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MOVEMENT AMONG THE CHINESE — The town is over-run with Chinese awaiting the arrival of the steamer to take a passage for the North. They are from Trinity and Klamath and bound to British Columbia. They leave this State in consequence of the mining tax. We understand that several thousand more intend to follow the present batch, by this route. They come this way, we understand, to avoid some of their countrymen in San Francisco, to whom they are indebted for passage, borrowed money, etc., and would relieve them of what little they have left. The celestials, it seems, are not behind the outside barbarians in tricks to avoid creditors.

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... he means it as any one may learn
by calling on him. "Thirty-two by a
hundred and ten" is his motto.

ITEMS FROM FERNDALE.—We glean the following from the Ferndale *Enterprise* of yesterday: Since the late rise in the river, several large rafts of logs have been taken down to Dennis & Robert's mill on Salt River..... We understand that nearly every dairy on Bear River Ridge is now in full blast, and the grazing is very fine..... The China wash house on Ocean Avenue is being moved back to give room for the new hall, which will immediately be commenced by Rackliff & Colburn..... We are glad to learn that Mrs. Ferrill, who was lying very low last week, is improving rapidly under the treatment of Dr. Glasscock, and is now out of danger..... The "Lady of Lyons" has been selected by the Literary Society for their entertainment. It is not definitely known when the affair will take place, but you can look for it in April..... We learn with pleasure that the dairy ranches on Bear River and Mattole River are looking remarkably well. The grass under the warm, abundant rains is growing rapidly, and already cattle are "in clover." The prospect is unusually good for a splendid yield of butter. May every dairyman realize much more than his brightest hopes.Clement A. Kemp, a resident of this valley for many years and a prominent Odd Fellow and good citizen, died at his residence on Friday night, the 21st. His funeral took place in the M. E. Church of this place on Sabbath, the 23d, at 2 p. m. The Odd Fellows turned out in force and notwithstanding a heavy rainstorm, a large congregation. Rev. M. Dexter delivered the funeral discourse and the beautiful burial rites of the order were in part celebrated at the grave..... Sunday morning, the Mattole stage, as it was crossing the beach below Centerville, was upset. No damage was done with the exception of breaking out the pole from the stage. The following are the names of the passengers: Miss Parker, Mrs A P Marble, Mrs G A Frost, and Miss Sarah Fox; they sustained no injuries whatever, except they were thoroughly drenched with salt water and sand.

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90 YEARS AGO — June 23, 1877
Times Standard 6/26/1967

CHINESE PICKING BERRIES — The woods are full of Chinamen, earning a living picking wild blackberries. They have from time to time been abused by men and boys and but a few days ago one Celestial came very near being sent to meet his Joss.

An excuse is always found by the white men, either the Chinaman was saucy or the gun went off accidentally, etc., and he goes free, but if a Chinaman stands out for his rights and in doing so injures a white man he is sent up for a number of days and no redress. It cannot be expected that the Chinese will stand this abuse and torture always. Among their number there are some who would just as soon shoot as not, and if attacked by white men or boys will defend themselves. We would not be one jot surprised to hear of a man or boy seriously injured while pestering the Chinese in the woods. The best way to do is to let them alone. They will mind their business and if others would do the same there would be no trouble.

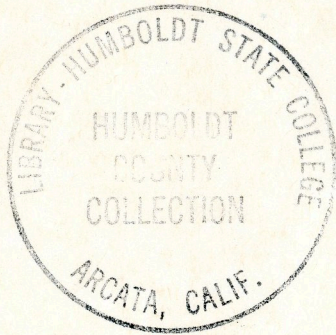
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CHINESE NEW YEAR.—It is with long and doleful faces that the Chinese of Eureka will celebrate the New Year. Heretofore the day or season has been ushered in by the firing of crackers and bombs, and a good time in general. Some months since, the City Fathers, at the request of numerous property holders of Eureka passed an ordinance prohibiting the firing of crackers, bombs and other combustibles within the corporate limits of the city, save on such occasions when the Mayor will issue a written permit.

Some of the Celestials had a petition drawn up requesting Mayor Jonathan Clark to grant them a permit to celebrate their holiday in their accustomed manner. The petition received quite a few signatures, although but few of the signers were owners of property in the business portion of the city. The petition was handed to Mayor Clark, who considered the matter carefully, and on taking the various facts and features into consideration, declined to grant their request. The Chinese are compelled to do away with one of the principal features of the celebration or else incur the displeasure of Constable Josh Vansant and run the risk of boarding a few days at the expense of the city.

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HOLY MOSES!

There is a paper published in San Francisco called the *People's Tribune*. As it is a new paper, only a few numbers having been issued, we will state for the benefit of our readers, that it is a warm advocate of the cause espoused by Denis Kearney, is the official organ of I. S. Kallloch, Mayor of San Francisco, and the adviser and right bower of said Denis. In its issue of April 3d appears the following letter from this section of the country:

Eureka, March 27, 1880.

