

ROY, Rob
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7-27-1920

**INDIAN WHO BEFRIENDED
WHITES IN EARLY DAYS
IS DEAD; AGED 90 YEARS**

Rob Roy, a Big Meadows Indian, aged over 90 years, dropped dead at his camp near Chester Friday. His sudden passing was due to the infirmities of age.

Roy Roy was widely known among the old settlers of California and in early days was conspicuously a friend of the white man. When Robert Anderson of Chico led a party of settlers on the chase of Mill Creek Indians, who had committed serious depredations in this locality, and succeeded in killing several among whom was notorious "Big Foot," chief of the Mill Creeks, Rob Roy was with the white posse and aided materially in the tralling of the Indians.

The body of the aged Indian was interred at Chester.

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DOSH ACCUSED BY 16 YEAR OLD GIRL

Charging that Bert Dosh of Pulga had forced Lillian C. Johnson, of Pulga, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dixie Johnson of that place to submit to indecent relationships, a complaint was yesterday sworn out against Dosh, with the result that he is now held in the county jail here awaiting preliminary examination.

The defendant was arrested by Constable John Toland, and brought before Justice of the Peace J. V. Parks where he was arraigned. Dosh declined to make a plea. He was unable to supply the \$2,000 cash bail demanded by Judge Parks and was consequently taken to the County jail.

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10-19-1920

**FULL-BLOODED DIGGER
INDIAN JOINS ARMY**

REDDING, Oct. 18.—Peconon, a full blooded Digger Indian, walked from Lassen county to this city and on his arrival yesterday immediately sought Recruiting Officer Corporal Warner and enlisted in the United States army to learn automobile repairing. He left last night for the Presidio at San Francisco to take up his education at the expense of Uncle Sam.

Peconon is a splendid specimen of manhood who was educated at the Riverside school, but did not learn a trade he liked.

The Sacramento Bee
10-27-1920

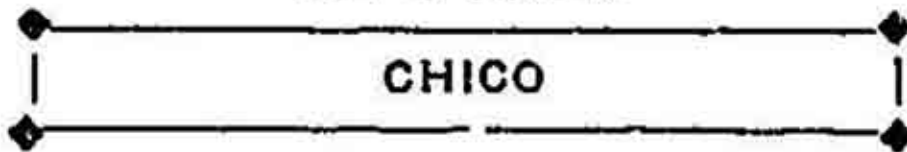
BURNEY WILSON WILL COACH AT CHICO NORMAL

CHICO (Butte Co.), October 27. Burney Wilson, who played alongside of Jim Thorpe, famous Indian athlete, at Carlisle, has been secured to coach the Chico Normal School football team.

Wilson is a full-blooded Indian, and played left end four consecutive years for Carlisle. He was named once on the all-American team picked by "Hurry-Up" Yost of the University of Michigan.

He was offered a lucrative position with the University of Oregon gridgers, but refused to accept because he desired to be with relatives in Chico throughout the Winter months.

PREACHER, Billy (Bidwell Indian)
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12-4-1920



FORMER COOK FOR GEN.

BIDWELL PASSES AWAY

CHICO, Dec. 4.—Billy Preacher, a member of the Bidwell Indians and formerly a cook for General John Bidwell, died at his home at the Indian village in Sacramento avenue late Thursday night.

Billy Preacher was born near Chico and when General Bidwell came here was about 12 years of age. At this time he entered the employ of the Bidwells, acting as cook and house-boy. He was well known to all of the older residents of Chico.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Fetters & Williams chapel, Rev. R. S. Eastman officiating. Interment was made in Chico cemetery.

3-14-1921

INDIANS ALLEGED TO HAVE BURIED ONE OF TRIBE ALIVE

(By Associated Press)

REDDING, March 13.—Chief Grant and other Indians of the Hat Creek tribe, were here today in connection with the alleged burying alive of William Taylor, one of their number, and to protest against existing quarantine regulations, Taylor, supposed dead of smallpox, returned to life before being placed in the grave, according to witnesses. District Attorney Carter stated tonight that in all probability Taylor's body would be exhumed for examination.

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4-2-1921

WORK OF AIDING INDIANS STARTS

GREENVILLE, March 31.—Supervisor Fred C. Morgan, from the Interior Department, Washington, arrived in Greenville this week and will work in California with the Greenville, Hoopa, Ft. Bidwell and Round Valley Indian Agents and jurisdictions to the end that greater results may be attained in getting the Superior California Indian affairs permanently settled as soon as possible.

