

GOLDEN PHANTOMS

Fascinating Tales of Lost Mines

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THE Utes know—or they used to know—where there is a valley full of gold nuggets. The gold is so thick that it may be gathered by bushels. And since no white man has ever found it for keeps, it must still lie somewhere out in the old Ute country, which is so desolate that no one save the most desperate would venture into its fastnesses.

Mike Gray heard of the valley of gold from a Frenchman in California in 1872. He organized a small party and outfitted for gold-seeking, but somehow he never managed to reach his goal. He said that a white woman, held captive by the Utes, knew its location, but the Indians feared that she would tell, and at last killed her to silence her tongue.

There was a Mexican woman once who saw another Indian gold mine, and she told about it in detail, but no one could find it. So the Utes might as well have let their captive live, since describing definite locations among the mountains is no easy task.

The Mexican woman was a friend of an old Pima chief. He fell ill, and she cured him with her homely remedies, so that his gratitude was great.

Now, the Pimas had long been known to have a gold mine, called the Talapa. When they were in need, they would sell pieces of very rich high-grade ore, but they would never divulge its source. The old Pimas chief gave his Mexican friend some of this ore, and from time to time he would present her with more, but all her entreaties would not budge his determination to keep the secret. He said that he would be struck dead if he told—and certainly that was a powerful reason for not telling.

At last, determined to find out the location of the Talapa, the Mexican woman packed up her belongings and went to live in the Pima village. Here she made herself useful and agreeable. She made gifts of some of her trinkets to the most prominent women. She was always ready to aid the sick. She became, practically, a member of the tribe. And all the time she tried to learn the secret of the hidden mine.

At last this method of persuasion, wore down the old chief's resistance. He began to talk a little about the mine. It had been worked when he was a boy. It was very rich, indeed. No, no, he would not take her there, for he feared the retribution of his red gods.

But at last he weakened. He would allow two women of his people to lead the Mexican woman to the mine, and she should see it with her own eyes. He could no longer escape the vast obligation which he and his people owed her, and this would be his repayment.

Joyously, the Mexican woman set out with her escort to the mine. For three nights they climbed mountains and crossed valleys, and at last, on the fourth night, the end of the journey was near. However, it was after midnight when the women stopped in a deep canyon, and by the pale light of the moon pointed out a large dump and an arrastra, which showed signs of great age, nearby. The visitor went over to the dump and picked up a few pieces of ore.

Suddenly, as if frightened by something invisible and terrible, her guides insisted on their hurrying away. They traveled all the rest of the night, and late the next afternoon they reached the Pima village. It had taken only one day to return from a four days' journey, which proved that she had been led by a roundabout route to the mine.

Further questions on her part met with failure. The old chief had done all he could and more than he should—he made that plain. Beyond that he would not go.

It was impossible to retrace that journey made in the darkness. She had seen the mine and she had the ore to prove it. But that was all. And though she told her story over and over again, no one ever was able to find the Pima mine.

