

veins over one hill after another, clear way up into the farthest mountain. The rock in which the richest silver lies is principally porphyry, although there are rich veins of talcose slate. On the left or south side of the creek there is hardly a single point but shows up rich indications of silver. It is on this side that the Relief and Quandary claims are situated, and are the richest by far of any that have been located. On the north side, however, there are one or two test holes, among a number, that are exceedingly promising. None of these holes have been put in over twenty feet, and it is found that the farther they go in, the better the find. There is a gulch that comes down about a mile above the camp, and it is thought by some of the prospectors that, from the indications and cropping, here will be a big surprise. But there is no point in this whole stretch of seven miles in length and probably eight in width, but where good ore can be found. It is free milling and carries with it nothing that can possibly make it expensive to get the silver out. I noticed in the river bottom a number of sluices and panning outfits, where men have been working placer claims, and I am told by some of them that they can pan out from seven to eight dollars a day, and some days have done better. Above, close to Edgar rock, some one is at work on a placer claim, and is exceedingly mysterious about what he does and has done. Here the gravel and sand is quite fine, and there is no doubt that he is making a good deal more than a fair day's wages.

In the bottom, at the edge of a beautiful grassy glade, Captain J. T. Simmons has made a permanent mining camp, with E. K. Current as recorder. They are now at work putting up log cabins in order to stand out the winter and operate on the claims whenever the weather will permit. There are over 100 claims now staked and located, and it is fully expected that over 1,000 men will be in there at work when spring opens up. In anticipation of this, Mr. Current has located a townsite on a high bench land that runs all along the north side of the valley. The ore, from the returns of the assayers, is on the average of an \$80 ore, and there is no end to the amount of it in sight.

Ten miles above camp the Bumping river flows into the Natchez, and at this point, on the other side of the bluff, there are several holes where coal of a fine quality has been taken out, some of which we burned in camp. As to the quality of it, we can not say. Suffice it to say that there are enough good indications to make it worth the while for some one to prospect at this point and also farther up the Bumping river.—*L. Frank Gordon in Almira Record.*

CALIFORNIA MINING NEWS.

An extensive placer mining scheme is under way in Mono county, in the valley between Mill creek and Mono lake. Twenty-four claims of 100 acres each have been located and recorded, there being eight locators for each quarter section. It is said that water is to be brought to the claims, which will be hydraulic. The locality is known to be rich, and with proper appliances a golden harvest will certainly result.

The outlook at the Julian district is said to be the best in the history of mining in San Diego county. The Van Wert, an old mine located years ago, has been reopened with good prospects. As high as \$20 a day has been mortared out by a single man from the ore in this mine. The machinery for the ten-stamp mill of the Helvetia mine is nearly all on the ground, and will, at once be put up and set to work. A sixteen-inch ledge of rock, showing free gold in abundance, has been struck in the Blue Hill mine. A number of mines in the Banner dis-

trict, adjoining Julian, are also being worked, with good prospects.

Messrs. Nance and Night, of Ferris, were in the city recently, says the *Riverside Enterprise*, and bring news that the mining interest of that locality is on the up grade. Applications are continually being made to file locations. The most interest seems to be in and around the Good Hope mines. Mr. Nance stated that he had been told that a lead had been found that would assay \$1,000 per ton.

The *San Bernardino Courier* says a party of Los Angeles people, accompanied by several San Bernardino men, have started for Ibex, near Needles, to inspect some valuable mining property. The mines are owned by San Bernardino parties, and are claimed to be exceedingly rich. They have been bonded, and will be worked extensively.

John Cooley and a party have discovered and located near the Colorado river mineral ledges which, on the surface, are extraordinarily rich. The leads are finely defined. The assays from the surface are unusually rich.

The magnetic iron deposit in the Ord mining district in San Bernardino county is an immense one, and so powerful that it has ruined the watches of travelers while passing over it.

Claims are being taken up about Yuma, and many of them are claimed to be very rich. Much work has been done on different claims and rich ore taken out, but as yet no mill is in operation in that vicinity, and work is at a disadvantage. Parties interested are preparing to put a mill in as soon as possible, and when this is done no doubt there will be a large and permanent camp established.

H. C. Roper, representing Los Angeles capital, has purchased four antimony mines on Erskine creek, near the ranch of J. W. Veach, says the *Bakersfield Republican*. They will be worked as soon as the weather will permit. The same party has purchased or bonded the antimony mines near Havilah.

CHEHALIS TO SHOALWATER BAY.

The articles of incorporation of the Pacific, Chehalis & Eastern Railroad Co. were recorded recently. The incorporators are Herman Trott, John A. Chandler and Chas. A. F. Morris, of St. Paul, Minn., and John Dobson, Wm. Urquhart and Daniel C. Millett, of Chehalis, Wash. The corporation is formed to build, equip and operate a standard gauge line of railway from some point on the Willapa river, near Shoalwater bay, across the Cascade range to some point on the Columbia river, and such branches as shall be needed; also to build and operate a telegraph and telephone line along the road. Chehalis is named as the principal place of business. \$1,000,000 is the amount of the capital stock of the incorporation, divided into 10,000 shares. The names of the incorporators of this railroad are a sufficient guarantee that this is no paper or boom undertaking. There are few who have not heard of the men who are the moving spirits in it. Herman Trott is an old and well known railroad man, having resided in St. Paul for over thirty years. He was the prime mover in building the old St. Paul & Pacific, and was for four years general land agent of the Northern Pacific railway. He has for years taken a deep interest in the Pacific coast, and is the father of the Pacific, Chehalis & Eastern undertaking. In personal appearance he resembles General Grant. He has a commanding figure, a winning manner and is a great story teller. He is expected out here in the spring and will doubtless make Chehalis his future home. John A. Chandler, of St. Paul, was for twenty years connected with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, and is an old and reliable railroad man. He has become very much inter-