The Mines.

[Jacksonville Sentinel February 20.

The excitement is still at fever heat among our citizens, though efforts are of a more practical turn than heretofore. No new discoveries have been made public, though it is known that unusally good indications have been met with in various localities, which is kept quiet for prudential reasons until such times as definite result in exploration will warrant some statements which can be relied u on by parties in the distance. Confidence in what has been discovered is in no way abated, as each test proves their value more conclusively. We have no disposition to exaggerate or aid in producing excitement, and for that reason refrain from giving general publicity to mere rumors that are afloat, though many of them are apparently well authenticated, and to parties here acquainted, show no reason why they should not be true.

The news from the Galice creek region is of the most encouraging character, and results from ore sent abroad for tests are being received. From ore taken down from the Yank ledge by Mr. Chapman, of Chico we have the worth of that ledge demonstrated by the most practical method--a mill test. Two of these tests, of twenty-five pou nds each, were from ore picked up at random on the ledge, and yield $58 to the ton. Our information comes from Wm. Bilger, who is now in San Francisco and writes to his brother, John Bilger, that the two assays by mill process yielded $38 and $78 respectively, two parts silver and one part gold, averaging $58 per ton, and that the ore is unusally easy to work. It contains a small portion of copper, which mill men say is a good indication of permanence and richness both. Mr. Bilger went to San Francisco with the intention of remaining there and engaging in business, but now he writes, "We have a big thing in the Yank and I will be in Jacksonville in a few days, and will go to work on the ledge myself in a few days more. I am now satisfied we have a fortune there."

Manure for Fruit Trees.

It is clear that animal manures are not what is wanted for fruit trees, including grape-vines, berries, etc. There may be benefit, and usually is at first, but the quality of the fruit will suffer, and the wood and foliage are not of that healthy character which is desired. This has been noticed by Liebig and others. We have known prolific grape-vines to bear more fruit, but at an expense of quality, where the contents of the privy were freely used for manuring. We have always found the best success when the leaves, the weedings of the garden, chip-manure and forest mould, either singly or combined, have been freely applied. These seem to contain the different materials in proper proportions, that is, the organic, the carbonaceous, and nitrogenous, the mineral needs to be supplied, and nothing does this so satisfactorily as wood ashes. It supplies largely potash, which is needed. The best success, and it has been fully achieved, which we ever attained, was by applying a coat of leaves in the fall, worked into the soil in the spring, followed by weedings from the garden, clippings of the vine with other vegetable refuse, as a mulch, sprinkled over with wood ashes, leaching or unleaching; if the latter, more were required. This made a healthy, not excessive growth, and increased both in quality and quantity of the fruit. It makes a sounder and better keeping fruit. This was a variety of soils, but particularly a clay soil. There should be a good drainage and exposure to air, or else with a green mulch kept moist by the ashes there might be too much humidity. For grapes this will not do. Nor will it for fruit trees if there is a close, heavy top, reaching well down, holding thus the moisture which evaporates, and inviting parasitic lodgments, which will appear in masses, mildew, rusted fruit, etc. Herbaceous material and and ashes, with occasional bone-dust, we have found the best application for fruit trees in general, for berries and for the grape. Apply yearly where the soil is not rich; and in the spring when the ground is dry enough to spade it well. Use sparingly, if any the strong, nitrogenous manure—*Utica Herald.*

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THOMAS W. SAINE.
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