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TRINITY AND MENDOCINO ARE ALL RIGHT.

Sam T. Luce Reports Great Prospects in Old Trinity—Seth Dunham Proves Mendocino to be Very Rich in Gold-Bearing Rock.

TRINITY CENTER, October 3.—I have been in this community for two weeks and have traveled over much of the country and may be able to give your readers some items of interest. We left Ukiah September 9th and came through by Bartlett springs, Leesville, Elk creek, Paskenta, and Red Bluff to Redding, which place we reached on September 15th. At Redding we purchased our supplies and outfits, including a pack-horse, pack-saddle and complete packing kit, which I got from a returning Coffeediker for the paltry sum of ten dollars.

We arrived at this place Saturday noon, September 18th, and after a very pleasant Sunday we moved north ten or twelve miles and put in three days and a half prospecting on Eagle creek, Minnehaha and the Ram's Horn, and not finding any rich pockets or gold-bearing ledges or nuggets in the gravel of the streams my partners became discouraged and decided that the formation was not right and left Sunday last for French Gulch and other places in Shasta county.

I spent nearly all of last week prospecting on top of Scott's mountain, twenty-four miles north of here, where I surveyed five claims for some Lake county boys. We hope to locate all of the mountain tops and have a big boom there next spring. Messrs Scott and Pierce got rich up there, and a Mr. Crawford made \$64,000 clear money from the sluices that he operated there. Some people leave here and report no gold and no gold-bearing quartz, but that's a great error.

The Ruggles & Peterson ledge, located about three weeks ago on Scorpion creek, has been bonded to a rich company for \$20,000, payable in two years. Messrs Stoddard & Vollmers have a ledge up Squirrel Gulch from which a man can make five to ten dollars a day mortaring and panning the ore. A ledge recently found on Swift creek goes \$190 per ton. Many other rich quartz and placer mines are being opened up here and there are hundreds more in the mountains yet to be found, but I would not advise any one to come in here now to strike it rich this year.

The days are short and the nights very cold and we look for rain any day, which may last till Christmas. Everything is high here. Hay 75 cents to \$1.50 per cwt., and oats and rolled barley 3 cents, flour \$1.65 per sack, bacon 14 and 15 cents, coffee 25 cents per pound, sugar 11 pounds for \$1, and other things in proportion. Good board and lodging can be had at \$5.50 per week.

Anyone with the Randsburg or Alaska fever should take a trip up here this fall for a few weeks after the first rain and climb over these granite mountains for awhile, or skate down some of these serpentine bedrocks for half a day in the cold wind and the fever will be greatly lessened or entirely leave them. The incidents, miserable or amusing, of a prospector's life in the rocky regions of Trinity will be reserved for a future time.

S. T. Luce.

The Mendocino Outlook.

J. M. Dill was down from Laytonville Tuesday and stated to a reporter for THE PRESS that the people in that section of the county are greatly interested in the mining developments recently made there.

Some very promising lands have been discovered by Seth Dunham, an old miner and a well-known resident of the Laytonville section. Mr. Dunham, accompanied by a son of Mr. Dill, has been prospecting extensively in northern Mendocino, and has located thirteen claims. The lowest returns received from specimens sent to the Selby Smelting company are \$25 a ton, and the ledge is a well-defined one and has been traced for miles.

Mr. Dunham was the discoverer of the Knoxville and Great Western mines, and is thoroughly well posted in mineral bearing rock. He says that beyond a doubt the Laytonville section is one of the richest in the country.

The new discoveries are about 12 miles northeast of Laytonville and are on the line of the Red Mountain prospect. At the latter place Messrs John Graham of Eureka and John Beaumont and Dougald Mackellar of Laytonville have located

some handsome prospects. They will begin sinking a shaft next week.

When they first struck the lead they are to develop the ore assayed \$5 a ton but the deeper they go the richer the returns appear. The latest assay showed \$15 to the ton, and one of the gentlemen will go down to San Francisco during the coming week for the purpose of arranging for the purchase of a 10-stamp mill.

PERSONALS.

Will Nuckolls and family will shortly remove to Sonora.

Harry Morris has purchased a newspaper route in San Francisco and will remove thither with his family November 1st.

Abe Marks returned from Santa Rosa and San Francisco Monday. He will open up a large dry goods store in the former city the first of the coming month.

The members of the ladies' society of the Presbyterian church of this city will give a grand concert the latter part of this month. An excellent program is in preparation.