From London to New York

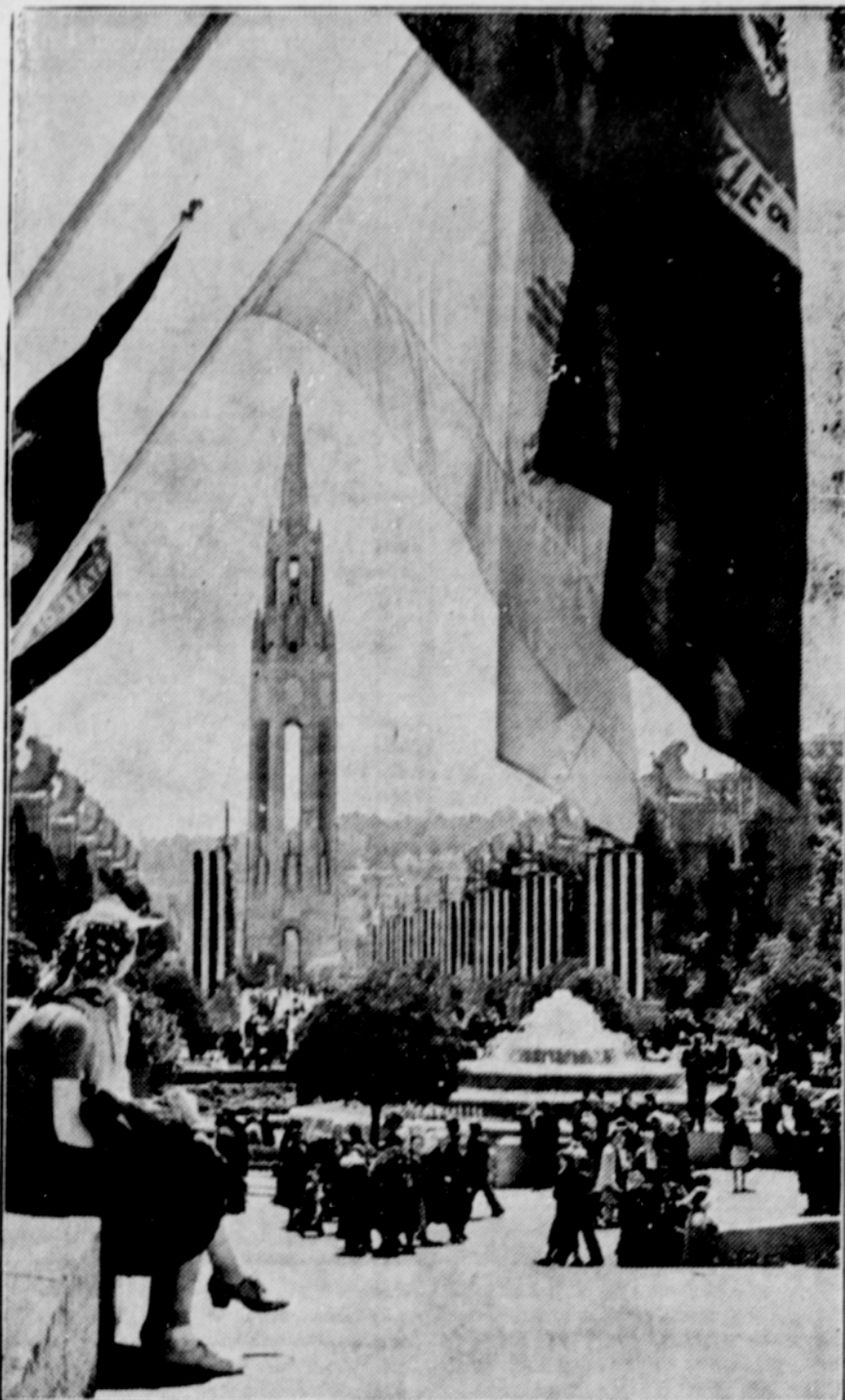
The distance from King George V Dock, London, to New York is 3,300 miles. The journey is somewhat shorter from Liverpool to New York, being 3,073 miles, and also from Southampton to New York, which is 3,183.

In 1849, plant workers were called to work at sunrise, allowed 40 minutes for breakfast and lunch, and worked until 7 p. m. Today, the average work week in industry is less than 40 hours.

MILL WOOD FOR SALE

Block, Planer and Slab
Wood at Chamber's Mill
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Treasure Isle Vista



This striking scene greets the eye of the California World's Fair visitor from the entrance to the Cavalcade of the Golden West on Treasure Island. The majestic Tower of the Sun rises at the south end of the Court of Seven Seas, bedecked with gaily-colored sails.

Silk Creek

Dorothy Meyers has accepted a position at the Seymour lodge on the McKenzie and began work last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Roth and Vernita returned home from college Place, Washington, the first of the week where Mrs. Roth had been attending summer school.

Robert Woolcott, Boyd and Clara Allen returned home Saturday from Epworth League Institute. The delegates to the institute will report on their trip at the morning service Sunday in town and a number plan to attend following the Sunday school hour here.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Willard and family of Bend visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keller Thursday. They were former neighbors of the Kellers.

Elder Cole of Eugene conducted young people's services at Royal church Saturday afternoon.

Leonard Estes has resumed work at the Siuslaw national forest office in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pierott and two sons of Coachella Valley, California, visited the I. S. Curtis family several days this week.

Mrs. H. B. Curtis and Fern Curtis left Thursday for Portland where they will spend a week sight-seeing before returning to their home at Temple City, California. They have spent the past two months with the I. S. Curtis family of the Cedar district.

Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway and family of Delight valley spent Sunday with the R. C. Lowrance family.

June Bolton left Friday for Sacramento to visit her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Newmeyer and small son of Los Angeles arrived last Monday night to spend a week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Bolton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ashby visited the William Whitlock family at Thornton Corners Sunday.

There will be a picnic for Silk Creek and Cedar districts at the Hemenway grove Tuesday evening, July 25th and everyone in the neighborhood is invited to come and bring their baskets.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Franklin of Torrance, California, accompanied by Mrs. Laura Allen, were dinner guests Wednesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ashby.

London

Mrs. F. A. Gore and daughter Mrs. Earl Layton and the latter's three children of San Diego, California, are spending a few days visiting friends here. Mrs. Gore was a resident of this place several years and still owns a farm here. Mrs. Layton and eldest daughter made a trip to Seattle.

