oroville, November 17th 1855.

**UNITED STATES LIVERY & SALE STABLE,**  
OROVILLE, BUTTE CO.

THE undersigned, having purchased the above establishment of E. M. Peirson, Esq., are refitting and refurnishing the same, to meet the demands of the public.

The Barn, Stables, and Hay-Yard, are of the most ample dimensions. A large number of fine Saddle-Horses to let—also Buggies, two and four-horse Carriages, which may be had at short notice, always on hand. A constant supply of Feed for transient animals. Horses taken on livery at moderate rates.

The patronage of our old friends and the public is respectfully solicited.

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BROWN & HOFFMAN.

## Special Notices.

**Notice.**—The Stockholders of the Union Mining Co. are requested to meet at the store of B. F. Myers, on this (Saturday) evening, at 7 o'clock P. M., to organize the Co., and transact other business of importance.  
H. P. SWEETSER, Agent.

**Notice.**—The citizens of Oroville and surrounding country will find a general assortment of articles required in the mines, by calling at DAVIS & CO.'S CAMPHENE DEPOT, on Montgomery street, opposite Mrs McNeal's Hotel.

November 17, 1855,

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## BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

**J. R. WATSON & Co., News and Express**  
Agents, and dealers in Books, Stationery, cheap publications, &c., have on hand and are every day receiving fresh supplies of every thing in their line, which they offer for sale at Marysville prices at their store the West side on Myers street, second door from the corner.

## DRY AND FANCY GOODS STORE,

MONTGOMERY ST. OPPOSITE HUNTOON'S EXCHANGE,  
OROVILLE.

**MRS. M. L. NEWELL & MISS M. L. DEAR-**  
**BORN** keep constantly on hand a large assortment of Dry and Fancy Goods, consisting of  
Ladies Boots, Shoes, Gloves, Hosiery,  
And every variety of Ladies' Furnishing Goods to be found in large cities.

Mrs. N. and Miss D tender their thanks to the Ladies and Gentlemen of Oroville for their patronage, and solicit a continuance of the same.  
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## BANK EXCHANGE

## BILLIARD SALOON.

OROVILLE.

**THE PROPRIETORS** respectfully announce to the public that they are now prepared to furnish the best of Wines, Brandies, Liquors, Segars, &c., on the corner of Montgomery and Myers Street, and that no pains shall be spared to please the most fastidious.

C. J. BROWN, PROPRIETORS. H. B. HUNT.  
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## VICTOR PASSENAUD,

## Hair Dresser,

MANUFACTURES WIGS, CURLS, BRAIDS, &C.,  
FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

Hair-Dressing for Ladies at their residences.  
Establishment on Montgomery street, Oroville.  
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## J. ROSENTHAL,

FROM PARIS,

—Manufacturer of all kinds of—

## JEWELRY & WATCHES,

Oroville, Butte County, Cal.

All kinds of Specimens, as well as Quartz Stones fixed in the neatest possible manner.

Canes mounted, Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c., repaired in as workmanlike a manner, and at as low prices as can be done in San Francisco.

For sale, a general assortment of Watches, Clocks, and all kinds of Jewelry.  
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## EAGLE BAKERY.

**WE**, the undersigned, respectfully inform the citizens of Oroville, and the Miners in the vicinity, that we have established in this town a **Bakery** for the purpose of supplying EVERY-BODY, and the rest of MANKIND, with a No. 1 article of BREAD, PIES, CAKE and CONFECTIONARY.

BALLS and PARTIES supplied on the shortest notice, with every variety of PLAIN, FANCY, POUND and FRUIT CAKE, JELLY CAKE, TEA CAKE, &c., &c.

Soda, Sugar and Butter Crackers, kept constantly on hand.

All orders for any thing in our LINE will be promptly attended to. **TERMS CASH.**

HOWE & CO.

Oroville, November 17th 1855.

## CENTRE MARKET.



**THE** undersigned, having located in Ophir for the purpose of opening a Public Market, flatter themselves that, by keeping the first quality of Meats, to secure a share of public patronage.

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PIATT & CO.

