

SHAW'S FLAT.

[COMMUNICATED.]

WITHIN the limits of this mining district there are at the present time about one hundred and twenty families, and a population of nearly two thousand.

Our citizens are wide awake to improvement, having recently erected a large number of substantial buildings, and dotted over the whole Flat with beautiful cottages, the grounds around being neatly enclosed and planted with Fruit and ornamental trees. Even on the Eastern slope of Table Mountain, about two miles of which are embraced in this district, a number of houses have been built, and gardens laid off, and from near the edge of the 'scoria' one is agreeably surprised to hear the mother's lullaby song, and the merriment of children at play.

To the fact of our being a very orderly, moral, and law-abiding community, we are indebted for the large number of families residing amongst us.

Our flourishing division of "Sons" have completed a fine Hall, where they weekly assemble and practically illustrate their doctrine of brotherhood and fraternity.

Another large Hall is also nearly finished, which is to receive the nucleus of a Cabinet and Library, to be devoted to general literary and scientific purposes.

A capital, well appointed, and pleasantly situated School house has just been erected and a Free School commenced under the happiest auspices, which will be numerously attended by our 150 children.

Sabbath School and divine service are held at present in the hall of the 'Sons,' but we have the building of a Church at an early day, under advisement.

In our debating club the "great questions" of the day are discussed, and satisfactorily settled, and twice a week, at our singing school the mystery of "half stops" and "transposing the scale" are deeply practiced.

We have ten or a dozen Stores, a couple of good Hotels and numerous shops at which various kinds of mechanic work are executed, all of which are doing a good business.

An enterprising gentleman from San Jose is establishing an orchard and nursery, which he designs to make the largest and most complete in the Southern Mines.

The principal draw back to our prosperity heretofore, has been the lack of water, during quite a part of the season which will be obviated on the completion, next Spring, to the Tuolumne river, of the Tuolumne Ditch, which our enterprising townsman Mr. J. Street, is constructing, at a cost of \$200,000.

The work on the Peppermint and Stoney Gulch Flumes, both enterprises of considerable magnitude, is rapidly advancing, and a company of our miners has recently organized for the purpose of building a large flume from Wood's creek up through Tennessee Gulch, at such a depth as will render it practicable to wash down the whole Flat, 35 or 40 feet below the surface.

Notwithstanding the vast amounts of gold already taken out in this district, it is the opinion of our oldest residents that the auriferous deposits have only begun to be developed, and that our hills and mountains will, the coming season afford as rich diggings as any yet washed. The lead extending from Caldwell's ranch into Table mountain is one of the richest ever struck in California. The fortunate owners, who, during the Summer and Autumn, were engaged in raising the golden sand to the surface, are now washing out from five to ten and twelve pounds per day to the claim, frequently taking out an aggregate of sixty or seventy pounds per day. It is estimated that the entire yield of the garden will not be less than \$150,000. A dozen tunnels are going into this portion of the mountain in this district, and some forty shafts are sinking from the surface, in which some four hundred of our miners are interested, and all anticipate finding a lead of unsurpassed richness when their energy and perseverance shall have let daylight into its bowels. That the mountain contains remarkable rich deposits, has already been clearly proved by the shafts of Capt. Mann and others which have reached the bed rock.

As to our enterprise, we will only say, that wherever there is "anything of a show," we are in. From Cherokee to Scorpion Gulch in another County, our Miners are extensively engaged in tunnel operations, but we are content to "let live" as well as "live," and when prospecting a hill or mountain, do not claim more ground than we can work out in a thousand years, believing that Miners and the Community around us now, have higher and prior claims on the golden treasures of this region, than those of posterity some centuries hence.

Mining Laws of Shaw's Flat.

At a large meeting of the Miners and Residents of Shaw's Flat District, convened pursuant to due notice, at the Empire House, on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., in order "to make and adopt a written declaration of the limits and boundaries of the district, to enact new regulations in respect to deep diggings, and to consider such minor matters as might properly be presented," it was unanimously