Editor Tribune:—I have received a copy of your paper and can assure you it gave me much pleasure to read its manly and outspoken sentiments. It is a need we long have felt—the want of a live journal in your city that will give the people of the State a fair and truthful report of what is doing in their midst, and also one that will be the champion of their true interests of the industrial and laboring people of the State and nation. We get nothing from the press of your city but lying misrepresentations of the Workingmen and their aims and their objects. Let them howl! They may deceive the people for a short time, but not long. Will the American people ever learn wisdom from past experience? The nation is yet in mourning for five hundred thousand of her best and bravest sons, who laid down their lives that their posterity might enjoy the blessings of a free country; but no sooner was African slavery abolished at such a dreadful cost of blood and treasure—which it will cripple generations yet unborn to make good—before our shoddy lords and purse-proud corporations would force on us, against our will, a far more dangerous and servile race of slaves than those that it cost the nation so much to abolish. Hordes of these Chinese slaves only await the bidding of their masters to invade our land, devour our substance and bring our laboring classes down to their own base level.

God has called you to be our Moses. Be steadfast in the right, and you will come out more than conqueror. No doubt the minions of power will try to blacken your fair fame. Remember you are not the first, nor are you likely to be the last, to be persecuted for defending the down-trodden and oppressed of God's children. Heaven speed you in your good work, and deliver you from the hands of the assassins that would imbrue their bloody hands in innocent blood—the blood of the defender of the people's rights.

As to your paper, we will send some numbers to our friends in the interior of the county and get you up a list of subscribers that will tell well for Humboldt county and the Workingmen's party. We are firm in the faith.

I was an old line Republican in politics, and introduced your friend Pixley through Trinity county in the Fremont and Dayton campaign of 1856. If I had then had the least idea that he was such a foul-mouthed scalawag, I would have been tempted to drown him and his mule in Trinity river. I believe I would have done our country a service.

JOHN CARR,
Chairman Co. Com. W. P. C.

“God has called you to be our Moses.” Excuse our profanity, and allow us to whisper Holy Moses! If God did call upon Kallloch to be a Moses, we will bet a ten cent bill that he is ashamed of it now and will soon revoke the order. Of course we are not in close communication with the

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in close communication with the powers above and cannot contradict the statement, and it *may* be true. The Chairman of the Co. Committee of the W. P. C. of Humboldt must have received a revelation from the Ruler of this and the other world, or he would not have made such a broad statement; his language is positive and decided, and he speaks with the air of one who knows. He must have been the middle man, and, standing upon the Mount received the tablets and passed them down to the second Moses together with the insignia of office.

We are satisfied. It is a divine revelation made through the Chairman of the W. P. C.'s in and for Humboldt, duly attested with his official signature. It settles two grievous questions. First, what Kalloch was here for, and second, which side of the fence the Humboldt branch of the W. P. C. would fall on. The first question will be settled very soon. Moses, or no Moses, Kalloch will have to keep his place, keep a civil and peaceable tongue in his head, or be confined in the House of Correction, and instead of being fed by the raven, will have his food sent to him by a trusty.

The second proposition is also satisfactory. It has always been claimed that the party of Humboldt was not a Kearney organization, had no faith in Denis, and was a separate affair entirely. But the worthy Chairman, officially says, in substance: "No; we do belong to Kearney, and Kalloch is our Moses," and thus the matter is settled.

The edict has gone forth and the Workingmen's party of Humboldt county is placed in line with those who endorse the incendiary speeches made by Kearney, Gannon, Kalloch and their followers; they second the motion to kill, burn and destroy; they claim, with Kearney et al., the credit of crippling the business and industries of the State, of stopping immigration, of sending capital away, of causing the hard times, of bringing about a state of unrest which has injured the prospects of California to such an extent that it will require years to recover from the effects. The official statement is made and the party will abide by it.

A PERPETUAL DELUSION
An exchange says Albert Plehnowski, a Pole, residing in New York, has invented almost a perpetual motion machine and those who have seen it and are competent to judge, say that it may work a revolution in mechanics. It consists of a pair of balls.

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LINES FROM THE TIMES**From The Files of The Humboldt Times**

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EIGHTY YEARS AGO — Week of January 29, 1881

OPIUM SMOKING — Opium smoking is becoming one of the fixed vices of this country, and one which threatens great disaster among the human race. In San Francisco and other large cities, ordinances are enforced prohibiting its use and offenders receive a certain prescribed punishment.

