

# Weekly Butte Record

[From the Mountain Messenger.]  
All About the Cariboo Mines.

PAULSEN'S BLINDFOLD CHESS-PLAY IN ENGLAND.—We have already noticed the arrival of Paulsen, the American chess player in London. Paulsen, it will be remembered, played against Paul Morphy at the chess tournament held in New York some time since. He now appears in London as a blindfolded player, beating no less than ten opponents simultaneously. The London Star has this account of his wonderful performance:

Paulsen offered play, blindfolded, ten of the best players of this country. To carry on the games simultaneously, Paulsen had previously been victorious in a contest on the same terms with fifteen players; but they were not all first class, and after his triumph he expressed a wish to be pitted against ten of the ablest players that could be produced. The match of yesterday has excited great interest in chess circles since the preliminaries were arranged, and when it commenced, it was announced in the room, which, it is needless to say, consisted chiefly of chess players. The following are the names of the ten gentlemen who were Paulsen's opponents, viz: Mackenzie, amateur; Sabourff, Russian Embassy; Mande, London Chess Club; Howard, St. James' Club; Barnes, St. George's Club; Burden, amateur; Campbell; Robey; Lamb, amateur; Wormald, Secretary of St. James' Club.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, Paulsen ascended a platform in the centre of the room and seated himself in a chair. For the instruction of those who are uninitiated in chess matters it may be stated that literally he was not blindfolded—that is to say, there was no bandage over his eyes, but as he sat, he turned toward the players, and his face directly toward the window, it was physically impossible that he could see anything on the boards of his opponents. He was quite cool and collected, and appeared to contemplate the result without any misgiving. He had the first move in all the games, and he announced King's pawn 2 all round. The game proceeded slowly, and it soon became apparent that although Paulsen had undertaken only to combat ten opponents, he was really playing against the most of the gentlemen in the room, who were consulting with his opponents as to the tactics by which he could be defeated. The match was entirely for honor. Paulsen, indeed, had a small bet in his own favor with Mackenzie, but otherwise there was no betting. Now as to the result. At five o'clock, Campbell was the victor in his game; at ten o'clock, Sabourff was equally fortunate, and at half past ten, Mackenzie confessed himself beaten and resigned. About half past twelve, Robey offered to draw, which Paulsen agreed to, although he had the best of the game, and about five minutes after, the game with Barnes was also drawn. Shortly after one o'clock, Lamb's game was also drawn. The remaining games were drawn.

During the contest which lasted nearly twelve hours, Paulsen was out of his chair for about two minutes, and the only refreshment he partook of was a glass of water.

THE CHINESE IN AUSTRALIA.—The laborers of the Chinese diggers on the goldfields in Victoria appear, from the quantity exported by them during the current year, to have been attended with less success than previously. To the present date 15,011 oz. is the amount of their exports, against 37,000 oz. during the same period of 1860. The exports of gold by the Chinese were 66,000 oz. in 1860 against 85,500 oz. in the previous year. It appears from the following that the Chinese by no means deserve the treatment which they have received in New South Wales, which, if matters had been reversed at Canton, would have probably occasioned a war. Sir John Bowring had less provocation. No doubt they are regarded with jealousy; but so are newly arrived Englishmen, thanks to the despotism of traditions; yet the most reliable information speaks of them as hard-working, patient emigrants, despite their not very cleanly habits; but of their aptitude for trade and business there can be no doubt, for they live and flourish where the most boisterous and wasteful Anglo-Saxon would starve. We are told that the Chinese have lately made a handsome contribution to the number of public buildings of Melbourne. In Little Bourke street and the alleys leading from it, that peculiar people have made a city for themselves and their British-born spouses, whose numbers (according to the Argus) are gradually increasing, and few tradesmen seem to flourish but those who hang over their doors the mysterious characters which only Chinese understand. In a central position in the street Kong Meng & Co. have lately erected a court-house, where disputes among Chinese will be disposed of after their own manner and according to their own laws; it is of brick, with a front of white stone, the columns of the one story Ionic, and of the other Composite. The floors are of black and white marble. There are no fire-places, the Chinese having some superstition on that point; and to obviate another prejudice the windows are placed one above the other.—[Australia and New Zealand Gazette.]