Morgan has had wide experience in handling Indian affairs in the field, and he was chosen by the Indian Office to come to California for the purpose of correlating and broadening the work on behalf of the California Indians. Special efforts will be made to reorganize the field work.

Two years ago the Government made a special investigation and survey of the conditions of these California Indians, and Supervisor Morgan has been detailed as a result of that survey.

Morgan says homes will be purchased, economic and health conditions bettered and the affairs of the Indians administered, with the aid and co-operation of the State and county officers to the end that these Indians will, at the earliest possible moment, become self-supporting.

The Greenville agency, of which E. K. Miller is in charge, will be headquarters of the enlarged work, for its jurisdiction is the largest in the State.

FIGHT FOR INDIAN RECOGNITION STARTED

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4-12-1921

(By Associated Press)

SACRAMENTO, April 11.—A fight for government recognition of 15,000 Indians of Northern California who, he says, are without land of their own and who, are prevented by State laws from fishing and hunting during the closed season, will be carried to Washington, D. C., next June by John Leggo, who says he was chief of the Chippewa tribe of Minnesota but who married and is a member of the Pitt River tribe of California.

Leggo, who says his true name is White Cloud, declares disease and poverty have been rampant among the California tribesmen and that this condition is aggravated by inability to hunt and fish during the closed season. An attorney will accompany Leggo to the National Capital, Leggo stated

It is planned to ask for the ratification of a treaty which, Leggo asserts, was drawn between 18 Indian tribes of California and the United States during the first gold rush, and in the excitement of those hectic days, was never ratified. "By that treaty," said Leggo, "we get a place to live and protection instead of persecution."

5-3-1921

WILD INDIAN IS REPORTED AT DEER CREEK

CHICO, May 2.—That a wild Indian scantily garbed, was reported seen by W. C. Papey, a lumber company employe, in the Lyonsville district, is the statement of T. H. Silsbee, Vina rancher.

Silsbee said that Papey told him that, as he was passing through the brush a few days ago, he saw the foliage move. Papey stopped, expecting some wild animal to appear. Instead, he said, it was an Indian, scantily clad in a few rags, which hung about his waist.

Papey stated to Silsbee that he attempted to approach the wild man but the latter, after apparently standing stupefied, for a few minutes, turned and fled to cover.

Papey said that he attempted to follow the Indian but soon lost sight of him in the underbrush. It is probable, according to Silsbee, that a searching party will be sent to the scene, in an effort to locate the Indian.

Papey's story brought back memories of Ishi, the last of the Southern Yanas, the famous aborigine found near Oroville several years ago, Ishi was taken in charge of scientists at the University of California and taught a few hand signs and letters before he died.

7-28-1921

INDIAN SKULLS IN BUTTE CREEK CANYON

CHICO, July 27.—Reminiscent of days when Indians infested the neighboring foothills was the finding of four Indian skulls and several human bones by an unknown woman several days ago on the Spanish ranch, seven miles up the Butte Creek Canyon from Chico.

They were found heaped together in a shallow grave. Curiosity tempted the finder to bring them to the Enloe hospital Monday night, when it was ascertained the remains were those of Indians. One skull was identified as being that of an infant and crumbled to a chalky dust when handled.

The condition of the remains indicated that they had been there for a long period of years and probably were the bones of a semi-savage tribe of redskins that roamed this district about the time of the discovery of gold in California.

8-19-1921

BUTTE COUNTY MAY HAVE INDIAN SCHOOL FOR BOYS

CHICO, August 18.—Plans are under way for the opening of an Indian outdoor camp near Chico next summer which it is hoped will eventually lead to the establishment of a home for Indian boys or Northern California.

Secretary Frank B. Durkee, of the Chamber of Commerce, is in correspondence with Red Fox Skihuhshu, head chief of the American Tepee Association, under whose auspices the camp will be conducted. Shihuhshu is anxious to obtain a suitable site near Chico, preferably along the banks of a running stream, where the camp can be built in time for receiving its first class of youngsters next summer.

The camp is to be open for boys from 12 to 20 years of age of white and American Indian parentage. Applicants for admission will be required to have references from their pastors and a leading citizen of their home town.

Indian art, Indian craft, and Indian legends will be taught. The camp routine will include campfire talks, hikes and outdoor sports and boys will be installed into secret Indian counsels, according to their

merit. When the camp becomes well established it is planned to have real Indian tepees and lodge houses.

