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**BALD HILLS REGION  
AND  
LYONS FAMILY**

Updating 2001  
April 2005  
Updating 8/06; 9/06  
Updated 2012  
Merged other files 2013  
Consolidation of all references, summer 2014  
More in 2015

**NEWSPAPER REFERENCES**

HT (5 April 1856) Salmon Correspondent, Forks of Salmon, 26 March 1856—The “honest farmer,” alias Jonathan Lyons, has commenced farming in earnest. He has the first garden ever cultivated on the river, successfully, which now bids fair to yield an abundant harvest the coming season.

HT (2 Aug. 1856) Grasshoppers—We learn that there are swarms of these destructive insects on the Bald Hills, toward the Klamath and that they make great havoc with the grass, cutting it off close to the ground wherever they go.

HT (6 Sept. 1856) The New Trail from Trinidad—Snyder and Parker, contractors to build a trail from Trinidad to Bald Hills, have completed the job, we learn. The work was done mostly by Indians from Hoopa Valley....

Klamath Count Deeds A:539 (7 Oct. 1856) Jonathan Lyons to T.C. Wright for \$3840, land together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated on and about the Forks of Salmon River, 160 acres, same land claimed by Geo. Wells, 20 Set. 1854.

HT (28 Feb. 1857) Bridge over Redwood Creek on Trinidad trail built by Snyder gave way.

HT (18 April 1857) Birth of twin girls to Wm. Morton at Elk Camp.

HT (16 May 1857) Birth of daughter to John McConnaha at Bald Hills.

HT (11 July 1857) Married at Elk Camp, Neal Hill and Nancy Baird on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

NC (20 April 1859) Bald Hills—A resident of what is called the Bald Hills country, between Trinidad and Weitchpeck, speaking of the severity of the late winter, said that he

had resided there six years and had never before known snow to remain longer at one time than three days, but this winter they have had in many places three feet for the last three months. It is now fast disappearing with a good prospect for abundant grazing, as well as usual yield for early sown grain. Notwithstanding the hard winter, he says that horned stock are in good condition. The pioneers of that region commenced the stock business with small beginnings and if they do not have cattle upon a thousand hills, they will soon be able to reverse the maxim.

NC (11 May 1859) The Board of Supervisors of Klamath County awarded the building of a bridge across Redwood Creek on the Trinidad Trail to Mr. James Campbell for the sum of eight hundred dollars.

SBF 108:409 (1861 tax assessment Klamath County) Jos. Duffin, impts on ranch;  
108:416 (1862 tax assessment Klamath County) Jos. Duffin, impts on ranch on Bald Hills; 108:408 (1866 assessment Klamath County) George Saunders, claim on Bald Hills known as J. Duffin Ranch.

WHT (13 July 1861) Messrs. Fennessey Bros. are preparing to put in a ferry across the Klamath near the mouth of Trinity.

HT (28 Sept. 1861) Mr. Martin has recently had constructed a wire suspension across the Klamath river at his place three miles below Weitchpeck...length of span 298 feet, width of bridge 8 feet, height of lowest point of cable above water 91 feet....

HT (14 Dec. 1861) The Flood—On the Klamath, the loss was also great. The new wire suspension bridge belonging to J.F. Martin—but recently completed at a cost of \$5,000—was carried away, although it was over 90 feet from low water mark....

WHT (4 Jan. 1862) Mail route put up for bid. From Trinidad by Elk Camp, Martin's Ferry, Weitchpec, Orleans, and Forks of Salmon to Sawyer's Bar, 110 miles and back once a week from May 1 to Nov. 1 and once a fortnight the residue of the year. Other routes from Arcata to Weaverville, to Hoopa, and to Crescent City.

HT (21 Feb. 1863) Mr. Minor informs us that all his buildings, together with such other improvements as could be burned, were destroyed by fire last week by Indians....From the head of Redwood to its mouth not a building is left. Mr. Minor's place was the half way house between Fort Gaston and Arcata, where Fort Anderson was first established and where above all other places, troops enough should have been left for a post....Mr. Minor thinks the Indians killed much of his stock....

HT (8 Aug. 1863) Neely [from Fort Gaston]--....The war here among the Indians is still prosecuted with all vigor. Some few days since a battle was fought in the upper part of the valley, wherein one was killed and several badly scared. Soon after a band crawled into the wheat field of Mr. J. Lions, and opened fire upon a few of the opposite party, at the time binding wheat, and after a vast amount of shooting, one Indian's arm was broken.

This morning early the conflict was renewed at the same place and under similar circumstances. The warriors from the lower part of the valley were led on by the noted Chief, Bill Hostler.”

In the attack, he stationed about 45 warriors around the field and at once set the ball in motion. There were but six Indians to shoot at, and after firing about fifty shots and doing a tremendous amount of yelling, one poor unarmed Digger was killed, and three others wounded.

HT (30 Jan. 1864) Letter from Fort Gaston, Jan. 22d 1864--....Private Mankins of Co. B was visiting Mr. Jonathan Lyons, farmer of the valley, yesterday and during his stay was called upon by Handsome Billy and Frank, who at once proceeded to give him a good sound cursing, ending by one taking him by the back of the neck and the other bringing his gun to bear. Mankins was only saved by the interference of Lyons....

HT (6 Feb. 1864) Letter from Fort Gaston, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 1864--....Early next morning a few Indians were found near Jonathan Lyons' farm; several shots were exchanged in which one Indian was killed and two others mortally wounded.

HT (6 May 1865) Congress has appropriated \$60,000 for the purchase of the improvements in Hoopa Valley....

HT (2 Sept. 1865) List of improvement values for settler in Hoopa Valley, 18 on list, but Jonathan Lyons is not on list. Total valued \$59,959.55.

WHT (31 March 1866) Aid for Klamath County to enable the county to repair and improve the trail leading from Trinidad to Sawyer's Bar.

HT (2 Feb. 1867) Bridge Gone—We learn that the new bridge across Redwood Creek on the trail leading from Trinidad to Orleans Bar was swept away by the last freshet. This bridge was completed only last fall....It is said the bridge was placed full ten feet above the high water mark of the freshet of the winter of 1861 and 1862.

WHT (16 July 1870) Items from Trinidad—A force of men are now at work opening the new trail from Trinidad to the Bald Hills. The route for this trail was looked out and located by authority of the Board of Supervisors of Klamath County last summer by Captain J.F. Martin, proprietor of the ferry across the Klamath below Weitchpeck, and crosses Redwood Creek near Norton's ranch. The distance which it is estimated this trail will save over the one at present traveled past the Lagoon is from ten to twelve miles.

WHT (27 Aug. 1870) Indian Dance—We learn that the Indians of the northern country have been holding a dance on the Klamath River near Weitchpeck during the present week. It was the largest gathering of Indians that has been witnessed for many years, delegations came from as far north as Rogue River.

WCS (6 Sept. 1871) Improved Stock—Humboldt County stock raisers are beginning to manifest an interest in the improvement of all heads of stock. Mr. Isaac Minor of Arcata took the initiatory in this movement and has, we are told, introduced some fine Durham stock. Lately, Jonathan Lyons of Bald Hills, has added a fine roan Durham bull, sired by Orions, to his herd. The Brother Brothers of Rohnerville, who have herds of sheep in the hills, some months since introduced twenty head of fine stock sheep at a cost of \$100 a head, and they are already well distributed in the sheep raising portions of the county....

WCS (13 Dec. 1871) Klamath—Sheriff Brown informed the *Record* of the 2d that snow had fallen to a great depth on the Bald Hills and that three pack trains bound for points on the Salmon and Klamath had been obliged to store their cargos at Oak Camp....

WCS (4 Sept. 1872) Mr. Salmon Brown of Rohnerville is turning his attention to the introduction of fine blooded sheep into Humboldt County. We saw in Major Long S corral yesterday a fine full blood Spanish Merino buck which he had sold to H.S. Daniels, Esq. of Arcata. Mr. Brown has sold eight sucking lambs of this breed the present summer for \$75 each. By the next steamer, he expects to receive some full-blooded Cotswolds lately purchased from Rawson, the noted sheep raiser of Tehama county. We are glad to know that Mr. Brown will exhibit some of his blooded sheep at the approaching Fair of the Humboldt County Agricultural Society.

HT (26 April 1873) To Sheep Owners of Humboldt Co. H. Barman & Co. of Eureka, Calif. take this method of informing the sheep owners of Humboldt Co. that they will purchase the spring clip of wool, or any portion of it and will pay therefore the highest market price....

DHT (8 Sept. 1874) For Sale, 800 Good Sheep with four Merino bucks for sale upon advantageous terms. For particulars apply to Isaac Minor, Arcata, or to undersigned of the ranch on Redwood Creek. Jonathan Lyons.

WCS (16 Sept. 1874) Our New Neighbors—We are very much pleased at receiving a friendly letter from the Hills portion of our newly acquired territory....Now that the Bald Hills people have a Post Office...and we trust that Lyons and Hopkins and other owners of fine stock will not forget that they are residents of Humboldt county and that the Fair of the County Agricultural Society will be held at Eureka, the second week in October.

WCS (16 Sept. 1874) From Our New Bald Hills Territory, Jonathan Lyons' Ranch, Bald Hills, Humboldt Co., September 8, 1874. Editor *West Coast Signal*—Thinking that a short letter descriptive of the new territory our county has recently acquired might prove interesting to your many readers, I respectfully dedicate this missive to those of the Humboldt people who are not acquainted with this section and its productions.

The Bald Hills of Redwood (for by that distinctive appellation these Hills are known, there being numerous other Bald Hills in Humboldt county) extend from Elk Camp on the north to the North Fork of Redwood Creek on the south, a distance of about 12 miles and from Redwood Creek on the west to Tulley's place, known as Big Prairie,

on the east, a distance of about 7 miles. The principal business of the section is stock raising—mostly cattle. At the present time, there is a great deal of interest centered in the raising of sheep, and a number of our prominent stockmen contemplate importing and stocking their ranges with sheep of improved grades. It is satisfactorily settled that this county possesses superior facilities for sheep raising. Our stockmen are largely indebted to Mr. Jonathan Lyons for the discovery of the fact that sheep would prosper in these hills, he being the first to try the experiment. Some fifteen months ago [July 1873] he imported 900 head [Antone's interview said they were Merinos], which, considering the fact that last winter was the most severe one ever experienced in the history of this county, have done remarkably well. Hooker & Co., whose ranch is situated on the North Fork of Redwood, have gone below to purchase sheep, and are expected back soon with a large band. Mr. John J. Hopkins is owner of one of the finest ranches in the Bald Hills, and is also the most extensive cattle dealer. He lately received his commission as Postmaster at Bald Hills and the key was received by last mail. The office will prove to be of great benefit to the residents of the surrounding country. A public school was organized in the autumn of 1872 and has been open ever since except for brief vacations during the most severe winter months. Mr. J.J. Curran is the present teacher.

We of this portion of the county feel elated over our annexation to Humboldt, and congratulate you on receiving us. We extend the cordial hand of brotherhood to our new neighbors and thank Almighty God for our deliverance from a county which this late in the 19<sup>th</sup> century does not boast a wagon road, and still worse, does not support a newspaper or a clergyman. Now that we belong to a county which is giving unusual attention to wagon roads, I hope and believe that day is not far distant when we shall be in that kind of communication with Trinidad. And let me tell you that since our annexation to Humboldt, we experience dense fogs every morning and I am informed by old residents here who lived in your county in early days that it is a genuine "Humboldt mist." It moistens and cools the atmosphere, and I assure you that we feel better and enjoy better health than when we lived in Klamath county. Then the climate was sultry and scorching. If this should prove acceptable to you I have material enough for another letter, which I shall be pleased to place at your service. c.

HT (26 Sept. 1874) Married at the Depot House in Arcata, Sept. 22, by B. Deming, J.P., Stephen J. Decker and Miss Ella Lewis, both of Trinidad.

WCS (7 Oct. 1874) From Northern Humboldt, Jonathan Lyons' Ranch, Bald Hills, Humboldt Co., Editor *West Coast Signal*—According to compact, I enter upon the pleasant duty of placing at your disposal another epistle. The ranch of Peters Brothers, situated on the northern boundary of the Bald Hills, although not one of the largest, is one of the finest and best improved. Those gentlemen are engaged in raising cattle, horses, mules, and hogs. They are experienced in the preserving and curing of bacon and hams, and reap quite a reward from that source. They have a large quantity of wheat, oats and barley; the result of this year's harvest. Kane and Donlinson [Donaldson] are the possessors of a fine little ranch but it has not been cultivated to a great extent this year, those gentlemen being the owners of a large pack train of mules, are at present, and have been for some months past, absent from home, engaged in transporting freight from

Rough and Ready to Sawyer's Bar and vicinity. Next in order comes the ranch of Hanrahan Brothers, who conduct farming on an extensive scale. They have raised a larger amount of oats and wheat this year than any of their neighbors, and are quite extensively engaged in the raising of cattle and hogs; the latter being superior with the exception of those grown by Mr. John Hopkins, to any on the Bald Hills.

The ranch of Miller and Kaegle [Cagle] adjoining that of Hanrahans' is principally stocked with cattle and hogs. Those gentlemen do not pretend to cultivate produce for market—only a sufficient quantity for their own use. Hopkins Brothers, they being the owners of two, are located about the center of the Bald Hills. They are undoubtedly the largest and most commodious farms in the vicinity. Mr. John Hopkins owns the largest band of cattle on these Hills. He has recently purchased a fine thoroughbred, short horn Durham bull, and has commenced improving his cattle. Mr. Hopkins is also one of the largest hog dealers here. He has just returned from a journey up the Trinity river, whither he went with a large drove of swine, which he disposed of, and brought back a big bag of the shining, Trinity dust. To the south of Mr. Hopkins ranch is situated the ranch of Mr. A.L. Orcutt. Although not very large, it is a nice little farm. Mr. Orcutt is proprietor of the only hotel on the Bald Hills, and enjoys a monopoly of the business. At his place the weary traveler can find accommodations for man and beast. It is designated as the "Pacific Hotel." The ranch of Mr. Jonathan Lyons, situated on Redwood Creek, is one of the most desirable localities on these Hills. That gentleman ranks next to Mr. Hopkins in the cattle business. He is also the owner of a thousand head of fine graded sheep. The ranch of Garrett & Co., situated to the south of Mr. Lyons, is known as the old "Albee ranch," which takes its name from an early settler who was murdered by the Indians in his garden about the year 1862. He was known as an upright, honorable gentleman and was most respected by all who knew him, and his untimely death cast a gloom over the community in which he lived. Garrett Co. are engaged in stock raising and farming. The ranch of Hooker Co., situated on the North Fork of Redwood, the southern boundary of these Hills, is altogether stocked with sheep. These gentlemen are newcomers in this county and devote their whole attention to the sheep and wool business. The above terminates the description of the ranches.

There are three outlets from the Bald Hills to the coast. The old Trinidad trail, which leads around by Redwood Camp, which in the winter season is barely passable, the old Arcata trail, better known as the Elk Prairie trail, which in winter is almost invariably blockaded by falling timber, and lastly but [not] least is the new trail from Slufman's Point to Trinidad. There has been in the neighborhood of \$2000 expended on this new trail and at the present time it is obstructed by fallen timber. At no time this summer has the road been in good condition. Whenever occasion requires our hill people to go to Trinidad for supplies, they have experienced the utmost difficulty in getting their pack animals through.

WCS (6 Jan. 1875) From the Bald Hills to Sawyer's Bar

WCS (26 May 1875) New Post Master—Albion L. Orcutt has been appointed Post Master at Bald Hills in this county since J.J. Hopkins resigned [this was an error, corrected 21 July 1875]



WCS (2 Aug. 1876) Death at Bald Hills, Albert C. Hopkins, on June 25<sup>th</sup>, native of Maine, age 43, died at brother's, J.J. Hopkins.

WHT (7 Oct. 1876) Bald Hills precinct: John Hanrahan, J.J. Hopkins, and Henry Cagle, polls at J.J. Hopkins.

WHT (30 June 1877) Letter from the Bald Hills, June 21....The weather of late has been very warm, exceedingly so for this time of the year. The thermometer has stood as high as 80 and 100 degrees while at Hoopa Valley, near by, they have been basking with the mercury 106 degrees in the shade, consequently the wild grass on the higher ground is getting very dry, giving the hills, as it were, a gold tinge.

The grain crops look very encouraging and promises a rich harvest to those who sowed early. Haying has commenced in earnest. The stock men are laying in all the hay that can be possibly got. Last winter being so mild and this spring and summer so war, that the chances for fall feed will be very slim. A goodly number prophesy a hard winter....

Shearing is over, and most of our sheep men are well pleased with the "clip" and current prices. Most of the bands in this part of the country will average from 3½ to 4½ pounds of wool per sheep, enough to prove that sheep are just what is needed in this mountainous country. Mr. Thompson arrived a few weeks since with a fine band of 1660 sheep, which he has located on the Klamath, opposite Minor's place. Again, we hear that a party of sheep men from Mendocino is in this part of the country looking for ranges from eight to ten thousand head of sheep. We had a visit not long since from a party of cattle men from Colusa, who made a bargain with Mr. Lyons of the Hills and took away with them his entire band of cattle, Mr. Lyons accompanying them to Colusa. They are expected back soon and then, we hope, to hear of more cattle sales....

Nearly all the stock men in this part of the country are growling about the proposed repeal of the bounty law on varmints. Almost every week we hear of some one losing hogs, cattle or sheep by either bear or panther, and, in some cases, taking them out of the corral...

WCS (26 Sept. 1877) The death of William Hopkins, father of J.J. Hopkins of Bald Hills, of this county is announced today. Mr. Hopkins was one of the early settlers of this county, and is well remembered by those who lived here subsequent to 1851. We are told that in 1852 or '53, when in his 58<sup>th</sup> year, he helped to build the Union Wharf Company's road from Arcata to tide water. He died at the residence of his daughter, Lowell, Mass., in his 87<sup>th</sup> year.

WCS (30 Jan. 1878) We learn from Mr. T.M. Brown of the death on the 18<sup>th</sup> of William Burrell, an old ? and an extensive stock raiser living at Martins Ferry on the Klamath. Mr. Burrell was a native of England. He located in Klamath county in 1851 and established the first ferry across the river at Orleans Bar. He further planted the first potatoes in that county, from which he inherited the title of "Potato Waugie" from the Indians. Deceased

was universally respected in the community where he lived. He left a will in which Chas. Dowds of Martins Ferry is named as executor of his estate.

WHT (17 Aug. 1878) Real estate transactions received for record yesterday: to Jonathan Lyons from Gent, Thurman, Zehndner, Geo. Rossow, Martin Rossow, and Kaster.

WHT (18 Jan. 1879) Production of California Wool, 1854-1878, totaled 423,441,841 pounds. 1854, 175,000 lbs.; 1860, 3,055,325; 1866, 8,532,047; 1872, 24,550,468; 1878, 41,862,061.

WHT (13 Sept. 1879) In governor's race, 15 people voted at Bald Hills precinct.

WHT (8 Nov. 1879) Our Wool Interest—The proceeds received from the shipment of wool from this county places that interest far ahead of any other, lumber even not being excepted. The wool shipmen from Humboldt ranks among the best in the market and commands the highest price. This year the wool clip was large and the price ranging above the average, our wool men will realize handsome profits. Mr. H.J. Dart, wool and commission merchant, received advices from Falkner, Bell & Co., for which firm he is acting agent, yesterday that the consignments of wool shipped to them per last steamer, had been disposed of at twenty-seven cents, and one choice lot sold for twenty-seven and one half cents. That figure is top notch and speaks volumes for Humboldt.

1880 Census Schedule 2, Productions of Agriculture, California History Section, California State Library, Sacramento. On microfilm, Interlibrary loan to HSU.

Bald Hills, June 21-26, 1880

Jonathan Lyons

- 18 acres tilled
- 10 acres permanent meadow
- 50 acres woodland and forest
- 2700 acres other unimproved "old fields"
- \$4000, farm value
- \$25 implements
- \$2500 value of livestock
- \$250 labor costs for 1879
- 52 weeks of hired labor in 1879
- \$4000 value of all farm production in 1879
- 6 acres mowed in 1879
- 12 acres not mowed in 1879
- 8 tons of hay harvested in 1879
- 20 bushels of grass seed harvested 1879
- 1 horse
- 10 mules
- 2 working oxen
- 5 milch cows

20 other cattle  
 15 calves dropped  
 40 meat cattle sold in 1879  
 6 cattle slaughtered  
 No milk, butter or cheese produced  
 1700 sheep on hand June 1, 1880  
 1000 lambs dropped  
 275 sold living  
 5 slaughtered  
 200 died of disease  
 250 died of stress of weather  
 1700 fleeces  
 5828 pounds of wool  
 9 swine  
 40 barnyard poultry  
 100 eggs produced 1879  
 1 acre Indian corn  
 20 bushels of Indian corn  
 12 acres of oats  
 360 bushels of oats  
 No fruit, potatoes, etc.

WHT (7 Aug. 1880) Fatal Accident—Our young friend Thomas Carr gives us the following particulars of a terrible accident that occurred at the Bald Hills about two weeks ago. Fred H. Flowers was at work at Lyons' place, chopping down trees. He had cut one tree through, but in falling it lodged in another tree and did not fall to the ground. He then proceeded to cut down the second tree, when both trees fell and lodged in a third. He then attempted to cut down the third, the mass of timber fell, catching him in its descent, crushing him to the ground, and mangling him to such an extent as to be beyond recognition. The remains were gathered up and interred. Flowers leaves a wife and three children.

WHT (19 Feb. 1881) Bald Hills Correspondent—The people here on the hills congratulate themselves in being so far above the common level that floods and high water cannot reach them. Yet they are willing to allow that long, cold storms, accompanied by wind, are not pleasant either for man or beast. Stock of all kinds still shows the devastating effects of the grasshopper last summer. Cattle are very poor and doubtless some of them will not live to see the last of next March. Sheep are poorer than usual at this season, but as the grass is growing rapidly, the sheep men will not suffer any loss to speak of, unless the panthers call around too often. J. Lyons had a large sheep barn built last fall on or near Redwood Creek, which is said by Mr. Hooker and others to be the best in Humboldt county. It covers an area of 8100 square feet, being 90 feet on each side and will hold 3000 sheep at a time besides a large amount of hay. Mr. Hooker and J. Lyons are the model sheepmen of the hills. Both have good ranches, each having a good winter range which they have greatly improved by sowing tame grass seed, enabling them

to winter a large flock of sheep. The new post office established last November does not yet benefit the people much, as the mail carrier does not stop to leave the mail. He informs us that his employer has instructed him not to stop at the Hadley post office and no one blames him for obeying orders. But Uncle Sam will have a word to say by and by when matters will doubtless be changed for the better.

DS (2 Sept. 1882) [need new press for newspaper, so asking subscribers for help, J. Lyons of Bald Hills, \$5.00]

WT-T (3 Feb. 1883) San Francisco—J.B. Casterlin and wife and Jonathan Lyons took their departure on the train yesterday for Los Angeles. They will remain at that point for a week, seeing the sights and then proceed to Texas.

DT-T (21 March 1883) Thirteen hundred head of fine sheep are offered for sale if taken before the first of May. May be seen at John Hopkins' ranch in the Bald Hills.

DT-T (22 May 1883) Jonathan Lyons, a sheep man on the Bald Hills, has been doing the western and southern states the past winter and spring. He returned on the *Humboldt* Monday bringing with him his father and mother, a married sister and her husband. He is prepared to [stay] in Humboldt now.

DS (16 June 1883) Michael Hanrahan, a long time resident of the Bald Hills on the Klamath trail and one of the most successful ranchers of the section, has sold his ranch and stock to J.P. Garrett and will, in a few weeks, locate at Trinidad for the present....

DT-T (20 Jan. 1884) Russ, Hanson & Porter run 30,000 head of sheep on Fort Baker range, largest range in the county.

HS (11 Feb. 1884) Arcata Letter....The people of Dow's Prairie, Trinidad, and all up the coast to Crescent City are as far from Arcata and Eureka in time of high water as they were before the bridge was built. The same holds good in regard to the heavy sheep raisers in the Bald Hills. All must get to market before they can receive the proceeds of their labor. Not long since Mr. Jonathan Lyons, one of the heaviest sheep men in the Bald Hills, said that "They had everything they wanted in that section of the country, if they only had some way out, and some way of crossing the water courses when they were up."

After passing Trinidad, the wagon road only goes to the Big Lagoon where, in fact, the real danger of the coast route commences. No man who is not perfectly familiar with the tides can travel the beach route with any safety and then only at low tide. There is no way to cross Redwood, one of the most dangerous and rapid streams on the coast when up, and the trail called the "lack trail," the only way to get up the coast at high tide or stormy weather, is at the same time almost impassable and always unsafe. It is true it would be difficult to build a wagon road, but those men along the coast who always pay their proportion of taxes and have no other way out to market but on this trail, have a right to demand that they have at least a safe way to get to market. The same argument holds good in regard to the route from Trinidad to Orleans and Sawyers Bar, via Bald

Hills. Let the trail be in ever so good order, there is no way to cross Redwood Creek when up, no bridge across the stream from head to mouth, except at the ranch of T. Bair on the Hoopa road and that was built by citizens and the military....

DT-T (22 March 1884) Jonathan Lyons of Redwood, who had been in town for several days attending to business, returned home yesterday.

DT-T (7 Sept. 1884) Married, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, John H. Hooker and Amelia McFarland, both of Redwood Creek.

DHS (30 Sept. 1884) A Fine Range—We had a pleasant call on Monday from John [Jonathan] Lyons who grazes sheep and cattle on a fine range of 3,300 acres, extending from Redwood Creek to the top of the mountain. This range will, Mr. Lyons says, carry 4,000 sheep. At present he has both sheep and cattle, among the latter shorthorn of excellent grade. Stock are rolling fat and when Mr. Lyons left the range ten days ago, the green grass was of sufficient length for sheep to do well on the new feed. Mr. Lyons was the first settler in this section, which is east from Trinidad about twelve miles on the Klamath trail, having located there in 1853 [sic]. He informs us that a post office has been authorized on Redwood and a notice of appointment issued, but commission not yet received. A post office in the locality named will be a great convenience to a large number of settlers. Mr. Lyons has just returned from a trip to San Francisco to which city he accompanied his aged father and mother, who were returning to Iowa, after a years' sojourn in Humboldt County. His father is now 81 years of age, was a soldier in the Black Hawk War and has resided in Iowa ever since.

DT-T (9 Oct. 1884) Precincts and officers: Bald Hills—Jonathan Lyons, inspector; A.L. Orcutt and J.P. Garrett, judges, polls at school house.

WT-T (13 Dec. 1884) A new post office has been established at Redwood Creek located at the house of L.W. Hower after whom the post office is named.

DHS (5 May 1885) Jonathan Lyons has commenced shearing his large band of sheep. It will be quite a clip—over five thousand head.

WT-T (19 Sept. 1885) Jonathan Lyons of Bald Hills was in the city yesterday. He says grass has about dried up and the prospects for feed for the next two months are not good.

DHS (31 Oct. 1885) Coyote Camp—J. Lyons of Coyote Camp who is a large sheep owner in the Bald Hills on Redwood shipped 700 fat wethers to San Francisco by the Chester this afternoon. This is a fine lot of mutton as has been sent from Humboldt county this season. Mr. Lyons says the feed is good on Redwood and that the young grass is coming up finely. Everything promises well for the winter.

DHS (30 Nov. 1885) Bald Hills—We were pleased to meet in our office this morning, Mr. John Peters, who has a fine range in the Bald Hills between Trinidad and the

Klamath. From him we learn that a mail route has been petitioned for between Trinidad and Klamath Bluffs. The old route formerly went that way, but since it was changed the people in the vicinity of Mr. Peters' place have been virtually cut off from mail facilities. The new route applied for should be allowed, as it will accommodate a number of settlers and taxpayers. The grass is said to be coming on finely in the Bald Hills section. Stock were in good condition when the storm set in and there will probably be no loss to speak of. The stock men and farmers both seem to be in good spirits over the prospects for the season.

DHS (29 Dec. 1885) The Bald Hills look well. The grass is good and stock fine. J.H. Hooker, Lyons, Orcutt, and Childs are the principal men of the country. The majority own several sections of land there. Hooker is the most prominent sheep man in that section. He also has one of the most even and best graded flocks of sheep in Humboldt county. There are 3,000 head in the lot and they have sheared eight pounds a head at one shearing with twelve months fleece. Mr. Hooker is an experienced man with sheep and has a thorough understanding of the business....J. Lyons has been successful in the sheep business on the Hills for the past three years.

DHT (16 May 1886) S.P. Tuley, living on the Klamath river about two miles below Martins Ferry, died last week. He had been a resident of that section for thirty years, was a native of Tennessee, and aged about 72 years. He served during the Mexican War and belonged to the Veterans.

AU (30 Oct. 1886) Lew Orcutt of the Bald Hills was in town on Monday, got drunk as usual, fell into the embrace of Marshall Nichols and was landed in the cooler....

AU (8 Nov. 1886) Bald Hills precinct had ten voters.

DHT (27 Feb. 1887) Wm. Moore brings the information that there were eighteen inches of snow at Klamath Bluffs and five feet at Elk Camp. The depth of snow was considerably increased the last four days.

AU (12 March 1887) Lew Orcutt was in town from the Bald Hills. He reports deep snow and considerable loss of stock.

DHT (24 June 1887) Married—Lyons-Nicholson at the Bay Hotel in this city, June 23, 1887, by A.D. Sevier, J.P. Anderson Lyons of Hower and Amanda Nicholson of Arcata.

WHS (12 April 1888) Born at Gans, Cal., April 1<sup>st</sup> to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Lyons, a daughter [Ella].

WHS (23 Aug. 1888) Jonathan Lyons reports good grain and wool crops in his portion of the Bald Hills region of Humboldt County.

WHS (23 Aug. 1888) Wm. Childs of Trinidad warns all persons to refrain from trespassing on his property, known as Ganns Prairie, by allowing stock of any kind to feed thereon. Stock will be pastured at a reasonable figure, but when trespass is committed, recourse will be sought through the law.

AU (8 Sept. 1888) Election Notice—School Tax. Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Bald Hills School District...that an election will be held at the Bald Hills school house on September 22, 1888 for the purpose of levying a tax to raise funds to build and furnish a school house. The amount required, two hundred dollars [corrected to five hundred]. J. Lyons, J.H. Hooker, A.W. [M?] Lyons and A. Downs, Trustees.

WHS (27 Sept. 1888) Nine hundred and sixty head of as fine, fat mutton sheep as ever left the range were brought to the Humboldt Bay market the present week by Mr. Jonathan Lyons of Bald Hills. Sheep owners and market men say they never set eyes on a finer band.

WHS (27 Sept. 1888) We learned from Jonathan Lyons previous to the sailing of the Humboldt that he had intended to commence shearing his large band of sheep in the Bald Hills section to the east this week. The unexpected announcement by telegraph that his son Harvey was lying at the point of death in Los Angeles county caused him to hasten thither and hence operations will perhaps be suspended until his return.

WHS (27 Sept. 1888) Unwelcome News—Mr. Jonathan Lyons received a telegram yesterday announcing the serious illness of his son Harvey at Downey, Los Angeles County, and advising him to hasten thither. He accordingly dropped the pressing cares of business which beset him at this particular season and took passage on the steamer Humboldt this morning, feeling that he should not arrive in time to see him alive.

Harvey Lyons was a pupil at the Humboldt Academy last term and is accorded by his teachers and fellow students with being an unusually bright and intelligent young man. He went to the southern part of the state to spend his vacation and something like a month ago was assailed with hemorrhage of the lungs. Latest advices indicate that congestion has set in and that there was little hope for the young man's recovery. A sister is attending school at Arcata, making her home with the family of Judge Hopkins.

AU (13 Oct. 1888) Harvy, son of Jonathan Lyons, of the Bald Hills, died in Los Angeles on the 20<sup>th</sup> of last month. The young man had gone to Los Angeles in search of health, being afflicted with lung trouble. His father received news of his dangerous condition and went to him but did not arrive in time to see him alive. Harvy was a young man of exemplary habits and was highly respected by all who knew him.

FE (19 Oct. 1888) A son of J. Lyons of the Bald Hills died in Los Angeles on the 20th of last month. He had been in bad health for some time past.

NA/BLA (27 Oct. 1888) Billy Childs in from Klamath with cattle....

FE (7 Dec. 1888) Wm. Childs, the old pioneer resident of Trinidad, took passage by the Humboldt on his way east. He has leased his large ranch on the Bald Hills to Mr. Steinhoff, formerly of Eel river.

WHS (27 Dec. 1888) This office had a pleasant visit from Jonathan Lyons, one of Humboldt's most successful stock raisers, who has a grazing ranch in the Bald Hills country, this morning. Mr. Lyons says he can keep a sheep to the acre the year round on his place.

WHS (27 Dec. 1888) We had an interesting account from Jonathan Lyons of some feats with the gun by his 12-year-old son. He started out one day this month with his gun and dogs and when he returned he had three panthers as a result of the hunt, all killed in one day, on the home ranch in the Bald Hills. Some of them were very large and the skins were preserved. This was a pretty good feat, we think, for a boy only 12 years of age to accomplish. Mr. Lyons informs us that the wild cats seem to immigrate during December and January. During these months they appear in large numbers and are very destructive to young sheep and pigs. After January, they disappear and are not seen again until the next December.

Our informant gave us also an interesting account of a new species of bird which has made its appearance here for the first time this fall. No one that he has talked with has ever seen these birds before the present season. He is anxious to know the name and family to which they belong and we hope some of the members of our local Natural Science Society will, after reading the following description, give the desired information.

The birds came in flocks; they are a little larger than the ordinary red breast robin. The feathers are light blue with white feathers in the wings with a head like a yellow hammer. They made their first appearance about one month ago. The noise they make is like the squalling of a cat. The bird has attracted a good deal of attention in the Bald Hills and we would be glad to hear from some naturalists about the species.

NA/BLA (20 April 1889) Redwood Boiled Down—Mail day at Redwood...Mr. and Mrs. Hancorne and Mr. Fred Gent at Hower's Monday night...Mr. Gent on his way to Orleans to take charge of Mr. Lord's store...Mr. Steinhoff, who has rented the Childs place on Bald Hills, stopped here on his way up from Blue Lake, where he has been to obtain a mule-load of provisions.

NA/BLA (27 April 1889) A Stover in town from the hills.

NA/BLA (27 April 1889) Redwood Boiled Down—One coyote caught on Mr. Lyons' ranch and Mr. Lyons happy...Wm. Lyons gone below to have his teeth attended to; says he don't care for any more toothache, thank you. Burhl.

NA/BLA (27 April 1889) From Bald Hills—Mr. Wm. Lyons visited Eureka some days ago and reports stock doing well, and that there was a large crop of lambs raised. He also said there were two large coyotes killed on J. Lyons' ranch, one was caught in a trap, and the other shot at a distance of 400 yards and it running. Coyotes haven't been there, he



informs us, for sixteen years until this winter. They are the worst enemy the sheep have. \$50 a piece offered for coyotes this winter in Bald Hills. A crew of men working on the wagon road soon to be built from Bald Hills to connect with the Arcata road. Liber.

NA/BLA (27 April 1889) Timber Land Act Notice. Sherman Lyons of Gans for purchase of NW qt SW qt sec 3, 9N2E, witnesses Jacob Nicholson and Henry Nielson of Gans and J.J. Hopkins and John Hosta of Eureka.

NA/BLA (4 May 1889) Redwood Boiled Down—Josie said she wasn't a bit homesick but we think differently... When we go visiting out here we have to go on horseback, as our neighbors live too far away to be reached on foot. A lady came to see us a few days ago, but her horse arrived first; she said she got off to kill a snake and her horse, not having lost anything of that kind, came on and left her to walk a mile in the hot sun; she says she'll know better next time...

NA/BLA (25 May 1889) RBD—Billy Stokes and our young friend Sherman Lyons gave us a call on their way home from below, where they have been on important business....

NA/BLA (1 June 1889) RBD—Four panthers killed here during the week, two on Lyons' ranch and two on Hooker's; supposed to be a family, the female and her young. You may be sure Mr. Hooker is jubilant over it, for they were killing his sheep....

NA/BLA (8 June 1889) RBD—A surprise party at Mr. Beaver's a few nights ago, music and dancing from nine in the evening till five next morning. Miss Emma Lewis from lower Klamath and her sister-in-law Mrs. Ida Lewis, visiting at Mrs. Ford's. Our young friend Tony Lyons home again from school; welcome back Tony. Miss Mary Wilder and her cousin Albert visited among us a few days on their way to Orleans Bar, their home. They have both been attending the Eureka Academy during the last term.

NA/BLA (29 June 1889) Redwood Boiled Down—Mr. Lyons called today on his way home from Eel river, where he has been to find some good dogs and sheep; his dogs gave out and had to be left to the tender care of a Redwood-man and Mr. Lyons almost gave out, too, but he thought he could stand a visit to the school yet; we hope the teacher may come out safe; it's the end of the journey and he's pretty near talked out, so we have hopes for the teacher. Says the weather was extremely warm... A panther came near eating one of Mr. Lyons' shepherders; he escaped, but so did the panther—both still running. A young lady here says if the panther had eaten him, it would have been sure death (to the panther)....

NA/BLA (6 July 1889) RBD—Wasn't it just splendid—I mean the rain. Perhaps Mr. J. Lyons does not feel so good over it, for the shearers are there and he is trying to get his shearing done, but he says, "That's just my luck—not to get through for three weeks."

NA/BLA (24 Aug. 1889) From Trinidad—J. Decker has had his saloon painted and refitted and it equals any in the county. He talks of a wholesale license, but there is difficulty in getting a retail license....

Redwood Boiled Down does not appear again., sad!

NA/BLA (7 Sept. 1889) From Trinidad—Jas. McCormack, who has the contract to build the new road from Prairie Creek to Bald Hills, will begin work soon.

NA/BLA (5 Oct. 1889) Record—The Humboldt Co. surveyors, viewing road from Redwood creek to Klamath, have run over two routes, one of which crosses the river at Waukell Flat. They are now over new ground for the road, to run close to the coast from the Klamath to Johnson's.

NA/BLA (19 Oct. 1889) From Trinidad—Anderson Lyons in by new road from Orick to Bald Hills, says it will be done in three weeks.

AU (2 Nov. 1889) The wagon road from the mouth of Redwood creek to the Bald Hills has been completed and is in good condition.

NA/BLA (9 Nov. 1889) Redwood School—The new school house at Redwood is a credit to the people of that district. It is 14x42, well lighted, warm and nicely painted and with an excellent teacher....

AU (25 Jan. 1890) From the Rohnerville Herald of Jan. 23. It is a good time to sit down and wonder how many of the hundreds of thousands of sheep and cattle on the ranges of Humboldt county, lying between Shelter Cove, Bell's Springs and Kickayaket [Kekawaka] on the west and south and the Klamath river on the east and north which commenced the winter in better condition than usual will answer to the herdsman all at the end of March.

There are hundreds of these ranges and on many of them stock have no protection save that offered by brush or timber or the deep canyons and ravines which for a time at least protects them from chilling blasts of winter in unusually high localities. Worse than this, they are now without food, further than that furnished by chaparral and underbrush. On the larger ranges, where snow at this time is all the way from one to three or more feet deep, they are necessarily scattered and hard to reach even if food could be furnished them. It is one of the vicissitudes with which the sheep industry must come in contact sooner or later and when it does come, as at present, the owners are generally unprepared to meet it and great loss is a natural result. There is no way of estimating by thousands the number of sheep that have perished already in this county and what the mortality may be before spring opens. [The Union Editor noted that the above was typical of ranges along Redwood, Mad River and Klamath, areas not heard from in two weeks; winter of 1890 was a particularly bad one and spring brought floods]

AU (1 Feb. 1890)...On the Fort Baker range, owned by Hanson and Porter, upon which there was supposed to be 20,000 sheep in the fall, no live sheep has been found, but stacks of dead ones were lying about under the pine trees, the only shelter the poor animals could find. On all the ranges between Kneeland and North Yager, the snow is from four to six feet deep, and nearly all the large barns and sheds erected for feeding and protecting sheep have been mashed in and what feed that was left covered up with snow.

BLA (15 Feb. 1890) Out in the Snow [traveler to Hoopa and Orleans]...There is a good deal of suffering among stock in the Bald Hills, and but for the rain the loss of livestock would have been great.

BLA (8 March 1890) Feb. 23d, Wm. Lupton went to Willow Creek on snow-shoes, over about twelve feet of snow, the first over the new road on snow-shoes.

BLA (15 March 1890) Along the Klamath, Record—On all the cleared or bottom lands, two feet, more or less, of sediment, and in many cases from five to ten feet of gravel, covers what would usually afford good feed for cattle at this season of the year. Cattle are in want of feed. Settlers of Terwah district are trying to cut trails over the mountain to drive the stock out, but thus far have accomplished nothing. Every pound of [feed] has already been fed out, and the winter is not yet over. This has been the worst winter known on the Klamath, even than 61-62.

BLA (22 March 1890) Mr. George Harpst of the Madrone Ranch on upper Mad river, and Mr. Jonathan Lyons of Bald Hills in town Monday on their way below.

AU (22 March 1890) Jonathan Lyons, whose sheep ranch is on the Bald Hills, was in town Wednesday. As but little had been heard from him since the storm commenced, there was considerable anxiety to learn how Jonathan had weathered the winter. He looks but little older than when we last saw him and readily submitted to be interviewed in regard to his losses. He does not claim to know, even approximately, the number of sheep he has lost, but is certain he has lost his spring lambs and thinks his young sheep suffered heavily, but still thinks he will have a good many left. He thinks cattle owners on the ranges above him sustained severe losses and is of the opinion that no cattle are left alive on the Childs ranch.

AU (21 June 1890) From P.A. Gaynor, who returned from a trip to the Bald Hills on Tuesday, we learn that the outlook for stock there is discouraging. At present stock are not suffering, but the high ranges are literally parched and are covered with a flaming coating of sorrel, upon which cattle and sheep do not thrive.

BLA (21 June 1890) Party of shearers in from Redwood, almost done out there.

AU (11 Oct. 1890) Born at Bald Hills, July 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Childs, a son.

BLA (12 Sept. 1891) Marriage Sept. 5, Arthur Stover and Margaret Ford.

BLA (17 Oct. 1891) Brizards pack train of twenty-seven animals arrived this week from Orleans Bar, which is an eleven day trip, and half was dispatched to the Cummings ranch at Three Cabins for wool and half to Lyons in the Bald Hills, with supplies...

BLA (31 Oct. 1891) The Coast Route No Good--Jean Flayat, who was in the employ of W.H. Forman some years ago in the survey of the northern part of the county, has been in town several days...

"The coast route for a road to the Klamath," he said, "is no good, as the Advocate has pointed out. Neither would I advise the construction of a highway from Martin's Ferry down the Klamath to a junction with the road from Del Norte.

"To my notion, the proposed highway ought to extend from Thomas Bair's place to Jacob Beaver's, four miles; thence over a piece of road already built to L.W. Hower's, two miles; thence down Redwood creek to the north fork, one mile; thence up the hill to J.H. Hooker's and on to Jonathan Lyons' five miles further (where one would strike the road to Swan's at the mouth of Redwood); thence to A.L. Orcutt's ranch, adjoining; thence along the wagon-road already constructed to Gantz's [Gans] prairie ten or twelve miles; thence along the ridge to section 16 or 17, township twelve north, range one east, turning at that point from the ridge and striking the Klamath at the mouth of Blue creek, where the river may be easily bridged.

"After leaving Orcutt's the route would be along a wide ridge on which the snow is never troublesome in winter and the cost of construction would not average \$500 per mile. Besides, it would open up the whole Prairie creek section, a region as beautiful and fertile as the Arcata bottom..."

BLA (2 Jan. 1892) Jonathan Lyons and Jacob Beaver of the Bald Hills section were in town last week. The former went to Eureka and sailed on the steamer for a visit to San Francisco.

AU (14 May 1892) Married at the Grand Hotel, Eureka, May 11 by A.W. Hanna, A.M. Lyons and Mary A. Wilder.

BLA (16 July 1892) The Wool Clip--The packtrain under Ed Scott's charge arrived Friday of last week from Jonathan Lyons' with a load of wool. It had previously brought down one load of wool from his place and on the last trip up had carried a load of supplies for Lyons' ranch. The train left Saturday for Weitchpec with supplies for the Weitchpec store and to bring back the remainder of the wool clip of the Lyons ranch.

BLA (23 July 1892) Mutton Sheep—Jonathan Lyons and sons Anderson and Sherman reached Eureka last week from their large ranch in the Bald Hills section with a band of 1,500 mutton sheep which they shipped to San Francisco. Part were driven down by the inland route and part by the coast route, the latter [sic] arriving at the county seat in good condition. The portion that came down the coast must have gotten hold of some noxious weed not found on the bill of fare of Bald Hills sheep since about half a dozen of the

finest died on the way. The best mutton sheep in the county come from northern Humboldt.

BLA (20 Aug. 1892) Back from the South—Mr. Jonathan Lyons of the Bald Hills called at the Advocate office Tuesday on his return from a rather lengthy visit to San Francisco and Fresno. He encountered some pretty hot weather in the interior and tells us that he got a number of pointers in the sheep business. He thinks Humboldt stockmen ought to stir around a little outside of their own county and learn what astonishing progress is being made elsewhere in the state in the sheep industry.

Mr. Lyons says Fresno county looks very pretty with its irrigating canals and big fields of alfalfa and that the ranchers thereof are gradually drifting into the blooded stock business. He is informed that the number engaged in this particular branch of stock raising increases year by year.

Mr. Lyons was a passenger on the Southern Pacific train “stood up” by highwaymen near Collis and he expresses himself as having had a delightful sufficiency of that sort of thing.

AU (29 Oct. 1892) Elections. Anderson Lyons, clerk, Bald Hills Precinct; polls at Stinehoff’s house; inspectors included Sherman Lyons and ballot clerks included Jonathan Lyons.

BLA (31 Dec. 1892) News from Klamath—Concerning a Prosperous Sheep Rancher....Correspondence of the Advocate. I got here last Friday, but we have mail here only once a week...The first day from home I got to Mr. Lyons' after six or seven miles travel over his ranch and passing large bands of sheep. The sheep looked well, although the grass looked very short. But Mr. Lyons told me that a little way down from the summit the grass was good. I found Mr. Lyons full of talk, in fine spirits and seemingly proud (and I think justly) of his family.

There are few white men on this part of the Klamath river...

AU (31 March 1893) Wm. Childs, a pioneer resident of Trinidad, but now of Boston, Mass., who accumulated a large property in northern Humboldt, has deeded all his holdings to his wife—the one e is at present living with.

BLA (15 April 1893) Rough on Lambs; Severe Storms Play Havoc with Them—The storm of snow and rain in the mountains and rain on the low ground has proved severe on stock. It has been the worst of the winter and has prevailed at a period when it was least expected. We have at various times received intimations that the loss of lambs on the big stock ranches is heavy, our latest bit of intelligence being to the effect that on the ranges of Jonathan Lyons, J.H. Hooker, Jacob Beaver, and other large ranches the loss has varied from fifty to seventy-five per cent.

Advices received a few days ago were to the effect that there were two feet of snow in the Bald Hills and the feed was covered by it to such an extent that stock were far from doing well.

It is learned that the Indians are making hay while the sun shines as it were. They are making the most of the presence of salmon in the Klamath and are catching them with nets as fast as they can....

AU (6 May 1893) Born at Bald Hills, April 22, 1893, to the wife of Antonio M. Lyons, a daughter [Frances].

AU (27 May 1893) From the Bald Hills comes a note from the veteran wool puller, Jonathan Lyons, proclaiming peace and plenty, and announcing the fact that his son Anton Lyons is the boastful father of a 14½ pound girl baby. Exuberating atmosphere, that Bald Hills country.

AU (3 June 1893) W.F. Barbour of Redwood informs us that a gray eagle was captured on the Hooker place recently that measured 7 feet and 4 inches from tip to tip of wings.

BLA (12 Aug. 1893) Jonathan Lyons, the well-known Bald Hills rancher, visited Blue Lake and the bay this week.

BLA (11 Nov. 1893) Ten of a Kind--Thursday Mr. Albert Colburn came down from the Hooker ranch on Redwood where he has been residing for the past eighteen months...He told us that Mr. Hooker lately killed a large panther and he himself had killed a black bear and a brown bear. This makes ten bear killed on the ranch in October...

