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The CHRONICLE of July 3d contains an account of the shooting of the Chinaman at Poker Flat, purporting to have been furnished by H. J. Burns, who was sent here by Consul Bee to learn the facts in the case. If Burns reported as alleged he certainly had but little regard for veracity. Burns went no nearer Poker Flat than Downsville, where, as he truly says, there was no excitement. Why should there be? A few days prior Ah Wing, who was a highbinder of the very highest description, drove Goodell from the claim at the point of a pistol. Goodell went back armed, and in the next round the Chinaman was killed. Goodell did not throw the body down the shaft and did not fire eight shots. The Chinaman was a disreputable person, and a supposed murderer several times over, instead of the inoffensive person represented by Burns.

Burns has been misrepresented, or he has deliberately perverted the facts given him by the Coroner and others familiar with the facts in the case.