According to information sent Durkee by Skihuhshu, the American Tepee Association's plans include the operation of the camp during the summer months for both whites and Indians, while throughout the year the Indian boys would be cared for in a permanent home and attend Chico schools. It is also possible, Durkee has been informed, that the American Indian Film Company will use the grounds to take movies with Indian backgrounds.

Durkee has been asked to furnish the names of property owners who might be interested in leasing a tract of land for the project, with an option to purchase later. A site is desired about six or eight miles from Chico in the direction of the mountains. Sihuhshu intends to come to Chico in the near future to begin preparations for the camp. He is a minister in the Christian church of the Northern Blackfeet tribe, a graduate of Columbia university and a member of the Improved Order of Red Men.

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9-28-1921

**BOY CONFESSES HE
STOLE DIAMOND RINGS**

CHICO, Sept. 25.—John Azbill, 14-year-old Indian boy, residing in Sacramento Avenue, yesterday confessed to Marshal J. A. Peck that he stole three valuable diamond rings from Mrs. G. D. Cameron, formerly Marietta Reed.

When questioned about his possession of one of the rings Thursday, the boy told Peck that he had purchased the ring, which jewelers stated was worth approximately \$300, for \$2.50, from a negro. Questioned further yesterday, he admitted to Peck that he had taken the ring and two others from the Reed home several days ago. He took the marshal to his cache, which was an oak tree in Bidwell Park, and brought forth the other two rings. He stated that he gained access to the Reed home while his mother was doing some work for them.

No complaint has been made against the lad and in all probability the case will be referred to Probation Officer E. S. Bybee for future action in the Juvenile Court.

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10-5-1921

INDIAN STORY TO BE FILMED AT ALMANOR

WESTWOOD, Oct. 4.—Announcement is made that the Louis B. Mayer studios are to film a new production on the shores of Lake Almanor, near Westwood. An Indian village will be constructed on the lakefront and 200 real live Indians from the Greenville Indian Agency will take part in several realistic massacres and bloody battles to be staged on the scene.

It has been found that the scenery around Lake Almanor is especially adapted to outdoor productions of this type and several other films of the same order will probably follow the successful making of this one.

The company is making its headquarters in Westwood, and Jack Holden, the art director, has begun the designing and construction of the buildings and properties to be used in the film.

John D. Stahl will direct the picture and Grace Darmond will be the star.

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10-25-1921

FOOTHILL INDIANS HOLD YEARLY BURNING

Last Saturday Indians residing in the foothill country north and east of Oroville, gathered at Bald Rock where their annual burning was held. Cherokee, Bald Rock and Mooretown tribe members were present.

Following the burning, announcement was made that a burning would be held at Enterprise next Saturday evening.

Many Oroville people attended the Bald Rock burning for curiosity sake.

Oct 25, 1921

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BUTTE COUNTY'S HOME NEWSPAPER

OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1921.

INDIAN LAD FLAGS TRAIN WITH COAT AND SAVES WRECK

What might have been a serious accident was avoided yesterday by the presence of mind of John Gramps, a young Indian lad, of Pulga. Coming up the track the boy saw that a slide had covered the road. At the same time he heard a train approaching. Running as far as he could up the track, he took off his coat and flagged the approaching train, which was emerging from a tunnel.

The signal was not given in time for the train, which was a long freight, drawn by a big Mallet engine, to stop before striking the slide. However, the train was slowed to the point that only slight damage was done to the engine when the obstruction was encountered.

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10-31-1921

MANY ATTEND BURNING OF LUMPKIN INDIANS

A number of the residents of Oroville motored to Lumpkin on Saturday evening and witnessed the burning held by the Indians there in honor of the dead. The burning was carried on in accordance with the ancestral custom of the tribe.

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11-2-1921

INDIAN BURNING FOLLOWED BY TWO DAYS' FESTIVITIES

ENTERPRISE, November 1.—The Indian burning on Oregon Creek held Saturday night, was followed by two days' festivities at the home of George Martin at Enterprise.

With acknowledgments to E. C. B.

Speed? Say, this guy's name is Man-O-War!