The people there are rejoicing over the establishment of the Elder post office with Mr. Antone Lyons as postmaster. They expect to receive their mail a little more regularly.

BLA (31 March 1894) Mrs. J.H. Ford of Eureka will take charge of the Bald Hills school, which will open next Monday.

BLA (7 April 1894) L.W. Hower came down from Redwood the latter part of last week to meet Mrs. J.H. Ford of Eureka, who goes up to take charge of the district school.

BLA (14 April 1894) Antone Lyons going to Fresno to see about Henry Wilder who has been ill.

BLA (21 April 1894) Death of Henry Wilder—The Advocate last week adverted to the fact that Mr. Henry Wilder of Carothers, Fresno County, and brother of Mr. F.P. Wilder of Orleans, was dangerously ill and that Mr. Antonio Lyons of the place last mentioned had gone to pay the sick man a visit. Announcement now comes of the demise of Mr. Wilder....Deceased was a brother of Mrs. Solomon Cooper, who died a few days ago in the southern part of the state....

BLA (12 May 1894) Bald Hills Gossip—Well, we had a rather severe winter but the loss of stock was so slight that it was hardly noticed and in spite of the low price of wool, Mr. Lyons and Mr. Hooker are in high spirits. Mr. David Griffith and family, who moved to

the Bald Hills from Big Lagoon last winter, are busily engaged in building a house on the northeast corner of the Childs place. We expect to have a mail route established through the hills from Gans to Blue Lake in the near future, which will be a great convenience to all. Burhl, Jr.

BLA (11 Aug. 1894) Mr. Albert Wilder and his sister Miss Nancy, and Miss Louisa Ullathorne of Orleans passed through Blue Lake Saturday on their way to Eureka, where they will attend the Eureka academy. Mr. Antone Lyons accompanied them as far as Blue Lake and left for his home the same day.

BLA (6 Oct. 1894) Orleans Wants a Wagon Road—There is a road now to Mr. Jonathan Lyons place...and from there to Martin's Ferry the distance is only fourteen miles. Thence to Orleans it is probably twenty miles. The Lyons ranch is perhaps twenty miles from Trinidad. From Mr. Lyons to Martin's Ferry there is a very good natural route for a road, the grade not exceeding one inch in twelve. From Martin's ferry the highway would follow the grade of the river, which would not exceed twelve feet to the mile....

BLA (2 Feb. 1895) Mr. Hower informed us that he has rented the ranch of Mr. Beaver for a term of three years and a half. The ranch comprises about twelve hundred acres and he took possession of it this week. The gentleman bought all of Mr. Beaver's sheep between five and six hundred....Mr. Beaver expects to move to Orleans in two or three months and proposes to carry the U.S. mail from Hoopa to Sawyer's Bar.

BLA (16 Feb. 1895) Redwood, Feb. 11—As to the progress of the Ellis-Lord road, there is a trail being built on said wagon road grade to intersect the Long Prairie trail, which after its completion will shorten the distance between here and Blue Lake about five and a half miles....

BLA (27 April 1895) Deaths: Lyons at Bald Hills, Cal., April 14, 1895, Julius, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lyons, aged 16 years and 5 months.

BLA (1 June 1895) Messrs. Anderson and A.M. Lyons and sister Miss Josephine came down to the bay Saturday from Bald Hills. They returned Wednesday and were accompanied on their returned trip by Mr. John Ford of Eureka, who intends to spend a few days rustivating. Mr. Lyons informs us that the ranchers around that section expect to begin shearing sheep about the 15th instant.

AU (6 July 1895) J. Lyons will finish shearing this week. Redwood Creek will celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> by a dance and barbecue on the Lyons Bros. ranch.

BLA (27 July 1895) To Build a Road up the Klamath--....a practical and inexpensive route to that stream is to continue the road from Lyons' place on the Bald Hills to Martin's Ferry, or to improve the existing road from Bald Mountain to Thomas Bari's on Redwood and thence over the Bald Hills to Martin's Ferry. The trail from there to the Siskiyou line could then be put on a wagon road survey.

WW (7 Sept. 1895) Up the Coast, Orick—Mr. Anderson Lyons and Mr. D. Griffith of the Bald Hills are erecting them new houses.

WW (30 Nov. 1895) M.M. Hayes, the mail carrier from Orick to Klamath Bluffs, going via Elk Camp...informs us that A.R. Lyons has erected a fine new house on his ranch at the old Peters place.

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BLA (28 Dec. 1895) Married--George Ford and Nettie Griffith of Bald Hills.

BLA (2 May 1896) A Good Crop of Lambs—Mr. L.W. Hower, Jr., of the Bald Hills was in town the forepart of the week. He reports that the lambing season in his section is about over. Messrs. J.H. Hooker, Jonathan Lyons, L.W. Hower and the Lyons Brothers had a good crop of lambs and their losses were very light. Young Hower says that the panthers and coyotes did not kill many sheep this year. He managed to kill several panthers and one coyote, for which he expects to get a bounty from the county.

BLA (23 May 1896) From Blue Lake to Elder—As Mr. W.E. Travis, the Chicago mail contractor who secured the contract to carry the mail from Blue Lake to Elder on his bid of \$324, failed to materialize on the 15<sup>th</sup> instant on which date his contract commences, postmaster G.D. Marvin was instructed to give the contract to another man until the Chicago contractor makes his appearance. Mr. Foster Evans of Blue Lake is now carrying the mail between the two points at a rate of \$10 per trip, he being the lowest of four local bidders. The carrier leaves Blue Lake every Saturday morning to return the following Friday evening of each week.

AU (30 May 1896) A school election will be held at Bald Hills on June 20<sup>th</sup> to vote on the question of whether a tax of \$300 shall be levied to build and furnish a new school house at Elk Camp.

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BLA (6 June 1896) The New Mail Contractor—Mr. W.E. Travis of Chicago who has secured the contract to carry the mail once a week from Blue Lake to Elder was in Blue Lake Thursday accompanied by his wife. The gentleman took charge of the route and has sublet it to Mr. D.H. Jones of Blue Lake.

AU (13 June 1896) Jonathan Lyons, the Bald Hills rancher, was in town on Thursday. Like other wool growing Democrats, Jonathan has had enough of free trade and gave us



his assurance in strongly emphasized language that he will cast his vote this fall for the presidential candidate who stands upon a protective platform, if he has to vote for McKinley.

BLA (20 June 1896) Items from the Bald Hills—The people there are very much pleased over the establishment of the Elder post office and are now receiving their mail very regularly. Mr. Jonathan Lyons is acting as postmaster there.

AU (5 Sept. 1896) “I was born a Democrat, and raised a Democrat,” remarked Jonathan Lyons, a Bald Hills sheep-raiser to an Arcata merchant on Monday last. “There are eight or en more of my kind in my immediate neighborhood and we will all vote for McKinley in November. I have had enough of free wool,” said Mr. Lyons.

FE (25 Sept. 1896) Sherman Lyons of Bald Hills and Mary Alvira Beach of Little River were married in Eureka yesterday.

AU (3 Oct. 1896) Election Officers: Bald Hills Precinct--Inspectors, Jonathan Lyons and David Griffith; Judges, Cornelius Thompson and Alfred Melvin; Clerks, W.E. Stinehoff and Wm. Childs, Jr.; Ballot clerks, William Ford and C.F. Baker. Polls will be at Orcutt's place.

BLA (17 Oct. 1896) Anderson Lyons and sister of Elder visited Eureka since our last.

AU (27 Feb. 1897) Born at Gans, Feb. 21, 1897 to the wife of Anderson Lyons, a son.

BLA (27 Feb. 1897) Births--Lyons, at Elder, Feb. 21, 1897 to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Lyons, a son [Reed].

BLA (10 April 1897) Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hooker of the Bald Hills have divided their ranch of 5,758.14 acres as follows: To Rhoda A. Ford, one half; Jessie Cowan Stein, one quarter; and Anna Belle Cowan, one quarter, sections 12, 8N2E; 32, 9N3E; 4,5,7,8,9,16, 17,18,19,20,21,23,26,27,28,29,30,32,33, 8N3E, reserving life estate. [Ford was Hooker's sister; Stein and Cowan were Mrs. Hooker's daughters]

AU (31 July 1897) J.F. Denny returned last Saturday from Martins Ferry...Mr. Denny took his wagon, drove to Swans, from there to the Bald Hills and thence over the ridge to the edge of the timber leading down to Martins Ferry and within seven miles of that place. There he left his wagon and went down to the river with his horses and brought the family up...He thinks the seven miles through the timber down to Martins Ferry can be built for \$1500 and that people on the Bald Hills and on the river would contribute liberally to having the work done. In fact, Jonathan Lyons, who is enthusiastic in the matter, Mr. Denny says, would almost be willing to build the road himself if the tariff bill and McKinley administration raise wool five cents more per pound...

WW (7 Aug. 1897) W.S. Ayres, manager of the Watchman, who is now in the Bald Hills beyond Redwood, writes a note as follows: Jonathan Lyons' house, barn, and woodshed burned completely to the ground Friday night, July 30<sup>th</sup>. A few articles were saved from the house; several tons of hay and a buggy were lost with the barn. The fire started from the chimney in the house near the roof. The loss falls quite heavy on Mr. Lyons, although he was fortunate in not having the bulk of his hay in. He will rebuild at once.

BLA (7 Aug. 1897) Two Disastrous Fires; Mr. Jonathan Lyons of Elder Suffers a Great Loss—On Friday night of last week, a most disastrous fire wiped off the earth the residence and the few adjoining buildings of Mr. Jonathan Lyons at Elder. The fire started from the kitchen stove and it was not discovered until about twelve o'clock when Mr. Lyons heard the roof of the kitchen crackling. The fire was then spreading rapidly and the strenuous efforts of the few persons present to save the adjoining buildings were in vain. They only succeeded in saving some of the furniture and bedding and a few other articles in the lower story of the dwelling house. The fixtures and books of the post office were also saved. A large barn, 120x80 feet, containing a buggy and harness and few other valuable articles, the smoke-house, the store-room and wood-shed met the same fate as the dwelling house and everything was consumed by the flames. It is indeed a heavy loss for Mr. Lyons, whose property was slightly covered by insurance. We understand he will commence rebuilding immediately....[other fire was Wm. Murphy's barn at Bald Mtn.]

AU (7 Aug 1897) Burned Out—The house and barn of Jonathan Lyons living at the Bald Hills were destroyed by fire about midnight, Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. All the family except Mr. Lyons and son, Antone, were away at the time and the fire had gained considerable headway in the house before the men awoke. The barn is supposed to have caught from the flying cinders. The buildings were insured. It is thought that the fire started from a defective chimney.

WW (14 Aug. 1897) From Redwood—Mr. Lyons of Bald Hills lost all his buildings a few nights ago by fire; the family are camping under the trees at present.

AU (28 Aug. 1897) Peter Belcher passed through Arcata Thursday from a trip to the ranch of Jonathan Lyons, where he had been to adjust his insurance growing out of the late fire.

AU (28 Aug. 1897) Jonathan and Sherman Lyons have been down from their Bald Hills ranches this week. Each wore a smile, all wool and less than a yard wide. They sold their wool for 15½ and are now glad they voted the Republican ticket.

BLA (4 Sept. 1897) Engaged in Rebuilding—Mr. Jonathan Lyons of Elder is now having his house and barn rebuilt. Lewis Anderson of Blue Lake is acting as head carpenter. Fifteen thousand feet of lumber were hauled last week by Mr. Charles Savage of Trinidad from Mr. Minor's yard at Dow's Prairie and it is expected that work on the building will be pushed to completion as soon as possible.

[Louis Anderson was born in Sweden n April 1868; immigrated to the U.S. in 1882; and married Charlotte Swanson on Oct. 4, 1893. They had one child, Susie, who married a Harden and this family lived in Blue Lake. Advocate articles indicate that Louis and his brother Ole Anderson built a number of houses, barns, and other structures in the 1890 and early 1900s. Louis died 28 Feb. 1905]

AU (2 Oct. 1897) C.H. Savage, the Orick teamster, went out loaded with goods for Jonathan Lyons last Tuesday. Lyons has built a new and better house than the one that burned down some time ago and is furnishing it in good style....Jonathan Lyons of the Bald Hills section was in town on Monday.

BLA (23 Oct. 1897) News from the Bald Hills. Mr. J. Lyons' New Residence is Approaching Completion...Elder, Oct. 16. Just now the post office of Elder is a very busy place. All seem to be preparing for winter, and are busy gathering the crop, cutting wood and getting in their supplies. Taking it all in, it certainly appears to be one of the most prosperous parts of Humboldt county. The one drawback, which seems to be general this year, is the dry weather and the grass on the ranges is very short, and unless an abundance of rain comes soon, the stock will fare very poorly and in all probability the losses will be heavy, but we all hope for the best.

Mr. J. Lyons has his new house almost completed. The building is under the supervision of Lewis Anderson of Blue Lake and he is just making the wire nails sing. Mr. J. Lyons has his new house almost completed. His brother, Olaf, and a man from the Klamath named Wm. Stout are helping him and when there is any lifting to be done, it falls, of course, on the Stout man. But with all their hard work and rustling they manage to enjoy themselves quite frequently. The talk here now is that the new house will soon be dedicated with a surprise party for the occupants and that being the case the participants will surely have a good time.

BLA (23 Oct. 1897) Anderson Lyons of Elder made a business visit to the county seat this week.

BLA (6 Nov. 1897) An Enjoyable Time—A grand dance was given last Saturday evening at the new residence of Mr. Jonathan Lyons at Elder. Quite a number of the neighbors gathered there and all managed to have an excellent time. Mr. Lyons had made ample preparations for the occasion and everything passed off most pleasantly. At twelve o'clock the supper table contained [a] most tempting spread, six well cooked turkeys being among the menu. After supper, dancing was resumed and lasted until broad daylight Sunday morning. The music was furnished by Messrs. Olaf Anderson, Tilford Lee and Anderson Lyons, while Mr. Breeding acted as prompter. The following named were among those present: Frank Landers and family, Captain Dougherty, Lieutenant Duff, Hon. John F. Breeding, Anderson Lyons and family, George Ford and family, L.W. Hower and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lee, Wm. Lyons and family, Antone M. Lyons and family, Sherman Lyons and family, Misses Bell Stover, Peggie, Minnie Griffith, Belle Lee, Ella Johnson, Josie Lyons and Miss Dickson, and Messrs. J.H. Hooker, Joseph and David Lewis, J. Frost and Olaf Anderson.

BLA (13 Nov. 1897) Breezy Notes from Weitchpec—Several Indians who are anxious to have a wagon road to the Klamath have been working for some time on a road to extend from the Bald Hills road near the Childs' place to the Klamath at the mouth of Tuley Creek.

WHS (2 Dec. 1897) George [sic] Lyons of Elder came into Eureka yesterday on business. He reports that stock looks as well as usual at this time of the year. The present rain he thinks will help the grass and benefit the farmers. Mr. Lyons is one of four sons of Jonathan Lyons, who with their father left the Bryan party and voted for McKinley. He says the rise in the price of wool as the result of the new tariff bill adds a thousand dollars to the value of their wool crop, and none of them are sorry for the change they made.

BLA (4 Dec. 1897) A general power of attorney from Ola Lyons to William Lyons was placed on record Tuesday.

BLA (21 March 1898) It is learned that Mr. Anderson Lyons of Elder will soon leave for the Klondike country to join his brother-in-law Mr. Johnson, who has sent for him.

WHS (19 May 1898) Jonathan Lyons of the Bald Hills, one of the pioneer settlers of the county, was in the city yesterday renewing acquaintances with his old friends at the Pioneer reunion. Mr. Lyons reports stock and crops in excellent condition in his section as well as along Redwood. Anderson Lyons, his son, will soon leave for the Klondike to join his brother-in-law, Mr. Johnson, who has sent for him. Pioneer C.E. Beach of Little River, who spent several weeks at Mr. Lyons' place in the hope of obtaining relief from his ailment, has returned to his home without having been benefited by his stay.

AU (14 May 1898) Dr. Horel was called to Orick last Monday to visit the wife of Sherman Lyons, who was seriously ill there.

BLA (28 May 1898) Shearing Sheep—Shearing has commenced in northern Humboldt. A crew of Indian shearers are now at work on the Hooker ranch, Hower's and Jonathan Lyons' on the Bald Hills, and in a few days they will go to Mr. Thomas Bair's ranch at Three Cabins. Mr. Bair expects to have 2100 sheep sheared this year, while Mr. Hooker will have about 4000, Mr. Lyons about 3000 and Mr. Hower about 800.

BLA (20 Aug. 1898) Orleans--Mr. Antone Lyons and wife of the Bald Hills are visiting relatives in the valley this week.

AU (3 Dec. 1898) C. H. Savage of Orick was in town. He took out a load of lumber for Jonathan Lyons of the Bald Hills.

AU (10 Dec. 1898) Orick Notes—Mr. Jonathan Lyons has finished his new house in the Bald Hills and it is a fine two-story structure. Mr. Lyons has purchased one of the new patent shearing machines known as the "Chicago Inflexible Shaft Co. Shearing Machine,"

and has found it to work to perfection. It is the only one in the state and an improvement on the Australian machine both in speed and power as one man can do the work of four. Mr. Lyons expects to build new wool sheds and by next spring have his machine in operation.

BLA (31 Dec. 1898) Notes from the Bald Hills, Elder, Dec. 26—Christmas Day passed off here very quietly, not being observed by anything more attractive than a turkey dinner. The weather was simply beautiful and warm. Supervisor Hector McLeod of Arcata has been the guest of Mr. Lyons at Elder for the past few days. The hills are well supplied with green grass and sheep and cattle are in an excellent condition. It is reported here that the sand bars at the mouth of Redwood creek are completely covered with fish—the consequence of our jovial mail carrier getting his feet wet while crossing that stream recently, which, of course, is very unfortunate for the fish, etc. Tommy Tomkins.

BLA (4 Feb. 1899) Bald Hills, Jan. 30—All of our wide-awake farmers are taking advantage of the lovely weather by putting in their crops and early gardens.

BLA (18 Feb. 1899) Bald Hills, Feb. 13—The snow is about all gone from our hillsides and the grass is springing up again. The cattle and sheep are looking fine for this time of the year. Mr. J. Lyons, one of our wide-awake sheep ranchers, is now busy putting in his crop.

AU (25 Feb. 1899) Willie Childs vs. Christina Childs, complaint.

BLA (15 July 1899) Birth, at Elder, July 8, to Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Lyons, a daughter, weighing 12 pounds [Doris].

BLA (15 July 1899) Notes from Bald Hills, July 13—The glorious Fourth was properly observed in our community with a basket picnic, horse racing and various other amusements, concluding with a dance in the evening at the residence of Sherman Lyons. The dance was well attended. Prof. Sigsby's string band furnished good music and a first-class time was had by the participants. During the day there was some lively horse-racing when "Clifford" Lee's mule proved to be the fastest steed present, winning the race by two lengths and its ears. At the ball at night the prizes given for the best sustained lady and gentleman were carried off by Jane Childs and Allen Thompson....

A twelve-pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Lyons on Saturday morning, the 8<sup>th</sup> instant. Mother and child are doing nicely under the care of Mrs. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Steinhoff are again settled in their house on the old Hopkins place. Messrs. J.H. Hooker and J. Lyons departed several days ago for a prolonged trip through the southern part of the county.

BLA (22 July 1899) Notes from Orleans--Mr. Albert Wilder, one of Orlean's solid citizens, arrived in Blue Lake Tuesday en route to San Francisco. He was accompanied there by his sister, Miss Dolly Wilder...

AU (29 July 1899) Jonathan Lyons, the pioneer sheep raiser of the Bald Hills section, left for his home last Sunday after having spent several days in Arcata. Mr. Lyons reports his spring clip of wool to amount to 40,000 lbs which he expects to dispose of at 20 cents per pound.

BLA (29 July 1899) Buying Merino Bucks—Mr. Jonathan Lyons, one of the pioneer sheep raisers of northern Humboldt, returned Sunday from a trip to the southern part of the county. He was accompanied there by Mr. J.H. Hooker. While in the Bridgeville section, Mr. Lyons purchased twelve beautiful Merino bucks from Mr. Thomas M. Burns, the brother of the well-known Republican boss and politician of San Francisco. Before admitting them on his range, Mr. Lyons had them undergo a treatment for a disease known as the scab with which all the sheep in southern Humboldt are said to be more or less infected.

FE (1 Aug. 1899) Jonathan Lyons, the pioneer sheep raiser of the Bald Hills sections, reports his spring clip of wool to amount to 40,000 pounds, which he expects to dispose of at 20 cents per pound. Lyons Bros. purchased 14 Merino bucks from Thos. M. Burns of Bridgeville.

AU (5 Aug. 1899) Frank Hufford left town Wednesday morning with a load of provisions, lumber, etc. for Jonathan Lyons of the Bald Hills. Frank has made three trips from the Bald Hills lately with a four-horse team and has brought down a big load of wool each time. Charles Savage has made the trips with him.

Semi WHS (9 Sept. 1899) From Wm. Lyons, who came in from the Bald Hills yesterday, it is learned that a serious fire occurred at Bald Hills last Wednesday which destroyed with its contents the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Anderson Lyons. The building was ignited by a forest fire about 1 o'clock that day and two children who were in the house at the time barely escaped with their lives. The building and contents were valued at \$1000 upon which there was only \$275 insurance.

BLA (16 Sept. 1899) Destroyed by Fire—Last week Mr. Anderson Lyons of the Gans section, was so unfortunate as to have his house completely destroyed by fire, together with all its contents. It is learned that the property was covered by a small insurance.

BLA (7 Oct. 1899) Messrs. J. Lyons and J.H. Hooker of the Bald Hills sold quite a number of mutton sheep to the Russ Market this week.

AU (4 Nov. 1899) Frank Hufford of Orick was in town the latter part of this week after a load of freight for Jonathan Lyons, the man who voted for McKinley and sold his wool for 20 cents a pound....

BLA (18 Nov. 1899) J.H. Hooker...reports that grass on the hills is growing finely and that without exaggeration this fall is one of the best he has ever seen in Humboldt county.

He also reports that his friend Jonathan Lyons is one of the happiest mortals now living in the Bald Hills.

BLA (2 Dec. 1899) He Got Lost—While packing the U.S. mail from Blue Lake to Elder last Monday, Martin Vandeventer took the wrong trail when about five miles from his destination and traveled a distance of ten or twelve miles without knowing where he was....It was Martin's first trip to that mountainous section.

BLA (16 Dec. 1899) Local News of Importance—During the heavy wind storm of last Saturday night, Mrs. Anderson Lyons and children of the Bald Hills experienced a miraculous escape from a serious accident, if not death. The lady was all alone in her house with her children, sound asleep, when a huge redwood tree was blown down by the strong wind, falling right on the house. As a consequence the building was demolished, the cook stove and several other things inside were crushed, but fortunately none of the children nor Mrs. Lyons received any injury. They were frightfully scared, however. Mr. Lyons was in Arcata at the time of the accident.

AU (23 Dec. 1899) While Anderson Lyons of the Bald Hills was in Arcata [he was in Klondike] two weeks ago and during a heavy wind storm, a redwood tree blew down, falling across his house in which Mrs. Lyons and the children were. Fortunately no one was hurt, though the cook stove and other kitchen furnishings was demolished.

BLA (10 Feb. 1900) Mr. and Mrs. William Lyons, who for a few weeks past have been sojourning in Eureka where they experienced a severe spell of sickness, returned Thursday to their home at Elder.

AU (10 Feb. 1900) Orick—Sherman Lyons, in company with his mother and sister Josie, passed through Orick last Saturday en route to Eureka on business....Coyotes are raising "hob" with the sheepmen in the Bald Hills.

BLA (17 Feb. 1900) Killed by a Club—Mail carrier Wm. Morris brought down Tuesday from Elder a coyote which had been killed by Grover Cleveland Lyons, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Lyons. The dogs chased the animal until it was cornered in the brush and young Lyons, armed with a big club, administered the death blow to his coyoteship. It is the first coyote killed by the boy and he has reason to feel proud of his action.

BLA (24 Feb. 1900) Bald Hills, Feb. 19—Everybody seems to take advantage of this good weather and all are busy plowing and gardening. The coyotes have caused considerable trouble this winter but for the past few weeks they have not killed any sheep and seem to have retired to the background. Two were killed here lately—one was trapped by John Ford and the other was killed by two children. Ella and Grover Lyons, aged ten and twelve years old, respectively. The particulars of the capture of this last coyote appeared in the Advocate two weeks ago.

AU (3 March 1900) Trinidad--From a letter received on Monday last from Richard Decker, who for the past three years has attended the Government Indian school at Salem, Oregon, it is learned that he has been appointed to the position of Engineer at the Umatilla reservation and was to leave Salem for that place immediately.

AU (3 March 1900) Trinidad—Sherman Lyons of the Bald Hills section passed through Trinidad on Thursday last with a band of sheep which were for the Arcata market.

AU (3 March 1900) Orick—W.R. Howell has plowed up five acres of Gans Prairie and has seeded it to oats for hay. He will fence the same with barbed wire. Mr. Howell knows where he can raise good hay.

BLA (10 March 1900) Interesting Notes from Trinidad, March 6—Since my last, the Advocate correspondent visited a few days in the northern part of the county....Leaving Orick we begin to climb the four-mile mountain to Gans Prairie. Here we found H.W. Howell breaking and seeding ground. Mr. Howell will plant four or five acres in red oats for hay, for as he says, the mountain hay is so far ahead of hay raised on the bottoms that it pays to go to a little more trouble and expense to get the former. Mr. Chas. Savage was assisting him. Mr. Howell has a lease on part of the Prairie.

Resuming our journey we arrived at the cosy home of Sherman Lyons, a little after 5 p.m., where we concluded to remain over night and I assure you we received the best of treatment. Sherman and wife do not pretend to keep a hotel but travelers are always welcome and prices are reasonable. Mrs. Lyons is an excellent cook. Sherman owns a little over 700 acres of land and is stocked with some 550 head of sheep.

Traveling eastward we came to the ranch of Anderson Lyons which joins that of his brother Sherman. He has about 720 acres of land and carries about 600 head of sheep. Anderson is at present in the Klondike country, whither he went about a year ago. During his absence Mrs. Lyons personally conducts the ranch with one hired hand. The lady has passed through a series of thrilling incidents during her husband's absence. First her home burned to the ground, destroying her winter's provisions and most of [the] family wearing apparel. She then moved her family to their homestead cabin, but during a stormy night the wind blew a large tree across the building, the tree falling across one end of the bed occupied by the children, covering them up with rubbish, but strange to say, no one was seriously injured. Mrs. Lyons then moved back to the scene of the fire where she now occupies an improvised structure but is very comfortable. It is her intention to rebuild in the spring but will await the return of her husband about June 1<sup>st</sup>. Adjoining the Lyons Bros. ranges to the eastward we come to the home of Billy Childs. He occupies between 400 and 600 acres, stocked with something over 300 head of sheep.

We now enter upon the large range of 1600 acres known as the Hopkins range and owned by Mrs. C.B. Childs of Boston. Mr. Ed Steinhoff occupies this range under a term lease and carries 1200 head of sheep. The Steinhoffs were busy thrashing grain in the old fashioned way. Ed was not at home but during his absence his brother had charge. Mrs. Steinhoff informed me they were doing better in their store than they expected; they carry several liens of dry goods and notions but are handling no groceries.



We next arrive at the range of pioneer Jonathan Lyons, comprising some 3600 acres and carrying about 3000 head sheep. Winding around the mountain on a fine mountain wagon road, we come to the home where the Lyons family were reared. The home is beautifully located on a bench of the mountain looking toward Redwood Creek. To the west and southwest the eye rests on a magnificent belt of redwood timber, where some day in the near future, if Mr. Lyons lives a few years longer and from appearance I should say he was good for 20 years, although he is 70 now, he will be able to sit in his doorway and see the giants of the forest fall before the woodman's ax and to hear the shrill whistle of the locomotive as it rushes up and down the creek, carrying the product of the forest covered hills to market. A great pleasure to meet and talk with our friend, for as he said, "I knew you when you were a little towhead." Mr. Lyons with all his years is hale and hearty, and jolly as a boy of twelve. He has the distinction of rearing a family, who grown to manhood and womanhood, still abide near the paternal roof, all comfortably situated, having good ranges well stocked and he can stride his horse and visit them all and be home to supper. What a consolation it must be to the father who nearing the end of life's journey sees each individual member of his household well provided for, each working for the welfare of all and all pulling harmoniously together. Mrs. Lyons is also hale and hearty and still able to attend to all her household duties, although her daughter Josie lives at home and assists her. Mr. Lyons says he is tired of free trade as it nearly broke him up but now with a protective tariff, wool is up and it is a pleasure to raise sheep. The smiles on all the sheep ranchers' faces would indicate the same thing.

AU (17 March 1900) Orick—W.E. Stinehoff passed through here with a load of supplies for his new store in the Bald Hills.

AU (31 March 1900) Orick--....Miss Fay Griffin will take a trip to the Bald Hills in a few days to visit with her sister, Mrs. W. Lyons, before starting to the metropolis....

AU (5 May 1900) Frank Hufford, the Orick teamster, was down after a load of supplies for Jonathan Lyons, the anti free-trade woolman on Wednesday....

AU (26 May 1900) Orick--....Jonathan Lyons will commence shearing the 20th of June. He will shear 2,800 sheep and expects his clip to amount to 2,500 [bales?] of wool. W. Lyons has 875 lambs and they look fine. Mr. Lyons has contracted with F.L. Hufford to haul his wool to Arcata, which he will commence to do about July 1st. A few coyotes made their appearance this spring, but were quickly disposed of by Antonio Lyons with his imported bullet thrower.

Ed Stinehoff will commence shearing about July 1st. Mrs. Amanda Lyons and Sherman Lyons will commence about the same time. Sherman has been doing some good work on the road which was badly needed. The Bald Hills have a brand new coat of green grass.

AU (2 June 1900) Orick—William Beach and his mother passed through Orick this week en route for their way home at Little River. William had been out to S. Lyons' to get his mother, where she had been visiting friends and relatives for the past month.

AU (9 June 1900) Trinidad--Jonathan Lyons with Mrs. Anderson Lyons passed through town on their way home on Thursday. Mr. Lyons was very strong in his expressed opinion that the ranchers would have nothing to complain of this year.

AU (9 June 1900) Orick—Sherman Lyons made a flying trip to Trinidad Mr. Jno. Lyons and Mrs. Amanda Lyons recently passed through Orick on their way to Eureka on business....The sheep owners are now hard at work shearing and shipping their wool. They report a fine fleece and a satisfactory price and the industry may be said to be on a substantial basis.

AU (23 June 1900) Orick—The sheep shearers have finished clipping for W.E. Stinehoff and are now at work for Jonathan Lyons.

AU (30 June 1900) Big Lagoon—William Childs of the Bald Hills passed the lagoon on Monday with a band of hogs.

AU (21 July 1900) Frank Hufford and Will Babcock arrived from Orick Tuesday, bringing with them each 4,000 lbs of wool belonging to Jonathan Lyons. Mr. Lyons' clip this year amounts to 20,000 pounds, Ed Stinehoff 3,100, Sherman Lyons 3,400 and Amanda Lyons 2,600. Anderson Lyons is expected home from the Klondike very soon.

BLA (21 July 1900) Mrs. Anderson Lyons and family of Bald Hills spent a few days in our burg and vicinity last week gathering blackberries. They were the guests of Mr. S.P. Cummons and family.

BLA (21 July 1900) Gans, July 14—Bald Hills is a place of much activity. Shearing is finished and the farmers are busy preparing for the coming harvest. Mr. J. Lyons finished shearing his flock yesterday. F.L. Hufford and Wm. Babcock will do the wool hauling and will begin Monday next. There are many campers in the hills at present and more are expected....

AU (1 Sept. 1900) Orick--Frank Hufford was in Arcata last week with his big team. He has completed his contract for hauling of Jonathan Lyons, which consisted of hauling down 40,000 pounds of wool and carrying back 35,000 pounds of freight. George Tomlinson has finished a new barn, 60x120. It is a convenient and well built structure.

AU (8 Sept. 1900) A band of sheep consisting of 981 head passed through Arcata Wednesday on the way to Eureka, consigned to Taft & Co. of San Francisco. Of this number, 520 head were furnished by J.H. Hooker, 300 by B. Croghan and 161 by Lawrence Ford. The sheep were purchased by Mr. Demsey for the company and the

average price paid was \$3 per head. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, Thos. Bair will sell about 1200 head to the same company.

AU (22 Sept. 1900) S. Lyons and wife of Gans paid the Union office a pleasant visit yesterday. They will take in the fair at Eureka. Mr. Lyons, we are glad to note, wears a McKinley and Roosevelt button.

AU (22 Sept. 1900) W.E. Steinhoff of the Bald Hills was in town Thursday on his way to Eel river after a load of furniture which he has had stored there for a long time past. The gentleman has purchased an 80-acre ranch from T.J. Burton adjoining the C.B. Childs ranch and will make his home there in the future.

AU 24 Sept. 1900) A petition has been received from J.H. Ford and others asking that the old Indian trail running southeasterly from J. Lyons north line gate at Bald Hills and connecting with his wagon road on Mud Springs be discontinued. Matter set for hearing December 11<sup>th</sup>.

BLA (6 Oct. 1900) Best Wool In The World—Jonathan Lyons, one of the prominent sheep ranchers of northern Humboldt, has received the welcome piece of news from the California Paris Exposition announcing that he will be given a certificate showing that his exhibit of wool was awarded a gold medal by the International Jury of Awards at the Paris Exposition of 1900. This speaks well for Humboldt county which shows that it produces the finest kind of wool in the world. Mr. V.W. Gaskill, the secretary of the commission, informs Mr. Lyons that the certificate will not be issued until sometime in December.

AU (13 Oct. 1900) Jonathan Lyons, one of the prominent sheep ranchers of northern Humboldt, has received the welcome piece of news from the California Paris Exposition, announcing that he will be given a certificate showing that his exhibit was a part of the collective exhibit of wool that was awarded a gold medal by the International Jury of Awards at the Paris Exposition of 1900. This speaks well for Humboldt county which shows that it produces the finest kind of wool in the world.

AU (13 Oct. 1900) Peter Kane, an old resident of the Bald Hills, has sold his stock ranch at that place to Jonathan Lyons, the well-known sheep man. Mr. Kane has been a resident of this county since 1855.

AU (20 Oct. 1900) W.E. Steinhoff has sold to Jonathan Lyons his lease on the old Wm. Childs ranch on the Bald Hills. The lease was for ten years, and there yet remains about six years to run. The transfer also carried with it a quantity of livestock.

AU (20 Oct. 1900) Blue Lake—Jonathan Lyons of Elder visited Blue Lake this week.

U (27 Oct. 1900) Trinidad—Jonathan Lyons, the champion wool man of the world, paid a brief visit to town on Tuesday last.

BLA (27 Oct. 1900) Trinidad, Oct. 23—Mr. W.E. Steinhoff and Jonathan Lyons returned yesterday from a week's visit to Arcata and the county seat. Mr. Lyons is negotiating with the former for the purchase of his lease of the Hopkins ranch, but thus far no trade has been made. Mr. Steinhoff on account of ill health is forced to seek a drier climate and is thinking of trying Arizona.

Mrs. C.B. Childs of Boston, who arrived on the last Pomona with her son and daughter to make her home for a few months with the family of A.L. Gastman, visited here today.

AU (24 Nov. 1900) County Court House Cullings—A petition has been received from J.H. Ford and other asking that the old Indian trail running southeasterly from J. Lyons' north line gate at Bald Hills and connecting with his wagon road on Mud Springs be discontinued. The matter was set for hearing for Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

AU (24 Nov. 1900) Trinidad—Mrs. Wm. Childs of Boston, a former resident of this place, was in town on Monday last, on the way to the Bald Hills, where she has extensive business interests. She was accompanied north by Mr. A.L. Gastman, who is her resident agent in this county.

Deed Book 77:514 (29 Nov. 1900) Lease Christina B. Childs of Boston to Jonathan and Antonio Lyons of Bald Hills, parcel of land commonly known as and called the "John Hopkins Ranch" situated in the Bald Hills....SE qt SW qt sec 11; E half, S half SW qt sec 13; SW qt NE qt, E half NW qt, SW qt NW qt, E half SW qt, W half SE qt, SE qt SE qt sec 14; N half sec 23; N half NE qt, N half NW qt sec 24, 9N2E; S half NW qt, NE qt SW qt, NW qt SE qt sec 17; NW qt sec 18, 9N3E, totaling 1593.51 acres. Also personal property: 140 old ewes, 229 wethers ranging in age from 1 to 3 years old; 279 last spring's lambs; 538 breeding ewes ranging in age from 1 to 7 years; and 14 bucks, in all 1200 head sheep. 1 team horse "Mose," 1 team horse "Ned," 1 team horse "Nancy," 1 little grey saddle more, 1 saddle horse "Billy," ½ year old dark bay colt, ½ year old bay horse colt "Dandy," and one three-year old bay colt, 3 milk cows, 2 last spring calves, two 3 year old steers, and three 20year old steers. All the hay in the barns, 24 tons in barn on South Range, 14 tons in barn below the road and near horse barn, and 13 tons oats and grass hay in the horse barn, in all not less than 50 tons. 6000 pounds oats, 800 pounds potatoes, 24 chickens. Farming tools: 1 Osborn mower, 1 horse rake, 2 plows, 1 seed sower, 1 harrow, 3 shovels, 3 double bit axes, 1 crow bar, 1 maul, 1 serviceable farm wagon, 1 fanning mill, 1 cradle, 2 hand saws, 1 square, 1 drawing knife, 1 ? and 3 bits, 1 broad axe, 1 hammer, 1 monkey wrench, 1 anvil, 1 bellows, 1 heavy hammer, 1 pair tongs, 1 horse shoeing kit (consisting of 1 hammer, 1 pair pincers, 1 rasp, 1 paring knife, 1 clinchers), 1 frow, 2 steel wedges, 1 peeling bar, 1 Winchester rifle and reloading tools, 1 mattock, 1 garden hoe, 1 garden rake, 1 one-man saw, 1 clock, 2 lamps, 1 lantern, 1 large box stove, 1 cooking stove and furniture, 1 lot tinware, 1 lot dishes, 9 pair of blankets, 1 grind stone, 1 cultivator, 1 beam for weighing, one ½ inch auger, one 1½ inch auger, one 1 ¼ inch auger, 2 axe handles, 1 iron vice, 1 brush hook, 3 squirrel traps, 3 pitch forks, 1 four-tins manure fork, pack saddle and rigging, 1 pack saddle tree, 1 riding

saddle, 1 lot ropes, 1 set double work harness, 1 wheelbarrow, 8-foot crosscut saw. Lease runs from 10 Oct. 1900 for four years at \$550 a year rent. It is agreed that the Lyons will build before 10 Oct. 1902 a dwelling house at least worth \$300, 36 feet by 30 feet, one story high with five rooms. If Childs decides to sell property, Lyons would have first chance. [At the same time, Childs sold personal property to George Tomlinson but reserved it until lease expired]

BLA (1 Dec. 1900) Trinidad, Nov. 28—Since my last, your correspondent took a trip to the Bald Hills. The roads were in fair condition considering the amount of rain that has fallen. We found a little over six inches of snow at Elk Camp and from Gans Prairie everything was covered with snow....Stock is looking well and in fair condition to stand a severe winter. Grass before the storm was in fine condition, in some places being four or five inches high. Of course, the snow laid it flat to the ground, but under favorable conditions, it will soon right itself. The only thing stockmen fear is frost, which will cut it to the ground.

Jonathan Lyons and son Antonio have leased the Childs sheep ranch and stock for the unexpired term of W.E. Steinhoff's lease—four years. The child ranch contains about 1600 acres stocked with a little over 1200 head of sheep and is capable of supporting 500 more....

BLA (1 Dec. 1900) Trinidad, Nov. 28—Master George Childs came up from Arcata last Tuesday to spend a week with Clarence Gastman during the absence of the latter's father. Mrs. C.B. Childs returned Sunday afternoon from a business trip to her Bald Hills possessions. She and her son George returned to Arcata Monday morning.

BLA (8 Dec. 1900) Bald Hills, Dec. 4—Antonio Lyons has charge of the Childs ranch which Mr. Steinhoff has had rented for the last few years. Al Gastman and Mrs. Wm. Childs, SR., spent a few days in Bald Hills last week partly on business and partly to visit relatives, so I am informed.

The report is current that a coyote was poisoned on J. Lyons' ranch recently. We only hope it is true as these animals have caused no end of trouble and anxiety among the shepherds. Dixie.

BLA (15 Dec. 1900) Elder, Dec. 10—In looking over your valuable columns, I spy a communication from "Dixie" of Bald Hills. Well, "Dixie" is all right, but he or she does not always state things as they ought to be, "Dixie" says that Mrs. C.B. Childs spent a few days on Bald Hills partly on business and partly to visit relatives. This is false. Mrs. Childs visited Bald Hills on important business. It is true, "Dixie," that there was a coyote killed on Mr. Lyons' ranch, but "Dixie" didn't kill it. "Dixie" knows better than to be telling stories.

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio M. Lyons are happy over the arrival at their home of a bouncing baby boy, born on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Antonio thinks he will have a number one shepherd in a few years.

T.H. Griffin was purchasing mutton sheep in the Bald Hills this week. Mr. Griffin was offering \$4 per head for wethers but he only succeeded in purchasing fifty head.

Jonathan Lyons was seen on his way to Eureka today. Mr. Lyons has rented his ranch and sheep to his son William for a period of six years and intends to spend the rest of his declining years in comfort and ease, free from all care and worry. Dixie's Guardian.

BLA (15 Dec. 1900) Trinidad, Dec. 11—T.H. Griffin, accompanied by Anderson Lyons, passed through town Sunday driving between 40 and 50 head of sheep which Mr. Griffin purchased of the latter gentleman for J.C> Bull & Co. of Arcata for mutton.

BLA (22 Dec. 1900) Bald Hills, Dec. 19—F.L. Hufford and family spent a few days in the hills last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Lyons....Anderson Lyons returned from a several weeks' visit to Blocksburg a few days ago. He thinks very favorably of that country and has some idea of settling there in the future.

BLA (22 Dec. 1900) Trinidad—Mr. Jonathan Lyons accompanied by Master Geo. Childs, who will accompany the old gentleman to his home for a few weeks visit, are in town tonight and will wait here till the storm subsides. Mr. Lyons has spent the past week between Arcata and Eureka on business connected with the Hopkins ranch. While Mr. Lyons a few weeks since took a four-year lease on said ranch and his son Antonio Lyons took possession, no paper had been signed and Mr. Lyons concluded after thinking the matter over that he would buy the ranch. So instead of taking a lease, which had already been drawn up, he will take deeds to all the real and personal property, comprised in and on what is known as the Hopkins ranch. This ranch comprises 1600 acres of grazing land and stocked with 1200 head of sheep, some cattle and horses. The deal gives Mr. Lyons undisputed possession of some 7500 acres of grazing land and covers nearly all the grazing land of any consequence in what is commonly called the Bald Hills. WE trust Mr. Lyons new venture will prove a booming success. Mr. Lyons recently purchased the Orcutt Ranch and also the Burton.

AU (22 Dec. 1900) J.H. Hooker and Jonathan Lyons, two prosperous woolmen, were in Arcata this week.

AU (12 Jan. 1901) Orick--Anderson Lyons made a flying trip to Orick, returning the same day. He said that last week there was 20 inches of snow at Elk camp, but it all melted off in a few days.

BLA (12 Jan. 1901) Trinidad—The storm is still on but the heavy winds have abated....Although it has rained in torrents at times since Saturday, all streams are falling from the fact that the latter part of the above storm was snow in the hills. It is reported that there was this morning three feet of snow on the Bald Hills....Sheep in the hills are in poor condition this winter to stand a severe cold spell of any duration and this in spite of the fact that grass was never better there at Christmas, the reason being that during last fall several coyotes found their way to this section which has seldom been infested with this enemy of the sheepman. The presence of these animals made it necessary for the sheepmen to close herd their flocks and to keep them on high ground at nights, thereby depriving them of a large quantity of feed which they would otherwise secure.

BLA (26 Jan. 1901) Bald Hills, Jan. 19—Geo. Hufford of Trinidad was in the hills this week buying beef cattle. He started for Trinidad today with about a dozen head which he purchased of Mr. Lyons.

Dave Griffith and family, who have been living on Prairie Creek, moved back to their home in this neighborhood this week. They expect to remain here until spring....Anderson Lyons and family are preparing to move to their new home near Blocksburg, he having sold his ranch and stock to one of his brothers here. It is with much regret that their many friends in this neighborhood will see them depart but we all wish them god speed. They expect to leave the hills about the 24<sup>th</sup> instant....

Miss Josie Lyons paid Prairie Creek a brief visit on Thursday. She was accompanied down by Master Geo. Childs, who took the stage for Arcata after a month's visit in the hills as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lyons.

AU (2 Feb. 1901) Orick—Frank [Hufford] has secured the contract for hauling about all of the Bald Hills output of wool and will have to make eight trips or more to carry it all. He has ordred a new wagon which will be strong enough to carry a locomotive.

AU (16 Feb. 1901) Trinidad--Miss Julia Beach passed through town on Sunday bound for Sherman Lyons' place.

BLA (23 March 1901) Bald Hills, March 18—The ball of the season took place at the residence of Wm. Childs, Jr. last Saturday night....Robert Pfof who is employed by Wm. Lyons at Elder came near meeting death by an encounter with the hind hoof of one of D.H. Jones' horses last week. The horse soon after arriving at Elder fell sick with a fever, probably caused by being so far from his master. In Mr. Pfof's vain efforts to relieve the suffering horse, he was kicked directly over the heart and was unconscious for several minutes. Dr. Lyons pronounced Mr. Pfof a broken-hearted man, which the Doctor said was incurable.... Mr. Wm. Lyons and her sister Mrs. Perry made a flying visit to the county seat this week....The lambing season will soon commence in this district.

FE (5 April 1901) The long drawn out contest over the estate of the late William Childs, the Trinidad pioneer, came to a close Tuesday afternoon when the jury tendered a verdict in favor of the defendant widow Christina B. Childs. The suit had occupied the entire time of Department Two of the Superior Court for nearly a week and was hotly contested on both sides. The verdict is a complete victory for Mrs. Childs and completely ignores the claim of the Indian woman known as Willie Childs, who is now living in Trinidad. It is said that the case will be appealed.

BLA (20 April 1901) A lis pendens filed in the Recorder's office Thursday gives notice that Sherman Lyons has brought suit against William Childs, Jr. and wife to foreclose a mortgage made April 22, 1896, by William Childs, Jr. to Philetus Bell, and assigned, covering a one-half interest in 480 acres in sections 1, 12, 11 and 10, 9N2E.

AU (20 April 1901) Jonathan Lyons of the Bald Hills has a right to wear a broad smile for he has been honored by receiving a gold medal from the Paris Exposition as a reward for the quality of his wool on exhibition there. The medal arrived on the Pomona Tuesday, enclosed in a beautiful blue plush case. It is about 1½ inches in diameter and is engraved with French symbols with the inscription: “Republique Francias” and “Exposition Universelle Internationale.” The medals are now on exhibition at Brizard’s Emporium.

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AU (18 May 1901) Orick—Frank Hufford has just returned from the Bald Hills where he has been hauling timber for building a wool barn for Antonio Lyons which will be 20x30 with two sheds for shearing pens. Antonio Lyons has marked 349 lambs; Oren [Wm.] Lyons 898; Mr. Hooker 1025; Sherman Lyons 634; and Billy Childs 75. Antonio and the ladies are making great calculations on having a big dance when they get their wool barn finished. [wool barn on Antone’s place, east of Bald Hills Road, beyond Williams Ridge on flat at head of Robbers Gulch (various informants)]

HT (19 May 1901) Orick—The Bald Hills road clear to Gans Prairie is in frightful condition and we are patiently waiting for our road overseer to get to work on it....Mrs. Davies and son, who have been stopping at the Orick Hotel, have gone to the Lyons resort at Gans, where Mr. Davies is located. He was sent here from Minnesota as an estimator of redwood for an Eastern firm.

BLA (25 May 1901) Arcata, May 22—Mrs. C.B. Childs with her son and daughter expects to return to her home in Boston, Mass. On Saturday of this week. They have been in Arcata some six months.

HT (31 May 1901) Gans—F. Kane has been in charge of the Childs home place during the absence of Mr. Childs and family....Sherman Lyons and wife, Antonio Lyons and James Kane started to Eureka Saturday. Parties searching for redwood claims still continue to flock into this section and the Klamath country.