Miss Viola Weltz of Centralia, Washington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. H. Woods.

The Clayton Townsend family of Leaburg spent the week end at the W. L. Townsend home.

Mrs. J. E. Banton injured a foot quite badly by stepping in a hole while on a vacation trip to the coast.

The LeRoy Goodwin and Felix Ems families attended church services at an all-day meeting Sunday at Central View.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hobwood and son Lyle spent the week end with relatives at Eugene and Mapleton.

The Gerald Banton family left Monday for their home at Sunnyside, Washington.

Louise Goodwin went to Eugene Sunday to help care for Mrs. Raymond Paswater, who is ill.

Mrs. J. R. Collier and sons Bill and Gordon of Wilmington, California, is visiting relatives here. Mrs. Collier was formerly Jessie Bemis and grew to womanhood here.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bray and son Gene of Hebo visited Mrs. Harold Phillips Friday.

COUNTY GETS \$49,308 FROM LICENSE FUND

Lane county's portion of the state's income from car license fees for 1938 is \$49,308.01. The money was for the July payment of the fees, and will be added to in December by the sum of \$73,962.02.

The money is allotted to counties in proportion to the number of vehicles licensed in each county. The state received \$2,000,000 from licenses for 343,446 during the past year.

Traffic accidents involving cars on the wrong side of the road were 39 less this May than for the same month last year, according to a report from Secretary of state. There were 296 such mishaps this May and 335 last May.

Loan Funds Under Tenant Program

Funds will be available for a limited number of additional loans to qualified farm tenants under the Bankhead-Jones tenant purchase program in Lane county during the present fiscal year, according to word just received by Dale R. Winn, county supervisor, Farm Security Administration, of Eugene. Applications will be received for a short time only and tenant farmers who wish to be considered should write or call at the county office immediately.

"Loans will be made for purchase of family-sized farms and all applicants must be competent tenant farmers who are bona fide residents of Lane county," said Winn. "Fertility and productivity of the farm, condition of improvements, accessibility of good roads, school and marketing facilities in the community where the farm is located will be considered by the county tenant committee in helping applicants select farms for purchase. Farms selected must be priced so that the loan can be repaid from proceeds of farming operations."

Applicants are not required to submit options on farms they desire to purchase and no preference will be given such applicants. Successful applicants will receive a loan enabling them to purchase the farm, make necessary improvements and will have up to 40 years to pay with interest at three percent. Diversified farm units will be favored.

Lane county farm owners desiring to sell their properties under the Bankhead-Jones farm tenant act are asked to list farms with the local office of the Farm Security Administration.

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TO FAIR AND RETURN

Howard Demorest, who stopped off in Cottage Grove several weeks ago while hitch hiking to the San Francisco fair on a wager, made the trip successfully and the return to his home in Tacoma, Washington, he wrote N. J. Nelson last week. Young Demorest, who wagered a friend that he could beat the friend, who was traveling by bus to the fair, never stated whether he won the wager. He stopped off here and friends had a sign painted on his luggage, telling of the destination.

Truck accidents during the month of May were two percent less serious than those of the same month a year ago, figures compiled by Earl Snell, secretary of state, revealed today. Ten percent of the 593 accidents involving trucks this May resulted in deaths or injuries while 12 percent of the same type of accidents resulted seriously last May.

Lynx Hollow

Mrs. A. B. Wolfard and son Horace and Miss Dorotha Wright drove to Wolf Creek recently to visit Mrs. Wolfard's cousin, Vernon Strong. Mr. Strong has a deer farm there. He has over 150 deer at present, 25 of which he is exhibiting at the fair at San Francisco. On the return trip they visited friends at Riddle.

The Vacation Bible School will close Friday of this week with a program Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the church at Walker. Stanley and Philip Leaburg who have been teaching the classes will supervise the program. Every one interested is invited.

The Kanny Kanners held their regular meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Porter, leader, Miss Bessie Sheldon is a new member. Plans are going forward for the program to be

presented by the club. Committee members are Wilma Moore, Marion Fisher and Lilah Taylor. Mrs. A. B. Wolfard attended the wedding of Miss Forest Schneider and Holly Monroe last week. Lloyd Wolfard was best man.

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(PROOF LAST WEEK'S AD)

THERE ARE NO SUCH THINGS AS GROWING PAINS. What the child has in such cases is rheumatism. "Growing pains," in themselves, do not exist. 1. "Popular Fallacies"—A.S.E. Ackermann. 2. Report of Dr. A. Percy Allen, M.D. (London), appearing in "Daily Mail" August 18, 1921.

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