TALK ABOUT being
QUICK ON the trigger,
ONE OF our salesmen,
ONCE SAW a man,
ROLL A cigarette,
AND STOP to light it,
JUST THEN a piece
OF FINE French pastry,
(YOU KNOW the kind,
IN THE sac-ara joints,
THEY CALL 'em "stinkers.")
FELL ABOUT ten stories,
FROM THE lunch-box,
OF SOME wealthy plumber,
AND BEANED the man,
OUR SALESMAN dashed up,
AND SAID, "My dear sir,
WHAT HAPPENED?"
THE MAN rubbed his dome,
AND BEGAN, "I was just
LIGHTING A cigarette."
"GEE WHIZ," our man SAID,
"HERE—TRY mine,
THEY'LL LET you know,
YOU'RE SMOKING,
AND THEY satisfy,
BUT THEY'LL never,
KNOCK YOU out!"
AND THE man grinned,
AND SAID, "Son,
IF YOUR smokes
HAVE YOUR speed,
THEY'LL SATISFY, all right!"



AND speaking of speed, the
fastest-growing cigarette on
the market is this same Chester-
field. The reason? Simple enough
—people like 'em better. That
"can't-be-copied bleed"—that
air-tight package—that moder-
ate price—that "Satisfy" taste
—no wonder Chesterfields are
leaping ahead. On every count,
they certainly do "Satisfy."

Chesterfield

CIGARETTES

They Satisfy

1-26-1922

BOY SCOUTS HEAR OF DEER CREEK INDIANS

CHICO, Jan. 25—Former Chief Forest Ranger Cyrus G. Eaves of the Lassen National Forest, gave the Boy Scouts of Troop 2 a very interesting talk at their last regular meeting. Eaves, at the request of Scoutmaster John Hubbard, spoke particularly of the last remnants of the Mill Creek Indians or Yahis tribe of whom Ishi was the last known survivor. Ishi died of too much civilization in San Francisco a few years ago.

He affirmed that he was the last of his tribe but in the same breath expressed concern over a sister. Ranger Eaves told of the last members of this tribe seen by hunters and a surveyor at different times, and it is the opinion of both Ranger Eaves and Scoutmaster Hubbard that a few of these wild people still inhabit the deep canyons of Mill and Deer Creeks. During the coming summer Eaves and Hubbard plan to lead a picked patrol of the Scouts to that locality to see if they cannot find some traces of this wild tribe, positively the last of the wild races of Indians in the United States.

Chico Record

2-3-1922

Indians Here Prefer Candles To Electric Light

Chico Indians prefer tallow candles to electric lights in their house of worship the Rancheria church on Sacramento avenue, headquarters of the local Indian tribe.

W. J. Conway, president of the California Association of Indians in district No. 2, last night publicly announced that the person who wired the church and installed fixtures without invitation, must not look to the native parishioners for compensation.

A crew of electricians appeared at the church about five days ago and surprised the Indians by drilling holes and pulling insulated service wire from the sanctuary of the edifice to the entrance, down the center aisles and up the side, an elaborate job, which, it was whispered among the Indians, would cost \$250.

After the installation was complete, a crew of workmen from the Pacific Gas & Electric company happened along and connected up the street line service with the church. There was no cost attached to this latter proceeding, but Conway has been unable to determine who authorized wiring and lights for the old church, gift of the late General and Annie E. K. Bidwell.

"We only use the church from December to February 20," said Conway last night. "That is the only season when we have time to attend to the religious duties which Annie taught us. In February work starts in the hop ranches and my people leave the Rancheria and seldom return until November. Mrs. Bidwell, our best friend always thought candles and oil lamps good enough for the church, and we are not able to meet the expense of installing lights which cost \$250, more than the church is worth."

Conway said that the congregation which one time ran as high as 100, has dwindled to 15 and since no minister has comforted the Indians at the church since the death of Mrs. Bidwell, the congregation sees no prospect of burdening itself with a bill of \$250, which, he says, has never been authorized.

3-11-1922

INDIAN RELIC OF STONE AGE IN BUTTE COUNTY IS SHOWN

Agriculture as it was conducted in the stone age of Butte County's history, is shown by an Indian relic now being displayed in the window of the Farm Bureau. The relic is an Indian stone plow found in an old Indian camp up the Feather River. It is owned by C. L. Duhem.

3-20-1922

Indian Woman, 100 Years Old, Is Found Dead

News reached here Monday of the death of Bald Rock Kittle, one of the oldest Indian women of this district, at her home at Bald Rock Wednesday of last week. Kittle was said to be at least 100 years old.