HT (7 June 1901) Bald Hills—Albert Wilder and two sisters, Nancy and Dollie, on their way from San Francisco to their home in Orleans, visited friends and relatives on Bald Hills during the forepart of the week....William Childs and family returned to their home Saturday last. Mr. Childs is on the sick list....J.H. Ford of the Hooker range was the means of terminating the career of a very large panther last Thursday. The animal was killed quite close to the residence....Charles Simms has a contract for building a piece of fencing for William Lyons.

HT (8 June 1901) Orleans—Misses Nancy and Dollie Wilder have returned from an extended visit to San Francisco. Their many friends are glad to welcome them back.



HT (14 June 1901) Weitchpec—Antone Lyons and Mr. Pfost are the newly elected trustees of Bald Hills.

HT (21 June 1901) Bald Hills—Shearing was commenced on the Lyons range Thursday by a crew, principally from Klamath and at Mr. Hooker's Saturday by the O'Hanial shearers....A most enjoyable social party was given at the home of Sherman Lyons last Saturday night. Dancing was the principal feature. The music was furnished by J.P. Sigsby of Gans, M. Hanrahan of Trinidad, and Miss Josephine Lyons of Elder and was of decided excellence. A fine little hall, the genial sociability of all present and the kindly attention of the host and hostess, all contributed to make it the success it was. Those in attendance, other than those in the immediate vicinity, were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lattin, Mr. and Mrs. Will Babcock, Miss Grace Griffith, C. Hanrahan, Mr. Pollard and a few others from Orick. M. Hanrahan of Trinidad, Misses Callie and Gertrude Robinson of Bridgeville, Mr. Fred Berry of Redwood, Miss Lena Masten, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson, Mr. T. Hancorne and Mrs. S. Hancorne of Klamath and Mrs. Roper [teacher at Mettah] of Loleta.

HT (28 June 1901) Bald Hills—Mrs. Herbert Davis is now boarding at Jonathan Lyons' place....Shearing was completed at Mr. Hooker's last Wednesday. The clip was unusually heavy. R.J. Kink's crew will finish at the Lyons ranches sometime this week and from there will go to C. Berry's on Redwood.

BLA (29 June 1901) Wool and Lamb Crop—Sheep shearing in northern Humboldt is about over and judging from all reports the wool crop is not quite up to the average owing to the cold spring. However, it is not as bad as it might have been and if a fair price could be realized for their wool, our sheepmen would be satisfied. On the Bald Hills, the Klamath, and Redwood sections, William Lyons sheared about 2300 head of sheep, Antone Lyons 1600, Sherman Lyons 900, J.H. Hooker 2800, Jacob Beaver 300, LW. Hower 200, William Childs 400, Mrs. T.H. Hancorne 400, Joseph Lewis 400, Thomas Bair 2000, L.C. Berry 1500, James Anderson 500. It is safely estimated that each band of sheep will average seven pounds of well per head, thus making the entire crop of the above ranges about 95,000 pounds.

On the three sheep ranges of William, Antone and Sherman Lyons of the Bald Hills, about 1900 lambs were marked this year, an unusually large lamb crop. They now have on hand about 1500 head of mutton sheep, mostly wethers for sale. On account of their excellent condition, these sheep will surely command a good market price.

HT (2 July 1901) Orick—Messrs. Beach, Pitt and Lyons made a flying trip from the Bald Hills to Orick this week.

WHT (4 July 1901) Bald Hills—Mrs. Herbert Davis is now boarding at Jonathan Lyons place. Shearing was completed at Mr. Hooker's last Wednesday. The clip was unusually heavy. R.J. Kink's crew will finish at the Lyons ranches sometime this week.

AU (6 July 1901) Sheep shearing in northern Humboldt is about over....On the Bald Hills, the Klamath and Redwood sections, William Lyons sheared about 2300 head of sheep, Antone Lyons 1600, Sherman Lyons 900, J.H. Hooker 2800, Jacob Beaver 300, L.W. Hower 200, William Childs 400, Mrs. H.W. Hancorne 400, Joseph Lewis 500, Thomas Bair 2000, LC. Berry 500, James Anderson 500. [7 pounds average per sheep, for total of 95,000 pounds]

BLA (13 July 1901) Bald Hills--The Fourth was celebrated here in real up-to-date manner. A picnic and dance occurred at the Orcutt place during the day, which concluded with a grand ball at Wm. Lyons' at night...Joe Pitt is going to put up a house for J. Lyons this summer on the Childs ranch.

HT (13 July 1901) Bald Hills—The Fourth of July was fittingly celebrated here. A large picnic was held at the Orcutt place, at which the usual arrangements were most heartily enjoyed by all present. Late in the evening, the whole party went to the home of Jonathan Lyons where dancing was kept up to a late hour.

HT (20 July 1901) Orick—Miss Annie Spinks passed through here last week en route to her new school at Gans.

AU (27 July 1901) Wool News--Frank Hufford of Orick has been hauling the wool belonging to A. and J. Lyons down to the E.&K.R.RR depot, where it is being stored, as no sale for the same has yet been made.

BLA (27 July 1901) Buying Wool—Anderson Lyons, who recently purchased the Casterlin ranch near Blocksburg, arrived in Blue Lake Thursday on his way to his father's home at Elder. The gentleman reports that an eastern wool buyer, Mr. F.B. Findley, is now in Eureka to whom Messrs. J.H. Hooker and Thomas Bair have sold their wool which altogether approximates about 90 tons. The price reported to have been paid them by Mr. Findley was 18 cents per pound. It is probable that Mr. Jonathan Lyons of Elder will also sell his wool to this eastern dealer. He has quite a quantity now on hand, two or three years' clip.

AU (3 Aug. 1901) Orick--Frank Hufford and his assistant Wm. Murphy are engaged at present in hauling wool from the Bald Hills, he having taken down two tons for Antone Lyons this week, while Murphy brought down about 2,700 pounds. Frank has about 125 bales to land to Arcata yet.

BLA (3 Aug. 1901) Manager Jack Graham of the Russ range on Redwood creek is now having a large barn built there, 110x20 feet with a shed all around and 26-foot ports. Louis and Oly Anderson assisted by Arthur Stover and Ed Worthington are doing the work which will take 10 days.

AU (10 Aug. 1901) Orick--A.M. Lyons has bought 600 lambs from Mr. Hooker. They are all doing well. The hay and grain crops in the Bald Hills are looking well and everybody

is quite busy cutting hay and putting it in the barns. Mr. Howell was seen at Gans Prairie raking hay. He has a fine crop. S. Lyons made a flying trip to Orick one day this week.

BLA (10 Aug. 1901) Bald Hills, Aug. 6—The mercury has ranged from 95 degrees to 98 degrees here in the shade for the past week and everyone is taking advantage of this for harvesting. There is a splendid crop of hay and grain....Anderson Lyons spent a couple of days with his parents at Elder last week....A very pleasant day was present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lyons on last Sunday. Those present were Mr. H.H. Davis, wife and family; Mr. and Mrs. Sigsby; Mrs. Geo. Sigsby and family; Messrs. Irwin, Lee, Bond and Hanrahan; Misses Schorlig, Beaver, Wilder and Lyons; and Mrs. Griffin. The afternoon was sent with music and games.

AU (7 Sept. 1901) Orick--Jonathan Lyons departed this week for Blocksburg to visit his son, Anderson Lyons. Will Harris is busy thrashing a twelve-acre field of oats for Wm. Lyons, which is being tramped out by horses. It is the finest crop of oats that has been raised on the Bald Hills for a long time. It was grown on the old Orcutt place [Orcutt's preemption was the S half N half sec 24, 9N2E]. A.M. Lyons has two carpenters at work building a house on the Childs' ranch which will be 36x24 feet. Most of the lumber was gotten out in the woods and dressed and is of a fine quality of lumber. The flooring, ceiling, and window casing were hauled from Arcata. When completed it will be a fine dwelling house. Tilford Lee passed through Orick last week en route to Blocksburg. He is to take charge of a band of sheep for A. Lyons. Mr. Lee will be greatly missed by the sheepmen on the Bald Hills as he is a good shepherd and is death on coyotes and other wild animals. W.H. Howell has finished hauling his hay down from the Gans section.

AU (7 Sept. 1901) Jonathan Lyons, wife, and daughter of the Bald Hills passed through Arcata last Wednesday on their way to Blocksburg.

HT (10 Sept. 1901) Orick—J. Lyons and family of Elder passed through town Tuesday en route to Blocksburg, where they will spend a month with their son Anderson, who recently purchased the Casterlin place there.

HT (13 Sept. 1901) Bridgeville—J. Lyons and wife and Miss Josie Lyons of Bald Hills visited friends here last Friday. They were on their way to Blocksburg to visit Anderson Lyons and family.

BLA (14 Sept. 1901) Mutton Sheep—Messrs. George Ford, Sherman Lyons and Thomas Ferrill and son came down from the Bald Hills Saturday with a band of 1250 head of mutton sheep for the Russ Market in Eureka. They were furnished by Messrs. J.H. Hooker, Sherman, Antone and William Lyons, and Lawrence Ford, the latter furnishing only 87 head.

HT (14 Sept. 1901) Weitchpec—Preparations are being made for a large "Deer Skin" dance to take place at Weitchpec next week. A big delegation from Requa, Wautecht, Mettah, and other places will soon ascend the river to attend....Since Saturday night

salmon have been ascending the river in great numbers....Mr. Cooper, who has been working for Antone Lyons for some time, made a flying trip to Schregon Monday.

HT (29 Sept. 1901) Big Lagoon—Mrs. Lyons passed through here yesterday en route to her home in the Bald Hills, accompanied by her daughter. Those who registered at the Maple Cree Hotel during the last week...Mrs. Lyons and daughter, Bald Hills.

HT (10 Oct. 1901) Blocksburg—Anderson Lyons is busily engaged shearing his sheep at the old Casterlin ranch.

HT (12 Oct. 1901) Klamath—Antone Lyons has just completed a new dwelling on the Childs place and last night gave a dance which promised to be a very enjoyable affair.

BLA (2 Nov. 1901) Bald Hills, Oct. 28—S. Lyons caught a panther and several bears within the last month with his dogs. Carpenters Pitt and Masten have finished a real nobby house for A.M. Lyons on the Childs ranch, which is quite a noticeable improvement on that place. A.M. Lyons is reported to be laid up with a severe attack of rheumatism.

BLA (14 Dec. 1901) Trinidad—Wm. Childs, our new liveryman, left Sunday with a four-horse team loaded with freight for the Lyons Brothers on the Bald Hills.

AU (14 Dec. 1901) Orick—Ted Griffith with his family has moved to his father's place in the Bald Hills.

BLA (28 Dec. 1901) Bald Hills, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>—Mr. Tomlinson and son of Orick have been for the past week building a house upon the latter's homestead....The panthers have been making themselves very conspicuous here of late. One morning Mr. Peter Kane found two panthers in his barnyard. They made an attempt to catch his dog when Mr. Kane fired two random shots at one of them which was within a few rods of him, but unfortunately missed. Homer Cooper has since then captured both animals. Another instance is that of Ted Griffith who saw a panther within a few feet of his door. Antonio Lyons also had an encounter with two panthers while working one day on Roaches Creek. He had left his coat lying in the trail and gone down the hill quite a distance and upon his return he found his coat all torn to fragments. He had only a shepherd pup with him, and the pup started two panthers from where the coat was and treed one of them, but it jumped out before he could get a shot at it. However, a few days later Burton Hawks got both of these panthers and in the stomach of one was found a piece of the above described coat. Mr. Hawks has killed four panthers and two bears within the last two weeks. It has been many years since the wild animals have been so plentiful in this neighborhood.

BLA (18 Jan. 1902) Bald Hills, Jan. 14—Messrs. McGowan and McCahn of Blue Lake accompanied Mr. Isaac Denny as far as Elder last Monday. Mr. McCahn is now engaged in breaking colts for Antonio Lyons. Since my last, four panthers have been killed by

Wm. Lyons with his dog and Burton Hawks also captured four very fat bears in the same manner....Jonathan Lyons started for Eureka last Wednesday on a business trip.

AU (25 Jan. 1902) Suicide, Florence Arford, born Napa Co., 29 yrs., parents Mr. and Mrs. C. Arford, brothers George, Fred, and Daniel and sister Bessie. Employed as cook at Union Hotel.

BLA (8 Feb. 1902) Trinidad--Mr. Decker, the Trinidad butcher...[father of Frank Decker].

BLA (22 Feb. 1902) Bald Hills, Feb. 19—One of our neighbors mourns the loss of a much valued gray mare which he lost during the storm. It was a blooded animal which he purchased at a recent auction sale at Elder. Will Lyons caught another Panther last week, measuring ten feet....One of our famous hunters has discovered trouble from a new source for the sheepman. It is that owls and foxes assisted by chicken hawks have learned from association with the coyote how to kill sheep and that it will be necessary to have the county levy a bounty for the scalps of these novices.

BLA (15 March 1902) Bald Hills, March 11—A sociable dance was given at the home of S. Lyons on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, which was greatly enjoyed by the participants.

HT (4 April 1892) Blocksburg—Mrs. A. Lyons and daughters of Dobbys, visited Blocksburg.

BLA (5 April 1902) Bald Hills—George Hufford, who is now in the employ of the Bull Meat Market Co. of Arcata, purchased some beef cattle of A.M. Lyons recently.

BLA (19 April 1902) Bald Hills, April 25—A medium sized coyote was entrapped by Lyons Bros. a few days ago....Miss Fay Griffin of San Francisco is visiting at Elder with her sister, Mrs. Ola Lyons. Miss Griffin has been engaged as stenographer in the employ of the Judson Manufacturing Co. of San Francisco for the past 18 months and is now enjoying a much needed vacation....Will Murphy of Orick has been hauling hay with a 4-horse team from S. Lyons' to the Gold Bluff Co.'s feed barns at A. Davison's on Prairie Creek for the past week.

BLA (17 May 1902) Bald Hills, May 13—The sheepmen finished the marking of their lambs very successfully and I judge from their conversations they are all well satisfied. J.H. Hooker marked 900 lambs from something like 1100 ewes. Wm. Lyons marked 1175 lambs from 1185 ewes, while A.M. and S. Lyons each marked 75 per cent. Peter Ferguson, who has been employed on the Hooker ranch for the past year, has accepted a position on the ranch of A.M. Lyons....Mrs. Wm. Childs of Trinidad visited her ranch in the hills last week.

BLA (24 May 1902) The Shearing Season—The shearing season in northern Humboldt was commenced this week. The crew of Indian shearers, eleven in number, are now at Will Ford's ranch up Mad river. They expect to be thorough shearing there next week

when they will go to Three Cabins, Rock Ranch and Madrone, Thos. Bari's properties, where about 6000 sheep will be relieved of their fleece. Mr. Ford expects to have about 1800 sheep sheared this year. From Mad river the crew of shearers will go to Redwood creek as far as Lyons and Hooker's ranches to do their work all along the sheep ranches in that country. Owing to the late cold and wet spring, the wool crop this year will not probably be as good as it was last year.

BLA (7 June 1902) Trinidad, June 5—Mrs. Sherman Lyons returned home Monday after a week's visit at her old home.

AU (14 June 1902) Quite a Loss--We were informed this week that Jonathan Lyons lost a large number of sheep at his place in the Bald Hills several days ago. A large panther got into a band of the animals and stampeded them into a narrow and deep ravine with the result that 68 of the band smothered before they could be driven on level ground again.

AU (21 June 1902) Jonathan Lyons, the man of the Bald Hills section, world famed for fine wool and good mutton, did business in Arcata this week

BLA (21 June 1902) Bald Hills, June 17—Marook Henry, a sheep herder in the employ of Wm. Lyons, shot and killed a large coyote on Sunday evening. He shot a distance of 150 yards, killing it the first shot....Geo. Hufford drove a band of 75 hogs out of the hills some weeks ago, which he purchased of H. Nelson and S. Lyons. Miss Maggie Beaver, who has been employed by Mrs. A.M. Lyons, has been subpoenaed as a witness in the trial of Hawks vs. Thos. Bair, which will be held before Justice McDowell at Willow Creek on June 20<sup>th</sup>....Ohaniel Bailey and crew are shearing at Mr. Hooker's now. They expect to be through there by the 19<sup>th</sup>, when they will shear for Lyons Bros. & Co.

HT (22 June 1902) Klamath, June 7—Charlie Fry went out to the Bald Hills yesterday and is now working for Sherman Lyons.

HT (22 June 1902) Gans, June 16—Sherman and Antonio Lyons have gone to Eureka....Mrs. A. Lyons has gone to Orleans to visit relations.

HT (4 July 1902) Trinidad—Our genial post master, William Beach, returned Monday from a week's vacation spent at Gans Prairie. Will reports a good time and plenty to eat.

HT (8 July 1902) Gans—The timber men who have been camping in the woods the past three weeks have returned to Eureka to spend the Fourth of July....A Lyons has the sheep shearers at his place this week. S. Lyons and J.H. Pitt have been appointed school trustees for the coming year.

HT (10 July 1902) Klamath—Charlie Fry returned home from the Bald Hills last week, where he has been working for Sherman Lyons.

BLA (12 July 1902) Jonathan Lyons of Elder is now mourning the loss of two valuable colts.

BLA (12 July 1902) Mail carrier Cabanot killed a rattle snake while returning from his regular trip to Elder Tuesday.

HT (18 July 1902) Gans—Antone Lyons and family and Miss Maggie Beaver were visiting Sherman Lyons Sunday..

HT 18 July 1902) Klamath—The Klamath is running full to overflowing with salmon.

HT (23 July 1902) Gans—Bald Hills people are enjoying very warm weather these days. Haying is progressing rapidly....Sherman Lyons finished his sheep shearing this week....Mrs. Hancorne of Klamath and Miss Stone, the Klamath teacher, visited with Mrs. J.P. Sigsby and Miss Josephine Lyons last Saturday and Sunday.

AU (2 Aug. 1902) Anderson [probably Antone] Lyons of Gans has been sojourning in town this week.

HT (8 Aug. 1902) Gans, July 29—Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday were the hottest days we have had this summer. The thermometer registered 108 and 112 in the shade....Sherman Lyons is hauling his wool to Arcata. He had two large four horse teams go down last Friday.

HT (13 Aug. 1902) Mettah, Aug. 4—John Mitchell went over to Jonathan Lyons' yesterday to see his son, Frank.

AU (16 Aug. 1902) Mrs. Christina Childs of Boston, who spent several months in Arcata last year, arrived here last Monday. The lady was accompanied by her young son and daughter last year, but is alone this time. Mrs. Childs has unsettled business interests in this county. She is the widow of Wm. Childs, deceased, a former resident of Trinidad. She makes her home while here with Mrs. A.L. Gastman.

BLA (16 Aug. 1902) Bald Hills, Aug. 13—J. Lyons is now in Eureka where he has been subpoenaed to attend the grand jury....Harvesting is about over in this section and there is a larger yield of hay than there has been before for several years....Messrs. Pigeon and Porter who have been hauling wool and freight for the Lyons Bros. will take the last load of wool this week.

AU (16 Aug. 1902) Buck Meat--[Sherman Lyons]

HT (22 Aug. 1902) Gans, Aug. 19—Ed Moore brought ten Klamath salmon to Antonio Lyons last week....Jack Williams brought J.H. Pitt fifty fine salmon. He will salt them for the winter....J. Lyons has gone to Eureka to attend the Grand Jury and the Republican

County convention....Tom Riley and a party were out hunting at Sherman Lyons' last week.

BLA (23 Aug. 1902) Requa, Aug. 15—The run of salmon in the Klamath river was never known to be larger than at the present time. The fishermen wade in along the beach and with bare hands throw the salmon ashore while sporting along the water's edge. Over one hundred fine fat salmon had to be thrown away a few days ago because people cannot handle over half of the fish that could be caught.

HT (28 Aug. 1902) Orleans, Aug. 24—Salmon are being caught here in immense numbers. Frank Merrill caught one recently that weighed seventy pounds.

HT (29 Aug. 1902) Mettah, Aug. 22—The Klamath river is alive with salmon and the Indians are catching great numbers both night and day.

BLA (30 Aug. 1902) Trinidad, Aug. 27—Sherman Lyons and wife of the Bald Hills, accompanied by Mrs. C.E. Beach, left for their home Sunday after a short visit at the Beach place.

HT (31 Aug. 1902) Gans, Aug. 24—Mrs. Dr. Michael, the teacher of the Gans school, has been quite sick this week and could not teach for two days....Forest fires are raging in the woods, they can be seen from Bald Hills.

HT (6 Sept. 1902) Gans, Sept. 1—Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons have come home. They brought Mrs. Beach of Little River to make a visit of two weeks.

BLA (6 Sept. 1902) Buying Mutton Sheep—Messrs. Thomas Ferrill, George Ford and Will Beaver took down a band of mutton sheep from the Bald Hills this week, consigned to the Russ market in Eureka. There were 763 head altogether, furnished by the following parties: Lyons Bros 100; Jacob Beaver 100; L.W. Hower 100; and J.H. Hooker, the balance 463. Next week Mr. Thomas Bair will sell to the same firm about 1200 head. Mutton brings a fancy price at present.

HT (17 Sept. 1902) Mettah, Sept. 9—Fire is raging both on the prairies and in the woods and the atmosphere has been so smoky for the last two weeks that one can see but a short distance. The only damage done is on the Bald Hills, where it burned Mr. Kane's possessions to the ground. He did not save anything but his horse and had to mount that and ride fast to save his own life.

AU (20 Sept. 1902) Fires have been raging in different parts of Humboldt county for about ten days past and considerable damage done. A fire in the Bald Hills section destroyed the home of a rancher named Kane...

AU (20 Sept. 1902) A lease has been filed for record by which Christine B. Childs leases to Jonathan and Antonio M. Lyons the old John Hopkins ranch in 9N2E and 9N3E with all stock and personal property for four years from Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 1901 at an annual rent of



\$550. An agreement has been entered into between Christina B. Childs and George B. Tomlinson through which the rent is made payable to Christina B. Child while the latter grants to George B. Tomlinson all the personal property involved in said lease.

BLA (20 Sept. 1902) Mrs. Wm. Lyons and Miss Josie Lyons of Elder came down Tuesday en route to Eureka to visit the fair.

HT (21 Sept. 1902) Gans—Among those who have suffered from the fire on the Bald Hills are P. Kane, Neal Thompson, Jonathan Lyons and Antone Lyons. The fires have burnt most all the dry grass off their ranges....A Thompson is visiting his uncle, Neal Thompson. He tells of a big fire between Henry Bugar's and the Klamath. The trail is full of fallen timber....J.H. Pitt has lost a lot of his fencing and good grass and a fine potato patch by the fire.

HT (21 Sept. 1902) Klamath, Sept. 10—The Indian Woodpecker dance ended last Sunday. They danced fourteen days. The crowd that assembled did not average over three hundred.

AU (27 Sept. 1902) Among those who have suffered from the fires on the Bald Hills are P. Cane, Neal Thompson, Jonathan Lyons and Antone Lyons. The fires have burnt most all the dry grass off their ranges.

AU (27 Sept. 1902) Trinidad—Jonathan Lyons of the Bald Hills was in town several days during the past week.

BLA (4 Oct. 1902) Forest fires have been raging in northern Humboldt the past two weeks and considerable damage has been done. [Bald Mtn.; Angel's Ranch; Glendale]

AU (18 Oct. 1902) Election Officers for Bald Hills Precinct: Inspectors, Henry Nelson and Cornelius Thompson; Judges, Jonathan Lyons and J.G. Chapman, Jr.; Clerks, A.M. Lyons and Alfred Melvin; Ballot Clerks, G.W. Pinkham and J.P. Sigsby. Polls at A.M. Lyons' place.

BLA (18 Oct. 1902) Bald Hills, Oct. 13—Wm. Lyons has caught three cinnamon bears within the last week. He caught one in a steel trap and got the other two with his dogs. These animals are quite plentiful of late and are doing some damage among the sheep....Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Lyons are also spending a few days on the Klamath, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Redemyer.

BLA (18 Oct. 1902) Orick, Oct. 13—Immense forest fires have been raging in the redwoods around Orick. Their fury is spent now and it is thought with very little loss of good timber, the fire being principally in the undergrowth. A very refreshing shower came this afternoon. It laid the dust and cleared the atmosphere.

FE (24 Oct. 1902) Some of the sheep raisers in the Klamath section are being considerably annoyed by bears and panthers this season. These animals are said to be quite numerous in the Klamath currently.

HT (24 Oct. 1902) Gans, Oct. 20—Miss Josie Lyons and Antonio Lyons have gone to Blocksburg to make their brother Anderson, a visit. They will be gone two weeks.

AU (1 Nov. 1902) First appearance of "Gans" under "Our County Reporters"

AU (3 Jan. 1903) Gans--Mr. Worth of Dows Prairie is visiting Sherman Lyons. He was accompanied by Henry Beach.

AU (8 Nov. 1902) Gans—Mrs. Antone Lyons was at the home of Mrs. J.P. Sigsby Sunday. Her two little girls will board with Mrs. Sigsby the remaining month of school as the weather is too stormy for them to drive so far....Mr. Antone Lyons returned from his trip to Blocksburg last week. Mrs. Antone Lyons and children visited at Sherman Lyons' Sunday.

BLA (25 Nov. 1902) Orick, Nov. 10—Sherman Lyons and wife and Mrs. R.R. Michael of Gans spent election day here with Mrs. W.H. Allen and Miss Gertrude Robinson.

AU (22 Nov. 1902) Gans—Mrs. A.M. Lyons has gone to Orleans to be at the bedside of her brother Fredrick Wilder of that place, who was seriously shot a few days ago.

AU (29 Nov. 1902) Gans—Jas. Berry took a fine load of potatoes to Sherman Lyons last week. About two inches of snow fell here last week.

AU (6 Dec. 1902) Gans—Joe Pitt returned from Jonathan Lyons with a load of apples this week. School closed for this term last week.

AU (13 Dec. 1902) Gans—Mr. Joseph Pitt delivered a fine load of potatoes to Jonathan Lyons.

AU (27 Dec. 1902) Died of His Injuries—Fredrick Wilder, who was shot by Manager A.W. Symmes of Brizard's Store at Orleans on Nov. 7, died at the county hospital Monday morning of this week. It will be remembered that the shooting was the result of a disturbance on election day and Symmes believed that he was acting in self defense.

BLA (27 Dec. 1902) Obit Frederick Wilder, age 35. Survived by wife and five small children; four brothers, William, George, Alexander and Henry and four sisters, Mrs. Antone Lyons of Elder and Misses Ellen and Emily Wilder of San Francisco and Elsie Wilder of Phoenix, Arizona.

AU (3 Jan. 1903) Gans—There is about six inches of snow on the Bald Hills at present. Mr. Worth of Dows Prairie is visiting Sherman Lyons. He was accompanied by Henry Beach.

BLA (17 Jan. 1903) Mrs. Sherman Lyons in company with Mrs. Antone Lyons visited the Beach place Sunday en route to Eureka.

AU (17 Jan. 1903) Gans—Mrs. Antone and Mrs. Sherman Lyons started for Eureka last week. They will be gone about a week. Sherman Lyons killed a fine, large bear a few days ago.

BLA (24 Jan. 1903) Bald Hills—Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. A.M. Lyons returned from Eureka last Saturday after an absence of ten days. Arthur Kirsch of Wendling, Oregon is visiting with his great uncle, J. Lyons and family.

AU (24 Jan. 1903) Gans—Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Antone Lyons are home again from Eureka....Tom Hancorne, who has been working for Sherman Lyons for the past week, started for the Klamath last Sunday....Miss Josie Lyons has been visiting Mrs. M.D. Sigsby.

BLA (31 Jan 1903) Lots of Snow—Two feet on Pine Creek ridge between Thomas Bair's ranch on Redwood and Hoopa; 17 inches at Bald Mountain; on Bald Hills, the same state of affairs.

AU (7 Feb. 1903) Orick—There is at this writing three feet of snow on the Bald Hills and the weather has been cold for the past ten days. Stock are holding their own, but beef is scarce. Supplies are getting short and the roads are still in a bad condition.

AU (7 Feb. 1903) Gans—A large bear has been making trouble for the sheep men in this vicinity, Wm. Lyons losing thirteen and Sherman Lyons three

AU (14 Feb. 1903) Gans--....A large bear has been making trouble for the sheepmen in this vicinity, Wm. Lyons losing thirteen and Sherman Lyons three.

FE (20 Feb. 1903) Anderson Lyons and son of Dobbys Creek arrived in this valley this week with eleven head of dairy heifers which they disposed of to parties in this section.

BLA (28 Feb. 1903) Hard on Sheep—Mr. Neil Thompson of Gans was in town Wednesday evening en roué to Eureka. The gentleman reports that considerable snow fell in his section during the last storm and a good deal of it lays yet on the high ranges. While he did not lose any stock during the storm, some of his neighbors, he says, have, among them being Messrs. Hancorne and the Lyons Bros., whose flocks of sheep have been reduced in number.

AU (7 March 1903) Gans--Mrs. J. Pitt and daughter, Ada, visited A. Lyons last Saturday....J.P. Sigsby did some mason work for Sherman Lyons Saturday....Miss Josie Lyons, accompanied by her cousin, who is en route to Oregon, called at Mr. Sigsby's place recently.

BLA (21 March 1903) Bald Hills, March 17—Jerry Flint, late of Arcata, is engaged at present as chief farmer at A.M. Lyons'.

AU (28 March 1903) Gans—Mrs. Ola and Mrs. Antone Lyons and children were guests of Mrs. J.P. Sigsby the first of the week.

AU (4 April 1903) Gans, Mrs. Antone Lyons and children visited Sherman Lyons' home on Sunday last.

BLA (4 April 1903) Arcata, April 2—The funeral of Nelson Orcutt took place last Tuesday afternoon....Deceased was youngest son of Louis Orcutt and wife. He was born in the Bald Hills and at the time of his death was 17 years, 5 months and 19 days old. He lived with his sister Mrs. S. Loveren in and near Arcata for the last two years....

BLA (11 April 1903) Anderson Lyons of Blocksburg took a load of hogs to the Eel river valley several weeks ago, for which 4 ½ cents was paid.

AU (11 April 1903) Gans—Antone Lyons lost a fine heifer last week from poison weed....Harvey Lattin and family, Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Antone Lyons and family, Miss Lena Masten, the Misses Zena and Ada Pitt were among the callers at the Sigsby residence Sunday.

AU (18 April 1903) Gans—Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons made a trip to Stone Lagoon Sunday....Tom Hancorne, who for the past three years [ has] been overseer of the Hancorne ranch at the Klamath, has resigned his position and taken a similar one for S. Lyons at Gans....The Misses Frances and Hattie Lyons are boarding at Mrs. Sigsby's and going to school.

AU (25 April 1903) Gans—The Misses Frances and Hattie Lyons spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents.

AU (29 April 1903) Klamath--....Miss Matilda Hancorne was visiting at Sherman Lyons' in the Bald Hills last Saturday and Sunday.

AU (29 April 1903) Up the Coast—Another drive of 12 miles [from Swan's ], the comfortable home of Sherman Lyons and wife was reached and here the very best treatment possible is accorded to any and all visitors by Sherman and his wife. They have one of the best mountain places it has ever been our good fortune to put up at. Miss Lena Masten assists Mrs. Lyons in the household work and goes to school. Tom Hancorne, well-known about Arcata, is ranch foreman for Mr. Lyons and is a capable and handy

man on a place of this kind. Tom carries his age well, but admits that he is beginning to feel the weight of his years....Lambing is now on in the Bald Hills and as the winter is now over, a good crop will result here. Sherman Lyons is running his sheep on the Garrett place at present and has between 500 and 600 new lambs.

AU (2 May 1903) Gans—Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons and J.P. Sigsby left for Eureka this week on business. Miss Lena Masten is stopping at Sherman Lyons and attending school....Tom Hancorne, who is working for Sherman Lyons, left for the Klamath Saturday, accompanied by Sherman's hound and rifle, where he expects to intercept those five panthers reported in that vicinity. Antone Lyons lost a valuable horse this week.

AU (9 May 1903) Orick—A.M. Lyons, accompanied by his wife and sister-in-law, passed through Orick Wednesday.

AU (9 May 1903) Gans—Mr. Jonathan Lyons is rejoicing over the capture of a large coyote, which has played havoc with his flock for a number of years. The Misses Frances and Hattie Lyons spent Saturday and Sunday with their grandparents....Jonathan Lyons was a caller at the Sigsby ranch recently.

BLA (9 May 1903) Mail carrier John Cabanot brought down a coyote from the Lyons Bros.' ranch at Elder last week, which was killed by Eugene, a young Indian boy employed at that place.

AU (16 May 1903) Gans—Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons returned from Eureka, accompanied by Miss Wilder of Orleans, Mrs. Lyons' sister.

AU (23 May 1903) Gans—Mr. Homer Cooper is on the sick list this week. It is feared that he has the small pox.

AU (23 May 1903) Mr. Bush, the Arcata teamster, was a stopper at Orick the forepart of last week on his way to the Lyons Boys' ranch with a four-horse load of supplies. Sheep shearing will commence there about the 20<sup>th</sup> of June.

BLA (30 May 1903) Sheep shearing in northern Humboldt will commence next week. Mr. Ohanial and his crew of fourteen shearers will go to J.H. Hooker's ranch on the Bald Hills Monday and commence shearing Mr. Hooker's flock, about 2000 head. From there the shearers will go to Will Ford's ranch on Mad river, after which they will shear the flocks of Thomas Bair at Three Cabins, Madrone and Rock ranches. After their sojourn there, Mr. Ohanial and his crew will return to Thos. Bair's ranch on Redwood creek and from thence to J. Lyons & Sons ranches on the Bald Hills. From present indications the wool crop this year will be fairly good.

AU (30 May 1903) Gans—Homer Cooper, who has the small pox, has been removed to the old Childs' place to prevent the disease from spreading....Messrs. Gastman and

Sammons of Arcata visited Sherman Lyons Thursday and Friday....Now for that big fish story, for Sherman Lyons and party must have got their share Sunday of the largest ones.

AU (13 June 1903) Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Gastman, Mrs. Geo. Murray and son, Willis, left on last Friday for a camping trip to the Bald Hills near the Sherman Lyons place.

AU (13 June 1903) Gans—The small pox is still in our midst but seems to be of a mild form. Antone Lyons and two children are keeping in the house yet.

BLA (20 June 1903) Bald Hills—A.M. Lyons and family have been confined in their home for several weeks with the smallpox. They are getting along nicely and will soon be well. Every precaution has been taken to prevent the spreading of the disease and thus far it is successful. It is supposed that the disease was brought to Mr. Lyons by one Homer Cooper, who was working there and whose home and relatives were on the Klamath. It is said that the smallpox is spreading up the Klamath among the Indians and it will just keep spreading unless there is something done to check it, because the Indians know nothing whatever about fumigating or disinfecting their houses. The Advocate correspondent heard that some of them talk strongly of getting some “doctor man to black snake them” meaning to vaccinate them. Mr. J. Lyons or better known as Dr. Lyons now-a-days, has vaccinated the greater portion of this neighborhood, free gratis.

AU (20 June 1903) Gans—Mrs. Sherman Lyons and Miss Lena Masten visited at Mrs. J. Pitt’s on last Saturday.

AU (24 June 1903) Blue Lake--The Anderson Bros. [Anderson built Jonathan's barn] left for Bald Mountain where they will erect a large barn for A. Brizard. They have just finished the McCready barn on the west side which is the largest in this part of the country.

AU (27 June 1903) Gans—Mrs. S. Lyons visited Mrs. M.L. Sigsby Friday.

AU (4 July 1903) Gans—Mesdames Sherman and Antone Lyons and Henry Beach made a trip to the Klamath one day this week.

BLA (4 July 1903) Hoopa, June 30—Anderson Mescott [sic], son of Mrs. Jane Swanston, has come home from the Riverside Indian Training school to spend July and August visiting his mother.

BLA (11 July 1903) Bald Hills—The shearing crew in charge of Chas. Stevens finished shearing at A.M. Lyons on Tuesday and then started to shear Wm. Lyons sheep. They have been detained considerably on account of the damp, foggy weather....The harvesting of grass hay has begun and the crop seems much shorter than last year.... D. Griffith, Roy Lattin, Geo. Ford, Sherman Lyons and family and Miss J.P. Lyons attended the Orick celebration from this neighborhood.

BLA (11 July 1903) Sheep shearing at Angel's Ranch was in progress this week, Chief Ohanial Bailey and his Indian crew performing the work....

AU (11 July 1903) Gans—Miss Josie Lyons spent the 4<sup>th</sup> at Orick....The sheep shearers are busy at the Lyons ranch and will finish about the 14<sup>th</sup> of July.

AU (15 July 1903) George Porter arrived in Arcata from the Bald Hills Saturday with a load of wool. The shearers are now at work on Sherman Lyons' place. The three Lyons boys have clipped in the neighborhood of 4000 head, the yield being not as heavy as usual.

AU (22 July 1903) Dr. B.A. Frost was called to Sherman Lyons' ranch on professional business, expecting to be absent a few days.

AU (22 July 1903) Gans—Sherman Lyons and wife were callers at the Sigsby ranch Saturday. Miss Lena Masten is doing the cooking at Wm. Lyons ranch during the sheep shearing....Miss Josie Lyons visited her brother Sherman Lyons on Saturday.

AU (8 Aug. 1903) Thos. Bair has purchased the wool clip of the Lyons Bros. in the Bald Hills, consisting of 17 1/2 tons and it is now being hauled to Eureka and stored....

AU (29 July 1903) Bald Hills—At the home of Sherman Lyons, I find a sociable family, enjoying all the privileges of a happy, healthy mountain home. About fifteen hundred sheep is the source of revenue and they also have a few cattle. A very profitable vegetable and berry garden keeps the table supplied with the best in the land. When a little meat is needed, Mr. Lyons' trusty rifle is to be relied on and the larder is seldom without a haunch of venison when the season is open. Miss Josie Lyons is visiting here at present as is also Miss Lena Masten.

AU (29 July 1903) Gans—Sherman Lyons lost a valuable bull this week.

HS (30 July 1903) Bald Hills, July 28—At the pleasant home of Antonio Lyons, we find a hard working son of toil, who is doing his part to keep up the taxes for the scoundrels to have a time on in the Post Office Department at Washington, also raising a nice little family of four native daughters and a son to gladden the home.

Seldom is it the writer's pleasure to meet a family like Mr. Lyons', all agree, no howling or fights, each ready to assist the other.

It is four miles from Antonio's home to his father's. William, the youngest son, lives a few hundred yards from his father, while Sherman lives ten miles away, all on the best county road in a hill section that is in the state. The people throughout this section are loud in praise of their supervisor. McLeod tries to please his constituents and do right by all.

Mr. Antonio Lyons has some hay in, most of the oat hay is not "ripe" yet. A gentleman with as good a partner to pull through life's ups and downs as Antonio Lyons will come out a winner.

The sheep industry is well managed here. We had the pleasure while at this gentleman's father's to see the two beautiful gold medals won at the Paris Exposition. AS there is a strong strain of French blood in the Lyons family, Jonathan Lyons felt justly proud to receive the medal as a recognition of his labor.

The good people of this great Bald Hills section are very enthusiastic over the promising chances for a road from the Kallstrom mill, east, near the old Trinidad and Klamath trail running east by Jonathan Lyons place, which taps many miles of country. The road from Bald Hills to Kallstrom mill will be ten to twelve miles of country. The road from Bald Hills to Kallstrom mill will be ten to twelve miles, saving a haul of about fifty-eight miles. The saving to the people in freighting out their many hundred tons of products that must be exported out of this increasing rich section, also the hundreds of tons of freight in, will be a great boom to the people. Traveler.

BLA (1 Aug. 1903) Arcata, July 30—William Lyons of the Bald Hills stopped in Arcata for a few days. He is selling this year's crop of wool.

HS (3 Aug. 1903) Elder, July 27—How Jonathan Lyons Crossed the Plains.

AU (5 Aug 1903) Gans—Miss Josie Lyons visited Mrs. M.L. Sigsby Friday.

AU (8 Aug. 1903) Big Purchase of Wool—Thos. Bair has purchased the wool clip of the Lyons Bros. in the Bald Hills, consisting of 17½ tons and it is now being hauled to Eureka and stored. Teamsters H. Cave and G.H. Porter are doing the hauling and have several trips yet to make. It is understood that the price was 22 cents per pound.

AU (8 Aug. 1903) Gans—Mrs. Sherman Lyons and Mrs. Byard of Eureka visited Mrs. M.L. Sigsby on Sunday.

BLA (15 Aug. 1903) Bald Hills—Jonathan Lyons, the pioneer sheep raiser of the Bald Hills, accompanied by his wife and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Antone Lyons, and two children, went to Eureka this week and intend to make a visit to Mr. Lyons' son Anderson Lyons of Blocksburg before returning. Mr. Lyons tells the Advocate man that this year's crop of wool brought him 22 cents per pound which is a good price. Mr. Thos. Bair of Arcata was the purchaser for some San Francisco parties, and also purchased the clip of J.H. Hooker, L.W. Hower and J.P. Anderson.

AU (15 Aug. 1903) Jonathan Lyons, the pioneer sheep raiser of the Bald Hills, passed through Arcata Wednesday on his way to Blocksburg to visit with his son Anderson. Miss Lena Masten of the Bald Hills passed through Arcata last Thursday on her way to Eureka where the young lady expects to reside in the future and attend school.

AU (15 Aug. 1903) Gans—Mrs. Antone and Miss Josie Lyons visited Mrs. M.L. Sigsby one day this week....A Party of campers from Eureka passed through here en route for William Lyons' place Saturday.



AU (22 1903) Gans—Jonathan Lyons and wife and Mrs. Antone Lyons and children started on Tuesday for a three week trip to the Blocksburg section....Mesdames Sherman and Ola Lyons visited at Mrs. Hancorne's this week.

BLA (22 Aug. 1903) There is a movement on foot among the people of the Bald Hills to have a wagon road built from their section across to the new shingle mill above Trinidad. It would shorten the distance by over 25 miles and according to Pioneer Jonathan Lyons, the road could easily be built on a good easy grade.

FE (25 Aug. 1903) Pioneer Jonathan Lyons and wife of Gans, accompanied by their-in-law, Mrs. A.M. Lyons, are visitors at the home of their son A Lyons, who lives near Blocksburg. The party will not return until the Ferndale Fair opens, when they will spend a few days in the Cream City—Beacon.

AU (26 Aug. 1903) Elder—One of Hooker's trappers caught a fine string of mountain trout in Pine Creek the other day. Quite a number of large rattlesnakes have been killed in this section this year. The old-timers say there are more here now than ever before....Fruit is now ripe in the large Hooker orchard on the North Fork of Redwood and everyone traveling the trails helps themselves. Salmon are more abundant in the Klamath just now than for some years past. Four boats caught over a thousand last week in a few hours.

AU (29 Aug. 1903) Gans—A pleasant gathering was enjoyed by a number of neighbors at Sherman Lyons residence Friday night. There were eighteen present and plenty of music and at midnight a bountiful supper was served. Sherman's is certainly the place to have a good time.

AU (5 Sept. 1903) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons of the Bald Hills visited in Arcata for a few days this week. Sherman stays pretty close to home, as this is his first trip down for nearly a year. He has gone back but will return next week with a band of sheep which he sold to the Russ Company.

AU (5 Sept. 1903) Elder—The two Sigsbys left Gans en roué overland to San Francisco, looking for a place to locate....A pleasant dance was given by Sherman Lyons, whose spacious house is well adapted to entertainments of that kind. Dancing was participated in by the guests until midnight when a sumptuous supper was served by Mrs. Lyons, after which dancing was resumed until an early hour when the guests from Orick, Elder, and Gans took their departure, claiming Mr. and Mrs. Lyons as genial hosts.

AU (26 Sept. 1903) Miss Josephine Lyons from the Bald Hills, after taking in a little Eureka fair and visiting Arcata friends, mounted her beautiful horse which had been fitted with a new saddle and left Thursday for her home.

BLA (26 Sept. 1903) Trinidad, Sept. 23—Grover, the eldest son of A. Lyons and wife of Blocksburg, visited Hubert Cummons a few days this week.

BLA (26 Sept. 1903) Arcata, Sept. 24—Miss Josie Lyons of the Bald Hills has been in Arcata and Eureka for several days, visiting with friends....

AU (7 Oct. 1903) Sherman Lyons and wife were down from their Bald Hills home last week. They left for home on Monday.

BLA (10 Oct. 1903) J.G. Gray of the Bald Hills section visited Blue Lake this week. He tells us that he and his partner, John Snavely, have moved from the Hooker ranch to Sherman Lyons' place, where they will spend the winter trapping and hunting.

AU (31 Oct. 1903) Sherman Lyons, accompanied by his sister Miss Josephine came down from the Bald Hills Wednesday on business. Sherman left for home Friday morning.

BLA (14 Nov. 1903) Those who believe that walnut trees do not flourish in the county should take a trip to Orleans and inspect the 40 or more trees in the orchard of Wilder Bros. The gentlemen have sold all their walnuts this year at a good profit. They came down from Orleans this week with four mules, bringing with them 1500 pounds of walnuts of different varieties, all of which were sold at Hoopa, Blue Lake, and Eureka. They received 11 cents per pound for them

BLA (5 Dec. 1903) The marriage certificate for Kiah M. Tomlinson and Grace Griffith both of Orick was filed for record Monday; married Nov. 28 by Rev. Todd in Arcata.

AU (9 Dec. 1903) Miss Josephine Lyons, accompanied by her brothers Sherman and William of the Bald Hills, was in Eureka the first of the week on land office business.

BLA (30 Jan. 1904) Bald Hills, Jan. 26—All kinds of stock withstood the recent snow storm extremely well, because they were all in a splendid condition to begin with—this being an unusually fine winter for grass so far.

The higher hills are still covered with snow. The sunshine melts it very slowly on account of its extreme solidity—it being wet when it fell and packed very closely. It began to snow on the night of the 16<sup>th</sup>, continuing intermittently for four days, falling to a depth of from 16 to 18 inches....Mrs. Eunice Frye of Orick is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Wm. Lyons of Elder.

AU (12 March 1904) Orick—Antone Lyons was down to Orick last Friday and put up at the Orick Hotel. He was in search of blooded stock, which he did not find.

AU (26 March 1904) Orick—On the night of the 10<sup>th</sup>, a wind storm struck this vicinity and raised havoc with the roads. The Bald Hills road was blocked from one end to the other and it took several days to clear out the fallen timber.

AU (2 April 1904) Orick—Harvey Lattin is up now and is gathering up his cattle, 75 head in all. He has two buyers, Antonio Lyons and the Northern Redwood Company. The cattle look fairly well considering the winter we have had.

BLA (20 April 1904) Bald Hills, April 26—School opened on Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, with Mr. Rolla Bryant as instructor. The school is being held at the old Orcutt place on account of the majority of the pupils being in this end of the district since J.H. Pitt and family moved away....A.M. Lyons bought forty head of cattle from Andrew Halley of Orick, most of which being steers. This makes something over a hundred head he has purchased in the last few weeks....Jonathan Lyons of Elder will start for Eureka in a few days, where he goes to be present at the meeting of [the] Republican County Central Committee.

AU (28 May 1904) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons, after attending to some business in Eureka, made a visit or call on some Arcata friends, purchased stores from the Humboldt Manufacturing Co., and drove to Little River to the home of Mrs. Lyons' mother, Mrs. Chas. Beach.

AU (6 July 1904) Mr. William Lyons commenced shearing his sheep last week. Being free from disease, sheep are only sheared once a year in this end of the county.

AU (9 July 1904) William Lyons of the Bald Hills has been down this week laying in supplies for his mountain ranch.

FE (5 Aug. 1904) Neal Hill, one of the first pioneers of California, died at his home at Alliance Saturday evening. Deceased was one of the first pioneers who came to this coast. He was born in County Antrim, Ireland in 1823, but left the Emerald Isle in 1848, emigrated to the United States and landed first in New York City. From there he came by steamer to California, making the voyage by the Isthmus of Panama and landing in San Francisco March 16, 1852. From San Francisco he went to old Klamath county, and three years later moved to the Bald Hills in this county where he was engaged in the stock business until he was burned out of house and home by Indians, and his cattle stolen and killed. He then moved his family to Trinidad and went to the mines in Idaho, afterward he went to Montana and mined and prospected for seven years. Coming back to Humboldt county, he purchased land on Arcata Bottom and about ten years ago served as a member of our county board of supervisors, being elected on the democratic ticket. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and eight children, William J., James B., Mrs. Thos. Parton, Neal, Mrs. Charles Burrow, Samuel, George and Frank.

