

THE DAY FOR ME

A brilliant sky, a fine blue tree, Some soft snow blowing down the slope; The odorous green as they can be, The sunshine full of life and hope— These fill one's heart with glee. This is the day for me!

THE GIANT PURSE CRAB.

He Climbs Coconut Trees and Cracks the Nuts Against Stones. In the mining bureau may be seen a very fine specimen of the remarkable large land crab known as the purse crab, or Birgus latro, which is well preserved in a glass jar.

GOLD DUG OUT BY HAND.

DISCOVERY OF BREYFOGLE'S MINE BY A PROSPECTOR.

Many Lives Have Been Lost in the Search for the Historic Treasure—Gold Is Found There on the Surface in Lumps Like Plums in a Pudding.

There is not a miner or old settler in the southern part of California who is not familiar with the story of the famous Breyfogle mine. It ranks with the Gun-sight, the Pegleg and the Lost Cabin legends. Like them it has cost dozens of lives, and so unsuccessful and fatal have been the many expeditions made in search of the mine that it has come to be regarded by many as a myth.

Briefly, for the information of those who have never heard the tale, the story goes that away back in the early fifties a party, in which was a man named Breyfogle, set out for California by way of the southern Utah road, a route which lay through the southern portions of Utah and Nevada, skirted Death valley, traversed the Mojave desert and finally terminated in either the San Bernardino or Los Angeles valley.

George Montgomery, an experienced miner well known in the Wood river region of Idaho, was on a prospecting trip in the region to the southeastward of Death valley. It should be premised that the old Utah road after leaving San Bernardino city turns through the Cajon pass and then strikes off in a northeasterly direction across the Mojave desert, passing Resting Springs, the Kingston mountains and then traversing the Pahrump valley. This valley lies just on the boundary line between California and Nevada, and has a general northwesterly and southeasterly course, the Kingston mountains lying to the west and the Pahrump range to the east.

While prospecting in the mountains last named and at the upper end of the valley Montgomery made a discovery which bears every indication of being the long sought Breyfogle mine, or at least one exactly similar. But the location answers to that given by Breyfogle, while the gold has been found just as he said—so plentiful that it could be dug out in nuggets with a knife.

After making several locations Montgomery speed the news of his discovery, the result being that some thirty or forty miners are at work in the valley. Montgomery himself packed up as large a quantity of the richest specimens, as he could carry and made his way across the desert to Daggett, the nearest railroad point, 180 miles away. From there he came to San Francisco.

To the question whether he was looking for capital or a purchaser, Mr. Montgomery returns an emphatic negative. The mines, he says, are the richest he ever saw, and he is satisfied that he can realize a fortune by working them. There ought to be plenty of placer gold in the gulches leading from the ledges that have been discovered, but no effort has been made to find any. All the miners yet in the camp are busy on the quartz claims they have located. On one claim taken up by Montgomery a cross cut has been pushed for twenty feet across the vein without striking the hanging wall, and it is free milling ore all the way.

Besides the deposits of gold, some rich silver veins have been found, assays from which run over a hundred ounces to the ton. Lead and copper also abound, but at present gold is the sole object of search.

There is plenty of mesquite wood for fuel in the valley within three or four miles of the newly discovered camp, while in the mountains, fifteen miles away, are forests which afford abundance of timbering material. Water can be had at a moderate depth in Pahrump valley, while at Ash Meadows, fifteen miles away, are streams which could be utilized for power.

In any event, the Breyfogle mystery seems to have been solved, and perhaps this fact will give another stimulus to the search for the Gunsight and the Pegleg mines.—San Francisco Letter.

Doesn't Realism Pay? She—It's disgusting to see people so demonstrative in public places. Who's that man across the street who kisses his wife and baby on the doorstep when he leaves every morning? He—That's Dodson, who writes cynical paragraphs on matrimony.—Epoch.

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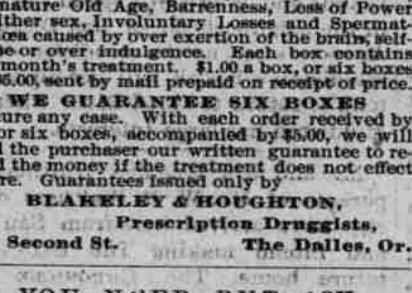
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