She was found dead by her son, Elick John, on his return from the funeral of Billy Day, Bald Rock Indian chief, who was buried Wednesday according to the Indian custom. Kittle has another son, Dick John, of Berry Creek, and two grandsons, Frank Mullen and Lew Wagner, of Moor town.

SMITH, Mrs. Cleo
Oroville Daily Register
3-20-1922

MRS. CLIO SMITH OF BRUSH CREEK IS DEAD

BRUSH CREEK, March 19.—Mrs. Clio Smith, wife of Hood Smith, of Brush Creek, died from an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Smith was 45 years old and is survived by the following: her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin, of Brush Creek, and six children, Mrs. Ruth Brown of Mooretown, Andred Smith of Brush Creek, Elmer Smith of San Francisco, Gilbert, Harlan and Alfred Smith of Brush Creek.

BROWN, Jim
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4-22-1922

**JIM BROWN, AGED INDIAN
CHIEF OF CONCOW TRIBE
PASSES AWAY AT ORLAND**

Jim Brown, formerly a member of the Concow tribe of Indians in Butte County and recently recognized leader of the Grindstone Indians, died last week on the Grindstone reservation near Orland, and was buried there. The pioneer Butte Indian, a remnant of a once flourishing tribe whose favorite haunts were the hills and canyons of this county, had been in declining health for several months and passed away at the age of 95 years.

He took part in many thrilling events of early days and on account of talking the English language fluently acted in the capacity of interpreter on several memorable occasions in settling matters of warring tribes and in connection with negotiations with the government. He was really regarded by the Indians as a "legal adviser."

He was among the tribe when it was driven to Round Valley, but later on he returned and joined the Grindstone tribe. He was a musician and was the fiddler at all the dances.

His wife, Ann Brown, survives him and, it is claimed, she is the oldest squaw in the State, being 110 years of age. She is a wonderful example of longevity and her faculties are but little bedimmed by old age. She still goes to a distance of a quarter of a mile for water for domestic use, and attends to her own household duties.

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4-28-1922

HAROLD BEAVERS INJURED

Mrs. Edith Beavers returned Tuesday night from Loyaltan where she went to nurse her son, Harold Beavers. The young man cut his foot very badly with an axe recently. The wound required several stitches to close it, but is about healed now. Fortunately no tendons were cut and it is thought that the young man will recover from all lameness.

5-5-1922

DIXIE JOHNSON, INDIAN TRAILER, FOLLOWING CONROY'S MURDERER

LONE HORSEMAN BELIEVED TO BE SLAYER

Dixie Johnson, famous Indian trailer, is now following the track of the murderer or murderers who slew C. C. Conroy, prominent Butte County Cattleman last Tuesday afternoon. The Indian trailer who has aided officers during the past ten years in solving many of the most baffling murder cases in Northern California, was taken to the scene of the tragedy yesterday by Sheriff J. B. Webber and Undersheriff William Alexander.

Shortly after arriving at Dead Horse Gulch, where Conroy's body was found lying beneath that of his steed, Johnson discovered two cigarette butts and two burned matches in a thicket about one hundred feet from where the murdered man's body was found. Near these bits of evidence was the indenture of a man's body in tall green grass, indicating, officials say, that the guilty party lay in wait for his victim for some time.

Revenge Or Robbery

That Conroy was murdered either for revenge or by someone who believed the stockman had a large sum of money upon his person, were among theories advanced yesterday. These theories are in addition to the belief of cattlemen that Conroy was killed by cattle rustlers whom he found driving part of his herd from their range.

Tracks Found

The Indian trailer late yesterday afternoon found the footprints of a horse which had evidently been tied within a short distance from the scene of the murder. The tracks lead in the direction of Big Chico Canyon. Johnson was reported to be still following the mysterious horse tracks late last night.

Had No Enemies

As far as officials have been able to learn Conroy was a peaceful citizen with many friends and no enemies. For years he has been favorably known through Northern California. He owned a 4000-acre cattle ranch six miles north of Chico.

The dead man's body was found late Tuesday afternoon by fellow cattlemen who were lead to the fatal spot in the woods by Conroy's faithful shepherd dog. Two bullet holes in Conroy's chest and one which struck his hip bone, shattering a gold watch, accounted for his death. The body of Conroy's horse lay upon that of its rider. Two bullet wounds in the horse's neck had caused the animal's death.