James Townsend, a pioneer lumberman of this county but now a resident of San Francisco, was in town during the week. He had been on a visit to friends and relatives in Humboldt county.

Professor Neilsen, late expert of the Mendocino county grand jury, has been appointed superintendent of instruction of Sonoma county. The appointment shows the esteem in which Mr. Neilsen is held by the people of that county.

The first installment of state and county taxes becomes due Monday next and delinquent November 29th. The only change made in the law at the late session of the legislature was that wherein the first installment becomes due the second Monday in October instead of the first.

The trial of the board of supervisors for misdemeanor in office is set for Monday next. The board has retained Messrs Cooper, White, Seawell and Pemberton to defend it. The people will be represented by District Attorney Sturtevant and John MacNab.

R. W. Sutter of this city was committed to the asylum Wednesday by Judge Mannon. For several days previous to his arrest the patient had been developing pronounced evidences of insanity, his mania being of a religious character. Sutter was the proprietor of a lumberyard in this city and up to a year or so ago had been employed in the Beckley mill at Low Gap.

Dell W. Scammon, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Scammon of this city, died in Stockton Sunday last and was brought here Tuesday and interred in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. The deceased left home June last to pick fruit in Yolo county, but was taken sick with chills and fever, and went to the Stockton state hospital September 10th. He was then taken with typhoid pneumonia and died October 3d. Deceased was 10 years of age.

Louis W. Howard and Miss Bessie Chambers, both of Ukiah, Sunday afternoon plighted their troth at the home of the groom's parents, and were pronounced man and wife by Rev. G. W. Disher of Willits. The wedding was a quiet affair, characterized by simplicity, as only a few of their intimate friends were present. The bride was dressed very becomingly. A dinner was served, and the menu was well selected, containing all the delicacies of the season. At the conclusion of the dinner the party took their leave, wishing the two a long and happy life.

District Attorney Sturtevant and T. J. Carothers returned from Mendocino Wednesday evening, whither they had gone to try the case of the people against the Albion Lumber company. The complaint was sworn to by Herman Flyger, who charged the company with a violation of the labor law, which requires monthly payment of wages. The company alleges that it has leased the mill and logging camps to H. B. Hickey, and does not therefore come under the statute inhibiting labor contract. The case was tried before Justice Canning Smith and was taken under advisement. The case is criminal in its nature.

S. Marks will rent his new opera-house for \$7.50 a night for all purposes, and \$2.50 a night for dances in his big banquet room. Electric lights furnished. 08-29

War songs, national airs and martial music will be features of the war reading, On the Border, tomorrow evening.

OUTRE OCCURRENCES.

FUNNY FREAKS AND PECULIAR HAPPENINGS.

Weekly Budget of Things Which Take Place Without Apparent Provocation. Incidents and Accidents Due to Planetary Influences.

A team of fifteen local high-school athletes leave on the noon train today for San Francisco to attend the games at the Olympic racetrack. The competitive events will be fifteen in number and seventeen high-school teams will take part, so that in case Ukiah wins one first event she will have more than her natural percentage. The boys have been training assiduously for the occasion, and they are confident that they will make a good showing. On the 16th inst the local high-school team will meet the Mendocino boys at Big river in a match game of football, and a week later will play the Belmont boys on the local oval. The struggle between the Mount Tamalpais athletes and the Ukiah boys is scheduled for the 30th, but the place of meeting has not yet been selected.

A Bad Runaway.

Henry Waugh, who lives a few miles east of this city, was thrown from a wagon last week and painfully injured. He was coming down a steep grade on the Lost valley road when his horses became unmanageable and ran away. Mr. Waugh was thrown violently from the wagon, which was hurled down a steep grade and badly demolished. The horses broke away from the wagon and ran down the hill and lodged between two trees, one of which it was found necessary to cut down before the animals could be released. Mr. Waugh was badly cut about the face and head, but the wounds, while painful, are more or less superficial. Mr. Waugh is to be congratulated on his escape from serious injury.

A Very Live Corpse.

If anyone imagines Tennessee Bill is dead they should hear him shout. He drifted into town Saturday last, but his arrival was not heralded with the usual warwhoop. He was quite subdued, for the news of his resurrection had preceded him and he did not care to accentuate his return to earth. Bill claims that an Auburn paper is responsible for the general circulation of his obituary. He says that while in Marysville he received letters from a brother in Oregon and gave them to an Appeal man to keep. After Bill left the town a man died in the city prison and it was given out that the famous pedestrian had taken his last trip. But Bill isn't dead.