BLA (6 Aug. 1904) Bald Hills, Aug. 2—G. Porter and J. [F.] Arford of Arcata took down the last load of wool belonging to Messrs. A.M. and Wm. Lyons last week, there being 145 bales between them. J. Lyons has added a much needed improvement to his property known as the old Orcutt place in the way of a big barn. Mr. Albert York put up the building and did a very creditable piece of work....Eugene Young of Elder with a pack of hounds killed a family of four panthers a few days ago. There were the mother and three

yearling kittens. Sherman Lyons made a similar killing at Gans some weeks ago, there being three full grown panthers in his lot....John Seidell of Blue Lake spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. Lyons....Miss Bertha Hansen of Bachelor Button Glen is doing some sewing for Mrs. Wm. Lyons.

HS (24 Aug. 1904) The Home of Jonathan Lyons, Elder, August 20—At the home of Jonathan Lyons, situated on the southeastern extremity of the Bald Hills, one receives a grand plain welcome, a genuine welcome with no frills. The pretty, white-painted two-story house with a red roof shows up to great advantage, bordered as it is with walnut trees. A choice vegetable and fruit garden is at the back of the house and under a good irrigation system, it supplies luscious apples, peaches, pears, plums, and lots of other fruit. There is a good fruit belt here. The large barn is full of hay. Three miles of new fence and a new sheep shearing barn have been added to the farm this year.

The post office as well as the house is under the charge of Miss Josie Lyons, a young lady who always gives her aged parents the first consideration. Mr. Lyons, although along in the three-score notch, is spry and able to attend to business as well as when he was only twenty.

The next convenience to be installed here is a telephone plant. Several miles of wire are on the ground. The best of phones will be used.

It gives faith in our fellow men when we see a family work in concert like the Jonathan Lyons family. William, the youngest son, lives close by his father. Antonio, a couple of miles away and Sherman, eight miles west on the Bald Hills range.

If hay is ready at one farm ahead of the other, they assist each other back and forth, and if one makes better than the other, there is no selfish jealousy.

On the Jonathan Lyons' farm is a mule forty-one years old that has been retired some years. Ground feed is hauled out fifty miles to make his mule-ship happy the remainder of his days.

AU (17 Sept. 1904) News of Humboldt County--William Lyons of the Bald Hills has sold to the Russ Market in Eureka 1320 sheep. It took seven days to drive the sheep from the range to the county seat.

BLA (24 Sept 1904) Trinidad, Sept. 21—Jonathan Lyons of Elder lost a fine mare at Thomas Lattin's while on his return from Eureka Monday. The animal died of lung fever.

HS (13 Oct. 1904) Fortuna, Oct. 13—Anderson Lyons brought a drove of cattle from Blocksburg on Monday for Bert Robinson. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons and family are coming to live in Fortuna this winter so that the children may attend our schools. Their oldest daughter is going to our high school now. They have engaged the Kountz house, occupied until recently by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Morgan.

AU (19 Oct. 1904) Sherman Lyons and Roy Ames of Bald Hills arrived in Arcata Sunday on business.

AU (19 Oct 1904) George B. Tomlinson, a late resident of the Orick section....recently purchased the Child's ranch in the Bald Hills besides four additional claims, which now gives him a range of 2,000 acres. He will engage in the raising of beef cattle and sheep....His son Arthur is still on the dairy ranch at Orick.

BLA (22 Oct. 1904) Trinidad, Oct. 19—Sherman Lyons of the Bald Hills passed through town Sunday with a bunch of fine beef cattle for the Arcata market.

AU (29 Oct. 1904) Moved to Bald Hills—George B. Tomlinson, a late resident of the Orick section, was in town Thursday to secure medical attention for a troublesome tooth. Mr. Tomlinson recently purchased the Childs ranch in the Bald Hills, besides four additional claims which now gives him a range of 2000 acres. He will engage in the raising of beef cattle and sheep, and took possession of the ranch on the 10<sup>th</sup> of this month. His son, Arthur, is still on the dairy ranch at Orick.

AU (2 Nov. 1904) Trinidad—Fred Arford, who came up from Arcata with a six-horse load of provisions recently for the Lyons' Brothers of the Bald Hills, had the misfortune to have his load go over the grade on Freshwater hill....Floyd Hufford left Trinidad for Orick Thursday morning with a load of provisions.

AU (9 Nov. 1904) Random Notes—Telephone is now the talk on Redwood. Over three hundred dollars have already been subscribed to the enterprise. The proposed line will go from the ranch of Will Lyons to Jonathan Lyons and thence to the ranch of Antone, a distance of about four miles.

BLA (12 Nov. 1904) Mrs. William Lyons of Elder visited friends in Eureka since our last.

BLA (26 Nov. 1904) Trinidad, Nov. 23—Mr. and Mrs. A. Lyons of Elder left Monday for their home after a ten days' sojourn in the county seat.

AU (3 Dec. 1904) Orick—Antone Lyons and family passed through Orick yesterday on their way home.

AU (3 Dec. 1904) Traveler Heard From--The young gentleman driving the Humboldt Mfg. Co's team stopped Saturday night at the Nelson stopping place on Stone Lagoon. He reports one more load for the Lyons folks in the Bald Hills. The telephone there is now built from Jonathan Lyons to Sherman Lyons. They may, for an outlet, run their line out to Kallstrom's mill, a distance of twelve miles further.

BLA (24 Dec. 1904) Orick, Dec. 20—Fred Arford arrived Friday morning en route to the Bald Hills with a load of freight for Lyons Bros. W. Persons, who spends his time on his homestead on the Bald Hills, went to Arcata yesterday to do some buying.

AU (18 Jan. 1905) Random Notes—The Arford Brothers are fitting their teams for a year's teaming. The Lyons Brothers were well pleased with this year's work. The team makes its first trip in four weeks.

BLA (4 Feb. 1905) Bald Hills, Jan. 31. Mrs. L.M. Ayers and Mrs. Ola Lyons departed for Eureka a few days ago on a visit.... A.M. Lyons has a new cottage just finished on the old Cagle place, where he and his family now live. The building was erected by A.S. York and he certainly did a most creditable job.

AU (18 Feb. 1905) Orick—George B. Tomlinson of Orick took a four-horse load of supplies to his Bald Hills ranch Saturday. Mr. Tomlinson has bought the Griffith place adjoining Mr. Lyons' and Mr. Griffith, not agreeing as to the lines, Mr. Lyons decided not to take the place....Mr. Melvin of the Bald Hills came down to Harris ranch to get his seed oats one day last week....Albert Tomlinson has gone to his Bald Hills ranch with a four-horse team. He is going to put all his teams to plowing soon. There has been but very little plowing done in the hills so far. Mr. Tomlinson has 50 lambs already.

AU (25 Feb. 1905) Orick—Wm. Childs and wife returned from the Bald Hills with a load of furniture, machinery, and apples. Billy has sold his ranch and was out getting his belongings. He reports the roads in good shape for this time of year.

AU (4 March 1905) Orick—Miss Minnie Griffith has returned home from the Bald Hills, where she has been visiting her sisters, Mrs. Geo. Ford and Mrs. Tomlinson.

BLA (11 March 1905) Mr. William Lyons, one of pioneer Jonathan Lyons' industrious sons of Elder, where he is engaged extensively in the sheep raising business, was among Sunday's visitors to Blue Lake. The gentleman was just on his return home from a three weeks' sojourn in Eureka, where he had a successful operation performed on his left eye by an optician. Among other things, Mr. Lyons informs the Advocate that the lambing season in his section will not commence before the last of this month and an excellent crop of lambs is expected on every ranch, there being plenty of feed.

AU (22 April 1905) Orick, April 17—Thos. Bailey, who committed suicide by the roadside and whose body was found last week by Winfield Beach, was buried by Sherman Lyons at Elk Camp in the Bald Hills a few days later.

BLA (22 April 1905) The Bailey Affair—Pioneer Jonathan Lyons of Elder writes the Advocate regarding the discovery of the body of Thomas Bailey as follows: Elder, Humboldt County, Cal., April 13, 1905. "Yesterday, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, young Winfield Beach coming to the hills from Orick between Gans Prairie and Sherman Lyons' house, his attention was attracted by a dog on a log showing fight and by looking around he saw the body of a man lying dead. He saw that there was a place where he had a fire and by getting a little closer he saw blood on his hands. So he came right up to Sherman Lyons' and reported and Sherman got a lot of men and went down to investigate. After arriving he saw the man lying there with his shoes off and his head on

his coat and his throat cut in a number of places, and blood all over the ground. They also found some receipted bills in his pocket and \$16 in money. His name was Tom Bailey, an old settler of Trinidad.

Sherman Lyons sent young Beach right straight to Trinidad to the end of the telephone line and phoned for Coroner Skinner. He started at once arriving at about six o'clock. He is now hunting a jury. He got a few men on the Bald Hills and then telephoned here for Wm. Lyons at night.

Tom Riley, an old pioneer, came up and examined the body and he says it is Tom Bailey. After starting young Beach for Trinidad, they thought about the body being in the woods as they made up their mind that it would not do to leave it there on account of wild varmints eating it up. So they took a wagon and some grub for the dog and made up with him and got the body in the wagon and also the dog and hauled them up to Sherman Lyons' place and took good care of it and made a coffin up in good shape. Bailey was on his way from the South Fork of Salmon. He told the Indians that he had a fine mine up there. Jonathan Lyons."

BLA (13 May 1905) Miss Josie Lyons Gets Claim; The General Land Office Affirmed The Decision of Local Officers; A New Ruling Whereby Timber Land Can Be Taken As A Homestead Claim [letter from Commissioner of General Land Office at Washington] "Sirs—I have now for consideration the records of the contest of George V. Draeger vs. Josie Lyons, transmitted with you letter of Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 1904, on appeal filed by Draeger from your decision rendered Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> 1904, recommending the dismissal of his contest against H.E. 4647, made April 25, 1902, by Lyons for the n hf nw qr. sw qr nw qr sec 17 and se qr nw qr, sec 18, T8N R3E....The contest affidavit filed Oct. 25, 1903, charged failure to establish residence, failure to cultivate or improve, and that the land is chiefly valuable for its timber....

Three witnesses testified in behalf of contestant; two of the witnesses never saw the land prior to June 1903 and at that time, which was the only time they were ever on the land, saw a house and picket fence around about one acre of cleared ground, but they did not see contestee on the ground.

The third witness saw an Indian girl on the land at one time and he saw contestee going to her land three or four times; the last time about two months prior to contest. These witnesses knew the contestee, who is a single woman, had been appointed postmaster at Elder, Cal., a short distance from the land.

Contestee testified that she established actual residence on the land in September 1902 by moving into a house she had completed at that time, that up to the time of entry, she lived with her parents seven or eight miles from the land, that she furnished her house with bed, bedding, a heating stove, cooking stove, cooking utensils, provisions, etc., and kept adding to her supplies from time to time; that she built a barn, woodshed, and fenced in an acre of ground and planted a garden in the spring of 1903 and set out a dozen fruit trees; that she also built an addition to her barn in Oct. 1900; was appointed postmaster at Elder, Cal. in January 1903 and attended to the duties of the office and when not at the post office she was on her land; that she expended part of her income from the post office in improving her claim; that when she commenced to live upon the land she gave up her home with her father and mother but visited them occasionally to attend to their wants;

that she has cut hay from twenty acres of the land that is prairie [50-60 acres of timber]; that there is not any more timber than is required and did not take it for its timber, but for a home; that a living can be made on the place by grazing hogs and cattle; that she always had a sister [sic] or relative to stay with her, as she could not stay on the land alone; that she remained two nights in Sept; three nights in Oct.; one night in Dec. 1902 and one night in Jan. 1903, before she was appointed post master, but was there frequently from that time on....

BLA (20 May 1905) Tunneling for Coyotes—The coyotes have been making it lively for the stock men of the Bald Hills section this spring. Al Frazier, who is an employee of the Hooker ranch, went out to Lyons' ranch Saturday morning for a coyote chase and he and the Lyons brothers went out. They managed to start one all right and ran it for seven hours straight with two bunches of the best hounds in the county. At the end of the chase the coyote went into his tunnel, so they sent for a pick and shovel and Pioneer Jonathan Lyons sent a bottle along of the best the market affords and that made the tunneling very much easier. They soon started to dig and while they were at work the coyote started to come out, but Al Frazier shot at him and broke his lower jaw. They dug 12 feet and got him out and the dogs killed him.

BLA (20 May 1905) Fire at Elder—Sunday morning the fine two-story building of Pioneer Jonathan Lyons of Elder costing \$1500 caught fire and was well underway before it was noticed. Only for the wonderful pressure of the water works at hand, it would have surely burnt down. Mr. Lyons has a hydrant close to the house with 200 feet of hose attached all the time, so they had no trouble in putting the fire out. It damaged the roof considerably and it will be necessary to put on a new roof, which will be no small job way out in the hills. Mr. Lyons says it has always been his luck to have a fire every seven years or lost several hundred dollars in improvements by fences burning up or the crops. But then he is feeling pretty good just the same. The Lyons brothers are about through marking the lambs and they are turning out a hundred percent. Mr. Lyons says there is one thing sure that he will not be bothered with fires in the great hereafter because he thinks that he has had his share here on earth.

AU (24 May 1905) County News—The two-story residence of Jonathan Lyons at Elder was partially destroyed by fire last Sunday morning and but for the good water pressure and the fire fighting facilities, the house would have been totally destroyed. Mr. Lyons always keeps two hundred feet of hose attached to a hydrant near his house and although the fire had a good start, it was soon extinguished.

BLA (27 May 1905) Sheep Shearing in Progress—Ohaniel Bailey and his crew of twelve sheep shearers commenced the sheep shearing season at William Ford's ranch up Mad river. They will then shear Thomas Bair's flocks on Mad river and will afterward move to Redwood creek, where they will shear the Bair Brothers' sheep, those of J.H. Hooker and the Lyons Brothers on the Bald Hills. They expect to get through with their circuit in about two months.



BLA (17 June 1905) Bald Hills, June 13—At the beautiful home of Sherman Lyons peace and prosperity are in ample evidence. The great evenings and mornings cannot be surpassed in any climate on earth and everything looks healthy. In a couple of weeks, sheep shearing will commence. The vegetable garden shows many good meals for the coming summer, but fruits here have been greatly damaged by late frost....The great convenience of a local telephone among the Lyons folks is enjoyed by all, and at Sherman Lyons' we had our first telephone talk with Pioneer Jonathan Lyons, Mrs. Antonio Lyons and Miss Hattie Lyons. The instruments work to perfection....The roads have been repaired nicely, yet the terrible grade above Orick needs changing.

BLA (24 June 1905) Bald Hills, June 17—At Pioneer Jonathan Lyons' place I find carpenter Yorke busy building a couple of good long flagpoles to fly the American flag on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Perhaps very few men are now living on land they preempted in 1865, but Mr. Lyons enjoys this distinction. It was in this year that Mr. Lyons' son, Sherman, was born. The year previous Mr. Lyons lost seventy-five good horses and a \$500 Kentucky jenny. Previous to that for three years, this venerable pioneer had not seen a white woman. Mrs. Edward Williams was the first to break this long silence of a woman's tongue, the lady and her husband having come from Shasta. This was in the early fifties. Mr. and Mrs. Williams brought with them in a sack a hen and a rooster and gave Mr. Lyons a hen and a rooster from the first hatch of chickens, but the hen deliberately refused to produce him fruit. But on the advice of Mrs. Williams, doses of pepper were prescribed and it was given to the hen until it laid eggs. The rooster was taught to fight by Mr. Lyons by simply pointing his finger at the bird until it would follow a man with a red shirt half a mile to get a fight. Mr. Williams realized about \$17,000 from an eating house at the Forks of Salmon, Siskiyou county....The Lyons folk enjoy a ten-mile telephone service with four phones—one t Jonathan Lyons' and the other at the residence of his three sons, Sherman, William, and Antonio. They have a first-class service....The sheep shearers are expected here next week to shear the flocks of Mr. Lyons and sons. A good wool crop is expected this year.

AU (1 July 1905) Random Notes—The coyotes are now raising havoc with the sheep in the Bald Hills section. William Lyons lost four from that source last week. The latest method for catching them is by setting a large fish hook far enough from the ground that when his coyoteship jumps for the tempting bait, he finds himself hung up ready for skinning. Chicken hawks are also numerous at the Lyons ranch and Miss Josephine Lyons and her trust rifle are kept quite busy. By much irrigation, Mr. Lyons is able to keep a very fine vegetable garden. Carpenter York has recently completed putting a roof on the house where it was on first several weeks ago. One thing very much appreciated at the Lyons home is the fine water supply. It was owing to the high pressure that the home was saved from destruction several weeks ago.

William Lyons, when he has a few spare moments, tries his hand at photography. He also believes in music and a fine zophonophone and a fine organ will be found in his home. The ring of the ten-mile telephone will soon be heard and will keep the Lyons family in touch with part of the outside world.

A petition is now being circulated for a wagon road to Martin's Ferry....All the bucks have been sheared and sheep shearing will soon be on the earnest....improvements are now being made on the residence of Mr. Antonio Lyons....William Lyons took his blankets the other night and went out to see how many coyotes he could keep away from his sheep. On the following morning another sheep was gone and the sheep herders are beginning to doubt Mr. Lyons' ability to keep a good watch throughout the night. Homer Cooper, herder for William Lyons, together with the hounds, captured a large bear last week. They treed another but it got away. George Hufford arrived at William Lyons' ranch Saturday noon with a four-horse load of provisions.

BLA (15 July 1905) Obit Wm. Stover, born Indiana, ranch at Lake Prairie near Acorn, 480 acres; sons: Walter, Fred, Arthur and Ray; daughters, Mrs. T.H. Beecher, Mrs. Logan Davis, Mr. Ed Worthington and Miss Ivy Stover.

BLA (15 July 1905) Trinidad, July 11—Fred Beach left Wednesday morning with a four-horse team for the Bald Hills, loaded with freight for Sherman Lyons. He will bring back a load of wool from the same place.

AU (19 July 1905) Antone Lyons, the Bald Hills rancher, arrived in Arcata on Monday, having driven 75 head of beef cattle from his range which were sold to the Hammond Company. Messrs. York, Pacheco and Duzer assisted in making the drive which required two and a one half days time.

AU (22 July 1905) Pioneer Jonathan Lyons was down from the Bald Hills this week and returned home by stage on Tuesday. The gentleman is thinking of visiting the Portland Fair.

BLA (22 July 1905) Alliance—Antone Lyons and C. York of the Bald Hills drove a herd of 75 beef cattle for the Hammond Lumber Co. at Essex.

BLA (22 July 1905) Antone M. Lyons of Elder, assisted by J. Yorke, drove a band of 75 head of beef cattle from his ranch the first of the week to Vance's for the Vance Redwood Lumber Company. They are big steers and were sold at a top-notch figure.

BLA (22 July 1905) The demurrer in the suit of Anderson Lyons vs. Indian Jimmie, et al was withdrawn Saturday morning and 20 days allowed to answer.

BLA (22 July 1905) A Good Price for Wool—Pioneer Jonathan Lyons of Elder was among this week's visitors to the county seat. The gentleman and his three sons, William, Antone, and Sherman Lyons, have just sold their wool crop, about twenty tons to R.C. Rosenberg, agent for S. Roshland & Co. of San Francisco for 30 cents a pound, the highest price that has ever been paid for that commodity in Humboldt county. The same firm has purchased the wool of nearly all the Humboldt sheep raisers, Mr. Thomas Bair being one of the exceptions.

AU (26 July 1905) A crate containing eight blooded Shropshire sheep was received in Arcata last week....These sheep are heavier than the Merino and are said to be well adapted to this section of the country.

BLA (12 Aug. 1905) Trinidad—A baby girl arrived at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Childs last Sunday [Aug. 6].

AU (16 Aug. 1905) Sherman Lyons and his wife of Bald Hills have been visiting for several days in Arcata. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons and Miss Josephine expect to leave for Portland the latter part of August to be absent about a month and a half. After attending the fair, they will visit relatives in Seattle.

AU (23 Aug. 1905) A fine new gasoline engine was ling in the A.&M.R.R.R. depot this week, which was tagged to Antone Lyons of the Bald Hills. The gentleman is to install the engine at his home for the purpose of pumping water.

AU (23 Aug. 1905) Mrs. A. Lyons of Blocksburg, who together with her daughters, the Misses Ella and Virgie, moved a fortnight ago into the house west of Fortuna, says the Beacon, which they leased of Dr. Foster of Eureka, returned to her home last Monday, leaving the girls to keep house with Mrs. Michael as chaperon. On returning next month, Mrs. Lyons will bring the rest of the children, all of whom will attend our schools this coming winter. This is Miss Ella's second year in high school work, her sister Virgie, being a pupil in the grammar school.

BLA (26 Aug. 1905) Orleans, Aug. 24--....Mrs. Antone Lyons and Miss Lizzie Gielsdorf came over from the Bald Hills on Saturday for a few days' visit....Mr. Bertha Wilder, Miss Dolly and Everett Wilder are spending a few days at Fish Lake.

AU (9 Sept. 1905) Patrick's Point—Fred Arford of Arcata returned from the Bald Hills Monday where he had been to deliver a load of lumber for Will Lyons

AU (16 Sept. 1905) William Lyons has commenced divorce proceedings against Ola Lyons. Cooper and Rolley are attorneys for the plaintiff.

AU (14 Oct. 1905) Anderson Lyons, a Humboldt pioneer, formerly of the Redwood Creek section, but now of the Blocksburg region, has taken down a band of beef cattle for the San Francisco market. Mrs. Lyons and family are in Fortuna for the winter in order to enable the children to attend school.

AU (21 Oct. 1905) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons and Miss Josie Lyons of the Bald Hills who have been on a visit to the Portland Fair, returned home this week. They report a fine trip.

BLA (21 Oct. 1905) Miss Josie Lyons, who with her brother Sherman Lyons and wife, has been visiting the Portland fair and San Francisco, returned here Tuesday overland on

her way home at Elder. The young lady enjoyed her trip immensely, not having been seasick on the up trip.

AU (25 Oct. 1905) Sherman Lyons of the Bald Hills section has purchased some blooded sheep from Petaluma stock farms and has recently taken them to his range in the hills.

AU (28 Oct. 1905) William Lyons III—A messenger came to Bair's on Redwood early Thursday morning and telephoned the news to Arcata over the Blake line that William, son of Jonathan Lyons, was quite ill at that place. Accordingly, Dr. C.W. Mills started for Bair's in a double rig driven by Wallace Devlin from the Devlin Stables and will use all possible haste to reach the side of the sick man. They will go by the Bair ranch, and the Lyons place is sixteen miles beyond that.

FE (31 Oct. 1905) Sherman Lyons of the Bald Hills section has purchased some blooded sheep from Petaluma stock farms and has recently taken them to his ranch in the hills.

AU (1 Nov. 1905) William suffering from abscess

BLA (4 Nov. 1905) Improving Nicely—Mr. William Lyons who has been seriously ill with an abscess in his throat, is reported to be improving nicely. Dr. C.W. Mills of Arcata was called last week to his residence at Elder and found him in a serious condition and had to open the abscess in the throat inside. Mr. Lyons will come down for treatment as soon as he is able to be moved.

BLA (11 Nov. 1905) William Lyons of Elder, who has been seriously ill with throat trouble, came down Tuesday en route to Arcata and Eureka where he will be treated more thoroughly by his attending physician.

FE (8 Dec. 1905) Judge Hunter has decided in favor of plaintiff in the suit of Anderson Lyons vs. Indian Jimmy. The suit was brought to recover possession of 40 acres of land in T2SR5E, part of the Casterlin ranch sold to plaintiff. The Indian, with his family, had been living upon and cultivating the land for the last 12 or 14 years, but he had never made any application for allotment. While he was so occupying the land, Mrs. Casterlin located it as an isolated tract and obtained a patent to it in 1901, the land having being previously sold by Mrs. Casterlin to Lyons. The Indian, however, claimed the land by adverse possession and refused to vacate for the new owner. It is understood that the attorneys for the defendant, Indian Jimmy, have brought the matter to the attention of the Interior Department of the government and will also take the matter into the U.S. Circuit Court where the patent may be attached.

BLA (9 Dec. 1905) Al Frazier, who lately resigned his position on the Hooker ranch, visited Blue Lake and Eureka this week on business. The gentleman will go to the Lyons ranch at Elder, where he has accepted a position.

AU (13 Dec. 1905) Judge Hunter has decided in favor of plaintiff in the suit of Anderson Lyons vs. Indian Jimmy. The suit was brought to recover possession of 40 acres of land in T2S;R5E, part of the Casterlin ranch....

BLA (30 Dec. 1905) Orleans, Dec. 27—Miss Dolly Wilder came over from the Bald Hills to enjoy a good old-fashioned Christmas at home.

BLA (6 Jan. 1906) Orleans, Dec. 30—Miss Dollie Wilder was home from the Bald Hills visiting her mother and attending the dance.

AU (11 April 1906) Court House Notes—Ola Lyons has commenced suit for divorce from William Lyons. Gillett and Cutler are her attorneys.

AU (18 April 1906) Orick—Mr. Arford went to Arcata Tuesday for a load of freight for Mr. Lyons of the Bald Hills.

AU (25 April 1906) Orick—Fred Arford arrived here Wednesday night bringing up a load of freight for the Bald Hills.

BLA (28 April 1906) Orick, April 24—F. Arford stopped here Wednesday night on his way to the Bald Hills with freight.

BLA (5 May 1906) Trinidad, May 2—Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons of Gans returned home last Friday after several days' visit at Little River and Eureka. Mrs. Fred Beach accompanied them home.

BLA (12 May 1906) Orick, May 8—Mr. and Mrs. S. Lyons went to Trinidad Sunday taking Mrs. F. Beach and child with them. Mrs. Beach has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Lyons for several days....Mrs. O. Lyons came up Sunday evening from Trinidad accompanied by Miss Minnie Swan, who recently returned from San Francisco.

AU (12 May 1906) Orick—Mrs. O. Lyons, who was in San Francisco during the recent earthquake, came up Wednesday and will remain for several weeks with relatives....Mr. and Mrs. Lyons passed through Saturday on their return from Arcata.

BLA (12 May 1906) Al Frazier has resigned his position on the large sheep ranch of Lyons Bros. of Elder and is now in Blue Lake on a short vacation. Without any brag or praise it is commonly known in this end of Northern Humboldt that Mr. Frazier is the best sheepman in the territory. He knows his business from A to Z and attends to it properly.

AU (19 May 1906) Orick—Mrs. O. Lyons returned Sunday evening from a trip to Trinidad. She was accompanied by Miss Minnie Swan, who recently returned from San Francisco....Mrs. F. Beach, who has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. S. Lyons for some time, passed through last Sunday en route for her home....Mr. and Mrs. S. Lyons of Gans

returned Wednesday evening from a trip to Eureka....Mrs. K. Tomlinson of the Bald Hills came down Saturday.

BLA (2 June 1906) Bald Hills, May 28—A warm rain is falling and has been at intervals for the past two weeks which has been a blessing for gardens and grain crops but has worked a hardship on the sheep from the fact that their wool is so heavy and long that when it is full of water they have a load to carry....T.H. Griffin of Arcata is visiting in company with his wife at the home of S. Lyons....Messrs. Dunn and Green have taken a contract to build a barn for A.M. Lyons....Wm. Lyons will haul his wool to Luffenholtz and ship from there to Samoa this year. F.W. Arford will do the hauling.

BLA (2 June 1906) Hoopa--Eddie Marshall, second son of James Marshall, Sr., has taken up his abode at Elder, at the ranch of Jonathan Lyons. Eddie has secured employment with Mr. Lyons....

BLA (30 June 1906) The shearing season in northern Humboldt has begun in earnest. Ohaneon [Ohaniel] Bailey and his Indian crew have finished shearing at the Hooker ranch and are now at work on the ranches of the Lyons Brothers at Elder. At the Hooker ranch, they sheared over 2600 sheep, 1000 of which being yearlings and as an average, there was about seven pounds of wool to the sheep, which is a remarkably good crop. Thos. Bair of Arcata purchased the wool at 31 cents per pound.

BLA (21 July 1906) Antone Lyons of Elder this week received a painful injury on his side as a result of a snag entering the fleshy portion of it. Dr. Mills of Arcata was sent for to attend Mr. Lyons.

AU (21 July 1906) Orick—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ford and family have returned to their home near Elder...K. Tomlinson and wife have returned to their Bald Hills home after a few days spent at Orick....Robert Swan of Orick and Mr. and Mrs. Warner and Mrs. McConnell of San Francisco left Monday for the Bald Hills to spend a few days camping.

AU (28 July 1906) Orick—J. Lyons and G. Wood departed Thursday on a trip to friends at Smith River.

AU (4 Aug. 1906) Orick—Mrs. O. Lyons, who has been visiting relatives here for several weeks past, took her departure last Saturday for San Francisco.

BLA (11 Aug. 1906) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons of the Bald Hills, accompanied by Mrs. E. Sammons of Arcata, visited friends in Blue Lake yesterday.

BLA (18 Aug. 1906) Trinidad, Aug. 15—Several loads of wool belonging to the Lyons Brothers of Elder were loaded on the cars at the Deer Rock station.

BLA (18 Aug. 1906) Orick, Aug. 14—Messrs. Arford and Beach are engaged in hauling wool from the Bald Hills.

BLA (15 Sept. 1906) Trinidad, Sept. 10—W.C. Peters and family and W.K. Beach and Miss Julia Beach left last Friday for a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons.

BLA (13 Oct. 1906) Voter registration in Bald Hills precinct: 1904, 16; in 1906, 11.

BLA (13 Oct. 1906) A third drove of beef cattle belonging to the Bull Meat Market of Arcata passed through Blue Lake a few days ago. They numbered about fifty head and were gathered from the Bald Hills section and were in excellent condition.

AU (20 Oct. 1906) Court House Notes—Ola Lyons has been granted an interlocutory decree of divorce from William Lyons.

AU (17 Nov. 1906) Orick—F. Arford was here Sunday night on his return from Luffenholtz with a load of freight for J. Lyons of the Bald Hills.

BLA (24 Nov. 1906) Trinidad, Nov. 20—Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons of the Bald Hills were among this week's visitors to Trinidad and Arcata.

BLA (15 Dec. 1906) Arcata, Dec. 13—A quiet wedding was celebrated at the residence of the groom's parents, Crawford Arford and his wife, in the Crown Hill addition to Arcata, Wednesday [Dec. 12] at noon, when Fred Arford and Miss Josephine Lyons were united in marriage by Rev. Derby of the M.E. Church. The ceremony was in the presence of a few friends only, and immediately afterwards the couple took their departure for southern Humboldt on a honeymoon trip of a few days. The parties are both well and favorably known residence of Elder, the bride being the accomplished daughter of Jonathan Lyons, pioneer sheep raiser of northern Humboldt.

BLA (12 Jan. 1907) Trinidad, Jan. 8—Frank Decker went out with the mail for the north on the same deck Friday morning and was compelled to swim his horse at the foot of Redwood Hill near Swan's. The Big Lagoon ran out Friday morning and it was getting so high as to cover the county road in several places.

BLA (19 Jan 1907) Hoopa, Jan. 15--....Anderson Mesket, one of the Indian police, left here for Pine Creek to look after his cattle, he being one of our best stock raisers in the valley.

BLA (9 March 1907) Obit Michael Hanrahan, born Ireland in 1828; came to Calif. 1859; mined in Nevada; later came to coast where he mined and carried government supplies to Hoopa; later he owned a stock ranch in the Bald Hills; came to Trinidad where he conducted Trinidad hotel for 20 years; bout five years ago he moved to Arcata.

BLA (30 March 1907) ....Young Lester Garner, coming from the Bald Hills Tuesday met with better luck than his Hoopa colleagues, although he had four and a half feet of snow to contend with between Lyons' place, or Elder post office, and the Hooker ranch. His

pack animal waded through the soft snow clear up to his back in some places, but he made it and arrived in Blue Lake safely, reaching the post office at 7:30 p.m. He started again Thursday morning expecting to meet considerable less snow than during his previous trip. It was on his up trip Monday that fears were entertained as to young Garner's safety in the deep snow, but Mr. and Mrs. Arford of Elder very thoughtfully saddled their horses and made it a point to meet the young man at Hower's ranch to show him the lower trail, which was the easiest way to travel. In doing this Mr. and Mrs. Arford showed their true kindness of heart toward the young man, whose grit and presence of mind in time of danger are worthy of high praise.

AU (11 May 1907) Trinidad—Wm. Beach, Sandy McMillan and Tommy Taylor have gone out to look over the old Bald Hills trail by way of Blue Slide out to Lyons at Elder. This route was used 20 years ago and is the shortest route to the Bald Hills, being about 20 miles from Trinidad to Elder.

BLA (15 June 1907) Weitchpec, June 11--....The two young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons of Elder were in Weitchpec Sunday.

AU (13 July 1907) Wm. Beach, Jack Taylor and Sandy McMillan have just completed an important piece of work in brushing out the old trail, which was used many years ago between Stone Lagoon and the Bald Hills. There is a saving in the distance to be traveled between these two points by the trail of nearly 25 miles.

BLA (18 July 1907) Weitchpec--A.S. York of Elder is visiting friends here this week. George Wilder of Orleans passed this way last week on his way to Antonio Lyons where he is working.

BLA (18 July 1907) Weitchpec, July 10—Geo. Wilder of Orleans passed this way last week on his way to Antonio Lyons' where he is working.

DHS (9 Aug. 1907) Will Re-Open Short-Cut Trail....Work will be immediately begun on the old mail route trail from Trinidad to Mr. Jonathan Lyons' on the Bald Hills. When completed the trail will enable one to go from Luffenholtz to the apex of the Bald Hills in from five to six hours with comfort as the greater portion of the ride will be such an excellent trail that a good wagon road can be made of it quickly and cheaply when desired.

AU (17 Aug. 1907) Mention has been made in these columns at different times about opening up the old mail trail between Trinidad and Martins Ferry on the Klamath and now comes the news that the plans have been perfected and the contract was let a few days ago to Ed Miller of Klamath for doing the work. He will begin his work at Luffenholtz and will meet Jonathan Lyons and sons, who will come through from Elder. The trail will cross Redwood Creek, a suspension bridge will be erected at this point. The trail is the most direct route to the Klamath river and will effect a saving of 25 miles to those wishing to go to Klamath, Orleans, Weitchpec and other northern points. The mail



for Elder at present goes by Blue Lake and after the trail is thrown open to the public, an effort will be made to have the mail go from Luffenholtz by the new way.

The Samoa Mercantile Co. are standing the heaviest part of the expense of the work, which is estimated to cost between \$500 and \$600. The trail will be eight feet wide and is said to be on an easy grade. It was used for more than 25 years in the early mining days, and was abandoned about 17 years ago when the present Orick-Elder wagon road was built...

BLA (31 Aug. 1907) Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Arford of Elder visited Eureka this week where Mrs. Arford made final proof on her homestead claim before the U.S. Land Office.

AU (19 Oct. 1907) The new trail which has been in course of construction between Elder and Luffenholtz is now open and this week William Lyons came down over the new route. The route is said to be an exceptionally easy grade and gives a much shorter trip to the railroad than the old trail. Mr. Lyons came from Elder to Luffenholtz in six hours. The trail, which was built by the Lyons people and the Hammond Company, will later have its outlet at Trinidad instead of Luffenholtz....

AU (19 Oct. 1907) Sherman Lyons and wife are down from the Bald Hills. Mr. Lyons has been accepted as a juror to try James Wilson charged with being an accomplice of Hayes and Sidelinger in the murder of the Jenke boys.

BLA (19 Oct. 1907) Orleans, Oct. 16—Miss Dolly Wilder of Bald Hills is now home for a short visit.

FE (25 Oct. 1907) Wm. Lyons and Sherman Lyons, sheep men at Elder, have been engaged with the aid of the Samoa Mercantile Company in opening the old trail between Elder and Trinidad. It is thought that the trail will be open for travel inside of a week. The cost of the work has been about \$700.

AU (26 Oct. 1907) Random Notes—Sherman Lyons of the Bald Hills was shaking hands with friends in Arcata this week. He recently purchased an imported Merino ram which he has taken to the hills.

BLA (9 Nov. 1907) Arcata, Nov. 7—Sherman Lyons of Bald Hills has returned to his home after spending a few days in Arcata.

BLA (23 Nov. 1907) Obit John Henry Hooker; born New York; age 81; came to California in 1850 and to Humboldt County in 1870. He owned about 6000 acres of grazing land on the Bald Hills on Redwood Creek, where thousands of head of sheep are now pasturing. The quality of wool raised from his flock was of an unsurpassed quality and in 1900 his product and that of his neighbor Jonathan Lyons received the first prize at

the Universal Exposition of Paris, France. Of late years, Mr. Hooker was not managing the ranch which is now under lease to Mr. Arthur Stover, whose wife is a niece of his.

BLA (23 Nov. 1907) Death of An Aged Brother; Jonathan Lyons' Brother Is No More; Passed Away AT His Home in Iowa; Mr. Lyons Has Leased His Sheep Ranch And Will Reside At Warren Creek—Mr. Jonathan Lyons, the pioneer sheep raiser of the Bald Hills, and son Sherman Lyons, who is also conducting a large sheep ranch there, were among Tuesday's visitors to Blue Lake and favored the Advocate office with a friendly call. Mr. Lyons has leased his ranch to his son William and he and his wife and his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Arford, are now residing at Warren Creek until further notice.

Among other things, Mr. Lyons informs us of the death of his brother, Anderson Lyons, which occurred in Clark County, Iowa on Oct. 17, 1907. He was just two years younger than he, being 74 years of age at the time of his death. Seven children are left to mourn his loss, his wife and four children having preceded him to the grave several years before. Anderson Lyons was born in Franklin County, Indian, Feb. 20, 1833. He was the son of Aaron Lyons, deceased, who was a native of North Carolina.

The deceased was reared on a farm and educated in the subscription schools of Des Moines County, Iowa, his parents having moved to that county in 1839. He was married Oct. 6, 1853 to Sarah A. Franks....Beside children, he leaves two brothers and three sisters, one in Dakota [William in Missouri]; one in California, Jonathan Lyons; Mrs. Jeffries [Perlina Jeffers] of Murray, Iowa; Mrs. McCann [Sarah Ellen, died 1902] of Lorimor, Iowa; and Mrs. Schader [Clarrisa (John)] of Canada....Mr. Lyons learned surveying when a boy and since 1860 has followed that vocation, having held office of County Surveyor for 12 years. He was the owner of 102 acres of land situated in Madison township, where he resided until his death. He was a member of the Methodist Protestant church of Union. During the war of the rebellion, he was a United States recruiting officer.

BLA (23 Nov. 1907) Trinidad, Nov. 16—Frank Decker is now the hostler of Trinidad.

AU (30 Nov. 1907) Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Lyons of the Bald Hills [sic] brought to Fortuna last week a fine big drove of about 200 turkeys.

AU (30 Nov. 1907) Jonathan Lyons, the pioneer Bald Hills sheepman, has rented his range to his son William and has moved with his wife to Warren Creek, where they will live with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Arford.

BLA (11 Jan. 1908) Jonathan Lyons, the well-known retired sheep raiser, who is now living at Warren Creek, spent several days in Eureka this week on business.

BLA (18 Jan. 1908) Court House News of Interest—In divorce matters Tuesday, Ola Lyons was granted a final decree in her suit against William Lyons of Elder....In probate matters Tuesday, Messrs. Jonathan Lyons, Wm. Lord, and W.W. Stone were appointed to appraise the estate of the late J.H. Hooker, the wealthy sheep raiser of the Bald Hills.

BLA (29 Feb. 1908) Orleans, Feb. 26—Geo. Wilder is making a few days' visit on the Bald Hills this week.

BLA (14 March 1908) A Full-Fledged Benedict—Word reaches the Advocate office to the effect that our esteemed friend William Lyons, the well-known sheep raiser of Elder, has gone overland to San Francisco, where cupid tantalized his heart so strongly that he gracefully yielded to his persuasive pranks and in a few days he will return home a full-fledged benedict. He was united in marriage to Miss Dollie Wilder, the accomplished and youngest daughter of Mrs. Bertha Wilder of Orleans. The ceremony took place on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 o'clock a.m. at the Presbyterian Church in San Francisco, Rev. Darvis Mobley, officiating. Shortly after the ceremony the happy pair left for the south on a short honeymoon trip and they are now visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Maherin in Oakland, Mrs. Meherin being a sister of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons expect to return home sometime this week. May they live long, happy and prosperous through their future life is the wish of their many friends here.

BLA (14 March 1908) Orick and Gold Bluffs—John Davison has returned from a trip to the Bald Hills. He reports heavy snows in that section.

BLA (14 March 1908) Orleans, March 10—George Wilder was caught in the snow storm at Bald Hills and had to abandon his mule and take to snow shoes to get back to Orleans.

AU (21 March 1908) William Lyons, the well-known Bald Hills sheep raiser, was united in marriage to Miss Dollie Wilder, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Bertha Wilder of Orleans on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 o'clock a.m. at the Presbyterian Church in San Francisco....Mr. and Mrs. Lyons expect to return home sometime this week.

AU (28 March 1908) Obit Louis Orcutt, pioneer rancher of Bald Hills section and formerly owned part of the Lyons ranch; age 71,; lived on Klamath for 30 years.

BLA (11 April 1908) Born at Essex April 6, 1908 to Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Arford, a son.

BLA (9 May 1908) Trinidad, May 5—Our old pioneer Jonathan Lyons was a visitor to our town last week on his way to his old home in the Bald Hills. Mr. Lyons looks hale and hearty.

AU (30 May 1908) Random Notes—Pioneer Jonathan Lyons of Warren Creek has been on a trip to his Bald Hills possessions.

BLA (6 June 1908) Orick, June 2—Twenty coyotes were killed at Arthur Stover's ranch in the Bald Hills some days ago.

BLA (13 June 1908) Last Friday the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons of the Bald Hills met with a painful accident while riding horseback. It appears that

the horse she was riding shied at a piece of paper on the road and threw the little girl to the ground. In order to protect herself she managed to land on her right arm, resulting in breaking one bone of her elbow and dislocating the other bone. Dr. C.N. Mooney was summoned to the Lyons ranch Sunday and after reaching there he made the young sufferer feel as comfortable as possible. She was brought down to Essex Thursday, where she is at the home of her grandparents, pioneer Jonathan Lyons and wife, and where she can get proper medical attendance. [Doris]

BLA (13 June 1908) Sheep shearing in northern Humboldt is now in order. Last Tuesday evening the Indian shearing crew of Ohanion [Ohaniel] Bailey of thirteen men finished shearing the flock of Arthur Stover on the Hooker Ranch, amounting to 2960 head in number. They finished their work after a five days' session. Each man gets six cents per head and board for shearing.

The shearers came to Angel's Ranch yesterday, where they will attend to the clipping of Mr. James P. Anderson's sheep. After this they will go to Rock Ranch and Three Cabins up Mad river, where they will spend a week or ten days on the ranches of Thomas Bair. From thence they will move to Redwood Creek, where after shearing the sheep of Thos. H Bair and Len Berry, they will proceed back to Bald Hills and finish the season on the Lyons Brothers' sheep ranches. The wool crop this year is very promising and an average of eight pounds per sheep is expected almost everywhere on the ranches above mentioned. If the price of wool is just as good as the quantity and quality, our sheepmen will do well this year.

BLA (13 June 1908) Kiah Tomlinson of Bald Hills is working on two barns which will be completed soon. The dimensions will be 46x50 feet, the other 60 feet square. Mr. Tomlinson proceeded to Eureka Thursday. He drove down Mrs. Grace Tomlinson on a visit to her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. David Griffith of Blue Lake.

BLA (20 June 1908) Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons of the Bald Hills, who visited relatives and friends at Essex and Arcata, returned to their home Monday. Their little daughter who was injured last week is doing nicely at the home of her grandparents.

AU (27 June 1908) Random Notes, Bald Hills—At the Lyons ranch the Lyons brothers have recently put in a sheep dipping tank. Although their flocks have been practically free from disease for the past thirty years, they are putting in the tank and dipping their flocks as required by the new law. They have marked a large number of lambs this year and the weather has been very favorable for the animals. Sherman Lyons has some fine new shearing barns. Pioneer Jonathan Lyons, who has been stopping at Mad River during the winter, recently paid a visit to the old ranch.

HT (2 July 1908) Prairie Creek to Date—The Elder school will open shortly with Miss Chain as teacher. Miss Lyons of Gans was a recent visitor to this section. G. Tomlinson returned Friday from a trip to Arcata. He left Saturday for his ranch at Elder where sheep shearing is now in progress.

BLA (1 Aug. 1908) Gold Bluffs—Miss Ruth Gill of Los Angeles passed through Orick en route to Elder, where she will teach school.

AU (8 Aug. 1908) Has Been Dipping Sheep--....sometime ago the Governor issued a proclamation declaring a quarantine on the sheep in California on account of the prevalence of scab in some districts and in order to have this quarantine removed every sheep in the county must be dipped under government inspection.

BLA (15 Aug. 1908) Essex, Aug. 10—Pioneer Jonathan Lyons' many friends will be grieved to learn that the gentleman had to have an eye removed. Mr. Lyons has been for the last three weeks in a hospital in Eureka, where the operation was performed. He expects to return home at Essex this week....M.M. Frost and brother, Adolph Sutro, drove a four-year-old colt that Doctor Frost has trained up to the Bald Hills. The boys went up on a hunt but did not see many deer. They visited with Sherman and Antonio Lyons' families. The mercury showed over 100 degrees while they were at Antonio Lyons'. A large sheep dip tank, measuring about 30 feet in length, was built to dip all the sheep at the Lyons Bros.' ranch. The work of dipping began Friday last.

AU (15 Aug. 1908) Random Notes—Pioneer Jonathan Lyons, who has been stopping with his daughter, Mrs. Arford at Essex for sometime past, had to have one of his eyes removed last week and is doing as well as can be expected. He has been having serious trouble with his eyes for sometime past.

AU (22 Aug. 1908) A.L. Tomlinson of the Bald Hills was in town this week laying in his winter supplies. He has purchased 1500 pounds from A. Brizard, Inc. and the goods have been shipped by train to Trinidad and hauled to the ranch in wagons.

BLA (22 Aug. 1908) Bald Hills, Aug. 17—No Scab at Bald Hills—At Sherman Lyons' beautiful home we find a relaxation from active life. The sheep inspector brought a great deal of extra labor for the three Lyons Brothers, Sherman, Antonio, and William, and other neighbors as well. To drive up 7000 or 8000 sheep is something of a task, especially when they came some fifteen miles. Night driving must be restored to on account of the hot weather. There has not been any sign of scale [scab] among the sheep here for thirty years, so careful has Pioneer Jonathan Lyons been, who fully realized what it was to be the possessor of a gold medal for his wool, won at Paris in the World's Exposition in the year 1900.

The lame part of the law is that the inspector does not ascertain if all the sheep are dipped, which, of course, is impossible when he does not even look over the range. However, the alleged precautions of the law cut little figure with Mr. Lyons, who takes his own precautions, actively seconded by his neighbors. Solano county is another instance of scabless sheep, owing to the watchfulness of the sheep raisers, such care pays big dividends.

A section where no scab is known might be entitled to receive its share of help in some other direction. So think the Lyons Brothers and they propose to get informed before next dipping season.

AU (22 Aug. 1908) Random Notes—Sherman Lyons of the Bald Hills has purchased a ranch on the Klamath which will raise all kinds of fruits and also walnuts and almonds....[In Oct. 1907, he purchased 316 acres on the Klamath below Johnson] The Lyons Brothers have just finished dipping 7,700 head of sheep at an estimated cost of about 5 cents per head.

BLA (5 Sept. 1908) Sheep Inspector a Good Thing, Elder, Aug. 27, 1908. Editor Advocate: Will you be so kind and obliging as to allow me space enough in your valuable paper to answer an article published in the issue of the 22d, Inst., headed "No Scab at Bald Hills. We think that the party who wrote that article misinformed the public, as well as he did to Mr. R.C. Sheperd, the deputy scab commissioner, an injustice to say what he did about the lame part of the law or anything about the work of the deputies.

In our opinion, Mr. Sheperd's work at our vats was very thorough and he carried out the law right to the letter. WE believe the scab law to be a good law and we think that it would be a fine thing to have the state cleaned from scab, not only for the good of the sheep owners, but for the good of people who eat mutton, as well.