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July 11, 1922

**PULGA MAN SEEKS
CONSTABLE'S OFFICE**

D. R. "Dixie" Johnson of Pulga yesterday filed his nomination papers for Constable of Oroville Township.

Dixie Johnson was a Concow Indian
See Obituary on File

JOHNSON, Bert
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7-18-1922

JOHNSON IS CRUSHED BENEATH LOAD OF LOGS

Bert Johnson, son of "Dixie" Johnson, well known Indian trailer, died Saturday at Sloat from the effect of bruises sustained when a truck loaded with logs fell upon him.

JOHNSON, Bert
Oroville Daily Register
7-22-1922

**SON OF DIXIE JOHNSON
IS BURIED AT DOGWOOD**

Funeral services for Bert Johnson son of Dixie Johnson, who died from the effects of a logging accident Sunday, were held Wednesday morning at the Dogwood cemetery under the direction of funeral directors from Quincy.

Young Johnson was working for the Johnson Lumber Company at Cromberg and had just returned from the logging camp in the woods at 7 o'clock Saturday night. He and several others were riding on a truck-load of logs when the chain slipped, throwing Johnson onto the skids and the logs on top of him.

Johnson was rushed to a hospital in Quincy, but died at 1 o'clock Sunday morning. He was crushed about the abdomen.

BEAVERS, Harold

DORITHY, Doris

Oroville Mercury

7-25-1922

Social Notes

HAROLD BEAVERS WEDS

MISS DORIS DORITHY

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Doris Dorothy of Portola, and Harold Beavers of Chico, in Oroville last Saturday was made in this city yesterday. The marriage ceremony, which was witnessed by only a few of the young couple's relatives, was performed by Superior Judge H. D. Gregory.

The bride was formerly employed as a bookkeeper at Loyalton. The groom, who has been employed as an engineer at the Clover Valley Lumber Company, has accepted a position with W. H. Swayne at Oroville, where they will make their home following their honeymoon.

9-25-1922

PULGA FEUD SETTLED IN OROVILLE COURT

A miniature feud of six or seven years' standing, existing between the Gramps and the Hunter families at Pulga, was settled late Thursday afternoon in the Justice Court of J. V. Parks here by an agreement to keep the peace, which was signed by all the parties concerned.

H. H. Hunter had sworn to a complaint charging Martin Gramps, Corbett Gramps and Walter Gramps, all brothers, with disturbing the peace, and the trial was held before Judge J. V. Parks, lasting all day. A large number of witnesses were examined on both sides.

The substance of the evidence was that an emnity had existed between the two families for a period of several years, and that the aggressiveness had altered from one to the other, with sometimes a member of the Hunter family "disturbing the peace" and sometimes a Gramps being the offender.

Finally Judge Parks got them all to sign a "treaty of peace" and dismissed them with the understanding that they would "behave themselves."

MARTIN, Ebenezer
Oroville Daily Register
10-9-1922

RELIEF CORPS, ATTENTION!

Please assemble at headquarters in
I. O. O. F. Hall at 2:30 o'clock to-
day to attend funeral services of
Comrade Ebenezer Martin.

JENNIE E. THOMAS, Pres.

Feather River Bulletin

10-12-1922



SLOAT

SLOAT, Oct. 12.—Harry Gramps, a chaser in the woods here, had his right leg badly broken. Monday when struck by a tree limb. He was taken to the hospital at Quincy by J. H. Reynolds. A log being drawn in by the donkey engine struck a stump and, when the line was changed, swung around hitting a small tree which struck Gramps.

BUTTE CHROME MINERS ARE GIVEN AWARDS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—The War Minerals Relief Commission is speeding up action on the claims of California chrome miners, the majority of cases under consideration at this time being from that State.

Final action has just been taken on the following claim:

Gramps, Baker and Gramps, whose operations were near Pulga, Butte County, \$709. This claim previously had been disallowed.

Recommendation for awards, on which final action has not been taken are made by Examining Commissioners as follows:

I. Carpenter, Chico, \$396.25; B. F. Clark, Yankee Hill, \$1,135.60.

LEE, Jim (John)*
Plumas National Bulletin
12-28-1922

Aged Plumas Indian Dies.

Jim Lee, Indian residing at Belden, died in his home Sunday night. Jim Lee's exact age is unknown but it is believed that he was rapidly approaching the century mark when death came. He was a well-known figure in Plumas County, and was known by the oldest inhabitants. He is survived by one son, Jim Lee, jr, and two daughters, both married.