Jeff Davis in Trouble.

Jeff Davis has been arrested, and this time there is no controversy as to the identity of his captor. Neither was he dressed in female apparel. Joel Eveland, the Round valley magistrate, issued the warrant, and it was sworn to by Tall Charley, a well-known resident of northern Mendocino. Tall Charley alleges in his complaint that Jeff became enamored of a pretty sorrel mare and appropriated her to his own use. Tall Charley objected and caused the namesake of the noted Confederate president to be placed in the local jail and held for trial for grand larceny.

Camp Ukiah.

The Ukiah boys crossed Chilcote pass safely and are now at Dawson city. They purchased five horses at Dyea and got all their goods over to Lake Linderman in good shape and without accident or incident worthy of note. They paid \$1100 for the animals and disposed of them as soon as they got across the pass. The boys were in perfect health when last heard from, and although the work of traveling was difficult and dangerous they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A Hunting Accident.

Frank Hoadley, the son of J. F. Hoadley, formerly of this city but now a resident of Trinity Mine, Shasta county, was wounded so badly in the left arm last week as to require the amputation of the limb. The young fellow was out hunting and his gun was accidentally discharged. The bullet inflicted a jagged wound, and one so serious that the physicians in charge were compelled to amputate in order to save the boy's life.

A Fire Near Largo.

A fire started in the barn of A. V. MacNab, who resides near Largo, Wednesday morning last and destroyed the building and its contents. By strenuous exertions the horses in the barn were

saved, but hay, harness and farming implements were destroyed. The aggregate loss was estimated by Mr. MacNab to be about \$900, on which there was no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Arrested in Sherwood.

Constable Lew Norton of Healdsburg arrested a man named John Chambers in Sherwood valley yesterday on a warrant charging him with having obtained property by false pretenses. It seems that Chambers had pledged a span of horses and a wagon to a man in Geyserville for \$40. He afterward asked permission to use the outfit for a short time, promising to return it. Instead of having done as he agreed he immediately took the road for Humboldt county. The constable came up on the noon train Wednesday and overtook his man in Sherwood. The officer and his captive left for the south this morning.

No Clew to the Bandits.

The officers of the law who have been on the trail of the outlaws who murdered J. R. Barnett on the 27th ult. have yet no progress to report. Numerous clews have been investigated but all to no purpose. Suspected men have been arrested in San Francisco, in Oakland, Healdsburg, Napa and Santa Rosa, but they invariably proved to be the wrong men. Sheriff Johnson is in San Francisco following up his theory that the bandits moved at once in that direction after having held up the stages.

Sam Blades Stabbed.

Sam Blades, formerly of this city but now a resident of San Francisco, was stabbed in the region of the heart Saturday evening last and narrowly escaped death. Sam is the manager of an Ellis-street variety theatre, and in attempting to evict a boisterous visitor he was assaulted and wounded with a knife. Sam's stomach development interfered with the fellow's aim and saved a life.

A Residence Burglarized.

Burglars entered the residence of Mrs. Fowler, east of the Grand hotel, Saturday last, and ransacked the dwelling. They failed to discover any money to reward their exertions, but helped themselves to a good meal. No trace of the thieves has been found.

TO HAVE AN OBSERVATORY.

Ukiah to Be Selected as a Point for Determining a Stellar Question

C. H. Sinclair of the United States coast and geodetic survey arrived from Washington a few days ago and is quartered at the Grand hotel. Mr. Sinclair is here for the purpose of determining the exact latitude of this city. He is an expert in that kind of work and for that reason was selected by the department at Washington. Ukiah city has been on the map for a good many years, but according to Mr. Sinclair it has never been in the right place. Its local time has never been exact for the same reason. In fact ever since the city was founded its clocks and watches have been wrong. The only correct timepieces have been the hour-glasses and the sun dials with the aid of the almanac.

Mr. Sinclair came up Saturday last and at once proceeded to business. He will take observations of the stars and will compare the meridian time with that of San Francisco, whose longitude is known, for the purpose of discovering the error. In this he will be assisted by the telegraph.

When the work shall have been completed Ukiah will assume her proper place on the map invested with all the dignity of a city with a well-defined longitude. Besides this she will have the honor of having one of the six observatories of the world, as stated in a former issue of THE PRESS.

List of Talesmen.