**AND** The arrivals and departures here are about one hundred and fifty daily, by stages and other conveyances. One hundred and fifty arrivals would be nearer the thing, as there are many more hither bound than there are going from this locality. The water, precious element, has reached the reservoir, and has a tendency to keep many who are prospecting the immense fields adjacent to this place and Lynchburg. The stuff is here, and water and elbow grease mixed about equally, will make it come forth.

# November 24, 1855

## The North Californian

**ROW, RIOT, AND ROBBERY IN CHINATOWN.**—At about 11 o'clock last Thursday night, several pistol shots were fired in the above locality. On inquiry the following facts were gleaned in reference to the affair, principally from the Chinamen, and is corroborated by Americans of respectability living near them:—It commenced by a white scoundrel walking into a China store, ostensibly for brandy. The Chinaman (there being but one present) told him he had none. The thief having an eye to business, opened the money drawer and rifled it of its contents; two or three of his cowardly comrades attacked and cruelly beat the Chinaman meanwhile. The amount taken was about \$20. The keeper of the house had his skull fractured. Two of his countrymen who came to his assistance were much injured by rocks used by the ruffians. Now, where or what are their means for redress? This is taxation without representation, or the benefit of wholesome legislation and the realization of protection at the hands of this great Yankee nation. Six dollars per month they pay into our treasury, and are nightly knocked down, murdered, and robbed with impunity by a set of prowling vagabonds, who boldly stalk abroad in our midst, and who but lack the courage to deal likewise with our best citizens. So long as the Chinese are among us, and pay largely to support our Government, they should receive the same protection as American citizens. There are several individuals in this town that ought to be serving the State at Point St. Quentin. Look out for them.

Since the above was written we have been informed that some person in Lynchburg had a ball extracted from his leg yesterday morning, which he says he received while quietly walking the streets of Chinatown last night, at 12 o'clock. A pretty hour and a pretty place for a promenade. We call upon the authorities to look into this matter, and if this person was concerned in the dastardly outrage perpetrated upon the Chinese on Thursday night, he should not be allowed to escape.

Hay is worth \$50 per ton at this place. Barley is worth 41-2 cents per lb. Freights from Marysville, \$20 per ton. Rough lumber per M \$60. Carpenters wages per day 4 to 6 dollars.

Ira Eaton, Esq., of Marysville, purchased last week the celebrated Danforth Claim, half a mile above this place, for \$2500. Other Marysville capitalists are squinting this way.

The enterprising firm of Manning & Co. have associated with themselves our old friend A. F. Mann, Esq., who, when all hitched together, will make the time in 2 40 on any good track. They will run a lightning Express between this place and Marysville.

**BERRY CREEK BALL.**—The ball last Thursday night, at Berry Creek, was, beyond all doubt, the most magnificent affair that has come off in this section since the whites first made their appearance. It was, in fact, the very place for genteel and social enjoyment.—The proprietors have the most happy faculty in the world of making everybody feel at home. The good natured old phiz of Mr. Newcomb, the host, made its appearance every now and again, and although he avowed he did not imbibe himself, he could enjoy the luxury of seeing the comical and side-splitting artiste, Harry Mighels, worry down large quantities of Heidsieck, which made the whole crowd feel first rate, particularly when the man with "brass coat and blue buttons" played Toodles, in which part he excelled old Burton himself. The music was by Professor Kennedy, and was, as usual, very fine. The supper was by far the most sumptuous that was ever spread hereabouts. Champagne in the greatest profusion, and free at that. The ladies, the sweet little luxuries of life, were there, and numbered twenty-nine. Some of them were prettier than others, and take them all together, were just pretty enough to slaughter forty men.


The Berry Creek House is new, and is as clean as a pin, under the management of the amiable hostess. It is in all its appointments the best house in California, outside the cities. We should not have said so much about the party, but when things are done so handsomely where the public is interested, it required more than a passing notice from your itemizer. We were there ourself in large numbers. \*