Mr. Sheperd has had several years of experience with this kind of work and knows what scab is the minute he sees it, and as for a inspector to have to go out and hunt the ranges over, as that would be a hard task for a stranger, besides if a man had scabby sheep would it not be to his interest to gather all of his sheep? Lyons Brothers per William Lyons.

AU (12 Sept. 1908) The Trail is Open—The O.&E Railroad have recently been circulating a number of posters in northern Humboldt announcing that the trail from Trinidad to Elder is now open, and affords the shortest route to a train or a telephone via Elder....By the new trail, the distance from Orleans to Trinidad is 52 miles, from Weitchpec 35, from Martins Ferry 32, and from Elder 18. The new route promises to become popular in the future, and will be a valuable aid in developing that section of the county.

HT (13 Oct. 1908) News Notes from Orick—Mr. and Mrs. A. Lyons of the Bald Hills returned to their home last week. There is a forest fire in the Bald Hills. Sherman Lyons is fighting it to keep it from getting on his prairie. If it does, it may burn his residence and several acres of his land.

BLA (17 Oct. 1908) Essex, Oct. 13—Pioneer Jonathan Lyons' many friends will be grieved to learn that the gentleman has had to go to the hospital in Eureka to have his remaining eye treated. Having lost one, the doctor in charge, Dr. Louis P. Dorais, feels very much encouraged over the prospect of saving the other. His eye was removed at Sequoia Hospital but Mr. Lyons made a change to Dr. Dorais' private establishment.

HT (7 Nov. 1908) News Notes from Orick—A. Lyons of Bald Hills made a business trip to Orick on Tuesday.

AU (5 Dec. 1908) In the letting of a road contract to Thos. Ullathorne by the Board of Supervisors...the last link was welded in the chain of road which will connect the Klamath country with the outside world....It will lead from Arcata up the coast past Trinidad, the Lagoons and Orick, then inland to the Bald Hills, where the new road commences, which will take the traveler to the Klamath river at Martins Ferry.

HT (14 Jan. 1909) Prairie Creek to Date—Mrs. A. Lyons has gone to Warren Creek to remain during the winter to enable her children to attend school.

BLA (30 Jan. 1909) C.A. Smith of Minneapolis, known as the largest and wealthiest individual lumber operator in the United States, has announced that he intends to operate his redwood holdings in Humboldt Count this coming year. Mr. Smith owns 30,000 acres of redwood timber on Redwood creek and Prairie creek in this county, far up toward the headwaters of the streams and the tract is one of the finest in the county....

BLA (6 Feb. 1909) Orleans--Mrs. Bertha Wilder sustained a broken arm this week. In default of the services of a physician, Mrs. Mayhew of Weitchpec performed her best offices for the sufferer. Mr. and Mrs. William Lyons of the Bald Hills are visiting at the Wilder place.

BLA (20 Feb. 1909) Orleans--Mrs. Bertha Wilder, who sustained a fracture of the right arm recently, is still confined to her bed. Her daughter, Mrs. William Lyons, returned to her home on the Bald Hills last Sunday.

BLA (20 March 1909) Essex, March 10—Mr. Arford's son does the high jump act in his spring chair to music in very fetching style. Pioneer Jonathan Lyons expects soon to get back to Essex. The gentleman may make a trip to San Francisco to visit an oculist as soon as good weather comes. Mrs. Antone Lyons is comfortably located at Essex. The lady takes the opportunity to get near a good school. Misses Frances and Hattie and a son attend the institution. Mrs. Lyons says that the walnut culture at the home of her parents at Orleans is a success and the trees are growing rapidly.

AU (20 March 1909) Anderson Lyons has been down from the Bald Hills this week. The Lyons boys have recently disposed of their wool, some 25 tons or more, and received 23 (28?) cents a pound for same. Anderson moved his father, pioneer Jonathan Lyons to Essex this week, where he will reside. The old gentleman had an eye removed in Eureka and the effect of the operation has seriously impaired the sight of the remaining optic.

AU (20 March 1909) Joseph Pitt, Joseph Lewis and Albert York of the Klamath made a survey last week for a wagon road from Martins Ferry to Weitchpec. The distance is three and one quarter miles. The road will probably be built this summer....

BLA (27 March 1909) Orleans, March 24—Dr. Mrs. L.A.M.B. Mahew, Field Matron of the Weitchpec section, made a professional call at the Wilder home last week to attend

Mrs. Bertha Wilder, who is in critical condition. Mrs. Dolly Lyons is now with her mother at Orleans. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Norton of Hoopa are also visiting Mrs. Wilder.

BLA (27 March 1909) Sandy Childs, the mail carrier from Elder, brought down a coyote Tuesday, which was killed on William Lyons' sheep ranch on the Bald Hills.

BLA (27 March 1909) Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons and family visited Blue Lake Thursday. Mr. Lyons expects to move his family next Sunday from Essex to his ranch on the Bald Hills, where his children will attend the public school there, which will reopen for the summer term on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

BLA (3 April 1909) Orleans, March 31—Mrs. Dolly Lyons has returned to her home.

BLA (17 April 1909) Death of Mrs. Wilder--Mrs. Bertha Wilder of Orleans, wife of F.P. Wilder, one of the pioneers of this county, died on the 7th inst. after a long and painful illness....

Orleans--Mrs. Bertha Wilder was called away by the Angel of Death at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7th, after nearly three years of intense suffering from cancer of the breast. All that loving friends and the best medical skill could accomplish was exercised, but all to no avail. She was laid to rest beside her husband, who had preceded her some fourteen years, in the pioneer cemetery in Orleans, Jacob Babel conducting the burial services. She was 54 years of age and besides a host of friends and relatives, leaves seven children and as many grandchildren to mourn her loss. The children are Albert R. Wilder, Edwin F. Wilder, Everett E. Wilder, residing at the home ranch at Orleans, Mrs. Wm. Lyons of Bald Hills, Mrs. W.H. Meherin of Berkeley, Benjamin H. Wilder of Palo Alto and David P. Wilder, whose whereabouts at the present time are unknown....

AU (17 April 1909) Personal Mention—Homer Cooper and wife of the Bald Hills section were among the visitors to Arcata the early portion of the week. Mr. Cooper reports everything as doing nicely in that section but adds that the coyotes have been doing considerable damage during the past few months. Many of these animals have been trapped of late, however, while many more have been poisoned and as a consequence the ravages on the sheep has not been so noticeable. Mr. Cooper also said that work on the Martins Ferry-Weitchpec wagon road is going on a pace and that there is considerable agitation in that section over the proposition of building a bridge over the Klamath to be used instead of the old ferry.

FE (23 April 1909) Dr. L.P. Dorais vs. Anderson Lyons resulted in a compromise verdict by the jury. Dr. Dorais sued Mr. Lyons for \$380 for professional services; the latter being willing to pay only \$150. Jury awarded the doctor \$265.

AU (15 May 1909) Random Notes—Pioneer Jonathan Lyons is residing with his daughter Mrs. Fred Arford at Essex. The gentleman has lost the sight of his remaining eye since he had a diseased optic removed in Eureka, but accepts the misfortune as one of fate and endeavors to enjoy himself. Mr. Lyons enjoys life with good hearing and fairly good



health and takes a lively interest in what is going on in the world, as there is always someone in the household to read the current literature for his benefit.

BLA (29 May 1909) The shearing season in northern Humboldt will begin on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Ohaniel Bailey and crew of about fourteen men will start on that date at the Redwood ranch of Mr. Thos. Bair where about 3500 head will be sheared. From there Mr. Bailey and crew will come to Angel Ranch and will attend to Mr. James P. Anderson's flock of about 1500, and then they will go up Mad river and shear the 5000 head of sheep that are on the Three Cabins and Rock ranches of Mr. Thos. Bair. This accomplished, Bailey and crew will move to Elder and the Bald Hills country, where they will shear about 2800 head for Arthur Stover and William Lyons, respectively and about 1500 for Tomlinson. They will finish the season at Berry's ranch on Redwood, where about 1000 head will be relieved of their wool. Mr. Bailey estimates that it will require about one month to perform all this work, his crew being composed of fast shearers. According to present indications, the wool crop in northern Humboldt promises to be excellent.

AU (12 June 1909) Much Travel Up Coast, Trinidad—Pioneer Jonathan Lyons and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arford passed through town Tuesday on their way to Elder.

AU (19 June 1909) Enjoyed the Trip—A party consisting of I. Cullberg, Jr., E.H. Knutz, and Elmer Devlin returned from Martin's Ferry on the Klamath after an absence of three days. The trip was made in Mr. Cullberg's auto....The party...are especially loud in the praise of the 15 miles of new road just completed by the county from the Bald Hills to the Klamath at Martin's Ferry.

BLA (19 June 1909) Trinidad, June 15—The Trinidad and Martin's Ferry stage line is now well established and is doing a good business. B.P. McConnaha, the proprietor, purchased several good horses the past week which he will use on the two stage lines now in operation. He is also running a four-horse freight team which is making regular trips between Trinidad, Orick and Bald Hills.

BLA (19 June 1909) Orick, June 16—Pioneer Jonathan Lyons, wife, daughter and husband passed through Orick Monday en route to Essex.

AU (21 Aug. 1909) Trinidad—Sherman Lyons was in town this week disposing of his wool. A.N. Hunt of Arcata bought the whole output of Lyons Brothers, as well as that from the Tomlinson range.

BLA (28 Aug. 1909) Wool Goes East via Portland—The N.P. Company's steamer Eureka, outgoing Saturday, took away 200 bales of wool, shipped by A.N. Hunt of Arcata to a firm in Boston. The wool is part of the clip of the Sherman Lyons ranch in the Bald Hills. Usually wool for eastern shipment has gone from here via San Francisco but this year practically all of the wool consigned to the East will go by N.P. boats via Portland.

AU (28 Aug. 1909) Cale Nixon and John McConnaghy...returned from the Bald Hills. John brought back as souvenirs from the place of his birth some spikes driven in a barn on the Jonathan Lyons ranch in 1853 by his father.

BLA (25 Sept. 1909) Dr. M.F. Fountain drove his car from Blue Lake to Martin's Ferry....'new road...being in fine condition.'

BLA (27 Nov. 1909) Stone Lagoon, Nov. 23—F.W. Arford of Essex stopped at the Stone Lagoon hotel last Sunday evening. He was on his way to the Bald Hills.

BLA (11 Dec. 1909) Orleans, Dec. 6—Antone Lyons and wife of Elder are visiting relatives in Orleans and looking after their interest in the Humboldt mine....Antone Lyons and George Wilder went to the Humboldt mine on Red Cap. This is one of the most promising prospects in this section. The ledge is a contact ledge lying between porphyry and serpentine and is from 12 to 24 inches wide, carrying values of \$40 per ton in free gold. They have an arrastra working from which they recently made a clean up the rock taken from the ledge as it came out going \$40 per ton.

BLA (25 Dec. 1909) ...Roadmaster Nix reports that the new wagon road up the Klamath river from Martin's Ferry is now built within a couple of miles from Bluff creek....The gentleman above mentioned, like all other residents of that upper Klamath country, are very anxious to see the Hoopa road built as far as Thos. Bari's on Redwood creek, so that they can travel easier and better and save a long distance of travel. The Hoopa road is the most direct and shortest one for the Martin's Ferry, Weitchpec and Orleans people to travel when going to Arcata or Eureka.

"The Martin's Ferry road by the Bald Hills is a fine acquisition and is already of much benefit to the people of that country," remarks Mr. Nix. "but we want the Hoopa-Bair road built also....Another road that will probably be built as soon as convenient," says Mr. Nix, "is that from Thos. Bair's place down Redwood creek and up by French Camp, intersecting the present Bald Hills and Martin's Ferry road...."

BLA (1 Jan. 1910) Arcata Bottom & Environs, Dec. 29—Henry Beach has returned from Bald Hills where he has been working for Sherman Lyons. Pioneer Mrs. C. Beach is visiting with her daughter there, Mrs. Sherman Lyons. Winfield Beach and wife manage the old home in the absence of their mother.

AU (12 March 1910) On Tuesday Pioneer Jonathan Lyons, who has been stopping with his daughter, Mrs. Arford at Essex, for several months past will go to San Francisco where he will consult a specialist about his eyesight. Mr. Lyons is almost totally blind, having lost the sight of one eye some time ago and now the remaining one is threatened. He is only able to distinguish between daylight and darkness and expects to have an operation performed. He will be accompanied on the trip by Dr. P.M. Menefee of Eureka.

BLA (2 April 1910) Contracts for Carrying the Mail--....The Elder and Blue Lake route, twice a week, has not been supplied with a contractor yet for the next four years and new

bids have been asked for, the same to be received until April 26<sup>th</sup>. It appears that the starting point on this route has been changed from Blue Lake to Elder, thus giving a better chance for people living at the Elder end to bid on the contract than for those residing at this end on account of living expenses on the run.

AU (9 April 1910) Cattle from Bald Hills—A.N. Hunt, the cattle buyer, came through Arcata the early part of the week with a band of 300 head of stock cattle which had been sold to Z. Russ & Sons Co. The cattle were gathered on the Klamath and in the Bald Hills and some were bought as far up as Johnson's. Among others whom Mr. Hunt purchased cattle from were Chas. Melvin, Thos. Hancorne, the three Lyons Brothers and other ranchers along the route. Animals were in good condition and a number of first class dairy heifers were among them....

AU (16 April 1910) Jonathan Lyons of Essex, who has been undergoing treatment for his eyes with a San Francisco specialist for some weeks past, returned home on Wednesday. His eye is slightly better, having responded to treatment and Mr. Lyons expects to be able to return in about six months and be operated upon for cataract. He was accompanied by Dr. P.M. Menefee of Eureka, who has been with Mr. Lyons ever since leaving Essex.

AU (23 April 1910) Fred Beach and family left Trinidad this week for the Bald Hills where Fred will work on the Sherman Lyons ranch.

BLA (7 May 1910) Mr. F.W. Arford of Essex was among Tuesday's visitors to Blue Lake and paid the Advocate a friendly call. The gentleman reports that his father-in-law, pioneer Jonathan Lyons, who is also stopping at Essex, is now enjoying splendid health but his eyesight is very poor. A cataract is formed on his eye and in about six months he will have the same removed in San Francisco. Dr. P.M. Menefee, an old friend of Mr. Lyons, will accompany him to the city.

BLA (7 May 1910) Orleans, May 3—George Wilder of the Humboldt mine went to the Bald Hills to confer with Mr. Tony Lyons in regard to putting up a stamp mill at the mine, which is one of the best in this section.

AU (14 May 1910) Jonathan Lyons who recently returned from San Francisco where he had been undergoing treatment left this week for Chico, accompanied by his friend, Dr. P.M. Menefee.

AU (4 June 1910) Jonathan Lyons of Essex and Dr. P.M. Menefee of Eureka returned home last week from a trip to San Francisco and other parts of the state. While absent, Mr. Lyons had a cancer removed from his lower lip. He is still having trouble with his eyes and is almost blind. He hopes to have an operation performed later for the removal of cataracts.

BLA (4 June 1910) The sheep shearing season in northern Humboldt is at hand and on June 10<sup>th</sup>, Ohaniel Bailey and his Indian crew of fourteen men will commence work on

Fred Bair's ranches at Three Cabins, Madrone and Rock ranch, when about 6000 head of sheep will be deprived of their valuable wool.

The crew will then move to Redwood Creek where T.H. Bair will have about 3000 head of sheep sheared. The shearers will then go to the Hooker's ranch and Lyons Bros' ranches on the Bald Hills. The wool crop promises to be excellent this year and will command a top-notch price.

BLA (4 June 1910) Orick—Mail carrier Goodwin, who goes between Orick and Klamath post offices, reports the whooping cough prevailing at the Lyons homes.

AU (11 June 1910) Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Lyons, who have been living with their daughter Mrs. Fred Arford at Essex for a long time past, left Sunday for their home in the Bald Hills. They expect to remain in the mountains until September when Mr. Lyons will return to San Francisco and have his eye operated upon.

BLA (11 June 1910) Bought a Ranch—Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Arford of Essex are moving to Blocksburg, where they will in future reside. They have recently purchased a nice 160-acre ranch on Larabee Creek from Thomas Harkey. A part of the ranch is seeded in alfalfa and as most of the place is bottom land, it will make a model farm. The Advocate wishes Mr. and Mrs. Arford unbounded success in their new place.

BLA (2 July 1910) Sheep Industry in Humboldt—Maynard H. Michel, State Sheep Inspector for Humboldt and Del Norte counties, arrived at Rohnerville last Saturday from his official tour of southern Humboldt....The Advocate will vouch for the statement that Mr. Michel will find conditions in the sheep ranges of Northern and Eastern Humboldt a good deal better than in the south. No scab prevails in the sheep herds in the north and the quality of wool produced is not only finer, but the quantity per head is greater. Just think of wool produced on the Lyons Bros and Hooker ranges at Elder being awarded the gold medal at the Exposition Universelle de Paris in 1900! This speaks for itself.

AU (30 July 1910) After three days work, the sheep shearers completed their work on the Antonio Lyons place Sunday and they then moved to the Jonathan Lyons ranch where they had four more days work. This place is being run by the gentleman's sons, Antonio and Sherman Lyons. The clip this season has been of a splendid variety and on these ranches each sheep yielded up a fraction over eight pounds of wool from his exterior. The school at Elder will open on Monday with Mrs. E.B. McConnaha as instructor. The lady will live at the Tomlinson ranch. Misses Hattie and Frances Lyons from the Bald Hills attended a social dance at Orick last Saturday night and had a most enjoyable time, as all people do who attend a country dance.

BLA (30 July 1910) Mr. M.H. Michel, the State Deputy Sheep Inspector for Humboldt and Del Norte counties, returned to Blue Lake Thursday from a tour of inspection to all the sheep ranges in Northern Humboldt and Del Norte county. He reports that not a scabby sheep can now be found in that territory. Only one flock on the Bald Hills showed

sign of scabs, but after administering a couple of dips, the disease disappeared and the sheep are as clean as they possibly can be.

In Humboldt county there are about 85,000 sheep and in Del Norte county about 1800 head....

AU (6 Aug. 1910) Visits Grave of Father [mouth of Tully Creek; information from J. Lyons: C.E. Gillis drove car; Frank Gist knew territory. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lockenmyer of Sacramento, grave of her father Henry Castorf.]

BLA (13 Aug. 1910) Mrs. Josephine Arford, formerly of Elder and Essex but now a resident of the Blocksburg section, informs us that she has just received her homestead patent from the United States Land Office. Her claim was protested at the time she made her final proof upon the same some three years ago, but the contestant in the case failed to receive recognition and the lady is now happy to have received her patent from the government.

AU (3 Sept. 1910) Charles Melvin of Gans and Miss Matilda Hancorne of Klamath were married....The young man is one of the hustling young ranchers of the Bald Hills section and his bride is the only daughter of Mrs. Susan Hancorne. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin have returned to Gans after a short trip and a cosy home has been made ready for housekeeping.

AU (17 Sept. 1910) Along the Klamath [The Editor and several local people took a trip in Isaac Cullberg's Regal touring car from Arcata to Martin's Ferry and up river.] The journey was then resumed [after a stop in Orick] and the main road was left at Prairie Creek, where the Bald Hills road was taken. For the next eight miles the trip was made through groves of magnificent redwoods on a rather stiff grade, the road being found in good shape. The road leaves the redwood timber near the Sherman Lyons ranch, and then runs along over the Bald Hills on top of the ridge through sort of a rolling country until a point is reached about four miles beyond the Tomlinson place. Here the road again enters another belt of timber, consisting principally of pine and tan-oak, which marks the beginning of a fine belt of timber, considerable of which is owned by residents of this end of the county, and also held in Indian allotments....

BLA (24 Sept 1910) The sheep raiser of Northern Humboldt have nearly all finished shearing their sheep and baling their wool and the same has been hauled to the various shipping stations.

From the Bald Hills, the Lyons Bros. and the Tomlinson Bros. hauled 225 bales to Trinidad from which point it was shipped to the Century Mercantile Company of West Berkeley, who will handle the 45,000 pounds of wool on a commission basis. The Lyons Bros. have about 30,000 pounds and the Tomlinson Bros. claim a little over 15,000 pounds.

On Redwood Creek and up Mad River, Thomas Bair's ranches yielded this year about 60,000 pounds of wool and Arthur Stover of the Hooker ranch has about 25,000 pounds, all of which will be shipped direct to Boston to be sold. Mr. Bair will make the

shipment. The price of wool this year is about 22 cents here but in Boston it commands a better price, perhaps 26 cents per pound.

AU (1 Oct. 1910) Will Ship Wool East—The sheep raisers of northern Humboldt have nearly all finished shearing their sheep and baling their wool and the same has been hauled to the various shipping stations, says the Advocate. From the Bald Hills, the Lyons Bros. and the Tomlinson Bros. hauled 225 bales to Trinidad from which point it was shipped to the Central Mercantile Company of West Berkeley, who will handle the 45,000 pounds of wool on a commission basis. The Lyons Bros. have about 30,000 pounds and the Tomlinson Bros. claim a little over 15,000 pounds.

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BLA (1 Oct. 1910) Gruesome Find in Bald Hills; Body of a Dead Man Discovered Saturday; Indications Point to Suicide; the Victim is Believed to be Matt Carlson, Who Disappeared Some Time Ago—The body of a dead man was found last Saturday morning by Messrs. Kiah Tomlinson and Harry Gushaw in the Bald Hills section. The body was found on the Redwood slopes of the Tomlinson range, between the Sherman Lyons and Antone Lyons ranches. Mr. Gushaw is a professional bear hunter and he with Mr. Tomlinson was following Mr. Gushaw's blooded bear dogs on the trail of a bear when they came across the remains of a human being in the brush. They did not ascertain what caused the man's death, but they give it as their opinion that the unknown had been dead for three or four months.

BLA (22 Oct. 1910) Trinidad, Oct. 12—Many citizens are highly displeased with the idea of planting the corpse of a Swede on the Jonathan Lyons ranch in Bald Hills, the \$43 he had in his pocket would have buried the man quite easily as they say than to dig a hole by the roadside to plant him is not to the liking of people in this section.

AU (22 Oct. 1910) Improving the Blocks—Thomas H. Bair received six full blooded Spanish Merino rams by the State last week and the animals are now at home on the mountain ranges of Redwood. They are from the J.M. Howell Co. at Henryville, Tehama County.

AU (29 Oct. 1910) Big Lagoon—Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Lyons and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons of the Bald Hills passed through here on day last week on their way to Eureka.

BLA (24 Dec. 1910) Asa Pratt, the Blue Lake-Elder mail carrier, brought down Tuesday a coyote which was trapped on the Hooker ranch by John Swanson, the sheepherder and hunter.

AU (7 Jan. 1911) Samuel Ross and wife left on Tuesday for the Sherman Lyons' ranch in the Bald Hills where they will visit for a month. Upon their return to Arcata, Axel Anderson will take a month's vacation. Messrs. Ross and Anderson are both employed by the United Creameries Company.

BLA (14 Jan. 1911) Orick, Jan. 9—James Kirkpatrick has been on the road on the Bald Hills Lyons ranch hauling wool and other freight....

BLA (15 April 1911) F.W. Arford of the Blocksburg section was in Arcata this week on a business and pleasure trip. Mr. Arford was formerly a resident of Elder and Essex.

HS (16 April 1911) Surveyors Dividing Up the Lyons' Ranch, Blocksburg—Quite a large corps of surveyors and their assistants are at the Lyons place surveying and cutting up 2000 acres of the range into small tracts for sale, thus to bring more people into the vicinity. Mr. Waldner speaks of a sawmill on his land as greatly needed to avoid hauling lumber so far. Mr. Conners, County Surveyor, is now out there surveying. The land is well adapted for fruit raising as was demonstrated years ago when Dr. Phelps set out and raised some very excellent fruit, peaches, especially. However, when the doctor left the place and went East, the fences were allowed to get down and the ranch wet gradually to rack and ruin. [??]

BLA (22 April 1911) Pioneer Entirely Blind—Pioneer Jonathan Lyons with his son-in-law, F.W. Arford of Blocksburg, arrived in Eureka Saturday and left for San Francisco, where Mr. Lyons will consult an eye specialist. The gentleman has lost one of his eyes and the other is now covered with a cataract, which it is thought can now be removed. Mr. Lyons is totally blind and has to be led by the arm in order to walk about, which in our estimation seems to be the saddest affliction of all. It is hoped that the operation Mr. Lyons will undergo while in the city will restore him his eyesight. Mr. Lyons was accompanied to the city by his son, Antone Lyons and wife.

BLA (29 April 1911) Fire at Elder—The house belonging to Mr. Jonathan Lyons at Elder where the post office formerly was, was entirely destroyed by fire together with all its contents on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Just how the fire originated it is not known. The house was built about fourteen years ago with lumber from the Glendale mill and was one of the best buildings in the Bald Hills country. The loss of all the contents in addition to the building is a heavy one and will be keenly felt by the owners.

BLA (10 June 1911) Elder Postmaster Is Interested—Postmaster Kiah Tomlinson and wife of Elder spent several days in Blue Lake....Mr. Tomlinson who with his father and brother owns a first-class sheep ranch there, reports the grass on the high ranges rather

short for this time of year, owing to the late winter season. The grain crop, however, is good and the yield will probably be above the average.

Postmaster Tomlinson is very anxious to have the Blue Lake-Elder mail route restored to twice a week instead of once a week, as it is now carried. A petition signed by nearly everybody interested and living in that country has been sent to the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General in Washington....

BLA (1 July 1911) Mail Route to Elder Restored—The people of the Elder and the Bald Hills section, northeast of Blue Lake, will be amply justified in rejoicing over the good piece of news that our able Congressman, John E. Raker, has succeeded in having their mail route from Blue Lake restored to a twice-a-week schedule instead of once-a-week. Only three weeks ago the people from Elder and Blue Lake sent a numerously-signed petition to Congressman Raker and one to the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General at Washington, D.C., asking for the desired change and it was on Friday evening June 23d that Postmaster H.A. Barber of Blue Lake received a letter of instruction ordering the mail to be delivered twice a week, commencing on Monday, July 3d. The mail to Elder will thus leave the post office here every Monday and Thursday mornings of each week....

BLA (29 July 1911) Hower's Ranch, Redwood, July 24—I write to correct a statement made in the Advocate of July 22<sup>nd</sup> in regard to the death of the Molasses. The old Indian, Molasses, did not die several years ago, as it was stated, but they were both found dead, the old man in the hut and the old woman about 20 feet from the door.

The children of Indian Grant went to the house about a week before they were found and went home and told their mother that Molasses was lying on the bed with the blankets drawn over his face and the old woman was sitting in the hut talking to herself. There was a fearful smell in the room and the children were frightened and ran home and told the story, but, as Grant was not home, being away shearing sheep, no one would venture near until Grant and Ohaniel Bailey, who were on their way to Stover's to shear, on being told by Grant's woman, went around by the Molasses house and found the woman lying outside but did not venture into the house. They came down the creek and told Mr. Hower....[Mr. Hower buried Mr. and Mrs. Molasses]

AU (26 Aug. 1911) Orick—Misses Ida and Blanche Hufford, accompanied by their teacher, Miss Eva Brantley, are going to the hills soon, where they will visit with the Misses Lyons, who are to depart the first of the month for Palo Alto, where they will attend Business Cottage.

AU (9 Sept. 1911) Orick. Anderson Lyons and daughter of Elder passed through here en route for San Francisco. John Chapman returned home Sunday from the Bald Mountains [Bald Hills]. His wife and two children will accompany him back to the mountains soon.

AU (30 Sept. 1911) Orick News—The Misses Lyons of Elder were visitors of friends here this week.



BLA (28 Oct. 1911) Misses Frances and Hattie Lyons were in town Monday from the Bald Hills and were taken by Gene Fountain's auto to Eureka the following morning to take the steamer for Palo Alto. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons who came up from below a few days ago. Jonathan Lyons will stop with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arford at Bridgeville. We regret to say his eyes are no better yet.

BLA (11 Nov. 1911) Story regarding Wm. Childs' death by drowning off coast at Trinidad, age 52, son of Wm. Childs, early settler, father of Sandy Childs.

AU (11 Nov. 1911) Obit William Childs, drowned at Trinidad, age 52, leaves widow and son, Alexander; father, who was a pioneer merchant of Old Chori, returned to Boston some years ago.

BLA (25 Nov. 1911) Wm. Childs' body washed ashore at mouth of Luffenholtz, refers to Childs' son as Alexander [Sandy].

BLA (30 Dec. 1911) Orick, Dec. 26—Floyd Hufford is now busy repairing and improving in general the telephone line up the coast, he being a lineman.

BLA (13 Jan. 1912) The many friends of John W. Green of Fields Landing who is well known in the Bald Hills section, where he was employed by Lyons Bros. on their sheep ranches, will be sorry to hear that...his house...was destroyed by fire....

BLA (16 March 1912) Manager Arthur Stover of the Hooker ranch near the Bald Hills was among this week's visitors to Blue Lake. Mr. Stover is very anxious to have the County extend the road from Bair's on Redwood Creek to his ranch, thus connecting with the Martin's Ferry road and opening up that section of country....

BLA (30 March 1912) Orleans, March 26—Mrs. Mary Wilder, a highly respected lady of this place, died on the 21<sup>st</sup> at the age of 69. Mrs. Wilder had lived in Orleans all her life and for a number of years has been blind. She leaves four daughter and four sons; burial Orleans cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons and Miss Elsie Wilder of Bald Hills were in Orleans for the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Mary Wilder.

BLA (30 March 1912) Orleans, March 26—Some of the stock holders in the Red Cap Mining Co., who recently purchased the Humboldt Mine from Messrs. Lyons and Wilder, arrived at the mine and will start immediately to make such improvements as are necessary for regular mining.

BLA (11 May 1912) Court House News—Anderson Lyons has filed for record his revocation of a Power of Attorney, given Amanda M. Lyons, May 27, 1898.

BLA (18 May 1912) A man named Weeks died at the Hooker ranch while on his way back to the mountains from a Eureka hospital. Buried "out there."

BLA (18 May 1912) One of the old time and best known sheep shearers of this section is Ohaniel Bailey, a half blood Redwood Indian, who has worked on the ranges of Humboldt County for the past 31 years, being foreman of a crew of 28 years. Lately ill health has compelled him to abandon that pursuit and he has now retired to the government quarters near Blue Lake. It will be up to the rest of the Indian sheepshearers to find a foreman among them.

BLA (22 June 1912) Orleans, June 12—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilder returned from the Bald Hills, where they have been visiting with friends and relatives.

BLA (6 July 1912) Commencing next Monday, Mr. Isaac Cullberg, Jr., of Arcata will run a regular auto stage from Arcata to Martin's Ferry on the Klamath river.

AU (11 July 1912) Stage to Martin's Ferry—Isaac Cullberg has completed arrangements for operating his auto stage to Martin's Ferry and cars leave Arcata every Wednesday with Carl Rydin at the wheel, returning to Arcata Friday. Good accommodations can be had at Landlord Pitt's at the Ferry....

AU (18 July 1912) Random Notes—Sherman Lyons was fortunate to get his Beach ranch in good hands, as the lessees are thrifty and are putting the place in good shape.

AU (25 July 1912) Road Petition—A petition was received by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday from Sherman Lyons and others, freeholders of Road District No. 5, asking the Board to make a change in the present Bald Hills Road by constructing a new piece of road beginning at a point about two miles southeast of Gans Prairie on said Bald Hills road and running about six miles to the present road at the foot of the hill on Prairie Creek.

BLA (27 July 1912) Mr. Arthur Stover of the Hooker Ranch is pleased to learn that sometime this fall he will be able to travel to his ranch in a wagon. This will be made possible by the building of a piece of road about a mile long from Hower's ranch on Redwood creek to his place.

BLA (27 July 1912) Wool Crop Very Good—Manager Arthur Stover of the Hooker ranch in the Bald Hills...reports that the sheep shearers, fourteen in number and captained by Wm. Moon of Redwood, are about through shearing in northern Humboldt. They first began on Fred Bair's ranches on Mad River and then moved to Thomas H. Bair's ranch on Redwood Creek, going later to the Hooker ranch, the Lyons Bros' and Tomlinson places. They will finish the season at the Berry ranch on Redwood.

According to Mr. Stover, who sheared 2700 head, the wool crop will be exceptionally good this year, better than last year's and as an average each sheep will shear seven pounds of wool.

On the different sheep ranges in northern Humboldt there is approximately 25,000 head of sheep and with each one averaging seven pounds of wool, making a total of

175,000 pounds at 23 cents per pound, the present current price, it will bring handsome returns to our sheep raisers.

BLA (27 July 1912) Commencing August 1<sup>st</sup> the twice a week schedule on the Blue Lake-Elder mail route will be changed to only once a week....The people living at Elder and along the route are much displeased over this new order and we understand that a petition to have the same placed back to the former schedule is now in circulation.

BLA (27 July 1912) Wool Crop Very Good; North Humboldt Sheep Men Happy-- ....Manager Arthur Stover of the Hooker ranch in the Bald Hills was among this week's visitors to Blue Lake. He reports that the sheep shearers, fourteen in number, and captained by Wm. Moon of Redwood, are about through shearing in northern Humboldt. They first began on Fred Bair's ranches on Mad river and then moved to Thomas H. Bair's ranch on Redwood creek, going later to the Hooker ranch, the Lyons Bros.' and Tomlinson places. They will finish the season at the Berry ranch on Redwood.

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BLA (10 Aug. 1912) Mr. and Mrs. Antone M. Lyons and children of Elder have rented Arthur Stover's residence on H street and expect to settle here for good. Mrs. Lyons will send her children to school here while Mr. Lyons will continue to manage the Lyons Bros.' sheep ranch at Elder.

BLA (21 Sept. 1912) Ohaniel Bailey, a well-known Indian, held in high respect both by the Indians and whites, died Wednesday forenoon after an illness of about a year with tuberculosis. At his funeral and while lying at his home just before it, his Indian friends manifested great grief at his loss. Not long ago the deceased published his "valedictory" in which he mentioned his principal life service, that of head of the sheep shearing crew of Northern Humboldt, a position he held for many years and until he was incapacitated by ill health about a year ago. He was counted one of the most expert shearers ever known in Humboldt. Mr. Bailey was of a kindly, quiet disposition and he will long be remembered by many friends he made in life. The funeral took place Thursday in Blue Lake cemetery. Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Luther, and a daughter, Ida Bailey. [Goddard said O'Haniel Bailey was an interpreter for him when he visited Molasses and his wife in 1907.]

AU (26 Sept. 1912) Returned from Visit—Sherman Lyons and wife were visitors to Arcata yesterday being on their way home from a two week's trip to the Blocksburg section, where Mr. Lyons visited his pioneer father, whom he reports to be enjoying fairly good health and further that his eye sight is improving. Antonio Lyons and family also

made the trip and all returned to the Bald Hills. The party was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Ross, who will spend several weeks with the Lyons. Sam has just come out of Sequoia Hospital where he underwent an operation and will remain in the Bald Hills to recuperate.

BLA (4 Jan. 1913) Messrs. Sherman Lyons of Elder and Ed Lewis of this place went to Eureka Monday, they being members of the grand jury which is now in session at the courthouse.

AU (9 Jan. 1913) Sherman Lyons and wife of Orick passed through Arcata on Wednesday on their way home. Mr. Lyons has been down for several weeks, serving on the Grand Jury and will have to return later as that body has adjourned temporarily.

BLA (8 Feb. 1913) Eugene Lyons, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons, who has been seriously ill at his home here for the past two weeks, is much better....

BLA (22 March 1913) A.M. Lyons has just purchased a \$90 Edison phonograph with which to entertain his friends who call on him at his Blue Lake home. The instrument is equipped with the new diamond point and is known as the opera machine. Others in Blue Lake who have recently purchased Edison machines are Judge Merriam, Sam Tuley, Mrs. Balfour and Mrs. Thomas Power, all of these instruments being of the \$60 variety. The phonograph has long since passed the stage when it was considered merely a toy. Every year since its introduction as an inventive novelty has witnessed improvement after improvement, until now the reproductions of tone approach in volume and faithfulness so nearly to the original that there is no practical difference. This brings to the home the best of the world's masters who otherwise could never be heard by a vast majority of the people.

BLA (5 April 1913) K.M. Tomlinson is postmaster at Elder.

HT (15 April 1913) Trinidad, April 14—Bald Hills White Oak for Arcata—Albert Tomlinson brought in from his Bald Hills ranch a small load of white oak timber which he shipped to the barrel factory at Arcata.

BLA (14 June 1913) Antone Lyons of the Bald Hills visited with his family in Blue Lake Saturday and Sunday....Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons of the Bald Hills visited relatives and friends in Blue Lake Saturday and Sunday. The Misses Frances, Harriet and Doris Lyons, Susie Anderson, Madge and Iva Stover and John Stover left Tuesday horseback for the Lyons and Stover ranches in the Bald Hills, where they will spend a two months vacation.

BLA (30 Aug. 1913) Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Lyons and daughter Mrs. F.W. Arford of Blocksburg are visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons of Blue Lake.  
BLA (13 Sept. 1913) Full Years and Honors; Jonathan Lyons Expires at the Home of his Son; A Universally-Esteemed Citizen; He Possessed those Sterling Qualities by which

Men Finally Overcome Failure—Jonathan Lyons, one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Northern Humboldt, passed away at the residence of his son, Antone Lyons, in Blue Lake on Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Two weeks previously he had come up from Blocksburg on a visit to his son and family, but catching a cold on the journey, he became so ill from resulting complications as to lead to his death.

Jonathan Lyons was a native of Indiana, where he was born Nov. 1, 1832. He was constitutionally afflicted with asthma, from which he suffered much while yet a boy and at the age of 18 chanced to overhear the doctor at a family consultation advise his parents that the boy should go to California to live. Jonathan did not wait for his parents to make the arrangements (at this time they lived in Iowa, where they had removed from Indiana seven years previously) but took the initiative himself. He organized a party of emigrants and with ox teams made the famous journey across the plains, arriving in the Willamette Valley in the fall. He first stopped at Albany, then a struggling village. The following year he took the gold fever and went to the Salmon river country in Siskiyou County. He did not follow mining exclusively, however, but for several years engaged in the freighting and butchering business. In the latter capacity, a mule was his market with a carcass of beef slung on each side and in this way he visited the camps, where he was always a welcome visitor. In 1858 he "took up" a homestead in the Hoopa Valley, which he farmed very successfully for several years and until the government purchased his holdings, along with others, to constitute the Hoopa Indian Reservation. In 1862 he married one of the Indian women of the valley with whom he lived most happily up to the day of his death. Their four sons and one daughter are most highly esteemed by all who know them.

Mr. Lyons then settled on Redwood on what is now known as the Hooker ranch, investing his money in horses. At this business he lost heavily and changed his pursuit to cattle raising in which he had but little better luck. Undaunted by failure, he moved farther down the Redwood and concentrated his efforts on the remaining branch of livestock industry. He went into the sheep business, in which his success was signal and lasting. His place, known as the Lyons ranch, is now famous as having produced the finest grade of wool in the known world. A sample of it, sent to the World's Fair at Paris in 1900, drew the gold medal, coveted by growers of many lands.

Four years ago, failing eyesight induced Mr. Lyons to go and live with his daughter at Blocksburg, resigning the management of the ranch to his sons. Two weeks ago, as stated above, he came to Blue Lake on a visit, but catching a cold, his old constitutional ailment, Asthma, which he had well nigh forgotten, so little had it troubled him in the West, reappeared in his declining years to hasten an exit from life which increasing infirmities and accumulated years rendered really more burdensome than pleasant. Death at such a time when life's course has been fully run seems a benefaction.

Those left to revere his memory are Anderson, Sherman, and Antone Lyons and Mrs. Josie Arford, all of Humboldt County, and William Lyons of Kelseyville, Lake County—four sons and a daughter. He also leaves a brother and sister in Iowa. The funeral has been arranged for 2 o'clock this Saturday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church, interment in Blue Lake cemetery.

AU (18 Sept. 1913, Thursday) Pioneer Lyons Is Dead—Last Thursday afternoon at Blue Lake, death closed the career of one of the best known Humboldt county pioneers, when Jonathan Lyons passed on to his final reward. Mr. Lyons was one of the largest and most successful wool-growers in this section, and his possessions in the Bald Hills country reached for many miles along the ridge between Redwood Creek and the Klamath tributaries. He was a resident of northern Humboldt since the early '50s, where he raised a family of five children who are numbered among our most valued citizens.

Deceased lost his eyesight about four years ago, and left the Bald Hills then, and has since resided at Essex and Blue Lake, except during the time he was under the care of eye specialists in San Francisco. The subject of this sketch is survived by a faithful wife, who was with him until the last, and leaves the following children to mourn the demise of a kind and thoughtful father, Mrs. Josephine Arford, Anderson and William Lyons of Blocksburg section, and Sherman and Antonio Lyons of the Bald Hills.

The funeral was held in Blue Lake on Saturday afternoon and was largely attended.

BLA (27 Sept. 1913) L.W. Hower, Sr., and Antone Lyons left here Tuesday en route to their mountain home at Redwood and Elder.

BLA (27 Sept. 1913) Josephine Lyons Arford has petitioned for the probate of the will of Jonathan Lyons, deceased. The estate is valued at \$10,000, the heirs being Anderson Lyons of Blocksburg, Amelia Lyons of Blue Lake, Josephine Lyons Arford of Blocksburg, William Lyons of Kelseyville, Sherman Lyons of Orick and Antonio M. Lyons of Elder.

BLA (11 Oct. 1913) Hoopa—Mrs. Antone Lyons and sister, Mrs. Quinn, are gathering huckleberries in this vicinity. Mrs. Jonathan Lyons is visiting her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sherman Lyons.

AU (12 Oct. 1913) Random Notes—Two miles above Bridgeville I found Sam and James Kirkpatrick, two successful young ranchers from the Arcata section....Five miles further on is found the ranch of A.N. Hunt who has the benefits of a telephone and daily mail. In the same vicinity was found the ranch operated by Fred Arford, formerly of Essex. It is a nice stock ranch, and fruit, alfalfa, etc. grows well here.

BLA (25 Oct. 1913) About 420 head of mutton sheep from the Lyons' and Tomlinson's ranges passed through Blue Lake Monday en roué to the Bull Market in Arcata.

BLA (1 Nov. 1913) At the Arford Ranch, Blocksburg, Oct. 27—Six miles from Blocksburg is the splendid ranch of Fred and Josie Arford, formerly known as the Harkey ranch. Perhaps for all purposes there is no better quarter section of land in California. The choice alfalfa makes four crops, cured at a temperature of 105 degrees F., which makes horse, cow or pig smile. There are about thirty acres of Alfalfa land which do not need irrigation. Half a dozen good cows are milked; a cream separator and a barrel churn give a fine quality of butter. Chickens, turkeys, and ducks get the skim milk; also a nice bunch

of pigs are good revenue producers. Fruits in all styles and varieties. The Jonathan apples and Belle Flowers are just immense. A big barn full of oats and alfalfa hay for horses; another barn is filled with cows and cow hay. Mr. Arford is building an apple house today. Melons, sweet potatoes, peanuts and olives all do splendid here The commodious new house makes a beautiful home. Mrs. Arford informs your scribe that last New Year was the fifty-first anniversary of her father and mother's wedding. Mrs. Arford may delight in having the beautiful gold medal won by her father for having had the best wool in the world at the Paris Exposition in 1900. Good animals and the best treatment for them was Jonathan Lyons' motto. -F.

AU (6 Nov. 1913) Orleans Mines Being Opened--Geo. Wilder and Antonio Lyons of Orleans, successful miners of the northeastern part of the county, were in Eureka last week on business, says the *Standard*. Messrs. Wilder and Lyons have been for sometime engaged in looking up good mining propositions in that part of the county and opening them up. Their latest purchase for development purposes is a promising ledge on Peach creek, across the river and about two miles from Orleans. This mine, now known as the Portland, was formerly the Pioneer....

BLA (8 Nov. 1913) Frances Lyons left this week for the Lyons ranch on the Bald Hills where she will take charge of the housework for her father.

BLA (10 Jan. 1914) Antone Lyons and wife returned to their home in Blue Lake Sunday after several weeks' visit at their ranch on the Bald Hills.

BLA (10 Jan. 1914) Hattie Lyons left for Eureka where she will attend the Eureka Business College.

BLA (17 Jan. 1914) Messrs. Mark Wright and James Davidson came up from Arcata yesterday to install a large marble slab 2½ inches thick on the tomb of the late pioneer Jonathan Lyons in the Blue Lake Cemetery.

BLA (24 Jan. 1914) Fred Beach Fatally Shot While Trying to Extract Cartridge from Pistol--....Frederick C. Beach was born at Little River on Feb. 18, 1875, and was 37 years, 11 months and 3 days of age. He lived on the home place until he was a man grown, and for the past few years has been engaged in ranching. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Dora Beach, and three children, Mary, age 9; Charles, aged 7; and Josephine, aged 4. He also leaves an aged mother and the following brothers and sisters: William, Robert, Charles F., Winfield, and Henry of Trinidad; Mrs. Virginia Griffin and Mrs. Josephine Ross of Arcata, Mrs. Mary A. Lyons of Elder, Mrs. Maggie Sammons of Korbel and Mrs. Julia Shaw of Washington.

BLA (31 Jan. 1914) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons of the Bald Hills moved this week to Blue Lake, having rented the cottage of James Worthington on H street.

BLA (31 Jan. 1914) The funeral of the late Fred Beach was held Friday afternoon from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ross in Arcata. The pall bearers were Burr McConnaha, James Underwood, Frank Curran, Antone Lyons, Arthur Seidell and Frank Miller....An inquest was held...and a verdict was rendered that deceased died from an accidental shot from a pistol which was discharged by himself.

AU (5 Feb. 1914) [difficulty reading due to binding] Sherman Lyons of the Bald Hills and Robt. Swan, accompanied by Miss Fay Griffin, were among the up country visitors to Arcata this week. Mr. Lyons and wife will shortly leave [Bald Hills]...where they have resided for [a] ...number of years, for Blue Lake, where they expect to reside.

BLA (7 Feb. 1914) Sherman Lyons and niece were among Monday's visitors to Eureka and Arcata.

BLA (14 March 1914) Birth of a daughter to Mrs. Dora Beach, March 8, 1914.

BLA (25 April 1914) Wm. Martin, who is employed on the Lyons Brothers' sheep ranch at Elder, attended to business matters in Arcata and Blue Lake this week.

AU (14 May 1914) Trinidad Notes—Sherman Lyons of Blue Lake was a visitor here the past week.

BLA (13 June 1914) Anderson Lyons Wants His Land Back—Anderson Lyons has commenced suit in superior court against his daughter, Ella A. Lyons, to recover title to about 400 acres of land in the Blocksburg section which was deeded to her by Mrs. Lyons. George T. Rolley is attorney for plaintiff. Before going to Alaska some years ago, Lyons gave his wife a power of attorney. Later divorce proceedings were instituted and Lyons was granted a decree. Mary [sic] Lyons, his wife, then deed the land to their daughter, the power of attorney not having been revoked.

BLA (13 June 1914) Antone Lyons, daughter and son left Wednesday for their ranch on the Bald Hills to remain for several weeks.

BLA (20 June 1914) Mail Contracts Are Awarded—....It is stated that the contract between Orick and Klamath via Elder has been ordered discontinued after July 1. If such is the case the people living in that section of country will be without mail service. They will have to travel a distance of 15 to 40 miles to get their mail....

BLA (20 June 1914) From Eureka comes the report that the entire holdings of the C.A. Smith Lumber Company in this county, comprising 31,040 acres, are to be sold in the near future....The Smith holdings in this county are located on Redwood Creek and along Prairie Creek....

BLA (20 June 1914) Antone Lyons has just purchased a new five-passenger Ford automobile.



BLA (27 June 1914) No hunting or trespassing is allowed on the Lyons Bros. ranches in the Bald Hills.

BLA (4 July 1914) [article clipped from paper removed the first part of the following] ....Lyons and niece, Miss Wilder, and daughter, Hattie, in four hours Tuesday last, returning to Blue Lake Wednesday.

Antone Lyons has taken the contract to furnish telephone poles and dig the holes for their private line to Orick.

The splendid work done on the road from the Sherman Lyons ranch to Orick will long be remembered and appreciated by the public travel, as well as by the residents of this section. No more loose dirt will be thrown in the ruts and holes along the road, but rock and gravel will be employed wherever obtainable and not too far to haul. Many steep climbs have been cut out, many shading oak trees have been cut down and all roots on the road have been removed. Should the state highway come this way little or no remodeling will be needed.