*Susan Lee Belden's father

7-3-1923

PALE FACES GUESTS AT BERRY CREEK INDIAN CONFERENCE

BERRY CREEK, July 2.—Yesterday opened the four day Indian conference and celebration being held at Chief Henry Flynn's place, where a string of automobiles and wagons carried more than 150 interested Indians. After a most inviting feast, to which many white friends had been invited, the first session convened with F. G. Collett, executive representative of the Indian Board of Co-operation, San Francisco, as speaker.

Mr. Collett reviewed the many privileges which had been gained for the California Indians in his past twelve years of effort in their cause, public school privileges, county aid for the sick and indigent and the rights of citizenship.

He called attention to the fact that a few years ago, there was a small number of Indian children in the public schools. Today there are more than three thousand in the grammar schools, more than a hundred in the high schools and a few in colleges.

He cited numerous cases where county officials have rendered prompt and willing service in aiding the sick Claims bill, which was introduced and unfortunate.

The progress of the Court of in Congress in 1920 by Congressman John E. Raker and Senator Hiram Johnson and carrying the endorsement of all the Congressmen of California, was a matter of keen interest to the Indians. Under the provisions of this bill, when passed, the

lost treaties of 1851 and 1852, which representatives of the government made with the 400 chiefs and head men, will be honored and the Indians will receive the pay for their original land rights, which the Indians of other States have been received and the Government so long ago promised to the California Indians.

Other legal cases, testing the Indians' rights in courts were discussed, particular mention being made of the California Indian test case now in the District of Columbia Courts at Washington and considered the most remarkable case ever brought against the Government in the interest of Indians.

That their present mode of organization and general interest in their affairs and future welfare has knit the Indians together for sober, intelligent team work in home and community life, is attested by the air of friendliness, the disappearance of old tribal differences and their united determination to secure all privileges that make for better and happier citizenship.

During the remainder of their celebration, these Indian people, gathered from miles around, will not forget to honor properly the gods of feasting and dancing. Appropriate celebration of our great Independence Day are planned as a climax to this "big time" before the string of automobiles and wagons carry them all back to their respective homes and duties.

FRANGO, Jack (Indian)

Chico Record

7-29-1923

Jack Frango, Indian Pioneer, Bidwell's Stock Man, Dies

Jack Frango, who helped build the Bidwell mansion and was present when the treaties with the Indians of this district was signed in the early '50's, died last night at the local Indian village. According to members of the local tribe Frango was between 90 and 100 years of age.

Frango was born and reared in this vicinity and roamed about what is now Chico, then a vast plain. In his early life he was head stockman on the Sam Nell ranch at Durham. Later he came to Chico when General Bidwell arrived and became connected with the Bidwell ranch, of which he was a rider on the range.

In the years 1851 and 1852 Frango witnessed the signing of the eighteen treaties between seven tribes of Indians of the Sacramento valley and the state of California, in which the Indians were to receive a vast tract of land, if they would agree to cease warfare with the white settlers.

He is the last members of the famous Indian Masonic lodge, of which he was the most active member. Frango was looked upon as one of the leading spirits of the local Indian village. Upon the death of the late Mrs. Annie E. K. Bidwell, he was left \$1,000.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from the Indian church. Interment will be made in the cemetery at the village.

DELGADO (SILVER), Mrs. Martha
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Brief Illness Is Fatal To Mrs. Martha Delgado

Mrs. Martha Silver Delgado, 32 years old, died yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock at her home on Sacramento avenue, following a short illness.

Surviving her is the widower, S. Delgado, and one son. Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. P. Silver, residents of Chico, and one brother, Homer Silver, also survive.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Indian Village church, Rev. R. S. Eastman, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating. Fellers and Williams, funeral directors, have charge of the arrangements.

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Fire Attacks Grass and Brush Bordering Railroad Near Poe

BELDEN, July 3.—Fire, presumably caused by a spark from a locomotive or by a lighted cigarette stub dropped from a car window of a passing train, broke out Monday night in tall grass and brush bordering the Western Pacific Railroad right-of-way, at Poe, between this place and Pulga.

Presumably under control after approximately 100 acres had been burned over, the fire made its escape from the cordon of fighters Tuesday and burned over an additional 900 acres before surrounded.

Flames again broke out Wednesday and have since been giving a force of better than 150 men all they can do to hold them in check.

While the fire burned at Poe, Monday night, the Gramp home southeast of Pulga caught fire and the dwelling was saved only after a strenuous race and battle upon the part of men sent from the Poe fire.