In this city there is no ordinance to that effect. We do not feel disposed to assert that such a den of infamy positively exists in our midst — for we do not know — but it is the general belief, and openly avowed by some that the Chinese quarters of this city are utilized for that abominable purpose. The patrons of the dens are generally said to be young men, and sometimes women — whether exclusively of the “demi-monde” type or not is unknown, except that they have been seen to enter and leave China houses in the night time. The habit when at first contracted is said to be pleasing and enticing, but when once formed can never be broken until it draws its victim to a premature and horrible death. Derangement of mental faculties and loss of good health are certain precursors.

The problem does need the attention of proper authorities, and we feel confident that it will receive that attention. We are sure that they will do all in their power to prevent its further continuance. Let us hope that some steps will be taken to distinguish this rendezvous where the pernicious habit is indulged in, and that its visitors may be spotted, and perhaps induced to reform.

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80 YEARS AGO — Week of February 26, 1881

CHINESE EXHIBITION — The celestials on Fourth street yesterday gave an exhibit of physical strength. The gesticulations and gabberation of a dozen heathens, all talking at once, brought a few spectators to the scene who happened to be within the reach of their voices — a limit of four blocks, more or less.

The excitement was caused by two speculating Mongolians. A bet of five dollars had been made, and one of them was preparing to carry eight five-gallon cans of water a half block. The cans were filled with water and separated into two lots of four cans in each lot. While the preliminaries were being arranged several Chinamen attempted to lift four of the cans from the ground, but only one or two succeeded in doing so. Finally the Samson appeared, hung the cans on the end of a strong pole, and crouching down, raised upright with the heavy weight. He walked about twenty feet, began to stagger under the load, and soon Chinaman, cans and water were strewn promiscuously on the sidewalk.

The defeat was met with cheers from his brethren, but none seemed willing to test the strength of their backbone under forty gallons of water, weighing several hundred pounds. We recommend that our citizens keep their hen coops under lock and key for a while as that Chinaman has lost 'heap plenty of money' and must make some requital.

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CHINESE WILL SUE—The Chinese Consul-General at San Francisco has announced his intention of submitting a claim against the Government for \$100,000 damages alleged to have been sustained by the former Chinese residents of Eureka, by reason of what they are pleased to term their "expulsion." They claim that their property was destroyed and that they were compelled to leave without the opportunity of collecting debts due them. The facts of the case are simply that they left for their own protection against hostile demonstrations; that they were assisted to take away their worldly goods, and that not a dollar was due them from the citizens of Eureka.

If they have experienced any loss in the collection of debts, the money owing were due from their own countrymen, and as the Six Companies have heretofore assumed the authority of settling these disputes among the Chinese, there would seem to be no good reason why they should not do so in this instance. *Times Standard 10/29/1907*

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The Chinese Again

—Oct. 15, 1886

The arrival of 20 Chinese from San Francisco for the Eel River Cannery Thursday was the means of bring the Chinese question into prominent discussion again in this county. In Eureka, when it was known that the Chinese were aboard the steamer Chester, the sentiment of 2 years immediately sprang to life, the committee of 15 met, and considerable excitement was the result. A telegram was sent to the people of Ferndale asking the opinion here on the matter, and what was proposed to be done. The subject was generally discussed by our citizens, and while the feeling against Chinamen is as strong in Ferndale as in other parts of the county, yet there was a division of sentiment in this particular case. All agreed, however, that no effectual steps could be taken without overstepping the law as the Chinese had already landed, and there the matter rested, the Chinese now being at work.

We, with all the other good citizens, deeply regret the arrival of this Chinese horde on our soil, but while the anti-chinese sentiment is strong within us, yet we do not believe in cutting off our nose to spite our face. After an investigation, we find that to deprive the Cutting Packing Company of Chinese help at this time would result in closing down the cannery for the season. Such an event would be a catastrophe, indeed, for at the least calculation, \$15,000 will be left in the county by this company in the next 2 months. A large number of white men are engaged in fishing in the river and they rely on the cannery to buy their fish. We are of the belief that it is for the best that no action was taken but we favor arrangements that will make this the last case of importation of Chinese labor into the county.

In an interview with Mr. Talent of the company we were assured this would be the last year that Chinese would be brought to Eel River; that if arrangements could not be made to have the work done by white men, the cannery would close. He also informed us that several new machines were now being utilized which do the work of about 20 Chinese. He stated he had notified his chinamen not to leave the cannery and would see that they all left the county at the close of the season.

A deputation from Eureka visited Mr. Talent at the cannery and informed him the Chinese must go, however, a mass meeting of Ferndale citizens took the stand that the chinamen can remain until the end of the season and that is the way it stands now.

12-13-1889

The Eel river cannery people, including the 57 Chinese, took their departure for S. F. on the Humboldt Wednesday. The Chinese were transported from the cannery to Singley's Ferry by the teams of Barnes & Scott and C. A. Doe, and were crossed Wednesday morning in a small boat, taking the cars at Singley's Station for Field's Landing, where they boarded the Humboldt. The cannery put up about 12,000 cases of salmon this season.