The many nice water troughs will prove a blessing to horses and auto travelers. No chains on autos or trucks are used here. The old style of filling ruts with leaves and loose dirt in summer and snow in winter has been discarded.

Elmer Devlin of the Orick Hotel and store is supplying C.A. Smith's timber estimators with the best to eat. Those surveyors as well as timber cruisers and other competent observers say a 2 percent grade can easily be got on the hill below the first watering trough. Ye scribe had the pleasure of using the estimators' camp as a cafeteria on his way to the Bald Hills.

Antone Lyons has his crew ready to begin sheep shearing this week.

BLA (4 July 1914) No Hunting Allowed—The undersigned hereby notify the public that no hunting or trespassing is allowed on their ranches in the Bald Hills. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Sherman Lyons, Antone Lyons, Blue Lake, Cal. June 27, 1914.

AU (16 July 1914) Trinidad Notes—Frank Decker, our popular town marshal, transacted business in Eureka Saturday.

AU (16 July 1914) Fred Arford and wife are now domiciled at the fine ranch home of Sherman Lyons in the Bald Hills, which they have under lease and the place still continues to be a popular place for travelers to put up.

The mail route to the Bald Hills has been discontinued, which is a matter of regret to the people living in this section. The route served many people, and was the only service available to the people of this section, who will now have to get their mail at Orick.

AU (30 July 1914) Anderson Lyons...died...At the time he was engaged in a hay-baling contract for the Humboldt Land and Development Co. at that place [Fort Seward]

BLA (1 Aug. 1914) Anderson Lyons Dies Suddenly; He was Stricken in the Mist of his Labors While Working at Ft. Seward—Anderson Lyons, a well known and prominent rancher of the Blocksburg section, died suddenly Wednesday from heart failure at Fort Seward. At the time he was engaged on a hay-baling contract for the Humboldt Land and Development Co. of that place. Deceased was the son of the late Jonathan Lyons, a pioneer rancher and sheep raiser of the northern part of the county. He leaves three brothers and one sister, residents of this county, besides a widow and five children, three sons and two daughters.

BLA (8 Aug. 1914) The remains of the late Anderson Lyons were brought to Blue Lake Sunday for burial beside those of his late father, pioneer Jonathan Lyons. Rev. C.P. Hessel of Arcata conducted the services, there being quite a nice attendance at the funeral. Anderson Lyons died suddenly Wednesday of last week while engaged in baling hay at Fort Seward, he being a prominent farmer of the Blocksburg section. He was 51 years and several months of age when he died and besides a widow and five children, he leaves three brothers and one sister to mourn his untimely loss.

AU (13 Aug. 1914) Random Notes—Sherman Lyons and his brother and Antone Lyons are attempting to devise methods to overcome the grasshopper plague which did thousands of dollars worth of damage this year in the hills, as the cut worm did on the valley.

AU (13 Aug. 1914) Sherman and Antone Lyons recently informed your correspondent that as soon as the Gans Prairie Road is put on the new survey, they will build a telephone line to Orick.

BLA (29 Aug. 1914) Albert Tomlinson of the Bald Hills is having a nice new bungalow built on his place there. It is a seven-room house, bungalow style, measuring 20x30 feet with an L 16x20 feet, one and a half stories high. David Griffith of Blue Lake and Albert Tomlinson are doing the carpenter work and in about three weeks the entire structure is expected to be completed.

AU (3 Sept. 1914) John S. Decker Found Dead—John S. Decker, an old resident of the Trinidad section, was found dead outside his cabin at Camp Tip-Top of the Burns Manufacturing Company about nine o'clock on Sunday evening. He had been working at the camp for some time past and was last seen about six o'clock of the same evening. At an inquest held by Coroner Henry A. Hansen on Tuesday afternoon, a verdict of death from heart failure was brought in. Deceased was born in Bolivar, Polk County, Missouri and was aged about 70 years. He came to Humboldt in 1870 and was married in Arcata in 1874 by Justice of the Peace Byron Deming to Miss Ella Lewis of Big Lagoon. The couple lived at Trinidad and for sixteen years, deceased carried the mail between Trinidad and Crescent City, but of later years, worked in the logging woods. His wife died at Trinidad in June 1894.

The following sons and daughters are left, Charles W. Decker, Lillian Decker and Mrs. Martha Welfelt, all of Seattle, Washington, Philip [Frank] Decker of Trinidad and Marion Richard Decker and Mrs. Charles R. Spaulding [Kenny Spaulding's mother] of Arcata. The funeral took place from the Good Templars' Hall, Trinidad, on Wednesday afternoon, Rev C.P. Hessel officiating.

BLA (12 Sept. 1914) A fine sheep and cattle barn, measuring 60 x 60 feet has just been completed on the ranch of Sherman Lyons in the Bald Hills....Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Arford and Mrs. Lyons of the Sherman Lyons ranch at the Bald Hills visited with relatives and friends in Blue Lake Wednesday.

BLA (12 Sept. 1914) Telephone Line to Bald Hills; Why a Line from Orick to Martin's Ferry Should be Built, Antone Lyons' Ranch, Bald Hills, Sept. 8—Your many subscribers up this way feel grateful and wish to thank you in advance for any favor you may intercede for either a mail route or telephone subsidy. Already some twelve miles of telephone line is in use here, three phones having been in use for the last ten years. Great advantages to the Forest Service could be had were a line run from Lyons' to Martin's Ferry and to Orick. The people along the line would subscribe half and keep up the line. Right now when no real mail route is on the hill, people, who furnish their share of the taxes that lubricate the wheels of government, would like either mail or phone or both, which is not unreasonable or unobtainable if those in authority are approached properly. Valuable lives as well as property could be saved. Through the courtesy of Postmaster Elmer Devlin of Orick, Driver Dryden and Harlow Reed, mail was delivered today from Orick to Martin's Ferry, a distance of some twenty-six miles through a well-settled section and with the best of roads except the Orick hill. Is Uncle Sam aware his nephews and nieces are getting this sort of hand out?

Mrs. Antonio Lyons with two daughters and one son in school, Hattie in the Eureka Business College and Doris and Eugene at school in Blue Lake, their home while Mr. Lyons and daughter Frances manipulate the beautiful mountain home, earn taxes for our Uncle Sam and get left with neither mail nor phone to the outside world.

At Kiah Tomlinson's we find pioneer carpenter Griffith building a nice new bungalow.

A threshing machine is in operation with two large stacks of grass to thresh. But of all, a choice alfalfa field is doing fine....

AU (17 Sept. 1914) Random Notes--At Frank Hufford's farm at Orick is found a combination of industries, sawmill and dairy....An order for 2,500 feet of lumber for Antone Lyons has just been put in. Mr. Lyons will remodel his home soon....

BLA (19 Sept. 1914) Sherman Lyons, at the request of the widow, has petitioned for letters of administration in the estate of Fred C. Beach, deceased, which consists of an interest in the estate of his father, C.E. Beach, a deceased pioneer of the Trinidad section. The papers were filed by Geo. T. Rolley, attorney for the estate.

AU (31 Dec. 1914) Trinidad Notes—Frank Decker visited relatives in Arcata the past week.

AU (17 Dec. 1914) Elbow Crushed By Fall--Dr. McKinnon was called to Big Lagoon on Tuesday to meet Frank Blodgett, who was quite badly injured by a fall from a barn on the Antone Lyons place two weeks ago. Blodgett sustained a crushed elbow and other bruises and lacerations, but on account of a fall of 15 inches of snow, it was not possible to bring him out until Tuesday. On account of the length of time the wound was left without attention, the man's condition was serious and an operation had to be performed at the Trinity Hospital immediately. It is not expected that Blodgett will lose his arm but he will probably be laid up for some time. [24 Dec. 1914, Blodgett in hospital, doing okay]

AU (4 March 1915) Random Notes—Antone Lyons left Blue Lake Sunday for his Bald Hills home. He had an enforced stay of two weeks at Blue Lake on account of illness.

AU (11 March 1915) County Items of Interest—The price of wool is soaring. They predict it will reach 30 cents soon. This will at least save President Wilson the humiliation that a reduction in the tariff of 1894 brought to Grover Cleveland. You know it was told on Mr. Cleveland that after the passage of this bill that wool went so low that he was ashamed to look a sheep in the face.

BLA (1 May 1915) The Lamb Crop is Excellent—Kiah Tomlinson, a well-known sheep raiser of the Bald Hills, was among this week's visitors to Blue Lake, as guest of his father-in-law, David Griffith. The gentleman reports that the lambing season is about over in northern Humboldt and the crop of lamb this year is excellent. The Lyons Brothers will probably have 1400 lambs, Arthur Stover of the Hooker ranch about 900 and Tomlinson about 500. Up Mad river, Fred Bair will probably have in the neighborhood of 3000 lambs. At Angel's ranch, above Korbel, James P. Anderson had a fine crop of lamb. The spring season having been remarkably mild, especially during March and April, the feed on the ranges has been good and the sheep fared exceedingly well.

BLA (22 May 1915) Kiah Tomlinson is building a small sawmill on his ranch in the Bald Hills. He received the machinery from Eureka this week.

BLA (29 May 1915) Antone Lyons arrived here Thursday from his ranch in the Bald Hills.

BLA (3 July 1915) Arthur Stover of the Hooker ranch on Redwood Creek was here this week on business. The gentleman reports that sheep shearing on his ranch will soon begin, the crew of shearers being now at work on the Bair ranches on Mad river. From all indications the wool crop in northern Humboldt this year will be excellent with a good price in sight.

AU (29 July 1915) Random Notes—Carpenter Griffith, who has been building a saw mill for Mr. Tomlinson in the Bald Hills, has cut 100,000 feet of clear choice lumber. An up-to-date hotel and livery barn is the next improvement.

BLA (31 July 1915) At the Tomlinson Ranch—David Griffith arrived here Saturday from the Tomlinson ranch on the Bald Hills, where he has been busy for the past three months erecting a saw-mill, sawing lumber, and erecting a big barn. The saw mill has a daily capacity of about 5000 feet and is plenty large enough for Mr. Kiah Tomlinson. He will also install a Hansen shingle machine and redwood shingles will be manufactured there. Alonzo Acorn of Blue Lake expects to go Monday to the ranch and assist in installing the machine. The barn which is now in course of construction measures 50x24 feet with a 21-foot shed on each side, comprising 20 stalls. Judging from the above the Tomlinson ranch has been a busy place this summer.

BLA (31 July 1915) Buying Mutton Sheep—A band of 1900 head of mutton sheep from the ranches of Lyons Brothers, Arthur Stover, and Thos. Bair, respectively, was shipped on the Northwestern Pacific Railroad at Essex Thursday en route to San Francisco. The sheep were driven through Blue Lake to Essex by Messrs. A.L. Fearrien, and son, E.N. Fearrien, Chas. Reed, Robert Junker, Nick Richard and Mike Moon of Redwood. The sheep were purchased by E.G. Barnes of the firm of Knierr, Allan and Pyle, the wholesale butchers of San Francisco, who paid from \$3.50 to \$4.00 a head for them. The same firm purchased 800 head from Mr. Bair's ranches on Mad river last week. Mr. Barnes informs us that sometime next month or September he will again visit Humboldt county and purchase some beef cattle for his firm.

BLA (14 Aug. 1915) "No hunting or trespassing allowed on the Lyons Bros.' ranches in the Bald Hills."

BLA (28 Aug. 1915) Arthur Stover of the Hooker ranch in the Bald Hills returned to Blue Lake Wednesday evening from a business trip to the sheep ranch of T.M. Burns of Bridgeville. While there he purchased six fine American-Merino bucks from Mr. Bruns....

BLA (28 Aug. 1915) List of new Arcata High students included Doris Lyons of Blue Lake.

BLA (28 Aug. 1915) Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons and family and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons returned to Blue Lake Monday evening from a business and pleasure trip to Bridgeville and Blocksburg, traveling in their private auto cars.

BLA (25 Sept. 1915) Back from the Bald Hills—David Griffith and Lou Acorn returned from the Tomlinson ranch on the Bald Hills Tuesday, where they have been for the past six weeks making extensive improvements. They have just completed a fine barn and shingle mill there. The barn is 50x66, requiring 55,000 shingles for roof over all. The

timbering is massive and of first quality and will house 19 head of horses and 60 tons of hay.

The shingle mill is 12 by 12 and occupies a share of the space of the saw mill, which is 18 by 76. A Hansen Machine has been installed and already 200,000 shingles have been turned out, which are of the finest quality. Owing to a scarcity of water, which was only sufficient to last for about three hours daily at this time in the year, the mill was shut down....

The Tomlinson ranch is a half-way point between Trinidad and Orleans and Mr. Tomlinson is at present considering a plan to erect a fine road house next season, as there is considerable travel along the route. Orleans also furnishes a fine market for shingles.

BLA 25 Sept. 1915) Antone Lyons of the Bald Hills was in town this week.

AU (14 Oct. 1915) Personal Mention—Sherman and Antone Lyons, accompanied by their wives, left yesterday for the Fair.

BLA (16 Oct. 1915) Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons of Bald Hills left this week for a two weeks' visit to the San Francisco exposition.

AU (11 Nov. 1915) Personal Mention—Sherman Lyons and wife were among the arrivals on Monday evening's train, returning from a trip to the Fair [S.F. Pacific Exposition] and other points about the Bay, which covered four weeks of pleasure. Antonio Lyons and wife will not return until next week.

BLA (13 Nov. 1915) Returning from San Francisco Monday were Lawrence Ford of the Liscom Hill ranch near Blue Lake and Antone and Sherman Lyons from the Bald Hills. They brought with them twenty-two head of Shropshire bucks, which they purchased at the Exposition from some sheep raiser of the middle states, paying \$20 a piece for them. They are fine looking bucks, being prize winners at the fair. Ford had two of the bucks, while Sherman Lyons bought seven and Antone Lyons thirteen. They were taken to their different sheep ranches, where their herds will be headed with them this year.

BLA (15 Jan. 1916) Hard on the Mail Carriers; Twelve Feet of Snow on French Camp Road to Martin's Ferry--....Much difficulty was encountered on the Orick, Martin's Ferry and Orleans route the forepart of the week. On the French Camp road between the Lyons' ranches and Tomlinson's and the Klamath river, twelve feet of snow was reported and contractor Burr McConnaha's mail drivers spent part of two days in breaking through the snow to establish a trail for the animals to walk on.

BLA (22 Jan. 1916) Buried in Snow—While engaged in spading off the snow from the roof of Antone Lyons' barn on the Bald Hills Monday afternoon, Henry Beach met with quite an experience, which had it not been for the prompt arrival of Antone Lyons on the scene, the young man would probably have perished in the snow. It appears that while on the roof with his shovel, the immense volume of snow slid away at once and fell in one mass on the ground, burying Beach with his shovel clear up to his nose, which was

sticking out and with both arms in the air, he was calling for help. It took Antone Lyons quite a little while to dig the snow out in order to extricate Mr. Beach from his cold and uncomfortable position. In his fall, Beach slightly injured one of his legs.

BLA (22 Jan. 1916) Born in Arcata, Jan. 19, 1916 to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hufford of Blue Lake, a son [Frances Lyons, mother].

BLA (29 Jan. 1916) Bald Hills, Jan. 21—We are all much alive and doing fine here. The stockmen are feeding their stock and they have plenty of hay, consequently their stock don't suffer. This is the deepest snow we have had since 1890 and it is raining here now. If there is much rain there will surely be another freshet.

BLA (19 Feb. 1916) Mrs. Antone Lyons of Blue Lake has gone to the Bald Hills to spend a couple of months with her husband on the sheep ranch.

BLA (11 March 1916) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hufford of Blue Lake autoed to Trinidad Wednesday to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. John Francis, a sister of Floyd Hufford. [Blanche Hufford Francis, age 21, daughter of Frank and Myr Griffin Hufford]

BLA (1 April 1916) Antone Lyons reports grass in good condition on the range and that the sheep are thriving.

BLA (8 April 1916) On Friday evening of last week, a farewell party was given at the home of Mrs. Antone Lyons in honor of Mrs. F. Hufford, who left to join her husband at Stone Lagoon, where he has a ranch rented. The evening was passed in playing games, followed by a sumptuous lunch furnished by the guests and Mrs. Lyons. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLean, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Dan McCahan, Misses Zella and Edith Mankin, Mrs. Sula Douarin, Frances Douarin, Mrs. Vera Underwood, M. and Mrs. Olive Mulvany, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Armstrong, Louis [?] Lyons, Miss Dorothy Stover, Eugene Lyons, Mrs. Lyons and Ernest Stock.

AU (18 May 1916) Blue Lake—Sherman Lyons and wife have moved into the beautiful Baesler home at Blue Lake. Mrs. Jonathan Lyons is making her home with her son Sherman.

BLA (20 May 1916)...the Sage Land and Improvement Co. has purchased the 7,500 acres of redwood timber land from C.A. Smith Timber Co., involving about \$1,000,000. The timber is located in townships 10, 11, 12 North of Range 2 East. The land adjoins the holdings of the Sage Land and Improvement Co. which they have purchased some years ago from different owners. This land is considered one of the best redwood land in the county and is situated on the Klamath river slope. The C.A. Smith Timber Co. owns considerable timber yet on Redwood Creek and Prairie Creek in the northern section which is now under bonds for a sale to some eastern capitalists.

BLA (3 June 1916) Mr. and Mrs. A. Lyons and daughter and Miss Susie Anderson autoed to Orick and back Wednesday, traveling in Mr. Lyons' new Studebaker car.

AU (8 June 1916) Stone Lagoon--....Floyd Hufford and wife [Frances Lyons] are now running the stopping place at Stone Lagoon and Miss Zena Pitt of Martins Ferry, who teaches school there, makes her home with them....

BLA (10 June 1916) The shearing crew of thirteen Indians, managed by Frank Lowery of Redwood, will start shearing today [Saturday] at the Bair ranch on Redwood creek. From there they will go to Fred Bair's ranches at Rock Ranch and Three Cabins up Mad river, where in the neighborhood of 6000 sheep will be sheared. After leaving Mad river, Frank Lowery and crew will move to the Bald Hills and shear the 6000 head of sheep belonging to the Lyons Brothers and Arthur Stover. They will then move to Angel's Ranch near here and finish up with Anderson Bros., who have about 1400 head to shear. From all reports the wool crop in Northern Humboldt will be exceptionally heavy this year and with wool at 30 cents or more per pound, the sheep men have good reason to smile and be happy. The shearers are paid 6 cents per head for shearing.

BLA (10 June 1916) Antone Lyons, a Bald Hills sheep rancher who is now visiting with his family in Blue Lake, states that a couple of wool buyers from the city are now in the county wanting to buy the wool crop of the sheepmen before the sheep are even sheared. Wool is now quoted at 30 cents per pound, with the tendency of advancing in price every day.

AU (13 July 1916) Orick is Prosperous—Grazoili's cream route includes Floyd Hufford, who milks five cows at Stone Lagoon.

BLA (15 July 1916) Miss Susie H. Anderson of Blue Lake who graduated from the Humboldt Normal on May 19 has been elected teacher of the Mattah School in the Klamath section at \$80.00 per month.

AU (31 Aug. 1916) Obit Crawford S. Arford. Born Keokuk, Iowa 1 March 1845; came to California with parents in 1865; married Frances Blake of Napa County; children: George B., Fred W., Daniel B. Arford and Mrs. Bessie Cole.

BLA (23 Sept. 1916) Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons and family of Blue Lake and Miss Maggie Green of Alliance spent Sunday at Stone Lagoon, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hufford.

BLA (7 Oct. 1916) The Lyons Bros. of the Bald Hills shipped this week 900 head of lambs to the City on the Northwestern Pacific Railroad. The sheep were driven as far as Essex, three miles west of Blue Lake, for shipment. Antone Lyons and Lawrence Ford went to the City to deliver the lambs.



AU (12 Oct. 1916) Random Notes—Burr McConnaha sends a four horse freight team weekly to the Antone Lyons ranch and the freight is taken from there to Orleans by auto trucks.

BLA (14 Oct. 1916) Messrs. Antone Lyons and Lawrence Ford returned to Blue Lake Saturday evening from a business trip to San Francisco, where they took down on the train a band of 1000 head of lambs from the Lyons Bros.' ranches on the Bald Hills. Mr. Lyons informs the Advocate that they had no trouble on the train with the sheep and they were delivered to the wholesale butchers, Wm. Toaffe & Co., in fine shape. The butchers remarked that it was the finest bunch of lambs they ever purchased for some time. They paid 8 cents a pound net for the lamb..

BLA (21 Oct. 1916) Two Girls Meet a Bear—Two young ladies, well known in Blue Lake, had quite a thrilling experience with a bear Friday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. Miss Susie Anderson, who teaches the Mattah school, and a companion, Miss Hattie Lyons, were the heroines of the encounter. Miss Anderson had finished her labors for the day and both herself and Miss Lyons mounted their horses and had proceeded about half way to the latter's home, where Miss Anderson makes her home. They had gone about four miles and duck was rapidly setting in the woods in which they were traveling.

Suddenly they came upon a large black bear, which disputed the possession of the road with them. Miss Hattie, who always carries her rifle with her, raised her gun preparatory to shoot, when Miss Susie urged her not to do so, saying it was a horse they saw. The girl with the rifle was a different opinion, however, and shot at the bear. This made the animal frantic. He reared upon his hind legs and made for the horses, that now reared and plunged madly. Miss Hattie lost control of her animal who made for the brush, but saw the bear quite close to Miss Susie and the former's little dog was worrying the animal by barking and snapping at it. Miss Susie was almost unhorsed at the time and hung over on one side, the saddle strap having broken. How she was finally extricated, what became of the bear, and how they finally got home is something of a problem with the young ladies, as the remainder of the experience was somewhat confused in their minds. Bears are unusually numerous in that section and this one must have been unusually large to have been mistaken for a horse by Miss Anderson and to have put up such a fight.

BLA (4 Nov. 1916) What is said to complete the extensive dealings of the Sage Land & Improvement Company and the C.A. Smith interests went on record in the county recorder's office Saturday when official transfer of approximately 11k000 acres of standing redwood timber on Redwood slope was made from Smith and wife to the Sage concern. The consideration was said to be in excess of \$1,000l000. The first big deal in which the two concerns figured was a tract on the Klamath and the second one was the Prairie Creek tract. It is said that the completion of the Redwood slope deal makes the Sage Land & Improvement Co. the largest holders of standing redwood timber in the county.

BLA (25 Nov. 1916) Bair's Resort—A choice lot of walnuts from a seedling planted by the late pioneer Jonathan Lyons were shown to us by his son Sherman Lyons. Wilder Bros. at Orleans harvested this year 3000 pounds of walnuts for which he finds a ready sale.

BLA (13 Jan. 1917) Petition for wagon road from Hoopa to Weitchpec; present road to Orleans is via Trinidad, Orick, Bald Hills, Martin's Ferry and Weitchpec.

AU (18 Jan. 1917) Lease Ranch at Little River—Josephine, William, and Henry Beach and Mary A. Lyons, Maggie H. Sammons, Julia O. Shaw, Sherman Lyons, Josephine M. Ross and Estate of Fred C. Beach have leased to Joe Menz, the Beach ranch at Little River for five years from February 1, 1917 at \$1,200 per year, reserving dwelling house and 10 acres of land.

BLA (27 Jan. 1917) Mrs. Jonathan Lyons, one of the pioneer ladies of Bald Hills, is reported to be enjoying splendid health at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Josephine Arford.

AU (1 Feb. 1917) Random Notes—On a recent visit to the Sherman Lyons ranch in the Bald Hills, now under lease to Fred Arford, it was learned that the pioneer lady, Mrs. Jonathan Lyons, was enjoying better health than for some time past. The lady reported the recent spell the coldest in sixty years.

BLA (31 March 1917) Mrs. Floyd Hufford and small son of Big Lagoon have been visiting with Mrs. A.M. Lyons for the past week.

BLA (7 April 1917) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons autoed to the county seat Saturday.

BLA (27 April 1917) The Lambing Season Is On—Among the sheep ranges of Humboldt County, the Advocate is reliably informed that those of northern Humboldt will share fairly well this year during the lambing season, which is now on. The Bair ranches on Mad river and on Redwood creek are the most extensive and in the neighborhood of 12,500 sheep are in evidence there. Next comes the Lyons Bros. on the Bald Hills with about 3,000 head, the Hooker ranch of Arthur Stover with about 2,500 head, the Tomlinson's ranch with about 1,200 head, the ranch of Mr. Hancorne with about 500 head, and the ranch of Anderson Bros. at Angel's ranch with a few hundred. According to present reports, the lamb crop on these ranches will be good this season, which means that about 90 per cent of the lambs will be saved.

In southern Humboldt, conditions have not been so good and it is reported that about 50 per cent of the lamb crop will be the average this season. Those owning and raising sheep in southern Humboldt are Tooby & Pryor of the Glenn ranch near Blocksburg with about 2,000 head of sheep; A.N. Tooby at Blocksburg with about 5,000 head; Len Robinson of Garberville with 3,000 head; Judge G.W. Hunter of Salmon Creek at Elk Ridge with only 600 head; Charles Swithenbank also of the Garberville section with about 1,700 head, Fred Tuttle, also of Garberville with about 4,000 head; and T.H.

Burns of Bridgeville with about 1,200 head. The hard winter with a shortage of feed is responsible for the short crop of lambs in southern Humboldt.

BLA (28 April 1917) It is learned that Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons of this place expect to send their son to the State Farm at Davis shortly after he graduates this year from the grammar school.

AU (3 May 1917) Random Notes, Blue Lake—Antonio Lyons is figuring on making a trip to the Agricultural College at Davis soon in his car. His son, Eugene, will likely be enrolled as a student there.

BLA (12 May 1917) Roy Ames of the Willow Creek section was among this week's visitors to Blue Lake.

BLA (2 June 1917) Notice to Sheep Raisers—This is to notify the sheep raisers of northern Humboldt county that owing to the high cost of living, the sheep shearers will shear for eight cents per head. Anyone wanting to have their sheep sheared for eight cents will please notify the undersigned. Frank Lowery, Foreman of the Crew.

BLA (23 June 1917) Sheep shearing is now in order among the sheep ranchers of the county. Some of the ranchers are using shearing machines.

BLA (14 July 1917) James Moon of Redwood Creek, the oldest son of Charles Moon of Maple Creek, was married on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. To Miss Eliza Lowery of Blue Lake....Mr. and Mrs. Moon will make their future home at Bair's ranch on Redwood Creek.

BLA (21 July 1917) The sheep raisers of northern Humboldt will have the distinction this year of getting the highest price for wool known in the history of the sheep raising business in this county. For several years, ever since President Wilson and the democratic party went into power, the sheep men got handsome prices for their wool—from 25 cents to 43 cents per pound and that commodity is on the free list. This year our sheep raisers will get 62½ cents and 63 cents per pound for their wool crop, which is reported to be excellent. It is understood that A.N. Hunt of Arcata has bargained for most of the wool grown in this vicinity, paying these fancy prices for it. As a result of the sudden raise in the price of wool, all our prosperous ranchers who did not have automobiles before have purchased one to travel with.

BLA (21 July 1917) Ned Woodard is now working for the Lyons Brothers on their sheep ranches in the Bald Hills.

BLA (4 Aug 1917) Martin's Ferry—Forest fires are the order of the day now, there being quite a number of fires in the vicinity of Orleans and Somes Bar and also some in the Bald Hills.

BLA (11 Aug. 1917) Arthur Stover and family of Bald Hills arrived in Blue Lake Tuesday having just purchased a new five-passenger Oakland.

BLA (25 Aug. 1917) Mrs. Antone Lyons and family, who have spent the summer vacation on their ranch in the Bald Hills, returned to their Blue Lake home Saturday.

AU (30 Aug. 1917) Orick—Sherman Lyons of Blue Lake was here a few days ago on his way to his ranch in the Bald Hills.

BLA (8 Sept. 1917) Antone Lyons of the Bald Hills arrived in Blue Lake Sunday on a short visit to his Blue Lake home.

AU (11 Oct. 1917) Doris Lyons, a former Arcata High School student, has entered a hospital in Palo Alto to train for a nurse.

AU (11 Oct. 1917) Mutton Brings Big Prices—Antone Lyons started for Arcata from his ranch in the Bald Hills on Tuesday with a band of 400 mutton sheep, consigned to the Western Meat Company of San Francisco, making three car loads. Last week the first three carload shipment of 330 sheep was made to the same company. The price ran from \$10.00 each for the wethers to \$8.50 to \$9.00 for the ewes, which is certainly a top notch figure.

BLA (27 Oct. 1917) Redwood, Oct. 23—Antone Lyons of the Bald Hills drove out a band of sheep last week, about 750 in all.

AU (1 Nov. 1917) County News Briefly Told—The Woolknit Mills, formerly the Humboldt Bay Woolen Mills, are now working on war orders—blankets, etc. for the Allies....The order is for 12,000 woolen blankets which was placed by the San Francisco Wholesale firm of Levi Strauss & Co....with this order, Levi Strauss & Co. is keeping seven of the ten looms of the mills rushing.

AU (8 Nov. 1917) Random Notes--At Stone Lagoon, Floyd Hufford is harvesting his potato crop.

BLA (24 Nov. 1917) Antone Lyons of the Bald Hills was among this week's visitors to Blue Lake.

BLA (22 Dec. 1917) Messrs. Antone M. Lyons and Arthur S. Stover, two prominent sheep raisers of the northern section, were among Sunday's visitors to Arcata.

BLA (29 Dec. 1917) Since the building of the last mile of road connecting the Bair ranch on Redwood Creek with the Hooker ranch is assured, the people of that section feel that the remaining four miles to complete the link between the Lyons Bros.' ranch on the Bald Hills with the road should be built also. From the Hooker house to the old Ford place on the same ranch is a distance of four miles, where it connects with the Lyons Bros.' road.

These four miles can be built on a good grade at a very little expense and the Advocate has no doubt but that the county supervisors will see their way clear in building that little gap. This piece of road, when finished, will give a direct outlet to the people of the Bald Hills and the Martin's Ferry, Weitchpec and Orleans sections on the Klamath river to the coast at Arcata or Eureka, and it will save them a distance of about twenty-five miles.

BLA (5 Jan. 1918) Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons returned to their ranch in the Bald Hills last Sunday after a few day's visit here.

BLA (26 Jan. 1918) A wedding license was issued to Philip Francis Decker, aged 38, of Trinidad, and Harriet Lillian Lyons of Blue Lake, Wednesday.

AU (31 Jan. 1918) Philip Francis Decker of Trinidad and Miss Harriet Lillian Lyons of Blue Lake were married on Thursday afternoon, January 24, at the Presbyterian manse in Arcata....

BLA (2 Feb. 1918) Married in Arcata—Philip Francis Decker of Trinidad and Miss Harriet Lillian Lyons, the esteemed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons of Blue Lake, were married on Thursday afternoon, January 24, at the Presbyterian manse in Arcata. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Chas. P. Hessel of the First Presbyterian church, after which the couple left for a short trip. Mr. and Mrs. Decker are well and favorably known here and will make their home at Orick.

BLA (16 Feb. 1918) Final action will probably be taken soon on the plans for the construction of the Hoopa-Weitchpec highway for which the government will contribute \$10,000.

BLA (2 March 1918) Trinidad, Feb. 26—Pioneer Mrs. Chas. Beach is having a visit from her daughter, Mrs. Sherman Lyons of Blue Lake. Mr. Lyons is building and improving the old home place at Little River....Antone Lyons, wife, and daughter Hattie are down for a few days to enjoy Blue Lake's sunshine. The roads are not too bad in the hills, says Mr. Lyons. He leaves his auto at Orick and comes down here by stage from his home. His daughter, Doris, who is studying for a nurse at Palo Alto, is now home on a visit.

AU (7 March 1918) Personal Mention—Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons with their daughter Frances are down from Orick visiting with friends in Arcata for a few days.

BLA (16 March 1918) Messrs. Antone Lyons and George Wilder returned to the Lyons ranch on the Bald Hills Wednesday after spending several weeks in Blue Lake vicinity.

BLA (16 March 1918) The Eyes of the Navy—Contribution in glasses Monday were so generous that Commander Kammerer's office resembled the show room of an optician. No less than nine instruments were sent in by patriotic citizens who were willing to give up their glasses for the good of the country and the successful prosecution of the war with Germany. The instruments were contributed as follows: C.W. Wright, four pairs of field

glasses and two telescopes; A.M. Lyons of Blue Lake, a pair of binoculars; William N. Russ, a pair of binoculars; and D.W. Morris of Arcata, a pair of binoculars....

BLA (30 March 1918) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons attended to business matters in Blue Lake Saturday.

BLA (30 March 1918) AT the Court House—issued a decree of final distribution in the Jonathan Lyons estate.

BLA (20 April 1918) Sherman Lyons went to his sheep ranch on the Bald Hills last week, expecting to return in a few days. The lambing season is now on at his ranch and a good crop is expected.

BLA (1 June 1918) Antone Lyons of the Bald Hills arrived here Wednesday evening on a brief visit to his family.

AU (6 June 1918) Orick Offerings—Mrs. Brown has received word of the death of her sister Mrs. Ola Lyons, formerly of this place, who has been residing at San Diego for a number of years at which place her death occurred.

AU (13 June 1918) Mrs. Frank Decker from the Bald Hills has been visiting several days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spaulding. Kenneth and Juanita Spaulding returned with Mrs. Decker to spend their vacation.

AU (20 June 1918) Harry Moore and William Grotzman went on a fishing trip up Redwood Creek and a fine catch was reported. They were accompanied as far as the Lyons home by Miss Violet Grotzman who was the guest of Miss Doris Lyons for several days.

BLA (6 July 1918) Orick, July 1—Antone Lyons and daughter Frances passed through here last week on their return home to the Bald Hills. Frances, who was operated on some time ago, is much improved in health.

BLA (6 July 1918) Shearing Now Going On—Sheep shearing in northern Humboldt is now going on and from all reports the sheepmen will have a bigger crop than they ever had for years. At the Bair ranch on Redwood Creek, Leslie Fearrien informs the *Advocate* that he sheared 2,200 sheep and he received 19,500 pounds of wool, which is something over  $8\frac{3}{4}$  pounds to the sheep as an average. Last year's average was  $7\frac{1}{2}$  pounds per head. The Indian crew of shearers will go to the Bald Hills Monday and shear the flocks of the Lyons Bros., Tomlinson's and Stover's and several other sheep raisers. They are just through shearing at the Bair ranch at Redwood and on Mad river. The price of wool this year is fixed by the government, which buys all of that commodity over the Union. The sheep men here expect to get about 70 cents per pound this year.

AU (11 July 1918) Personal Mention—Miss Doris Lyons of Orick returned to her home Sunday after spending several weeks in Arcata as the guest of Miss Violet Grotzman.

BLA (3 Aug. 1918) Arthur Stover of the Hooker ranch, who was here Wednesday on business, reports that the five new shearing machines he has just installed at his ranch are the real things for shearing sheep and quite a labor saver. A very heavy clip of wool was had at his place this year, a ten-pound average per head being about correct. Mr. Stover sheared about 2400 head and the same amount of sheep were sheared on the Lyons Bros.' ranches on the Bald Hills.

BLA (10 Aug. 1918) Orick, Aug. 7—Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons passed through here Sunday on their way to Blue Lake from their ranch in the Bald Hills.

BLA (10 Aug. 1918) Kiah Tomlinson and family were visitors to Blue Lake and Eureka this week from the Bald Hills. Mr. Tomlinson reports that on his ranch this year, he sheared 1400 head of sheep, averaging about 8 pounds of wool each, which is above the average clip of preceding years....

BLA (10 Aug. 1918) No hunting is allowed on the ranches of Lyons Bros., the Hooker ranch, and the Berry ranch on Redwood Creek.

BLA (Sept. 1918) Shipping Wool to Boston—The Lyons Bros. and Arthur Stover, the sheep raisers of the Bald Hills section, intend shipping their crop of wool this year direct to Boston. The Lyons Bros. have about 14 tons and Stover has about 12 tons, all of which is now stored in Eureka, awaiting shipment. The shipment will be made through A.E. Connick, the president of the First National Bank of Eureka, who is representing the Boston buyers who are dealing with the government.

Humboldt wool will command a high price there, it being of the finest quality grown anywhere in the United States. It was the wool from these two ranches that received the first prize and a gold medal at the Paris Exposition in 1900. The other wool growers of this northern section expect to ship their product to San Francisco.

BLA (5 Oct. 1918) Orick, Oct. 2—Lawrence Ford of Liscom Hill returned Monday evening from the Bald Hills. Mr. Ford took up several tons of grain to the Lyons Bros., making the trip with his Ford auto truck.

BLA (12 Oct. 1918) Orick, Oct. 9—Antone and Sherman Lyons and Mr. Arford, all of the Bald Hills section, passed through here last Saturday with a band of 1500 lambs, going to Luffenholtz, where Mr. Gibson will take them over and put them on a range. Mr. Gibson expects to go into the sheep business.

AU (17 Oct. 1918) Random Notes—Sherman Lyons is preparing to winter in Arcata on account of educational privileges. His grandson [nephew], Wayne Arford, is to live with him.

BLA (19 Oct. 1918) Orick, Oct. 16—Charles Spaulding of Arcata passed through here this week on his way to the Bald Hills on a hunting trip.

BLA (26 Oct. 1918) Orick, Oct. 23—Dr. M.F. Fountain of Arcata passed through here this week on his way to the Lyons' in the Bald Hills, where he is going to purchase some sheep to put on his ranch in Trinity county.

BLA (26 Oct. 1918) Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons and family of the Bald Hills have decided to become permanent residents of Blue Lake and a few days ago leased the two-story house of Leon Baker on Greenwood Avenue. Mr. Baker and his family have moved to Eureka.

AU (31 Oct. 1918) Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons and family of the Bald Hills have decided to become permanent residents of Blue Lake and a few days ago leased the two-story house of Leon Baker on Greenwood Avenue. Mr. Baker and his family have moved to Eureka.

BLA (16 Nov. 1918) L.L. McMillan, the well-known hunter and trapper, was among this week's visitors to Blue Lake. He is now engaged in trapping and hunting coyotes and other predatory animals on the Bair range, the Hooker ranch and the two ranches of the Lyons Brothers on Redwood Creek and the Bald Hills, and he reports that within the past three or four weeks, he captured eleven coyotes on the Bair ranch and five on the Lyons Bros.' holdings. This week he will try his luck on Arthur Stover's Hooker ranch.

BLA (4 Jan. 1919) David Griffith has returned home here from the Bald Hills, where he built a new tank-house and made other improvements for his son-in-law, Kiah Tomlinson.

AU (16 Jan. 1919) Orick Offerings—Antone Lyons came up Monday from Blue Lake on his way to his ranch at Elder....Floyd Hufford, recently returned from British Columbia, where he was in the spruce camps for a number of months. He was serving under Uncle Sam.

AU (16 Jan. 1919) Sherman Lyons, who has been living in the Cummins house in Blue Lake for some time past, moved to the Walter Baker house on the corner by the county road. His brother, Antone, who has been occupying the house, has moved back to the Bald Hills. Mrs. Jonathan Lyons will remain in Blue Lake and will make her home with her son Sherman.

BLA (22 Feb. 1919) Mrs. Sherman Lyons of Blue Lake who has been ill at the Hadley Sanitarium in Arcata has recovered so as to be home again. The lady has been indisposed for several weeks.



BLA (15 March 1919) At the Court House—Release, Sherman Lyons and Antonio M. Lyons and Fred W. Arford to C.B. Driver, Dec. 16, 1918, \$5,437. Mortgage of Oct. 7, 1918 on 1450 head of lambs on ranch of mortgagor near Luffenholtz.

BLA (5 April 1919) Anderson Bros. of Angel Ranch had their flock of Angora goats sheared last week by James Moon and Bismark Stevens, about 490 in number. The mohair is of a fine quality this year, averaging about four or five pounds per head. Moon and Stevens went to Bald Mountain Wednesday, where they are now shearing about 900 head of Angora goats for the firm of A. Brizard, Inc. They are using a shearing machine.

BLA (5 April 1919) Weitchpec, April 1—Elsie Jacobs, who has been working for Arfords at the Bald Hills, returned home last week.

BLA (17 May 1919) Weitchpec, May 10—The auto stage runs as far as the Bald Hills now and will soon go to Orleans.

BLA (24 May 1919) Antone Lyons of the Bald Hills writes this week to his brother, Sherman Lyons of Blue Lake, announcing that the lambing season on the Lyons ranches there has been an exceptionally fine one this season. The lamb crop will average one hundred per cent. The few lambs that died were made up by the twins that were born, hence the excellent percentage. About 2250 lambs constitute the crop on these sheep ranches this season. Antone also mentions that the feed on the ranges is fine, this last rain helping out the grass wonderfully.

BLA (24 May 1919) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons visited friends in Eureka Thursday.

BLA (31 May 1919) The piece of connecting highway between Hoopa and Weitchpec, all within the Hoopa Indian Reservation, is to be constructed at once.

BLA (31 May 1919) Weitchpec, May 27—Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons and two daughters, Frances and Hattie, and Mr. and Mrs. Arford and son, of Bald Hills, returned Sunday from Orleans where they attended the dance. [dance given to honor four returning men from overseas duty]

BLA (14 June 1919) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons left Blue Lake Saturday to spend some time on their ranch on the Bald Hills beyond Orick.

BLA (21 June 1919) To Build a New Home—Lon Acorn returned here Thursday from the Kiah Tomlinson ranch on the Bald Hills, where he spent three weeks on a vacation. While there he helped Mr. Tomlinson sawing some lumber and redwood shingles, which will be used in building a fine new house at the ranch. The building will measure 30x40 feet, two stories high and when finished it will be modern in every way. Lon has resumed his work as filer at the Riverside mill.

AU (26 June 1919) Marriage of Miss Grotzman and Elmer Abrahamson, Rev. C.P. Hessel, officiating. Attendants were Wm. Grotzman and Miss Doris Lyons, almost a double wedding.

BLA (28 June 1919) Antone Lyons and son, Eugene, and Sherman Lyons of the Bald Hills section were among this week's visitors to Blue Lake.

BLA (26 July 1919) Miss Frances Lyons Hufford of the Bald Hills left Arcata Sunday morning for Palo Alto, where she was to be married to Philip E. Collier the following afternoon. The couple will reside at Palo Alto, the groom being an electrician and holding a responsible position there. The bride is the esteemed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Lyons and is a well and favorably known young lady of this section.

BLA (9 Aug. 1919) Paying a good price for wool this year, A.N. Hunt of Arcata, agent for Joseph Sauls of San Francisco, has purchased the clip of wool from Arthur S. Stover of the Hooker ranch on Redwood Creek. He also purchased the wool from George Tomlinson on the Bald Hills and from Isam Walker of southern Humboldt.

AU (21 Aug. 1919) Pioneer Bald Hills Resident Passes—George Byron Tomlinson, one of the most prominent and best-liked residents of northern Humboldt, died at Hotel Arcata Saturday morning, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:05 o'clock, aged 73 years, 6 months, and 3 days. Born Nova Scotia, 13 Feb. 1846; married 23 May 1872 to Annie Catherine Dinsmore of Nova Scotia. She died 11 May 1885. Tomlinson and son, Arthur, came to California in 1887, to Humboldt County in the spring of 1890, settled at Bucksport. In 1900, four more of his children came out. He was a successful sheep and cattle grower, also interested in timber. In 1893, he moved to Prairie Creek and in 1901 to his Bald Hills ranch. Surviving children: Mrs. Walter Dryden, Arthur Tomlinson, Kiah M. Tomlinson, Albert O. Tomlinson, all of Orick, George F. Tomlinson of Nova Scotia, Frank E. Tomlinson of Massachusetts, and Watson Tomlinson of Connecticut. One child died in infancy.

BLA (23 Aug. 1919) Death of Well-Known Sheep Raiser—Northern Humboldt was shocked Saturday to hear of the death of George B. Tomlinson, one of the most prominent residents of northern Humboldt, which occurred at the Hotel Arcata Saturday morning at 1:15 o'clock, heart failure being assigned as the cause of his demise. Mr. Tomlinson had been in failing health for several years, having undergone an operation four years ago, and another two years ago....

BLA (23 Aug. 1919) Antone Lyons one of the Bald Hills well known sheep raisers was among this week's visitors to Blue Lake.

BLA (20 Sept. 1919) Mr. and Mrs. Frank Decker of the Antone Lyons ranch on the Bald Hills were among Saturday's visitors to the county seat. From now on, they will be regular readers of the Advocate.

BLA (20 Sept. 1919) Eugene Lyons, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons of the Bald Hills, left Saturday for the University Farm at Davis, Cal., where he will take a course in farming and everything pertaining to that profession. Gene is a graduate of the Arcata high school and already is quite proficient in his chosen profession.

BLA (4 Oct. 1919) L.A. Ford of the Liscom Hill sheep ranch near Blue Lake expects to leave today for the Bald Hills, where he will deliver to Sherman Lyons twenty-two Corriedale bucks, which he has sold to Mr. Lyons.

BLA (4 Oct. 1919) Lawrence Ford of Liscom Hill received this week three fine Romney bucks from the State of Washington.

BLA (18 Oct. 1919) Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons of the Bald Hills are now residing at Davis, Cal., where their son Eugene is attending the farm school of the University of California.

BLA (1 Nov. 1919) Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tomlinson returned to Arcata Wednesday evening from a two months' trip to Minasville, Nova Scotia, where they took the remains of their late father, Geo. B. Tomlinson for interment.

AU (6 Nov. 1919) Plumber Wesley Downing returned Saturday from the Bald Hills where he had been for a week past doing the roughing in for the plumbing fixtures in the new mountain home of Kiah Tomlinson. The house is hard finished throughout and Ray Welch has been doing the plastering. Two modern septic tanks have been built, one for the new home and one for the home of Albert Tomlinson nearby.

BLA (29 Nov. 1919) On the Lyons Brothers' ranch in the Bald Hills on the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, Charles Reed trapped one of the largest mountain lions that ever roamed the hills of northern Humboldt. The animal measured nine feet four inches from tip to tip and the pelt is now in the taxidermist's hands in Eureka to be tanned and mounted. Since July Mr. Reed has trapped and killed on the Lyons Brothers' holdings eight bears, fifteen coyotes, a number of skunks and bobcats, besides the panther or mountain lion mentioned above.

BLA (20 Dec. 1919) Kiah Tomlinson's New Home—Sam Ralston, who with E.A. Tomlinson and Pat Brogan, has been busy building the new two-story house for Kiah Tomlinson on the Bald Hills for the last three months, has returned to his home in Blue Lake. The Tomlinson's new home is one of the best built and most modern houses in that section. It is two stories high and comprises fifteen rooms, including a large kitchen and pantry. It is hard finished with plaster throughout and is wired for electric lights. Wesley Downing of Arcata performed the plumbing work. All the lumber and shingles for the house were sawed at the ranch, the Tomlinson Bros. having installed a small mill with a planer and shingle machine, which is operated by a 45-horsepower steam engine. The Tomlinson ranch is the regular stopping place for the mail stages between Trinidad, Orick and Orleans and is considered one of the best hotels on that road.

BLA (27 Dec. 1919) Birth of a daughter to Kiah Tomlinsons at Trinity Hospital, 17 Dec. 1919.

AU (1 Jan. 1920) Mrs. Frank Decker of the Bald Hills spent a few hours in Arcata with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Spaulding, taking the overland from Arcata to go to Davis to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Lyons who are at present making their home at Davis. Mrs. Decker expects to return soon after the New Year.

BLA (31 Jan. 1920) Orleans, Jan. 26—Some of our farmers are investing in sheep. Isador Ferris has recently bought 20, Winnie Ottley 10, and Mr. Salstrom 4 from the Antone Lyons ranch on the Bald Hills.

BLA (1 May 1920) Charles Reed has returned to Maple Creek, where he resumed his employment on one of the Bair ranches. Mr. Reed has been working of late on the Antone Lyons ranch on the Bald Hills.

BLA (1 May 1920) Born at Hooker Ranch on Redwood Creek, April 22, 1920 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stover, a son.

Deeds 149:206 (5 May 1920) Sherman Lyons purchased 125x135 foot lot in Block 237, Arcata.