STEAMBOAT WAR.—The S. F. Evening Journal, of Nov. 26th, has the following: "The excitement growing out of the reported drawing off of a portion of the opposition, called out a large crowd, who swarmed at the wharves, and cheered lustily as the National took her departure for Sacramento. This morning the Milton S. Latham was hauled off the route, and the Sacramento came around and took her place, the workmen, under the personal supervision of Mr. Donahue, having been up all night, getting her ready to resume her trips. So goes up to-night. The C. S. N. Co. is also running its best boats, and offering every inducement to shippers and travelers. From all appearances, the war will now be prosecuted to the bitter end. By the alteration in the time of starting the freight boats of the latter company, we now receive the Sacramento papers some hours earlier than before."

A DIVORCE DILEMMA.—The Supreme Court of York county, Maine, has been in session for the September term two weeks. The Saco Democrat gives the following account of one of the divorce cases: "There have been three divorces decreed during the term thus far, and in connection with one of said decrees there now seems to arise some 'funny' questions. It seems that a certain party in South Berwick, anxious to get rid of his 'spouse' pressed a hearing upon his libel, and obtained a decree during the third day of the term. On the fifth day of the term, the said 'spouse' made her appearance before the Court and stated that her anxious husband and his friends persuaded her that the case would not be called up till the second week in the term, consequently she returned home, although she had a defense to said libel, etc., etc. The Court, upon these representations, ordered the decree of divorce to be stricken from the docket. Now, the funny part of it is that said divorced husband went home on the day of the decree—obtained as above stated—and forthwith proceeded to Salmon Falls and married another lady. What his new wife will say, or how they will proceed when they learn that there is in fact no decree of divorce from the first wife, remains to be seen."

THE SAN FRANCISCO SPIRIT OF THE TIMES AND FIREMAN'S JOURNAL, an excellent paper, with strong Union proclivities, has had its typographical appearance vastly improved by a new dress. Success to it.

RESIGNED.—Hon. James Otis, member elect to the Legislature from San Francisco, has sent in his resignation and sailed for China.

THE CARIBOO DISTRICT, about 40 miles square, is crossed by a chain of mountains; the beds of various creeks which course down its sides comprise the richest gold diggings ever known to the world. These creeks are tributaries of the Fraser River. To reach these mines you take the steamer from San Francisco to Victoria, thence up Puget Sound and Fraser River to New Westminster, the capital of British Columbia, containing the Custom House and camp of the Royal Engineers, Sappers and Miners. From thence are two routes. First, the Douglas, which diverges from Fraser, and ascends Harrison River, crossing five lakes, which, with one exception, are spanned with steamers. The portages are made by stage. This route strikes the Fraser again at Lilloet, the highest town upon that stream. Mining here is principally carried on by Chinamen and Indians. Considerable of a town exists upon the opposite side of the river, which furnishes a large amount of goods for the Caribooites. From Lilloet no public conveyance is to be had, and travelers usually secure Cayuse horses for navigation to the forks of the Queneelle, 175 miles. This point is as far as mules can be driven, on account of deep mire, and goods are taken the remainder of the way by horses or Indians—principally by the latter. From Forks of Queneelle to Antler, one of the principal Cariboo creeks, the distance is about fifty miles.

The other Fraser route proceeds from New Westminster to Port Yale, thence by saddle trail 70 miles to Lytton. This trail is said to be one of the most frightful ever ventured over by passengers—many of whom follow its narrow, winding way under cover of night when their courage would fail them in making the passage by daylight. In places the mountain side upon which the trail hangs is nearly perpendicular for thousands of feet down to the violent, roaring Fraser. Lytton is 200 miles from the Forks of Queneelle, which distance is traversed by mules and horses. There is also a third route, called the overland, by which the markets are supplied with live stock from Oregon and Washington Territory.

A coast route is contemplated which may supercede all the others. The trip from San Francisco is made in about twenty-three days, and affords about as rough a variety of traveling as can be experienced in so short a time. Mr. Fuller went over both of the river routes, and entertains a decided preference for the Douglas.

The specimen of Cariboo gold shown us is intermixed with a greyish quartz, the ore being very irregular in shape, yet handsome withal. All the gold extracted from these mines has been quite coarse, the particles ranging in value from 12½ cents to 20 cents. Quite different from the Fraser River dust of 58, which was so very fine that but few of the deluded men who sought it ever saw it—yet it is unquestionably the source of the few rich diggers found upon the bars of the lower Fraser.