**THE COUNTY SEAT.**

Five sixths of the population of Butte county is located in the valley, and among the foothills bordering upon it. Oroville occupies a central position, and possesses every facility for intercourse and communication with this large majority of the inhabitants of the county.— Good wagon roads centre here from every direction; it is four or five times the magnitude of any other place, except Lynchburg, and is much larger than that, and is emphatically the emporium and business centre of the county, and should be the county seat. Now, when we have a license to pay, or court to attend, or any public business to transact, we alight from our carriages, exchange our good horses for sober pack mules, and leaving behind us our friends and families in an agony of suspense, we attempt to penetrate the perilous defiles and mountain passes that render our present county seat almost impregnable. When we reach the Miners' Ranch we take a drink and a last lingering look at the sun, breath a short prayer, and jump into the canon that empties at Bidwell, and if we slide out whole at the lower end we have reason to think our stars have been propitious. One night last week the stage upset, injuring one of our prominent citizens. Accidents have occurred before, and will become more frequent after the winter commences. We cannot imagine why Bidwell was ever selected for the county seat, unless it was done in time of war, and the security of the county archives was the paramount object, for no foeman, nor any one else, would venture over the road, unless under compulsion. The Butte Record of last week recommends the construction of a toll road as the only means of maintaining communication with the rest of the county. We heartily approve of the suggestion, for it is of the utmost importance that some way be devised by which people can get in there, on foot at least, in season to attend the December and February courts, and we are sure there is not a patriotic citizen of the county who would not pay a liberal tax for the improvement of the canon, rather than have the operations of law and justice circumscribed and limited to the narrow precincts of Bidwell's Bar during the coming winter, or so long as the public good may require the county seat to be located at that place.

**HONG-KONG-GONG.**—At the upper faubourg, commonly called Chinatown, there are near one thousand Johns, male and female. They are as busy as bees, building up quite a respectable city. They do all their own carpenter work. Their plans and architectural designs are decidedly unique. They saw their boards with a cat-gut saw, bore holes with a hot iron, plain the pine work with an instrument resembling an ancient apple paring knife. They remove small timbers by making fast to them their queues. There are among them merchants, carpenters, fishermen, barbers, tailors, doctors, and some other institutions.

 The California Stage Company are running an evening line of coaches to Thompson's Flat daily. The above place has as rich diggings as any in the country. A large number are going thither for the winter.

 Garriott's Steam Saw Mill cuts 10,000 feet of lumber every 24 hours. This supply does not equal the demand.

 Quite a smart little town is springing up between this place and Lynchburg, near the water office. It is for short called Centreville. A fine store is already established there by Gove & Bro. Pitch in, and string the towns out, so that both ends will meet, then there can be no cause for rivalry.

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**METROPOLITAN THEATRE, OROVILLE.**—The above useful and ornamental structure has been planned and carried forward to completion by our energetic townsman Jacob Morris, Esq., who is one of the pioneers of Oroville, in enterprises calculated to build up a town, to enhance the value of property, to add stability and give permanence to trade, which render communities prosperous and successful. Ornaments are already made to finish this place with. A series of entertainments will be given the coming winter which in point of artistic talent, will be equal to the best in California. The dimensions of this temple of the muses, are 80 by 40. Stage 36 by 29. Capacity of parquette and gallery, the seats of which are neatly cushioned, some 750 in all. Architect and builder, J. Marks; Stage carpenter, Levi Marston; Scenic artist, Jos. Ackerman, who is well known as an excellent painter. The ceiling is high, and the general appearance of the whole interior proves that neatness and taste have been most happily blended in its construction. It reflects credit on those engaged in its erection and decoration. Mr. Morris has leased it to Mr. J. S. Potter, for one year. He is a manager of decided ability, and will open it on or about the 10th inst., with as talented a troupe as the country affords.

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**Notice.—Come One, Come All!—As I** have closed out business in this place, and am preparing to return to the Atlantic States ; I do politely request all those who have unsettled accounts with the old Firm of Garlow & Co. to come forward and settle. Come up manfully, and do the fair thing, and you shall not be hurt.

I can be found at the Pioneer Store in this place.

P. S. GARLOW.

Oroville, November 17, 1855.

Peter Garlow came to Ophir sometime after 1850, he operated the Old Pioneer Store and Post Office on Montgomery Street in Ophir. He became postmaster 3 Sep 1854 and the name was changed from Ophir to Oroville because there was an Ophirville in Placer County. When Garlow sold his store to Dewitt Downer, Downer became Postmaster on May 31, 1856.



Downer & Garlow Reserve in Yellow ● Metropolitan  
Lots sold by Bird and Morris Before Dec 25, 1855 ● Theater ●