BLA (8 May 1920) Lyons Bros. Sell 4700 Head of Sheep—One of the largest deals ever recorded in northern Humboldt took place a few days ago when the Lyons Brothers, Sherman and Antonio Lyons, the well-known sheep raisers of the Bald Hills, disposed of all the sheep on their two ranches, about 4700 head altogether. The purchaser is S.P. Davis, a prominent stock man of Dillon, Montana, who has rented the ranches for one year with the privilege of buying them. The two ranches comprise about 8000 acres, mostly grazing land and a little timber along Redwood Creek.

Besides the sheep, Mr. Davis also bought about ten head of horses, some hogs, cows, poultry, and all the farming implements on the two ranches. While no amount has been given out, it is believed by some who claim to know that the purchase price will total close to fifty thousand dollars.

Mr. Davis has already taken possession of the places, retaining all the helpers the Lyons Brothers had. In about a year from now, it is the intention of Mr. Davis to purchase the real estate property and thus become owner of one of the best and largest sheep ranches in northern California.

For the present, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons will reside in Eureka where they have rented a house on Summer street, while Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Lyons have returned to Davis, Cal., where their son, Eugene, is attending the Agricultural School of the University of California. Mr. Lyons informs the Advocate that he and [his] wife intend to return to Humboldt in the very near future and Blue Lake will be their future home.

AU (13 May 1920) Lyons Brothers Sell Sheep; Entire Flock on Bald Hills Ranches Sold to Montana Sheep Man; Market Price of Animals in Neighborhood of \$50,000; May

Purchase 8000 Acres of Range Land Later—A sale was recently made of the sheep on the Lyons Ranches in the Bald Hills to S.D. Davis of Montana, an experienced sheep man. The number of head transferred was 4700, which at a conservative market price of \$10.00 per head, would make the consideration in the neighborhood of \$47,000, the exact figure, however, not having been given out for publication. The sale was made by Messrs. Sherman and Antone Lyons and Mr. Davis has taken possession of the three ranches belonging to the Lyons Brothers and holds an option to purchase the entire property of some 8000 acres at an agreed figure within a stated period of time.

Sherman Lyons and wife have been making their home in the Bald Hills until recently but have since rented a house on Summer Street in Eureka, where it is understood they will make their home in the future. Antone Lyons and family have been living in the central part of the state for some time past and recently visited Humboldt County on business connected with the transaction recorded above.

BLA (15 May 1920) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons intend to soon establish their home in Arcata, where they recently purchased a house and lot from Tim Barry of Kneeland.

AU (1 July 1920) Blue Lake Items, Visitors from Davis—Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons and son, Eugene, of Davis, Calif., arrived here this week on a month's visit to relatives and friends. They expect to spend most of their time at their ranch in the Bald Hills, which is now under lease to Mr. Davis and Dell Grieves, sheep men of Montana.

BLA (21 Aug. 1920) Plunged to Death Over Embankment—News reached Blue Lake Thursday to the effect that Richard Decker, well-known Arcata resident, was instantly killed Wednesday night near Bluff Creek, between Weitchpec and Orleans, when the machine in which he was riding struck an embankment and pitched over a 75-foot grade.

It seems that Decker, with Dan Arford and William Hudson, was on a hunting trip. Arford was driving. AT the time of the accident, the brakes would not hold and as Decker was riding in the front seat, reached for the wheel, the car hit the bank with such force that it was overturned and rolled down a 75-foot embankment....

Dick Decker was well and favorably known in this section and had spent the greater part of his life in Humboldt County. AT the time of his death, he was employed by A. Brizard Company, Inc. as a plumber, where he had been working for the past two years.

He was 44 years, 11 months and 9 days old and is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Charles Spaulding of Arcata, Lillian Decker of Washington, and Mrs. Geo. W. Weiselt of Washington, and two brothers, Frank Decker of the Bald Hills and Charles Decker of Seattle.

AU (2 Sept. 1920) Mrs. Sherman Lyons, who was operated upon at Trinity hospital last week, is getting along nicely.

AU (30 Sept. 1920) Regarding Dick Decker—story about having been married and having a married daughter; Dick's brothers and sisters: Mrs. Lillian Wallace, Mrs. Martha

Welfeldt and Charles Decker of Seattle; Mrs. Charles Spaulding, Arcata; Frank Decker, Bayside.

BLA (2 Oct. 1920) Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons, who have been visiting in this section for the past two or three months, left on Wednesday for their new home at Davis, Cal.

BLA (2 Oct. 1920) Philip F. Decker of Arcata has petitioned for letters of administration in the estate of his brother, Marion R. Decker, which consists of a life insurance policy for \$2500.

HT (29 Oct. 1920) Blue Lake News—Mrs. J.D. Golden was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons of Arcata last Saturday.

BLA (8 Jan. 1921) Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons and son of Davis, Cal. were among this week's visitors to Blue Lake, their former home.

BLA (15 Jan. 1921) Thursday morning there were shipped from Trinidad 1400 head of mutton sheep from the Lyons Bros.' ranch on the Bald Hills. The sheep were consigned to San Francisco and Stockton, and J.B. Grieves, who has the Lyons Bros.' ranches rented, is the shipper. The sheep were in fine condition.

BLA (22 Jan. 1921) At the Court House—Release, Joseph Lyons Arford to Sherman Lyons and wife, Jan. 19, 1921, \$2276.41, Land in section 8, 9N2E, releases mortgage of Feb. 18, 1919.

FE (28 Jan. 1921) Mountain Mystery Brought To Light--A relic of pioneer days is on display in the Arcata Union office which has been attracting considerable attention and much speculation. It is the badly rusted remains of a U.S. Army cavalry saber, found by Sherman Lyons on his ranch at Elk Camp in the Bald Hills, some ten miles from Orick. The weapon was found by Mr. Lyons while he was digging a post hole, and was buried between two and three feet under ground. The saber had no doubt been in the ground considerably over half a century judging from its condition. The blade was rusted nearly through, but showed that it had been high grade steel...

Capt. K. Geer, an early day pioneer, has been investigating the find, and is of the opinion that the sword was owned by a U.S. soldier who came across the mountains from Trinity county in the early days probably trying to make his way to the coast...

Mr. Lyons did not do any further excavating at the time the saber was discovered, and it is Capt. Geer's intention to return to the spot with Mr. Lyons this summer and make a further search for the bones of the soldier to whom the saber is supposed to have belonged.

BLA (5 March 1921) At the Court House—Antonio M. Lyons vs. Jane Childs, administrator of estate of William Childs, Jr., deceased, Alexander Childs and William Norris, March 2, 1921, Superior Court quiets title in plaintiff to SW qt SW qt sec 11 and NW qt NW qt sec 14, 9N2E.

BLA (12 March 1921) Messrs. Antone Lyons, Del Grieves, and J. Bracken of Davis, Calif. arrived here last Friday en route to the Lyons Bros' ranches on the Bald Hills, which Mr. Grieves has under lease. It is understood that Mr. Bracken will succeed Mr. S.D. Davis as foreman of the ranch.

AU (31 March 1921) Frank Decker, who has been living on the old Johnson Place on the Eureka road just outside Arcata, left Monday for the Bald Hills with his family and household belongings to work on the Lyons Brothers' sheep ranch. This ranch, consisting of more than 8,000 acres, is under lease to J.D. Grieve of Yolo county who had associated with him Mr. S.D. Davis of Montana, who has been acting foreman for the past year. Mr. Davis has disposed of his part of the lease and expects to leave Humboldt for other parts soon. His place as foreman is being taken by M. Bracken of Davis, Yolo county under whom Mr. Decker will be employed. The Lyons Brothers sold their sheep to Messrs. Grieve and Davis a year or more ago and leased them the ranch with the privilege of purchasing.

BLA (9 April 1921) AT the Court House; Suit Over Sheep Ranch—The suit of J.D. Grieves vs. S.D. Davis, begun in the Superior Court of Yolo County, has been transferred to the courts of Humboldt. The parties are lessees of the Lyons Brothers sheep ranch over the management of which dissatisfaction has arisen between them. Plaintiff alleges mismanagement upon the part of Davis and asks for a dissolution of co-partnership and an accounting and A.M. Bracken appointed Receiver for the business. In his complaint, plaintiff alleges that the property on the market would not realize \$55,000 and that so far he has put \$65,000 into the business. The law firm of Armfield and Eddy of Woodland represents plaintiff.

BLA (7 May 1921) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons and niece Miss Josephine Beach of Arcata were among Saturday's visitors to Blue Lake.

BLA (14 May 1921) At the Court House—Through her attorney, J.F. Coonan, Georgia A. Davis has begun suit against A.M. Bracken, as receiver of the firm of Grieve & Davis, the members of which are now engaged in litigation to dissolve partnership in the lease of the Lyons Bros. sheep ranches. Plaintiff sues for \$707.50 for herself and, for a like amount for Edna Davis, of whom she is assignee, for services alleged to have been performed for the firm at \$75 per month for each claimant.

BLA (21 May 1921) Martin's Ferry, May 14—The McConnaha auto stage and truck line now has two trucks running between Tomlinson's and Orleans, and are being run overtime in order to relieve the congestion of freight and parcel post matter that has accumulated at certain points between Trinidad and Tomlinson's, all of which can be attributed to the rains and general bad condition of the roads.

AU (16 June 1921) Jonathan Lyons' Widow Is Dead—Death claimed another pioneer of northern Humboldt on Tuesday [June 14], when Mrs. Amelia Lyons, widow of the late

Jonathan Lyons, a pioneer rancher of the Bald Hills section, passed peacefully away at the home of her son Sherman Lyons at 462 11<sup>th</sup> street, Arcata. Mrs. Lyons was found sitting in her chair about 2 p.m. with some sewing in her hands and had evidently been dead for about an hour. Dr. McKinnon was called and pronounced life extinct.

Deceased was born in Hoopa about 74 years ago and her early life was spent in the valley. She was married to Jonathan Lyons at Martin's Ferry by Judge Martin in 1862, and lived for many years on the home ranch on Redwood Creek in the Bald Hills. Her husband died at Blue Lake on September 11<sup>th</sup> 1913, and since that time, Mrs. Lyons has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Fred W. Arford, living at Fortuna for the past year. Her son Sherman brought her to Arcata on Sunday for a visit and the lady had seemed to be in her usual health.

Seven children were born, of whom four survive as follows: Antonio M. Lyons of Davis, Cal., Sherman of Arcata, William of San Francisco and Mrs. Fred W. Arford of Fortuna. The body is at the Dolson Undertaking Parlors and the funeral will be held in Blue Lake. Arrangements will be made as soon as the son, Antonio, who is in the Yosemite Valley, can be communicated with.

BLA (18 June 1921) Pioneer Woman Passes Away; Mrs. Amelia Lyons, Widow of Late Jonathan Lyons, Answers Call at the Residence of Her Son—quoted as Arcata Union article but added: She leaves also ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

HS (19 July, Tues. 1921) Ferndale—Relatives in Ferndale received word Friday of the death of little Helen Lyons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denver Lyons which occurred at Yosemite Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kemp, Mrs. Ed. Godfrey and Ross McAllister, relatives, left Friday evening for Oakland where the funeral will be held. Mrs. Lyons was a former well-known Ferndale lady, before her marriage being Miss Fay Cooper.

AU (28 July 1921) Martin's Ferry Bridge to be Rebuilt; Is in Unsafe Condition.

BLA (13 Aug. 1921) After holding their wool crops for the past year without disposing of them on account of a poor market price, Messrs. Arthur S. Stover of the Hooker ranch, Fred S. Bair of Maple Creek and Leslie Fearrien and Son of the Bair ranch on Redwood Creek have just sold their output to Joseph W. Salz of San Francisco....It is estimated that Mr. Stover has about twenty-six tons, while Leslie Fearrien and Son of Redwood and Fred S Bair of Maple Creek have in the neighborhood of seventy tons, comprising last and this year's crops. The purchase price is somewhere near 25 cents per pound.

BLA (20 Aug. 1921) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons were among Saturday's visitors from Arcata.

BLA (27 Aug. 1921) At the Court House—The hearing of the dissolution of partnership and an accounting between Grieve & Davis of the Lyons Brothers Ranch was continued Thursday before Superior Judge Denver Sevier.



BLA (3 Sept. 1921) Shipping Beef Cattle & Sheep—Next week Mr. D.H. Grieve of the Lyons Bros.' ranches in the Bald Hills will ship 1000 head of lambs to his place at Davis, Cal., where they will be fattened for the market. He has also purchased 1000 head of wethers from Arthur S. Stover of the Hooker ranch, which will be shipped to San Francisco at the same time.

BLA (3 Sept. 1921) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons of Arcata went to Hoopa Tuesday to attend the funeral of the late Walter Swanston.

BLA (10 Sept. 1921) Thirty Car Loads of Sheep Leave Essex—Last Thursday about thirty carloads of sheep from Bair's ranches at Maple Creek up Mad River, and from Arthur Stover's Hooker ranch on Redwood Creek left Essex on the N.W.P.R.R bound for San Francisco. Of this number about 3500 head were shipped by Robert J. Barr of the Fred Bair ranches and the balance, about 1000 wethers belonged to Arthur Stover. Some of the sheep were consigned to J.D Grieve of Davis, the lessee of the Lyons Bros.' ranches on the Bald Hills, and the others to a San Francisco firm.

From Trinidad Mr. J.D. Grieve also shipped 1000 head of lambs from the Lyons ranches bounded for his farm at Davis near Sacramento, where he will fatten them for market. Right now sheep are rated at three cents for wethers and two cents for ewes, which is considered the lowest price paid for mutton sheep in years.

BLA (10 Sept. 1921) Partners Dissolve Partnership—Superior Judge Denver Sevier Friday handed down two opinions in the litigation between J.D. Grieve and S.D. Davis, both in favor of plaintiff. The actions were those of Grieve against Davis for a dissolution of partnership and accounting and George [Georgia] Davis against the receiver appointed in the former action to cover wages for services rendered.

The litigation grew out of the general slump following the armistice in the recent great war. Grieve and Davis leased the Lyons sheep ranch in this northern part of the county during the war when sheep were selling at \$10 a head and wool at 65 cents a pound. They had just begun to make money on their venture when the armistice was signed and since then the prices have been dropping until sheep now are quoted at \$2.50 a head and wool at 21 cents a pound. Naturally the venture proved a failure and trouble began.

When times became slack, Davis, who came from Montana, sent there for his two daughters, Georgia and Edna, both good horsewomen and familiar with sheep ranch work, to come and assist at the ranch here, agreeing to pay them \$75 a month each. The daughters came immediately and went to work. For their work they claimed they had received no pay up to the time the partners became involved in the litigation so they sued the receiver of the firm for the amount due.

In directing the entry of judgment for plaintiffs in their suit, the court held that the Misses Davis had performed the work expected of them and were entitled to their pay and awarded them \$707.50 each.

In the partnership suit, plaintiff Grieve was granted a dissolution but was given no accounting, for as the opinion held, there was nothing left to account for. It is regrettable,

said the opinion, that defendant had to lose nearly a year of his time but to offset this, plaintiff had to pocket a loss of \$30,000 invested by him.

BLA (10 Sept. 1921) At the Court House—Antonio M. Lyons, through the law firm of Mahan & Mahan, has petitioned for the probate of the will of his mother, Mrs. Amelia Lyons, deceased, her estate consisting of securities and other personal property valued at \$7000. Bequests are made under the will to the following children and grandchildren: Antonio M. Lyons, Arcata; Sherman Lyons, Arcata; Josephine Lyons Arford, Fortuna; William Lyons, San Francisco; Grover Lyons and Denver Lyons, Buck Meadows; Virgie Lyons and Reid Lyons, Manteca; and Ella Lyons Kaufman, Coalinga.

AU (8 June 1922) Master Kenneth Spaulding is spending his vacation with his uncle Frank Decker on the Antone Lyons ranch in the Bald Hills.

BLA (8 Oct. 1921) Messrs. Antone Lyons and Arthur Stover attended to business matters in Eureka Wednesday.

BLA (1 April 1922) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons of Arcata were among Sunday's visitors to Blue Lake.

BLA (22 April 1922) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons and niece, Miss Josephine Beach were among Saturday's visitors to Blue Lake.

AU (26 April 1922) Personal Mention—Frank Decker and family have recently moved from the Bald Hills to Trinidad where Mr. Decker will work on the highway. He spent several months on the Antone Lyons ranch which he had rented but has given up the place.

BLA 29 April 1922) Supervisor Rasmus Anderson informs the Union that the wagon road from Orick to Orleans on the Klamath River will be open for auto travel by May 1<sup>st</sup>, and intends making a trip of inspection over the route today. A heavy coating of rock has been put on the 11-mile stretch between Orick and the Sherman Lyons ranch at a cost to the county of approximately \$28,000 and auto freight trucks have been running over the road for some time past. The ruts will not be filled with rock and the road put into shape for auto travel. Mr. Anderson will also put 2000 yards of rock on the stretch between Sherman Lyons' and Tomlinson's this summer and next winter the road can be traveled with autos all winter as far as the Tomlinson ranch.

BLA (13 May 1922) Antone Lyons and daughter, Mrs. Frank Decker of the Bald Hills, were here Monday en route to Davis, California, where they will attend the commencement exercises of the State Agricultural College. Mr. Lyons' son Eugene is among the lucky graduates.

AU (18 May 1922) Lyons Says Big Six is a Bear—Last week Donald MacPherson of Sandy's Garage, Arcata, sold a Studebaker Big Six to Antone Lyons of Davis, Calif. and the gentleman with his two daughters left overland for their home. The following letter tells its own story of what Mr. Lyons thinks of the Studebaker and its performance.

Davis, Calif.  
May 12, 1922  
Mr. Sandy MacPherson

Dear Friend,

I think I would write you a few lines and let you know that Big Six didn't get the best of me.

I tell you for a fact it is a grand car, so easy to handle and you very seldom need to change gears. It is surely wonderful and I can't say enough for it. The car is surely a beat to climb and made 13 3-5 miles on a gallon of gas coming down and I believe I can get 16 miles here.

Yours very truly,  
A.M. Lyons

BLA (20 May 1922) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons of Arcata were among the Saturday visitors to this city.

BLA (27 May 1922) Sheep Men Contract for their Wool—The wool growers of Humboldt County this year will not have to wait for buyers to sell their crops. Ninety per cent of the sheep raisers of this county have already made arrangements to dispose of their wool to Joseph W. Salz, the wool buyer from San Francisco. This was accomplished several weeks ago by A.N. Hunt of Arcata, who is acting as Mr. Salz' agent here. The wool men are getting from ten to fifteen cents a pound more for their product than they did last year and two years ago. Instead of getting 24 cents a pound, contracts have been signed for 35 cents and 40 cents per pound, which is considered a good price.

According to Mr. Hunt, the Humboldt wool, especially that raised in this northern section, is the best to be found in the United States for quality and fineness. It is of long fibre and is unusually clean and smooth and therefore commands the highest market price. Altogether, Mr. Hunt tells the Advocate that he has so far contracted for about 400,000 pounds from the different ranches in the county, including Fred S. Bair, Arthur Stover, J. Grieves of the Lyons Bros.' ranches, Anderson Bros., Tooby & Prior, and others too numerous to mention. This wool after being clipped and in sacks will be shipped to San Francisco to Mr. Salz and the latter will then reship it to New Jersey, where large woolen mills are in operation.

BLA (3 June 1922) A Severe Winter on Sheep Ranges—Harry Anders of Anderson Bros. of Angel's Ranch, five miles east of Blue Lake, was among yesterday's visitors to Blue Lake. According to Mr. Anderson the past winter has been one of the most severe on sheep in years. When the lambing season was at its height a cold spell came along, mixed

with snow and rain, which proved to be quite disastrous to the sheep men of this northern country—in fact, all over Humboldt county.

According to Anderson, about 60 lambs died on his ranch near here, which is hardly anything comparatively speaking to the loss other sheep raisers in the Bald Hills experienced. He ventured the assertion that among the three largest sheep ranches of northern Humboldt comprising the Bair ranch, the Hooker ranch, and the Lyons Bros.' ranches, in the neighborhood of 3000 sheep and lambs died from the cold winter weather of a month or two ago. But the sheep men feel somewhat relieved to learn that they will get a good price this year for their wool crop, something like forty cents per pound. The wool crop this year promises to be as good as usual.

BLA (10 June 1922) Antone Lyons and son Eugene and daughter Mrs. Wm. Grotzman of Bayside, were among Thursday's visitors to Blue Lake. Mr. Lyons and son expect to move to the Lyons Bros.' ranch today on the Bald Hills, where they will remain indefinitely. Eugene, who recently graduated from the University Agricultural College at Davis, will act as manager of the Lyons ranches.

AU (27 July 1922) Personal Mention—Frank Decker and wife from the Antone Lyons ranch in the Bald Hills arrived on Wednesday for a few days visit. They will return home on Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Charles Spaulding and daughter Gail who will visit in the mountains for two weeks. Wirt Lane and Charles Spaulding, accompanied by their families, camped at the mouth of Redwood near Orick on Saturday night. A nice catch of cutthroat trout was made on trolls with small copper spinners.

BLA (29 July 1922) Sheep Ranch for Sale—The well known Casterlin ranch in southern Humboldt, containing about 4200 acres, is offered for sale at the reasonable price of only \$10 per acre. It is one of the best stock ranches in Humboldt county....C.E. Robertson, Eureka.

AU (3 Aug. 1922) Personal Mention—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Decker and brother Antone Lyons who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spaulding left early in the week for their home at Orick.

BLA (5 Aug. 1922) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons and Miss Josephine Beach of Arcata and Mr. and Mrs. Enos Barber of Blue Lake spent Sunday with Mrs. Alice Golden on Murphy Ridge.

HS (9 Aug. 1922) The completion of the big suspension bridge over the Klamath at Martin's Ferry has revived many interesting stories and traditions relating to pioneer transportation along the turbulent old river....

AU (10 Aug. 1922) Personal Mention—Antone Lyons arrived at Arcata from his ranch in the Bald Hills on Monday on his way to Davis for a business trip of three weeks.

BLA (26 Aug. 1922) A band of 1000 head of mutton sheep from the Bair ranches at Maple Creek were driven to Essex this week by Robert Barr, the lessee, assisted by Arthur Frankzell, William Moon and Jack Ryan.

BLA (26 Aug. 1922) Eugene Lyons, manager of the Lyons Bros.' ranches on the Bald Hills, attended to business matters in Blue Lake Monday.

BLA (2 Sept. 1922) "No Hunting Allowed. Notice is hereby given that no hunting, shooting or trespassing is allowed on the Lyons Bros.' ranches in the Bald Hills. Anyone caught violating this order will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Lyons & Grieves."

BLA (23 Sept. 1922) Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons received the sad news Sunday of the sudden death of their nine-year-old [nine months] grandson Clarence Collier which occurred that day at his parents' residence at Palo Alto. They left immediately by train for that place, accompanied by their son, Eugene Lyons. No particulars of the boy's death were received here.

AU (28 Sept. 1922) Infant Grandson Dies in Palo Alto—Mrs. Frances Collier of Palo Alto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons of Blue Lake, received word on September 16<sup>th</sup> announcing the death of her nine-month-old son, Clarence, at Palo Alto. The lady had been on a visit to her parents and was on her way home, receiving the sad news on the train in Fortuna. The following day Mr. and Mrs. Lyons and son Eugene left for Palo Alto by train to be with their daughter.

BLA (30 Sept. 1922) A general meeting of the sheep men of Humboldt county will be held in Eureka October 10<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of organizing a local branch of the California Wool Growers' Association, it was announced at the Humboldt County Farm Bureau Monday. Dr. W.P. Wing of Red Bluff, secretary of the Wool Growers' Association will be present to help organize the local branch and he will bring with him several prominent speakers....

BLA (30 Sept. 1922) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons and niece Miss Josephine Beach of Arcata visited in Blue Lake Sunday.

BLA (14 Oct. 1922) Sheep Men Organize Here—Sixty sheep men of Humboldt county met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall in Eureka...to form a local branch of the industry here....the following officers were elected: William Perrott of Loleta, president; Sherman Lyons of Arcata, vice-president; Mrs. M. Merritt of Eureka, secretary; directors, Arthur Stover of Blue Lake, W.E. Elliott of Loleta, Doug Pryor of Blocksburg, Leonard Robinson of Garberville, Will Clark of Petrolia, W.N. Russ of Eureka, and Robert Barr of Maple Creek.

AU (2 Nov. 1922) Personal Mention—Frank Decker and wife of the Bald Hills visited Mr. Decker's sister, Mrs. Charles Spaulding, on Friday and Saturday, returning home the end of the week. Mr. Decker has rented the Driver ranch of 1600 acres at Luffenholtz creek and has driven down a couple of thousand head of sheep which will be kept on the coast for the winter.

BLA (25 Nov. 1922) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons and niece Miss Josephine Beach of Arcata called on friends in Blue Lake Saturday.

BLA (6 Jan. 1923) Prof. Carl Marshall writes to the Standard from Martin's Ferry....The fact [that the] auto stages are still running and making good time over the seventeen miles of road between Orick and Tomlinson's on the Bald Hills speaks eloquently for the effectiveness of the liberal supply of crushed stone put on that stretch of road during the past year....

BLA (27 Jan. 1923) Mrs. Sherman Lyons and niece Miss Josephine Beach of Arcata were guests at the Enos Barber home Saturday evening and Sunday.

BLA (24 Feb. 1923) Boston, Feb. 17—In spite of all the influences in the west against selling wool by contract on the sheep's back, it is estimated that considerably more than 500,000 pounds have been bought by Eastern interests through their local representatives Within the last week or so....[Utah mentioned] Other clips amounting to 30,000 fleeces in California were contracted for at 45 cents. Humboldt Count Wool Clip Quoted—These California clips would aggregate approximately 200,000 pounds. An offer of 52 cents was made for some of the choice Humboldt county wools in California but refused by the growers. Prices for these clips in 1922 were only about 22 cents to 23 cents, except that the Humboldt county wools were twenty cents higher. [Humboldt County growers got 54 cents]

AU (15 March 1923) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons, accompanied by Miss Lyon's sister, Mrs. Josephine Ross, left for the Lyons ranch in the Bald Hills last week. Mr. Lyons has again taken over his large sheep ranch and will conduct it himself in the future. He expects to return to Arcata this week and pack up his household goods and will sell his home on 11<sup>th</sup> street when opportunity offers.

AU (26 April 1923) Frank Decker and family have recently moved from the Bald Hills to Trinidad where Mr. Decker will work on the highway. He spent several months on the Antone Lyons ranch which he had rented but has given up the place.

BLA (7 July 1923) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons and niece Miss Josephine Beach of Arcata were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Enos Barber in Blue Lake on Wednesday.

BLA (14 July 1923) Mr. and Mrs. Frank Decker have rented and moved to the Mrs. George Kerg home north of town [Trinidad].

BLA (28 July 1923) Excellent Wool Crop in Humboldt—Sheep shearing in northern Humboldt is now going on, several crews being at work on Redwood Creek, at Angel's ranch and on Mad river. Shearing machines are used almost exclusively among the sheepmen here, it being easier and much faster than the old method of hand shearing.

According to Arthur S. Stover of the Hooker Ranch on Redwood Creek, he will shear this year in the neighborhood of 2500 head. Leslie Fearrien at the Bair Ranch on Redwood will also shear about 2000, while Tomlinson Bros. have already sheared about 1700 head, and the Lyons Bros. on the Bald Hills will clip the wool off about 4000 head. Up Mad river at Maple Creek and Three Cabins, Fred Bair and Robert Barr intend shearing about 6000 sheep this season. At Angel's Ranch the Anderson Bros. are now engaged in shearing their flock of about 900 head. At Liscom Hill, Lawrence Ford has a nice bunch of sheep, about 1000 head, which he will shear as soon as possible.

The crop this year is considered excellent, the wool being clean and extra long. According to Mr. Stover, the average will easily run eight pounds of wool per sheep. Humboldt wool, especially from this northern part, is considered among the best grade raised in the United States and commands the highest market price. While other sheepmen in other parts of the state are now getting from 45 cents to 55 cents per pound for their wool, the Humboldt growers always get from five to ten cents more for their product. It will be remembered that Humboldt wool grown by Lyons Bros. and the late J.H. Hooker on Redwood Creek received the first prize at the international exposition at Paris in 1900.

As the Humboldt sheepmen have not yet contracted for the sale of their wool, they expect to receive in the neighborhood of sixty cents per pound for it this year, the Boston market getting stronger gradually.

BLA (25 Aug. 1923) Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons and C.W. Spencer of Arcata spent Monday with relatives in Blue Lake.

DNT (24 May 1924) Floyd Hufford, formerly employed in the Hobbs, Wall logging camp, has gone to Orick where he will visit for a few days and will later take charge of the maintenance of the lines of the Coos and Curry Telephone Co. in that section.

BLA (7 June 1924) Obit Nancy A. Meherin in Los Gatos, 44 years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Wilder; children: Willie, David, John and Dorothy; sister Mrs. D.W. Lyons of San Francisco; brothers Albert, Edwin, Benjamin and Everett Wilder.

AU (24 July 1924) Mrs. Frank Decker and daughter from Orick are spending a few days visiting with the Charles Spaulding family in Arcata.

BLA (9 Aug. 1924) Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Lyons and daughters Mrs. Frances Collins and Mrs. Doris Grotzman, who spent the summer at the Lyons ranches in the Bald Hills, were in Blue Lake on their way to Arcata. Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Grotzman will leave for the home of the former at Palo Alto.

BLA (6 Sept. 1924) A.M. Lyons and Son of the Bald Hills have sold about 1000 head of mutton lambs to J.W. Salz of San Francisco. The sheep will be delivered next week to the Northwestern Pacific station at Essex for shipment to Ventura, where they will be put on pasture. Mr. Salz also purchased several hundred head of mutton sheep from Lawrence Ford of Liscom Hill near Blue Lake.

BLA (20 Sept. 1924) Some 3000 Head of Mutton Lambs and Sheep Shipped from this Section—This week about 3000 head of mutton lambs and mutton sheep from the different sheep ranches of this northern section were shipped to San Francisco and other points south. On Wednesday Antone Lyons and Son shipped from the Essex station of the N.W.P.RR, three miles west of Blue Lake, 1015 head of mutton lambs consigned to C.W. Wilcox of Oxnard. Lawrence Ford of Liscom Hill, near here, shipped 300 head to the Joe Salz ranch at Santa Rosa, and Hugh Wilson of McKinleyville shipped 200 head to the same place. Kiah Tomlinson of the Bald Hills accompanied a shipment to San Francisco of about 550 head, consigned to J.G. Johnson, the wholesale butcher. On Thursday Lyons and Son shipped 100 head of mutton sheep, Arthur Stover and Sons had 200 head, and Leslie Ferrien and Son had 500, all of which were consigned to Joe Salz of San Francisco. These sheep are in first-class condition and command a top-notch price, northern Humboldt producing nothing but the best mutton in California.

AU (9 Oct. 1924) The Grotzman Brothers recently purchased 500 head of sheep from the A.M. Lyons and Son ranch in the Bald Hills. The young men are well known Arcata ranchers and have been associated for some time past with their father Charles Grotzman in raising cattle on the home ranch south of town....

BLA (24 Jan. 1925) Back from Hot Springs—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stover, Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons, and Mrs. Lawrence Ford, Sr. of this section, who have been taking treatment for rheumatism at the hot springs at Calistoga for several weeks past, returned home this week feeling much better.

BLA (14 Feb. 1925) Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Beaver returned to their store at Hoopa on the 9<sup>th</sup> after a business trip to Eureka. While down from the mountains, they visited Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons of Arcata, where their daughter is staying while attending the Arcata High School.

AU (18 June 1925) Young Humboldt Wool Grower Honored—Eugene Lyons of Orick was awarded the two northern California trophies and the first sweepstakes prize for the best wool fleece in the first annual wool show of the California Wool Growers' Association at the California College of Agriculture at Davis this month. The wool show was held in connection with the sale of 1000 purebred rams, the marketing also being sponsored by the Association.

The first two prizes taken by young Lyons follows: Northern California Wool Warehouse Company, perpetual trophy for best fine wool fleece from northern counties, won by Eugene Lyons on American Merino range ewe fleece; Second, Ed Gambrel, Ukiah, Delaine ram fleece; third, Eugene Lyons, American Merino range ewe fleece.



Northern California Wool Warehouse Company, perpetual trophy for best medium wool fleece, won by Eugene Lyons on grade Shropshire range ewe fleece.

Lyons also took the perpetual trophy in the sweepstakes series, awarded for the best specimen of fine wool from the state. The young man is a high school graduate having attended school at Arcata and Eureka and later graduated from the State Farm School at Davis. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman [Antonio] Lyons of Arcata and has been for some time past associated with his father in conducting the large Lyons sheep ranges in the Bald Hills section.

The winning of these three fine trophies by young Lyons is an excellent advertisement for Humboldt wool and a splendid endorsement of the efforts of the young man and his father to improve the breed of sheep and produce high quality wool.

HS (23 June 1925) Four Beautiful Cups Won by Orick Man on Display Here—The imposing, if not overwhelming, array of four large silver cups won by Eugene Lyons of Orick for his display of fleece at the State Cattlemen's Association exhibition at Davis on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> arrived in Eureka yesterday and were put on display at the First National Bank this afternoon. The cups range in size from a two-foot silver urn on a black ebony pedestal to a slender, beautifully-designed vase a foot high. They are all engraved with a message of award to Lyons and the name of the donor, the date and the occasion.

The Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers awarded Lyons their trophy for the "best fine wool fleece of California." The Palace Hotel trophy is for the "best California fleece." Two of the cups were presented by the Northern California Wool Warehouse Company, one of them being for fine wool fleece from northern counties and the other for the best medium wool fleece from northern counties.

In winning first prizes on both fine and medium wool in this state-wide contest, Lyons brings to Humboldt county the distinction of leading the state in the quality of wool grown. W.P. Wing, secretary of the California Wool Growers Association with headquarters in San Francisco wrote to John W. Logan, county farm adviser of Humboldt county saying: "It was very gratifying to have a rangeman win the highest prizes at the wool show and we hope Lyons will be able to win the cups again next year." Wing asked that after the cups were displayed here that they be returned to him at San Francisco to be put on permanent display at the Association headquarters.

In commenting on Lyons' excellent records in winning the cups, Farm Adviser Logan declared that he considered two particular causes contributed to his success. First, the success was due to Lyons' good management in breeding and caring for his sheep and second, this success was made possible by the excellent climate conditions of Humboldt county which are extremely favorable to wool production. The fleece was off strictly range ewes, Logan stated. Lyons operates a large ranch east of Orick in the Bald Hills region.

The exhibition at Davis was the first of the kind held by the California Association and it is planned to make this an annual event.

AU (25 June 1925) Personals—Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Griffin arrived Saturday morning from Pleasanton to visit with Mrs. Griffin's sister, Mrs. Sherman Lyons of this city. The Griffins were formerly of Arcata and old time residents of northern Humboldt county.

BLA (20 Nov. 1926) Birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Grotzman, Trinity hospital, Arcata, Nov. 16.

BLA (15 Jan. 1927) Weitchpec—Roy Ames, who is employed at the Lyons ranch in the Bald Hills, spent several days with his family in the Morek section.

AU (4 Aug. 1927) Heart Failure Claimed Lyons—Reid M. Lyons of Manteca, nephew of Mrs. F.W. Arford of Fortuna, died July 17 of acute dilation of the heart following a swim in the Ripon spillway, according to word recently received by Mrs. Arford.

Lyons, who was 28 years old and a native of Bald Hills, had been swimming with a party of friends and on leaving the water to dress complained of being dizzy. A few minutes later he fell unconscious and died shortly afterwards. The funeral was held July 19, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows Lodge and interment was made in the cemetery at French Camp.

Lyons is survived by his mother, Mrs. Manda Lyons of Manteca, two sisters Mrs. Virginia Paul of Manteca and Mrs. Ella Kauffman of Coalinga and two brothers, Grover and Denver Lyons of Oakland. He also leaves three uncles, Sherman and Antone Lyons of Orick and William Lyons of Arcata and his aunt Mrs. Arford.

FE (21 Oct. 1927) Wool Growers Elect--L.A. Robertson has been elected president of the Humboldt County Wool Growers' Association. The board of directors is made up as follows: D.H. Prior, Blocksburg; W.N. Russell, Eureka; J.P. Anderson, Jr., Korbel; Joseph Russ, Ferndale; H.W. McWhorter, Fortuna; W.M. Clark, Petrolia; E.B. Lytel, Ferndale; Eugene Lyons, Bald Hills; and Wilson E. Elliott, Loleta.

BLA (22 Oct. 1927) Obit William Wilder, brother of Mrs. Antone (Mary) Lyons

HB (20 April 1928) Mrs. Luc Christina Gribble of Alton and Austin Eugene Lyons of Orick were united in marriage Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Presbyterian Church in Arcata by Rev. C. P. Hessel.

The young couple were attended by an uncle and aunt of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons of Arcata. The impressive ring service was performed at 11 o'clock. Immediately following the ceremony, an elaborate wedding dinner was served at the Hotel Arcata, after which the bride and groom departed on their honeymoon. On their return they will make their home at Orick where the groom is a prominent rancher.

Mrs. Lyons will be remembered as Miss Lucy Vetter. For some years she was a student at the local grammar school. She is the daughter of Mrs. Minnie Methols of Alton and a niece of Mrs. A.G. Campbell. Mr. Lyons is a nephew of Mrs. Fred Arford of Fortuna.

BLA (21 April 1928) Last Saturday morning at 11 in the Presbyterian Church in Arcata, Rev. C.P. Hessel spoke the words which united Mr. A. Eugene Lyons of Orick and Christina Gribble of Alton, attended by Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons [dinner at Hotel

Arcata; honeymoon, return to Bald Hills where the groom is associated in sheep raising business with his father, Antone Lyons]

BLA (25 Aug. 1928) Careless Tourists Set Fire to 400 Acres of Land on Lyons Ranch

AU (30 Aug. 1928) According to Antone Lyons, one of the owners of Lyons' sheep ranches on the Bald Hills beyond Orick, some careless tourist on Thursday of last week threw a lighted cigarette on the side of the road which crosses their ranches and as a result, the dry grass caught fire and about 400 acres of grass land was burned over. The fire was quickly discovered by some of the men working in that section...and a call to the Tomlinson ranch adjoining brought a crew of about eight or ten men who fought the fire, keeping it from spreading. The fire, before it was put under control, was about two miles long on each side of the road and one-half mile wide....

BLA (16 Feb. 1929) Weitchpec—Eugene Lyons of the Bald Hills was over to Martin's Ferry and purchased a span of work horses from Sam Tuley.

FE (25 Oct. 1929) Wool Growers Have Annual Meeting...old officers re-elected, A.E. Lyons, Orick.

Deeds 193:213 (30 Nov. 1929) Antonio Lyons purchased house at 838 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Arcata.

BLA (12 July 1930) Sherman Lyons of Arcata announces in today's Advocate his candidacy for the office of county supervisor from District No. 5, subject to the primary election, August 26. Mr. Lyons needs no introduction to the readers of the Advocate, having lived in the district, which he wishes to represent, all of his life. He has been in the sheep and wool business for over 40 years. He and his brother, Antone Lyons, own and operate a large sheep ranch in the Bald Hills. He has had a wide experience in a business line.

For the last eight years, he has been a resident of Arcata where he owns a fine home. Mr. Lyons states that if elected supervisor, he will devote all of his time to the business of the office and will put forth his best efforts for the benefit of the Fifth District and the entire county as well. His political card appears in another column in this issue.

AU (31 July 1930) Sherman Lyons For Supervisor—Sherman Lyons, who has been a resident of Arcata for the past eight years, makes his announcement in the Union this issue of his candidacy for the office of supervisor from the Fifth District. Mr. Lyons was born at Martins Ferry on the Klamath river and has been a life-long resident of the Bald Hills section, where he is known as a large sheep grower. He was road overseer in his district under three or four supervisors and is experienced in business matters.

Mr. Lyons believes that he is qualified to represent the people as supervisor and has asked the Union to state that if elected, he will give his full time to the business of the office.

BLA (13 Dec. 1930) Mink Farm Started in the Bald Hills; Mrs. Albert Tomlinson Receives First Shipment of Animals.

BLA (6 June 1931) Orick—Last week Theodore Kring of Orick and Gus Landergren, the state hunter who is employed in this territory, received word from the head office at Sacramento to go to the Bald Hills to kill some bears which have been killing a great many sheep on the Gene Lyons ranch and on the Tomlinson ranch for some time. The two men left immediately for the hills and with Kiah Tomlinson, Everett Tomlinson, and Gene Lyons, saddled horses and took a large pack of hounds and tracked the fresh bear tracks. Landergren, ahead of the others with his hounds, finally found the bear near the mouth of Tectah creek. The bear would not tree but kept fighting the dogs until it was shot. It was an unusually large animal, weighing 500 pounds. There have been forty sheep killed since last fall and the ranchers have been trying to trap the bear but he outsmarted every one. During the winter he hibernated and there were no sheep killed, but as soon as those six weeks were over, he began killing again. All that would be left of the sheep was a few bones when he got through.

The next day the hunters let the saddle horses and hounds rest, but Thursday morning they went to find a second bear which had also been killing sheep lately. Everett Tomlinson killed this one on the Lyons ranch on Redwood Creek. The hounds treed him and he came down, but went up again for the second time. It was then Everett shot him down from the top of a high redwood tree. On the second trip Charles Beaver, another state hunter, and his 12 bear dogs from Hoopa were along. The second bear weighed 200 pounds. Friday, a third sheep killing bear was killed. This bear was just an average sized one. It is hoped that there will be no more sheep killed.

BLA (11 July 1931) J.M. Purrington, foreman at the A.E. Lyons Ranch on Bald Hills, left Arcata Tuesday night on the second leg of his trip with a cargo of sheep and lambs loaded in a truck and trailer. The consignment consists of 250 lambs and 180 wethers. Purrington estimated the round trip would take 36 hours.

BLA (25 July 1931) Hydesville—Mr. and Mrs. Denver Lyons who have been visiting in this county with relatives and friends, left for their home in Oakland Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Lyons was formerly Miss Fae Cooper of Carlotta, niece of Mrs. J.E. Kemp.

FE (13 Nov. 1931) Wool Growers Act to Help Industry--...In describing the importance of the industry in Humboldt county, it pointed out that flocks of sheep in the county number 100,000 sheep with an annual wool clip of 750,000 pounds. A large part of this clip is manufactured in Eureka by the Eureka Woolen Mills...

HS (7 Jan. 1932) Grover Lyons Dies in Home at Oakland, Miranda—Grover Lyons, former resident of Humboldt county, died last week at his home in Oakland. Deceased was 42 years of age, a native of Humboldt county. Surviving are his widow and two small daughters and his mother Mrs. Manda Lyons of Manteca. He also leaves an aunt Mrs. Fred Arford of Miranda; two uncles Sherman and Antonio Lyons of Orick; and an uncle

in San Francisco; a brother Denver Lyons and a sister Mrs. Arthur Paul, both of Oakland. Interment at French Camp.

AU (29 Jan. 1932) Floyd Hufford Is Dead—On Saturday, Floyd Hufford, well-known Orick man, died at the Trinity Hospital after a short illness, double pneumonia being the cause of his death.

Deceased was a native of Humboldt county and lived at Orick for many years. He was a member of Arcata Post No. 274, American Legion, having served in the World War in the A.E.F.

He leaves his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hufford of Orick; one son, Floyd Eugene of Palo Alto; three sisters, Mrs. Josephine Gallione of Oregon, Mrs. Ida Francis and Mrs. Vina Alcorn of Orick; and four brothers, Walter, Leslie, Elmer and Kenneth Hufford of Orick.

The funeral with military services was held at the Veterans building Arcata on Monday afternoon at 1:30 with members of Arcata Post acting as pall bearers. Rev. C.P. Hessel conducted the funeral services and interment was made at Trinidad.

BLA (7 May 1932) Martins Ferry—Mrs. And Mrs. Eugene Lyons of the Bald Hills were at Martins Ferry on Friday.

BLA (7 May 1932) Miranda—Antonio Lyons, wife and daughter, Mrs. Frank Decker, all of Arcata motored to the F.W. Arford home Friday evening. Arlene Decker, who accompanied them to visit her father F. Decker at the Arford home. Antonio Lyons is Mrs. Arford's brother.

BLA (4 June 1932) Miranda—Frank Decker visited his wife and family in Arcata Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Frederick Arford and wife were business visitors in Fortuna and Ferndale Tuesday.

BLA (18 June 1932) Miranda—Frederick Arford is haying on the Sunnyside ranch for H.A. Hine, helping the men who are employed on the Somerville ranch.

BLA (25 June 1932) Miranda—Arford, Smith, Tosten and Thomas have just finished shearing operations. Mrs. Frank Decker and daughter, Arlene, of Arcata and her sister Mrs. William Grotzman and family of Bayside are camping on Salmon Creek near the Oakdale school.

BLA (2 July 1932) Miranda—The F.W. Arford home was the scene of a large gathering of relatives and friends over the weekend. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rogers, Fortuna; Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Lyons, Arcata; Mr. and Mrs. William E. Grotzman and children, Bayside; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grotzman, Arcata; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Decker and daughter, Miranda; John Anderson, Arcata; and host and hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Arford also entertained neighbors and relatives Wednesday evening when the time was passed in social converse and refreshments served to the following guests: O.

Rogers and son, Richard; Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Smith and baby; Eugene Kegler; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Decker; Arlene Decker and Doris Grotzman and two children.

BLA (9 July 1932) Miranda—Frank Decker left the Sunnyside ranch as caretaker, moving out with his family, who have been camping on the creek. William Grotzman motored out Wednesday to move his wife and children back to their home after several enjoyable weeks of camping here.

BLA (28 Jan. 1933) Orick—Mrs. Frank Decker of Arcata is visiting her husband in the Bald Hills.

BLA (8 July 1933) Miranda—Denver Lyons and family and his mother, Mrs. M. Lyons of Manteca, arrived from Oakland at the Frederick Arford home Sunday night. Lyons' is Mrs. Arford's nephew. They will motor to Eureka, Arcata and the Bald Hills to visit relatives.

BLA (23 Sept. 1933) Business is Good on the Klamath...Large herds of sheep belonging to Kiah and Albert Tomlinson and Antone and Sherman Lyons were seen on the Bald Hills. Although wool was none too plentiful this season due to last winter's cold period resulting in the death of many lambs, profits were larger than for several years past due to a tremendous raise in prices. Wool last season brought about twelve cents a pound, while this year the price has reached thirty-eight cents.

BLA (28 April 1934) Antone Lyons Reports Prosperity in Bald Hills—Mr. and Mrs. Antone M. Lyons of Orick, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Hattie Decker of Arcata, were Blue Lake visitors Wednesday. Mr. Lyons who has one of the finest sheep ranches in the Bald Hills reports the lambing season is just about over there and owing to the mild season, the crop has been about 100 per cent. He reports the feed on the range doing fine and the outlook for a prosperous season has never been better.

BLA (5 May 1934) Miranda—Frederick Arford was again called for jury duty in Eureka.

HS (30 July 1934) Blaze Destroys Bald Hills Mills, Orick, July 30—Fire believed to have been caused by a spark from the smokestack destroyed the Tomlinson Brothers mill at Bald Hills Saturday. Four cords of wood and some lumber also were destroyed by the flames.

BLA (4 Aug. 1934) Fire destroyed Tomlinson Brothers mill on Bald Hills recently; also four cords of wood and some lumber.

BLA (4 Aug. 1934) A fire believed to have been caused by a spark from the smokestack destroyed the Tomlinson Brothers mill at Bald Hills recently.

HT (31 Jan. 1935) Orick Men Buck Heavy Snowdrift—Frank Hufford and a crew of men are breaking a way through three feet of snow to the Tomlinson ranch in Bald Hills.

BLA (17 Aug. 1935) Miranda—Mrs. Wayne Arford left for Dunsmuir by stage to visit Dr. and Mrs. E.J. Cornish for over a month.

HT (29 Sept. 1935) Orick Briefs—Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Lyons, accompanied by their son Eugene Lyons and wife, have returned from an extended trip back east. They visited Salt Lake City, Washington D.C., Chicago, and New York City and all points of interest while away. On their return trip, Mr. Lyons purchased at South Bend, Indiana, a new Studebaker car. The Lyons are prominent sheep men here and while away they purchased a few choice rams for their ranches.

HT (15 Jan. 1939) Orick Briefs—Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lyons left Wednesday for San Francisco where Mr. Lyons will take treatments. Then they will visit relatives and friends in Redwood City for three months.