Our informant is knowing to the fact that 42 ounces of gold was washed from one pan of dirt taken from the bed rock. In Abbott & Co.'s claim, on Antler Creek, four men in one day sluiced out 298½ ounces. Eleven hands in all were on the ground. There are four owners in the company, and they have taken out this season over four hundred pounds. The claims are only one fourth worked, and the remainder of the gravel is supposed to be equally as valuable. Another company, on Williams Creek, possess claims full as abundant of the shining ore. Many claims have produced from 40 to 60 ounces per day.

Besides the difficulty of getting to these diggings, the antipathetic miner should remember the high prices of living and the brevity of the season for creek mining. The 1st of July is the earliest period for operations, and the 1st of October the latest. Flour was sold this season at from 60 to 75 cents per lb.; bacon from 80 to 90 cents. Single meals \$2, when attainable. Bad whisky fifty cents, every shot. The reporter candidly advises men who are doing fairly here to steer clear of all foreign mines. There are no out of employment, and have nothing to lose, can do as they like about venturing portward.

Cariboo is a French word, and the name of a rare animal which abounds in the section of these new mines. It resembles the moose in its general appearance. Old hunters tell curious tales of how the Cariboo, in large flocks, break down branches of the trees and form corrals for their protection during the severe winters of that horrid climate.

Pure, crystal lakes, like those seen in the vicinity of Gold Lake, near the summit of the Sierra Nevada range, in our State, are found in close proximity to each other in the highest mountain districts in the Cariboo country. Mr. Fuller met with a number of old La Portes in the course of his travels. Recently a partner of John Conly, in claims at Warren Hill, was in the vicinity of the mines. He reported to F. having met with a party, about the 1st of October, on snow shoes, going out to stake off hill claims at some point where new discoveries had been found. Geo. Wilson, our old market man, is vending his beef and witty slang to the citizens of Lytton. Mortimer Cooke, an old merchant of La Porte, is selling merchandise, in company with a named Kimball, at the same point. Jake Herkimer, who attended to the mixing department at the old Rabbit Creek House during Art Arnold's administration, has married a white woman and is running a store and drinking saloon in Lilloet.

Our story of the new mines is longer than we anticipated, but trust the reader will excuse its length, as we preferred to deliver all our say in one chapter.

GOOD PAY.—The Union Tunnel Company, at Howland Flat, Sierra county, one day last week washed 110 ounces in 8 hours.

PROLIFIC VINE.—A grape vine, owned by R. S. Pardee, of Ione Valley, and only six years' growth has produced eight hundred pounds of grape.

POISONOUS WATER.—The Yreka Union states that an analysis of the water in Yreka, shows the presence of a strong alkaline poison.

THE PEACE PARTY AND THEIR SOUTHERN BROTHERS.—The Memphis Avalanche calls the "peace" parties in the Federal States "arrant humbugs," and says: "They may hold their conventions, write about peace, and pass their canting resolutions until doomsday, but will never effect a peace on their terms. They may lick the feet of the tyrant if it suits them, but the South will continue to fight him, and against the Government of which he is the dictator and against the people whom he governs, until she gets rid of them forever."

PLAIN TALK.—Ex-Governor Stewart, of Missouri, in the State Convention said the people of Missouri had hitherto sympathized with the South on account of the institution of slavery, but the Confederate army had swept like a besom of destruction through Missouri, and had violated institutions of ours more sacred than slavery or cotton. "Let them beware," said he, "when the first frosts of winter come, we shall march an army into the very heart of Cottondom, and as they have shed blood upon our hearth stones, we will now regard slavery as sacred—we will lay waste their plantations, confiscate their cotton and set their negroes free, if they do not soon stop their hellish business."

CARLE CAMERON, a merchant of San Francisco was drowned at Benicia, on Tuesday evening last, in attempting to get on board the steamer Chrysolis.

ASSESSMENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.—The whole value of the property in Los Angeles county amounts to \$2,335,367; and amount of taxation, \$46,707 34. The assessed value of property last year was \$3,065,330; depreciation during the last year, \$729,963, or nearly one fourth.

The citizens of Nevada have subscribed ten thousand dollars to the National Loan.

THE FRESCO INDIAN RESERVATION has been abandoned by order of the Superintendent, Mr. Wentworth.

EASTERN NEWS.—But little Eastern news has been received during the week, owing to a disarrangement in the telegraph wires, east of Salt Lake.

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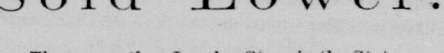
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