Following is a list of jurors for the term of court commencing Monday next: William O'Neal, Elk; E. J. Dooley, Charles Hans, Henry Buckman, Hopland; Richard Coombs, Nat Kent, Littleriver; M. A. Thomas, Dennis Quinliven, Calpella; John Ham, H. A. Eldred, O. M. Brown, Covelo; William Prather, Philo; H. S. Fee, Cummings; David Walker, Westport; O. O. Capell, Laytonville; Boney Cleveland, Eden valley; Chester Poole, Sherwood; J. H. Shibley, John Gough, Miller; R. F. Page, Boonville; John Mewhinney, Pomo; W. H. Legg, Yorkville; S. S. Baechtel, E. F. DeCamp, Willits; L. Cassada, Long valley; Frank Heywood, Point Arena; O. W. Gelsell, Gualala; G. E. Jamison, Ukiah; George W. Brandt, Fish Rock.

EPISODES EPITOMIZED

CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARIZED FOR THE PRESS.

A Weekly Record of Local Occurrences Throughout the County—Social Happenings During the Week Ending at Noon Today

Dr. Brown, formerly of Fort Bragg, has located at Hopland.

Nate Bartlett, who has been quite ill recently, is convalescent.

Five thousand trout were deposited in Vichy creek Tuesday last.

Mrs. E. H. Duncan of Hopland was in town Wednesday last on a business visit.

Marion Azevido of Point Arena was made a citizen Tuesday by Judge Mannon.

John Soder of Point Arena was struck by a falling tree last week and fatally injured.

Miss Emma English of Redwood valley is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Gordon, of DeHaven.

J. W. Hiatt, a well-known stock-raiser of Yorkville, was in town the early part of the week.

Mort Gattrell of the Ukiah house is visiting relatives and friends in Haywards and Stockton.

Fred Warner and J. M. Miller, both of Westport, were made citizens by Judge Mannon Monday.

In the matter of the estate of Niels Thomsen an order to sell the real property has been granted.

William Wallace of Mendocino has accepted the position of purser on the steamer Point Arena.

Mendocino county shipped 8,410,266 feet of redwood and 56,773 railway ties to San Francisco last month.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. White died in this city Saturday last and was buried Sunday.

Mrs. Eugene Parr, wife of Constable Parr of Hopland, was a visitor to the county seat Wednesday.

A young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Russell of this city died from an attack of malaria Saturday last.

F. A. Butts, formerly principal of the public school at Point Arena, has accepted a similar position in Mono county.

Albert Mead and Mrs. Annie Elphick, both of Whitesboro, were married in this city Saturday last by G. W. Critchfield.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Alexander of San Francisco came up on the noon train Monday and are now enjoying a rest among the Lake county resorts.

Dr. Mary Alice Fish is expected to occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church Sunday and deliver a spirited address on her proposed work in Korea.

Colonel LaMotte sent about ten thousand trout to the Italian Colony creek near Asti yesterday. There are perhaps 175,000 fish yet remaining at the hatchery.

J. E. Hall of Greenwood and Miss Callie White, formerly of this city but lately of Santa Rosa, were married Wednesday last at the residence of the bride's mother.

Charles B. Smith of Out valley filed on a homestead on land in the southern part of this county Monday. Mr. Smith is an old soldier, and was a member of Hancock's veteran corps.

George Bender of Gualala recently had a narrow escape from being devoured by a huge mountain lion. The fierce animal followed him several miles, but could not summon courage to attack.

Messrs Sloat & Finley have purchased the Calpella merchandising establishment heretofore conducted by E. H. Gurley. Mr. Gurley will permanently locate in Lakeport, and highly recommends the new firm to his oldtime customers.

A large party of Eastern Stars from Lake county visited the local chapter Monday and were given a banquet and reception. The menu was elegant and the program presented was very entertaining. There were present from Lakeport: Mr. and Mrs. David Williams, County Clerk and Mrs. H. W. Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Ira M. Carpenter, Mrs. Chamblin, Mrs. A. B. Olsen, Mrs. Alice J. Brown, Miss Foree, Miss Barnert, Miss Atherton, Judge T. B. Bond, Ed Knust of the Hotel Geiselman, Major Whitton, Theo Elles, Fred Loring of The Bee. From Highland springs there were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Craig, Capt. and Miss W. B. Collier, Mrs. L. M. Appar, Miss Robbins of San Francisco. The party came over in private conveyances and thoroughly enjoyed the trip.