AU (9 June 1939) Gene Lyons' Dog Wins Top Honors--"Bob," a sheep dog owned by Gene Lyons of Orick, won the sheep dog contest sponsored by the Humboldt Wool Growers Association at their annual Field Day held at Rohner Park last Sunday. Bob took first place by herding a pen of sheep around the stake course in 5 minutes and 20 seconds. The gold cup awarded Lyons will become a permanent trophy if won twice in succession or any three times.

FE (15 Sept. 1939) Local Fleeces Judge High at State Fair--....American or Delaini Merino, Gene Lyons of Orick, first....

BLA (14 Oct. 1939) Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons of the Bald Hills are on a vacation trip to Pittsburg where they will visit their grandson and family and also stop in Palo Alto.

FE (30 May 1940) Wool Growers to Picnic Tomorrow--....Twenty-two lambs for the barbecue will be furnished by...[among others] Gene Lyons....

FE (31 May 1940) Wool Growers annual picnic at Rohner Park; lamb donated for barbecue from Antone Lyons.

BLA (20 July 1940) Obit Charles Grotzman, 80, died at home on the Old Arcata Road, native of Germany, lived here 60 years, farmer. Wife Lena, sons Henry and William of Bayside, daughter Mrs. Violet Abrahamson of Eureka.

FE (23 May 1941) Wool Growers to Picnic Tomorrow—Members and guests of the Humboldt County Wool Growers Association will enjoy the annual picnic and field day tomorrow at Rohner Park....AT the conclusion of the lunch hour a short program of talks will be made by visiting agriculture experts among whom will be...L.H. Rockford, livestock extension specialist, who will explain the program being carried out on the Gene Lyons' ranch at Orick....Gene Lyons will bring several of the sheep from his ranch which will be used to illustrate the talk of L.H. Rockford.

AU (11 July 1941) Sherman Lyons Pioneer Stock Owner Succumbs—Sherman Lyons, pioneer Humboldt county sheepman, succumbed Wednesday night [July 9] in the Franklin Hospital, San Francisco. AT his beside were his wife and two brothers, Antone of Bald Hills and William of San Francisco.

Lyons was 76 years of age and was owner, with his brother, Antone, of two sheep ranches at Bald Hills, where he was born and reared. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Lyons. He retired from active ranching 25 years ago and later resided in Blue Lake and Arcata. He was married to Mary Alvira Beach of Little River 46 years ago. Mrs. Lyons' brother, Winfield Beach, succumbed last week.

Beside his wife and two brothers, Lyons leaves a sister Mrs. Fred Arford of Fortuna and several nieces and nephews. Although they had no children, Mr. and Mrs. Lyons reared Miss Josie Beach. The body arrived this morning from San Francisco and was taken to Paul's Chapel pending funeral arrangements.

AU (26 Sept. 1941) Women "Kill" Dummy Buck on Hunt Trip—One of the most "successful" deer hunting trips of the week was that of Alice Spinas and Hattie Decker, who were hunting in the Bald Hills district earlier this week.

Mrs. Spinas and Mrs. Decker had been hunting for some time and coming to an opening saw a fine big buck standing some yards away. Mrs. Decker fired, making what she thought a perfect shot, but the "buck" continued to stand. She fired again and still it stood. Wondering why it refused to fall, she decided to investigate. She found much to her surprise that it was a dummy consisting of a deer head and skin which covered a log set up from the ground on sticks. The "deer" was planted there by the ladies' host.

HT (15 Oct. 1941) [Randolph McCready, 60, hit and killed on highway at Orick; had been cooking for Gene Lyons of Arcata, hauling tanbark to a plant in Arcata.]

BLA (9 May 1942) Arcata, May 9—[photo] Celebrating their golden wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Antonio M. Lyons of Arcata will be honored at an open house in their home Monday from two to five o'clock. Hundreds of friends throughout the county are expected to greet the esteemed pioneers.

On May 11, 1892, Miss Mary Wilder of Orleans and Antonio Lyons of Bald Hills were married in Eureka by Judge Hanna. Mrs. Lyons was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilder, early settlers at Orleans, and Lyons was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Lyons of Bald Hills. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons made their home on their large sheep ranch at Bald Hills until 15 years ago, when he retired and gave the management of the ranch to his only son, Gene Lyons, who has operated the holdings since that time. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons have a home in Arcata, but still spend much of their time at the ranch.

They are the parents of four children, Frances McKee of Menlo Park, Harriet Decker and Doris Grotzman of Arcata, and Gene Lyons of Bald Hills. Their grandchildren are Arlene Decker, Charles and Ethel Grotzman of Arcata, Eugene Hufford of Pittsburg, June Kelly of San Francisco and Mary Gribble of Berkeley. They have three great grandchildren.



Mrs. Fred Arford of Fortuna is a sister of Lyons and Mrs. Lyons has one sister, Mrs. A.A. Quinn of Palo Alto and a brother Henry Wilder of Berkeley. All out of town relatives are planning to join them for the golden jubilee Monday.

Antone Lyons is recognized as one of the leading stockmen of the county and for many years took prominent part in all their affairs. He is a member of the Humboldt County Wool Growers Association and other organizations. His son, Gene, is now carrying on his activities in stock raising and is participating in activities of sheep growers in the county and state.

The three daughters and Mrs. Gene Lyons will assist Mr. and Mrs. Lyons to receive guests at their home on 17<sup>th</sup> street between H and I in Arcata Monday afternoon. In the evening a family dinner will be served at their home.

HT (10 May 1942) Photo and article about golden wedding celebration for Mary and Antone Lyons.

BLA (23 May 1942) The wedding of Miss Mary Gribble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Lyons of Orick, and Samuel West of Boston was held in the University Christian Church in Berkeley last Friday afternoon. Dr. Harold Griggs read the marriage rites before a large assembly of friends and relatives and the bride's father, E.A. Lyons gave her in marriage.

Mrs. West is a graduate of the Arcata High School, was awarded a sweater for being the outstanding senior girl when she graduated. She then attended the University of California and graduated from there last week.

West graduated from University of California last year and is now doing research work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. The couple will establish a home in Boston.

FE (12 June 1942) County Wool Growers Hold Annual Picnic--...In the sheep dog contest...Gene Lyons of Orick had the third place winner.

BLA (25 July 1942) B.F. McCombs of Redwood Creek, sheepman and Fred Graham of Blue Lake, formerly foreman for Russ Co. at Murphy Ridge, have purchased the Sherman Lyons estate, including the old Jonathan Lyons property at Bald Hills. The sale was for 4,000 acres of land with no stock. The new owners plan to take the ranch over next year and will stock it with some 1,200 ewes. McCombs owns the former Berry Ranch at Redwood Creek, on which he now runs 1,200 ewes.

AU (27 Nov. 1942) Mrs. Frank Decker Claimed by Death—Mrs. Frank (Harriet) Decker of Arcata passed away at a local hospital Wednesday [Nov. 25], after a few days illness. She has been in ill health for several months but her death came as a shock to her many friends.

Surviving her are her husband Frank Decker, a daughter Arlene Decker, her parents Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons, all of Arcata, a brother Eugene Lyons of Bald Hills, and a sister Mrs. William Grotzman of Bayside. Service were held this afternoon from Paul's Chapel. [also survived by sister Frances]

AU (22 Jan. 1943) Funeral Held for Percival McKee—Funeral services were held at Paul's Chapel Tuesday afternoon with Rev. Dodds Bunch officiating for Percival David McKee, who died suddenly Saturday [Jan. 16] from a heart attack suffered while repairing a barn on the Lyons ranch at Bald Hills. McKee, with his wife, had been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Lyons of Arcata until recently.

McKee was born in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, 50 years ago. He was a carpenter and had lived at Palo Alto and Menlo Park for 15 years....

BLA (23 Jan. 1943) Obit Percival David McKee, age 50, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons; he and Antone were working on barn; he fell off from heart attack; born Canada; burial Sunset Memorial Park, Eureka.

BLA (7 Aug. 1943) Henry Stenberg, who is employed by Gene Lyons of Bald Hills, narrowly escaped serious injuries Tuesday when his horse fell upon him. He received a broken hand, a scalp injury and bruises. He is confined to the St. Joseph hospital in Eureka for treatment.

AU (13 Aug. 1943) Word was received in Arcata by Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons of the death of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Manda Lyons of Manteca, who died in Oakland on August 7<sup>th</sup> and buried in Manteca on Tuesday. Mrs. Lyons formerly lived in Humboldt County where her husband Anderson was associated with his brothers, Antone and the late Sherman Lyons, prominent stockmen of Bald Hills.

BLA (14 Aug. 1943) Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lyons of Arcata received word of the death of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Manda Lyons of Manteca, wife of the late Anderson Lyons; died in Oakland Aug. 7; burial Manteca.

HT (17 Aug. 1943) Mrs. Amanda Lyons, former resident of Orick and Blocksburg, died August 7 at the home of her son, Denver Lyons in Oakland. She is also survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ray Kaufman of Ceres, California.

? (7 Sept. 1943) Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham are moving this week to the "GMC" ranch known as the Sherman Lyons ranch in the Bald Hills, which Graham purchased jointly with B. McCombs.

BLA (11 Sept. 1943) William E. Grotzman charged with drunken driving.

AU (14 April 1944) Mrs. A.M. Lyons of Arcata was guest of honor at a birthday dinner at her home recently when her daughter, Mrs. Frances McKee, entertained the members of her family and a few friends. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Lyons, their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Lyons, their grandson F.E. Hufford, his wife and two children of Pittsburg....

BLA (19 Aug. 1944) Denver Lyons, who formerly lived in Eureka, died Friday in Oakland; survived by wife, former Faye Cooper of Eureka; two uncles Sherman [Antonio] Lyons of Arcata and J.F. Godfrey, Eureka.

AU (22 Sept. 1944) Mrs. Mary Lyons Taken by Death—Mrs. Mary Anne Lyons of Arcata, wife of Antone Lyons, died at her home last Thursday evening [Sept. 14] from a heart attack. She was born at Orleans 73 years ago and with her husband lived at their Bald Hills ranch for 40 years, coming to Arcata 12 years ago. Surviving besides her husband are her daughters Mrs. Frances McKee of Arcata and Mrs. Doris Grotzman of Palo Alto ; son Eugene Lyons of Bald Hills; sisters, Mrs. Ellen Quinn of Palo Alto, Elsie Larsen of Los Angeles; brothers Henry Wilder of Berkeley, Alick Wilder of Vallejo, and George Wilder of Orleans; also several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Interment in Sunset Memorial Park.

AU (1 Dec. 1944) Chas. E. Grotzman Wounded in Action—age 19, son of Wm. Grotzman of Bayside and Mrs. Doris Grotzman of Palo Alto.

HT (26 Jan. 1945) Two Dead after Bayside Shooting; William Grotzman, 47, kills Dora Weger, 47.

BLA (3 Feb. 1945) Murder and Suicide at Bayside Climaxes Long Bitter Quarrel

HT (27 Feb. 1945) Engagement Ethel Grotzman and Wes Norton, photo.

AU (2 March 1945) Ethel Grotzman, daughter of Doris Grotzman, to wed Wesley Norton.

HT (27 March 1945) Charles Grotzman Home on Furlough; visited mother in Palo Alto and sister Ethel, photo

BLA (26 May 1945) Somes Bar—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lyons, their daughter, Mrs. Mary West, all of Bald Hills and his father, A.M. Lyons of Arcata, were visitors here.

AU (1 June 1945) McCombs Buys Purebred Rams—B.F. McCombs of Bald Hills, Orick, and formerly of Redwood Creek, was among Humboldt County sheepmen who purchased purebred rams at the 25<sup>th</sup> annual California ram sale held recently at Galt, Sacramento County, under the auspices of the California Wool Growers Association. McCombs purchased the following: two Romeldale rams from the MacMurry ranch, Healdsburg; four Rambouillet rams from Wunn S. Hansen, Colliston, Utah; two Suffolk rams from Ahrens Bros., Turner, Ore.; three Rambouillet rams from the U. of C. at Davis....

AU (15 June 1945) Ethel Grotzman, Wesley Norton Wed in Church Rites—Miss Ethel Grotzman and Wesley Norton of Arcata were married Sunday [June 10] at 2 o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church in a double ring ceremony in the presence of several hundred relatives and friends.

The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather Antone M. Lyons of Arcata, and Rev. Dodds Bunch officiated at the ceremony....The reception was held at the home of the bride's grandfather. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Doris Grotzman of Palo Alto. She is a graduate of the high school there and has been attending Humboldt State College....She has one brother, Pvt. Charles Grotzman, who is now in a Colorado Springs hospital recovering from wounds received in Europe.

Norton is the son of Roy Norton of Dows Prairie and Mrs. Lawrence Knudsen of Eureka. He is a graduate of Arcata high school and California Polytechnic College of San Luis Obispo. The couple will return to Arcata to live until September, when they will go to San Luis Obispo where Norton will teach agriculture in the high school....

AU (20 July 1945) [Arlene Decker and Robert Horstman marry in Reno]

HT (15 July 1945) Photo Mrs. Robert Horstman—Local Couple Returns after Reno Wedding—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Horstman, who have just returned here from their honeymoon in the Sacramento and bay areas, will make their home in the Eureka Apartments.

Mrs. Horstman was formerly Arlene Decker and the wedding took place in Reno Nevada on June 26. The bride wore a fuchsia colored suit with white accessories and her corsage was of white orchids. She is a graduate of Arcata high school and Eureka Business College and has been employed here by James Cloney.

Horstman, who is now employed in the office of the Internal Revenue, served with the Marine Corps on Guadalcanal and other South Pacific fronts. He received his education in Indianapolis, although his parents Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Horstman now reside in San Francisco as does his sister, Miss Ruth Horstman.

BLA (21 July 1945) Miss Arlene Decker, daughter of Frank Decker of Arcata, and Robert Horstman of Eureka were married in Reno, June 26<sup>th</sup>. The bride is a graduate of Arcata schools and the Eureka Business College and for over two years has been employed in an office in Eureka. Horstman, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Horstman of San Francisco, was in the Marine Corps and recently received an honorable discharge. He is now employed by the Dept of the Internal Revenue in Eureka.

BLA (6 Oct. 1945) Orleans—Eugene Lyons purchased 41 head of Columbian ewes and bucks in Bozeman, Montana.

FE (9 Nov. 1945) Committeemen and Officers Appointed for Wool Growers—Meeting Saturday, the Board of Directors of the Humboldt County Wool Growers Association...officers and committeemen were appointed. A.E. Lyons is the first vice-president....The committees to function for the coming years: predatory animal control...A.E. Lyons...membership...A.E. Lyons...brush burning....

AU (12 April 1946) McCombs Now Sole Owner of Ranch—Byron F. McCombs, prominent California sheepman, is now the sole owner of the 2600 acre Sherman Lyons ranch on Bald Hills. He recently purchased the other half of the ranch from Fred Graham

with whom he bought the ranch in September 1943 from the Sherman Lyons estate. The ranch is about 10 miles east of Orick. McCombs formerly owned the Barry Summit sheep ranch on Redwood Creek....

FE (24 May 1946) Sheepmen Return From State Ram Sale--Humboldt county was well represented at the California Sheep Show and Ram Sale held at the Sacramento County Fair grounds in Galt last week, with a number of local ranchers attending the sale and returning with prize stock...

Among the Humboldters attending the event, many of whom bought new stock, were...Gene Lyons...Byron McCombs...

AU (4 Oct. 1946) New Lumber Mill Opens Operations on McCombs Ranch—Among the newest lumber mills in operation in northern Humboldt county is the plant opened last week on the McCombs Ranch, Bald Hills, by the Lumberman's Supply, Inc. of Sacramento. The mill has a capacity of 40,000 feet per day and will saw fir and redwood. A crew of 15 to 20 men will be employed.

Logging operations are also being carried on by the plant on the McCombs property. Helmar Hauge is the mill superintendent. Three cabins have already been built for employees and their families. More cabins are under construction. A post office and school are also planned in that area. It was said the firm is part of the Auburn Lumber Co., Auburn, of which Wendall T. Robie is president. He is also a member of the State Board of Forestry.

BLA (12 Oct. 1946) Operations Started at Bald Hills Mills—Lumberman's Supply, Inc. of Sacramento has started operations at their mill recently constructed on the McComb ranch at Bald Hills with Hilmar Hauge as superintendent. The mill has a capacity of 40,000 feet per day with a crew of 20 men employed. Logging operations are underway near the mill. Cabins are being erected for employees and their families, and the firm expects soon to have a school and post office in the area. Lumbermen's Supply Inc. is part of the Auburn Lumber Co. of Auburn of which Wendall T. Robie, a member of the California State Forestry board, is president, according to reports.

BLA (29 March 1947) Orick, March 26—Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lyons of the Bald Hills section were in Orick for some shopping on Tuesday....Mr. and Mrs. B.F. McCombs of Bald Hills were also in Orick one day last week. They have a new station wagon which they use for hauling supplies to their large sheep ranch.

AU (2 May 1947) Four Big Plants Now At Orick--Four major wood products plants are now located in the Orick vicinity...The mills are: Geneva Lumber Co., which is scheduled to start operations in May with approximately 100 men on the payroll; Sacramento Building Supply which has a 60-man lumber mill on Bald Hills; H.H. Harding Lumber Co.; and the O. Teggart Sunset Shingle Mill..

FE (13 June 1947) Ram Sale Set—Rams to be sold; New Zealand Merinos and Corriedales, Gene Lyons, Orick; others selling Suffolks, Romeldales, Shropshires, Romneys and Cotswolds.

BLA (14 June 1947) B.F. McCombs, Orick wool grower and cattleman, has been selected by Swift & Co. to represent California on a continental tour of inspection of Swift & Co. plants all over the nation....

FE (20 June 1947) Wool Assn. Prepared For Large Ram Sale At Co. Fair Grounds--The first public ram sale ever to be held in Humboldt County will get under way at the county fair grounds in this city tomorrow at 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Humboldt County Wool Growers Association, some of the finest registered rams in the state will be offered for sale...

Suffolks lead the field with 50 entries. Romneys are next with 23 entries. There are ten each Suffolk cross, Romeldales, Shropshires and Corriedales, and four each new Zealand Merinos and Cotswolds.

Wool men who have entered stock to date include Gene Lyons, Orick;...

BLA (2 Aug. 1947) B.F. McCombs, Bald Hills rancher above Orick, was announced as the newly-elected vice-president of the Pacific Wool Growers after a board of directors meeting at Portland, Oregon last weekend....

BLA (6 Dec. 1947) Orick—The Lumberman's Supply Mill, located in the Bald Hills, has closed for the winter. Roy Duncan, superintendent, is now in San Francisco on business.

AU (25 Dec. 1947) Early History and Growth of Orick Related...The first mill was built and operated by Case and Chittenden. H. Harding is the present owner. Since then we have had several smaller mills and two large mills in operation. The Geneva mill is an all steel mill, one of the few ever built. The Lumberman's Supply Company is located on the Bald Hills. Companies logging here are the California Barrel Company, the Arcata Redwood Company, The Arrow Mill and Puckett Company...

BLA (1 Jan. 1949) Orleans—George Wilder returned home on Wednesday after an extended trip to Yreka and Redding where he visited with friends, then to Vallejo to visit his brother, Alec Wilder. He returned home via Eureka where he spent Tuesday with his niece, Mrs. Frances Roessner and Antone Lyons in Arcata.

AU (21 Jan. 1949) Dinner Honors A.M. Lyons, 79—A.M. Lyons was guest of honor when his daughter, Mrs. Doris Grotzman entertained for him on his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday. The dinner was at her home. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arford, Fortuna; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Roessner of Eureka; and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lyons of Orick.

HT (22 July 1949) Controlled burning of brush lands, long advocated by ranchers of this and surrounding regions, but previously condemned by the forest service, is now permitted under a new law passed by the California Assembly.

In reporting this progress for ranchers, "California Cattleman" states: Under the provisions of this law, ranchers should be able, for the first time, to make real progress in reclaiming the ten million acres of California range lands which have been taken over by brush under the previous "no burn" edicts.

AU (16 Dec. 1949) Orick—Fire Destroys Lumber Mill at Bald Hills—Fire of an undetermined origin completely destroyed the large Lumberman's Supply Mill in Bald Hills, owned by the Tall Tree Lumber Company of Lebanon, Oregon, Friday.

According to reports, the fire started suddenly and burned quickly being fanned by high wind. Workmen were unable to save any of the property. The mill was the second largest in this area and was purchased by the present owners only a few weeks ago. A few days after the purchase, while on a trip to visit the mill, the owner was stricken by a heart attack and died. He is survived by sons who are carrying on the business.

HT (20 Jan. 1950) [Aftermath of flood in Orick area. Pierce Flying Service dropped food packages to about nine members of three families near Schoolhouse Peak.] Byron McCombs, a rancher near Orick reported yesterday that the Manezes, Lyons and McConnell families had been snowed in for 14 days and hadn't been able to get out and obtain food.

AU (10 March 1950) Byron F. McCombs, prominent rancher and candidate for supervisor in the fifth district, sold his 3,000 acre sheep ranch on Bald Hills to J.L. McNeill of Ukiah. McNeill took possession February 1.

HT (31 March 1950) [photo] Mr. and Mrs. Antone M. Lyons; Mrs. Winifred Baird and Antone M. Lyons—Rev. J. Eldon Anderson officiated at a quiet wedding ceremony in Arcata Saturday afternoon, which united Mrs. Winifred Baird of this city and Antone M. Lyons of Arcata. Attendants were Mrs. Naomi Hill, daughter of the bride, and Gene Lyons, son of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Lyons was dressed in a navy blue costume with white accessories and orchid corsage. The matron of honor wore navy blue and a corsage of pink carnations. Bouquets of daffodils decked the rooms and centered the refreshment table with a tiered cake and tapers. Only relatives of the couple attended the wedding and reception. Mrs. Lyons has been a resident of Eureka for many years and Lyons, a prominent stockman is retired.

Guests at the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Norton of Redding, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lyons of Bald Hills, Mrs. Doris Grotzman of Coos Bay, Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Roessner, Mr. and Mrs. Everett St. Peter, Arthur and Tom Hall of Eureka, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arford, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Arford of Fortuna, and Mrs. Ellen Quinn of Palo Alto.

BLA (13 May 1950 ) Hoopa—Eugene Lyons, a sheep rancher of Bald Hills, and Ervin Chase were business visitors here Thursday.

AU (1 June 1950) Warren Hancorne, pioneer mailman on Klamath River...For ten years [c. 1900], Warren delivered the mail from Orick to what was then known as the Klamath post office, located at Johnsons....Hancorne's mail route of 26 miles was made twice a week...traveling to and from by his well-known white mule to bring the few letters and many items of community news to the settlers along the trail. He delivered to Bill Crutchfield, Jim Thompson, Frank Butler, Joe Pitt, Neil Thompson, Sherman Lyons, and others along the route. A small stopover post office with William Sigsby as post master was known as Gans Post Office, located between Lyons and the Hancorne road.

BLA (15 Feb. 1951) Orleans—Eugene Lyons and his nephew Charles Grotzman of Bald Hills, left to their home Monday evening after spending Sunday night with Lyons' uncle, George Wilder. Before leaving for Bald Hills, Lyons, Grotzman and Wilder went to Happy Camp to visit Henry Wilder. Lyons, a well known stockman and rancher, attended the Bull Sale held at Red Bluff Wednesday.

BLA (26 July 1951) Orleans—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hufford and daughter, Patty of Pittsburg, were en route through here Monday while on a vacation visiting his many relatives, including Henry Wilder at Clear Creek, George Wilder of this community and will visit his uncle, Eugene Lyons, at Bald Hills.

Official Records 193:94 (21 Dec. 1951) Antonio's house on 17<sup>th</sup> Street to Doris Detillion.

Humboldt Beacon (26 Feb. 1953) Fredrick Arford Dies at Age 71—Fredrick Wayne Arford, age 71, died at his Fortuna home Sunday afternoon February 22 following a long illness. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel of Goble's Fortuna mortuary with burial at Sunset Memorial Park in Eureka.

Arford was born in Napa County but came to Humboldt County as a small child. He first lives at Arcata where he was a driver of a freight wagon from there to Orleans. Later he drove between Carlotta ad Blocksburg. He was engaged in sheep ranching near Orick until World War I and when it ended, he moved to Fortuna where he continued to live most of the time until his death.

For several years, he was employed by the California division of Forestry as a fire spotter in the Orick area. He retired about ten years ago. He was a member of Springville Lodge No. 150, Knights of Pythias.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Josephine L. Arford of Fortuna; a son, Wayne L. Arford, Fortuna; a sister Mrs. Bessie Cole, Marshall; a brother George B. Arford, Arcata; an uncle David Blake in Lewis County, Washington; a granddaughter Margaret Ann Arford, Fortuna; and a niece Mrs. Juanita Edmonds, Richmond....

A U (24 April 1953) Services Held for Frank Decker, 72—Funeral services were held Monday for Frank Decker of Arcata, who died April 17. A native of California, he was 72 years of age and until eight years ago had been a member of the Arcata Police Force.



He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Arlene Horstman of Eureka [Arlene was his daughter], Mrs. Martha Welfelt, and Mrs. Lillian Wallace of Seattle; a nephew Kenneth Spaulding of Garberville; and a niece, Nancy Bresee of Arcata. Services were conducted in Paul's Chapel by the Rev. J. Eldon Anderson with burial in Sunset Memorial....

AU (4 Sept. 1953) Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Paul's Funeral Chapel for Antonio M. Lyons, 83, a retired rancher from the Orick area who died at his home Wednesday [Sept. 21]. Lyons was a native of California. He is survived by his wife, Winnie; a son A.E. Lyons, Orick; two daughters Mrs. Frances Roessner of Junction City and Mrs. Doris L. Detillion of Bayside; a brother William Lyons of San Francisco; and a sister Mrs. Josephine Ford [Arford], Fortuna.

AU (4 Dec. 1953) Mr. and Mrs. K.M. Tomlinson of Trinidad celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with an open house in their home Saturday....Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson were married in Arcata and operated a ranch near Orick for 42 years, a work from which they retired to their Trinidad home eight years ago. Their children are Fred of Cody, Wyoming; Everett at Crescent City; Wilda of Trinidad; and Mrs. Zelma Franzoni of Big Lagoon.

HT (13 July 1954) Bald Hills Stage Stop Is Burned, Orick—An old historic stagecoach stopping place, the former Sherman Lyons home on the Bald Hills, was destroyed by fire on last Monday evening, July 5, which left only the large brick fire place standing in the ruins.

The large two-story home was owned by the Red McNeill family, who purchased the sheep ranch and home from Byron McCombs several years ago. The McNeill family were aroused by a sheep-shearer, living nearby, otherwise they would have been overcome by the fire, according to reports. An old rifle and a child's accordion were saved by McNeill, and the remainder a total loss. Friends in Orick have assisted the McNeills with household items, and they are now residing in a trailer on the ranch to continue the sheep-shearing.

The home was the stagecoach stopping place when the horse-drawn coach traveled from Arcata to Trinidad, over the wagon road to the Bald Hills, on to Orleans and the Trinity mines. The home was built by Sherman Lyons of the Lyons family who had large holdings in the Bald Hills area and ran sheep over the prairies for years. The home was covered by insurance and plans are being made to rebuilt another home soon.

BLA (7 May 1953) Mrs. M.A. Roessner, formerly Frances Lyons of the famous Lyons ranch of the Bald Hills who attended the Blue Lake school during the school months, was a visitor in Blue Lake Wednesday.

BLA (24 Sept. 1953) Orleans—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lyons of Orick returned home through here from Callahan, where they visited Mrs. Lyons 'mother. They also visited his two uncles, George Wilder of this community and Henry Wilder of Clear Creek.

BLA (28 Oct. 1954) Orick--Cards have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lyons who are touring Europe.

? (23 Dec. 1954) William Lyons, 82, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 14, at his home in San Francisco. He was born at Bald Hills, March 18, 1872, and was a son of an early settler, Jonathan Lyons. He was Humboldt County deputy assessor during the time when there were only narrow trails in the county. Prior to moving to San Francisco in 1920, he spent several years at Lake County. Lyons was a writer for the Christian Science paper. Survivors are his widow Dollie of San Francisco; his sister Mrs. Josephine Arford of Fortuna; nephew Eugene Lyons of Orick; and many other relatives. Inurnment was at San Francisco

HT (24 Dec. 1954) Word has been received of the death of William Lyons at his home in San Francisco on the morning of Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. He died after a short illness. He is survived by his wife Dollie, a sister Mrs. J.L. Arford of Fortuna, two nephews Eugene A. Lyons of Orick, Wayne L. Arford of Fortuna; three nieces Mrs. Frances Roessner of Junction City, Trinity Co.; Mrs. Doris Detillion of Bayside; and

BLA (10 Feb. 1955) Orleans—Everett Wilder went to San Francisco to move his sister, Mrs. Dolly Lyons to Eureka.

BLA (28 April 1955) Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lyons are visiting his uncle George and went to Clear Creek to visit uncle Henry Wilder.

Official Records 484:181 (17 March 1958) A. Eugene Lyons purchased NE qt SW qt sec 19, 6N1E, on Seidell Road in Arcata Bottom. Official Records 687:168 (4 April 1962) A. Eugene Lyons leases E half NW qt, sec 19, 6N1E, including barn, storage shed and corrals from Marie Rocha for \$2700 per year for grazing his livestock.

AU (18 April 1958) Trinidad Woman Honored [photo caption: Mrs. Mary Lyons. She Celebrated Her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday]—Mrs. Mary Lyons of Trinidad was honored on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday recently at a buffet dinner party given by her two nieces, Mrs. M..A. Hunter and Mrs. Ed Gurley in the Hunter home at Patrick's Point.

Mrs. Lyons was born Mary A. Beach in Little River, Calif. on April 6, 1868. Guests present were Mrs. Lyons' brother, Henry Beach of Trinidad; nieces and nephews Mr. and Mrs. Harold Green and daughters Merle and Beth Ann of Crescent City; Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Hunter and son, Nolan of Trinidad; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gurley of Trinidad; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beach and sons Ted and James of Crannell; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hunter and daughter, Laurie of Arcata; and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wooden of Eureka and Peter Angelo of Trinidad....

AU (24 April 1959) Rites Held for R. Detillion in Arcata Chapel [Obit R.L. Detillion, 59, Hayfork farmer, former resident of Arcata; moved to Hayfork 3 years ago; wife Doris L. Detillion, two children: Charles Grotzman of Hayfork and Mrs. Lorraine Norton of Hawaiian Islands; brothers and sisters.]

BLA (25 June 1959) Orleans—Mrs. Doris Detillion of Hayfork and her sister, Mrs. Frances Roessner of Junction City, were here recently to take care of the annual assessment work at the Prospect Hill mines owned by Mrs. Detillion.

BLA (22 Oct. 1959) Somes Bar—Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Nitsche visited her cousin Mrs. Mark Roessner at Junction City.

BLA (5 Nov. 1959) Hoopa—Mrs. Frances Roessner and son Floyd Hufford of Concord were overnight visitors Monday at the home of her cousin Mrs. E.C. Nitsche. They left the following afternoon for Junction City where they will spend a night at Mrs. Roessner's home before returning to Concord. En route here they visited her aunt Mrs. Josephine Arford in Eureka and with friends in Hoopa.

BLA (24 March 1960) Orleans—Mrs. Dolly Lyons, 79, formerly of this community, now of Eureka, was taken to the Community Hospital in Eureka on Friday. She had been ill at home suffering from the flu. Her brother, Ben Wilder, had been taking care of her since she took ill on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

BLA (21 April 1960) Orleans—Funeral services were held in Eureka on Monday for Mrs. Dollie Wilder Lyons, 87, who passed away there Friday morning at the community hospital where she was under treatment two weeks for the flu. She was born here in Orleans on July 26, 1881. She had spent many years in San Francisco until four years ago when she moved to Eureka after the death of her husband William Lyons.

She was the daughter of Fredrick and Bertha Wilder. Her father came here during gold rush days from the state of Maine. Mrs. Lyons was a member of the Christian Science church. Her survivors are three brothers, Benjamin and Everett Wilder of Orleans and Edwin Wilder of Eureka; cousins Henry Wilder of Coursegold, Mrs. Elsie Larsen of Gardena, Mrs. Ellen Quinn and George Wilder of Palo Alto, and a large number of nieces and nephews. Private cremation was held. The urn will be place here at Orleans in the family plot.

BLA (12 April 1962) Funeral Services for Doris L. Detillion Held in Arcata—Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon April 4 in Arcata from Paul's Funeral Chapel for Mrs. Doris Detillion, 62, who died April 1 at San Francisco in the University of California hospital where she was under treatment.

She was born July 8, 1900 at Bald Hills near Orick and was the youngest daughter of the late Antone and Mary Lyons. She had spent most of her life in the area of Blue Lake and Arcata until several years ago when she moved to Hayfork in Trinity County; she spent the past year in San Mateo County and Palo Alto.

She was a member of Hayfork Farm Bureau, Bayside Grange No. 500, Native Daughters of Golden West, and Neighbors of Woodcraft at Palo Alto.

Among her survivors are her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Huntley of Mountain View; son Charles Grotzman of Hayfork; brother Eugene Lyons of Orick; sister Mrs. Frances

Roessner of Los Altos; four grandchildren; paternal aunt, Mrs. Josephine Arford of Fortuna; maternal aunts and uncles Mrs. Ellen Quinn of Palo Alto, Mrs. Elsie Larsen of Gardena, Henry Wilder of Coarsegold, Alec Wilder of Santa Cruz, and George Wilder of Palo Alto; nephew Eugene Hufford of Concord and a large number of cousins. Interment was at Sunset Memorial Park, Eureka.

HB (21 July 1966) Josephine Arford, Native Humboldt, Dies at Age 90—Mrs. Josephine Lyons Arford, age 90, of 1827 Home Avenue, Fortuna, died July 16. A native of Elder, Humboldt County, she had been a life-long resident of the county, making her home in Fortuna the past 35 years. A member of the Pythian Sisters.

Surviving are her son, Wayne L. Arford, Fortuna; granddaughter, Mrs. Margaret Ann Pollard, Livermore; [grand niece] Mrs. Arlene Horstman, Eureka and niece Mrs. Frances Cottrell, Bay Area; nephew Eugene Lyons, Arcata; sister-in-law, Mrs. Juanita Edmond, Richmond; and other relatives.

Services were held Tuesday, July 19, in the chapel of Goble's Fortuna Mortuary with the Reverend Ray Magnusson, officiating. Inurnment in Ocean View Crematory, Eureka.

BLA (4 Aug. 1966) Funeral Services Held in Eureka for Josie Arford, 90—Funeral services were held in Eureka July 19<sup>th</sup> for Mrs. Josie Arford, 90-, who died at a hospital there.

She was born at Bald Hills near Orick on Feb. 22, 1876, a daughter of an early day settler, Jonathan Lyons, a rancher, and was the last of the family. Her brothers, Sherman, William, and Antone Lyons, all preceded her in death, as did her husband. She had made her home in Fortuna.

She leaves her son, Wayne Arford of Fortuna, and one grandchild. She is also survived by a nephew and a niece, Eugene Lyons of Arcata and Mrs. Frances Cottrell of Madera.

AU (23 Nov. 1972) Austin "Gene" Lyons, a resident of 538 Seidell Road, Arcata, died Nov. 15 at the age of 71. Born in Bald Hills, he had lived in this area his entire life. He graduated from University of California at Davis and was a lifelong sheep and cattle rancher and was a member of the California Farm Bureau, Humboldt County Farm Bureau, Humboldt County Wool Growers Association, and the Cattleman's Association.

He was the husband of Lucy C. Lyons of Sunnyvale and the uncle of Charles Grotzman of Hayfork, Mrs. Ethel Nucci of Northridge, Eugene Hufford of Concord, and Mrs. Arlene Horstman of Eureka. He is also survived by several other relatives in California. Buried at Sunset Memorial Park, Eureka.

AU (18 Dec. 1975) [Obit Floyd E. Hufford, a resident of Concord, Calif., died Nov. 30 at the age of 59]

AU (1 April 1976) Orick News. T.H. Joe Romanini gave more information on Community Hall, set date for clearing ground April 9, 1954 because on that day their new D8 was unloaded at the site of the hall. Joe and Leo Romanini were logging as Romanini

Brothers in the Bald Hills at Bear Prairie and Donaldson's just below Dingler's mill and had ordered this new cat.

Their first job with the cat was the donation job clearing away the willows and brush and leveling for the new hall. Joe said that when the cat was hauled up the Bald Hills Road, they stopped off to level the site for Lindbloom's store which was located just below the old Sherman Lyons Ranch.

AU (23 Dec. 1976) Orick News, Thelma Hufford. Mr. and Mrs. Doug Lane are now living at the old Sherman Lyons Ranch on Bald Hills.

AU (24 Feb. 1977) Photo. Frank Hufford logging from Pine Point at Orick during World War I.

Elmer Hufford used to talk about Pine Point and remembered stories his father Frank told about logging "pine" at Pine Point. Pine Point is that area up the Bald Hills road just beyond and above Lady Bird Johnson parking area. Elmer showed the trees growing there tall and symmetrical.

Upon asking Robert Davison and Ida Francis about Pine Point, they both know the place. Robert Davison said old timers called the trees at Pine Point pine trees, but loggers now call them fir.

Frank Hufford got logs for his sawmill from Pine Point, one of the longest pine logs hauled by horses from Pine Point was 75 feet long. Frank Hufford hauled it during WW I on the extra long big wheeled wagon down old Bald Hills Road. Jack Francis drove the team, Frank Hufford worked the brakes and Joe Frey and Richard Greeley were crew.

To get around some of the crooked turns on the old road, they had to jack the back end of the wagon around. To get the long logs on the wagon, they rolled the logs up a slope or ramp up to wagon height. Horses walking on one side of the slope rolled the log up the ramp with long ropes and blocks. Pine Point is in Redwood National Park now. The area is easily recognized by the tall symmetrical trees, all evenly spaced, standing like straight sentinels reaching up high.

AU (31 March 1977) Orick News, Thelma Hufford. Henry Hancorne tells stories about Orick and the Hancorne Ranch. The Hancorne place is up in the Bald Hills on the slope above the Klamath River about 22 miles from Orick. Hancorne was born in 1893 in the log house built by his father. It was a large well-constructed log house with a root cellar for keeping potatoes, vegetables, fruit and jars of home-canned foods. The property is still in the family, owned by a nephew.

Thomas Walter Hancorne came from Birmingham, England and married Susie Kane from the Klamath River. They had three children—Henry, Matilda and George. Hancorne remembers his mother making big loaves of home made bread twice a week. She sewed most of their clothes even denim overalls, on the treadle sewing machine.

Old peddlers carrying big basket-like hampers, came on foot on the river once in awhile. The sold things like jewelry, pocket knives, handkerchiefs and material which were more of interest to his mother and sister. Coal oil night.

Neighbors Mr. Hancorne remembers in years back were the Neil Thompsons, marked Thompson's Prairie on a map but called the Melvin Place by old timers. Mitchells lived north of them, and there were the Rileys, and "Frank Bucher who kept pretty much to himself." Gibbons now own the Bucher place. Simpson Timber Co. has bought most of the land up in the Bald Hills now.

Mr. Hancorne remembers there were lots of bear that killed sheep. They stayed around the ranch, killed a sheep and hauled it into the brush and ate it. His father made a log bear trap, about four feet high and two feet wide with a trap door, put some kind of meat in for bait, and then shot the bear when caught.

His father raised sheep and cattle. He remembers when his father packed the wool on horses, and rode on horseback leading the horses to Trinidad where some outfit shipped the wool to San Francisco to Dennigan and Sons. The cattle were rounded up and driven to Orick to be sold.

The school was on the other side of the Klamath River. Mettah School, he thought it was called. At one time, there were 34 pupils going to the one room schoolhouse. His first teacher was Kate Roper. She was paid \$80 a month. Mrs. Roper and her husband boarded at the Hancorne place and paid \$20 a month room and board. The husband "didn't do anything." Another teacher was Annie Sligsby; and another was Etta Stone who married Jim Riley. School did not run in the middle of winter. It started about first of April and stopped about Thanksgiving. They got to school as best they could. It was one and a half miles down the mountain to the Klamath River, and the children crossed the big wide Klamath in a canoe, and then walked some five or six miles to the schoolhouse.

The road was finished only good to Buchers place when he was a boy. A pack horse trail led from the Johnson Road to their ranch house. His half-brother Warren Hancorne, carried the mail twice a week. The mail went down to Orick on Monday, came back on Tuesday and down o Orick on Friday and back on Saturday. It was a 27-mile horseback trip from Orick to the Klamath River, taking about six hours to make the trip one way. There was no mail if the river was too high. Ray Goodwin was the last mail carried. The road to Johnsons was completed about 1928.

Mr. HJancorne remembers walking the 22 miles to dances at Orick. The dances were held in the old schoolhouse on top of the hill above old Prairie Creek bridge. Bill Beach played the violin and his wife chorded on the old school organ. Sometimes Jim McDonald played his violin and his chorded on the organ. The postmaster at Old Gas, which is where Elk Forest Camp is now, played a violin and called square dances. He had a handlebar moustache. When the dancers didn't dance exactly right, Mr. Sigsby held up his bow high in the air, stopped the dancers instructed them in the proper method, and then played his fiddle again.

Mr. Hancorne said he bought his first car in September 1929. It was a four cylinder Dodge four-door that cost \$700. It was called the fastest FOUR. Roads to the ranch were bad in winter slippery, steep and muddy.

The Hancorne family kept the ranch in the Bald Hills. His father died in 1900 when Henry was seven, and his mother lived there all her life .She was 94 years old when she died in 1957. Henry worked on the ranch raising sheep and cattle and clearing brush. He has worked elsewhere through the years. He worked as chopper for Hammond Lumber Co. For about a year and a half he and his brother George made "tie woods" in

Carlotta. They bought five acres of redwood timber. They split and hewed the ties with a broad ax or “tie axe.” They hewed redwood timbers for bridges. Trucks came and got the ties and timbers.

The log house burned down in June 1975. Mr. Hancorne now lives in Orick. He makes his own wood for his little wood heater stove. He just finished making 250 fence posts on the Lyons ranch. He is only 84 years old.

One of the big changes in the Bald Hills is the buying out of the individual ranches by the timber companies. Occasionally “hippies” drive out that way. Mr. Hancorne has seen weddings on the river bar of the Klamath River and “What’s the matter with that?”

AU (29 Sept. 1977) The Bald Hills Tomlinson Ranch. By Thelma Hufford.

AU (29 Dec. 1977) Orick New, Thelma Hufford. The Lyons Ranch in the Bald Hills, known as Gene Lyons Ranch, has been bought by Bill McWilliams and Garland Graves. Mr. McWilliams and his son Steven, 16, are hard at work this Christmas vacation fixing up the old ranch house for occupying again.

Steven will return to Alaska to finish out the school year. Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams have lived for the past 12 years in Soldotna on the Kenai Peninsula, where Mr. McWilliams worked on construction. Mr. Graves also worked in Alaska and now lives in Arcata, where he owns Seely and Titlow Co. They plan to raise cattle.

Anita McWilliams and their three sons, Billy, Steven, and Bobby, will live in Soldotna until the end of the school year, and then move to the ranch to live.

AU (19 July 1979) Orick News—Let’s hope the Redwood National Park in their rehabilitation projects leave the sock at the Bald Hills Airport. That sock is just shredded remains of an orange sock flying the wind on the flat meadow some 14 miles up Bald Hills road. It is quite a landmark and a point of interest about logging days that boomed in Orick area immediately after World War II. That sock also locates the only emergency landing strip between McKinleyville airport and Klamath Glen airport and is the only airstrip out of the fog north of Kneeland.

Nita Whitaker remembers that in the 1950s, Pierce Flying Service would fly parts in for loggers. Some parts that couldn’t be damaged were just dropped off. Pierce Flying Service also landed at the Bald Hills Airport to pick up injured workers who had been brought to the airstrip in baskets and were flown to Eureka to the hospital.

Dean Lansing had a camp just west of the airstrip. W.R.&L. and Cole Brothers logged in the Bald Hills at that time. Lumberman’s Supply had the “family” camp just east of the forks at the top. G.L. Speier who began logging right after the war (1947) graded the piece of land for the airstrip.

Loggers like Joe and Leo Romanini, Roy Duncan, who now lives in Auburn, Glen Easter, Paul Calvert and Corky Whitaker, and others who worked out in the Bald Hills must have a story or two to tell about the Bald Hills Airport.

The hoop is still there, and all that's needed is some grease in the joints and a new sock up there and the strip could still be used for emergency landings. It is also a piece of memorabilia about logging in the Bald Hills.

AU (21 July 1980) Orick News, Thelma Hufford. Gans Prairie and Little Gans are place names up Bald Hills about six miles east of Orick. Alma Davison remembers when Gans was open prairie and could be seen from Orick, and they would drive up there for a picnic. Lots of elk fern grew there. Now alders and trees are crowding in. Ida Francis remembers when there was a sheepherder's camp, corrals, and shed in the woods across from the prairie. The Indians, in their time, burned the brush down regularly so they could get the hazel nuts from the hazel bushes.

Robert Davison said there was a Gans Post Office, but it was located in the area of the Sherman Lyons place above Gans Prairie. Savina Barlow notes that "George W. Ganns in 1864 made a claim in Bald Hills one mile southeast of the Frenchman's grave....Wm. Sigsbee was post master at a small stopover post office known as Gans Post Office."

The name of Sigsbee (Sigsby) was mentioned often by Fay Aldrich, who remembers the good times they had at dances at the schoolhouse on the hill where Mr. Sigsby played the fiddle. Mr. Sigsby, she said, had a long-handled mustache and came down from the Bald Hills on the horse with his fiddle box tied behind him.

AU (29 Dec. 1983) Arlene F. Horstman, a bookkeeper with Industrial Electric for 27 years, died Dec. 22, 1983 at the age of 59. Mrs. Horstman was a native of Arcata and a resident of Eureka. She is survived by her husband Robert Horstman and her cousins, Wayne Arford of Fortuna and Nancy Buntlock and Roland Breese, both of Ruston, LA.

Funeral services were held Dec. 27 at Pierce Mortuary in Eureka. The Rev. Paul H. Young, Jr. officiated. Interment followed at Sunset Memorial Park in Eureka.

HB (14 June 1990) The family of Wayne Arford would like to inform friends, neighbors, former co-workers and distant family members of Wayne's death on May 26, 1990 in the early afternoon at the age of 82....

Wayne was a descendant of Jonathan and Amelia Klizer Lyons, original sheep ranchers in the Bald Hills above Orick. He was born to their only daughter Josephine and her husband Frederick Arford, on April 6 1908 in Essex, near Blue Lake.

His early years were spent near Orick, but by the end of World War I, his family had settled in the Salmon Creek and Fortuna areas, where he attended school. He had taken up permanent residence in Fortuna in 1935, when he brought home his bride, Verna, from Longview, Wash. He worked his younger years in the woods as a timber faller.

After World War II, he was self-employed as a carpenter until 1953. From 1953 until his retirement in 1971, he worked for Caltrans, retiring as a bridge superintendent.



He was well known for his carpentry skills and as a square dance caller and teacher with Arford's Barn Owls in Fortuna.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Margie and Mike Pollard of Fortuna; four grandchildren Michael, Suzanne, Stephanie and Aaron; and his niece Lamona Anderson and family of Naches, Wash. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Verna, in May of 1989. Wayne will be most remembered by all for his kind and gentle ways....

T-S (13 Dec. 1997) Ewart Emmes died at Willits on 6 Dec, age 96; born Canada. Worked on Tomlinson ranch, then moved with John Fords to Willits.

Obit associated with Find a Grave online. Evelyn Amanda Lyons Long b 30 Aug. 1915, Ukiah, Mendocino Co., Calif.; d. 12 Feb. 2000, Covelo, Mendocino Co., Calif.

Evelyn was the oldest child born to Grover Jonathan Lyons and Bessie Burkhart. She had one younger sister Madeline. Evelyn was very family and home oriented, yet she did love to travel. She had a very adventurous spirit and a bit of a rebellious streak. She was very proud of her Karuk heritage on her father's side of the family. She was also very proud to have given birth to six sons, Clois Grover; Kenlyn Henry; Sterling Leone; Loren LeRoy, Jr.; Lonnie Ruben; Arlon Reed. After living without the love of her life for nearly 14 years, Evelyn turned her soul over to the Lord and went home to spend eternity with God and Loren. At the time of her death, Evelyn had 19 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and one great, great, grandchild on the way.; buried Valley View Cemetery, Covelo.